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Hugh Fox is Destroying the Conservative Party and This is Why



Westchester County Conservative Party Chair Hugh Fox, left

By Dan Murphy

“Republicans and Conservatives in Westchester can’t win elections if we are divided. There aren’t enough of us left.” This comment, from a Westchester republican, echo the thoughts of several republican elected officials and leaders who have had negative political interactions with Hugh Fox, Chairman of the Westchester County Conservative Party.

Fox, who has been County Conservative Chairman since 2011, has been withholding the Conservative Party line from republican candidates since 2019. Last year, he gave the Conservative line to Five Democratic, progressive pro-abortion candidates for State Supreme Court from Westchester.

That unprecedented move gave all five candidates, Judges Anne Minihan, David Zuckerman, David Squirrell, Elena Goldberg-Velazquez and Sherri Eisenpress help in their victories and enraged Westchester Republicans who had the same working

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NYAG James to Investigate New Rochelle Police Shooting Death of Jerrel Garris



bodycam footage shows Jerrel Garris struggling with New Rochelle police

By Dan Murphy

The police shooting of 37-year old Jerrel Garris who died days after the July 3 incident, has now drawn the attention of New York State Attorney General Letitia James, whose office will investigate. The incident began with NR police receiving “a call from a local store regarding a possible theft. The caller gave a description. The responding officers observed the man, in close proximity of the store, walking on Lincoln Avenue near North Avenue. While being placed under arrest, the man physically resisted. He was shot when he grabbed an officer’s gun, in an attempt to remove it from the holster. He was taken to a local hospital and is currently undergoing medical treatment,” stated the NRPD in a statement. Three different bodycams from officers show the same interaction: Garris is approached by officers Kari Bird, Gabrielle Chavarry, and Detective Steven Conn.

Garris continues to walk until he is encircled by the officers. At this point, a struggle ensues, and eventually Garris reaches for an officers gun and the call goes

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St. John’s Riverside Hospital Provides A Revolutionary Approach to Pain Management



Dr. Stephen Erosa, left

By Dan Murphy

Do you come home from work with a sore back? Are you stiff after a long drive in your car? Does walking up or down stairs have you seeing stars from the pain in your joints?

If you suffer from chronic pain and are do not want to be a surgical candidate, St. John’s Medical Group has opened a new Interventional Spine & Pain Management Center at 1022 North Broadway in Yonkers. “We are not an alternative to surgery, or against surgery. Interventional Pain Management is a part of the continuum of care used before patients have surgery and in many instances after surgery

It is a multidisciplinary practice that works best in conjunction with other specialties,” said Dr. Stephen Erosa, DO, a double-board certified interventional pain management specialist.

This is the only Pain Management Center in Westchester County that offers new treatments and solutions to your persistent chronic pain. Treatments are almost always non-pharmaceutical and minimally invasive.

Interventional pain management focuses on targeting the specific cause of a patient’s pain using small, minimally invasive procedures to diagnose, as well as treat, chronic painful conditions without the need for long-term medication use.

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Half of Yorktown’s Garbage Not Picked Up for July 4th Weekend; Residents Want AAA Back!!

Esposito Calls for Termination; Will Voters Remember in November?



By Dan Murphy

One thing that Westchester taxpayers want for paying the highest property taxes in the nation is to have the best in quality-of-life services; Police, Fire, and Sanitation are the Big 3. In Yorktown, residents have had the worst garbage and recycling removal service in Westchester County over the past six months.

That is because last year, the Town Board under the leadership of Supervisor Matt Slater, rejected a bid from AAA Carting, and accepted a lower bid from Competitive Carting. As the saying goes, you get what you pay for, and the residents are paying the price.

But the latest fiasco in the Yorktown-Competitive Carting failed marriage may be the last straw, and hopefully will result in a termination with Competitive and a return to AAA Carting. Over the July 4th weekend, Competitive Carting decided to only pick up smaller trash cans, (32 Gallons), instead of the 64-gallon trash cans that have wheels and that most of us use.

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Croton’s July 4th American Flag-Pride Flag Flap: Occasion to Celebrate Shared Freedoms; Shared However Diversely?



Pride Flag flying taller than the American Flag on July 4 at Croton Village Hall

By Stephen I. Mayo

The recent contretemps regarding Croton-on-Hudson, NY’s placement of a LGBTQ+ pride flag at a higher elevation and with greater prominence than its Old Glory at Village Hall is an opportunity to consider the nation’s competition among varied interests and interest groups.

Some viewed the difference in height (two to three feet, according to one respondent) and visibility as disdainful and violative of Federal guidelines for the presentment and use of the U.S. flag (4 U.S. Code Section 1 et al). Local officials responsible for the display, claimed that the rules and provisions of Federal law, being “declaratory and advisory only” required no enforcement and permitted the promotion of the “pride agenda” according to the July 2nd issue of Westchester Rising/Yonkers Times.“

Let’s leave to area citizens, their local representatives and the attorneys occasionally called upon to press the rights of residents and the community generally, to settle the question of law here presented - generally, and in future “Pride” months and July 4ths.

What is of greater importance is the differing perceptions of the “symbology” of America’s flag by gender-rights activists on one side, and Patriot-advocates on the other. A partisan of the latter position sees reverence for the flag as serving not only “traditional” interests of the customary stakeholders, but all in the country who believe in its founding principles, as represented by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

These seriously wrought and hard-won organizing standards and rules of amendment evolved over the nearly one-quarter of a millennia since the nation’s revolutionary beginnings. Their promise of just procedure and fairness (and ultimately, a unique American kind of kindness) portended a greater humanity and regard for the common good than any document before it or since. It is a great example for the world because it has been emulated so widely and frequently the world over.

What motivates American “flag wavers” and what many well-intentioned advocates of “pride” ethnic, racial, religious and gender identity may forget is that the American constitutional system is the best mechanism for recognizing and protecting individual and group rights in the history of world political organization. Americanism, and the flag symbol that represents it, has stood as the refuge of oppressed minorities of all types since the nation’s founding. Why else did the US attract, and why does it continue to attract Amish, Mennonite, Huguenot, Jewish, Muslim, Catholic, Baha’i immigration? And what other nation is the choice

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Horrible Conditions Described in NYAG James Lawsuit Against Martine Nursing Home-WP



a photo of an unclean patient at Martine Nursing Home in WP photo from NYS AG

On June 28, New York Attorney General Letitia James filed a lawsuit against the owners, operators, and landlords of four nursing homes for years of repeated and persistent fraud and illegally misusing more than \$83 million in taxpayer money that resulted in significant resident neglect, harm, and humiliation.

The nursing homes, owned and operated by Centers for Care LLC, doing business as Centers Health Care, include Martine Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing (Martine Center) in Westchester County. Residents at these facilities were forced to sit for hours in their own urine and feces, suffered from severe dehydration, malnutrition, and increased risk of death, developed infections and sepsis from untreated bed sores and inconsistent wound care, sustained life-changing injuries from falls, and died.

