

Gov. Hochul to Sign Paulin's Medical Aid in Dying Act



After a decade of tireless advocacy, Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (D-Westchester) today announced her legislation, the Medical Aid in Dying Act (A.136/S.138), will become law in New York State. The legislation, which she authored and has championed, will provide terminally ill New Yorkers with the compassionate option to end unbearable suffering peacefully.

"This is truly historic for New York," said Assemblywoman Paulin. "The Medical Aid in Dying Act will give New Yorkers the autonomy and dignity they deserve at the most vulnerable moment in their lives, and I am profoundly grateful to the Governor for her leadership." *continued on pg 11-*

Zachary Stern Brings 285 Teddy Bears to Warm the Hearts of Wartburg Seniors



There was something especially meaningful about Zachary Stern's ninth birthday this year. Instead of focusing on gifts for himself, Zachary chose to give joy to others; sharing his love of teddy bears with older adults and asking a simple, heartfelt question: If teddy bears bring me comfort and happiness, could they do the same for someone else?

That question sparked a beautiful act of generosity that culminated in Wartburg Adult Care Community's Beary Merry Holiday, a campus-wide celebration filled with smiles, hugs, and holiday cheer. *continued on pg 10-*

Attention Bee Line Bus Passengers: OMNY Fare Scanners on All Buses



Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins toured the Bee-Line Bus garage in Valhalla to view newly installed OMNY fare scanners on the Bee-Line fleet. The visit marked a major milestone ahead of the official County-wide launch of OMNY on January 4, 2026 at 5 a.m., when the Bee-Line bus system will fully adopt the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) contactless fare payment system.

Beginning January 4, Bee-Line fares will also be adjusted to align with MTA's new fare rates. The changes include a 25-cent increase to the base and on-board cash fare, a 15-cent increase for reduced fares for seniors and *continued on pg 8-*

DA Cacace Determines that Peekskill Officer Regg Did Not Commit a Crime in Arresting Damar Fields

By Dan Murphy



Police Officer Daniel Regg

Westchester District Attorney Susan Cacace issued the following statement regarding the arrest of Damar Fields by Peekskill Police.

"On Dec. 4, the Peekskill Police Department referred a use-of-force incident involving multiple police officers to our office for review. The incident had occurred the day prior and concerned the arrest of an individual known to the department at the Riverfront Green Park.

"Our office's Public and Law Enforcement Integrity Bureau immediately began a comprehensive review of this incident. Investigators and Assistant District Attorneys reviewed body-worn camera footage that documented the incident, in its entirety, from multiple angles; interviewed a civilian eye-

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Woman Assaults Pregnant DSS Worker on Christmas Eve:

DA Asks for Bail, Judge Gives No Bail



Judge Nichelle Johnson

On Dec. 27, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Melissa Cochrane, 30, of Yonkers, was arrested Wednesday afternoon for allegedly attacking a pregnant Department of Social Services employee at the agency's Yonkers district office.

Cochrane was arraigned Thursday on three counts of Assault in the Second Degree, a class D felony, one count of Assault in the Third Degree, a class A misdemeanor, and one count of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor.

At Cochrane's arraignment, prosecutors requested that she be held on bail in the amount of \$25,000 cash/\$50,000 secured bond/\$100,000 partially secured bond. Judge Nichelle Johnson released *continued on pg 5-*

Westchester Says Thank You to Cardinal Dolan Upon His Retirement

By Dan Murphy



On Dec. 18, Pope Leo XIV accepted the resignation of Cardinal Timothy Dolan and appointed Archbishop-Designate Ronald Hicks of Joliet, Illinois, as the new leader of the Archdiocese of New York. Cardinal Dolan had submitted his resignation when he turned 75, as required by Church law.

Cardinal Dolan has served as Archbishop of New York for over 16 years, one

of the longest tenures in the archdiocese's 200-year history. He was appointed Archbishop of New York in 2009, after serving in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. For many young Westchester Catholics, Cardinal Dolan was the only leader they knew. Over the course of 16 years, he frequently visited Westchester, celebrating anniversaries, marching in St. Patrick's Day parades, and presiding *continued on pg 9-*

Westchester Nonprofits Sound the Alarm

Westchester Children's Association (WCA), the county's leading independent voice for the children and youth of Westchester, held its 2nd Annual Poverty Pulse Panel Discussion on Thursday, December 11 at the YWCA in White Plains, NY. The discussion was led by a panel of nonprofit leaders who convened to confront what they describe as a widening disconnect between official poverty data and the lived experience of families across Westchester County.

The WCA's newly created online dashboard gathers timely data from five partner organizations: 914 Cares, Feeding Westchester, The Sharing Shelf, West Hab, and United Way of Westchester and Putnam. The dashboard shows that despite newly released data from the Federal Government which points to a drop in the Poverty Rate in 2024 from 11.1% to 7.4%, the demand for basic services like food, housing, and basic essentials continues to grow.

Limarie Cabrera, Director of Data, Finance, and Operations for WCA noted, "the Federal Poverty Rate is not only a delayed measure, but it has not been updated since its creation in the 1960s when food was the primary expense, and it doesn't adjust for regional costs of living." She added, "Despite the decrease in the Poverty Rate, demand for essential services has been increasing."

The discussion revealed steep increases in requests for essential services including food, clothing, diapers, rental assistance, and utility support.

"I don't believe the poverty numbers," said Deborah Blatt, Founder and Executive Director of the Sharing Shelf. "This year we experienced a 45 percent increase in demand at some points. Month after month, we saw at least 100 additional requests for clothing. The need keeps rising."

Food insecurity trends echoed the same urgency. According to Tami Wilson, COO of Feeding Westchester, "Last year we moved 21.1 million pounds of food. The year before that, 23.2 million," said Wilson. "Those numbers reflect our resources, not the need. If you gave us \$50 million tomorrow, we would still have families waiting for food."

Additionally, helpline and social service responders are receiving increasing pleas from households who have exhausted all other options. "More callers are from working households. It's not that people aren't trying or aren't working," said Avery Zuvic of the United Way of Westchester and Putnam. "Some are working two jobs and still can't afford utilities or food. They come to us because they've already tried everywhere else."

The panel shared that rising demand strains nonprofit capacity and exposes systemic gaps for families whose incomes don't qualify them for assistance but they still struggle to afford basic needs.

According to Sarah Carmona of 914 Cares, The Urban Institute recently calculated that Westchester County requires more than 8 million diapers per year just to meet need among low- and moderate-income families, a figure nonprofit leaders say demonstrates how official poverty measures underestimate real hardship.

Housing also remains a key issue for families. "The poverty rate on paper does not reflect the lived reality of families struggling to keep a roof overhead in Westchester." According to Elissa Ramos of Westhab, "In June of this year our shelter capacity was at 90%. In 2024 it was at 71% and we are seeing more and more people. And a spike in families."

Despite rising need, panelists emphasized continued commitment, innovation, and collaboration across organizations. The YMCA's Executive Director Tiffany Hamilton asked participants, "What will you do with this data? Will I use it to influence and inform grants to tell the whole story of what exists in one of the wealthiest counties in our country? Will I use the data to inform legislation and advocacy agenda that yields real results? Because the children are watching, who will take this data and use it to change various systems?"

Adam Rabinovitch, Executive Director of WCA, concluded the event with a call to action to join Westchester Children's Association advocacy efforts to strive towards the goal of cutting child poverty in half by 2032. "This will take policy changes including expanding cash assistance to meet basic needs and ensuring child tax credits are received by families that qualify for them. We all must continue to rise up and support our children."

Learn more at www.wca4kids.org and by visiting the Poverty Pulse Dashboard on the site.

