

## Congressman Lawler: Cooperation is Needed from New York to Deport Criminal Aliens out of US



Rep. Mike Lawler with CNN Host Abby Phillip

By Dan Murphy

Westchester Congressman Mike Lawler appeared on CNN on Dec. 27 to discuss President-elect Donald Trump's plan to deport criminal illegal residents out of the country in 2025. Trump's incoming Homeland Security Director, Tom Homan, has appeared on many news shows to discuss and defend the plan.

Lawler said that he and several members of Congress recently met with Homan. "It's already costing states like NY billions of dollars of taxpayer money to provide free housing, food, clothing, education and health care to illegal aliens."

"Then you have the situation where you have criminal aliens committing violent crimes. We saw a woman burned alive on a subway by a man who was previously deporting and came back illegally."

What Tom Homan is going to do is start the process of deporting criminal aliens out of the US and sanctuary states like NY need to cooperate. The idea you're going to violate federal immigration and use taxpayer money to provide

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## "Magic" Taxman from Cortlandt Manor Pleads Guilty to \$145 Million Tax Fraud; Faces 8 Years



Rafael Alvarez, left

*Perpetrated and Oversaw One of the Largest Ever Tax Frauds by a Return Preparer*

On Dec. 18, Edward Y. Kim, the Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced the guilty plea of RAFAEL ALVAREZ, a/k/a "the Magician," to a two-count Superseding Information charging ALVAREZ with one count of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and steal government funds and one count of aiding and assisting in

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## Dr. Vishal Mehta, St. John's Medical Group, the Future of Orthopedics: More Robotics, Less Opioids



By Dan Murphy

St. John's Riverside Hospital CEO Ron Corti recently highlighted "The A Team of Doctors" that makes up SJRH's medical team. One of those doctors is Dr. Vishal Mehta, Director of Orthopedics at St. John's Medical Group and St. John's Riverside Hospital, who recently spoke with Denise Mananas, Associate Vice President of External Affairs at St. John's Riverside Hospital, on a recent episode of SJRH's Riverside Reflections, pictured above. Dr. Mehta recently

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## Westchester Native Charlotte Bennett Withdraws Sexual Harassment Suit Against Andrew Cuomo



Andrew Cuomo, right, has now filed a defamation lawsuit against Charlotte Bennett, left. How will this affect his political future?

By Dan Murphy

Charlotte Bennett, who made news in 2021 when she came forward with an allegation of sexual harassment against then-Governor Andrew Cuomo, recently withdrew her lawsuit against Cuomo.

Bennett, a graduate of Katonah-Lewisboro High School and now 28, was employed in Governor Cuomo's office and was one of several female employees of

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## Westchester Remembers President Jimmy Carter



Fuller Center for Housing of Greater NYC CEO Jim Killoran with President Jimmy Carter

As Westchester County lowered its flags to half-mast to honor our 39th President Jimmy Carter, who passed away at his home in Plains, Georgia, on December 29 at the age of 100, Westchester residents have come forward with fond memories of the longest living President in American history.

One person who we always connected with President Carter was Jim Killoran. Killoran, now CEO of the Fuller Center for Housing of Greater NYC, met President Carter five times dur

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## Greenburgh approves 2025 Budget With 0% Property Tax Increase

By Dan Murphy

The Town of Greenburgh, Supervisor Paul Feiner, and the Greenburgh Town Board, approved a budget for 2025 with no property tax increase. Supervisor Feiner said that few changes were made to his budget proposal.

"One of the reasons why few changes were made in the budget was because we all worked together on the budget -beginning in September. Much of the give and take took place before the budget was even proposed," said Feiner, who explained the budget to residents in an email.

The Greenburgh Town Board unanimously approved the 2025 budget at our December 16th meeting. In late October I submitted a proposed budget to the Town Board for consideration. The proposed budget that I presented to the Town Board was \$106,058,896 for unincorporated Greenburgh. The Town Board adjusted the budget to \$104,308,251. The Town Entire budget includes funding for town and village services provided by the town. It's a smaller budget. The proposed budget that I submitted to the Town Board was \$24,784,188. The Board adjusted the budget to \$24,721,331 for the Final Budget.

After review, a few changes were made to the tentative budget. First, the interest revenue account for Town Outside was adjusted to 2 million from \$25,000. This account was under budgeted in previous years and adjusted to correspond to the actuals for this year. The Medical Insurance expense for all funds was adjusted to an estimated 3% increase. The bond principal and interest expense

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## Westchester DA Rocah Vacates 1983 Conviction of Jeffrey Koonce



Jeffrey Koonce, center, at DA Rocah's press conference announcing vacating his conviction. Photo from Westchester DA's office

### ***Improper photo identification methods, false testimony and adverse credibility of Mount Vernon detectives among new evidence cited in Conviction Review Unit investigation***

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah today announced that following her Conviction Review Unit's investigation into a 1981 armed robbery at a Mount Vernon social club and newly-discovered evidence, she has supported a defense motion to vacate the conviction of 67-year-old Jeffrey Koonce, who was incarcerated for eight years some thirty years ago and has always maintained his innocence. The District Attorney did not oppose the defense motion for vacatur based on their position that Mr. Koonce's constitutional rights were violated due to false testimony by one of the Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD) Robbery Unit's lead detectives on the case, Daniel Salottolo, and improper photo identification methods used by Salottolo and Detective James Garcia. Garcia and another investigator on the case, Lt. Robert Astorino, were subsequently convicted of federal corruption charges in 1994. The CRU investigation also revealed inconsistencies between the testimony by the single victim-witness in the case and statements made to CRU investigators.

DA Rocah said: "From the highly suggestive photo array and identification procedures used by MVPD detectives to the totality of new evidence found by the CRU investigation, we agree with defense counsel that Jeffrey Koonce's 1983 conviction was tainted by such questionable investigatory processes and procedures and therefore can no longer stand by the integrity of this conviction."

Mr. Koonce and his attorney Karen Newirth appeared before New York State Supreme Court Justice James McCarty to request that the court vacate the conviction and dismiss the underlying indictment, which charged Mr. Koonce with robbery and weapons possession in connection with the June 20, 1981 shooting at Vernon Stars Rod and Gun Club, where patrons were robbed at gunpoint of jewelry, cash and other valuables.

Following a jury trial in May 1983, Mr. Koonce's brother Paul, who was in the 10th grade at the time of the crime and also indicted, was acquitted on all charges, while Mr. Koonce was convicted on all charges and sentenced to an indeterminate term of seven-and-a-half to 15 years. He served eight years in prison and was released on parole in August 1992.

MVPD detectives presented witnesses a highly suggestive and improper photo array that contained photos of several individuals implicated in similar crimes that did not match Jeffrey Koonce's likeness. Mr. Koonce's photo was-

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## Senator Mayer, Assemblymember Burdick, and Water/Wastewater Task Force Announce Critical Water Infrastructure Grant



Senator Shelley B. Mayer and Assemblymember Chris Burdick joined Town of Pound Ridge Supervisor Kevin Hansan and Pound Ridge Water/Wastewater Task Force Chair Ali Boak, pictured above, to announce that the Town of Pound Ridge has been selected by the Environmental Facilities Corporation to receive a \$7,634,900 award through New York State's Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant program for the Town of Pound Ridge's Scotts Corners Drinking Water Improvement Project.

The Town of Pound Ridge's Scotts Corners Drinking Water Improvement Project will provide resources to protect drinking water in the town, promote environmental sustainability, and invest in infrastructure to safeguard the community.

The Town of Pound Ridge was issued two Notices of Violation by the Westchester County Department of Health for contaminated groundwater with elevated levels of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), exceeding the State and Federal drinking water maximum contaminant levels. Currently, the Scotts Corners area of the Town of Pound Ridge is served by individual privately owned wells and small non-community public water systems, which share the same groundwater resources as the impacted regulated wells. If left untreated, the contamination could spread and affect the health and well-being of the more than 100,000 people in the region who depend on the Pound Ridge reservoir system for drinking water.

With this grant, the Scotts Corners Drinking Water Improvement Project will install a new drinking water main from the Aquarion water supply system located on High Ridge Road, extending to Scotts Corners along High Ridge Road, Upper Shad Road, and Westchester Avenue. This new system will provide safe public drinking water to the existing buildings that rely on the water wells with PFOAS and PFAS, and other contaminants that exceed State and Federal drinking water maximum contaminant levels. Once completed, this project will resolve the Notices of Violation issued by the Health Department.

New York State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I am pleased the Town of Pound Ridge was approved to receive the critical funding necessary to address the water supply and I was proud to support their application. This investment in safe and reliable drinking water infrastructure is critical for a thriving community. It will protect our residents' health and quality of life, the ability of businesses in our business district to continue operating safely, and the ability of seniors and young families to remain in the Town of Pound Ridge. I thank the Pound Ridge Supervisor Kevin Hansan and Pound Ridge Wastewater Task Force Chair Ali Boak for their attention to this matter and the Environmental Facilities Corporation for approving this grant."

Assemblymember Chris Burdick said, "Safe, clean, and toxic-free drinking water is absolutely essential to everyone's health. The grant to the Town of Pound Ridge for its newly-created water district could not be more timely, and we are grateful for the NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation for its award of this lifeline grant. I also commend Supervisor Kevin Hansan and Wastewater

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## Assemblyman Nader Sayegh Enters Crowded Democratic Field for Westchester County Clerk



Crystal Collins, left, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, right

On Dec. 13, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh announced that he will seek the democratic nomination for Westchester County Clerk. Sayegh, who has served in the Assembly since 2018 representing Yonkers, joins an already crowded field of democrats seeking to replace the current County Clerk Tim Idoni, who after serving 16 years decided not to seek reelection.

Prior to the Assembly, Sayegh was an educator and school administrator for the Yonkers Public Schools including serving as the President of the Board of Education. Sayegh is also an attorney with a law practice focusing on Personal Injury, Real Estate, and Immigration.

“I am proud to announce that I will be seeking the Democratic Nomination for Westchester County Clerk”, said Nader Sayegh. “I thank County Clerk Timothy Idoni for his years of service improving the Clerk’s Office. I look forward to bringing my unique skill set to build on the amazing work Tim has done and to continue moving the County Clerk’s office forward.”

Sayegh has already been unanimously endorsed by the Yonkers Democratic City Committee.

“I look forward to campaigning strongly in every corner of our great County. The County Clerk’s office plays such a crucial in providing services to the residents including legal records, passports, and land records. My experience as an attorney, State Legislator, and School Administrator makes me uniquely qualified to lead the County Clerk’s office,” stated Nader Sayegh.

Mt. Vernon democrat Crystal Collins also formally announced that she is running the County Clerk in a Facebook video. “As a dedicated district leader in Mt. Vernon for the past decade, I understand the commitment involved. I am fully committed to the democratic process and working for democratic candidates in Westchester.

