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## Town of Yorktown and Riley Manning-Burns Stand up to Bullies



The Town Board appointed Riley Manning-Burns as the Town's junior supervisor for the month of July in response to a bullying incident at the new adaptive playground at Granite Knolls Park.

"It was really important for us to recognize Riley and to make sure that people understand that this town is a place for everybody," Supervisor Matt Slater said on Tuesday during the Town Board's meeting.

Manning-Burns, who has Down syndrome, was playing in the new playground that opened on June 18 when he was harassed by other children. The playground is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act and is the Town's first inclusive playground for children of all abilities.

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## Ice Bucket Challenge Returns to Empire City Casino-MGM July 31 in Memory of Pat Quinn



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts and the family of ALS Ice Bucket Challenge co-founder and late Yonkers Native Pat Quinn has announced that the 2022 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge will take place Sunday, July 31, trackside at Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts. The festivities will begin at 1:00 p.m. with the ice bucket dump scheduled for 2:00 p.m. Ice Bucket Challenge participants should pre-register online at [YonkersNY.gov/IBC](http://YonkersNY.gov/IBC). The event, co-founded by Quinn after his diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in 2013, became a global phenomenon in 2014 as thousands of people around the world participated in the challenge via social media.

Quinn lost his battle with ALS in November 2020, yet his drive and determination live on through his family, friends, community and beyond to raise awareness and find a cure for the approximately 20,000 Americans who currently suffer from the disease. Approximately 5,000 individuals across the U.S. are newly diagnosed with ALS annually. Leading the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge charge this year is Quinn's dad, Patrick Quinn Sr., who continues to pay tribute to his son and ensure his mission continues.

"I'm so grateful for the continued support of Mayor Mike Spano, Empire City Casino, and the entire City of Yonkers as we march onward towards a cure," said Patrick Quinn, Sr. "The community that Pat has been able to build to raise awareness for ALS research and his Quinn for the Win - Find Your Smile Foundation is nothing short of remarkable. Pat laid the groundwork to find a cure, and now it's our job to finish his mission and find a cure to defeat ALS once and for all. I look forward to seeing everyone on July 31st and appreciate the continued support."

ALS, often referred to as "Lou Gehrig's Disease," is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. With no known cure, Quinn began the Ice Bucket Challenge to put ALS 'on ice' by raising awareness as well as much-needed funding for research. The challenge has remained a catalyst of the efforts to find a cure for ALS, with Quinn helping inspire billions of dollars in donations for ALS research, which has helped produce significant discoveries and breakthroughs. One such recent breakthrough includes an experimental therapy involving the drug Albrioza, which has been approved in Canada, and could potentially provide a new treatment option for the disease.

Recent years have also shown significant advances in research. A recent Oregon State University study showed a copper compound can help slow the progression of ALS after recent testing in mice. Just a few short years ago, researchers discovered a new gene associated with ALS that may hold the key to one day finding a cure. Additionally, new technology is allowing individuals affected by ALS to

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## DiFiore's Downfall!

*Accuser Claims Ethics Complaint is "100% the Reason" for Her Stepping Down as Chief Judge*



*NYS Chief Judge Janet DiFiore, with former Governor Andrew Cuomo, who appointed her to the state's highest court in 2015*

*By Dan Murphy*

On July 11, Westchester resident Janet DiFiore, the Chief Judge of New York State's Highest court, announced that she will be stepping down in August. The announcement comes after a complaint filed against DiFiore with the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct became public.

The complaint was filed against DiFiore by Dennis Quirk, the head of the NYS Court Officers Union. DiFiore and Quirk have been engaged in a back and forth regarding allegations made against each other, resulting in a formal complaint filed against DiFiore, which Quirk tells Yonkerstimes.com "is 100% the reason why she is stepping down."

Quirk was accused of racist behavior leading the state corrections union, a charge that Quirk has vehemently denied. DiFiore hired former Homeland Security Director Jey Johnson to conduct an investigation against Quirk.

The allegations against Quirk were leaked to the NY Post. Quirk discovered that DiFiore had released the allegations against him to the press, resulting in

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## New York Passes New Gun Laws After US Supreme Court Decision



*Governor Kathy Hochul, with gun control advocates, and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, at bill signing*

*By Dan Murphy*

On June 23, the US Supreme Court struck down a long time gun law in New York State requiring gun holders to applying for a concealed carry permit with tough requirements. Justice Clarence Thomas wrote in overriding New York State's law, in effect since 1913, that the Constitution protects "an individual's right to carry a handgun for self-defense outside the home," and improperly infringes on the Second Amendment.