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COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
INDEX NO: 66684/2025
D/O/F: 07/10/2025

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Plaintiff,

-against-

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County Executive Jenkins Addresses Local Summit: Budget, Initiatives and Westchester's Future



By Michelle Calvi

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins painted a picture of fiscal responsibility and community resilience during his December 16 appearance at the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit, sharing insights on everything from the County's newly signed tax-cap compliant \$2.5 billion budget to immigration enforcement, flooding projects, affordable housing, and more.

Balancing Act in Tough Times

Jenkins announced that Westchester's 2026 budget, signed just days before his presentation, required difficult decisions including an 8% cut across most departments and elimination of 180 positions—though notably without layoffs. Despite these cuts, the county avoided dipping into reserves while maintaining critical services. For the average Mamaroneck homeowner, the increase amounts to just \$6 a month. "We're still trying to balance things out because we didn't go into our savings account," Jenkins explained, emphasizing investments in parks, infrastructure, flooding mitigation, and affordable housing despite fiscal constraints. The budget was crafted amid uncertainty about federal funding—a particularly pressing concern given that \$700 million of the county's \$2.5 billion budget comes from federal sources.

Concern about Eroding Public Trust

"What keeps me up at night is that people have lost faith in government," Jenkins shared. Using immigration activity as an example, he reported that according to Homeland Security, there has only been one actual ICE arrest in the County in 2025. However, as discussed at the November Local Summit program, there has been a high level of ICE activity locally resulting in residents living in fear. The County Executive expressed particular concern about the eroding public trust in government institutions, especially among immigrant communities. Jenkins noted that the current reality is counter to the intention of the County's Immigrant Protection Act, enacted during the first Trump administration, which was designed to ensure people feel safe reporting to law enforcement crimes such as wage theft without fear of deportation. Jenkins also highlighted increased food insecurity, noting the County contributed an additional \$50,000 to Feeding Westchester when SNAP benefits were abruptly disrupted this fall. His administration has worked to ensure safe access to food distribution sites, including creative solutions like vending machine-style ordering systems.

Flooding Progress and Affordable Housing Initiatives

On the long-awaited Army Corps flooding mitigation project, now entering its 19th year, Jenkins reported genuine progress. The County has committed \$18 million toward the Ward Avenue bridge component, with work continuing on multiple fronts including downstream improvements

at Glen Island that remain on schedule. Jenkins also emphasized his commitment to address Westchester's severe affordable housing crunch, acknowledging the critical need for affordable workforce housing, which includes public employees and volunteer first responders. The County's new "HomeSeeker" program centralizes information about affordable housing opportunities across Westchester, enabling qualified residents to more easily learn about and apply for affordable rental and homeownership opportunities. In another innovative move, Jenkins announced interest in a new program targeting a different housing gap: empty nesters and residents who want to downsize but stay in Westchester. These are people who don't qualify for affordable housing yet struggle to find suitable market-rate ownership options. The County would serve as facilitator, convening developers and municipalities to create condos and townhouses—crucially, without spending county money, but instead bringing private resources together to meet this clear market need. "How do I make sure that people who want to stay in Westchester can do that?" Jenkins asked.

Looking Ahead

Jenkins acknowledged the challenge of protecting "our little bubble here in Westchester" amid federal turbulence, which threatens cuts to critical programs and significant increases to the cost of healthcare coverage for many. He emphasized the importance of municipal partnerships, creative problem-solving, and maintaining services that support both vulnerable residents and the broader community — from mandated services to the nationally accredited park system to library funding and senior programs. As Westchester navigates these uncertain times, Jenkins' message was clear: through collaboration, fiscal discipline, and unwavering commitment to community values, the County will continue protecting what makes it special addressing the real challenges its residents face.

The Larchmont/Mamaroneck Local Summit is an informal community council that seeks to make a better life for the community by keeping it informed of major issues of concern. On January 13th the Local Summit will host Assemblyman Steve Otis. For more information: <https://www.localsummitlm.org/> To view recorded programs on LMCMedia: <https://lmcmedia.org/>.

Kindness and Compassion are New Years Resolutions Worth Keeping.

By J. Basil Dannebohm

As the calendar once again turns over, many of us find ourselves looking back on the last year, sometimes with regret. Though healthy reflection can be a good thing, it's important to remember the lessons, not the disappointments. If we could erase all the mistakes of our past, we would lose the wisdom gained from our experiences. What's done is done. It's okay to look back, but never let the past stop you from moving forward.

This is also a time when people make resolutions for the year ahead. Some of us will resolve to lose weight, exercise more, or eat healthier. Others will commit to expanding their knowledge. We live in an age where far too many people are so caught up in toning and shaping their bodies that they forget to tone and shape their character. One can go to the gym, hydrate, and eat a well-balanced diet, but if you ignore your mental and spiritual health there stands a good chance that next year around this time, you'll still feel empty. Likewise, while broadening one's horizons is an admirable pursuit, as the adage goes, "A person's most useful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen, and a hand willing to help others."

Most of the resolutions that are made at the beginning of January fall by the wayside before March. Perhaps it's because many of them are frivolously aimed at self-gratification? But in the grand scheme of things, it's not about who you impress. It's about who you impact. Russian aristocrat-turned-anarchist Peter Kropotkin once observed, "Competition is the law of the jungle, but cooperation is the law of civilization." Yet because of our primal instincts, we live in a hyper-competitive society. We tirelessly strive to keep up with the Joneses. At the end of the year, what do we have to show for it? Copious amounts of debt, lack of self-esteem, lifestyles of absurd excess, and mental health issues in abundance. Then New Year's Eve rolls around, and many of us fester in regret only to start the entire process all over again the next day.

Very few among us truly have it easy. Everyone has issues. Life happens. None of us can ever fully know what our neighbors are going through. Yet far too many of us rush to assume, judge, mock, and criticize others.

In his book, "Anna Karenina," Leo Tolstoy writes, "If it is true that there are as many minds as there are heads, then there are as many kinds of love as there are hearts." Imagine if all those different minds agreed to be just a little bit kinder and more compassionate as a universal New Years' resolution. Kindness is a willingness to loan someone your strength instead of reminding them of their weakness.

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State Senator Mayer Speaks Out Against Anti-Semitism

Statement by Senator Shelley B. Mayer on the Bondi Beach Attacks and the Need for Action against Anti-Semitism

My heart continues to break as we learn more about the horrific mass shooting that occurred on December 14 at Bondi Beach in Sydney, Australia. On that day, over 1,000 members of the Jewish community were gathered to celebrate the first night of Hanukkah — to experience joy, and to recall the triumph of light over darkness — and now we must grapple with yet another deadly act of violence targeting Jewish people. At least 15 innocent lives were taken, simply because they were Jewish.

I join people around the world in unequivocally condemning this act of hatred and violence. It is profoundly troubling to realize, as I reflect on this attack, how many times I have spoken out against terrorism and hate-based attacks in all their forms in the last few years. These acts are meant to divide us and to instill fear, but they will not succeed. As humans, we are capable of profound love, compassion, and peace. When we share our cultures and open our communities to one another, we reveal the beauty inherent in every faith, background, and tradition. We continue to bring light to the world.

I hold the Jewish community close in my heart, as I continue to attend menorah lightings with friends and neighbors throughout my district and observe this holiday of light amid deep grief. I am grateful to the first responders who acted swiftly, and to Ahmed al-Ahmed, a Syrian-born civilian bystander, who risked his own life when he courageously tackled the gunman. His actions undoubtedly saved countless lives and I pray for him as he recovers from the gunshot wounds he sustained while disarming the shooter.

At the same time, we must redouble our efforts to stamp out anti-semitism wherever it appears, and not allow it to fester and grow. New York State should take every step it can — from releasing additional security funds for schools and houses of worship, to requiring greater education about anti-semitism and hate in schools, to joining people of all faiths in a commitment to collective affirmation of support for religious tolerance and peaceful coexistence.