“For the past 7 years I have worked under our esteemed County Executive (Latimer). Before this role, I served on the executive team of our current County Clerk (Idoni), where I focused on enhancing visibility and engagement in communities across Westchester County,” said Collins.

The current Westchester Deputy County Clerk, John Allen, is said to be interested in running for County Clerk.

Other rumored candidates include White Plains Mayor Tom Roach, Yorktown Town Clerk Diana Quast and Allison Simon.

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## Letters to the Editor:

**“Next time, I might kill a kid.”**

If Joe Biden were more like my grandfather, America might be inaugurating a Democratic President on January 20.

Grandpa would have liked Biden, and thought he reminded him of the friendly, plain-speaking Irish guys he met working on the docks when he first came to America.

Francesco Aniello Vespe was born in a little hilltop village in the poorest province in Italy, migrated with his family to New York before the turn of the twentieth century, and obtained one of the first taxicab licenses in the city.

He drove professionally for many years, both as a chauffeur for high-society types in Manhattan and later in his own cab. He was proud of his driving ability, and how anyone he drove...passengers or family...could feel safe when he was behind the wheel. And so could other drivers, and pedestrians.

He still drove for pleasure after selling his cab and retiring, driving out from Astoria to Franklin Square at least once a month to visit his three granddaughters, but then one day in his eighties...about as old as Joe Biden is now...he did something he had never done before.

He ran a stop sign.

He didn’t notice it himself, but my grandmother did.

“Frank!” she yelled in horror, “you went through that stop sign!”

That night he called my father and his two other sons:

“I’m giving up my driver’s license. Sell the car.

I can’t drive no more. “

One of my uncles questioned if this wasn’t a bit drastic, but grandpa was insistent...

“Next time, I might kill a kid.”

It’s too bad the President of the United States couldn’t have taken a tip from a retired taxi driver who never went past the fourth grade and realized when it was time to quit something he loved.

I hope President Biden enjoys a healthy retirement; I know he has a Corvette which he enjoys driving around Rehoboth Beach in Delaware.

But please, Mr President, if you ever run a stop sign...

...admit you can’t drive no more, either.

Because next time, you might kill a kid.

James Vespe, Mamaroneck

### “Populist Conservation & Constitutional Order:” (Part 1)

This was a talk delivered by a well-known historian/novelist to a gathering at a Midwestern college-in which he said “in part”-

“The Top Down elitist brand of politics that has dominated the United States since the end of the cold war—under Republican & Democratic administrations alike—has failed. Yes we are materially richer than we were in 1991, and our largest corporations are more profitable. But we are militarily & strategically weaker, fiscally endangered, and spiritually enervated. As a result, public trust in the vaunted institutions that our elites control—political, scientific, journalistic, educational, religious—has evaporated. And populism—especially on the conservative right, is on the rise.”

“The fact is, elite institutions have become the people’s and the nation’s enemies. They are openly waging cultural war on those they ostensibly serve. They cannot be negotiated with or accommodated. They must be defunded, disbanded, and disempowered. The rewards for doing so—for putting American Families first again—will be greater than we can know.”

Joe Pettit, Yorktown Heights

Source: Kevin D. Roberts at Christ Chapel-Hillsdale College on Oct.23rd2024.

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## Honor a Hero with Mount Pleasant's Military Tribute Banners



Mount Pleasant's Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Photo courtesy of the Town of Mount Pleasant.

The Town of Mount Pleasant invites residents to honor their loved ones who have served in the United States military through its 2025 Military Tribute Banners program.

The program is a heartfelt way for Mount Pleasant to thank the brave men and women who have served in the United States military. The 30" x 60" double-sided banners will proudly line the main roads of the town, serving as a powerful symbol of gratitude to those who have dedicated their lives to our country.

Each banner features the veteran's name, photograph, branch of service, and the sponsor's name, creating a deeply personal and visible tribute. Banners will be displayed from Memorial Day through Veterans Day, offering a meaningful way to celebrate and remember the sacrifices of our military personnel.

After the display period, sponsors may choose to keep the banner or arrange for it to be reposted the following year.

The cost of sponsorship is \$250 per banner, payable by check or credit card. Pole availability is limited, and the town cannot accommodate specific pole location requests.

To sponsor a banner, visit Mount Pleasant Military Tribute Banners. For questions, contact Danielle Zaino at [daniellezaino@gmail.com](mailto:daniellezaino@gmail.com).

## Turning These 7 New Year's Resolutions Into Healthful Habits That Stick

By Dr. Darren Wu, Chief Medical Officer, Open Door Family Medical Center

Every January, millions of people enthusiastically make New Year's resolutions, brimming with hope and determination—only to watch those well-intentioned goals fizzle out by February. Studies show that nearly 80% of resolutions fail within the first few months, with many people abandoning their health and fitness commitments before they can become lasting changes. The cycle of setting ambitious goals and quickly falling back into old habits is so common that it's become a familiar joke, leaving many feeling frustrated and discouraged.

Dr. Daren Wu, Chief Medical Officer at Open Door Family Medical Center, understands that sustainable health changes can truly reshape lives. He shares these insights on New Year's resolutions that go beyond mere wishful thinking and into the realm of real, achievable wellness by taking small steps:

**Weight management.** Without fail, weight loss is one of the top three New Year's Resolutions each year. But it's important to realize there is no such thing as a perfect weight. Being a healthy weight does not need to be complicated, but it does require a plan. Talking to a dietician or a clinician can help you understand what a healthy weight would be for you. And being more mindful of your eating habits combined with moving around more, and getting enough sleep will often lead to healthy weight loss throughout the year. These simple steps help to avoid the trap of unrealistic expectations and yo-yo dieting.

**Exercise and movement.** Every January, gyms fill up with people eager to get fit, but by February most of those crowds disappear. The good news is that getting healthier doesn't require an expensive gym membership or complicated workout routine. Movement is the most powerful way to improve your health, and it can be simple and accessible. The key is finding ways to move that fit your life. Take the stairs instead of the elevator. Go for a short walk during your lunch break. Dance in your living room. Do quick bodyweight exercises at home or even at your workplace. The most important thing isn't how long you exercise, but that you actually do it. Can't find 15 minutes? Try 10. Can't do 10? Do 5. Something is always better than nothing. The goal is to make movement a regular part of your daily routine, not a dreaded chore. Start small, be consistent, and gradually build momentum.

**Healthy eating.** At Open Door, clinicians believe "food is medicine" – meaning what you eat and how much you eat truly matters. Be mindful. Before you eat, pause and ask yourself: "Am I actually hungry, or am I eating for another reason?" When you do eat, make it a deliberate experience. Enjoy your food's flavors, textures, and colors. Eat slowly, chew thoroughly, and avoid distractions like phones or television. The goal is to eat for nourishment and pleasure, not out of habit or emotion. This year, turn mindful eating from a New Year's resolution into a lasting habit that transforms your relationship with food and nourishes your body and mind.

**Reduce stress.** Stress is a common health concern, making stress reduction a popular New Year's resolution. The good news is that managing stress doesn't have to be complicated or expensive. Try the 4-7-8 – or box breathing – method by breathing in through your nose for 4 seconds, holding your breath for 7 seconds, and exhaling forcefully through your mouth for 8 seconds. Breathing exercises like this take just a few minutes and can quickly calm your mind. Focusing on being present in the moment instead of dwelling on the past or worrying about the future can also help reduce stress. Other small actions that can make a big difference: taking a short walk, doing some quick stretches at your desk, or simply pausing to take a few deep breaths. The most important factor in building a healthy habit is finding a method that fits easily into your daily routine and practicing it consistently over time.

**Quit smoking.** Quitting tobacco or vaping is one of the best things you can do for your health. While the ideal is to never start, it's never too late to quit or reduce your habit. The good news is that your body begins healing quickly after you stop smoking. Even cutting back on the number of cigarettes you smoke each day can improve your health and set you on the path to completely quitting. If you're finding it challenging to quit on your own, consider joining a smoking cessation class. These supportive groups can provide the guidance and motivation you need to turn your resolution into a habit.

**Get the right amount of sleep.** Over the past decade, we have gained a deeper understanding of the importance of sleep. While occasionally missing a night's rest is common, chronic sleep deprivation can be harmful. In addition to causing irritability and fatigue the following day, insufficient sleep is linked to a higher risk of mental health disorders, obesity, and even increased all-cause mortality. To create a good sleep routine, start by setting a consistent bedtime and wake-up time each day, which helps regulate your body's internal clock. Establish a relaxing pre-sleep routine, such as reading or meditating, to signal to your brain that it's time to wind down. Limit screen time at least an hour before bed, as the blue light from phones and computers can interfere with your sleep cycle. Be mindful of caffeine and alcohol, as both can disrupt your ability to fall and stay asleep—avoid consuming them in the hours leading up to bedtime. Finally, optimize your sleep environment by keeping your bedroom cool, dark, and quiet.

**Improve one's work/life balance.** As a society, we really can benefit from having a more balanced approach to work and life. Regardless of how stimulating or fulfilling your work is, you are much more than your work! Spending quality time with family, good friends, and finding grounding in spirituality (which is different from being religious, although being religious can be a powerful expression of spirituality) are the other important domains of life. And don't forget that we often can make our time at work more meaningful and fulfilling, which helps to improve one's sense of well-being. Engagement with colleagues, clients, and customers – and taking pride in the work you do, regardless of what work you are engaged in – can help anyone adopt a healthier relationship with their work responsibilities.

According to Dr. Wu, turning New Year's resolutions into lasting, healthful habits doesn't require making drastic life changes that are difficult to maintain over time. Often, it's the small, sustainable changes that have the biggest impact. By focusing on one or two manageable adjustments—such as prioritizing sleep or incorporating a short daily workout—you can build consistency and make gradual progress.

Visit [OpenDoormedical.org](http://OpenDoormedical.org), for more information.

### Letter to the Editor:

The article "Major Push to Pass HEAT NY Act" (Dec. 20-27) quotes many local officials supporting the measure, which would, among other things, cap energy costs at 6% of income. But nowhere in the story does it say how this would be paid for. Will energy companies charge everyone else more to make up for the lost revenue? Or will New York State subsidize this with my tax money? And who is going to check to verify the income requirements each year? Another "benefit" according to proponents will be a reduction in carbon based energy usage. But there will be no incentive to conserve for those at the 6% level - they will pay the same amount no matter how much is used. So much for turning off the air conditioner and lights when no one is home. This is a poorly thought out legislative measure that I hope is rejected by those elected to represent the hard-working taxpayers of New York.

