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“The Routes to the House Majority Run Through New York”



Mike Lawler, left vs. Mondaire Jones, right, in NY-District 17 Mid-Northern Westchester

By Dan Murphy

In 2022, republicans scored five election victories in Congressional races in Westchester, the Hudson Valley and Long Island that helped elect a Republican Speaker of the House, now Speaker Mike Johnson. And the upcoming November elections in New York in 2024 will once again likely determine which party will control the House in 2025.

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Congrats to Thomas Cong & Christopher Zorn Westchester’s Two Regeneron Finalists!



Thomas Cong, Ossining HS left, and Christopher Zorn, Irvington HS, right

By Dan Murphy

Ossining High School senior Thomas Cong and Irvington High School senior Christopher Zorn accomplished the academic honor of being named a finalist in the Regeneron Science Talent Search, the nation’s oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors.

Cong and Zorn are among 40 finalists.

Cong’s project was- Overlooked Covariates in Metabolite Abundance Levels: Systematically Quantifying the Information Overlap Between Gene Expression and Metabolism Across Multiple Cancer Types

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Muscot Farm’s Cluxatawney Henrietta, Predicts an Early Spring



Westchester County can EGG-spect an early spring as its feathered forecaster, Cluxatawney Henrietta, laid an egg this morning, signaling an early spring!

For its sixth year, Muscot Farm hosted its annual Groundhog Day celebration, featuring kid-friendly activities and treats, and its unique way of observing Groundhog Day by relying on one of its very own farm animals to predict the weather.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, “Cluxatawney Henrietta has become synonymous with Groundhog Day in Westchester County. The anticipation every year of our hometown hen predicting the weather is unmatched.”

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O’Connor said, “Muscot Farm’s Groundhog Day celebration has become one of the County’s most popular traditions and is fun for residents of all ages to participate in.”

Muscot Farm Director Jonathon Benjamin, pictured left, said, “Cluxatawney Henrietta continues to rise to the challenge as our weather predicting animal as we don’t have a groundhog on the farm. She gives groundhogs across the country a run for their money every year!”

Eight Westchester Democratic Committees Endorse Latimer for Congress

By Dan Murphy

Less than two months after launching his campaign for United States Congress, Democrat George Latimer continues to win overwhelming support from local Democrats and Democratic Committees across the 16th Congressional District. Latimer is challenging incumbent democrat, Congressman Jamaal Bowman.

To date, Latimer has picked up the endorsements from 8 local, democratic committees, including: Mamaroneck Town Democratic Committee, Harrison Democratic Committee, Pelham Democratic Committee, Scarsdale Democratic Committee, Rye Town Democratic Committee, White Plains Democratic Committee, Rye City Democratic Committee, and the Eastchester Democratic Committee.

Also to date, Congressman Jamaal Bowman has not picked up an endorsement from any democratic committee in Westchester.

Latimer thanked his endorsers for giving his campaign critical momentum in its early stages. “This election is about who can best deliver actual progressive results, not just more rhetoric,” said Latimer. “I’m proud to have worked with my supporters and proud of what we’ve accomplished together, protecting abortion rights, standing up to the NRA to get guns off our streets, and protecting our democracy from Republican extremism. I’m a proud progressive Democrat, and I’m honored to have earned this support from so many

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Where is Mtayari Dixon? FBI Offers \$10 Reward for Info

Wanted -2022 Murder of James Caldwell in New Rochelle



By Dan Murphy

The FBI has joined in the search for Mtayari Dixon, who has been on the run since October 26, 2022, when he is accused of shooting James Caldwell Jr. in New Rochelle. The two were involved in a verbal altercation which resulted in

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Attorney General James Stops Illegal Housing Discrimination in Westchester

Real Estate Broker Anthony Marciano Denied Housing to Low-Income Renters



Anthony Marciano

New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced an agreement with real estate broker Pasquale Marciano and his companies, Century 21 Marciano, Anthony Marciano Real Estate Inc., and New Roc Property Management to stop illegal policies that denied housing opportunities to low-income renters. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG), with assistance from the Housing Rights Initiative (HRI), found that real estate agents, who Marciano oversees, violated local and state laws by refusing to rent apartments to investigators who indicated that they intended to use a Section 8 Housing Choice voucher to pay rent.

As part of the agreement with OAG, Marciano, who owns 13 multifamily rental properties throughout New Rochelle with a total of 76 units, must place nine tenants using Section 8 or other government housing subsidies in units he owns and pay \$40,000 to the state, among other actions to make housing more accessible for low-income renters.

“Discrimination against low-income New Yorkers denies opportunities to those most in need of housing assistance,” said Attorney General James. “This agreement will open up housing specifically for low-income New Yorkers and send a clear message that this kind of discrimination is unacceptable in our communities. I want to thank the Housing Rights Initiative for their help with this investigation and consistent work to fight housing discrimination.”

Refusing to rent to prospective tenants based on their source of income is illegal discrimination under New York law, and wrongly denies New Yorkers equal access to housing. Owners, landlords, property managers, rental agents, and brokers cannot refuse to accept potential tenants solely because they receive housing subsidies. Government-issued rental vouchers, such as the Section 8 Housing Choice voucher program, provide housing assistance to the lowest-income households to rent decent, safe housing in the private market. These programs also aid senior citizens and disabled persons on fixed incomes, displaced families, and homeless individuals with disabilities.

At the time of the investigation, Marciano, as the owner and head real estate broker at Century 21 Marciano, oversaw the rental leasing practices of more than 25 real estate sales agents representing Westchester landlords seeking to rent apartments. An investigation done by HRI revealed that Century 21 Marciano enforced a policy that prohibited Section 8 holders from submitting applications for rental units. Century 21 Marciano agents specifically told investigators that the units they inquired about did not accept Section 8 vouchers because they “preferred not to” — a violation of state and local antidiscrimination laws.

Under the agreement with OAG, Marciano and any customer-facing staff member at his companies must undergo anti-discrimination training. Marciano must also implement an anti-discrimination policy and distribute it to everyone involved in the rental process at his companies. Rental applications must include clear anti-discrimination statements containing the sentence, “we are happy to consider applicants who have housing vouchers or subsidies.” Ad-

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Frances Bates Francis: Westchester’s First Black School Trustee



Frances Bates Francis

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian

Born in 1902, Yonkers’ ultimate community volunteer Frances Bates Francis spent her earliest years in New York. Born to William and Fannie Bates, Frances and family moved to Yonkers when she was ten. She attended School Two on Waverly Street, then obtained working papers at the age of 14. Mrs. Francis began her career of community service at an early age; during World War I, she helped sell War Bonds.

At the age of eighteen, she married World War I Veteran Roland G. Francis, who served with the “Fighting 15th” of the 369th Infantry.

Roland was one of the founders of the Samuel H. Dow Post 1017, American Legion, in 1929. Together they forged a bond of volunteerism and activism.


One of Frances’ great talents was singing; a soprano with the Messiah Baptist Choir, she performed solos and parts in their religious cantatas, such as “Esther.” She performed at more than one patriotic meeting of the Yonkers Forum of Messiah Baptist Church; the Forum was an active discussion group with a strong history of social service and charitable works. President Marion Moore Day was daughter of “The New York Age” owner and publisher Fred Moore, and stressed the importance of organized efforts to help “less fortunate members” of the group. It also took stands on community injustice, such as sending their resolution to Congress requesting lynching be outlawed in the country or asking Westchester DA Frank Coyne to investigate threats against Black doctors who moved into a White Plains white neighborhood.

From the early 1940s, the couple were active members of the Bethany Lutheran Evangelic Church; Frances was a member of the Altar Guild and Roland was Church Clerk.

Frances, besides being one of the founders of the Dow Post Auxiliary, served as President for two years and chaired its Americanism and Publicity committees. A member of the Westchester County Past Presidents’ Parley of the American Legion Auxiliary, she served as County Chairman of Publicity and Radio, the first African American to have an official role in the county organization.