We must reaffirm, not just Jews but all of us, our commitment to respect and humanity. It is only our unity that will ultimately overcome hate. I pray for all those impacted and may the memory of those lost be a blessing.

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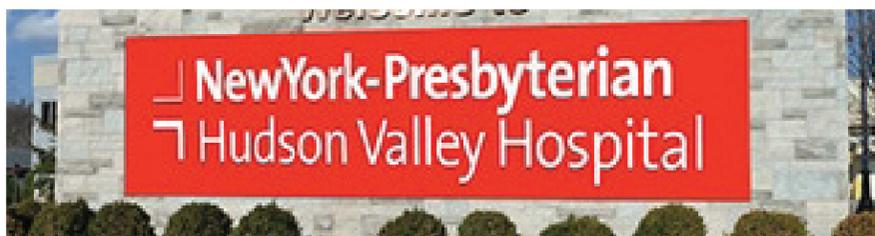
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NY Presbyterian-Hudson Valley Hospital Pays \$616,000 for Illegal Kickback Scheme



Attorney General James Secures Over \$616,000 from New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital for Illegal Kickback Scheme

HVH Allegedly Paid Oncology Practice Millions to Refer Cancer Patients to the Hospital

New York Attorney General Letitia James today secured over \$616,000 from New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital (HVH) for violating the law by making illegal kickback payments to a Westchester County oncology practice in exchange for its doctors allegedly referring approximately 114 patients to the hospital. A joint investigation between the Office of the Attorney General’s (OAG) Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) and the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York (SDNY) revealed that from January 2011 through December 2019, HVH and its predecessor, Hudson Valley Hospital Center, paid millions of dollars to the oncology practice, which then referred its patients for oncology services at the hospitals. Under a settlement with OAG and SDNY, HVH will pay over \$616,000 in damages for false claims to New York’s Medicaid program.

“New Yorkers should be able to trust that their doctors are making decisions based on their best interests, not financial incentives,” said Attorney General James. “HVH’s illegal kickback scheme undermined cancer patients’ critical relationships with their health care providers. I will continue to go after illegal financial schemes that corrupt our health care system and prevent patients from getting the care they deserve.”

The investigation found that from January 2011 through December 2019, HVH and Hudson Valley Hospital Center offered and paid the oncology practice over four million dollars in fees. These fees were paid in connection with three agreements – including for work that was either not performed, not performed as called for in the agreements, or for which HVH lacks any time records – to induce the oncology practice to refer its patients to Hudson Valley and HVH for oncology-related medical services. As a result of this scheme, HVH submitted false claims to Medicaid in violation of the New York State False Claims Act.

Under the settlement, HVH will pay \$616,676.14, representing damages to Medicaid, with over \$367,000 going directly to New York’s Medicaid program. The remainder will be returned to the federal government. The case against HVH was initiated by a former employee, who will receive a portion of the settlement because the former employee filed a whistleblower lawsuit under the federal and New York False Claims Acts, which allow people to file civil actions under seal on behalf of the government and share in any recovery.

The investigation and settlements were the result of a coordinated effort between OAG and SDNY. Attorney General James thanks SDNY for their partnership and assistance.

The investigation was conducted by Deputy Regional Chief Auditor Matthew Tandle, under the supervision of Chief Auditor Dejan Budimir, and former Special Assistant Attorney General Jared Goldman of the Civil Enforcement Division, under the supervision of Deputy Chief Diana Elkind. The Civil Enforcement Division is led by Chief Alee Scott. MFCU is led by Director Amy Held and Assistant Deputy Attorney General Paul J. Mahoney. The Division for Criminal Justice is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General José Maldonado and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Reporting Medicaid Provider Fraud: MFCU defends the public by addressing Medicaid provider fraud and protecting nursing home residents from abuse and neglect. If an individual believes they have information about Medicaid provider fraud or about an incident of abuse or neglect of a nursing home resident, they can file a confidential complaint online or call MFCU at (212) 417-5397. If the situation is an emergency, please call 911.

New York MFCU’s total funding for federal fiscal year (FY) 2026 is \$70,793,651. Of that total, 75 percent, or \$53,095,240, is awarded under a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The remaining 25 percent, totaling \$17,698,411 for FY 2026, is funded by New York State.

A New Year’s Commitment that Works: God First

Letter to the Editor:

How long do most New Year’s “resolutions” last? Most people make resolutions related to fitness, finances and the like—and many break them within weeks. An Ohio State University survey found that only about 9% of people actually fulfill their resolutions, and 43% of people “expect to give up on the their resolutions by the end of January.” Data in other surveys varied, but there is a sense that New Year’s resolutions often go nowhere.

So, how can we succeed in life and not make resolutions we don’t keep? Goals require thought, planning and commitment. Let’s start the new year with a winning plan.

Put God first. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. “ (Matthew 6:33) ow can we put God first? First of all, make time to read God’s Word every day. You can do fifteen minutes in the morning to start your day with some energizing, edifying thoughts and promises, and again before bed, melting stress and relaxing in the knowledge that God will help and protect and heal you. Find promises that address your need.

Pray. Be specific and focused. (Philippians 4:6,7) Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. In the original, the word careful means anxious, and prayer carries the meaning of recognizing God’s infinitely diversified and unlimited ability. Supplication focuses on your need, and requests means to request a specific thing. Focus clearly like a photographer with a camera on the what, but leave the how up to the omniscient God who knows the behind the scenes and bumps in the path ahead.

Use post-its and memory cards. Make notes of verses and quotes that inspire you, of small things you can do each ay.

Now that you have connected with a Partner Who is always available to you and never fails, set your goals. They could be long term or short term. Sometimes you need to take things one day at a time. Don’t be discouraged. Recognize that no one is perfect and when you fall, pick yourself up and keep on moving. Success is built by small steps over a period of time, the gradual realization of a worthy goal. God is omniscient and knows of obstacles and dangers that you cannot foresee. Not only is He both willing and able to prepare you for them, He is your biggest cheerleader.

Find a friend to help you. You can pray together, encourage each other on your goals, maybe even work on some of them together. Ecclesiastes 4:9-11 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?”

Share what you have learned and your successes with someone else—that is both giving and reinforcing. You can help them achieve their goals as well.

(John 10:10) “The thief cometh not but for the steal and to kill and to destroy; I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly.” Jesus Christ brought this promise—try it out and build a more abundantly and blessed new year.

Judith Niewiadomski
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Notice of Formation of Lifestyle Rehabilitation, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/27/2025. 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, 56 Martha Place, Chappaqua, NY, 10514. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

Notice of Formation of Sets n Sweats LLC, filed with SSNY on August 24, 2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to LLC: 515 Boston Post Rd, #1034 Portchester, NY, 10573, USA Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Digital Infrastructure Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/25. Office: Westchester County. NY DOS designated as agent for service of process; DOS shall mail copy of process to 7 Ridgeway Cir White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

NYC-DEP Buys 48 Acres Around Kensico Reservoir for \$48 Million

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) today announced the highest value watershed land purchase ever made to protect the City's drinking water supply. The \$12.56 million acquisition of more than 48 acres near the Kensico Reservoir in Westchester County is consistent with the agency's evolving science-based priorities in water quality protection efforts and a major investment in safeguarding clean, high-quality water for generations to come.

The newly purchased land sits within the Kensico Reservoir watershed—a critical point in the City's water system where nearly all drinking water from upstate reservoirs flows before reaching consumers' taps. Protecting land in this area helps prevent pollution from reaching the water supply and reduces the need for costly treatment.