John Farrell  
Yonkers

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## Yonkers Man Indicted for Alleged Arson and Insurance Fraud Scheme

Defendant allegedly enlisted a man to burn down his own house in attempt to claim more than \$1.3 million from his home insurance policy

On Dec. 19, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that a Yonkers man was arrested and arraigned on an indictment charging him with conspiracy, arson and insurance fraud in connection with a scheme where he enlisted a man to set fire to his Yonkers home and attempted to obtain more than \$1.3 million from his home insurance policy.

DA Rocah said: "This defendant allegedly provided a co-conspirator with a detailed plan to burn down his house so he could unlawfully obtain insurance money. The fire and explosion at the defendant's home put lives at risk. We take these cases very seriously and will continue to work to hold this defendant accountable for his alleged conduct."

The defendant, Majid Haddad, aka Peter Haddad, 69 of Yonkers, was arrested Tuesday by the Yonkers Police Department and arraigned Wednesday before Westchester County Supreme Court Justice Larry J. Schwartz on a six-count indictment charging him with conspiracy in the fourth degree, arson in the third degree, reckless endangerment in the first degree, insurance fraud in the first degree, insurance fraud in the third degree and intimidating a victim or witness in the third degree.

Bail was set at \$25,000 cash, \$100,000 bond and \$200,000 partially-secured bond, and the defendant is ordered to return to court on Jan. 10, 2025.

It is alleged that between Feb. 20 and 28, 2021, the defendant enlisted a man and instructed him to apply gasoline to the inside of the defendant's home with the intent to ignite a fire that would destroy the property. It is further alleged that days before the fire, the defendant drove the man to a Lowe's Home Improvement store, giving him money to purchase gasoline canisters, and to a gas station to purchase gasoline, then demonstrated how to ignite the fire using a cigarette and a pack of matches and provided money for transportation after completing the job.

The Yonkers Fire Department responded just before 1:00 a.m. on Feb. 28, 2021 to the single-family home on Odell Avenue that was fully engulfed in flames. Firefighters were able to contain the fire, which had caused an explosion, and was approximately 20 and 30 feet from the two neighboring homes. Based on the rapid pace and spread of the fire, the house collapsed and was deemed a total loss.

The defendant then allegedly filed a home insurance claim with Adirondack Insurance Exchange and attempted to obtain at least \$1.3 million for the loss of the home and its purported contents.

After an investigation by the Yonkers Police Department and the Yonkers Fire Department's Fire Investigation Unit, the investigation was referred to the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney John Waszak of the Trials & Investigations Division.

## Taxpayer Action Network, Putnam County Exec. Byrne, Continue Fight Against Congestion Pricing

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, founder of the Taxpayer Action Network, recently spoke out against NY Governor Kathy Hochul's \$9 Congestion Pricing Plan for Manhattan.

Byrne spoke outside of Yorktown Town Hall and called on Hochul to cancel the plan.

flanked by Putnam and Westchester elected officials, on Friday called on the state to halt the Jan. 5 launch of its congestion pricing plan in Manhattan.

Joining Byrne were Yorktown Councilmembers Sergio Esposito and Patrick Murphy and Putnam County Legislator Bill Gouldman

"Congestion pricing as planned is set to put forth an additional regressive tax on hardworking New Yorkers, affecting our economy and our residents at a time where we're suffering through record inflation," said Byrne, who voted against congestion pricing as a member of the NYS Assembly in 2019.

Teachers, firefighters and police officers who work in New York City but live in Westchester and Putnam will bear the brunt of congestion pricing. Byrne also pointed out that Ace Endico, Putnam County's biggest private employer, estimates that congestion pricing will cost them \$250,000 per year.

Byrne also reminded New Yorkers that Gov. Hochul's comments "when she announced before the election it would be on permanent pause acknowledged how wildly unpopular congestion pricing actually is,"

"Then she exposed herself shortly after the election when she un-paused her permanent pause, and then suggested somehow she was going to cut the tax even though there is no tax being proposed presently."

There are already several existing lawsuits opposed to the plan, including Rockland County. Earlier this week, Byrne, as Putnam County Executive, filed an Amicus Brief in support of Rockland's lawsuit.

The Taxpayer Action Network (TANPAC) is a recently formed political action committee committed to fiscally conservative policies and prioritizing taxpayer interests. TANPAC currently has a petition on its website for residents to sign and speak out against this costly tax on Hudson Valley commuters.

Byrne and TANPAC join many other community groups and members of both parties in opposition to congestion pricing, which has a planned start date of Jan. 5.

The Trucking Association of New York, the United Federation of Teachers and New Yorkers Against Congestion Pricing have joined with the State of New Jersey, and democratic Governor Phil Murphy, to seek a Federal court injunction to stop the plan before Jan. 5.

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Task Force Chair Ali Boak for pressing forward tenaciously for this grant, which will safeguard residents, prevent the closure of businesses in Scotts Corners, and provide for a path forward. There nonetheless remains much work ahead, and as partners in government with the Town of Pound Ridge, Senator Mayer and I will do all we can to support the implementation of these necessary plans."

Town of Pound Ridge Supervisor Kevin Hansan said, "Establishing a formal Pound Ridge water district in Scotts Corners is a critical step toward addressing PFAS contamination and resolving long-standing water quality issues in our business district. This NYS WIIA grant will significantly ease the financial burden on district property owners by facilitating access to clean water from Stamford, CT, reducing reliance on private wells. We are deeply grateful for the support of local, county, state, and federal officials, whose partnership is essential to securing water for the long-term vitality of our business district."

Pound Ridge Water/Wastewater Task Force Chair Ali Boak said, "The WIIA funding allows Pound Ridge to safeguard the health of all who live and visit our business district while protecting the investments made to ensure a thriving business district. This project will also assist our property and business owners who depend on clean water to serve our community. Heartfelt thank you to Assemblyman Chris Burdick and Senator Shelley Mayer for their support in addressing this important issue and to leadership of the Town Board, the Pound Ridge Water/Wastewater Task Force and to the fantastic team at Laberge Group."

The Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant (WIIA) program is a New York State program to help municipalities undergo critical wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. The WIIA is part of New York State's negation leading efforts to upgrading water and sewer systems, reducing water pollution, and safeguarding vital drinking water supplies from emerging contaminants and toxic chemicals.

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Dr. Mehta recently joined the St. John’s Medical Group as the Director of Orthopedics. “I’ve been operating and seeing patients for years, and when the opportunity arose to come here, I found St. John’s to be the perfect place to grow my practice. I love this community so much.”

Part of Dr. Mehta’s orthopedic training before coming to St. John’s was a fellowship at Georgetown Hospital, where he obtained “a super-specialization in sports medicine and joint replacement.” This experience included treating professional athletes and members of the NFL’s Baltimore Ravens, the NBA’s Washington Wizards, and the NHL’s Washington Capitals.

“During my fellowship, I had the great opportunity to work with both professional and college teams. This allowed me to learn how to treat all types of patients, but it also put things into perspective.”

“Now I treat a lot of patients who want to get back to playing basketball on the weekend with their friends. As an athlete, I can relate and understand what their goals are.”

While Dr. Mehta’s orthopedic specialty includes joint replacement of the knee or hip and sports medicine, “my philosophy on sports medicine is that nonoperative treatment always comes first. I never rush any patient into surgery. I see a lot of patients who start off not needing a joint replacement, and we are able to maintain the joint until a joint replacement is needed.”

“I treat a lot of younger patients who have some level of arthritis but who are too young for joint replacement. My job is to help prevent the deterioration of that joint. That is what sets me apart. Even though I’m a surgeon and this is my passion, there are certain things prior to surgery we can do to see if it helps. Non-operative treatments can include physical therapy and non-opioid medications or interventions.”

“We can refer my patients to the pain management team at St. John’s, led by Dr. Erosa, to collaborate on remedies. I review the risks and benefits of both options with the patient.”

Dr. Mehta uses robotic technology called MAKOpasty® for his orthopedic surgeries. “Robotic technology helps you make more precise measurements of the knee or hip. It takes those joint replacements to the next level and improves the longevity and satisfaction of the patient, as well as how well they do after surgery. It also prevents dislocation.”

“I have switched to only MAKOpasty and robotic surgery to maintain that excellence. When we do a hip replacement, it must be perfect every time, and the robot is essential. We understand the new technologies and how to treat patients the right way.”

Dr. Mehta performs orthopedic surgeries at St. John’s Riverside Hospital’s Dobbs Ferry Pavilion, home to the Westchester Orthopedic Center, where physicians perform joint replacements and sports medicine surgeries on-site.

“I have performed surgeries in numerous operating rooms across the country and love operating at Dobbs Ferry. The patients can get in and out, and because we do so many surgeries, the team is well-versed and specialized so that everything is very efficient.”

“Patients come in prior to surgery and have their questions answered by the nursing staff. It’s a smaller hospital (five operating rooms), so the team is fantastic, and our patients appreciate the personalized care.”

St. John’s Medical Group and St. John’s Riverside Hospital have helped Dr. Mehta fulfill his life passion.

“When my partner and I decided to open our practice, we knew Westchester was the best place to be. We found St. John’s Riverside Hospital to be a true community hospital and wanted to be part of that community. St. John’s is a gem of a hospital located on the beautiful Hudson River. We knew this was the right place to be.”

“Joint replacement and sports medicine can provide instant gratification to the patient when, after surgery, some patients can walk out the next day when they had severe pain prior.”

“That makes it all worthwhile when the patient hugs you and says they have no pain. That keeps me going.”

Dr. Mehta has also become a recognizable face on social media, where he posts short informative videos on orthopedics and health care. <https://www.instagram.com/dr.vishalmehta/?hl=en>

Watch the interview at (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ShAG5WzmWw&t=259s>)

To learn more, visit St. John’s Medical Group, 1022 N Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701. 914-904-4036

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SURROGATE'S COURT - DELAWARE COUNTY

File No. 92-097/A

SUPPLEMENTAL 17-A GUARDIANSHIP CITATION [SCPA 1757]

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To: **Edward T. Magenheimer**, and if he be deceased, to the heirs and distributees of Edward T. Magenheimer, purported brother of EUGENE F. MAGENHEIMER, and I said distributees be dead, their legal representatives, disitrbutees and successors in interest, and all of whom are unknown and whose names and addresses are unknown and whose names and addresses cannot be found with reasonable diligence.

A petition having been duly filed by **Donnamarie C. Giannone** who is domiciled at 37 Baldwin Dr, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Delaware County, at 3 Court Street, Delhi, New York, on January 22, 2025 at 9:30 o'clock in the fore/afternoon of that day, why letter of guardianship of the

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and why the appearance of Respondent  should be  should not be required at the hearing; and why the guardian of the person should not be authorized and empowered to make all decisions with respect to the

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Further relief requested:

Dated, Attested, and Sealed,  
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HON. **JOHN L. HUBBARD**

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**Andrea L. Gellen**

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*— Pete Seeger*

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the only one that was enlarged.