The old law in NY required applicants to show proper cause to carry a concealed weapon.

After the decision, Governor Kathy Hochul called a special session of the state legislature to pass new gun law restrictions.

The new laws do not affect keeping a gun in your home. The New York State Rifle & Pistol Association brought the challenge which was successful.

The gun laws in New York, which go in effect on Sept. 1 are:

- Expanding on eligibility requirements in the concealed carry permitting process, including completed firearm training courses for applicants.
- Allowing the state to regulate and standardize training for license applicants.
- Restricting the carrying of concealed weapons in sensitive locations and establishing that private property owners expressly allow a person to possess a firearm, rifle, or shotgun on their property. Individuals who carry concealed weapons in sensitive locations or in contravention of the authority of an owner of private property will face criminal penalties.
- Establishing state oversight over background checks for firearms and regular checks on license holders for criminal convictions.

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## In 6 Months, New York State Collected \$302 Million in Mobile Sport Wagering Tax Revenue



On July 8, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that in under six months of operation, New York's mobile sports wagering program has far surpassed every other state, as well as the Division of the Budget's FY 2022 revenue projections. According to New York State data, the State has generated more than \$302 million in tax revenue from mobile sports wagering since January 8, 2022 – with the entire amount directed for education aid, youth sports and responsible gaming programs. Additionally, the ninth and final operator in New York State – Bally Bet – was authorized to accept wagers on July 7, making the Empire State's latest foray in regulated gaming fully operational.

"In just six months, New York has become a leader among states in implementing successful gaming policies, with hundreds of millions of dollars going to important programs that will improve the lives of all New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said. "The recent launch of New York's final sports wagering operator will provide key revenue for education, youth sports programs, and problem gambling support. I look forward to continuing to enact responsible gaming policies that provide exciting entertainment for New Yorkers of legal age – all with important safeguards in place to help those who need it."

According to reports, New York has collected more in mobile sports wagering revenue in six months than the total sports wagering revenue—both mobile and on-premises—that any other state has generated over several years. Through May 2022, Pennsylvania has collected \$265.6 million in sports wagering tax revenue since November 2018, and New Jersey has generated \$237.1 million since June 2018.

In January, New York State projected \$249 million in mobile sports wagering tax revenue (including \$200 million in already-collected license fees) in FY 2022, while total collections were \$361 million (including the \$200 million in license fees). As of April, New York State projects \$357 million in FY 2023, \$465 million in FY 2024, \$493 million in FY 2025, \$509 million in FY 2026 and \$518 million in FY 2027.

Assemblymember Gary Pretlow said, "There was no doubt in my mind when we put together the legislative Mobile Sports Betting plan what the outcome would be. I looked at what New Jersey was doing, and I knew that a large part of their success was based on New Yorkers crossing the state line. I saw it as an opportunity to keep more tax revenue and make New York the largest betting market in the U.S. This is a great accolade for the State as we continue to derive monies for education, youth sports and problem gambling."

According to GeoComply, a software firm used by sports books to ensure geolocation requirements, more than 2.9 million unique player accounts have been created since January, conducting nearly 707 million transactions.

For FY 2023 and annually thereafter, revenues from mobile sports wagering are distributed as follows: \$5 million to fund sports programs for underserved youths, \$6 million to fund problem gambling education and treatment, and the remaining majority to education aid.

Every Friday, the NYS Gaming Commission publishes weekly mobile sports wagering reports from all of its operators online here.

The Commission's regulations require operators to prevent underage gaming, provide bettors the availability to impose spending limits, and share information on gambling risks and signs of problem gambling. New Yorkers who are struggling with a gambling problem or know someone with a gambling problem can call the state's toll-free, confidential HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369) or text HOPENY (467369). New Yorkers can also contact the Regional Problem Gambling Resource Center at: <https://nyproblemgamblinghelp.org/>.

## Upcoming - Men's Health Webinar July 20th at 3pm with Dr. Mathew Q. Fakhoury

Join us to learn new facts on how Men can stay healthy and manifest overall wellness. This is an excellent webinar for men and those that care for them. Click here to RSVP: <https://hipaa.jotform.com/221574326647157>

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## Mount Vernon Man Indicted for Killing Puppy



On July 7, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that Mount Vernon resident Thaddeus Jones was indicted for throwing a 12-week-old puppy to its death on a Yonkers roadway.