Active in the Order of the Eastern Star of Prince Hall (Yonkers), Frances served in various capacities, including as the youngest Worthy Matron of the Terrace City Chapter and Grand Matron of Eureka Grand Chapter, Eastern Star of the State of New York and the Bahama Islands. She also was Deputy Grand Matron of the International Conference of the Grand Chapters of the Eastern Star of the United States and Africa.


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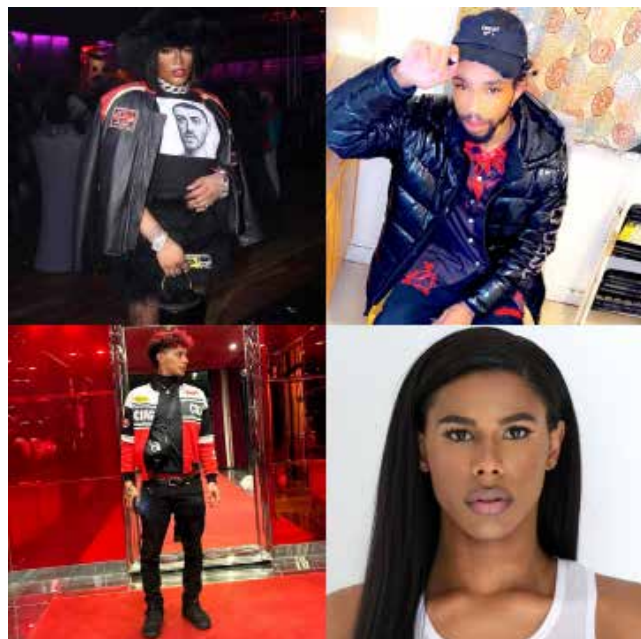
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Black History Month: Ballroom in the LGBTQ+ Community



Clockwise: Dejanay, Leeky 007, Nekia Zulu, and Damelo

By **Dennis Richmond, Jr., M.S.Ed.**
Author, *He Spoke At My School*

Black History Month: Ballroom in the LGBTQ+ Community

Ballroom Culture is a Black and Latinx LGBTQ+ way of expression. The Ballroom Scene, or simply The Scene, traces its origins to the Harlem Renaissance and, in other instances, before the 19th Century. In the Ballroom Scene, there are dozens of groups of people in houses. A House is a community of folk that are chosen family. It was during the 1970s that America saw the first Ballroom Houses come to fruition.

The House of LaBeija, The House of Dupree, The House of Ebony, and The House of Pendavis are four of over a dozen houses that were founded decades ago. With the Scene allowing the LGBTQ+ Community freedom of expression, Ballroom continues to be a pillar for the community. "Ballroom to me is my personal escape, my own little universe," said Damelo, 21, Los Angeles, CA. "I'm able to express myself in a way that I never thought existed." Shahleek "Leeky 007" Lewis, 24, Staten Island, NY, explained that in ballroom, folk "walk, model, and vogue."

Ballroom Houses reach all over the world. With dozens of houses, that means that there are thousands of Ballroom House Members. One of these House Members is Jauan T. Durbin, Legendary Prince\$\$ Louboutin-Balenciaga, 25, Atlanta, GA. "Ballroom means the world to me," said Durbin. "Ballroom is where I got my start as a community activist and organizer when I was 19. It just wasn't a safe space for me to grow and formulate my talent, but it was an incubator for me to develop my professional skills and grow as a community worker."

As with Jauan in Georgia, Avery, 29, New York, has an alias in Ballroom. "My name is Avery Parker but in ballroom I go by Dejanay. I'm from Brooklyn." A lot of New York's Ballroom Scene Members and Affiliates are in Brooklyn. Parker went on to say, "Ballroom to me means freedom. You get to be who you are and be around people that are the same as you. Ballroom is power. It's a safe place, although it does have off moments, but that's just like life- everything isn't always peachy. I love ballroom. If you're looking for raw talent and realness- trust, it's in ballroom."

Closer to Yonkers, we find Nekia Zulu, 23, New York, NY. "Ballroom is 2 things in 1. The first- is a competitive arena, where people are able to creatively express themselves through contests," said Zulu. These contests also serve as a way for people to perfect their crafts that they may be using outside of the competition space. The second part, which is the most important, is its a community of resistance through chosen family. Queer people from all walks of life and different backgrounds who come together to help each other grow individually and collectively."

Whether you're in the Ballroom scene or not, one thing is for sure, and two things are for certain. Ballroom- is here to stay.

Grow Up Councilwoman Diaz; Is Congressman Bowman for Real?

By **Eric Wolf Schoen**



Grow Up Councilwoman Tasha Diaz

As Mr. Rogers use to say, 'It's a beautiful Day in the Neighborhood.' Well as we go to press, the sun is shining and it's a beautiful day in Yonkers with temps scheduled to rise to 50 degrees by week's end. In conversation with a pharmaceutical rep from Long Island at the next table at Panera at Cross County, she said, 'I always think of Yonkers as this nice, quiet place.'

Well Mayor Mike Spano, I guess you are doing a lot to change the image of Yonkers. You are to be commended for that. People like Councilwoman Tasha Diaz unfortunately are not. Let me start out by saying that Diaz is a hard worker who during her first term including several pandemic years was a strong advocate for her constituents. Then there is the other, foul mouthed Councilwoman Tasha Diaz. She needs to grow up quickly or get the hell out of Yonkers City Hall.

Here are some recent and not so recent comments heard coming from the mouth of Councilwoman Diaz:

Regarding her fellow Councilwoman Corazon Pineda Isaac: 'I'm going to slice the bitch's throat.' 'I'm going to slit the Councilwoman's neck.' 'I'm going to smack the taste out of her mouth.'

Regarding Pineda Isaac and Councilman John Rubbo: 'I'm going to F (you know the word) them up.'

To a City Commissioner: She called the Commissioner the 'C' word. Sadly, you know the word it refers to

To residents at a meeting regarding extending term limits, she called those in attendance 'beggars.'

The last comment is a disgusting reference to the people who pay her salary. The second from last comment you don't make to professional staff members who should have specific qualifications and advanced degrees for their jobs. It, to is disgusting and is a word that is not appropriate to be used by anyone and in this case a Public Official.

The first set of comments and the second comment were appropriately referred to the Commissioner of Human Resources for Yonkers. In addition, because of the life threatening nature of the comments they should be referred to the Police Department and District Attorney of Westchester County.

Councilwoman Diaz, your repeated what some would say are 'toilet mouth' comments must stop immediately. I have heard of additional comments that the Councilwoman has made that are inappropriate, and have personally faced a 'lite' scorn from the Councilwoman. In the middle of her scorn to me she disappeared and left an aide to defend her. It truly was an insult to me to be in the proverbial boxing ring with a fairly new Yonkers City Council Aide who went on to tell me he knew about 'things Yonkers' and that I didn't.

While Councilwoman Diaz has done many good things for her constituents, her behavior has got to improve. If she doesn't grow up and address her fellow Councilpersons, City Officials and the public with respect, she has to leave the great chambers of the Yonkers City Council and find other work. Councilpersons in Yonkers do not behave this way, Ms. Diaz!

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Westchester Board of Legislators Reverts Former Peekskill Firehouse for Non-Profit Use

New Kitchen Incubator for Coming to Residents of Peekskill



The former Centennial Hose Fire Station site, a 2.3-acre parcel of land, has a rich history that dates back to 1927, when it was initially acquired by the County from the City of Peekskill.

Now, the county of Westchester will be waiving its right to revert and giving full control of the land to the City of Peekskill to be repurposed by the Peekskill Facilities Development Corporation ("PFDC"). The PFDC, a non-profit local development corporation, has unveiled plans to transform the property into a commercial kitchen food incubator that will assist local caterers and restaurant entrepreneurs launch their businesses.

