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NY Mobile Sports Betting Apps Up and Running You Can Now Legally Place Your Super Bowl Bet



By Dan Murphy

On Nov. 8, the New York State Gaming Commission approved sports betting licenses to nine applicants, including BetMGM, whose parent company is MGM Resorts International, the owner of MGM-Empire Casino, located in Yonkers.

On Jan. 8, the NYS Gaming Commission approved the licenses to begin to operate, and 1.2 million new accounts to bet on sports were created in New York State. BetMGM was approved on Jan. 17. In addition to BetMGM, the other licenses went to DraftKings, Caesars, Rush Street Interactive (BetRivers), FanDuel, WynnBET, PointsBet, Bally Bet, and Resorts World, who now make up the options for sports betters now in NY.

So far the response to the interest and betting activity for the NFL playoffs in New York State has been impressive. Last year, mobile sports betting was legal in New Jersey and estimates have 25% of New Jersey's sports betting revenue coming from New Yorkers who cross over the Hudson River to place a sports bet. Now New York State will capture most of that revenue and tax it at 51%. And already, New York has surpassed New Jersey as the #1 state for mobile sports betting.

And the hometown mobile sports betting operator is BetMGM, who got the green light to turn on its mobile sports app on Jan. 17.

This arrival allows customers in the Empire State to download the mobile app and place wagers with BetMGM, an Official Sports Betting Partner of the Knicks, Rangers and Madison Square Garden Arena.

Adam Greenblatt, Chief Executive Officer, BetMGM: "This is a big moment for BetMGM. We have some incredible plans for our new customers in New York tied in with Empire City Casino and our friends at Madison Square Garden. New York is our 19th and largest market to date. 2022 is already turning out to be a great year for BetMGM, and there's much more to come."

New York first allowed sports betting in the state's four upstate casinos in 2019.

New York State Senator Joe Addabbo Jr., chair of the Committee on Racing, Gaming and Wagering, is a Democrat from Queens. He says the move is keeping revenue from migrating out of New York. "This past weekend, just it proves something: that New Yorkers were waiting to use a product in New York, because the volume was so great that I believe the Caesars app crashed," he said.

The state Gaming Commission approved four mobile apps to launch on the eve of the NFL playoffs: DraftKings Sportsbook, FanDuel, Caesars Sportsbook and BetRivers. MGM Resorts' Empire City Casino and Madison Square Garden launched its mobile app, BetMGM, Monday.

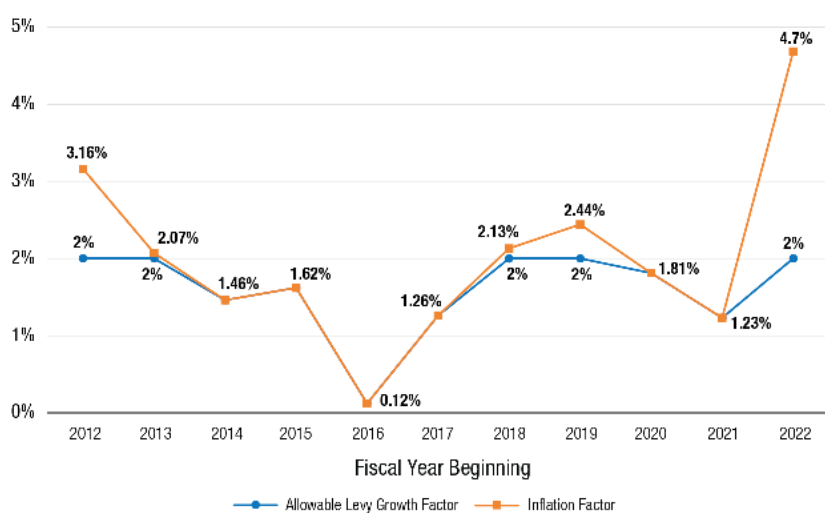
Four additional operators are still awaiting approval – BallyBet, Wynn Interactive, Resorts World Bet and PointsBet

NFL betting accounted for 49 percent of the bets in the first 24 hours after

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NYS Comptroller DiNapoli: School District Tax Levy Cap at 2%

Allowable Levy Growth & Inflation Factors
July 1 - June 30 Fiscal Year



Note: Allowable levy growth factor is expressed as a percentage.

For the first time since 2019, property tax levy growth for school districts will be capped at 2%, up from 1.23% last year, according to data released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

The tax cap, which first applied to local governments and school districts in 2012, limits annual tax levy increases to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 2%. School districts may override the cap with 60% voter approval of their budget. DiNapoli's office calculated the inflation factor at 4.7% for those with a June 30, 2023 fiscal year end.

"School district and municipal officials must remain fiscally cautious to stay under the cap as they prepare their budgets," DiNapoli said. "Even with significant funding from the state and federal governments, school and local communities are faced with the rapid increase in inflation, pandemic surge, and trying to retain and recruit employees."

The 2% levy limit affects the tax cap calculations for 676 school districts and 10 cities with fiscal years starting July 1, 2022, including the "Big Four" cities of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers.

Eviction Moratorium Lifted; Tenants Rights Groups Fear Thousands of Tenants in Jeopardy

By Dan Murphy

New York State's moratorium on evictions has ended effective January 15. New York and New Mexico were the only two remaining states to have their eviction moratoriums still in place. The moratorium, which barred landlords from filing new eviction notices in local courthouse for almost two years, means that as of January 18, (courthouses were closed on Jan. 17 for MLK Jr. Day) landlords can now file eviction notices for tenants who have fallen behind on their rents.

The eviction ban was first enacted in March of 2020 at the beginning of the COVID pandemic by then Governor Andrew Cuomo. The moratorium required tenants to fill out a hardship declaration, which prevented any legal action from being taken against them in court. But with the moratorium lifted, if a landlord files a notice of eviction, tenants will now have to appear in their local housing court, usually a part of a town, village or city court, to answer the claims of back rent owed.