Following an investigation by the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), the lawsuit alleges that the nursing homes' owners and operators converted more than \$83 million in Medicaid and Medicare funds to enrich themselves, their families, and business associates through an elaborate network of related companies and collusive, fraudulent transactions, rather than use the funds for their intended purposes of providing sufficient staffing and required resident care. To stop further harm and suffering, Attorney General James is seeking to prohibit the nursing homes from admitting new residents until staffing meets appropriate standards, to implement a financial monitor and a healthcare monitor, and to disgorge any and all wrongfully received government funds.

"Nursing homes are meant to be safe spaces where the most vulnerable members of our community receive the care and dignity they deserve. Instead, the owners of Centers Health Care allegedly used these four nursing homes — and the vulnerable New Yorkers who lived there — to extract millions of dollars for their personal use, leading to elderly residents and those with disabilities suffering unconscionable pain, neglect, degradation, and even death," said Attorney General James. "Rather than honor their legal duty to residents to provide the highest possible quality of life, Centers leadership and their associates seized every opportunity to put personal profit over resident care. My office will always protect and defend nursing home residents statewide, and I encourage anyone who has witnessed disturbing conditions, neglect, or abuse at a New York nursing home to contact my office."

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Low Inventory & Mortgage Rate Hikes Present Challenges to Westchester Real Estate Market



Home for sale at 522 The Parkway in Mamaroneck.

The real estate market in Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess faced heightened challenges during the second quarter of 2023, characterized by low inventory levels and the impact of an abrupt increase in mortgage interest rates, according to the Houlihan Lawrence Westchester-Putnam-Dutchess Q2 Market Report released today.

The report noted that a significant majority of homeowners with mortgages are currently paying below the historical average rate of 6.7%, the highest observed in 20 years. This has thwarted the trade up, trade down activity in all our markets and further exacerbated the already low levels of properties for sale. The limited inventory of homes, including luxury properties, has intensified competition among buyers and led to upward pressure on prices in most areas.

"This environment has resulted in a beneficial situation for homeowners who decide to sell, and with mortgage rates currently stabilizing, they are becoming more inclined to make a move. At all price points, sellers are often able to realize top dollar for their properties, when properly priced, and achieve significant returns on their real estate investments," said Liz Nunan, President and CEO of Houlihan Lawrence.

"Houlihan Lawrence is fortunate to operate within the thriving markets north of New York City. The region offers exceptional housing choices, making it accessible to a broad range of buyers. The cultural richness, abundance of parks, proximity to beaches, and recreational opportunities in our counties is unparalleled. As a result, our strong demand for housing over the decades has remained constant, with a few exceptions," said Nunan.

Overall, the Westchester-Putnam-Dutchess market showed double-digit declines in home sales in all submarkets. Median sale prices were lower as well in most submarkets, with Westchester County Homes Sold: Down 24.4%, Median Sale Price: Down 4.1%; NYC Gateway (Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Pelham and Yonkers)-Homes Sold: Down 18%, Median Sale Price: Down 4% ; Lower Westchester-(Bronxville, Eastchester, Edgemont, Scarsdale and Tuckahoe) Homes Sold: Down 35%, Median Sale Price: Down 8%.; Rivertowns: (Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, Tarrytown, Briarcliff Manor, Elmsford, Irvington Ossining and Pocantico Hills Homes Sold: Down 34%-Median Sale Price: Up 7%

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Concerned High School Students Address Social Media Abuse



Angelica Almanza from Maria Regina High School (center) with Liam Felipe and Ryan Boynes, both of Stepinac High School

Following Week-Long Study, Students Share Insights and Recommendations with Local Leaders in Education, Government and Technology

A group of concerned high school students from throughout the New York metro area recently shared their insights and recommendations with leaders in education, government and technology to help address Social Media Abuse at a session that was held at Stepinac High School

The students' presentations followed their week-long, collaboration as participants in the Scholas Citizenship Program. Scholas was created by Pope Francis in 2013 to bring young people together to empower them to become active and engaged citizens committed to making a positive difference in their communities. The Scholas Global Community is present in more than 190 countries!

The Scholas Citizenship Program, the first-ever to be held in New York State, began when more than 60 students from eight high schools within the Archdiocese of New York gathered at the all-boys Stepinac to begin their study. In addition to Stepinac, participating high schools included All Hollows High School, Cardinal Hayes High School, Maria Regina High School, Notre Dame High School, Saint Barnabas High School and Saint Raymonds High School.

Here are highlights of their findings and recommendations:

The first group's presentation focused on how the fear of missing out, of being made fun of and peer pressure can result in overuse and misuse of social media. To counter the negative impacts, the group recommended that high schools host Spirit Weeks comprising daily activities designed to promote individuality and self-esteem.

The second group discussed the harm that social media can have on mental health, i.e., constant scrolling through feeds can lead to feelings of anxiety and depression and loneliness and it can also be a breeding ground for cyberbullying. To protect and erase any harmful content displayed on any device, the young investigators recommended the development of an application called ProTech designed to protect users from online harassment and inappropriate content.

The third group recommended the creation of an organization, Students Against Social Media Abuse to help prevent young people from becoming addicted to social media featuring an ad campaign with the slogan, "Uplug to Reconnect." The students also proposed a best video competition (less than two minutes in duration) to be sponsored by the high schools as a highly visible campaign to help raise awareness about the need to foster responsible social media usage.

The five panelists praised the students for their critical thinking and effective collaboration in recommending initiatives to help address Social Media Abuse. The panelists were Michael Coppotelli, Deputy Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of New York; Rachel Estroff, Chief of Staff, New York State Senator Shelley B. Mayer; Linda Dougherty, Associate Superintendent for Catholic Identity for Catholic Schools of the Archdiocese of New York; John Connolly, Major Accounts Manager of LDI Connect and Kyle O'Donnell, Principal, Sacred Heart High School. Read the report at link below.

<https://www.stepinac.org/ourpages/auto/2023/7/7/52343233/Scholas%20Citizenship%20Social%20Media%20Abuse%20Report.pdf>

New Rochelle Police Shooting, continued from pg 1-

out that Garris has the gun, and he is shot.

Earlier in the incident Det. Conn is heard asking for someone to "Taze" Garris, or use a Taser gun to subdue him, but Garris was not tazed before getting shot. The family of Garris held a press conference after his shooting to explain that Garris suffered from mental illness and would never have shot a cop. "You tried to take my son away from me. My one and old son. You're going to give me my justice," said Raymond Fowler, Garris' father.