To further this project, the PFDC has been awarded a generous grant of \$2,400,000 from the U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration. This grant will go a long way in supporting the development of the commercial kitchen food incubator project. The City of Peekskill has also pledged \$600,000 in local funds towards the project.

With this funding and support, the PFDC will be able to transform the Centennial Hose Fire Station site into a modern, state-of-the-art facility that will provide local entrepreneurs with access to cutting-edge equipment, training, and resources, while benefitting the local economy.

Board Chair Vedat Gashi (D- Ossining, New Castle, Somers, Yorktown) said, "Supporting local businesses is essential for the growth and sustainability of a community's economy. When we invest in local businesses, we are investing in our community, creating job opportunities, and keeping money flowing within the local economy - which will help preserve our community's character and vibrancy while contributing to its long-term economic success. I want to thank County Executive George Latimer and Colin Smith for their partnership in making this happen for the residents of Peekskill."

Colin Smith (D-Cortland, Peekskill, Yorktown) said, "As Legislation Committee Chair, I am excited for the repurposing of the former Centennial Hose Fire Station site. This is an exciting development for the City of Peekskill and the local community. The commercial kitchen food incubator project will allow aspiring entrepreneurs to turn their dreams into reality while contributing to the growth and development of the region."

Care Coalition Community Service Scholarship In Memory of Eastchester Councilman Bellitto



Eastchester Councilman Glen Bellitto

The Care Coalition, with the generous support of the Bellitto family, is delighted to announce the launch of our "Crimson Courage" Community Service Scholarship.

Glenn D. Bellitto, Eastchester Town Councilman who passed away at the very beginning of the COVID pandemic in April 2020, will always be remembered for dedicating his life to the service of others. He dedicated his time to a wide range of causes, including the homeless, senior citizens, veterans, the environment and many more. Glenn experienced the most tragic of losses when his 19 year-old son, Gage, died from an opioid overdose in 2017. He was then determined to help others by openly and bravely sharing his story in the hope that it would remove the stigma of addiction and encourage those affected to never give up. And in so doing, he found a way to channel his grief into a mission of service.

The "Crimson Courage" Service Scholarship is a celebration of the next generation of compassionate, service-minded individuals. This scholarship, valued at \$5,000, aims to support individuals who have demonstrated exceptional dedication to making a positive impact in their communities.

The Care Coalition and the Bellitto family believe in the power of education and community service to create lasting change. We invite any eligible student or recent graduate applying to trade school or college/university to apply for this scholarship, GPA will not be considered.

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The Picture House Film Club Kicks Off Winter Season for 2024 on February 7



Film Critic Stephen J. Whitty Returns as Host of Popular Series

The Picture House Regional Film Center (TPH) has announced that its highly-popular Film Club will kick off its winter season on Wednesday, February 7th at the Pelham theater. TPH's Film Club offers movie-lovers the opportunity to see upcoming films in advance of their release date. Each season includes six films, which are followed by a discussion with the critic-in-residence Stephen Witty and special guest speakers from the industry. Winter 2024 dates are February 7, 14, 28, March 6, 13 and 20. Subscriptions to Film Club are open to members of The Picture House.

"The TPH Film Club stands as a cornerstone of our organization's commitment to foster a communal experience through the medium of film," said Clayton Bushong, Executive Director, The Picture House Regional Film Center. "This new season features an exciting line up of thought-provoking films and guests, which provide a great backdrop for movie enthusiasts to delve into the cinematic experience from various perspectives."

TPH is excited to welcome Stephen Witty back for a new season as Film Club Host. Whitty was a critic at The Star-Ledger for nearly two decades. He has also written for Entertainment Weekly, The New York Daily News, Cosmopolitan, Stanford Magazine, and The Minetta Review, among many others. He has profiled some of cinema's most influential figures including Steven Spielberg, Peter O'Toole, and Judi Dench. Whitty is also the writer of the book The Alfred Hitchcock Encyclopedia.

To learn more about Fall Film Club please visit <https://thepicturehouse.org/tph-film-club/>.

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Westchester League of Women Voters: Feb. 14 Deadline to Change Party Enrollment

In New York State you must be a registered voter in a party to participate in that party's primary. If you want to add or change your party affiliation, your registration form is due by February 14.

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 is the last day to change your party enrollment to be effective for any of the primaries. Changes may be made using the NYS voter registration form or the new NYS Board of Elections Online Voter Registration portal. Party enrollment changes received after February 14 will not take effect until the November general election (N.Y. Election Law Section 5-304(3)).

This deadline especially concerns the upcoming democratic primary for Congress in District 16 between Congressman Jamaal Bowman and County Executive George Latimer. Any non-democrat who wants to vote in the primary on June 25 must change their party enrollment by Feb. 14.

This year is also a Presidential election year, and there is a Presidential primary in New York State on April 2.

Do not confuse the Presidential primary with the Congressional primary, and other party primaries in New York State, which will be held on June 25.

Letter to the Editor: Harrison Election for Supervisor

I would like to know why former Supervisor Ron Belmont was not sworn into office after receiving one more vote than his closest opponent, Supervisor Rich Dionisio.

I was one of more than 2,000 Harrison residents who wrote in Belmont's name for Supervisor last November. I have read several accounts in the media which claim that there was a referendum on the ballot on the same election day, 2023, to enact term limits for the office of Supervisor.

I understand that term limits are legal, but what I do not understand is how could a referendum for term limits in Harrison be voted on at the same time as an election for Supervisor, and that referendum is enforceable for that same election?

Shouldn't the referendum become effective for the following election? I am sure that Belmont's attorneys have argued that point, but I would ask for a story to be written explaining what happened. Some are saying in Town that the election was stolen from Belmont

Sincerely-Rebecca Molloy, Harrison

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Notice of Formation of 326 PROSPECT AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 03/24/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 130 Franklin Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 66 Meserole, LLC., Articles of organization filed with the NY Secretary of State (NYSS) on 11/28/2023. Office location: Westchester County. NYSS is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail a copy of process to: 11 Bon Air Ave, New Rochelle, NY 10804. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Calimero II, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/4/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Marie H. Durif-O'Dowd, 1632 First Avenue, Apartment 326, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Ana Lucia Nail Lounge LLC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/8/24.. Office: New York 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, 115 Chelsea Street Hawthorne, NY 10532. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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ditionally, Marciano must publicly advertise all vacant units and include that government housing vouchers, such as Section 8, are accepted on every rental listing. Finally, Marciano must ensure that rental application fees are capped at the \$20 maximum and, during the five-year period of the agreement, must also waive broker fees for any applicants seeking to use a government housing subsidy for their rental.

"As the sole provider of free-comprehensive civil legal services in the Hudson Valley, we often provide legal advocacy to fight injustices like this," said Jill Bradshaw-Soto, Chief Program Officer of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley. "These practices, left unchecked, deeply harm our community and perpetuate the cycle of poverty. This agreement Attorney General James secured is a win for all low-income New Yorkers affected by discrimination and systemic oppression in housing matters."

Among the illegal excuses given by Marciano Real Estate to renters who wanted to use a Section 8 voucher, according to the agreement included "Unfortunately, no. This is a coop...you have to go to a board for approval. You need a 700 FICO score and income," and "Uh, no I don't think so...It's up to the Landlord, he kind of prefers the tenant without the Section 8 voucher...there were two other people with a voucher, and he said 'No'."

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Americans for Tax Reform: Putnam County Executive Byrne Setting Model for Accountable & Transparent Government



Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne

By Dan Murphy

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne is being recognized for proposing three pieces of legislation in his first year in office that national taxpayer advocates say should be model policy for local and county governments across our nation.