Because it has been 22 months since the last notice of eviction has been filed in any courthouse in New York State, nobody knows whether a flood of eviction notices will be filed this week.

Dennis Hanratty, President of the Mount Vernon United Tenants Association, said we are in uncharted territory. "Nobody knows what is going to happen, but I'm scared to death that we are going to see thousands of eviction notices filed by landlords who have been waiting for the moratorium to expire."

In Mt. Vernon we usually have 5-15 eviction cases in City Court. Will there now be hundreds of cases filed? I'm not sure the courts will be able to handle it and in bigger courthouses like Yonkers, there may be thousands of eviction notices filed. There is a big backlog and the landlords have them stacked up and ready to go. I know we are going to be busy, along with the Department of Social Services and Legal Service of the Hudson Valley."

Hanratty said that one way tenants can get relief is through the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, ERAP. The Federal program was used during COVID to help pay landlords for tenants who couldn't pay their rent. Under Governor Kathy Hochul New York State paid out \$2 Billion in ERAP funds, exhausting the funding.

NY State has requested additional ERAP funding from a leftover \$1 Billion in unused ERAP funds from other states. So far NY has only received \$29 Million in additional ERAP funds, and NY reopened its ERAP portal on Jan. 11 but the demand for rental relief far exceeds the federal funding available.

Hanratty is hoping that states with a large number of rental apartments like

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Truck Driver Shortage Continues, but DMV has No Place in Westchester for CDL Tests for 3 Years



By Dan Murphy

In the summer of 2018, Yonkers Rising wrote a story about how the last location in Yonkers, and in Westchester County to take a NYS DMV road test for a CDL license for a tractor trailer driver (18-wheeler) had closed. For years, the Cross County Shopping Center parking lot in Yonkers was used by the DMV to test for tractor trailer drivers, and while road tests for regular cars and drivers are still given at that location on Vrendenburgh Avenue, the owners of Cross County didn't want the big trucks using their parking lot.

Now, three and a half years later, and two years into the COVID pandemic, a supply chain shortage has gripped the country. Most of the supply chain backlog coverage has been on the west coast and the port of Los Angeles, where many goods come from China and Southeast Asia.

But the port of New York City has also experienced the same problem getting goods out on the road and into supermarkets, resulting in shortages. A lack of truck drivers to deliver goods has been a big reason for the backlog, with many older truck drivers retiring or not working during COVID. Some estimates have a shortage of 80,000 truck drivers on the East Coast.

Since the 2018 closure, DMV has opened a Tarrytown location for driver's

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Latimer Applauds Westchester Regeneron Science Scholars

HHS Seniors Named Regeneron Scholars



Kate Pflieger, Mai Blaustein, Keelan Vaswani, Harrison High School

25 Westchester Students Among 300 Selected

Westchester County Executive George Latimer extends his congratulations to 25 students in Westchester County who are among 300 scholars in the 2022 Regeneron Science Talent Search.

Latimer said: “This prestigious competition gives our nation’s students a chance to present original work and be celebrated for their discoveries and research. We know Westchester County has bright and talented young scientists, who have each generated some amazing projects. We look forward to seeing what these young students will offer as future leaders in their field.”

Research projects range in topics from tracking countries’ progress on Sustainable Development Goals to the impact of states’ individual COVID-19 responses, and improving the tools used to diagnose Alzheimer’s to analyzing the effects of virtual learning on education.

On January 20, 40 of the 300 scholars will be named Regeneron Science Talent Search finalists. The finalists will then compete for more than \$1.8 million in awards during a week-long competition taking place March 10-16.

Student scholars selected for this year’s competition are:

- Derek Araki-Kurdyla Byram Hills High School
- Sydney Levy Byram Hills High School
- Emily Pizzorusso Byram Hills High School
- Edith Bachmann Byram Hills High School
- Riley Keating Eastchester High School
- Ava Tsapatsaris Eastchester High School
- Nishi Uppuluri Edgemont High School
- Keelan Vaswani Harrison High School
- Katherine Pflieger Harrison High School
- Mai Blaustein Harrison High School
- Oliver Walsh Fuchs Hastings High School
- Anika Puri Horace Greeley High School
- Brooke Dunefsky Irvington High School
- Jerry Orans Mamaroneck High School
- Mark Takken North Salem High School
- Nyasha Nyoni Ossining High School
- Aaron Song Ossining High School
- Natalie Calman Ossining High School
- Rose Cioffi Ossining High School
- Cameron Takmil Ossining High School
- Andrew Kelly Pelham Memorial High School
- Ann Liu Pelham Memorial High School
- Maggie Graseck Rye High School
- Armaan Ahmed Scarsdale High School
- Emily Dodd Somers High School

Six School Districts in Majority Leader’s Stewart Cousins’ Senate District awarded Pre-K Funds



Yonkers School District awarded a \$900,000 competitive grant to expand Universal Pre-K. 5 other school districts will receive first time state

The Yonkers School District was awarded a \$900,000 competitive grant from the New York State Education Department to expand its existing Pre-Kindergarten program and five other school districts in State Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins’ District will get state funding for Pre-K programs for the very first time. The districts are Ardsley (\$280,800), Dobbs Ferry (\$221,400), Edgemont (\$216,000), Elmsford (\$156,600) and Hastings-on-Hudson (\$172,800).

Senator Stewart-Cousins has championed a commitment to have Pre-K state-wide within the next three years. Last year, she led the successful fight to secure a historic \$105 million for Universal Pre-Kindergarten across the state. This is the largest commitment in Pre-K funding ever. Under the leadership of Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, the legislature will continue to fight for universal Pre-K until all four-year-olds have access.

“As a former teacher and a lifelong advocate for education, I believe we must commit the financial resources to provide our pre-kindergarten children with every opportunity to learn.” said State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. “This Universal Pre-K funding will enable these school districts to expand and, in some cases, start early learning for these children. I want every child in the state to have this advantage.”