A witness, who was inside the club and shot during the time of the robbery, was in ninth grade at the time, and the only one who identified Mr. Koonce as the shooter after being shown the photo array; other witnesses told investigators it was too dark inside the club to identify faces of the armed men other than that they were young black males.

Detectives brought Mr. Koonce to appear for a “show up” identification at the hospital where the wounded witness was being treated. The witness subsequently testified at a pre-trial hearing that he was feeling pressured to quickly identify the man police brought to the hospital. The trial judge called the show up “impermissibly suggestive.”

The witness told CRU investigators that he did not remember seeing any faces in the dark bar on the night of the incident, and that patrons immediately covered him after the shooting, which further obscured his ability to see the perpetrators.

The photo array was never shown to the defense until the pre-trial hearing.

Detective Salottolo provided ostensibly false and misleading testimony at pre-trial hearings and at trial about the composition of the photo arrays.

MVPD did not interview all of the alibi witnesses provided by Mr. Koonce, including an alibi witness, who is now a retired NYPD detective, and had testified that Mr. Koonce was with him in the city the night of the crime. Mr. Koonce maintains this alibi today.

After a 1991 trial for a different case involving Detective Garcia, the judge in his oral decision noted that Detective Garcia had lied during his testimony, and the Court “did not believe it could rely on almost anything Detective Garcia had to say.”

During a 1993 prosecution of a bank robbery in Mount Vernon investigated by Detective Garcia, the Court ordered a new photo identification procedure after determining that the process was unduly suggestive. Case files included a note about FBI agents telling the prosecution that Detective Garcia had “helped” witnesses select photographs.

MVPD detectives Garcia, Astorino and Frank Lauria were arrested in May 1994 for stealing \$10,000 during an FBI sting operation and convicted of federal corruption charges. Garcia, a 21-year veteran of the MVPD, and Astorino, MVPD Chief of Detectives, each were sentenced to one year and a day in jail. Lauria, who was hired by MVPD while facing NYPD charges, was sentenced to nine months in jail.

Jeffrey and Paul Koonce have always maintained their innocence.

The CRU investigation was conducted by former CRU Chief Anastasia Heeger, former Senior Assistant District Attorney Alexandra Keeling, and DA’s Office criminal investigators dedicated to the CRU.

Since the District Attorney launched the unit in 2021, CRU investigations have led to the county’s first two, separate large-scale vacatur involving a former Yonkers detective convicted of perjury and secret recordings by a whistleblower alleging misconduct inside the MVPD

In 2023, CRU’s review led to the exoneration of a man who served more than seven years in prison for a 1975 rape he did not commit. CRU investigators found the actual perpetrator who confessed to the crime. It is the longest-known wrongful conviction in U.S. history to be overturned by DNA evidence.

Jeffrey Koonce is the father of NFL defensive end Malcolm Koonce, (Las Vegas Raiders).



## Meet Zyon "Baby Tyson" Duprey, The #1 Ranked Junior Boxer in the USA-From Yonkers!



14-year old Zyon Duprey with the Junior National Championship belt he won in Virginia in the 176-pound weight class

By Dan Murphy

14-year-old Zyon Duprey brought home a Christmas present to the people of Yonkers after winning the 2024 USA Boxing National Championship Belt for his 176-pound weight class in Virginia earlier this month. Zyon fought against 15- and 16-year-old boys and beat them all.

Nicknamed "Baby Tyson," Zyon is now the #1 ranked junior boxer in the USA at 176 lbs. This means that with continued focus and hard work, Zyon has a chance to go to the 2028 Olympics.

Zyon trains at Yonkers Knockouts, on South Broadway. Mayor Mike Spano came by to wish Zyon luck before the National Championships, and to say that Yonkers is behind you!

John Morrison, Zyon's trainer and co-founder of Yonkers Knockouts, said, "The success that Zyon is having is great, compared to where he had come from. He was on a bad path, but now he is doing great in school and in the ring; the sky is the limit."

Zyon and Morrison recently met Mike Tyson, and Mike told the young boxer to "never give up" in or out of the ring. "Zyon fights like Mike Tyson; that's how he got the nickname, Baby Tyson. He has great boxing skills, but he is also humble and has a great attitude. I think people should look out for him in 2028. He has talent, and I believe in him. We believe in each other.

Earlier this summer, Zyon was honored at City Hall, where he thanked Coach John Morrison and his trainers at Yonkers Knockouts, for teaching him not only the intricacies of boxing, but self-respect and respect for one another, and for putting him on the right path.

Yonkers Knockouts was established as a sanctuary for urban youth uplifting and empowering them and helping them to develop life skills. It specifically targets youth heading down a destructive pathway and assists them in controlling anger and positive ways to respond to challenges they face.

Visit for more information, visit [yonkersknockouts.com/](http://yonkersknockouts.com/)  
 Congratulations Zyon! Keep working hard and it will happen!

## Yorktown Councilman Sergio Esposito Now A Part-Time Westchester Deputy Sheriff



Congratulations to Yorktown Councilman Sergio Esposito, who recently completed his training and is now a part time Westchester County Deputy Sheriff.

Esposito writes, "On December 16th 2024 I took yet another step toward a long standing passion to serve my community in any and every way possible. I am looking forward to serving Westchester County as their next Part Time Deputy Sheriff. I want to thank my family for sticking this through and affording me the time needed to participate.

The experience was absolutely amazing, the academy tough, With the help of my fellow recruits, we all made it through, bonded and became a family. I also want to thank ALL the instructors at The Westchester County Police Academy who's TRAINING AND DEDICATION has been INVALUABLE

To my classmates of The Westchester Deputy Sheriffs Academy Class 24-2 - CONGRATULATIONS - let the real work begin!

Assemblyman Matt Slater also serves in the Naval Reserves, and County Legislator David Tubiolo serves in the Army Reserves.

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## 7 Westchester High School Students Honored with Youth Service Awards



The Westchester County Youth Bureau and the Westchester County Youth Board held their annual ceremony to honor outstanding high school juniors and seniors who have distinguished themselves for their leadership and dedication to service and social justice. The ten students received certificates from Westchester County Executive George Latimer and the Westchester County Board of Legislators, along with awards from the members of the Westchester County Youth Board. To qualify for nomination, they completed impactful projects on topics ranging from developing technical assistance for individuals with developmental disabilities to fostering literacy among young readers and raising funds for youth in homeless shelters both locally and internationally.

The ceremony took place in the Rotunda of the Michaelian Office Building and was filled with proud family and friends.

This year's award recipients included: Verity Chao and Mateus Hertz-Bird (Dobbs Ferry) Charlotte Watson (Mount Vernon) Jade Frias and Mia Uzcategui-Dommar (Ossining) Chase Kantor (Scarsdale) Emmeline Zuba (Sleepy Hollow) Maria Cortes and Alison Medina Vargas (White Plains) Ian Cavalluzzi (Yonkers)

Latimer said: "I am so pleased to be here this evening to share in the pride of these outstanding students and their families as they are honored with the Youth Board Youth Service Awards. Events such as these remind me why I love my job. This awards ceremony has been a valued Westchester County institution for over 25 years. The ten youth selected to receive the 2024 Youth Service Award are not just community-minded volunteers—they completed and submitted some of the most incredible and sophisticated projects. These kids are serious, and with them as our future leaders, we will be in good hands."

## Read it all Online at [Yonkerstimes.com](https://www.yonkerstimes.com)

### *County Executive Latimer Welcomes Back Interns Before Heading Off to Washington DC*



Westchester County Executive George Latimer welcomed back over 30 former interns for a special reunion at the County Executive's Office as his time in office comes to a close. Throughout the past seven years, these interns have contributed to Westchester County's progress through the County Executive's Summer Fellowship Program. This government fellowship program has allowed students to gain hands-on government experience in intergovernmental affairs, community engagement and policy-making while contributing to the success of various County departments and programs.

Co-hosted by Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins and the County Executive's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, the reunion gave an opportunity to reflect on life milestones, reconnect with fellow interns on how the program shaped their career paths and celebrate the administration's achievements.

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## Americans Fight for their Rights:

### The Bill of Rights and the Boston Tea Party

*Letter to the Editor from Judith Niewiadomski*

Sunday December 15th was Bill of Rights Day! Did you see any mention of it in the media? How many politicians had their photos taken with a copy of the Bill of Rights and spoke about how important it was? (The first Bill of Rights day was celebrated on its 150th anniversary—just eight days after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.)

The Bill of Rights does not grant rights to American citizens—our rights are God-given and preceded government. Many founders, including George Mason. “Give me liberty or give me death,” Patrick Henry, Samuel Adams and others feared that the Constitution delegated too much power. In response to their concerns and a promise made to the Anti-Federalists, James Madison wrote the Bill of Rights which was ratified on December 15, 1791.

The Bill of Rights says “Yo—government, we can’t list them all but here, in your face, is a legal reminder to keep your power and money-grubbing hands and perverse ideologies off these rights—period. The people are sovereign. You may only operate such powers which are specifically delegated (temporarily allowed) to a branch of government, so don’t get any ideas about trying to snatch more for yourself.”

Early Americans understood the place of government—as a servant, not a tyrannical master. The anti-Federalists were concerned about the lack of terms limits, excessive federal power, judicial tyranny and the federal government having direct taxation. Thomas Jefferson felt that these all violated the spirit of the American Revolution.

<https://www.discoverwalks.com/blog/world/10-famous-anti-federalists-and-their-arguments-against-the-u-s-constitution/>. Our founders knew that: “Government is at best a necessary evil, at worst, in intolerable one.”—Thomas Paine.

Look especially at Amendments 9 and 10. In essence, these say: “just in case you try to weasel and stick your nose in our lives—if we did not specifically authorize you to do it—keep out. All rights not mentioned as delegated (temporarily allowed) to you belong to the states and the people.”

Amendment IX The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Amendment X The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively, or to the people.

Read the Constitution; start listing what the Constitution does not authorize that government has stuck its nose and paws in, and take your power back. A few examples: the Constitution does not authorize taxpayers’ money being spent on the Kennedy Center, abortions, baby sitting, promoting LGBT etc, etc. especially not in other countries, shrimp on treadmills, drunken monkeys, congressional junkets to the Great Barrier Reef and hundreds, perhaps thousands of other ways politicians find to waste the money they have taken from us.