The three laws are:

Taxpayer Transparency Act – requires live-streaming video of all legislative public meetings and the creation of a budget transparency website

Local Taxpayer Protection Act – requires a 2/3 majority vote to increase property taxes and provides for more public access to the overall budget process

Savings Incentive Partnership Program – directly incentivizes public employees to save taxpayer dollars

Byrne writes, “Each of these ideas aim to increase efficiency, transparency, and accountability in county governments. In November of 2023, I traveled to Arizona and presented our proposed policies at the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), where they were then adopted by ALEC as official model policies for other governments to consider.”

“It is exciting and extremely encouraging to see that the ideas this Administration is actively working towards in Putnam County are now being promulgated beyond our community. Making government more affordable, accountable, and accessible will always be on the forefront of my mind, and if there’s an appetite for other municipalities to embrace that, even better. In 2024, we will continue to work towards making all three of these ideas a reality here in Putnam County,” said Byrne.

In a commentary for Americans for Tax Reform, Grace Sedlazeck writes, “Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne is building the standard for conservative reforms in local government in New York.”

“The Taxpayer Transparency Act’s goal is to make access to the legislative process as simple as possible... The Local Taxpayer Protection Act’s mission is to more directly involve the public in the budget process... The Savings Incentive Partnership Program... incentivizes employees to submit proposals and ideas associated with increased productivity, conservation of resources, and/or reduction of costs associated with the county.”

“With these proposals, Putnam County is taking strides towards more government transparency, and doing so in a way that other local governments across the country can emulate. Each of these programs serve as excellent resources for achieving a government that works with its citizens, rather than a government that dominates constituent voices. These programs are designed to hold elected officials accountable for their actions and keep legislative power in check through more taxpayer engagement,” writes Sedlazeck, <https://www.atr.org/putnam-county-setting-model-for-accountable-transparent-government/>.

Man Flees From New Rochelle & Eastchester Police After Traffic Stop: Drove at Officers



Paul Murch

On February 1st at approximately 11:10 a.m. our department was notified by the Westchester County Real Time Crime Center (RTC) of a wanted vehicle that entered our jurisdiction. The driver of the vehicle had been stopped by the New Rochelle Police Department two times hours prior. During both traffic stops the driver fled from officers, and during one of the stops he drove on the sidewalk forcing officers to jump out of the way of his vehicle.

With updates from RTC, our officers were able to locate the suspect vehicle and follow it on White Plains Road. Officers initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle at which time the driver, who had stopped, accelerated towards one of our officers in the only passable lane of travel. This forced the officer to jump out of the way of the oncoming vehicle, as it nearly struck him. Officers pursued the vehicle to the Bronx River Parkway. The driver fled at a high rate of speed and officers eventually lost sight of the vehicle.

Through investigation the New Rochelle Police Department was able to identify and locate the suspect at a local bar. The suspect again tried to flee officers but was apprehended. The suspect was identified as Paul Murch, 5/26/1995, a resident of New Rochelle. After the defendant was charged in New Rochelle, he was transferred to our department where he was charged with Attempted Assault 1st degree and Attempted Aggravated Assault of a Police Officer. He is also wanted for warrants in New Jersey.

Murch was arraigned in Eastchester Town Court and was transported to the Westchester County Jail being held on bail. We would like to thank the New Rochelle Police Department, Real Time Crime Center and numerous other agencies who assisted in the investigation.

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Erik Nadecki, Horace Greeley HS, Named Con Edison's Scholar-Athlete of the Week



Erik Nadecki

Congratulations to Erik Nadecki, a Senior at Horace Greeley High School, for being named a Con Edison Scholar-Athlete of the week. Nadecki is the captain of the Greeley HS Boys Swimming team, and is undefeated, (14-0), for his senior year individual events.

Recently, Erik competed in two dual meets, earning first place finishes in the 200 Individual Medley and 100 Breaststroke against Clarkstown, along with first place finishes in the 50 Free and 100 Free against Fox Lane/John Jay.

Erik was a 2023 New York State champion in the 400 Freestyle relay, where he set new records for Greeley, Section One, and New York State. He was also all state in the Breaststroke, and 48th in the nation.

As Captain, Erik inspires his teammates and translates the messages from the coaches to his teammates seemingly.

Erik is an Advanced Placement Scholar and will graduate Summa Cum Laude. He is a member of Greeley's Weather Club, a member of Unified Basketball, and is a volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester.

Erik has committed to attend Brown University and continue his swimming career.

Greeley HS Guidance Counselor Bernadette Kenny said, "Erik has tremendous work ethic and knows how to set goals and achieve them. He is loyal, talented, committed and determined. He has earned himself a 4.0 GPA in a rigorous, college preparatory high school. His teachers describe him as "dependable, hardworking, smart and dependable."

Coach Margaret Kaplan said, "Erik is a quiet and humble young man who leads by example. He is focused on his individual path to the state championships while also helping his teammates reach their full potential. He is a wonderful ambassador, not only for Greeley, but for Section One and New York State."

FIVE WESTCHESTER CHANGEMAKERS LEAD EFFORT TO FIGHT NO. 1 KILLER



Christina Collins



Dana Colasante



Betty Wu



Marla Koroly



Alice Schoen

To kick off February as American Heart Month, five Westchester County women are joining the American Heart Association to fight their number one health threat, cardiovascular disease (CVD) through the Woman of Impact initiative. Woman of Impact is an extension of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women® movement, a comprehensive platform designed more than two decades ago to increase women's heart health awareness and serve as a catalyst for change to improve the lives of women globally. This year's Woman of Impact class will work from February 2 to April 4 to raise funds to support research and education to better identify, diagnose, treat and prevent CVD in women.

Women experience unique life stages that can increase their risk of developing CVD over the course of their lifetime. In fact, CVD is the number one killer of new moms as the leading cause of maternal mortality.¹ The good news is, the majority of cardiovascular events can be prevented with lifestyle changes and education which is the foundation of the Association's Go Red for Women movement.

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One of the wisest monitors of House elections is David Wasserman, Senior Editor for the Cook Political Report. Wasserman appeared on the Capitol Tonight show with Susan Arbetter. “The routes to the House majority runs through New York,” said Wasserman, who added that the House Democratic Majority Leader, Congressman Hakeem Jeffries, from NYC, has to flip some of those five House seats won by republicans in New York two years ago if he wants to be Speaker Jeffries in 2025.

When asked is there a competitive race in NY that is especially intriguing to you, Wasserman said, “the one that stands out to me is the 17th District-where republican congressman Mike Lawler is being challenged by former Congressman Mondaire Jones.”

For most of Northern Westchester, Congressman Mike Lawler is their representative in Congress. Lawler, who is from Pearl River in Rockland, also part of the district, upset Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney in 2022, winning by just 2100 votes. Two years later, Lawler has a record of serving as a moderate-republican in a far right Republican majority in Congress.

But his challenger, former Congressman Mondaire Jones, is also popular in the district. Jones represented some of those same Westchester constituents that Lawler now represents, when he served in the House from 2020-2023. But as Wasserman points out, “The question here is can a fairly progressive democrat (Jones) win in a district where President Biden won by 10 points (in 2020) yet its also a place where Kathy Hochul and Joe Biden are underwater (below 50%) and Lee Zeldin won the district in the mid term elections. (for Governor). Can Lawler turn this into a referendum on democrats going to far left and lump Mondaire Jones with the squad? “

The campaigns of Lawler and Jones are pointing to each other as being too far left in the case of Jones, or too far MAGA right, in the case of Lawler.

Both campaigns are already well funded, with both the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, DCCC, and the National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) already investing in the race, with millions more to come. Prepare for the barrage of Cable TV ads and mailers in April, May and June.

“‘They will try to incite fear of me,’ said Jones. “The problem that Mike Lawler and his billionaire donors are going to have is that people in this district know me and my record of pragmatism and of results.”