The African American Advisory Committee (AAAC), issued a statement that they were, "shocked and stunned by the tragic events surrounding the New Rochelle police-involved shooting of Jarrell Garris, an unarmed, African American former resident. The AAAC continues to meet with the City of New Rochelle, NRPD and our Community Partners to determine the full extent of what took place on July 3rd when Jarrell Garris was approached by three members of the NRPD, that resulted in a struggle in which he sustained life-threatening injuries. The AAAC is calling for the immediate release of unedited bodycam footage of the July 3rd arrest and significant reform in NRPD's protocols for interacting with the African American community and individuals with known mental health challenges. AAAC will pursue its advocacy for transparency and continue to monitor the situation," stated AAAC members, Angela Davis Farrish – Chairperson, Min. Mark McLean – Co-Chairperson, and members Nate Adams, Kwamain Dixon, Leslie Gaskin, Rev. Dierdra Gray-Clark, Linda Tarrant-Reid.

NYSAG James announced that the "Office of Special Investigation (OSI) has opened an investigation into the death of Jarrell Garris, who died on July 10, 2023 following an encounter with members of the New Rochelle Police Department (NRPD) on July 3, 2023. Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Section 70-b, OSI assesses every incident reported to it where a police officer or a peace officer, including a corrections officer, may have caused the death of a person, by an act or omission. Under the law, the officer may be on-duty or off-duty, and the decedent may be armed or unarmed.

The Christopher Johnson Saga Continues



By Eric W. Schoen

President Trump has to follow the law by living and being born in the United States. Joe Biden has to follow the laws too. Same goes for Presidents Clinton and Obama and Kennedy and FDR. Pretty straight forward and what you would expect for the President of the United States.

Christopher Johnson is a WESTCHESTER County Legislator. He gets elected to a legislative district. If he should move out of his district his position on the Board the County Charter is pretty specific:

'A county legislator who ceases to be a resident of such district from which he is elected shall forfeit his office and the same shall be deemed vacant.'

Pretty straight forward. So why the hell did the Board of Legislators meet Monday to discuss 'his situation.' They have nothing to do with his moving from an investment to a house to a house to an investment or that ever happened here. He doesn't live in the district he was elected in.

The minute he moved out of the district he was elected to represent he loses his seat on the Board of Legislators. The County Board has nothing to do with it. When the move occurred and Mr. Johnson admitted it, that was it. Any vote he made as a County Legislator from that point on did not count. The seat is vacant until it is filled.

The people to blame in this fiasco? Apparently the Board of Legislators is waiting for a communication from the County Attorney as to what to do. County Attorney? What does he have to do with this? I view this as a stalling tactic and nothing else.

But the two people to really blame. County Executive George Latimer and the County Finance Commissioner. When they knew Johnson was not living in the district he was elected to represent they should have stopped paychecks to him. They should have begun 'clawing back' money he was not due from any funds due him. They needed to calculate money that was paid to him that should not have been.

Let me remind you again the County Board and any other boards can meet all they want but this is out of their jurisdiction.

Just a reminder since no one here seems to be following any laws that if a majority of the legislators gather in a room no matter if that room is on Martin Avenue in White Plains or in DisneyWorld in Florida you as a citizen have the right to be in that room whether or not county business is discussed. This law has been on the books for ages and many people don't know it.

The Inspector General for the City of Yonkers has been called on to investigate the other piece of this puzzle, whether or not Johnson can rent out a federally subsidized apartment he owns to family members. How he thinks he has the power to do this is remarkable. Taking an apartment away from someone who really needs it, well that person has no ethics. I hope the federal government makes him return every penny he stole in this scheme.

Makes you wonder if this scheme is being played by one legislator how many other elected officials are part of the game? Has the County Ethics Board reviewed this. Did they review the disclosure statements officials are required to submit. Is anybody at home here or is the County Board asleep like they were when there were tapes of one of their employees attempting non-consensual sex with an underage girl?

Between Johnson and the Legislature's failure to immediately fire their employee accused via video and audio of sexual shenanigans yes, friends there's trouble in River City. With all that is going the County Executive must appoint an independent Inspector General to review such manners.

A similar situation played out in Yonkers many years ago but at least the Yonkers City Council didn't attempt to get involved. Someone read the Yonkers City Charter and the League of Woman Voters in Yonkers got involved. The Councilman who did not live in the district he was elected resigned. Simple!

Let's hope the County Board cleans up its act and good, ethical government can return to WESTCHESTER County. Now!

Briefs: Do you think it was Hunter Biden who brought cocaine into the White House and dropped it in a working room. I don't think so. Even he's not that stupid. The only thing I can think of is this was a game to embarrass his father and get him not to run again because of his mental state.

Oh my! Drama on the set of Wheel of Fortune. Vanna wanted more say in who would replace Pat Sayjak and now that she didn't get it she wants more of a piece of the \$\$ action. Wheel without Pat AND Vanna? I can't take it.

What can Steve Harvey not do? Now he plays a judge. It's sad that the major networks don't have anyone in the bullpen to bring up and host game, judicial or talk shows. There must be someone out there!

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Diverse Abilities Job Fair Returns to Westchester County July 18

Pre-registered candidates with disabilities can interview on the spot with employers while discussing special accommodations

Born out of an initiative to combat the nationwide high unemployment rate among people with disabilities, Westchester County continues its support of all community members through its Diverse Abilities Job Fair, which will take place on Tuesday, July 18. The hiring event will bring together representatives from approximately 50 employers and resource providers. Pre-registered candidates with disabilities will be able to request accommodations needed and schedule individual interviews with employers. Visit <https://forms.gle/YNhANRcgpTJPIhtv7> to register.

Tuesday, July 18: OPEN HOUSE: 10 am – Noon, JOB INTERVIEWS: 1 – 4 pm
Westchester County Center, 198 Central Ave, White Plains, NY 10606

Due to the success of previous Diverse Abilities Job Fairs, the event has been moved to the Westchester County Center to accommodate the demand from both attendees and employers/resource providers.

Participating employers represent private, public and non-profit sectors and are looking to fill full-time, part-time and seasonal jobs and internships. The types of jobs include everything from maintenance to data entry; from customer service to health care; from entry level to highly skilled. All job seekers are encouraged to register in advance and bring resumes.

Confirmed employers include: Northwell Health, Goodwill NY/NJ, Westchester County, Amazon, AppleGreen, NY State Department of Corrections & Community Supervision, Westchester County Airport, NewYork-Presbyterian and more.

Confirmed resource providers include: Hearing Loss Association, Commission for the Blind, Westchester Independent Living, Westchester Residential Opportunities, SPARC, ConConnect, Yes, She Can and more.

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arrangement with the Conservative Party for decades in judicial races. Some say the reason for this is that Fox's wife works in the Westchester County Courthouse, where many of these same judges preside.

This year, Fox has withheld the Conservative line from republican candidates in Eastchester, Tuckahoe, New Rochelle, Harrison, and Yonkers, and some have had enough.