Jones, 34, was indicted by a Westchester County Grand Jury for Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, a felony, and two counts of Criminal Impersonation in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree, both misdemeanors. The defendant was arraigned on July 7, 2022, and bail was set.

It is alleged that on May 14, 2022, at approximately 7 p.m., Jones was traveling in a vehicle with the driver, the driver's Pitbull puppy and two other passengers. After the driver pulled over to the side of the road, Jones got out of the car, grabbed the dog from the vehicle and threw it onto Yonkers Avenue in Yonkers. The puppy was killed after it was struck by oncoming traffic. It is further alleged that Jones provided false identification to law enforcement and was in possession of methamphetamine.

The Yonkers Police Department arrested Jones shortly after the incident, following a joint investigation with the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

The case is before Judge Robert Neary in Westchester County Court, and is being prosecuted by Animal Cruelty Coordinator MaryAnn Liebowitz of the Trials and Investigations Division. Jones is scheduled to appear again in court on July 22, 2022.

The charges against the defendant are merely an accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

After posting this story online at [Yonkerstimes.com](http://Yonkerstimes.com), we received the following letter to the editor:

"I read with horror the above mentioned article. This vile human needs to be punished to the fullest extent of the law, including a lifetime ban of having any animals. I sincerely hope the judge in the case takes this seriously. Animal cruelty and abuse is a heinous crime and scum like this do not deserve a free pass to harm any other animals," writes Christina DeRespiris from New Rochelle.

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## Million Dollar Bitcoin Heist Thwarted in Irvington



On June 24, US Attorney Damian Williams, announced the indictment of Dominic Pineda and Shon Morgan, who were both charged with conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery in May 2020 in Irvington, New York. PINEDA and MORGAN were arrested in Virginia.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "As alleged in the indictment, the defendants participated in a violent plan to break into a family's home in the middle of the night and force its residents to provide the code to what the defendants believed was tens of millions of dollars in Bitcoin currency. Thanks to the work of the FBI, the defendants will now be held responsible for the alleged acts."

As alleged in the Indictment unsealed in White Plains federal court: From May 18, 2020 to May 24, 2020, DOMINIC PINEDA and SHON MORGAN participated in a plan to break into a home in Irvington, New York and rob its residents of cash and cryptocurrency.

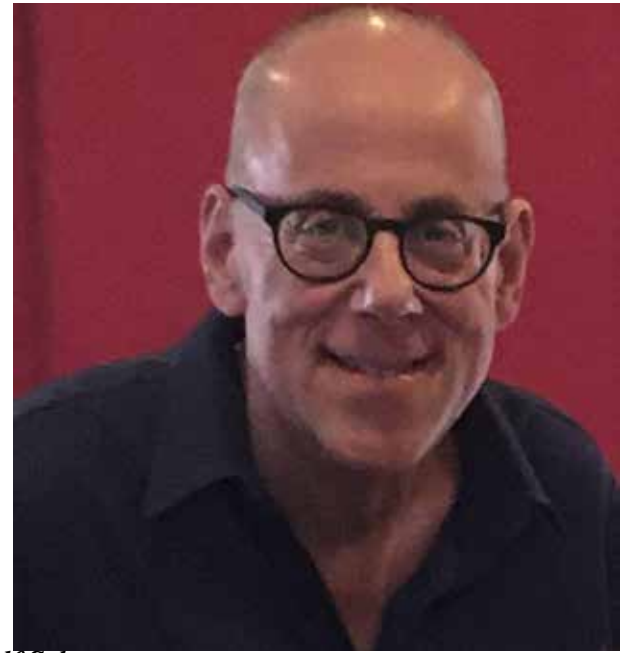
PINEDA, 21, of Manassas, Virginia, and MORGAN, 21, of Centreville, Virginia, are each charged with conspiracy to commit Hobbs Act robbery, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1951, which carries a maximum term of 20 years in prison.

The maximum potential sentence in this case is prescribed by Congress and is provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendants will be determined by the judge.

Mr. Williams praised the outstanding investigative work of the FBI Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force, which is comprised of special agents and task force officers from the FBI, U.S. Probation, New York State Police, New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Westchester County DAs Office, Rockland County DAs Office, NYPD, Westchester County PD, and the Yonkers, New Rochelle, Mount Vernon, Greenburgh, White Plains, Peekskill, Ramapo, and Clarkstown Police Departments and thanked the Irvington Police Department and the Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol Task Force for their assistance in the investigation and prosecution of PINEDA and MORGAN.