Monday, December 16th was the 251st anniversary of the Boston Tea Party—an action taken because the British government had imposed a tax on tea whether the colonists bought it or not. (Sounds like ObamaTAXnotCare and other massive cost laws.) The unjust tax was to be imposed as soon as the tea was offloaded on to the dock. So the colonists took initiative. Their strategy was specific and neither harmed anyone nor damaged anything else. A lock broken in the action was replaced. Another foundational American event ignored because the lust for power, recognition and incessant validation has overshadowed the call to service. Of the Boston Tea Party, John Adams wrote in his diary the next day: “The people should never rise without doing something to be remembered—something notable and striking. This destruction of the tea is so bold, so daring, so firm, intrepid and inflexible, and it must have so important consequences, and so lasting, that I can’t but consider it as an Epocha in history.”

The Boston Tea Party united American colonists, inspiring tea parties in at least ten cities as the British used force to enforce their hold on power. It was a signal that here was a people who would fight for their rights and freedom.

So, do you want to be a slave to the politicians? Use those cell phones, I-pads, and laptops, and the internet and contact our government officials at all levels (frequently—be an overseer giving them regular check-ups) and demand that they cut regulations (instead of imposing more) and cut their salaries and perks, take less of our money, mind their own business instead of attempting to nanomanage everything we do from how we heat our homes, what we drive, where we drive, what we can say or where we can pray.

Our 250th anniversary as the freest and most prosperous nation in human history, which is to be ruled by the people and the standard of God’s natural laws and the Constitution, is in a year and half. But the revolution was in the hearts and minds of the American people long before the war began on April 19, 1775. It’s long past time to restore Americanism. Start with Mark Levin’s Restoring Americanism, The Founder’s Constitution, and a frequent re-reading of the Declaration of Independence.

*Judith Niewiadomski  
Yonkers*



PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, January 15, 2025 AT 6:00 PM, WILL BE HELD IN YONKERS CITY HALL, 40 SOUTH BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR (building is handicapped accessible).

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OPEN/CONTINUED HEARINGS

# 5797 – Area Variance - Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Marketin Hila/110 Ravine Realty LLC, Owner, on premises known as 110 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2118, Lot: 39, Zone: A (B29521) [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-4V45sMcWs0\\_3rOyDixjXc\\_ttiYGnZq?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-4V45sMcWs0_3rOyDixjXc_ttiYGnZq?usp=share_link)

# 5810 – Use & Area Variance – David S. Steinmetz, Esq. & Jacob E. Amir, Esq., on behalf of TCP Realty LLC, owners, on premises known as 143-151 Woodworth Avenue, Block: 2102, Lots: 4, 5, 11, 39 & 41, Zone: C (B32117) [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-uwlmlnZ67PdqnXin47LX7kkvY8uwUh?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-uwlmlnZ67PdqnXin47LX7kkvY8uwUh?usp=share_link)

# 5850 – Area Variance – Kathleen Bradshaw, Esq., on behalf of 194 Yonkers Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 182 Fillmore Street aka 194 Yonkers Avenue, Block: 405, Lots: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7,8, 9,13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Zone: BA - [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rndP3X61js\\_cy3P25c-FkrsMpUyXHf34?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rndP3X61js_cy3P25c-FkrsMpUyXHf34?usp=sharing)

# 5854 – Area Variance – Stephen A. Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of P and B Yonkers LLC, owner, on Premises known as 37-43 Post Street, Block: 158, Lots: 66 & 68, Zone: M (B31035) \*Adjourned [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CD\\_9e4Guj-ufCACfnF18U\\_5fJkkwC9wT?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CD_9e4Guj-ufCACfnF18U_5fJkkwC9wT?usp=sharing)

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

# 5855 – Area Variance – Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 160 Stanley Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 160 Stanley Ave, Block: 184, Lots: 68, Zone: A (B00033778) [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sBCFaH0Iubtvx\\_DMelZGYwbaUBYOpIzH?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sBCFaH0Iubtvx_DMelZGYwbaUBYOpIzH?usp=sharing)

# 5864 - Area Variance - James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of T&H 1828 LLC, owner, On premises known as 1828 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4615, Lot: 22, Zone M (B0034059) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tvmzVMblm8eG1pWxNYvpLQoJ90JLi02?usp=sharing>

# 5867 – Area Variance - Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 221-223 Buena Vista Avenue, Block: 172, Lot: 92 & 94.98 (B0035075) Zone: UR-LD, Two Twenty One Vista Group LLC owner, on premises know as 221 Buena Vista Avenue <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1F1m-R-0c-gBFiMzvD3FNmtZIP7EDj1mO?usp=sharing>

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# 5852 - Area Variance - Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 94 St. Andrews Place, Block: 133, Lot: 3 (B0033786) Zone: A, Pleasure Home Improvement LLC, owner, on premises know as 94 St. Andrews Place <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-WAnk-6N6D-BLNUSTRFpLEp6VBcZd6V80?usp=sharing>

# 5869 – Area Variance - T&N Home Solutions LLC Regina Parker on behalf of 152 Hawthorne Avenue, owner, Nicholas Satchel Block: 175, Lots 16.17 (B0034021) Zone: A, on the premises know as 152 Hawthorne Avenue [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HeshqQg13HNBB2\\_hVJlckAr1cmXM0o4H?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HeshqQg13HNBB2_hVJlckAr1cmXM0o4H?usp=sharing)

# 5870 – Area Variance – Cristian Hernandez on behalf of 105 Ridgewood Avenue, Block: 6335, Lot 20 (B0034666) Zone: S-50; Khaled Awwad, owner, on premises know as 105 Ridgewood Avenue. [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HsjnBOsXe6vhUxrKFTHGpTknwGt\\_d7A?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HsjnBOsXe6vhUxrKFTHGpTknwGt_d7A?usp=sharing)

# 5871 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly on behalf of AMS Estates LLC, Owner, Block: 3078, Lot: 1 (B0034832) Zone S-50, on premises know as 154 Hillside Avenue aka 350 Roberts Avenue <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lxvsM9I8jg0tVwjdPyv2BdcA0Yqhltoy?usp=sharing>

# 5872 – Area Variance – Ellen Theg , on behalf of Groundwork Hudson Valley Inc., owner, on premises known as 8 Orchard Street, Block:2075, Lot:13 (B0035484) Zone :MG [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HXO5IJTIPIqXlxAIQZcau2pHTBCNc\\_SO?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HXO5IJTIPIqXlxAIQZcau2pHTBCNc_SO?usp=sharing)

# 5873- Area Variance- Improvement to a Non-Conforming Use - Nick Faustini, Architect, on behalf of 148-158 Ludlow St. Corp. ,owner, On premises known as 148 Ludlow Street, Block:165, Lot:12, (B202101347) Zone: I [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1o98Rq5rrgeGQr2l-16SP7g3GbfqYZK\\_?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1o98Rq5rrgeGQr2l-16SP7g3GbfqYZK_?usp=sharing)

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# 5764- Area Variance - Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of Woodycrest Yonkers LLC, owner, Block: 2207, Lot 21 (B0024208), on premises know as 37 Woodycrest Avenue, Zone: T [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TS9\\_F9jAFdMVLmrRI-4Z77vWeraW1hlp?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TS9_F9jAFdMVLmrRI-4Z77vWeraW1hlp?usp=sharing)

# 5763 – Area Variance - Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of Woodycrest Yonkers LLC, owner, Block: 2207, Lot 23 (B0024199), on premises know as 33 Woodycrest Avenue, Zone: T <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/13ZXZ25vr0exLhnUzHnm7e wIVyOkQEhVP?usp=sharing>

# 5874- Area Variance—HDR (Alicia Vaccaro, PE), on behalf of NYC DEP- Bureau of Water Supply (Maria Mandarino, PE). , owner, on premises known as 601 Midland Avenue, Block: 8001, Lot: 10, (B0035159) Zone: S-60 [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UuwjQOpnNvtvL\\_GW6nSzzHTzIVYwAsQ?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UuwjQOpnNvtvL_GW6nSzzHTzIVYwAsQ?usp=sharing)

# 5875 – Area Variance – Andrew Collingham, RA , on behalf 20 Ferndale Realty LLC, owner , on premises know as 20 Ferndale Street, Block:2375; Lot: 14 (A0000235) ; Zone: M <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1b4ZLmVx93CJ7Yn9C9Yq2F9TmDz8eXEWoP?usp=sharing>

# 5876 - Area Variance – Andrew Collingham, RA , on behalf Samuel Olivieri, owner , on premises know as 18 Ferndale Street, Block:2375; Lot: 14; (B0033562) Zone: M [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nBBh\\_aCBarfkCznB\\_KKUpengmJxK9Woh?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nBBh_aCBarfkCznB_KKUpengmJxK9Woh?usp=sharing)

# 5877 – Area Variance- Diana Toledo, on behalf of Toledo LLC, owner, on premises know as 29 Cliff Avenue, Block: 128; Lot: 21 (B0035812) Zone: M [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RmIGFLEgcBHhAWG0Wf\\_7HSFigVhAEUTZ?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RmIGFLEgcBHhAWG0Wf_7HSFigVhAEUTZ?usp=sharing)

# 5878 – Area Variance – Maximillian Mahalek, Esq., Cuddy & Feder LLP on behalf of Central Plaza Associates LLC, owner, on premises know as 2542 Central Park Avenue aka 2604 Central Park Avenue, Block;4877 Lot:1 (B0035618) Zone: BR [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TM1vg\\_bChwa4-xX7RuZaMbyJxQjZaLk?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1TM1vg_bChwa4-xX7RuZaMbyJxQjZaLk?usp=sharing)



## Congressman-Elect George Latimer Reappoints Service Academy Board, Announces Staff & Office Locations

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Congressman-Elect George Latimer (CD-16) has announced the reappointment of the Service Academy Board originally established by outgoing Congressman Jamaal Bowman. This decision reflects Latimer's commitment to continuity, excellence and the recognition of the Board's dedication to guiding students in pursuing appointments to the nation's esteemed military service academies.

The Service Academy Board, a volunteer group of community leaders and military professionals, plays a pivotal role in evaluating applicants seeking nominations to the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. Over the past four years, the board has been instrumental in identifying and supporting exceptional young men and women in achieving their goals of service to the nation.

Latimer said: "By reappointing this board, we ensure that their vital work continues uninterrupted, and we remain committed to identifying the next generation of military leaders. Their continued service underscores the importance of maintaining institutional knowledge and providing consistent support to academy applicants."

Congressman-Elect Latimer plans to meet with the board in the coming weeks to discuss upcoming selection processes and share his vision for supporting the region's young leaders.

Congressman-Elect George Latimer (CD-16) has named two individuals to assume key leadership posts as his administration begins to take shape in Washington. Latimer has nominated Ellen Hendrickx to serve as District Director, and Tremaine O'Garro to serve as Deputy District Director of his Westchester and Bronx District offices, respectively.