“This grant to expand full-day universal pre-kindergarten programs championed by Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins demonstrates her strong commitment to provide equity and access to quality education,” noted Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Edwin M. Quezada. “Exemplary early childhood education is foundational for the academic and social emotional growth for students, in particular underserved children. We have the data that proves this in Yonkers because of our decades providing pre-kindergarten opportunities. Early learning builds the skills students need to thrive in school and life.”

Of the funds allocated for Universal Pre-Kindergarten, \$90 million were dedicated to establishing new programs in school districts that do not offer state-funded Universal Pre-K programs. An additional \$15 million was dedicated to expanding existing programs through competitive grants. Yonkers was one of 31 school districts to receive the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Grant.

Ardsley Curling Club Hosts Open House



If you missed out on our previous Open House sessions, don’t worry! We’ve got a number of new February dates!

- 2/12 (Saturday) - 12 noon to 4:30 PM
- 2/12 (Saturday) - 8 PM for Curling & Cocktails
- 2/13 (Sunday) - 3 to 5:15 PM
- 2/19 (Saturday) - 12 noon to 3 PM
- 2/20 (Sunday) - 3 to 5:15 PM

For the Curling & Cocktails event, it’ll be an on-ice session followed by broomstacking, which is the curling term for socializing.

More information and booking details can be found below.

<https://ardsleycurling.com/index.../learn-to-curl/open-house>

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On Jan. 18, the American people can now order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests will be completely free—there are no shipping costs and you don’t need to enter a credit card number. The new US government website went live a day early.

While COVIDTests.gov was expected to start accepting orders on Wednesday, an “Order free at-home tests” button was added Tuesday, which brings users to [Usps.com/covidtests](https://usps.com/covidtests) to order four at-home free tests.

The tests are part of the Biden administration’s purchase of 500 million tests last month to help tackle a record surge in infections. Orders are expected to ship in 7 to 12 days. The 2020 Census reported 126.8 million U.S. households, so if 100 million households each order 4 tests, they will be sold out of the first batch. On Jan. 13, Biden announced he would double the federal government’s order to 1 billion tests.

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Reginald LaFayette, Long Serving Westchester Democratic Leader, Dies at Age 69



Reginald LaFayette

By Dan Murphy

On Jan. 15, Reginald LaFayette, the long-serving former Chairman of the Westchester County Democratic Committee, passed away at the age of 69, due to an accident in his home where he fell in his home. LaFayette served as the Chair of the Mount Vernon Democratic Party for decades before taking control of the Westchester Democratic party in 2004. He stepped down in 2020, but during his leadership democrats in Westchester became not only the majority party but the supermajority party in most parts of the county.

“Today, the entire County of Westchester mourns the death of Reginald A. LaFayette,” said County Executive George Latimer. “Reggie had a long and distinguished career as a public servant. He was politically brilliant, and it is without doubt that no person did more to bring diversity to City and County government than Reggie. He was insightful and tempered; he was my friend for nearly 50 years starting when we were both young men in Mt. Vernon – where we both first became active in the community. We shared meals, advice and even coached a little league team together. Today, the news of his passing seems surreal; tomorrow we go forward and we carry on and remember his legacy of working for voting rights, diversity and equal opportunity for all in government. I grieve with his children, his many friends and colleagues.”

LaFayette, a Mount Vernon resident, started his career in Mount Vernon City Hall, serving as a Deputy Comptroller and City Clerk, and serving in the Mount Vernon Democratic Committee under former Chair David Ford. LaFayette has served as a Mount Vernon Democratic district leader since 1972, nearly 50 years in Westchester democratic politics.

Since stepping down as county leader in 2020, LaFayette remained active, sharing his half century of political advice with democrats, including a breakfast only a day before his passing with Congressman Jamaal Bowman. “Just yesterday I had Breakfast with Mr. Lafayette in Mount Vernon where he imparted his decades of wisdom and experience. This meal is one that I will forever cherish. Our conversation left me inspired and grateful for the forty years he proudly served our community; building democratic power and diversifying leadership.

As chair of the Westchester and Mount Vernon Democratic parties he paved the way for so many like myself making opportunities for women and people of color. Reggie fought for voting rights—something that remains as critical as ever. We will miss him greatly. I express my condolences to his loved ones, friends and our community. May Chairman Reggie Lafayette Rest-In-Peace. His memory and legacy will not be forgotten, said Rep. Bowman.

When LaFayette took control of the Westchester democratic committee in 2004, democrats were slowly becoming the majority party in Westchester, but the future was still in doubt. 2007 was a turning point for democrats in Westchester under LaFayette when District Attorney Janet DiFiore and Assemblyman Mike Spano switched parties and became democrats.

Since then, democrats have won 14 of the last 16 countywide races, including all three in 2017. “Reggie was a mentor to many and a man of principle. I learned so much from him. He will be missed” says Suzanne Berger, the current Chair of the Westchester County Democratic Committee.

“I am in utter shock...” says County Legislator (D-11) and Chair of the Black Democrats of Westchester County Terry Clements. “Reggie was not only a friend, but a powerful figure in Westchester. Reggie was tough, hard-working, dedicated and passionate and I am going to miss my friend deeply”

“The sudden passing of Reggie Lafayette is a tremendous loss to all people around the state of New York. Reggie’s public service was exemplary as well as his dedication to ensuring that people of color and women were elected at every level of government” says Ken Jenkins, Westchester’s Deputy County Executive.

This reporter first met LaFayette in 1995, when I was a district leader in Mount Vernon, working with a group called Democrats for a Better Mount Vernon. LaFayette was the vice-chair of the powerful Mount Vernon Democratic Party, under another legendary democratic political figure in Westchester, David Ford.

LaFayette’s passing is perhaps the last we will see of the old political power brokers in Westchester politics. But the outpouring of well wishes for him shows that he will not soon be forgotten.

Security Training to Attend Synagogue or Church?