Jones has been moderate in his stance on Israel and the war in Gaza. “I am disgusted by the horrific, antisemitic graffiti written on Jewish-owned businesses in Westchester. The perpetrator must be held accountable. With antisemitism on the rise, we must redouble our efforts to root out this hatred. I stand with the Jewish community now and always.”

Lawler is a strong supporter of Israel, and has criticized New York Democrats, including Governor Kathy Hochul and NY Mayor Eric Adams, for the spike in crime and the influx of migrants due to the crisis at the border.

In social media ad, Lawler’s campaign has already begun to lable Jones as a “radical progressive,” and remind voters that Jones submitted legislation to expand the US Supreme Court, and that he has the support of AOC. “Mondaire is a radical extremist endorsed by Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. Their far-left agenda does not represent the needs of NY-17.” specifically on cashless bail reform, said one ad.

Lawler has the support of Republican Speaker of the House Mike Johnson; Jones has the support of former Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Jones has been focusing on Lawler’s votes on what Jones called “Anti-choice bills.” I am disgusted, yet not surprised, that Congressman Mike Lawler voted for two anti-abortion bills. These pieces of legislation put forth by the extreme MAGA Republicans would bring us several steps closer to the national abortion ban Mike Lawler and his party want to enact. These bills are part of a coordinated effort to strip away reproductive freedom from women in this country,” said Jones.

One early poll, had this race Lawler-50%, Jones-48%, with a margin of error of 2%. It will be the voters in the middle of both Lawler and Jones who will determine the winner.

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Cardiovascular disease remains the leading cause of death in women, claiming more lives than all cancers combined, it’s vital for all women to take charge of their heart health and encourage others to do the same. Nearly 45% of women over age 20 are living with some form of CVD2. Women need to raise their voices and make sure all Westchester women know how to take steps now to protect our hearts later.

Woman of Impact, a nationwide initiative, launched in more than 100 cities across the country on National Wear Red Day, February 2. At the start of the campaign, hundreds of nominees nationwide embark on a nine-week journey to help transform the health of women through education and fundraising. Each week, nominees participate in activities designed to create a culture of wellness and advance health equity. Activities may include educational events, learning and spreading the word about CPR, getting physically active, recruiting women to participate in research and more. Nominees also raise critical funds for the Westchester County American Heart Association’s Go Red for Women movement.

Westchester’s 2024 Woman of Impact Nominees are:

- Dana Colasante – Port Chester, NY; Project ADAM NY
- Christina Collins – Mount Kisco, NY; NeverStopMoving365
- Marla Koroly – Somers, NY; Northwell Health Physician Partners
- Alice Schoen – Rye Brook, NY; Project ADAM NY
- Betty Wu – Old Greenwich, NY; Franklin Templeton Investments

On April 4, one nominee will be named the Westchester County 2024 Woman of Impact Winner. In addition to local market winners, one nominee from across the country will be named the National Woman of Impact Winner.

While the large majority of cardiac events can be prevented, cardiovascular disease continues to take the life of 1 in 3 women.

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Democratic leaders I respect.”

Laitmer also picked up the endorsements from County Legislator Ben Boykin and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin.

“There is only one candidate in this race who has ever flipped a seat from red to blue - Democrat George Latimer. There’s only one candidate with an unmatched record of campaigning for and electing Democrats up and down the ballot - George Latimer. And there is only one candidate in this race who has actually passed laws protecting a woman’s right to an abortion, legalizing same sex marriage, and getting guns off our streets - Democrat George Latimer,” said Westchester County Legislator Ben Boykin in endorsing Latimer. “I’m proud to endorse George for Congress.”

“I’m supporting George because he has a proven track record of delivering on the issues that matter to our community. George and I have successfully worked together to protect abortion rights, fight domestic violence, expand LG-BTQ rights, take on climate change, and address our high cost of living. Time and again George gets the job done,” said New York State Assemblymember Amy Paulin . “More importantly, George knows that we must stand with our democratic allies from Israel to the Ukraine in these uncertain times. We are experiencing horrifying levels of antisemitism and prejudice, and we need a leader who realizes that an attack on Jews anywhere in the world is an attack on all Jews. I’m proud to support George, and I look forward to helping him win in June and November.”

A video was leaked of Bowman attending a political event in Westchester, in which he said, “They’ve got all these little democratic clubs. With all due respect, when I first ran and nobody knew who I was, I didn’t go to one democratic club meeting. And I won by 16 points. And we ran again in two years and my vote totals were more than both of my opponents. We don’t need their support. We work with the grass roots. We work with people directly,” said Bowman.

Note: Bowman, with 54%, defeated fellow democrats Vedat Gashi-25%, and Catherine Parker-19% in 2022.

We see support for Latimer in the democratic committees along the Sound Shore, Scarsdale and White Plains for two reasons: One is Latimer’s history with all of these committees over four decades. “We know George, we have seen him at our meetings forever. And we appreciate what he does and his record,” said one sound shore democrat.

The other reason for Latimer’s strong support in Westchester is based on the reason he decided to challenge an incumbent member of Congress from his own party: Many democrats in Westchester are unhappy with Bowman’s constituent services and do not agree with his stances on Israel and the Gaza war.

CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 15, 2024 at 5:15pm, Mayor’s Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED ‘TAXES’- IN ORDER TO CONFORM WITH THE 2023 AMENDMENTS TO THE NYS REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW IN RELATION TO THE PHYSICALLY DISABLED EXEMPTIONS.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk’s office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City’s Website.

MIKE SPANO
Mayor
Date: February 1, 2024

Is Congressman Bowman for Real?

I use to say it is easy to pen a weekly column on the City of Yonkers because there is always something to write about. I now have to say the same thing about writing a column in the district represented by Congressman Jamaal Bowman, 16th Congressional District in New York State representing all of Yonkers. But first a little something brought to my attention by County Executive, Congressional Candidate and my friend George Latimer.

Bowman on Instagram: New York voters MUST register to vote in a party. I’m not on Instagram, but Latimer who is texted me Monday night, ‘Hey, he read your columns!’ Thanks County Executive Latimer for bringing this to my attention. And Thank You Congressman Bowman for reading my columns!

A quick reminder that if you want to be able to vote against Bowman in a Democratic Primary you have until Valentine’s Day this Wednesday to change your party registration for the June Primary. All the instructions are contained here: <https://yonkerstimes.com/how-to-say-goodbye-to-congressman-bowman-on-valentines-day/>

So what did we learn about Congressman Bowman this week: According to the New York Post, while a High School Principal Bowman penned conspiracy theories about 911. He claimed that Osama bin Laden, a Saudi native, was “blamed” for the attacks as an excuse to wage war in Afghanistan. The terror leader had openly taken credit for the massacre.

He also reportedly promoted the conspiracy theory movies “Loose Change” and “Zeitgeist” on his blog. “Loose Change” asserted that the US carried out the 9/11 attacks and “Zeitgeist” promoted the suggestion that globalist bankers were behind the tragedy to influence the US to go to war and take on more debt. The movies were a favorite of Infowars host Alex Jones — who served as executive director on the final cut of “Loose Change” — and of Arizona mass shooter Jared Loughner, who injured former Rep. Gabby Giffords (D-Ariz.) and killed a federal judge and five others during a 2011 supermarket rampage. Insults to the families who lost loved ones on 911 and all Americans.

Bowman invited AOC (I don’t have to define who that is I hope) to his campaign kick off last week. She called him an ‘Effective Junior Member of Congress.’ She said Westchester County cannot be bought. No part of the district can be bought. This was an apparent reference to AIPAC and the many other organizations who have raised millions to defeat any Congressional bid by Bowman and encouraged Latimer to challenge him in a Democratic primary. She said Bowman ‘stands up for the working people.’ He voted against the Infrastructure Bill in Congress which would have put many ‘working people’ back to work!