Latimer said: "I consider both Ellen Hendrickx and Tremaine O'Garro to be tremendous additions to the team, as both have proven their longstanding commitment to public service in their previous roles. Ellen has served as Greenburgh Town Councilwoman since 2021, and as a former member of my administration as County Executive, is deeply entrenched in the issues that affect Westchester County. Tremaine has also dedicated his professional life to state and city government work under Assemblymember Michael Benedetto, and has greatly fostered his awareness of the needs of the Bronx community. Both have a strong track record of success, and I am honored and excited that they will be joining me in Washington, D.C."

Hendrickx joined Latimer's Executive Team in Westchester County as Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Services in 2019, and was later promoted to Director of Research, in addition to managing Boards and Commissions to the County Executive's Office. O'Garro will be joining Latimer's team following a three-year stint in the assembly under Assembly Education Chair Michael R. Benedetto. O'Garro also served as District Leader of the 82nd Assembly District (Part A), and Chairman of the New York State Democratic Party's Black Caucus.

Hendrickx said: "Having served in the Legislative and Executive branches of County Government and as an elected Town official, I now look forward to working on Federal issues to help our Westchester neighbors. I can think of no better person to represent than Congressman Latimer and I am confident that our team in White Plains will do its utmost to help the people of our district with their needs."

O'Garro said: "I am truly excited to join this talented, dedicated and service-focused team. Under the strong and visionary leadership of Congressman George Latimer, this team will deliver exemplary results to our constituency in the Bronx and Westchester, and I am honored to be a part of it."

Latimer also announced the establishment of two district offices to serve the residents of the Bronx and Westchester County.

The Bronx district office will be located at 177 Dreiser Loop Room 3 Bronx, New York 10475, and the Westchester office will be located at 222 Mamaroneck Ave., Suite 312, White Plains NY 10605.

What the District Offices Will Provide:

Constituent Services: Assistance with federal programs, including Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits, and immigration.

Community Outreach: A space for engaging with local organizations, hosting town halls, and collaborating on community initiatives.

Advocacy Support: A resource for navigating federal agencies and addressing pressing local issues.

"Everyone who knows me knows that I am committed to being as embedded in the communities I serve as possible. These two district offices will ensure that residents of the Bronx and Westchester County have direct access to their federal representative. This is about listening, responding and solving problems together."

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the preparation of a false and fraudulent U.S. individual income tax return. The charges arise from ALVAREZ's orchestration of a decade-long, \$145 million tax fraud scheme to file tens of thousands of federal individual income tax returns that included false information designed to fraudulently reduce the individuals' tax burden. As part of today's guilty plea, Alvarez agreed to pay the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") \$145 million in restitution and forfeit over \$11.84 million in fraudulent proceeds he received from his criminal conduct. ALVAREZ pled guilty today before U.S. District Judge J. Paul Oetken.

Acting U.S. Attorney Edward Y. Kim said: "Rafael Alvarez became known as 'the Magician' by his customers for his supposed ability to make their tax burden disappear. But, as today's guilty plea shows, there was no magic to what Alvarez was doing - he was committing a serious federal crime by falsifying tens of thousands of tax returns and, in the process, depriving the IRS of \$145 million in tax revenue. Today's guilty plea, in one of the largest ever tax frauds by a return preparer, should serve as an important reminder to tax professionals that this Office will vigorously investigate and prosecute tax offenses."

As alleged in the Indictment and Superseding Information and statements made in public filings and court proceedings:

From at least in or about 2010, up to and including in or about 2020, ALVAREZ was the CEO, owner, and manager of ATAX New York, LLC, also doing business as ATAX New York-Marble Hill, ATAX Marble Hill, ATAX Marble Hill NY, and ATAX Corporation (together, "ATAX"). ATAX was a high-volume tax preparation company located in the Bronx, New York, which prepared approximately 90,000 federal income tax returns for its customers during this period. ALVAREZ both prepared tax returns for ATAX customers and recruited, supervised, and directed other ATAX personnel who in turn prepared tax returns for customers. During this period, ALVAREZ oversaw a sweeping fraudulent scheme, whereby he and his employees submitted false information to the IRS in ATAX customers' tax returns. This false information, which included, among other things, bogus itemized tax deductions, made-up capital losses, phony business expenses, and fraudulent tax credits, served to fraudulently reduce the customers' tax liability and increase the customers' tax refunds from the IRS.

In total, ALVAREZ oversaw ATAX's fraudulent submission of tax returns on behalf of customers that deprived the IRS of \$145 million in tax revenue. ALVAREZ was so consistent at falsifying ATAX customer tax returns that he became known to ATAX's customers as "the Magician." Additionally, ALVAREZ agreed as part of his plea agreement that he was a leader of the scheme and attempted to obstruct or impede the administration of justice with respect to the investigation of the tax fraud scheme when he and an ATAX employee made false statements to an IRS Revenue Agent. ALVAREZ's operation of ATAX helped the company generate approximately \$12 million in fraudulent proceeds over the duration of the fraud.

ALVAREZ, 61, of Cortland Manor, New York, pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and steal government funds, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison, and one count of aiding and assisting in the preparation of a false and fraudulent U.S. individual income tax return, which carries a maximum sentence of three years in prison. ALVAREZ is scheduled to be sentenced by Judge Oetken on April 11, 2025.

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billions for illegal migrants, while charging New Yorkers new tolls and taxes, is simply madness."

"Yes there is a pricetag but we cannot continue to have this massive influx of illegal immigrants. Since Joe Biden 10 and a half million people and its costing us billions of dollars," said Lawler.



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## For the First Time in Five Decades, New Yorkers Had No Third Party Choice for President in 2024

By Dan Murphy

When New Yorkers cast their ballots on Nov. 5, 2024, they had only two presidential choices: Kamala Harris or Donald Trump. Biden appeared on the Democratic and Working Families party lines, while Trump appeared on the Republican and Conservative party lines.

As someone who has grown disaffected with both major political parties and someone who voted third party in both 2016 and 2020 (Libertarian), I decided to look back to see when was the last time that New Yorkers had only two choices for President.

In 2020, the Libertarian Party (Jo Jergenson) and the Green Party (Howie Hawkins), were on the Presidential ballot in New York.

In 2016, the Libertarian Party (Gary Johnson) and the Green Party (Jill Stein) appeared on the ballot.

In 2012, Johnson, Libertarian, and Stein, Green appeared on the Presidential ballot.

In 2008 and in 2004, Ralph Nader ran and was on the ballot in NY for President. Nader ran as the Populist Party candidate in 2008 and as a Green Party candidate in 2004. Bob Barr ran as the Libertarian candidate for President in 2008.

In 2000, the Green Party, (Nader) the Right to Life Party (Pat Buchanan), and the Independence Party (John Hagelin) were on the Presidential ballot in NY. Nader got 3.58%.

In 1996, Ross Perot got 8% of the vote in NY on the Independence Party line, while Nader got 1.2% on the Green Party line. Howard Philips ran as the RTL party and was also on the ballot in NY.

In 1992, Perot got 15.75% in NY as the Presidential candidate of the Independent Party.

In 1988, only the Right to Life Party, and Presidential candidate William Marra, were the third party option in NY.

In 1984, New Yorkers had only two choices for President; Walter Mondale, democrat, or Ronald Reagan, republican.

In 1980, John Anderson appeared on the ballot in NY and got 5.8% of the vote.

So why were there no third party options for the xxx New Yorkers who do not indentify with any political party in NY?

Former Governor Andrew Cuomo is the reason. In 2018, Cuomo was challenged for re-election for Governor by Sex in the City actress Cynthia Nixon. The Working Families Party endorsed Nixon, but Cuomo won both the Democratic and WFP primaries. But Cuomo never forgot the political noise that the WFP and Nixon made in the summer of 2018, and in 2020, he changed the rules and raised the obstacles for minor political parties to get on the ballot and stay on the ballot.

Cuomo included the changes in the 2020 State budget. Legislators had no choice but to vote on both the budget and the ballot changes in one bill. The changes included increasing the number of votes that minor party candidate for President must get from 50,000 to 130,000 to stay on the ballot. He also tripled the number of signatures a candidate or minor party are required to get to 45,000 in a 45 day window.

Since these changes, no third-party candidate for President has been on the ballot in NY, despite efforts by the Green Party and the Libertarian Party to do so.

“The US has the most restrictive ballot access requirements of any electoral democracy in the world. The ballot should be available to all serious candidates. It is anti-democratic for the Democrats and Republicans to keep their competition off the ballot, especially when combined independent and third-party enrollment is 27% of the active New York electorate,” said Green Party candidate for Governor and President Howie Hawkins.

There are 3.4 Million voters in New York State who are not registered to the democrat, republican, conservative or working families parties. Those voters were forced to choose between Harris, Trump or don't cast a vote for President.

There is no political motivation in Albany to change this. All of the state legislators are Ds or Rs. One candidate, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., did make a concerted effort to get on the ballot for President in NY in 2024. I was hoping to cast my vote for RFK Jr., but while his name was on the ballot in several other states, he was not on the ballot in NY.

Other notable third party Presidential candidates in New York were:

George Wallace, 1968, Courage Party, 5.29%.

Henry Wallace, 1948, American Labor Party, 8.25%.

Teddy Roosevelt, National Progressive Party, 24.5%

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ing Killoran's many years with Habitat for Humanity.

I first met Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter in Los Angeles, during a build blitz. We built 21 houses in LA in one week. President Carter was diligent, a hard worker, who was committed to getting the job done. He pushed all of us.”

“I don't think I agreed with all of his priorities, but his faith should be a witness to us all. A mustard seed can take any person and change the world,”

The man who got Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter to build houses through Habitat for Humanity was Millard Fuller. Fuller founded Habitat and Killoran worked under Fuller.

In 2008, a disagreement resulted in Millard and Linda Fuller being removed from the Board of Habitat. Shortly after that the Fuller's founded The Fuller Center for Housing, the group that Killoran joined in 2018.

Killoran met President Carter at a Bible study in Georgia with Fuller and two more times at the funeral for Fuller and the 10th anniversary of his passing.

“I have been to the Carter center in Georgia and to his childhood home in Plains Georgia. He was a graduate of the Naval Academy.”

“Especially during this time of Christmas and Chanukah, we should take President Carter's example as a Clarion call to build houses. Here in Westchester, the dream of owning a home is slipping away from too many young people who are leaving.

“I'm still here building houses for Veterans with interest free loans and repairing houses for our older residents who also need help. That would be the best way to honor President Carter, put on some gloves and help us build,” said Killoran, whose work in Westchester building affordable houses can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/fullercenterny>.