"This is a truly historic investment to protect high quality of the pristine unfiltered water that New York City is famous for," said DEP Commissioner Rohit T. Aggarwala. "As climate change and development create new challenges, we are focusing our resources where they will have the greatest impact on water quality. Protecting land near Kensico is one of the smartest ways we can do that."

This purchase is the single most expensive land acquisition DEP has ever made for watershed protection. Over nearly 200 years, New York City has acquired or protected more than 200,000 acres of land across its upstate watershed, primarily in the Catskill Mountains, where most of the City's drinking water originates. All of that water ultimately passes through the Kensico Reservoir on its way to homes and businesses across the region.

DEP already owns land along the entire shoreline of the Kensico Reservoir and several nearby parcels. Adding this forested 48-acre property increases protection of natural streams and hillsides that help filter stormwater before it reaches the reservoir. The purchase aligns with a recent recommendation from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to prioritize investments in land parcels that offer the greatest water-quality benefits.

Since the late 1980s, Federal rules have required municipal surface-water supplies to be filtered and disinfected. New York City and select other municipal water supplies have been able to achieve a waiver to filtration—known as a Filtration Avoidance Determination (FAD)—when extraordinary efforts are undertaken to protect the water supply at its source. New York City's most recent 10-year waiver is up for renewal at the end of 2027. Building a filtration plant for the entire supply from the Catskills would surpass the largest capital investment the City has ever undertaken.

"Clean, safe drinking water is vital for all New Yorkers," said New York Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "This historic \$12.5 million purchase near the Kensico Reservoir is a major step in protecting our water supply for generations to come. It not only safeguards New York City's drinking water but also strengthens local communities in Westchester by preserving the natural resources that keep our region healthy. I commend the DEP for its leadership in watershed protection and for making smart policy decisions grounded in science that benefit our communities and support the health of our environment."

"The Kensico Reservoir is one of the most critical pieces of water infrastructure in our region, supplying clean drinking water not only to New York City, but to Westchester residents every day," said Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins. "This historic land acquisition is a smart and forward-looking investment that protects water quality at its source and safeguards public health for generations to come. Westchester County applauds New York City, the Department of Environmental Protection and environmental advocates for continuing their commitment to protecting the Kensico Reservoir and clean and fresh drinking water."

"The Town of Mount Pleasant is proud to maintain a strong and collaborative relationship with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, united by our shared commitment to protecting the Kensico Reservoir watershed," said Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi. "This acquisition, 48 acres of the former Legionaries property is especially meaningful to us and puts this property back on the tax rolls after many years. Our community also receives water directly from the Kensico outlet works, and the preserved land will also create valuable new green space for our residents. We deeply appreciate both the land protection efforts and the ongoing infrastructure investments that NYC DEP continues to make in our community. These actions reflect their dedication to safeguarding the watershed and ensuring the delivery of the highest-quality drinking water."

The Kensico Reservoir, located just north of White Plains, has supplied water to New York City since 1915. It can hold up to 30 billion gallons of water and typically handles about 90 percent of the City's total drinking water supply, as well as water for much of Westchester County.



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Letter to the Editor: What are Mike Lawler's 2026 New Year's Resolutions?

As 2026 begins, it's worth reflecting on Congressman Mike Lawler's past "resolutions".

These are the resolutions he made in his 2022 and 2024 campaigns. Back then, he pledged to:

Get inflation "under control."

End "out-of-control" federal spending.

"Back the blue" and uphold "law and order."

Strengthen border security while finding "dignified" solutions for undocumented immigrants.

Support a "responsible" national defense.

Take a "commonsense, mainstream" stance on abortion.

Stop Chinese entities from accessing advanced U.S. semiconductor and AI technologies.

But in office, Congressman MAGA Lawler has caved on nearly every one of those commitments. So, here's a more realistic set of resolutions for him in 2026:

Increase tariffs and deportations while reducing labor and tourism, raising costs and cutting income for everyone.

Keep giving tax breaks to billionaires like his benefactor Elon Musk, ballooning the federal deficit.

Reward political loyalty over integrity, even when it means pardoning drug dealers and terrorists for cold, hard cash to the boss.

Save one, or two victims of ICE kidnappings as token rescues for headlines and key voting blocks.

Support extreme tactics that separate families, ignore due process, and violate human rights. Have masked secret police kidnap immigrants.

Alienate NATO allies with reckless foreign policies like sinking and killing small ships that weaken global partnerships, and demonstrate how near-sighted this regime is.

Undermine women's rights with harmful policies that provide no empathy for women needing abortions, only lip service.

Reneg on shipping the latest semiconductor and AI technology to China.

In short, Lawler's "resolutions" are less about serving his constituents and more about serving a corrupt and incompetent regime that is turning America from a beacon of democracy into a playground for the wealthy and well-connected.

Mike Lawler has run two campaigns on promises he never intended to keep. Let's not be fooled again.

Mark A. Lieberman, Yorktown, NY

Assault on DSS Worker, continued from pg 1-

the defendant, without bail, on her own recognizance.

The case is set to be heard next on Jan. 8. DA Cacace said: "The safety of our social services employees, who go out into the community every day to provide essential services to those in need, is non-negotiable. As alleged, the defendant committed a brazen assault on a dedicated county employee who was simply doing her job. Public servants should never have to fear for their safety when they clock into work. I stand with all in this county who are outraged by this incident and call for the passage of legislation that would enhance penalties for assaults on our social services employees." According to a felony complaint filed in the case, on Dec. 24, inside the Yonkers district office of the Westchester County Department of Social Services, the defendant became argumentative with DSS case workers who were attempting to comply with a court order.

The defendant grabbed a pregnant DSS worker on her neck and chest areas and forced her to the ground, according to the complaint.

The case was investigated by the Westchester County Department of Public Safety. The case is being prosecuted by the Yonkers branch.



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Contact (Terrysaunders145@gmail.com) for more info.

Community Baptist Church located in Yonkers, NY is seeking a Worship Director & Musician to lead weekly services and grow our vibrant music ministry. Candidates should be skilled in piano/keyboard, passionate about worship, collaborative with pastors and choir, and gifted in leadership. Responsibilities include directing rehearsals, mentoring musicians, and supporting special events. We offer a welcoming, Christ-centered community and compensation based on experience.

Please send resume and video links to Rev. Dr. Nigel O. Cole at revnigelocole156@gmail.com.

Two Baby Crocs Found in Yonkers



ECO Franz with juvenile crocodile and dwarf caiman removed from a residence in Westchester County

From the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation:

Reptile Removal – Westchester County

On December 10, ECO Franz received a report regarding an individual in possession of reptiles in the City of Yonkers without a license or permit. The animals, a juvenile crocodile and dwarf caiman, were discovered by City of Yonkers Police Officers while conducting an arrest for unrelated charges. The reptiles were placed in a properly licensed facility and ECOs issued multiple tickets to the individual for illegally possessing reptiles without the required permits.

From Crocodile-lover- Mark Perpetua's Reptile Encounters

Well it happened again! Two illegal crocodilians were seized in Yonkers, NY. The one on the left is a Morelet's crocodile (*Crocodylus moreletii*). A species native to Mexico, Belize and parts of Guatemala. They can grow to about 9 feet long. The smaller one along the bottom of the photo is a smooth-front caiman (*Paleosuchus trigonatus*). This species of caiman is one of two that are referred to as dwarf caiman. This little one will grow to about 5 feet long. They are native to the Amazon and Orinoco river basins in South America. All 27 species of crocodilians require a special license to keep in NY. I will be picking these two up next Tuesday after I return from CrocFest.

Indivisible Yorktown Protest ICE Out of Home Depot -Mohegan Lake



About 75 members of Indivisible Yorktown held a protest outside of the Home Depot in Mohegan Lake at Dec. 20. Here is their message below.

ICE out of Home Depot!