In Eastchester, Fox sent out a letter to Conservative Party members in Town, alleging that "Republicans have decided not to run on the Conservative line." Actually, it was Fox who denied one republican candidate for Town Board, Anthony Giacobbe, from also running on the Conservative Party line, and then ran a conservative candidate against Giacobbe and Councilwoman Sheila Marcotte (also up for reelection) without telling the republicans. That dispute resulted in Supervisor Tony Colavita and the entire republican ticket in Eastchester to side with Giacobbe in refusing to take the conservative line without their running mate. So, the two Eastchester republican candidates for Town Board are now opposed by a Conservative candidate who is totally unelectable.

In the letter that Fox mailed out to Eastchester residents, he explains that Giacobbe's political sin is that he is a supporter of Rob Astorino. "Anthony Giacobbe and Scooter Scott (2021 GOP County Clerk candidate and candidate this year for Tuckahoe Mayor) were not endorsed due to their misguided and ambitious associations with incompetent and ethically lapsed politicians, particularly the last Westchester County Executive, and his greedy political operatives.

"Giacobbe backed the same, failed former politician against Lee Zeldin last year.... We find Mr. Giacobbe to be disloyal. He is a man in a hurry.... We are endorsing Bob Fois for this open seat," writes Fox.

The question that many are asking is why does Fox have such political hatred for Astorino? Fox became County Conservative Chair in 2011. When Astorino became County Exec., he gave Fox a six-figure county job with a car. In 2014, Fox crashed the county car and got arrested for DWI in White Plains. He resigned his county job the next day, but quickly was given a private job at Westchester County Airport.

But Fox is said to hold a grudge against Astorino for "not going to bat for him with the DWI," said one Westchester Republican. "What did want Astorino to do, squash the arrest for DWI after he crashed a county car?" Since 2018, Fox has publicly bashed Astorino and anyone who supports him.

We find Anthony Giacobbe to be a young, republican-conservative whose political future is bright. In 2021 he almost upset Damon Maher for County Legislator. His wife Laurie serves on the Eastchester School Board. We find the Giacobbe family to be true conservatives, and do not believe that Giacobbe's support for Astorino to be a lifetime ban on public service in the county.

"Hugh Fox declined to endorse a republican slate of candidates in Eastchester, one of the last republican-conservative strongholds in Westchester. Good luck with that Chairman Fox, for shooting your party in the foot," said an Eastchester republican.

Fox has circulated petitions for Bob Fois, Eastchester Conservative Party Chair, to run for Town Board. Fois has the same employment history as Fox. Both were given county jobs by Astorino, but now both are actively working against the former two-term County Executive who still has the respect of a super-majority of republicans across the county. And Fois still has his job in county government, 6 years under the new democratic administration of County Executive George Latimer, making some wonder how this conservative leader in Eastchester still has his job. Prior to 2017, Latimer's election as County Executive, it was a rare occurrence for republicans in Westchester NOT to get the Conservative Party line. "Now it's happening all over the county," said one county conservative not affiliated with Fox and Fois.

Several years ago, Fois ran for Westchester County Board against Vito Pinto, and lost badly, despite having both the republican and conservative party lines.

Fois recently sent out a letter to Eastchester residents that we have obtained. He writes, "My candidacy leaves us with an election between a Conservative and a Republican-two parties who share common principles.... Our party embraces the sanctity of life. We support Judges who support your Second Amendment rights." But Fois' words do not match the actions of Fox and the Westchester Conservative Party, who endorsed five democratic candidates for State Supreme Court just last year. Many see this as an inherent double standard, and the smell of backroom politics rampant in the Westchester Conservative Party

"If you are asking me to choose between Rob Astorino and Hugh Fox, it's no contest. Astorino all the way. And the odd thing about it is that Rob is a true conservative, based on his principles and beliefs, and the way he ran the county as County Executive. This is getting ridiculous," said one Westchester republican leader.

Republican candidates in Harrison and Yonkers and other municipalities are having the same problems with the Westchester conservative party. In Yonkers, Councilman Anthony Merante, the republican candidate for Yonkers Mayor, did not get the Conservative Party line this year. "You are not going to get more Conservative in Yonkers than Anthony Merante. And this year, you never know with the term limits debate and Mayor Spano seeking a fourth term. Merante could be close enough to win."

And in Harrison. Fox denied the republicans and gave the conservative line to the entire slate of democratic candidates in the upcoming Town elections.

Other Westchester communities where Republican candidates did not get the Conservative line in 2023 (some did not seek due to the toxicity of the party): include: Bedford, Bronxville, Cortlandt, Tarrytown, Pelham, New Rochelle, Rye City and White Plains

And in the most recent county-wide race, Republican County Executive candidate Christine Sculti had the same thing done to her by the Conservative party in Westchester, denying her their line, as well as the republican candidates for County Clerk and for District Attorney in 2020.

One registered Conservative from Cortlandt reminded us that back in 2011, at a County Board of Legislators meeting, Fox "disrupted the proceedings and was led out of the Chamber by a Westchester County Public Safety officer...Fox then began acting inappropriately in the Rotunda, with witnesses watching him first standing on a table and then attempting to vandalize one of the framed portraits on the wall. The portrait came off the wall and Fox quickly re-hung the portrait back up before scrambling off the table," according to the Albany Times Union.

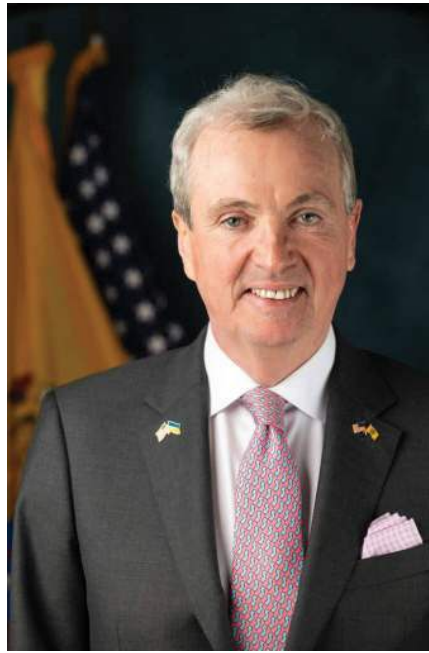
"When is it enough? Every year, there are fewer and fewer registered conservative in Westchester. And Hugh Fox is going to tell the republican party what to do? Isn't this the tail telling the dog what to do?"

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The Best Democratic Candidate for President is Only a Bridge (or Tunnel) Away



New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, left

By Jim Vespe

As the Democratic Party contorts itself wondering whether to nominate for President in 2024 an incumbent who will turn ten over par (82) two weeks after Election Day or turn to Vice President Kamala Harris, a far more formidable candidate sits in Trenton, New Jersey, birthplace of Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and location where billionaire business...man Jay Z first honed his entrepreneurial skills.