By Eric W. Schoen

What is going on in this world? Another hostage taking at a Jewish Synagogue? A Rabbi felt sorry for a man on a chilly day in Colleyville, Texas. He let the man in to get warm. He made him a cup of tea. Next thing you know the Rabbi and several congregants are taken hostage. Thankfully the situation came to a safe conclusion.

Remember the good old days when churches and synagogues would leave their doors open, sometimes 24 hours a day. This sadly is not the case anymore. But there are still plenty of churches and synagogues and other religious institutions that despite the actions of a few open their doors serving meals to those in need and providing food for the hungry and shelter for those without a roof over their heads. We care about our fellow men and woman.

Colleyville, Texas. I had never heard of it before. My sister did. She knows a family who moved there a number of years ago. My Rabbi did. He served as a Student Rabbi in Colleyville flying from Cincinnati (where he was studying) to Texas every other Friday for 2 years for 48 hours leading Shabbat services, training B’nai Mitzvah students, teaching Adult Ed, and reflect with students preparing for conversion.

I’m always amazed when situations like this occur and there is some local connection. But that’s not the point of this article. The question I raise with you is do we all need security training to go about our lives in 2022? These hostage situations happen in schools, supermarkets, malls, post office facilities, grocery stores basically practically everywhere we go on a daily basis. Sadly way too often.

It used to be everyone had their Red Cross CPR and First Aid training certificates. Though my certificate has expired, if I know I am going to be in a place with a lot of people I brush up on the latest CPR techniques god forbid I have the need to use them. Do we have to add security training and active shooter training to the list of what we must know?

I remember going on a plane right after September 11. I saw a man come on the plane with a guitar that he stored in the overhead bin. I looked to see where it was in case god forbid hijackers attempted to take control of the plane. My thought was I would open the bin and smack the hijacker on the head with it knocking him or her out. I’m no Superman, but when you get in these terrible situations you have to think fast.

Federal agencies are still checking how the hostage taker got into this country. The British man who took the four people hostage before being killed was known to British intelligence services, according to a U.S. official and British news media reports. He had been on the watch list of Britain’s MI5 security service as a “subject of interest” in 2020, according to an American official briefed on the matter, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is continuing.

But by the time he flew to the United States, he had been deemed to no longer be a risk, the BBC reported Tuesday. The Guardian, citing government sources, reported that it was a midlevel investigation in the second half of 2020.

We have always welcomed those from other countries to our great land. The question is can we continue to do this particularly with people who are ‘subjects of interest’ or on ‘watch lists’?

Even if we gave sophisticated security training to every American, sadly what happened in Colleyville is not going to stop. We have great resources on the internet regarding security training and many available from federal, state and local authorities. Don’t get yourself crazy but you might want to check them out.

And please pray for the people of Colleyville, Texas that they will heal from this sad episode. And pray, yes pray as we so often do that nothing like this ever happens again.

HOT TOPICS

Former New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio is not running for Governor. Hallelujah!

Current New York City Mayor Eric Adams does not feel safe on the New York City Subways. And you and I are supposed to?

I have received some emails that some of the 10 minute parking time buttons on Yonkers Parking Authority (YPA) street parking meters have been removed. We can not let this happen. Businesses cannot let this happen. The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce can not let this happen. I have contacted the

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Woman Sentenced to 15 Years for Att, Murder of Man She Married to Obtain Citizenship



Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that Olivia Raimo was sentenced for using a straight razor to slit the wrist of a New Rochelle senior she married to illegally obtain U.S. citizenship.

Raimo, 30, was sentenced on January 13, 2022, to 15 years in state prison, with five years of post-release supervision on her plea of guilty to Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, a felony.

On January 24, 2020, while in the victim's New Rochelle home, Raimo pushed the 74-year-old victim, wedging him between the toilet seat and a wall, and then slit his wrist with a straight razor. Upon arriving at the victim's home, his home health aide, who was refused entry by Raimo, called the New Rochelle Police Department. The Police entered the home after they heard the victim screaming from the bathroom.

The victim was transported to Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx, where he underwent two surgeries to reattach the tendons in his arm. The attack resulted in the victim losing all function in his hand.

Raimo and the victim married in 2017. The incident happened after Raimo, who was not a citizen of the United States, and the victim met with an attorney to prepare for an interview with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services to demonstrate their marriage was legitimate. During the meeting, they were informed that they would have a hard time passing their marriage interview.

New Rochelle Police arrested Raimo on February 11, 2020, following an investigation.

The case was before Judge Barry Warhit in Westchester County Court, and was prosecuted by Special Prosecutions Division Assistant District Attorney Charlotte Gudis.

White Plains Man Sentenced to 10 Years for Sexually Motivated Home Invasion

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced the sentencing of a White Plains man who exposed himself to a woman and demanded she perform a sexual act on him after violently forcing himself into her White Plains residence.

Derrick Toone, 35, was sentenced on January 13, 2022, to 10 years in state prison, with 10 years of post-release supervision on his pleas of guilty to Burglary in the First Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony and Attempted Criminal Sexual Act in the First Degree, a felony. Upon his release from prison, Toone, a second violent felony offender, will be required to register as a sex offender.

In a victim impact statement submitted to the court, the victim said: "You are evil and a danger to women, you are a true sexual predator.... Today, I'm not standing here just for myself. I'm standing here for all the women that don't or can't, because of fear."

On March 10, 2021, at approximately 1 p.m., the victim was entering her apartment when Toone, who was unknown to the victim, approached her from behind, placed her into a chokehold and pushed her into her home. Once inside, Toone threatened to kill the victim, exposed himself by dropping his pants and demanded the victim perform oral sex on him. The victim escaped her apartment and called the White Plains Police Department. Toone fled the scene, but was arrested by White Plains Police later that day.