Let's unite and send a clear message to Home Depot that racial profiling and the kidnapping of our community members will not be tolerated. The objective: hold Home Depot accountable and encourage them to publicly condemn the ICE raids occurring near their stores.

Join fellow activists for a powerful rally along Route 6. After our rally, we'll head into Home Depot, select an ice scraper or another inexpensive item, and make our purchase at the Professional/Contractor checkout. Then, we'll return to the store to return the item at the Returns desk—this symbolic act has already made waves at Home Depots across the nation.

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BOMA Westchester Elects 2026 Slate



Seated left to right, Angie Arrington - Cushman & Wakefield; Billie Jo Brunetti - Newmark BOMA President- Robert McNamara - GHP Office Realty; BOMA Vice President - Geraldine Molloy - Newmark; BOMA Secretary - Brian VanRiper - Robert Martin Company; Immediate Past President - Stephanie Manfredi - Colliers International

Standing left to right, Peter Zimmar - Regeneron; Caroline Molloy, Cushman & Wakefield. Vinny Finnegan - Gedney Way Consultants; Jacqueline Monge - Abert B. Ashforth, Inc. Ben Campos - KenCal Maintenance, BOMA Treasurer Gina Lomurno, Reckson

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Westchester County has announced the election of its slate of officers for the 2026 term.

Robert McNamara was elected President. McNamara is Director of Operations & Management for GHP Office Realty

Other officers elected and sworn in for the 2025 term were:

Vice President: Geraldine Molloy, Newmark

Secretary: Brian VanRiper, Robert Martin Company

Treasurer: Gina Lomurno, Reckson

Immediate Past President: Stephanie Manfredi, Colliers International

The following Directors were also elected:

Peter Zimmar, Regeneron

Caroline Molloy, Cushman & Wakefield

Vinny Finnegan, Gedney Way Consultants

Jacqueline Monge, Abert B. Ashforth, Inc.

Allied Representative: Ben Campos of KenCal Maintenance Corp.

Public Relations Advisor: Dean Bender of Thompson & Bender

BOMA Westchester is the county's leading professional organization dedicated to meeting the needs of building owners, property managers and allied professionals and tradespeople. BOMA Westchester is an affiliate of BOMA International --- the oldest and largest association of the office building industry, with over 100 federated associations in the United States and around the world. The 17,000-plus members of BOMA International own or manage more than 9 billion square feet of commercial properties in North America and abroad.

It Was "A Miracle of 34th Street" in Larchmont



The Cast of "Miracle on 34th Street"

The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club & its partners presented a live audio theater recreation of the 1949 Lux Radio Theater's version of the Holiday Classic movie, "Miracle On 34th Street". The production took place before a live audience on December 21 from 2-3:30P at the Larchmont Village Center.

The event also included the showing of a Christmas episode of the TV sitcom, Ozzie & Harriet. Including Ricky Nelson singing "The Christmas Song". There was an audience quiz with prizes.

The production was led by Jason Summers & the Sandbox Theatre. The audience & performers featured professional, blind, handicapped and local school theater students.

"A Miracle on 34th Street" was co-sponsored by the Larchmont Library, the Sandbox Theatre, SPERDVAC (The Society for the Preservation of Radio Drama, Variety and Comedy), The Westchester Council for the Blind, LMC Media & the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club. Click here to see video.

The Lions will Celebrate the Centennial of the Larchmont Lions and host their annual Points of Light Celebration of Service on January 11 at the Orienta Beach Club. At it over 60 local community service groups will be honored. It will also include the presentation of the Jack Coughlin Community Service Awards to Larchmont Friends of the Family and Pat Allen. The keynote speaker is the past president of Lions International, Douglas Alexander.

Wishing you a very Happy New Year and all you seek in 2026

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CITY OF YONKERS**

Department of Finance and Management Services, Office of the Commissioner, City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 452, Laws of 1908, known as the Supplemental Charter of the City of Yonkers, as amended by Chapter 725, of the Laws of 1917, adding thereto a new article numbered Article V-a, as further amended by Chapter 487, Laws of 1922, and as further amended by Chapter 667, Laws of 1933, as amended by Article IX Section 1 of Local Law No. 20-1961, as amended by Section 57 of Local Law 11 of 1995, and any subsequent amendments thereto, known as the Charter of the City of Yonkers, I, the undersigned Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, do hereby give public notice:

That the respective owners of the lands and tenements in the City of Yonkers on which any taxes or assessments have been imposed and became a lien and have remained unpaid for one year since the same were due and payable are required to pay the amount of said taxes and assessments, together with all unpaid taxes and assessments affecting such lands and tenements, which became a lien and were due and payable prior to December 26, 2025 with all penalties thereon remaining unpaid, together with the interest thereon at the rate provided by law from the time the same became due and payable to the time of payment, and the charges of this notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon to the time of payment, to the Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, at his office in the City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

And Notice is hereby given that if default be made in such payment, the lien of the City of Yonkers, upon said lands and tenements for any tax or assessment, which became a lien so as to be due and payable before December 26, 2025; will be sold at public auction in the Ceremonial Court Room, 4th Floor, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, in the City of Yonkers, on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. of that date, for the lowest rate of interest, not exceeding 12 per centum per annum, at which time any person or persons shall offer to take the same in consideration of advancing the said taxes and assessments and penalties, as the case may be, the interest thereon as aforesaid to the time of sale, the charges of notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon; and that such sale will be continued from time to time until all said liens of taxes and assessments shall be sold.

The transfer of tax liens to be executed and delivered to the purchaser thereof pursuant to the terms of said sale shall be subject to the lien for and the right of the City of Yonkers to collect and receive all taxes and assessments and penalties and interest thereon which became due and payable, of which became a lien upon said lands and tenements on and after the date mentioned in the advertisement for sale as stated herein, namely, the 26th day of December.

Each of the tax liens referred to in this advertisement will be sold subject to the provisions of the Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and amendments thereto and Section 314 of the New York State Military Law.

Notice is hereby further given that a particular and detailed statement of the property affected by this sale, together with the total amount of the tax lien thereon, which is to be sold will hereafter be published in the official newspaper(s) of the City of Yonkers.

FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL TAX SALE NOTICE

In addition to the foregoing Tax Sale Notice and Statutes therein described, the further or additional notice is given setting forth the lots and parcels of land, including the street address thereof, on which the tax lien is to be sold together with the aggregate amount of tax lien thereon, and the assessed valuation of every said lot and parcel as described in the 2024 Tax Rolls as approved by the Department of Assessment and Taxation and confirmed by the City Council.

The name set forth is that of the person, corporation or legal entity appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the lot or parcel of land upon which the tax lien is to be sold.

The first item is the Comptroller's Tax Lien Number; the second is that of the person appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the property; the third is the location of the property as described on the tax rolls which includes the Section, Block and Lot Numbers as shown on the Official City Map; the fourth is the assessed valuation unimproved as shown on the tax rolls; the fifth is the total assessed valuation as shown on the tax rolls; the last group of figures is the total amount of the lien which is to be sold.

John Liszewski

Commissioner of Finance and Management Services

OMNY Rollout, continued from pg 1-

people with disabilities and a separate adjustment for the BxM4C express route. Aligning fares allows Bee-Line riders to continue receiving free transfers between Bee-Line buses and MTA subways and buses and to benefit from the seven-day OMNY fare cap of \$35 for unlimited trips, excluding the BxM4C. The fare cap for reduced-fare riders is \$17.50.