At the same campaign event, Bowman said he was concerned about flooding and infrastructure challenges in his district and put in 3 requests for assistance from the Army Corps of Engineers. So why did he vote against the Infrastructure Bill in Congress bringing billions of dollars to repair the infrastructure including roads with craters, not potholes but craters destroying cars traveling our nation’s roads. That includes the flat tire you just got!

Bowman praised ‘antisemite’ Norman Finkelstein who said Hamas Oct 7 massacre ‘warms every fiber of my soul’

So friends, that’s the Congressman Jamaal Bowman report for this week! Is Congressman Bowman for Real?

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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MIKE SPANO, Mayor
Date: February 1, 2024

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Notice of formation of Ashlee B. Media, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/6/2023. 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, 520 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

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THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024 AT 6:00 PM, WILL BE HELD IN YONKERS CITY HALL, 40 SOUTH BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR (building is handicapped accessible).

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND UPDATES WWW.YONKERSNY.GOV .

OPEN CONTINUED HEARINGS

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, Zone: BR (B30132) (ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MAY 2024)

5797 – Area Variance - Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Marketin Hila/110 Ravine Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 110 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2118, Lot: 39, Zone: A (B29521) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-4V45sMcWs0_3rOyDixjXc_ttIYGnZq?usp=share_link

5810 – Use & Area Variance – David S. Steinmetz, Esq. & Jacob E. Amir, Esq., on behalf of TCP Realty LLC, owners, on premises known as 143-151 Woodworth Avenue, Block: 2102, Lots: 4, 5, 11, 39 & 41, Zone: C (B32117) (ADJOURNMENT UNTIL MARCH 2024) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-uwlmlnZ67Pdqnxi_n47LX7kkvY8uwUh?usp=share_link

5818 – Area Variance – William Null, Esq. of Cuddy & Feder LLP, on behalf of UB Tanglewood LLC, owner, on premises known as 2248 aka 2270 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4800, Lot: 60, Zone: BR (B32155) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kfspSJjpCbe9uAotY_sNZ_PQ3dPgh7Lm?usp=sharing

5820 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Mountain Portfolio Owner NY LLC, owner, on premises known as 380 Riverdale Avenue, Block: 130, Lot: 1, Zone: BA (B22026) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1h3FBZlCdBqsNn_UILEZxutFeFSj9xC8fj?usp=sharing

5823 – Area Variance – Zarin & Steinmetz LLP, on behalf of CPD NY Energy Corp, owner, on premises known as 1250 Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 3182, Lot: 2, Zone: I (B32100) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16KK7VQdcakUWvDXKM_98DB4TaFVrwwecG?usp=sharing

5826 – Area Variance – Stephen Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of 1270 Saw Mill Associates LLC, owner, on premises known as 1270 Saw Mill River Road, Block: 3270, Lot: 220, Zone: CM (B32288) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_-38xILKND_Y3aRGWIdljFRB6NspZE1U6?usp=sharing

5829 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Alba Developers Inc., owner, on premises known as 173 Linden Street, Block: 477, Lot: 38, Zone: M (B21173) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QUk9ksqVWXq-t4O0q9bscrkPQutJJ1Gv?usp=sharing>

5836 – Use & Area Variance – Mastrogiacomo Engineering PC, on behalf of My Main Man LLC, owner, on premises known as 47 High Street aka 102 Park Avenue, Block: 2167, Lot: 1.3, Zone: MG (B32874) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KcvFoSwZw6ljqBkVUcJQsWyXq4z4Pn-x?usp=sharing>

5838 – Use Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of 222 Lake Partners LLC, owner, on premises known as 222 Lake Avenue, Block: 2179, Lot: 1, Zone: A&I (B32787) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ckpicipRFStOnVZ118vQjNIPenX_IrS3?usp=sharing

5841 – Area Variance - Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of 497 Van Cortlandt Park LLC, owner, on premises known as 497 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Block: 40, Lot: 1, Zone: A (B32965) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cg0oNdYgPj5h1kFdZwBQwmhdLk1vRDQQ?usp=sharing>

5842 – Improvement & Intensification to a Non-Conforming Use & Area Variance - John Masone, on behalf of Illuminare Realty Inc, owner, on premises known as 140 Sweetfield Circle, Block: 6050, Lot: 96, Zone: S-50 (B32517) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DJRNpGycz7T9VY0GkFe0zorRal6b9WN?usp=sharing>

5843 – Area Variance - Keith P. Brown, Esq., on behalf of GettyMart, Inc., owner, and Global Montello Group Corp., lessee, on premises known as 286-290 Ashburton Avenue, Block: 2067, Lot: 1, Zone: I (B30675) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cBV9cH4gmAG4aViVTkhhwbnMl41X4gBG?usp=sharing>

5844 – Area Variance - Mark Olson, R.A., on behalf of Shkelqim Xhaferri, owner, on premises known as 65 Wildway, Block: 5273, Lot: 4, Zone: S-75 (B33291) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AX9_HU4MfEHPOaF85Vift9QdExNVla3q?usp=sharing

5845 – Area Variance - James G. Dibbini, Esq., on behalf of Brian & Aileen Doohan, owners, on premises known as 62 Margaret Avenue, Block: 4707, Lot: 33.34, Zone: S-50 (B33555) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mnYDVJpd3jyoDAU9yIYYsg8J6np-WLWN?usp=sharing>

NEW HEARINGS

5846 – Use & Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of 166 Yonkers Ave LLC, owner, on premises known as 166 Yonkers Avenue, Block: 446, Lot: 8, Zone: BA (B32605) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZgbV5J1JyCicKwpgACcltpoW8eOLE8ME?usp=sharing>

Harrison Police Arrest Two Men for Illegally Entering Home to Get Roofing Work



Patrick Quinn



Thomas Stokes

Two men with ties to Ireland were stopped by the Harrison Police and were charged with soliciting without a permit, a Harrison Town Code violation. In addition, one of the men, Mr. Patrick Quinn, was also charged with Criminal Trespass 2nd degree, an A misdemeanor.

On January 23, 2024, a Harrison resident contacted the Harrison Police Department alleging while at her residence, an unknown male had entered her home without her consent and attempted to solicit roofing work. Harrison Police responded to the area and observed the two men, identified as Patrick Quinn, 20, and Thomas Stokes, 26, both UK residents, attempting to solicit roofing work to other Harrison residents. The two men, who spoke with Irish accents, stated that they were from the UK and have only been in the U.S. for a short period of time.

They further advised they were roofers and that they did not have a permit to solicit, nor licenses or permits to perform any home improvement work. Both men were charged with soliciting without a permit and Mr. Quinn was charged with Criminal Trespass in the 2nd degree. Both men were issued summonses, processed, and released on their own recognizance.

FBI Reward, continued from pg 1-

Caldwell's death at the age of 29.

16 months after the shooting, the FBI announced on Jan. 31, "The FBI's New York Field Office is assisting the New Rochelle Police Department in New York with the search for Mtayari Dixon. Dixon is wanted for murder in the death of a man on October 26, 2022. Dixon is alleged to have shot the man after the two were involved in a verbal altercation in New Rochelle, New York, causing his death. After the murder, it is believed that Dixon boarded a train and went to Stamford, Connecticut. He then may have boarded a bus to Atlanta, Georgia, and then traveled on to Charlotte, North Carolina. Dixon has known ties to Charlotte, North Carolina; Atlanta, Georgia; Stamford, Connecticut; and New Rochelle, New York.

"On November 14, 2022, Dixon was charged with murder in the New Rochelle City Court, New York, and a state warrant was issued for his arrest. The FBI is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the location and arrest of Mtayari Dixon," end of FBI statement.