Virtual support groups in February for women with cancer

Support Connection, Inc. is a not-for profit organization that provides free, confidential support services for people affected by breast and ovarian cancer. They offer monthly support groups which focus on topics pertaining to living with breast and ovarian cancer through all stages of diagnosis, treatment and post-treatment.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, because in-person programs are not possible, the support groups have been transitioned to virtual platforms (ZOOM or toll-free teleconference.) Virtual groups are accessible to women from the comfort of their homes, regardless of where they live. All groups are open to new members as well as past participants. Advance registration is required: call 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

Please also note: Support Connection's Peer Counselors are available for individual counseling and assistance via phone and email. Call 800-532-4290, or submit an online request at supportconnection.org/contact-a-counselor.

The following virtual support groups are scheduled for February:
Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Groups:

Wed., Feb. 2 at 7 pm
Thurs., Feb. 3 at 10 am
Tues., Feb. 8 at 10 am
Wed. Feb. 16 at 7 pm
Tues., Feb. 22 at 7 pm
Wed., Feb. 23 at 7pm
Thurs., Feb. 24 at 7pm

Young Women's Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Group:
Thursday, Feb. 3 at 7 pm

Advanced Stage or Metastatic Breast Cancer Support Group:
Mon., Feb. 7 at 7 pm

Ovarian Cancer Support Group:
Wed., Feb. 9 at 7 pm

Advanced Stage or Metastatic Breast and Ovarian Cancer Support Group:
Fri., Feb. 18 at 12:30 pm

Breast Cancer Support Group:
Mon., Feb. 28 at 7pm

To learn more, to donate, or to view upcoming events, visit www.supportconnection.org. For toll-free cancer support, call 800-532-4290.

Stepinac Student Achieves Eagle Scout



Gavin Smith

Gavin Smith, a Stepinac High School student, achieved the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout for leading a team of volunteers to undertake a multi-faceted facilities enhancement project for the Putnam Humane Society (PHS) in Carmel.

He volunteered a total of 162 hours to complete three improvements at the community nonprofit shelter for dogs and cats. The first was painting 24 dog pens in a light blue color. Blue is a color which dogs can see and is known to be calming after a transit to the shelter which can be stressful.

The second was transforming an unused shed into a memorial for animals and donors who have passed away, a long-standing goal of PHS. The newly painted shed is the same blue color used in the pens and incorporates an alternating pattern of white flower and gray paw print river rocks.

The third assignment was creating an enclosed bulletin board constructed with recycled materials. It is hung on the fence by the shelter's entrance.

In an email to Stepinac, Veronica Smith, Gavin's mother, noted: "PHS was thrilled with the painting and after completion of the project wanted to hire Gavin to paint another 24 dog pens. Gavin declined payment and volunteered another 86 hours to complete the remaining painting."

Gavin will be formally honored for having attained scouting's highest rank at an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony in May.

For more information, visit www.Stepinac.org.

Evictions, continued from pg 1-

New York will get more of the leftover \$1 B in ERAP funds.

Governor Hochul has made \$100 million in state-funded rent supplements available for localities, committed \$125 million to households previously ineligible for ERAP based on income, authorized \$125 million to help landlords with tenants who have declined to participate in ERAP or vacated with arrears, signed an increase in rental voucher amounts into law, invested \$25 million for free legal services for tenants, and unveiled a sweeping, five-year, \$25 billion plan to address housing affordability in her State of the State address.

Estimates have 400,000 New Yorkers, and 200,000 in New York City, facing eviction. Those residents are being reminded of their rights, which include that they cannot be locked out of their buildings, they do not have to leave until the legal eviction process is completed. And they have a right to legal representation, regardless of immigration status. Some affordable housing groups are expecting a surge in homelessness across the state once the evictions are filed.

The New York State Association of Realtors supported the expiration of the moratorium. "We welcome the return to market-based conditions under New York's nation leading tenant protection laws. It is important to remember that the moratorium expiration does not impact other protections for tenants in New York, including the Tenant Safe Harbor Act, which shields tenants from non-payment evictions if they can exhibit COVID-19 related financial hardship. As we continue to work through housing challenges of all kinds related to the pandemic, we encourage New York's congressional delegation to provide additional funding to tenants and housing providers through New York's Emergency Rental Assistance Program."

On November 30, 2021, the Building and Realty Institute of Westchester and the Mid-Hudson Region (BRI) and several multifamily apartment landlords filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the extension of the New York State eviction moratorium that was signed into law on September 2, 2021.

Tenants rights groups had hoped that Gov. Hochul would extend the moratorium again.

Westchester County Government is offering the following information. If you are behind in paying your rent and received a demand for payment or an eviction notice, help is available.

Call 2-1-1 or visit 211.org

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley: (877) 574-8529

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Westchester County Department of Social Services: (914) 995-3333

County Executive George Latimer said, "if you get a letter don't sit on it, reach out for assistance. The state has assistance and other non profit groups can help, but you have to reach out. Tell them your situation and they will try to help."

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Congressman Jones Launches Black History Month Creative Competition



Rep. Mondaire Jones

Students grades 6 -12 in New York's 17th Congressional District should submit videos reenacting their favorite moment in Black history for a chance to win

Congressman Mondaire Jones recent launched his second annual Black History Month Creative Competition.. To commemorate this historic month, Jones encourages students throughout his district in grades 6 through 12 to submit videos reenacting their favorite moment in Black history by posting them to social media. Once all videos are submitted, the winners will be announced on Monday, February 28, 2022 where one winner from each grade will be chosen for an opportunity to meet with the Congressman.

"As Black History Month approaches, I'm thrilled to launch this creative competition for the second year in a row," said Congressman Mondaire Jones. "Last year, it was incredible to see the different moments in Black history that spoke to our students throughout Westchester and Rockland, and I can't wait to see what this year's competition brings. As we fight to advance racial justice, we need our young people leading the way for future generations. My political journey began as a student, and, through competitions like this one, I hope to encourage even more students to join me in this fight."

Guidelines to enter Rep. Jones' Black History Month Creative Competition:

Students must recreate and post on social media a moment in Black history that most resonates with them.

Students must use the hashtag #BHMwithCMJ on all social media platforms.