Jenkins said: "Westchester deserves a transportation system that works the way people live today. Installing OMNY across our entire Bee-Line fleet is about making transit easier, faster and more reliable for riders while ensuring access for everyone. This is a smart investment in modern public transportation that strengthens mobility across our County." Liberty Lines Transit President Thomas Murphy said: "Our staff has worked closely with the County to support the installation and launch of OMNY for Bee-Line riders. The new fare payment option is designed to enhance convenience and modernize the boarding process, contributing to an improved overall payment options and experience for the many customers who rely on the Bee-Line system each day." While OMNY officially launches on January 4 at 5 a.m., riders may continue using MetroCards on Bee-Line buses as long as the cards are not expired. MetroCard sales will end on December 31, 2025, and cards will no longer be reloadable after that date. Riders may transfer remaining MetroCard balances to OMNY cards through the OMNY Mobile Sales Van, which continues to visit locations across Westchester.

For riders who use weekly or monthly MetroCards, those cards must be activated by January 31, 2026, in order to be valid. Passengers can purchase OMNY cards at select retail locations. To find the nearest store that carries OMNY cards, visit: <https://omny.info/retail-locations>. In addition to OMNY, riders can continue paying with coins. For more information visit <http://www.westchestergov.com/beelinebus> or call the Bee-Line customer service center at (914) 813-7777.

DA Declines to charge Police officer continued from pg 1-

witness; reviewed post-incident police reports; reviewed independent footage uploaded to social media that depicted a portion of the incident; reviewed the applicable sections of the Peekskill Police Department's Standard Operating Procedure Manual; and reached out directly to the Peekskill community to solicit any additional, relevant information.

"The primary focus of our review was to determine whether the Peekskill officers' use of force on Dec. 3 constituted criminal conduct as defined by the New York State Penal Law. After reviewing all of the evidence in this case, our office determined that there is an insufficient basis to pursue criminal charges against any Peekskill police officer involved in this incident.

"We have relayed these findings to Peekskill Police Chief Renwick and referred the matter back to his department for internal investigation. Though not the primary focus of this review, our office recommended to the Peekskill Police Department that it consider additional training on how to deal with mentally ill or emotionally disturbed persons and on the use of de-escalation techniques.

"In the interest of full transparency, our office is publishing the entirety of the body-worn camera footage collected as part of this review. That footage may be viewed on our website, linked here."

The Westchester Coalition for Police Reform disagreed, stating, "The Westchester Coalition for Police Reform strongly condemns District Attorney Susan Cacace's decision not to file criminal charges against the police officers involved in the violent assault of Damar Fields on December 3, 2025, at Waterfront Park in Peekskill.

"Damar Fields, an unarmed man with emotional disabilities who was known by Peekskill Police, was beaten and tased three times by armed officers. The decision not to pursue charges sends a dangerous message that excessive force against vulnerable people will go unpunished.

"This outcome is deeply troubling, not only for Damar Fields and his family, but for every resident who participated in good faith in Westchester's police reform process following the murder of George Floyd. That year-long effort, required by Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order, was meant to center de-escalation, accountability, and respect for human dignity. The District Attorney's decision undermines that work and erodes public trust.

"Serious questions remain unanswered: Why was the Project Alliance Mobile Crisis Response Team, designed to respond to mental health crises, not activated?

"Why did no officer intervene, despite a clear duty-to-intervene policy intended to prevent excessive force? We reiterate our call for the charges against Damar Fields to be dropped immediately. A person experiencing a mental health crisis should not be criminalized.

"When prosecutors decline to act, calls for accountability must not end. We call for independent review, legislative oversight, and systemic reforms to ensure that no one, especially armed government officials, is above the law.

"This is not how our communities choose to be policed. We reject policing rooted in violence and impunity, particularly toward people with emotional disabilities. Accountability is not anti-police. Transparency creates trust. Damar Fields deserves justice. Our communities deserve better."

The Peekskill NAACP issued the following statement before Cacace's finding. "The Peekskill NAACP Branch strongly condemns the misuse of power displayed by the police officers involved in Wednesday's riverfront incident. After reviewing the posted video, it is evident that the officers used excessive force, employed derogatory and inflammatory language, and engaged in racial name-calling toward the man in their custody. This behavior is intolerable and wholly inconsistent with the standards expected of law enforcement.

"We are fortunate that a bystander recorded this incident. It raises a critical question: What happens in the moments when no camera is present to hold those in power accountable? Incidents like this push our progress back by many steps and undermine our ongoing efforts to build open, safe, and trusting communication between the community and law enforcement.

"We acknowledge the decision to suspend the officer; however, we firmly believe the suspension should be without pay pending the outcome of a full and transparent investigation. Moreover, the consequences imposed in this case will speak volumes about whether law enforcement is truly committed to serving the community's best interests—or whether some officers believe they are above the law.

"While we remain committed to fostering constructive dialogue and cooperation, actions such as these gravely erode public trust. We look forward to hearing from the District Attorney's Office and the Civilian Complaint Review Board as this matter moves forward."

We have reviewed the three bodycam video links provided by DA Cacace. It shows a clearly disturbed Damar Fields pulling down his pants and cursing the police officer. After the officer threatens to tase Fields, Fields responds, "how about I kill you."

The confrontation between the officer and Fields that many have already seen from a witness video ensues, and then back up arrives to detain Fields. About five minutes later Fields appears calm and claims that he did nothing. The officer responds with "you had your dick out."

The 2nd and 3rd videos provided by the DA are from the other two responding officers. In the 3rd video, Fields appears not to know what just had happened. "What just happened here...I didn't do anything to you," said Fields.

At least 8 Peekskill Police officers responded to a call for assistance from the arresting officer, who has yet to be identified.

Police Officer Daniel Regg has been identified as the initial responding officer

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

-----X Index No.
Date Summons Filed:
LAZIZI KHAMIDOV,
Plaintiff, designates Westchester County as
the place of trial.
The basis of venue is Defendant's residence.
Plaintiff,
-against-
SUMMONS
Defendant resides at 185 Riverdale Avenue,
Apt. 81, Yonkers, New York 10705.
TONYA DAZIAH JAMES,
Defendant.
-----X

ACTION FOR DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State of New York, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: 03/12/2025


Aziz Juraev, Esq.
Law Office of Aziz Dzhuraev
Attorneys for Plaintiff

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

-----X Index No.
LAZIZI KHAMIDOV,
Plaintiff,
-against-
VERIFIED COMPLAINT
ACTION FOR DIVORCE
TONYA DAZIAH JAMES,
Defendant.
-----X

The Plaintiff, complaining of the Defendant, alleges the following:

FIRST: The parties are over the age of 18 years.

SECOND: This court has jurisdiction to hear this action for divorce. The Plaintiff has resided in New York State for a continuous period in excess of two years immediately preceding the commencement of this action.

THIRD: The Plaintiff and Defendant were married to each other on July 16, 2021, in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

The marriage was not performed by a clergyman, minister or leader of the Society for Ethical Culture.

FOURTH: There is no child as a result of this marriage, and no child is expected.

The Plaintiff resides at 515 E 7th Street, Apt. 3S, Brooklyn, New York 11218. The Defendant resides at 185 Riverdale Avenue, Apt. 81, Yonkers, New York 10705.

The parties are covered by the following group health plans:

Plaintiff
Group Health Plan: NOT APPLICABLE

Defendant
Group Health Plan: NOT APPLICABLE

FIFTH: The grounds for divorce are as follows: Irretrievable Breakdown of the Relationship for at Least Six Months (DRL Sec. 170(7)): The relationship between the Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months.

SIXTH: There is no judgment in any court for a divorce and no other matrimonial action for divorce between the parties is pending in this Court or in any other court of competent jurisdiction.

SEVENTH: Neither the Wife nor the Husband needs maintenance.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant, dissolving the marriage between the parties to this action, and granting the following relief:

That the parties do not require maintenance and no claim will be made by either party for maintenance.

That the parties do not require payment of counsel and experts' fees and expenses.

That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem fit and proper.

The parties have divided up the marital property, and no claim will be made by either party under equitable distribution.