One year after the shooting, on October 26, 2023, the New Rochelle Police Department announced that they had "obtained a Warrant of Arrest regarding a Homicide that occurred on October 26th, 2022 on Horton Avenue and Colonel Lee Archer Boulevard. The NRPD is looking to arrest Mtayari Z. Dixon, 29, formerly of New Rochelle but currently known to reside in Stamford, Connecticut.

"The Warrant calls for full extradition from any U.S. State. Anyone with current information of his whereabouts are encouraged to call New Rochelle Police Detectives at 914-654-2300.

"James Caldwell Jr, 29 years of age, of New Rochelle, died one year ago today. On October 26, 2022, at about 5:54pm, New Rochelle Police received multiple calls of shots fired, and that a person was shot near the intersection of Horton Avenue and Colonel Lee Archer Boulevard. Upon arrival, New Rochelle Police located a person on the ground with multiple gunshot wounds.

"New Rochelle Police, Fire and Ambulance personnel administered first aid and the victim was transported to a local hospital. Caldwell, ultimately succumbed to his injuries.

"Although New Rochelle Detectives have identified the person believed to be responsible for the murder, the suspect, Mtayari Dixon, is believed to be in hiding somewhere in the southern United States. New Rochelle Detectives have been working with other Law Enforcement agencies, including the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, to bring Mtayari Dixon to justice. We urge anyone with information on Dixon's whereabouts to contact the New Rochelle Police Department at 914-654-2300," end of NRPD statement from Oct. 2023.

Crimestoppers had offered a \$2,500 reward dating back to 2022.

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Manhattanville College Hosts Annual Ethics Bowl



Students from Paraclete Academy at 9th Ethics Bowl at Manhattanville

High School students from across the region gathered to answer some thorny ethical questions as part of the 9th Annual Ethics Bowl hosted by Manhattanville College. Sponsored by the college's philosophy program in cooperation with the Marshall Institute for Ethical Thought and Action, the regional bowl was held January 27. The competition pitted high school students from top-tier regional high schools including Arlington High School, Dover High School, the French-American School of New York, George F. Baker High School, Haldane High School, School of the Holy Child, John S. Burke Catholic High School, The Montfort Academy, Paraclete Academy, Poughkeepsie High School, and Salesian High School.

Paraclete Academy in Greenwich, CT placed first for the region followed by runner-up Haldane High School in Cold Spring, NY. Paraclete Academy will compete with the New Jersey Regional High School Ethics Bowl Champions in a Divisional Playoff on February 7th (to be held online) to determine who will compete at the National Level at UNC – Chapel Hill.

The region's best and brightest prepared themselves for a day of mental fortitude and battling of wits that lasted until the closing ceremonies. Manhattanville students, alumni, friends, and professors watched five rounds to determine the winning team. In addition to Manhattanville faculty and students, a unique roster of judges presided over the event, including a former U.S. Appellate Court Judge.

The teams came from throughout the county and were presented with 16-20 ethical scenarios to study ahead of time that they then had to discuss as part of the competition. During the competition, teams are asked to come up with a solution and, more importantly, defend their position in an intelligent and logical fashion.

One topic included whether artwork produced by artificial intelligence (AI) should have a copyright. Other topics included state secession and the ethics of "savior babies" (children who are born to provide a sibling in medical need with biological material). The students were judged by whether they had captured the salient ethical issues and how clearly they stated their cases.

"We are grateful that so many bright high school students are willing to tackle complicated ethical problems. Clear thinking and ethical dialogue are two of the hallmarks of philosophy at Manhattanville," said Professor Siobhan Nash-Marshall, Ph.D., Manhattanville's Mary T. Clark Chair of Christian Philosophy.

Westchester Innovation Network Seeks 2024 applicants

The Business Council of Westchester (BCW) seeks entrepreneurs who want to join the Westchester Innovation Network's (WIN) 2024 cohort of innovators.

The ideal BCW WIN participants are startup organizations that have a minimum viable product or service to test. BCW WIN matches innovators with established businesses in Westchester County that help evaluate the new market ideas.

"The Westchester Innovation Network puts innovators in front of companies that are in positions to give emerging companies their first big breakthrough," said Marsha Gordon, the BCW's president and CEO. "Just recently, BCW WIN helped the Canadian startup Last20 undertake a test of its plastic-infused asphalt at a new parking lot at Regeneron's global headquarters. The BCW WIN program is ready to help innovators set up more of these valuable opportunities."

The BCW WIN network is composed of small and mid-sized companies, professional services firms, and non-profits along with well-known brands like IBM, Pepsico, MasterCard, Heineken, Danone, Morgan Stanley, and Regeneron. It also includes some of the largest hospitals and healthcare systems in the world and many colleges and universities.

Last year's successful matches included Clarapath and EverFoam Products. Clarapath of Hawthorne received a \$10,000 BCW WIN Champions Award in November to support the company's efforts to automate human and animal tissue slide development and facilitate disease mapping and treatment discovery. EverFoam Products of Yonkers received a \$5,000 BCW WIN Champions Award in November to manufacture and market sustainable and reusable party décor.

Other successful 2023 matches included KELLS's collaboration with the YMCA of Central & Northern Westchester in White Plains, where the company screened adults at the Y's early learning childcare program using its artificial-intelligence powered oral health screenings; VAE's retail launch of its caffeinated energy spray in 20 Chestnut Market stores; and Undercare's test of its adaptive underwear for people with limited mobility at the Meadowview at Wartburg, an assisted-living facility.

To learn more about becoming an Innovation Partner or joining the BCW WIN program, visit <https://thebcw.org/westchester-innovation-network/>

Regeneron Finalists, continued from pg 1-

Zorn studied- The Role of MYC in RET Fusion Tumorigenesis and RET Inhibitor Resistance

Thomas Yu-Tong Cong, 17, of Ossining, researched the rapid growth of certain types of cancers and wondered whether information needed to control metabolism is primarily conveyed by expression of genes for his Regeneron Science Talent Search computational biology and bioinformatics project. For drug developers, metabolic pathways have traditionally been a prime target, so Thomas aimed to evaluate that premise and found it questionable. He applied a statistical framework he developed to large cancer metabolism datasets, and he was able to systematically isolate the intersection between information transcribed from genes and the metabolic machinery those genes are responsible for. He concluded that factors like the cancer's tissue of origin, its surrounding environment in the body, and how many cancer cells there are in a mass, strongly influence metabolic signatures. This suggests that a more complex landscape of metabolic variation exists. The son of Guojing Cong and Min Qu, Thomas is a Yale Book Award winner. He attends Ossining High School where he heads the cross-country team and swims competitively in the 200m medley relay, the 100m breaststroke, and the 200m and 400m freestyle relays.

Christopher Zorn, 17, of Irvington, studied how RET, a gene involved in cellular signals, and the MYC genes, which regulate cell growth and death, affect one another in genetically modified lung cancer cells for his Regeneron Science Talent Search medicine and health project. RET commonly fuses with other genes and leads to many types of tumor development. Christopher created multiple lung cancer cell lines with different RET gene fusion combinations, introduced various chemical agents, and then measured the resulting MYC protein levels. He found the MYC levels were elevated in most of the cell lines, and often led to treatment resistance. He believes his work merits further research on the relationship between RET and MYC, the mechanism that leads to treatment resistance, and potentially targeting RET and MYC together for future treatments. At Irvington High School, Christopher co-founded and is president of the math club. He also helped start a nature clean-up program, now with more than 100 volunteers, to combat an invasive species. The son of James Zorn and Vesselina Traptcheva, Christopher wants to use his bioengineering skills to broaden his research to combat global challenges.

"Every year, the Regeneron Science Talent Search helps inspire and engage a new wave of talented young scientists with the potential to improve the world," said George D. Yancopoulos, M.D., Ph.D., Co-Founder, Board Co-Chair, President and Chief Scientific Officer of Regeneron and a winner in the 1976 STS. "I congratulate these exceptional young finalists as they embark on their scientific journeys. As someone who got my start in this very competition, I know firsthand how the Science Talent Search experience can help jumpstart students' future academic and career journeys."