Students must submit their videos by Wednesday, February 23, 2022.

Students and/or parents or guardians must complete the release form here.

The winner of Jones' first annual Black History Month Creative Competition was Rosie Isiyel, a student at Highlands Middle School in White Plains. Her video can be found here.

<https://twitter.com/i/status/1366860484343967744>

Sports Betting App, continued from pg 1-

going live CEO Richard Schwartz with Rush Street Interactive, which owns the BetsRiver app, says New Yorkers have been waiting to place a bet easily and legally for a long time.

"I think there was some frustration from fans who would like to do it. And clearly you saw a lot of traffic visiting New Jersey, of people in New York instead of being able to bet from the convenience of their homes in New York," Schwartz said. "So, you had a lot of frustration to some rumors, some conjecture that 15 to 20 percent of the revenues generated from New Jersey were actually generated from New Yorkers. That now that New York is legal with mobile sports, we will reclaim much of those revenues. So, I think there's a lot of interest in this activity because it is highly regulated, highly safe, as actual level of engagement and fun for the user experience that people wanted it sooner than it arrived."

Elisa Richardson with BetMGM said many New Yorkers traveled to NJ to place their sports bets. "People driving over the bridge, you know, it definitely is happening. If you have a state like New York or close to other states, especially a state like New Jersey, where sports betting was first legalize - safe to say that people are going to cross over and bet."

Of the 1.2 million new accounts created, 9 out of 10 being new customers with no other betting account created until it became legal in NY. This level of interest in legal sports betting had Lindsay Slader, from GeoComply to say, "The data tell us that New Yorkers are dumping illegal sportsbooks for the new legal options, and operators are also excelling at attracting first-time bettors."

BetRivers sportsbook, owned by CEO Richard Schwartz, called the first few days of sports betting in New York, "explosive."

Letter to the Editor:

Mr. Murphy, I enjoy reading your paper, which I pick up at Acme in Yorktown every week. I live in Cortlandt Manor and was wondering if you planned on covering anything regarding town government and the recent retirement of Town Supervisor Linda Puglisi.

Your previous stories years ago praised her for keeping property tax increases at 0% for many years. Lately, there have been negative inferences about her leadership and its hard to know what to believe.

Please publish this request, because if you are unable to follow up on this, perhaps someone else can summarize and send to you.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2022

Carolyn Altobelli,
Cortlandt Manor

An Example of MHS's Original Civic Research and Action Program in Action



By Linnet Tse

At the January 11 Zoom meeting of the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit, four Mamaroneck High School (MHS) seniors presented their proposal to increase voter participation in the Village of Mamaroneck. Their project is an example of the work being done by students in MHS's Original Civic Research and Action (OCRA) Program, led by Social Studies teacher and program founder, Joe Liberti.

Introducing the four-year OCRA program, Liberti said that it is designed to "create civically-minded problem-solvers for life." By guiding the students as they "identify needs in their community and develop/implement community-based civic action projects with the assistance of local mentors/experts," Liberti hopes to equip students with the civic leadership skills and capacity to "make positive change in their community."

For students Daniel Marsh, Jackson Owen, Justin Solis, and Olivia Sundin, this project is the culmination of four years of work and has the potential to have a very positive impact on their community. The goal of their proposal is to increase voter participation in local elections.

The Issue: the Impact of Off-Cycle Elections on Voter Turnout/Composition

In the Village of Mamaroneck (VoM), Justin explained that elections are currently held annually each November on Election Day. The two-year terms for the village trustees and the mayor are staggered, resulting in an election being held every year.

Analyzing data for the last ten years, the students found that local elections in the Village of Mamaroneck faced low voter turnout, particularly in off-cycle election years. (An off-cycle election year is one that is not aligned with Federal or mid-term elections.) Jackson shared that their analysis indicated that the average turnout for on-cycle elections was 37% higher than off-cycle elections.

Daniel pointed out that based on the VoM data, off-cycle elections have the additional issue of skewing the composition of the population voting towards white voters. According to their analysis, in VoM precincts with higher Hispanic populations, the voter turnout in off-cycle elections is lower than in districts with a higher white population.

Proposal to Increase Voter Participation

To increase and broaden voter participation in local elections, the students developed a proposal that would align the timing of local elections with Federal elections, eliminating off-cycle elections altogether. Per their proposal, terms for trustees and the mayor would increase from the current two years to four years, with terms still being staggered. Justin noted that New York State Village Law allows a local Board of Trustees to make such changes by "permissive referendum."

Their proposal has precedent. They shared three recent examples of municipal elections being aligned with the Federal election, in Baltimore, Austin, and Phoenix. They found that in all three cases, the turnout for elections in on-cycle years was 3-4 times higher than in off-cycle years.

As for lengthening terms from two to four years, Olivia pointed out that per NYS law, all towns have four-year terms for board members. She quoted Town of Mamaroneck Trustee Abby Katz, who, speaking in favor of four-year terms, said "With a 4-year term you can advocate for projects and are there to steer them through to completion."

In addition to increasing voter turnout, their research also suggested that aligning the timing of local and Federal elections would have the additional benefit of reducing costs, both to administrating bodies and voters themselves.

County Executive George Latimer applauded their efforts, suggesting that this is an important issue that goes beyond the Village of Mamaroneck. However, the County Executive expressed the concern that local issues and candidates could be subsumed under the broader presidential/gubernatorial discussion if local elections were always held at the same time as Federal/larger elections. He suggested that the students look into this potential issue further.

Next Steps

In terms of next steps, the students are working towards getting their proposal included as a referendum on the Village of Mamaroneck's November 2022 ballot. Key will be securing the support of the current Village of Mamaroneck trustees. In 2021, they met with each Village Trustee to review their findings and discuss their proposal, but ran out of time to get it on the 2021 ballot. They will be renewing those efforts shortly.

Asked how the community could be helpful, the students suggested that residents contact the VoM mayor and trustees to voice support for putting their initiative on the ballot in November. They are working hard to educate the community about their research and recommendations.