The Fuller Center wrote a wonderful remembrance of President Carter. Titled, Former President Jimmy Carter "was a Christian in the best sense of the word" <https://fullercenter.org/former-president-jimmy-carter/>

Here are some excerpts, “When former President Jimmy Carter and wife Rosalynn returned to their hometown of Plains, Georgia in 1981 after losing the White House to Ronald Reagan, their intention was to decompress, get their post-campaign finances in order and for the newest ex-president to write a book.

“He also returned to teaching Sunday school at Plains' Maranatha Baptist Church, where a steady stream of people associated with a then-fledgling affordable housing nonprofit called Habitat for Humanity — headquartered about 10 miles away in Americus, Georgia — began showing up to hear him teach.

The leader of that nonprofit was a man named Millard Fuller.

“The first time we heard about Millard, I was still in the White House, and he wrote a very ugly editorial about Rosalynn and me not helping with Habitat,” Carter recalled with a laugh in 2019 at Koinonia Farm during an event marking the 10th anniversary of Fuller's homegoing.

Carter decided it was time to hear Millard and Linda Fuller out, so he and Rosalynn invited to their Plains home to hear more about the movement. The now former president, though, warned his wife that this was just a listening session — nothing more.

“I told Rosalynn ahead of time, ‘Don't agree to anything! We've got all we can do already,’” Carter recalled in 2009 at The Fuller Center for Housing's inaugural Millard Fuller Legacy Build in Lanett, Alabama.

Sure enough, Millard came armed with a long list of things he wanted the Carters to do. It was vintage Millard Fuller — convinced that he could accomplish anything if only he could get in front of people who cared and people who could appreciate his passion and his vision. Like most others whom Millard got in front of, the Carters were roped completely into the mission — and they agreed to every single item on Millard's list.

“They came into our house, and in half an hour we'd agreed to work for Millard Fuller,” Carter said with a laugh. “I thought it was the worst thing that could happen, but it turned out to be the best thing. ... From then on, our life was changed. It changed my and Rosalynn's life for the better.”

Carter said Millard Fuller's “Theology of the Hammer” led to an epiphany for him — one that changed the course of his life.

“That bridging from going to church and taking somebody and demonstrating what Christ told us to do, it's a very difficult thing to tie together,” Carter once said. “But Millard Fuller taught me how it could be done, and, for that, I am very grateful to him.”

“Millard and I are grateful to have had the opportunity to work with him and witness his unwavering commitment by being the ‘hands and feet’ of Jesus Christ in our needy world,” said Linda Fuller, who co-founded both Habitat for Humanity and The Fuller Center for Housing. “President Carter's stellar leadership and passion have made a lasting impact on both Habitat and The Fuller Center for Housing and the partnering families. His dedication to building homes for families and communities in need continues to inspire us to this day. We are grateful for his partnership, his friendship, and his example of selfless service to others.”

It is nearly impossible to overstate the impact that the Carters' involvement had in turning Habitat for Humanity into a household name and lifting the affordable housing movement to new heights. While Millard Fuller preached the Theology of the Hammer as a way to spread the Gospel by putting faith into action, President Carter put one of the world's most recognizable faces upon that philosophy and literally illustrated it — hammer in hand well into his 90s, even after undergoing brain surgery.

“It's always been his faith that impressed me most,” said Chris Fuller, the first-born son of Millard and Linda who took many groups to hear the president teach Sunday school at Maranatha over the years, especially during his time as a campus minister. “Whatever he did or said, it was his relationship to God that guided everything. And he never let up. He was a Christian in the best sense of the word. Jimmy denied himself, picked up cross daily and followed Jesus just like it commands in Luke 9:23. What a witness and what a life!”

“I saw first-hand how he put his faith in action, got muddy and sweaty just like everyone else, and sparked those projects to success,” Fuller said,” end of Fuller story.

Most of the media mention Habitat for Humanity in President Carter's obituary, and rightfully so. But the story continued with the Fuller Center for Housing and the man who pushed Jimmy and Rosalyn Carter to service, Millard Fillmore.

In our view, the chain of service extends from President Jimmy Carter to Millard Fillmore to Jim Killoran, who is still serving others by building houses and giving home ownership in the most expensive county in the USA. God Bless Jimmy Carter and consider volunteering or donating to Killoran and the Fuller Center for Housing. And the best way to honor Jimmy Carter would be to spend a day or two volunteering with Killoran, or making a donation.

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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

### SATURDAY, JAN. 4

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Birding for Beginners, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. For anyone interested in birdwatching, this is a great way to learn some basics. Bring binoculars. Led by Chris Mignone of Central Westchester Audubon.

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

New Year Hike, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Ring in 2025 with a hike around the preserve. Hiking shoes are recommended.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Native Plant Seed-Cleaning Workshop, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 12 and older can join our native plant staff to learn how to clean and process Hilltop-grown harvested seeds for propagation and storage. Free. Pre-registration required: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/01/04/native-plant-seed-cleaning-workshop/507978>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

The Farm Stand, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Buy our crops harvested from the fall as well as freshly grown greens from our greenhouse. Also: Feb. 1, March 1. Get details <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/01/04/1736002800/farm-stand-open/504586>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Second Photography and Art Exhibit, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. View people's talents and love for wildlife and nature through photography and artwork. Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 25.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Animal Meet & Greet, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. See our animals up close! Join one of our educators to learn more about our cows and goats, how we care for them and their purpose on the farm. Also: Feb. 1, March 1.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Old Time Music Jam, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. This is a monthly gathering of local acoustic musicians who play traditional Appalachian fiddle music. Come to play or just listen, and enjoy the community that music can create! Musicians of all levels are welcome. Also: Feb. 1, March 1.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Backyard Sugaring, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Do you know that you can make your own maple syrup right in your backyard? Come by to learn about the equipment you will need, identifying sugar maples in all seasons, the correct way to tap trees and how to turn sap from maples in your yard into syrup on your pancakes. Sessions will meet at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. at Muscote's Sugar Shack to tour our equipment and see our maples. Also: Jan. 5.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

New Year's Ecology, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Join us for a hike around Lenoir to learn about the ecological wonders of winter. Hiking shoes are recommended.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Intro to Hiking, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Ages 8 and older can join us at Trailside for a beginner-friendly guided hike through the reservation. Together we can explore some unique features of our ecosystem and contribute to the 100-mile challenge.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 5

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Geology of the Lower Hudson, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Croton Point and its environs reveal vast geological processes going back hundreds of millions of years, most recently burial and rebirth by ice. Ages 6 and older can hike the park's shore to see the evidence for themselves! Free; winter hiking conditions; wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the entrance to the RV Park.

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2025-01-05/>

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Community Science Series: Wildlife Tracking, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Join the conservation staff to learn techniques for tracking wildlife and how it's used to study wildlife in Westchester County. This event includes a moderate hike. Hiking shoes are recommended.

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accounts were reduced after receiving the amortization schedule. More details of changes in the budget can be viewed on the Preliminary Slip Sheet on the Town's website.

There was no change to the tax rate between the tentative and final budget. If a home is assessed at \$500,000, residents of unincorporated Greenburgh will be taxed at \$2,673.19 compared to \$2,793.28, last year. Those living in the villages (and residents of unincorporated Greenburgh) will pay \$210.08 in the Town Entire budget compared to \$210.03 last year. This figure only applies if the assessments stayed the same.

In the A fund / Town Entire villages/unincorporated), the rate remained almost flat with an increase of .03% from last year. In the B fund / only unincorporated Greenburgh, the rate decreased by 4.30% compared to 2024.

The Town Board approved a proposal I have advocated for a few years -the creation of an Operations Director. I had originally proposed that the position report to the Town Supervisor, but the Board decided the official, once appointed, should report to the entire Town Board. The Board will work on a job description in 2025.

Members of the Town Board who voted on the budget are Councilmembers Francis Sheehan, Gina Jackson, Ellen Hendrickx and Joy Haber. Kimberly Gutwein is our new Comptroller who worked hard helping to prepare the 2025 budget. This year I invited the Town Board to participate in pre-budget submission discussions with all department heads in the early fall. These meetings were televised and also posted on the town website.

Few changes made — 4.30 decrease in town outside budget (unincorporated). 03% increase in A budget (town entire is made up of village and unincorporated residents). The A budget is almost flat. Taxes dependent on your assessments.

Feiner and the Greenburgh Town Board were able to keep their budget under control and the tax increase at zero, while other communities like the Town of Yorktown, passed a 2025 budget with a 6.6% tax increase.

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THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the Sealed Bids opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid No. IFB-7219A – Opening date: 01/24/2025: North Yonkers Boys and Girls Club Phase I Site Improvements, 223 Ridge Avenue (MM).

2. Bid No. IFB-7357 – Opening date: 02/07/2025: Water Mitigation of Fuel Tank Room and Other Improvements at Cesar Chavez School, 4 construction contracts: GC Building, HVAC, Plumbing and Electrical. (FB)

3. Bid No. IFB-7358 – Opening date 02/07/2025: Phase 2 - Replace Windows, Masonry, Select Interior Finishes and Site Work at Family School 32, 5 construction contracts: GC Site, GC Building, HVAC, Plumbing, and Electrical (KS)

4. Bid No. IFB-7359 – Opening date 02/07/2025: Window Replacement & Athletic Field Improvements at Saunders Trades & Technical High School, 3 construction contracts: GC Site, GC Windows, and Electrical (AC).

5. Bid No. IFB-7371 – Opening date 01/17/2025: Twenty-four month contract, with two 12-month options to renew, to provide building demolition services on an as needed emergency basis (KS).

6. Bid No. RFB-7345 – Opening date 02/07/2025: Twenty-four month contract, with option to renew for 12-months to provide janitorial services at 15 city owned/leased facilities (VB)

7. Bid No. RFB-7373 – Opening date 01/17/2025: Twenty-four month contract , with option to renew for 12-months, to provide parts and repair services, as needed, for the City's fleet of Chrysler, Ram, and Jeep vehicles (FB).

8. Bid No. RFB-7374 – opening date: 01/17/2025: Twenty-four month contract , with option to renew for 12-months, to provide parts and repair services, as needed for John Deere equipment (FB).

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**TAX SALE NOTICE****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 24, 2024 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 24, 2024; 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 14, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. of that rate, 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 24 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 are 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 2023 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**



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NY State and Cuomo whose allegations forced Cuomo to resign.

Bennett had a history of working for women's rights organizations in Westchester, including Hope's Door in Pleasantville. Bennett worked in three capacities for Cuomo from 2019 to 2020 as his special assistant, executive assistant, and policy advisor.

Bennett told NY Times reporter Jesse McKinley that on June 5, 2020, she was alone with Cuomo in Albany when he asked her whether age was a factor in a relationship. He added that he was open to a relationship with a woman in her 20s. Bennett said that while Cuomo never touched her, "I understood that the governor wanted to sleep with me, and felt uncomfortable and scared," Bennett told the Times. "And I was wondering how I would get out of it and assumed it was the end of my job."