Finalists will participate in a week-long competition from March 6-13, 2024, where they will undergo a rigorous judging process and compete for more than \$1.8 million in awards. They will also have an opportunity to interact with leading scientists and share research with the public on March 10, both in person and virtually. The top 10 Regeneron Science Talent Search 2024 winners will be announced during an awards ceremony on March 12, streamed live from Washington D.C.

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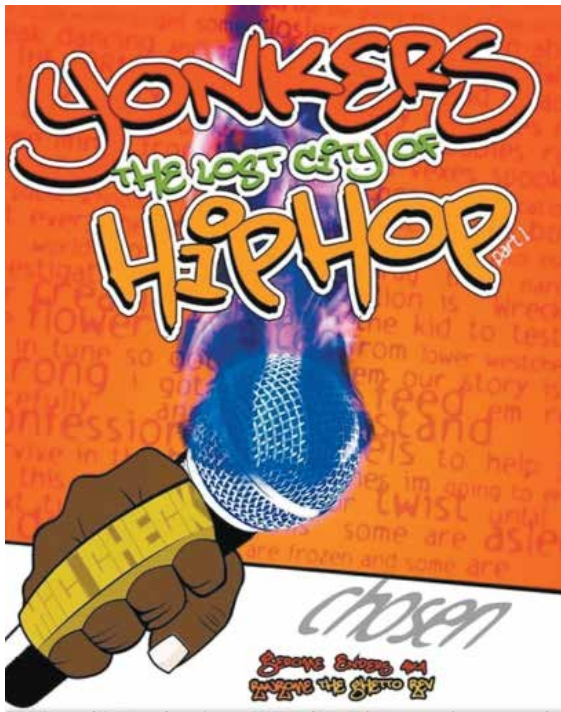
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February Events at the Hudson River Museum -HRM.org

Hip Hop Heroes Art Activity



Yonkers: The Lost City of Hip Hop, Sunday, February 25, 2024, 2–4pm, Greene Education Center: General Admission. This event is free with general admission. Join us for an immersive program celebrating the rich and vibrant history of Hip Hop in Yonkers. This special event will feature a reading and discussion of Yonkers: The Lost City of Hip-Hop with author Jerome Enders, graffiti specialist Ken Davis, and DJ Beat Master Gene. Support provided by Sarah Lawrence College through a generous grant from the Mellon Foundation.



Hip Hop Heroes Art Activity

Saturdays from 1–2pm & Sundays from 3–4pm through Sunday, March 3 Community & Partnership Gallery. Families, General, Teens. This event is free with general admission

Create your own Hip Hop Heroes comic book cover in the Community & Partnership Gallery. Instructions and art materials will be provided. Submit your work to be considered for display in the exhibition. Recommended for ages 5+

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC

Plaintiff,

vs.

INDEX NO. 66627/2023

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER
as the place of trial situs of the real property
the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:

2 CHERRY HILL CIRCLE, OSSINING, NY 10562
Section: 89.12, Block: 1, Lot: 39

JAMES GARZIA, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH GARZIA; DIANE M GARZIA, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH GARZIA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH GARZIA, 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 the following designation, namely: the 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; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; LARCHMONT FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; JOHN DOE #1,

“JOHN DOE #2” through “JOHN DOE #12,” the last eleven 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 premises, described in the complaint,
Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$795,000.00 and interest, recorded on January 03, 2011, in Control Number 503213391, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 2 CHERRY HILL CIRCLE, OSSINING, NY 10562.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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 the mortgage company will not stop the 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: February 5th, 2024
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

Historian & A Movie Looks at “Belle” at Philipse Manor Hall for Black History Month



“Portrait of Dido Elizabeth Belle Lindsay and Lady Elizabeth Murray” by David Martin, c. 1778.

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are pleased to offer “Historian & A Movie: Belle” on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site (29 Warburton Ave. Yonkers, NY) as part of Black History Month programming.

In 1778, Lady Elizabeth Murray and her cousin, Dido Elizabeth Belle Lindsay, sat for their portrait. An unremarkable event but for one detail: Dido’s heritage. The illegitimate daughter of a British naval captain and an enslaved woman, Dido was sent to England as a young child. There, she was raised free in an aristocratic household with her cousin Elizabeth.

“Belle” (2013, 104 mins, PG) is a fictionalized account of the real Dido Elizabeth Belle, following Belle as she struggles to find acceptance and love in White British society. Aaron Robinson, site manager of Senate House State Historic Site, and Michael Lord, site manager of Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site will share details of what happened to the real Belle, the history of slavery in the British Empire, and what the film gets right and wrong. “Belle” is rated PG and is suitable for families.

The Historian & A Movie is a program series in which Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Sites invites historians and subject experts to give commentary on popular Hollywood films with historical subjects. The program occurs monthly on Friday evenings.

Tickets:

This in-person program is free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. Seating is first-come, first-served. Refreshments provided by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall. Registration is recommended, but not required. Register at <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/historian-a-movie-belle>

This program is sponsored by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall.

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First Black School Trustee, continued from pg 2-

Frances organized of Girl Scout Troop 41, served as Troop Leader, and was Corresponding Secretary of the Girl Scout Leaders Association. She organized the Bushey Avenue Homeowner’s Association and was its Corresponding Secretary.

Although busy with church and community service, Frances still managed to fulfill one of her dreams by returning to school! In 1932, this lifelong learner enrolled at Roosevelt High School, graduating in 1936 with an academic diploma earned with honors. She then took courses at NYU, studying psychology and public speaking.

In 1942, she graduated from Yonkers’ first Red Cross Nursing class; she earned her cap as a Nurse’s Aide after completing the stringent Red Cross coursework, and helped fill a worrisome World War II Homefront shortage. Mrs. Francis became a licensed Practical Nurse.

She was an active member of the Family Service Society of Yonkers’ Advisory Case Committee and the Yonkers Salvation Army Advisory Council. Other organizations she supported were the Yonkers Historical Society, Nepperhan Community Center, Westchester County Federation of Colored Women’s Clubs, Westchester County Urban League and the NAACP.

Mrs. Francis was politically active, serving many years as a Republican district leader and election inspector. During proportional representation, she not only passed the 1945 Municipal Civil Service Commission test for ballot counting Canvasser, she was selected for the position. Out of sixty Republicans nominated for the job, only 25 were selected. In 1947, she was one of just 20 selected for the job.

On August 5, 1953, Mayor Kristen Kristensen appointed Frances a Trustee on the Yonkers Board of Education, the first Black member of the Board. She was a dedicated Board member, making speeches, attending school activities, programs, graduations, and award ceremonies, while working for change. Among her many accomplishments during her years on the Board, Frances was especially proud of closing School One, a segregated school she felt “offered inferior educational facilities” to Black children. School One students were redistricted to School 5 and School 24; the Dunbar Houses later were built on the School One site. She actively advocated hiring more Black teachers for Yonkers schools. According to a letter she wrote to the Herald Statesman in 1980, she also was “proud of the association with members of the board, and the beautiful way” they worked together.

In 1998, almost thirty-years after her Board of Education service ended, Frances was recognized and honored by teachers and administrators of the Yonkers Public School system. The Yonkers Office of the Aging honored her in 1976 for her support of their services, including serving as a delegate to the Westchester Council of the Aging. Other honors were bestowed by her Eastern Star and veterans’ auxiliary.

Frances Bates Francis passed away April 1991, just a month after her 89th birthday, leaving behind a heritage of activism and community service.

Frances Francis left Yonkers a better place for us all.

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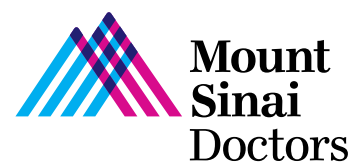
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