He is New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, who checks all the boxes for President, and more.

To paraphrase John F Kennedy's comment about Yale University, Murphy has the best of both worlds: A degree from Harvard, but not looking like he belonged there. A Hollywood casting director filming a movie in Boston would have placed Phil Murphy behind the bar in a place that served beer not from a keg, but from cans. or yelling while selling popcorn in the grandstand at Fenway Park, or coaching PeeWee league street hockey at twilight in an asphalt rink encircled by triple-deckers, wearing a tattered lime green jacket from St Neverheard-of-him Parish with fading shamrocks on the upper sleeves.

Phil Murphy's face seems slightly off center, as if he entered one Golden Gloves match in high school, took a pummeling and hung up his gloves. Like my favorite Republican Governor, Ohio's John Kasich, a coal miner's grandson, he will never look truly comfortable in a tuxedo, perhaps because he wears his city on his face, which shouts Boston as much as Kasich's says Pittsburgh.

Phil Murphy can understand sacrifice and struggle because, although he is rich enough to live in the same neighborhood as another blue-collar hero, singer Jon Bon Jovi, he remembers what it was like to have a dad who grabbed any opportunity to bring a few bucks home, like being a pallbearer or short notice.

Murphy took his Harvard degree and an MBA from the University of Pennsylvania to Goldman Sachs, where he rose to head their offices in both Germany and Asia, and then was Barack Obama's Ambassador to Germany for four years.

A poor kid with an excellent education who held senior leadership positions in industry, then served his country overseas at a critical ally before becoming the two-term Governor of one of America's most diverse states. What's not to like?

Even many Democrats who supported Joe Biden in 2020 and respect his work as President are uneasy or queasy at the prospect of him running for President at an age at which many of our parents or grandparents were already dead or debilitated or disabled or just plain out of it. Phil Murphy will continue what President Biden has started, and have the energy and enthusiasm to see it through.

In the Catholic church in Astoria, Queens, where I grew up in the 1960s, rivalries, not always good natured, often occurred between Irish and Italian parishioners, where you were expected to support 'your own kind' regardless of what they did or said.

I like to think such tribalism is past. But even if it isn't, I'm one great-grandson of a little village in the hills southeast of Naples who will be proud in 2024 to support Phil Murphy over any paisan...like Ron DeSantis.

Croton Flag Flap, continued from pg 1-

of atheists the world over seeking freedom to not believe?

This needn't be a "battle royal" between loyal groups of decent Americans each devoted in their own manner to the nation's founding ideals. Primacy of America's colors is no diminution of LGBTQ+ Pride's message; only a recognition that all of America's great component populations; diverse citizenry, former and active defenders of the seas and our territories, keepers of domestic public safety and health, business and labor ranks, and creative and artistic sectors have a share in the great passel of personnel liberties and individual freedoms and responsibilities that make our Constitutional Democratic-Republic the beacon of freedom for ourselves and the estimated 160 million foreign-born who wish to join us (Statista/Gallup World Poll, 2018).

It is no insult to today's Pride cause, nor to any accustomed cultural, ethnic, cultural or patriotic assemblage to say: "Our federal government cherishes and respects all sectors of the nation - but the fundamental guarantee of security and safety that citizens derive from our United States would be less meaningful and of lesser effect were it not for the exaltation of one, ubiquitous unifying standard, the American "Stars and Stripes," as the ultimate symbol of our oft-tested but still-unified nation of diverse populations and states, and so enjoy paramouncy of position over other banners that have come to represent America's multitude of legitimate causes, lifestyles, gender preferences, interest groups, factions and beliefs."

The American Stars and Stripes. Respect it, honor it and let it fly over any other standard because its existence and primacy make it possible for any and all other banners representing belief, faith, ethnic or racial identity or political orientation to fly at all.

Stephen I. Mayo - attorney, business manager, co-host: Steve Mayo/Lou Felicione Show; Mondays, 5:30 pm, WVOX 1460 AM (wvox.com) - (thestevemayoshow.com).

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Feeding Westchester Gears Up for Summer Feeding Program



Program fills the hunger gap for Westchester County school kids during summer break. School is out for summer, and Feeding Westchester is gearing up for its Summer Feeding Program. During the school year, more than 54,000 Westchester County school kids up to age 18 rely on free or low-cost meals to provide their nutritional needs.

“When the academic year ends, children lose access to these meals – and miss out on essential nutrition that helps them grow and thrive,” said Karen C. Erren, President & CEO of Feeding Westchester. “Hunger doesn’t stop when school ends.”

How to Participate in the Summer Feeding Program

To fill the hunger gap over the summer break, Feeding Westchester, in partnership with more than a dozen community partners and programs, offers a Summer Feeding Program.

The program, which runs in July and August, provides free healthy meals and snacks to children who would normally get meals during the school day as part of the National School Breakfast and Lunch Program.

Through Feeding Westchester’s extensive hunger-relief network of local community partners and programs, families can access Summer Feeding Program meals close to home at summer camps, through local community organizations and at community-based food distribution hubs.

Here is how eligible families can participate in the following Summer Feeding Program: Child Nourishment Bag Program – A bag of 5-6 non-perishable goods, such as shelf-stable boxed milk, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, rice and canned soup and stews, will be distributed twice a month to children and families through the following summer camps and community organizations:

- Camp Hope (New Rochelle)
- The Carver Center (Port Chester)
- The Family Resource Center (Peekskill)
- Mount Vernon Boys & Girls Club
- Yonkers Community Action Program – Summer Leadership Program
- Yonkers Riverfront Library

More local organizations are expected to be added to the list in the coming weeks.

The Child Nourishment Bag program is a partnership among Feeding Westchester, ARC Mount Kisco, ARC Yonkers and Ability Beyond in Chappaqua, as part of its vocational skills-building program. Feeding Westchester also partners with the Greenburgh Police Youth Camp to build a sense of community among its youth members. Feeding Westchester donates the food, and participants in the programs assemble and deliver up to 750 bags each week to summer camps and community-based organizations. Distributions will begin on July 10.

Feeding United Home Deliveries Program – Through a partnership with the United Way of Westchester and Putnam, a fresh produce bag will be distributed through DoorDash volunteer drivers 3-4 times a month to qualified children and families that live within a 15-mile radius of three Feeding Westchester food distribution hubs – in Mount Vernon, Ossining and Peekskill. This program is for families with school-aged children that qualify for free or reduced lunch. Families can register here: www.uwvp.org/food. Distributions will begin on July 12.

Summer Food Service Program – In addition to the services offered by Feeding Westchester, children also can participate in the USDA NY-state program called Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Children, regardless of family income, can get free healthy meals and snacks at various locations throughout Westchester County. For a full list of summer meal locations, go to <http://summermealsny.org>. Families can call 1-866-3-HUNGRY or text FOOD 304-304 to get connected to meal sites in their area.