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. The next Zoom program, co-hosted by the Local Summit and LMC Media will be Tuesday, February 8 at 8:00 a.m. when NYS Assemblyman Steve Otis, NYS Senator Shelley Mayer, and Westchester County Legislator Catherine Parker will report on the local impact of state and county legislation. Visit the Local Summit online: <https://www.localsummitlm.org/> LMC Media: <https://lmcmedia.org/>.

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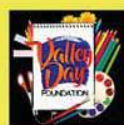
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Notice of formation of Gelpdawg Media LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the New York Department of State on 12/01/2021. Office location: Westchester County. The New York Secretary of State is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served upon him or her to the company c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Principal business address: 428 Marlborough Rd., Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful acts.

Notice of formation of Thomas Family Taste LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/20/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as the agent of the LCC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 268 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS
PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO 2021/2022 CAPITAL BUDGET

I, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, City Council President of the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the 2021/2022 Capital Budget of the City of Yonkers as follows:

Tuesday, January 25, 2022
City Council Chambers
City Hall
40 South Broadway – 4th Floor
Yonkers, New York

7:00 p.m.

The proposed amendment to the Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, increasing the estimated total authorization set forth in said Capital Budget by approximately Six Million Eight Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand (\$6,849,000) Dollars, from One Hundred-Six Million Seven Hundred Sixty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen (\$106,768,513) Dollars to approximately One Hundred Thirteen Million Six Hundred Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen (\$113,617,513) Dollars to fund capital projects in and for the City of Yonkers.

Anyone wishing to speak may sign up on the night of the hearing at the hearing site. Each speaker shall be permitted three minutes and speakers shall be called in the order in which they have signed up.

LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

January 18, 2022

There's always something happening on WVOX!

Westchester Power and Community Choice Aggregation

By Ron Matten

This last weekend many Yonkersites received a notice that their energy service provider (ESCO) would be changed unless they choose to opt-out. This notice was sent to residents with Con Edison Accounts who have not entered into a contract with an ESCO and are being supplied utility commodities by Con Edison. If you are a Con Edison customer and you don't remember receiving the notice, you probably threw it away. It looked like junk mail.

Your utility bill is divided into two parts. You are billed for the actual utility commodity, electricity and/or natural gas, and the transmission of said commodity. The transmission or distribution includes the use and maintenance of the transformers, wires, piping and other infrastructure that Con Edison uses to deliver the commodity. In New York State, consumers can choose their energy provider. In our area, Con Edison manages the distribution infrastructure, which is often more costly than the commodity. If you did not enter into an agreement with an ESCO or third-party provider, Con Edison is your default provider.

The City of Yonkers has contracted with Westchester Power to be the ESCO for residents that currently have Con Edison as their default provider. In order to avoid having your utility provider switched, you must actively opt-out before February 9, 2022. If you do not actively opt-out, you will be automatically signed up. Current Westchester Power rates are higher than Con Edison's variable rate.

You may ask, how can the City of Yonkers change my utility provider without asking me? The New York State Public Service Commission established the Community Choice Aggregation Program on April 21, 2016. The program allows municipalities to negotiate and procure "green" energy for their residents. A bill sponsored by the City of Yonkers Mayor's Office of Sustainability was presented at the March 9, 2021, City Council meeting. The bill allowed the City of Yonkers to procure energy for all residents who were customers of the default provider, Con Edison. The bill also listed an opt-out provision, not an opt-in provision. The Yonkers City Council passed the bill by a vote of five (5) to two (2), with Anthony Merante and Mike Breen voting against the legislation. The law is now part of the Yonkers City Code.

Years before Yonkers joined Community Choice Aggregation, Greenburgh enrolled in the program. Residents of Greenburgh have been complaining about the higher rates and the inability to opt out, once enrolled. In December, Westchester Power's Renewable Fixed rate was 33% higher than the average Con Edison standard rate. This figure is based on Greenburgh's published rates.

The New York State Public Service Commission requires that municipalities joining the CCA provide education and information sessions to potential CCA members for no less than a two-month period.

Yonkers has met this criterion, but the city has done a poor job in promoting the sessions. This is evidenced by the large number of residents treating the opt-out mailer as junk mail. While the opt-out mailer and letter displayed the city seal, it came from a Houston, Texas address. It did not appear to be an official mailer from the City of Yonkers. The City Council and Mayor should delay the enrollment until a new mailer with more appropriate marking can reach Yonkersites.

Presently, if you do not want Westchester Power to be your ESCO, you must opt-out by February 9th 2022. The advantage of being in the program is using energy from renewable sources.

The disadvantage is that you will generally pay more for renewable energy. The choice is yours.

Notice of Formation of Jovanna Realty LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 5/14/2021.

Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jovanna Realty LLC, 100 Riverdale Ave., Apt. 8C., Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Aiyana's Creations LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/20/2021. Office: Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents Inc., 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY, 11228 designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. US Corporation Agents Inc shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 127 Ramsey Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Saturday, January 29, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 Sunday, January 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
 Saturday, February 12, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 Sunday, February 13, 12:00-2:00 p.m.
 Saturday, February 26, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 Sunday, February 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

DMV CDL Lack of test site , continued from pg 1-

tests, but only for bus drivers and small trucks and cars, not for the tractor trailers that transport our goods across the county.

While its difficult to find people willing to become a tractor trailer driver, some believe that the third largest City in New York State should have a location to help those who want to work a good paying job.

“If we had a location in Yonkers, there would be 50 people taking the test,” said one business in the lower Westchester area that trains truck drivers. “Right now, the closest location is in Wappingers Falls, and the earliest date to get a test date is in April. A lot of people can’t get up to Dutchess County to take the test and we would have to drive the truck up there to have them take the test. It becomes difficult to impossible to get it done. The third largest City in New York should have a location to take a CDL test, especially during COVID.”