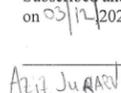
Dated: 03/12/2025


Lazizi Khamidov

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF Kings, ss.

I, Lazizi Khamidov, am the Plaintiff in the within action for a divorce. I have read the foregoing Complaint and know the contents thereof. The contents of the Complaint are true to my own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.


Lazizi Khamidov

Subscribed and sworn to before me
on 03/12/2025

Notary Public

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ing over masses for both joyful and somber occasions.
Cardinal Dolan has three God-given abilities that make him the best Cardinal New York has ever seen. He had unmatched energy and a desire to meet the faithful and encourage them, which led to his record attendance at many Westchester parishes.

Cardinal Dolan was one of the most personable leaders of the Catholic community we have seen. And that gregarious, happy, and jolly joy he brought into a room helped thousands of the Catholics he met carry on, give back, and serve God.

When he walked into a room, he reminded you of your old Irish-Catholic priest. Unassuming and warm, he had a gift for making everyone feel genuinely welcome, especially if you were a wandering Catholic.

Some of the comments from our community include:

“Cardinal Timothy Dolan’s 16 years as Archbishop of New York brought him into many homes, Christian and non-Christian alike, as the face of Catholicism in the Empire State. With his quick wit and common-sense approach, Cardinal Dolan was a natural New Yorker, one whose acquaintance I was honored to know through the years. We wish Cardinal Dolan grace and good health in his well-earned retirement after his many years of devoted spiritual leadership,” said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne.

“Wishing Timothy Cardinal Dolan a blessed and fulfilling retirement. Thank you for your many years of dedicated service, compassionate leadership, and unwavering commitment to the faithful. Your guidance and presence have made a lasting impact, and we extend our deepest gratitude as you begin this new chapter. We also warmly welcome Bishop Ronald Hicks as his successor and look forward to his leadership in the years ahead,” said Yonkers City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen.

“I wish this day hadn’t come. Today reminded me of a bittersweet morning on February 23, 2009, when Cardinal Egan introduced his successor, Archbishop-designate Timothy Dolan of Milwaukee. I had a wonderful relationship with Cardinal Egan and was very sad to see him retire. He hired me in 2006 to launch and run The Catholic Channel on Sirius-XM Satellite Radio, and we co-hosted a weekly radio show from St. Patrick’s Cathedral. After their introductory press conference, I had the honor of interviewing the Cardinal and the “new guy” from the Midwest, and quickly realized what a superstar he was going to be.

“Through the years, Cardinal Dolan has been a friend and the best boss I ever had (he hired me to run a grants-based program for a large healthcare foundation, and I reported directly to him). He was also a confidante to me on some thorny issues when I was county executive. A toast to you, Your Eminence, for being the good shepherd you have been. And a warm New York welcome to Archbishop-designate Ron Hicks,” said former Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino.

“Cardinal Dolan’s leadership has greatly impacted the Catholic faith in New York and throughout the country. While he will be missed as leader of the Archdiocese of New York, I am grateful to call him a friend and know that he will continue to be an influential voice in our community. I warmly welcome Bishop Hicks and look forward to sitting down with him as he takes on the responsibility of guiding the Archdiocese into its next chapter,” said Congressman Mike Lawler.

One NY Catholic wrote, “I will never forget what Cardinal Dolan said to me: ‘God made you in His likeness. He gave you a strong voice and a spine because He is going to use you to make a difference. The only ones who will have a problem with it are those who want to silence you.’ It may sound silly, but it was like getting a message directly from God.”

And Cardinal Dolan lived by the same advice he gave to others. Upon the death of Charlie Kirk, Dolan said, “This guy is a modern-day St. Paul. He was a missionary, he’s an evangelist, he’s a hero. He’s one, I think, who knew what Jesus meant when he said, ‘The truth will set you free. Many young people who drifted from God are now recognizing a void in their lives, something Kirk helped them identify.’”

That comment and many others drew criticism from some, including the Sisters of the Catholic faith who serve under Cardinal Dolan.

Dolan supported the police, the unborn, and the immigrant community—legal or illegal; to him, they were all God’s children. He came to Yonkers to open a Day Laborers Center for Latino workers.

His leadership required tough choices, such as closing Catholic parishes and churches in Westchester with low attendance.

One of his last acts was to decree that St. Mary’s Church in Yonkers be closed and merged with St. Dennis. Dolan also had the cloud of lawsuits against priests for sex abuse hanging over the Archdiocese. That decision has been met with disappointment from many parishioners in Yonkers, read our story at <https://yonkerstimes.com/cardinal-dolan-takes-a-final-shot-at-yonkers-and-its-hispanic-community/>

Despite challenges, he continued to serve, recently attending the 75th anniversary of St. Columbanus Parish in Cortlandt Manor and the 100th anniversary of St. Casimir’s in Yonkers.

Dolan would visit the Westchester County jail and meet with prisoners whenever he could. And he loved his Irish roots and led the St. Patrick’s day parades in White Plains and Yonkers.

Journalist and editor Matt Richter, who has returned to LoHud.com after a stint with Fox News Digital, wrote, “As the archbishop of the nation’s largest archdiocese, Dolan represented us on the national and even international stage. It has been widely reported that he was something of a kingmaker at the conclave to elect Pope Leo XIV, whipping votes for the would-be pontiff in discussions before the conclave commenced. Leo was elected in the conclave in less than 24 hours.

“As a good and faithful servant to his ministry and to so many New York Catholics, we owe a debt to his eminence for making tough decisions, for leading with love and compassion, and for connecting even lapsed members of his flock, like me, to their Catholic faith.”

Everyone wanted “just a minute” with Cardinal Dolan at every event. He obliged, often talking with guests for hours after each had ended. Dolan said he will continue to work in some capacity and that he is a New Yorker and will stay here. Some questioned why Pope Leo had accepted his resignation or whether there was any controversy surrounding it.

It was time to say goodbye. Cardinal Timothy Dolan devoted himself entirely to serving Jesus. We are grateful for his 16 years leading us.

With the support of his family, Zachary launched a Spotfund.com campaign called "Teddy Bears for All." His mother, Jenn, and stepfather, Brian Langeraard, helped turn his birthday wish into action, amplifying the effort through family connections and philanthropic support. When Jenn and Brian happened to meet Pastor Kimberli Lile, Director of Spiritual Care at Wartburg, at a local restaurant in their hometown of Port Washington, NY, conversation turned to family-and to Zachary's dream of sharing teddy bears with elders.

"Come up to Wartburg in Westchester," Pastor Lile suggested. And just like that, the seeds of something special were planted.

Working collaboratively, Wartburg's Advancement, Recreational Therapy, and Spiritual Care teams designed a joyful afternoon that would allow Zachary and his family to personally deliver teddy bears across campus. The bears were supplied by the "Ms. Teddy Bear" company. On Friday, December 12, Zachary, his mom Jenn, stepdad Brian, and brother Nate arrived at Wartburg, where The Beary Merry Holiday officially began.

The tour visited four communities in one afternoon:

Wartburg's Adult Day Services, Meadowview Assisted Living where Wartburg independent residents joined in, the Skilled Nursing Center, and the Berkemeier Living Center, Wartburg's memory care residence.

At each stop, teddy bears were greeted with laughter, smiles, and heartfelt embraces, clear signs that joy was indeed on the move. In all 285 bears were distributed.

"Zachary reminded all of us that compassion has no age limit," said Pastor Kimberli Lile, Director of Spiritual Care. "His generosity created moments of connection that transcended generations and brought pure joy into the lives of our residents and patients. This was ministry in a most beautiful form."