Ways to Help Fight Hunger this Summer

“Summer is an especially difficult time for hard-working families and their children, thousands of whom depend on the breakfast and lunch they receive at their school during the academic year. This summer, the high cost of food adds another layer of challenge,” said Erren. “We are so grateful that, due to the generosity of our community, we can stand alongside partners throughout the county to ensure children have nutritious food in their bellies.”

There are many ways for the community to support the Summer Feeding Program and help nourish our neighbors. People can donate or fundraise. Just \$1 can provide three meals through the program. Community members also can volunteer their time at home to put together “Help from Home” snack bags, which are distributed through the program. For more details of how to get involved, go here.

For more information on Feeding Westchester’s Summer Feeding Program, contact Christopher McGregor at cmcgregor@feedingwestchester.org or 914-418-5206.

LGBTQ+ Groups in NY & CT Condemn Supreme Court Ruling Denying Service to Customers

The LGBTQ+ Pride groups across New York and Connecticut, who represent thousands of people with diverse backgrounds and experiences, condemn Friday’s Supreme Court ruling that suggests discrimination is enshrined in our Constitution.

The highest Court set a chilling precedent that entities serving the public can pick and choose who they serve and deny services to queer customers. What’s more, it comes at a time when LGBTQ+ rights are under attack by legislators across the country.

We, the LGBTQ+ leaders across New York and Connecticut see this decision as a dangerous step on an already roughly paved path towards fascism and the undoing of great gains we’ve made towards equality and justice for all. Freedom of expression should not be used to discriminate, especially against those most marginalized historically.

We believe that our towns, cities, and country are stronger when we embrace the diversity of our communities and when we can live free from the fear of discrimination or attack.

We call on all businesses to disavow the Court’s validation of discrimination and pledge to serve LGBTQ+ and all customers. We ask you to stand with us and staunchly against hate in all forms.

Signed,

Greenwich Pride, Bethel CT Pride, Darien Pride, New Rochelle Pride, Greenburgh Pride, Ossining LGBTQ Alliance, Hastings Rainbow Families, Greater Bridgeport Pride,, New Haven Pride Center, Putnam NY Pride, Middletown Pride, Lakeland RISE, Yorktown for Justice, DEI_BedfordNY, Wilton Pride, Ardsley Pride Peekskill Pride, Inc., Lewisboro Celebrates Pride Easton Pride, Westport Pride, Pelham Pride, Danbury Pride, Suffield CT Pride, Litchfield Pride, Torrington Pride, Connecticut Pride, New Milford Pride, Triangle Community Center, Monroe Pride, Up2Us, North Haven Pride, Yonkers Pride, pRYEde Community Group, The Reflection Zone, Fairfield Pride, Guilford Pride, Southington Pride Tony Ferraiolo, LLC

St. John’s Pain Management Center, continued from pg 1-

“Interventional procedures are not surgeries. They are small, through-the-skin or percutaneous injections or procedures to provide medications around effective nerves, joints, and areas in and around the spine to help control chronic pain,” explains Dr. Erosa, who has a passion for offering other options to provide patients with pain relief.

Once Dr. Erosa and his colleagues diagnose where a patient’s pain is coming from, they determine the appropriate treatment modality. For example, with neck pain, long-term management may involve radio frequency ablation.

“This is where we place a special needle right next to those nerves and use radio waves to shut down those nerves for nine months to a year, providing sustained pain relief for that period of time,” states Dr. Erosa.

But the Pain Management Center at St. John’s Medical Group offers treatments for all types of pain. “We do have several procedures for joint pains—knee, foot, hip, upper extremities, wrist, elbow, shoulders—that are specific to those areas as well.”

Other Treatments (or Therapies) offered at SJMG’s Pain Management Center include:

Minimally Invasive Lumbar Decompression (MILD) is used to treat spinal stenosis, which arises when the joints of the back become arthritic, and the nerves are squeezed, limiting the flow of blood to the spine (spinal area).

“You may have seen family members walking flexed forward, hunched over as we age. That is part of the body’s mechanism to decrease some of the symptoms. When we flex our back forward, we open the canal. When we stand upright, we make the canal smaller. So, as a protective mechanism, the aging spine tends to bend forward,” said Dr. Erosa, who added that in many cases, conservative therapies like physical therapy and medications produce undesirable side effects such as dizziness or drowsiness.

“When you’re already having difficulty ambulating and walking, sometimes these added effects are not helpful and can actually impede your overall functioning,” notes Dr. Erosa.

Steroid injections are another available therapy, but they can only be administered safely three times a year. The good news is, before individuals need to undergo major surgery, there’s another option: minimally invasive lumbar decompression (MILD).

How Does MILD Work? With MILD, physicians focus on one part of the spinal stenosis: the ligamentum flavum. “Through a small stab incision, a small poke in the skin the size of the baby aspirin, we slide a little trocar and shave a little bit of the bone along with a little bit of that ligament to open up the space,” explains Dr. Erosa. “Everything is done through this small incision. It can open the space and allow for blood flow to restore to those nerves and decrease symptoms of leg pain when ambulating or standing for long periods of time.”

This is a same-day procedure, so patients can return home immediately and resume normal activity 24 hours later. There are no stitches, either. Instead, the incision is closed with a medical glue called Dermabond. Another benefit is that no implants are left behind. Even better is that the MILD procedure is as safe as a steroid injection.

What Can Patients Expect? Once the procedure is complete, patients see more functional gains as time progresses over a six-month period with therapy and exercise. Patients who have benefited from the MILD procedure can get around and stand approximately seven times longer than they did in previous clinical trials—and walk 16 times farther.

“The procedure is very good at improving functional outcomes, as well as decreasing pain by at least 50%. It gets even better with some of the results,” shares Dr. Erosa. “What they found at a five-year data study, 88% of the patients who had this procedure had sustained benefit and only a small percentage of patients went on to needing further surgery.”

St. John’s Medical Group’s Pain Management Center’s Peripheral Nerve Stimulation therapy, which electronically stimulates specific nerves to reprogram and override the pain to potentially provide long-term relief, is “the first of its kind in Yonkers and in lower Westchester.”

“We place a small wire next to the nerve. It stays in for two months and is then removed. We have found this treatment provides sustained relief without medications or permanent implants,” said Dr. Erosa.

While the SJMG’s Interventional Spine & Pain Management Center has only been open for two months, “the word is getting out in the community. We are already treating hundreds of patients. It’s a big deal.”

“We have something else to offer patients with chronic pain, other than opioids. We do something different, and it is especially satisfying to help someone who has exhausted all their treatments and other options,” said Dr. Erosa, who stresses that after treatment, patients need to complete their rehabilitation and home exercises.

With new treatments for pain management under review by the FDA, seeking treatment at SJMG’s Pain Management Center’s ensures that patients will get the most advanced and revolutionary care.