Possible locations in Yonkers include a city owned parking lot on Central Avenue by the Will Library and ball fields, a part of the MGM Casino at Yonkers Raceway parking lot, and part of the unused part of the Burger King parking lot on Central Avenue.

“One of the owners of these properties needs to step up. They need to understand that they are helping the residents of Yonkers and help the supply chain crisis, while giving a few hundred people a good paying job to raise a family,” said one truck driver exam operator.

Before a location can be found and agreed upon, NYS DMV needs to take the first step and agree to have its employees give CDL tests for tractor trailers in Yonkers again.

Westchester State Senator Shelley Mayer has been working to try and accomplish that goal. “I have just recently raised this issue again with the Commissioner of DMV and I am insistent that I get an answer. We have a shortage of CDL truck drivers as well as bus drivers. And while the government has made improvements in the process with testing, we continue to have a testing site in Yonkers. Interested drivers have to go to the Bronx or up to Wappingers. That is completely unacceptable. I’m sure we can find a space, but we need the DMV to work with us and then they can work with Mayor Spano to find a space. These are good paying jobs that provide a future, and we have shortages in supplies in our area,” said Sen. Mayer.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano is aware of the issue but is waiting for the State, and DMV to take the first step.

About 72% of goods transported in the U.S. are carried by truckers. But with high turnover rates and dwindling driver supply, the industry has reached a breaking point.

U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg said his department will fund \$32 million for states to improve the commercial driving license process.

NY Governor Kathy Hochul recently signed a law which allows persons under the age of twenty-one to obtain a Class A CDL for operation within state borders.

One truck driver operator said that because of the driver shortage, employers were paying \$2500 a week for licensed truckers to drive supplies across the northeast. “It’s a tough job but that a good living.”

Another county resident wondered why someone in City, County or State government can’t find a suitable location on public land. “Why do they have to keep asking local businesses to put the truck drivers test site on their land. Can’t we find a place on city land in Yonkers, or on county land in Westchester? Cross County let DMV take their tests there for years but it’s not their responsibility to do so.”

Westchester County to Offer Food Assistance to Residents in Need During COVID Pandemic

Food Assistance Hotline now available through DSS, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Westchester County is prepared to offer food assistance for residents and families having difficulty getting access to food while under isolation from COVID-19. The food assistance service is available to any Westchester County resident. To find out more information, call the Westchester County Department of Social Services at (914) 995-5566. Assistance is available from Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: “The COVID-19 pandemic continues to effect each and every one of us. Westchester County is dedicated to providing assistance to residents affected by COVID-19, and having access to healthy, nutritious food is not something we want our residents to struggle with. If you have been advised to isolate or quarantine due to a positive COVID-19 test result or an exposure, please do not hesitate to reach out to get the food that you and your family need.”

Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-

Yonkers Parking Authority about this and received no response as of press time. I travel around a lot. New York City and Philadelphia to name two big cities that I go to (as well as White Plains, a littler city). The Yonkers machines where you have to put your license plate in are more complicated then the machines of New York City, Philadelphia and White Plains where you put in money for time periods, no license plate numbers. Our wonderful seniors tell me they have the most problems with the sophisticated Yonkers parking machines.

Eric, you write a story mentioning red light cameras and the mail comes flooding in! Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer Kevin McCaffrey, a supporter of Red Light Cameras says the new Republican Majority will take a hard look at Red Light Cameras and whether they cause more accidents then prevent them. McCaffrey is questioning if Red Light Cameras are really for safety or are they for revenue generation. My buddy former Mount Vernon Major Ernie Davis was the most upfront elected official admitting these cameras are for generating revenue not for safety. Yonkers needs a study, not done by City Hall nor the company that lobbied for the City and the company that runs Yonkers’ Red Light Camera Program. Anyone with a brain knows these cameras are money generators for Yonkers. Hey, maybe the New Yonkers City Council Democrat and Republican ruling majority will put an end to these devices or at least make sure the timing on the lights is correct.

A periodic reminder. Acquaint yourself with the locations of Yonkers Red Light Cameras which you will find at www.yonkersny.gov/live/parking-transportation/parking-violations-bureau/red-light-cameras-how-it-works-locations or google Yonkers New York Red Camera Light locations.

As we go to press another high truck has hit a low bridge in Westchester. When will this stop? County Executive George Latimer believes that if the Federal Government requires GPS systems on trucks to be commercial grade GPS systems the problem will be solved. Unfortunately, it’s not going to happen. Wait, maybe my Congressman Jamaal Bowman, still after my \$3 campaign donation will get legislation on this matter through Congress. I won’t donate \$3 to his campaign, but since he is my neighbor I will buy him a cup of coffee, Dunkin, Starbucks, Panera wherever he wishes!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday’s from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.



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Shallow Creek Par 3 Golf Course to Open in Yorktown This Spring



Former Indian Hill has been closed since 2007, something for all golfers to look forward to

By Dan Murphy

Longtime Yorktown residents and golfers in the area will remember Indian Hill Par 3 Golf Course in Jefferson Valley, located on Route 6 across the street from the JV Mall. The course was a starting point for many young golfers, and their families to play 9 holes of short par 3's. I can remember playing their with my mom in the 1980's. There was a clubhouse with a bar for the "10th Hole" for anyone who wanted a beverage after. The course will know be known as Shallow Creek.

The course closed in 2007 and has not opened since the property was donated to the town. Yorktown resident and golfer Rocco Cambareri tried to reopen the course for several years but passed away in j2017. His company RC Recreation, led by Sean Murphy, is looking to open the course this spring or summer. The Yorktown Planning Board recently approved the site plan, which clears the way for final approval.

The property is close to wetlands and has a creek that runs through a few of the holes, and while the Town had originally thought of keeping it as a passive recreation park, the final determination was keeping it as a golf course was the best use. The owners have a lease through 2028, which pays the town a small rental fee.

This golf course, and the old Lock Ledge Golf Course on Route 118, were two courses closed for a number of years. Now that one course will be soon open to the public, we look forward to teeing off soon.



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