Wartburg CEO Dr. David Gentner echoed that sentiment. "What Zachary and his family gave us was far more than teddy bears," Gentner said. "They gave our organization a reminder of the power of intention, and human connection. I'm so impressed with Zachary, and I sincerely hope we can repay his kindness someday soon"

As teddy bears found new homes in residents' arms and rooms, the day became a living example of Wartburg's mission to foster connection, dignity, and joy at every stage of aging.



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

Mortgaged Premises:

421 MOUNT HOLLY ROAD, KATONAH, NY 10536

Section: 0014, Block: 10533, Lot: 041

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff,
vs.

LAURA LAUDON, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ELLEN MARSHALL A/K/A ELLEN F. MARSHALL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF ELLEN MARSHALL A/K/A ELLEN F. MARSHALL, 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; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the 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 \$435,000.00 and interest, recorded on August 01, 2005, in Control Number 452030784, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 421 MOUNT HOLLY ROAD, KATONAH, NY 10536.

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

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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: November 24th, 2025

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The Medical Aid in Dying Act allows terminally ill adults to request a prescription for medication they can choose to self-ingest to die gently in their sleep. New York will join twelve other states and Washington, D.C., including nearby New Jersey, Vermont, and Maine, in offering this end-of-life option.

The Medical Aid in Dying Act includes rigorous safeguards to ensure that the law is used appropriately and responsibly. Only mentally capable adults who have a prognosis of six months or less to live are eligible to use it, as verified by two independent physicians. The patient must also have a mental health evaluation to determine that they have decision making capacity. Patients must make a verbal request for medical aid in dying, as well as submit a written request which is witnessed by two individuals, neither of whom can be a relative, heir, or affiliated with an owner, operator, or employee of the health care facility where the patient is receiving care. The witnesses must also have no financial interest in the patient's estate. Patients must also record an audio or video request. Patients must be capable of self-administering the medication, ensuring that the final act is a voluntary and deliberate choice. Additionally, physicians are required to inform patients of all available end-of-life care options, including hospice and palliative care. These safeguards, modeled after those in place for decades in other jurisdictions, have proven overwhelmingly effective.

"This issue has always been deeply personal for me," said Paulin. "My sister died a horrific death from ovarian cancer, and in her final days she was in pain so overwhelming that she begged for death. Her experience is, tragically, the story of so many others. Most people will never choose medical aid in dying, but they want the reassurance of having it as a compassionate safeguard that offers comfort even if it is never used."

"Today marks a major milestone in the fight for Medical Aid in Dying in New York," said Mandi Zucker, Executive Director of End of Life Choices New York. "Governor Kathy Hochul is now giving terminally ill New Yorkers the option to end their lives with peace, dignity, and grace. This achievement would not have been possible without the leadership of Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal, Assemblymember Amy Paulin, and the tireless efforts of our staff, board, volunteers, and advocates. While this is a moment to celebrate, the work continues. We must now ensure robust education and collaboration so this law is implemented effectively and equitably for all New Yorkers in the months and years ahead."

"I want to thank the extraordinary advocates who have spent a decade working tirelessly by my side to make this day possible," Paulin added. "Their perseverance never wavered. I am also deeply grateful to my Senate co-sponsor, Brad Hoylman-Sigal, for his partnership throughout this long journey. With this law, New York will become the twelfth state, plus Washington DC, to embrace compassion at the end of life. This milestone will bring comfort to so many across our state."

Opponents to the bill included the pro-life community. NYGOP Chair Ed Cox said, "Governor Hochul's decision to sign the assisted suicide bill is a profound moral failure. At a moment when New Yorkers are struggling with isolation and mental health crises, she is choosing to tell the most vulnerable among us that their lives are expendable.

"This is not compassion, it's abandonment. True leadership defends life, dignity and hope, even when it's hard. New Yorkers have a clear moral alternative."

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 69477/2025
Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER
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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS
FARGO HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 2006-1 TRUST,
HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1
Plaintiff,

Mortgaged Premises:
7 JAMES STREET, VERPLANCK, NY 10596
Section: 43.18, Block: 5, Lot: 11

vs.

LUIS COLUCCIO if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in 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; BEATRIZ COLUCCIO if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in 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; BUCHANAN VILLAGE COURT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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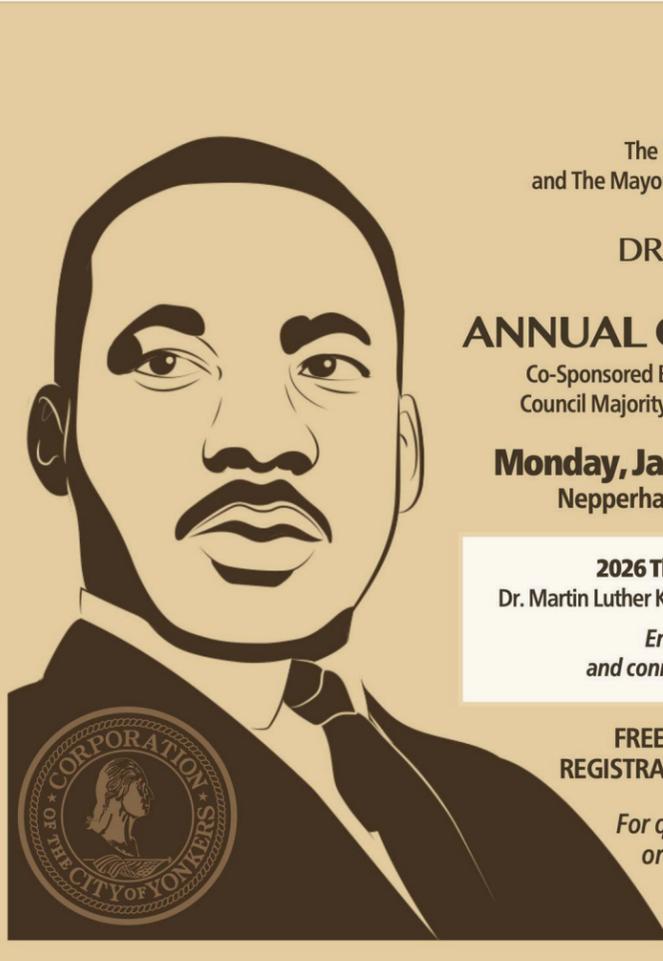
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Dated: December 10th, 2025

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kindness & compassion, continued from pg 3-

In the year ahead, consider letting your compassion be wide enough to embrace the many hearts of those whose experiences and struggles might be unfamiliar to you: the shut-ins, the sick, the single parent, the immigrant, the widow or widower, the homesick college student, the veteran, the first responder. Consider carving out a little time to make a phone call, send a handwritten letter, or a little thoughtful item to someone in your community. If you're an extrovert, invite someone out for a cup of coffee or take an overlooked friend to lunch.

Even the simplest act can make a meaningful impact. For example, if you see an acquaintance at the grocery store, say hello and genuinely inquire about how that person is doing. Smile and greet the stranger you pass on the street. When you see something beautiful in someone, tell them. While it only takes a moment, the impact could last a lifetime. Who knows? It might even save a life.

In a 2012 Commencement Address at Syracuse College, screenwriter and playwright Aaron Sorkin said, "Don't ever forget that you're a citizen of this world, and there are things you can do to lift the human spirit – things that are easy, things that are free, things that you can do every day: Civility, respect, kindness, character."

Indeed, all that really matters is how we treat each other. When the year ahead draws to a close, don't measure it by how much weight you lost or how many books you read. Measure it by the hearts you've touched, the smiles you created, and the love you shared. Kindness is a resolution worth keeping.

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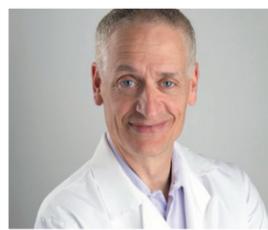
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