“We are living in exciting times. There are a lot of options for patients. And I just want to let them know we’re here to help. We’re here to offer them the best state-of-the-art treatments and get them the best outcomes possible,” assures Dr. Erosa.

For an appointment at the Interventional Spine & Pain Management Center call (914) 904-4040. For more information visit, bit.ly/44BGZt3.

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 Avenue, Suite 1064, Larchmont NY 10538. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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 lawful purpose.

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 of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/26/2023. Office location: Westchester County. LLP formed in
 the District of Columbia on 8/30/2020. Princ. office addr. of LLP: 600 Mamaroneck Ave. Ste
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 may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Aaron Krowne - 600 Mamaroneck Ave. Ste 400,
 Harrison, NY 10528. Registration filed with the DC Office of the Secretary, 1350 Pennsylvan-
 ia Ave. NW, Ste 419, Washington, DC 20004. Purpose: Legal services.

Formation of OFF THE MILL LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/2023.
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 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NYAG Sues Nursing Home continued from pg 2-

Martine Center is a 200-bed facility in White Plains. Centers Health Care is co-owned
 by Kenneth Rozenberg and Daryl Hagler.

The lawsuit alleges a pattern of residents not receiving adequate care and suffering
 neglect, mistreatment, and humiliation as a result of the owners, operators, and landlords
 depriving the nursing homes of over \$83 million intended for resident care. The horrors
 endured by the nursing homes' residents began well before the COVID-19 pandemic.
 Allegations of mistreatment, neglect, and humiliation at the nursing homes detailed in the
 lawsuit include:

A woman at Martine Center appeared to be in pain while she was visited by her
 daughter. When the daughter pulled her mother's hand out from under her blanket, it was
 covered in feces. The daughter found that her mother, who used a colostomy bag, was
 wrapped in a towel filled with feces and without a colostomy bag. When she unwrapped
 the towel, she saw her mother's exposed intestines and the surrounding area covered in
 feces. While staff attempted to clean her mother, she complained that the area burned, and
 when they were done, there was still visible feces smeared around the wound.

Another resident at Martine Center did not receive adequate care for his bed sores.
 When his wife visited in October 2021, she was shocked to find that his wounds had
 progressed to Stage III and Stage IV ulcers, one of which was eating away most of his but-
 tocks. His wife began the process of having her husband removed from Martine Center to
 be cared for at home. Before she got the chance to bring him home, he developed sepsis,
 was hospitalized, and died.

At Martine Center, the Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) continued to report to
 work after exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 in early April 2020, telling her colleagues
 that she did not want to abandon them while they were so understaffed. On April 17, 2020,
 she punched out of work at Martine Center for the last time. By April 21, 2020, she was
 hospitalized and tested positive for COVID-19. She died in the hospital a few weeks later.

Attorney General James encourages anyone with information or concerns about
 alarming nursing home conditions, or resident abuse or neglect to file a confidential com-
 plaint online or call the MFCU hotline at (833) 249-8499.

Notice of formation of My Mind Is Magic, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on
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 Broadway Suite 420, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Hatter Luxury Eyewear LLC filed with New York State Department
 of State on March 11, 2023, Office location: Westchester County. United States Corporation
 Agents, Inc. is designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY
 shall mail process to 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any law-
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Notice of Formation of LIVE LONG LIVE STRONG FITNESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed
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 killer, 938 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
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 # 5790 – Area Variance – James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of Mehranco Limited Liability
 Co., owner, on premises known as 1999 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 42.43, Zone:
 BR

5797 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of Marketin Hila/110 Ravine Realty
 LLC, owner, on premises known as 110 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2118, Lot: 39, Zone: A

5808 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Eugeniusz Strynowicz,
 owner, on premises known as 133 Vineyard Avenue, Block: 2170, Lot: 60, Zone: M

5809 – Area Variance – Neil J. Alexander, Esq., on behalf of City of Yonkers, owner, and
 Lemor Development Group & Empire Development Capital Holdings, LLC, contract vend-
 ees, on premises known as 273 Glenwood Avenue, Block: 2172, Lots: 29-41, 43 & 44, Zone:
 A

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

5811 – Area Variance – Daniel Richmond, Esq. & Jacob E. Amir, Esq., on behalf of
 Warburton Equities LLC, owners, on premises known as 289 Warburton Avenue & 230
 Woodworth Avenue, Block: 2116, Lot: 40 & 7, Zone: A

5812 – Use Variance – Junisa A. Fondeur, owner, on behalf of herself, on premises known
 as 61 Sherwood Avenue, Block: 6381, Lot: 20, Zone: MG

5813 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini, Esq., on behalf of Jeffrey P. Chartier, owner, on
 premises known as 66 aka 62 Malvern Road, Block: 4950, Lot: 65, Zone: S-200

5814 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, Esq., on behalf of Point and Ravine LLC,
 owner, on premises known as 56 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2115, Lot: 5, Zone: MG

5815 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, Esq., on behalf of Point and Ravine LLC,
 owner, on premises known as 76 Point Street, Block: 2114, Lot: 17, Zone: A

5816 – Use Variance – John J. Phelan, Esq., on behalf of Croton Terrace Enterprises Inc.,
 owner, on premises known as 14 Orchard Street, Block: 2076, Lot: 17, Zone: MG

5817 – Area Variance – Janet J. Giris, Esq., on behalf of MHACY, owner, on premises
 known as 23 Mulberry Street, Block: 2062, Lot: 25, Zone: M

NEW HEARINGS

5818 – Area Variance – William Null, Esq. of Cuddy & Feder LLP, on behalf of UB Tan-
 glewood LLC, owner, on premises known as 2248 aka 2270 Central Park Avenue, Block:
 4800, Lot: 60, Zone: BR

5819 – Improvement & Intensification to a Non- Conforming Use & Area Variance –
 Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Leticia Narceda-Tan, owner, on premises known as 24
 Greenvale Avenue, Block: 2475, Lot: 114, Zone: S-50

5820 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Mountain Portfolio Owner
 NY LLC, owner, on premises known as 380 Riverdale Avenue, Block: 130, Lot: 1, Zone: BA

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 ties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

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Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information,
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Yorktown Trash, continued from pg 1-

The reason? With July 4 falling on a Tuesday, and with residents having a large amount of trash from their BBQ's and July 4 celebrations, Competitive Carting realized that they would be unable to collect all the trash from everyone and took this drastic move. While Competitive, and almost every garbage contract in Westchester permits the garbage company to collect only 32-gallon cans, it is never used or enforced.

And the result has been an explosion on the Facebook Yorktown Trash Talk page, tripling to more than 1100 members. Most of these members are fed up with the excuses, both from Competitive and the Town Board, and want action taken immediately.