Bennett's attorney, Debra Katz, issued the following statement. "Since Ms. Bennett filed suit in federal court in September 2022, former Governor Cuomo has used every opportunity to harass our client with an astonishing number of invasive discovery requests and outrageous statements in pleadings to embarrass and humiliate her. These include requests for medical records for unrelated specialists, including gynecologists, optometrists, and others, and medical records dating back more than ten years from when she was a minor.

"This fishing expedition was designed to dig up material to smear our client and distract from the fact that Mr. Cuomo did, as the New York Attorney General's Office concluded after a lengthy investigation, sexually harass Ms. Bennett and at least 11 other women. It is also important not to lose sight of the fact that before engaging in his multi-year, multi-million dollar legal war against Ms. Bennett— funded by N.Y. State taxpayers— Mr. Cuomo apologized for his behavior.

"At a March 2021 press conference, he apologized for "making anyone feel uncomfortable" and for "whatever pain I caused anyone"[1] and said, "I acknowledge some of the things I have said have been misinterpreted as an unwanted flirtation. To the extent anyone felt that way, I am truly sorry."[2] His apologies were empty.

"From the beginning, this litigation has been about securing justice for Ms. Bennett. For years since she dared to come forward with allegations against Mr. Cuomo, Ms. Bennett has bravely withstood inflammatory and false assertions about her character and conduct. She has been forced to fend off increasingly invasive documents and deposition subpoenas sent to her parents, family, close friends, and college. Mr. Cuomo has used these legal proceedings to punish Ms. Bennett and others who reported his sexual harassment and to cause more harm to her, all at the expense of New York taxpayers.

"On behalf of Ms. Bennett and in support of all who have faced sexual harassment by powerful men like former Governor Cuomo, we will continue to seek justice in our action against the State of New York. We are currently engaged in settlement discussions with the State of New York and former Governor Cuomo, who threatened to interfere with that process in his most recent letter to the federal court. In dismissing the federal case, we thus hope that our client will be able to resolve this dispute and finally be made whole for all the damage Mr. Cuomo and his agents caused her."

A Statement from Charlotte Bennett reads: "Former Governor Andrew Cuomo can no longer use this lawsuit to harass me and my family. His abusive filings and invasive subpoenas are meant to humiliate and retaliate against me and those who have supported me over the last five years of this living nightmare. Mr. Cuomo's letter to the Court last week is another example of this, and I have had enough.

"Throughout this harrowing two-year case, I've many times believed that I'd be better off dead than endure more of his litigation abuse, which has caused extraordinary pain and expense to my family and friends. I desperately need to live my life. That's the choice I am making today." Ms. Bennett's case in State court against the State of New York, which was her employer, will proceed.

Cuomo's attorneys, Rita Glavin, and Theresa Trzaskoma, stated, "Ms. Bennett's decision to drop her baseless lawsuit should be viewed as a complete capitulation and a desperate attempt to avoid being confronted with the mountains of exculpatory discovery—including contemporaneous texts and videos that the AG's office never obtained—that completely refute her claims against Governor Cuomo," reads a statement from Cuomo's legal team.

"After falsely smearing Governor Cuomo for years, Ms. Bennett suddenly withdrew her federal lawsuit on the eve of her deposition to avoid having to admit under oath that her allegations were false and her claims had no merit. If New York State does give in to her public pressure campaign and settles, it will not be on the merits. It should require the public release of all the evidence so that New Yorkers finally know the truth: Governor Cuomo never sexually harassed anyone."

Days after Bennett announced that she was withdrawing her suit against Cuomo, Cuomo filed legal papers that indicate he is moving forward with a defamation lawsuit against Bennett. "The nature of this action is to recover compensatory and punitive damages for the serious injuries and losses that Governor Cuomo has suffered and will continue to suffer as a result of the December 9, 2024, false statement by Bennett and her agents that Governor Cuomo "sexually harassed" Bennett (the "December 9 Defamatory Statement").

"Bennett's agents tweeted this statement on December 9, 2024, with the headline "Debra Katz and Charlotte Bennett issued statements on news that Bennett voluntarily dismissed her lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in the SDNY against Andrew Cuomo, who sexually harassed her."

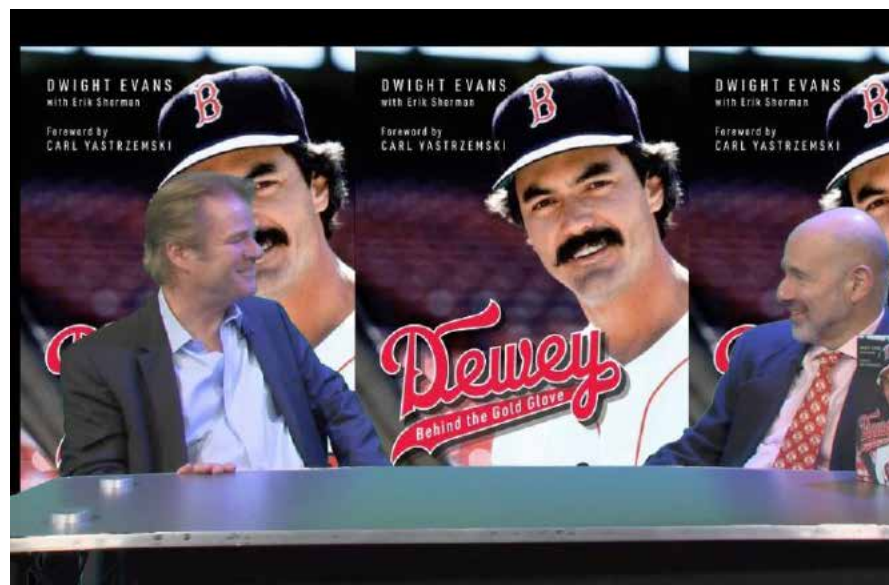
"Bennett reposted her agents' tweet, which has garnered over 90,000 views. The December 9 Defamatory Statement—which was intended to be and was widely disseminated and which was made in the wake of Bennett and her agents' numerous prior public accusations against Governor Cuomo—was false and defamatory, and Bennett made it knowing full well that it was false and intended to harm Governor Cuomo," states the lawsuit.

Katz called Cuomo's actions, "shameful that Mr. Cuomo has now chosen to go down that path." Many New York Democrats feel the same way and do not find the former Governor's actions to be an offer of peace with the many in the party who don't want Cuomo to make a political comeback. Cuomo is rumored to be preparing a run for NYC Mayor.

"If Andrew wants to mend fences, this isn't how. It's an indication that he plans to operate in the same way as he did when he was Governor. Take it or leave it and play hardball," said one Westchester democrat.

Many Westchester Democrats called for Cuomo to resign after the allegations of Bennett and others came out. An independent report made for NYS Attorney General Letitia James found that Cuomo sexually harassed 11 women. The US Department of Justice conducted a federal investigation which found that Cuomo harassed 13 women. Cuomo has disputed both reports and has never been charged with a crime. Some democrats wonder how he can run and win as a democrat, with so many still not willing to forgive and forget. Cuomo recently changed his voter registration last year from Westchester County, Purchase, to New York City.

## Baseball Hall of Fame's Missing Candidate: ] Dwight Evans



Erik Sherman, left with John Vorperian

By John Vorperian

White Plains Community Media host, John Vorperian and award-winning Baseball historian, Erik Sherman discuss the career of Boston Red Sox legend Dwight Evans on a current streaming edition of BEYOND THE GAME. The episode can be seen at [www.wpcommunitymedia.org](http://www.wpcommunitymedia.org).

Dwight Evans played in 2,505 games in Boston, second only to Carl Yastrzemski and hit 379 home runs for the club, trailing only Yastrzemski and Ted Williams. No one hit more home runs in the American League and no player had more extra-base hits in all of baseball in the 1980s than the man nicknamed Dewey. Eight gold gloves confirmed Evans as the best right fielder of his era.

During his playing days what was not known to the public and many of his teammates was Evans two sons were afflicted with the fatal affliction neurofibromatosis (NF), a disease that produces tumors in the brain, spinal cord, and nerves. The one Red Sox, Dewey confided with was Carl Yastrzemski as the slugger had lost a son.

That tragic fact of dealing with two children suffering with NF and playing a sport at its highest level was finally openly and fully revealed in his 2024 biography collaborated with Sherman, DEWEY: Behind the Gold Glove.

Strictly given his baseball numbers it is a mystery Evans name was not on the Hall of Fame's Classic Baseball Era Committee's ballot for 2025 Induction.

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## BOMA Westchester Elects 2025 Slate



**Left to Right: Top Row – Peter Zimmar, Scott Tangredi, Michael Borrero, Caroline Molloy, Vinny Finnegan, Jacqueline Monge, Ben Campos, Gina Lomurno; Front Row – Brian VanRiper, Robert McNamara, Stephanie Manfredi, Geraldine Molloy, Not Pictured: Judy Carrion**

The Building Owners and Managers Association of Westchester County has announced the election of its slate of officers for the 2025 term. Stephanie Manfredi was re-elected President. Ms. Manfredi is a Property Manager at Colliers International. For nearly 15 years she has been a leader in commercial real estate, working in property and facilities management overseeing all building-related operations and communications across the New York metropolitan region. Ms. Manfredi was sworn in with the rest of the slate at BOMA Westchester’s Annual Holiday Party and Inauguration of Officers held December 12 at Westchester Hills Golf Club in White Plains. Other officers elected and sworn in for the 2025 term were: Vice President: Robert McNamara of GHP Office Realty; Secretary: Geraldine Malloy of Newmark; Treasurer: Brian VanRipper of Robert Martin Company

The following Directors were also elected: Michael Borrero Michael Borrero Consulting; Judy Carrion, CBRE; Vinny Finnegan, Gedney Way Consultants, LLC; Gina Lomurno, Reckson; Caroline Molloy, Cushman & Wakefield; Jacqueline Monge Albert B. Ashforth Inc; Peter Zimmar, Regeneron.

BOMA Westchester is the county’s leading professional organization dedicated to meeting the needs of building owners, property managers and allied professionals and tradespeople. Visit

## Hanukkah Parade Drives Through Yonkers



Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz leading the Hanukkah parade starting at Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano’s office, winding through Yonkers, with brightly lit Happy Chanukah signs topping almost all two dozen cars.

Below: David Kellner drives in the Chanukah car procession

Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz led a Chanukah procession of almost two dozen cars, each with a brightly lit “Happy Chanukah” sign and a lit electric menorah on top, illuminating Yonkers with a wonderful parade of menorahs, circling Yonkers streets, stopping first at Yonkers Dept. of Public Works for speeches from Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and other officials. The Yonkers Police Dept. assured safe transit for all the Chanukah decorated cars

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