That is why Town Supervisor Tom Diana held a press conference last week, stating that Competitive will be fined \$1,500 per day, and their contract with the town will be terminated if the horrible service continues. That announcement was not enough for the residents, and some believe that the announcement was made to protect the town in case the left-out garbage becomes a health hazard. Others say that Competitive will not pay the fines because they cannot afford to and already have old fines with the Westchester Solid Waste Commission that are unpaid.

Two Town Board members, Sergio Esposito, and Luciana Cortina Haughwout, have commented on the Yorktown Trash page and are at least listening to the residents' complaints. Esposito posted "I completely understand everyone's frustration. I have been calling for the termination of this contract since early May and for one very good reason. I simply do not believe CCC is capable. That coupled with the fact that they are rude to the citizens of Yorktown (which enrages me) and have become unresponsive to our needs. As far as I am concerned CCC needs to be fired now! My heart goes out to the workers as it's not their fault."

AAA Carting President Pat Carlelemi has also been posting on the Trash Talk page. "As I have stated many times before AAA Carting is ready to step in and help the Residents of the Town of Yorktown. Our attorney has reached out to the Town Attorney with no answer. We are willing to drop the lawsuit and come back as the hauler. We want to work with the Town like we always have for the 5 years before this. They can call me tonight and we will have trucks on the road in the morning picking up."

Carlelemi also clarified that AAA's bid did not cut any services. If the Town Board had stayed with AAA, residents would have had the same services they had without any issues for years. "The town put it out to bid 4 times with like 20 different options. We were \$3,750,000 for the first year Competitive was \$3,456,789. All services would stay the same... Matt Slater told us that whoever was under \$3.5 million was getting the contract because that is what he needed for the budget to get it to where he could still say there was a reduction in taxes... money is all it had to do with. We warned them they this is not an easy contract and there aren't many companies who can handle it."

Competitive Carting is required to hold an insurance bond in case they are unable to fulfill the terms of the contract. The Town permitted Competitive to hold a monthly bond instead of a yearly bond. But even the monthly bond gives the Town the opportunity to terminate Competitive and use the bond to hire a new company, like AAA, with very little additional cost.

Trash Talk comments from residents include:

"I have lived in Yorktown for 57 years, and we never had restrictions or requirements on the amount of trash or the size of a trash receptacle. I think for the taxes everyone pays in this town, we shouldn't have restrictions on our trash cans. I am not going out to buy anymore trash cans! "

"Accountability is a word society doesn't like using these days. Who are the elected officials that even allowed this company a seat at table after they have proven in the past that they could not do this job properly? Who approved this contract? Who was responsible for conducting the due diligence on this company? A simple google search would tell you to pass on this company. Seems like someone looked the other way on this one. I wonder why?"

"Imagine I paid my property taxes with the consistency that this garage company picked up my garbage? Is this what \$25,000 in property taxes gets me? This company couldn't handle this town last time and now proving it again this contract. Town Board members should be held responsible."

Members of Trash Talk are now leaving negative reviews for the entire Town of Yorktown on Google because of the Garbage failure.

Jann Mirchandani, democratic candidate for Town Supervisor, suggested that the Town Board use the powers from the State of Emergency declaration to terminate Competitive Carting immediately.

Other residents are questioning if the fact that former Supervisor Michael Grace represented Competitive Carting and attending a Town Board meeting on their behalf, has anything to do with the contract going to Competitive and that they have been given so many second chances.

Letter to the Editor

Re: Eric Schoen's July 7th column, he incorrectly claimed that "a so called religious group" defaced the cross at the Los Angeles Dodgers' Stadium at a game against the San Francisco Giants in June 16th. Numerous reputable news organizations, both print and broadcast, disprove this false, biased claim smearing the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. No cross was defaced.

The smallest bit of research would yield accurate reporting.
Robert Kalfus
Yonkers NY

County Police to Increase Marine Patrols on Hudson and LI Sound for Drunk Boat Drivers



The Westchester County Police Marine Unit will have an increased presence on the Hudson River and Long Island Sound through the July 4 holiday to ensure boater safety and to participate in a nationwide Boating While Intoxicated enforcement campaign.

In addition to the maritime enforcement, County Police will conduct roving DWI patrols on Westchester parkways and will deploy additional officers to County parks, including at Kensico Dam Plaza on July 3 for Westchester's annual fireworks display.

Public Safety Commissioner Terrance Raynor said there is always an increase in recreational boating traffic around the July 4 holiday period. He urged all recreational boaters to review safety protocols, ensure their vessels are seaworthy and check that all legally required safety equipment is on board, including Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs).

Raynor noted that the Marine Unit is participating this weekend in Operation Dry Water, a national enforcement effort aimed at combatting Boating While Intoxicated. Alcohol use is the leading contributing factor in recreational boating-related deaths and accidents, according to federal statistics.

"It is a crime to operate a boat or personal watercraft while under the influence of alcohol or drugs, just as it is for operating a motor vehicle. We have zero tolerance for BWI on Westchester waterways," he said.

The Marine Unit will also be assisting at several municipal fireworks displays in waterfront communities on the Hudson and the Long Island Sound. Marine Unit patrol boats will be deployed to create a safety and security zone around barges that will be used during these fireworks events.

The Marine Unit offers the following tips to help ensure a safe and pleasant boating season on the Hudson River and Long Island Sound.

Children under the age of 12 must wear a Personal Flotation Device (PFD) at all times when aboard a boat of less than 65 feet in length (unless within a fully enclosed cabin of the vessel).

Everyone aboard a Personal Watercraft must wear a PFD in New York State.

A PFD must be available for every person on board (including in kayaks, canoes and rowboats) and is recommended to be worn on the water by persons of every age. It is estimated that 70 percent of all boating-related deaths could be prevented if PFDs were more fully utilized.

In New York, any pleasure vessel, whether propelled in whole or part by mechanical means, must be registered with the Department of Motor Vehicles. The operator of the vessel, whether the owner or not, is required to be in possession of the original registration when the vessel is in operation.

Navigation law requires all vessels to operate at 5 mph or less within 100 yards of the shoreline or any anchored vessel

Real Estate sales drop , continued from pg 1-

Greater White Plains-(Greenburgh, Valhalla and White Plains)-Homes Sold: Down 31%- Median Sale Price: Up 2%

Sound Shore: (Blind Brook, Harrison, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Rye City and Rye Neck) Homes Sold: Down 27% Median Sale Price: Down 8%

Northern Westchester: (Bedford, Byram Hills, Chappaqua, Katonah-Lewisboro, North Salem and Somers) Homes Sold: Down 24% Median Sale-Down 14%

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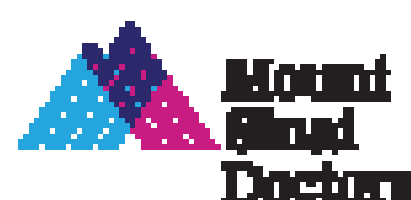
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