This case is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant United States Attorney Courtney L. Heavey is in charge of the prosecution. The charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty. The indictment is sealed and no other information is available to the public. Anyone with information can email us at risingmediagroup@gmail.com

## Be Prepared for a Nuclear Attack



by Eric Wolf Schoen

The streets of New York City are empty, and the one's with people are dirty because out of town folks are pigs and drop their garbage. You fall over the homeless on the streets of the city. You can prepare your fall as you can smell them miles away. The subways, dangerous so much that people are afraid to take them. It's either buses or Ubers for residents of the Big Apple.

The numbers of people returning to work in Manhattan offices is low. Who is going to get on the dangerous subways, filled with homeless with their life's belongings in bags to start the day or end it. The Mayor wants Police Officers to patrol the subways in single patrols. They don't want to do that. Hey, it's dangerous down there.

Covid has returned with a vengeance. Variant, schmariant it's still not good. Yes we have to learn to live with it, but tell that to someone who is sick and under quarantine. Masks are abundant indoors at restaurants and department stores, half the people not wearing them correctly. Pink, green, blue you can wear a mask but not if you are in a car by yourself, in a swimming pool or in a park where you are half a mile from the person closest to you. In those situations don't think one is useful. Hey, you are in the park for fresh air!

Our new disease of the month? Monkeypox. Sadly it's being blamed on the gay community though many heterosexual people are getting it. 7,000 vaccines are being snapped up as we speak, while the FDA holds over a million in some foreign country.

The only affordable foods are fruit, cereals and bread. The question is what to put on the bread. Fewer and fewer meat specials. My sister ordered a steak, nothing fancy for home delivery from a local diner. Though it was delicious \$30 bucks?

In the midst of the craziness what do we have broadcast on the radio stations and television stations covering Manhattan and the other boroughs and suburbs like ours. A public service announcement telling New Yorkers what to do in case of a Nuclear attack.

'Stay in the house' the PSA instructs New Yorkers and those of in the suburbs lucky enough to hear it. What did they expect we were going to do? Go outside and have a party. Stay in your house as long as there is a house for you to stay in!

So this is information Mayor Adams feels we need to know to keep us safe. Drugs being peddled all over the streets. The stench of marijuana permeates the air whether you are inside or outside. Crime, well they tell you it's gone down but when you see what happened to that poor bodega owner, the kid shot dead from Yonkers and, well where do I begin? You know they are lying.

Let's talk about the bodega owner for a minute. The wife of the President of the United States is talking to a group of bodega owners from throughout the country and she can't even pronounce bodega properly. I guess she is sheltered where she is in Delaware as they don't have bodegas. In case you don't know what a bodega is, it's a small grocery store that has the basics, often a little higher priced than the supermarket. The small grocery stores my dad owned off Palmer Road, on Warburton Avenue by Otis, and his uncles owned on Glenwood would by today's standards be considered bodegas.

Why are they called bodegas. Why are Stores that sell lox and bagels called Appetizing stores. My dad probably called his store a grocery store. He offered customers the convenience of not having to wait on line and personal service like meats cut to order and home delivery. You don't mind paying a little more for that.

So we have a sad episode in New York City. A hard working bodega worker (these people often put in 12 plus hour days) minding his business, selling his chips, pretzels (why do so few companies sell pretzels...they are so much more healthy than fried chips) and deli items and a woman picks up a bag of chips, goes to pay with a credit card, the credit card won't go through, she pulls a knife out of her bag while her companion attacks the poor bodega worker, cutting him at various parts of his upper body. Out of self defense so he doesn't get killed the bodega worker pulls a knife on the companion and kills him. The bodega worker didn't come to work that day looking to kill someone over a bag of potato chips. You know whether you have enough money in your account for potato chips. If you don't use cash.

—So who spends the night, actually several nights at Rikers Island? The poor bodega worker probably earning minimum wage. The district attorney, a character named Alvin Bragg sets bail high so the bodega worker and his family can't afford it. Bragg let's criminals some of whom have committed 50, 100 crimes out jail with no bail and no guarantee they will ever return to court. Many don't.

Finally, cooler heads prevail and the obnoxiously high bail set by the district attorney is made more reasonable. They took the bodega workers passport away.

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## Court Dismisses Student's Lawsuit Against the Ursuline School

Student was expelled over an altercation at a shopping mall

A state Supreme Court justice has dismissed a lawsuit filed by a former Ursuline School student who was expelled for violating the school's prohibition against violence.

Justice David Zuckerman ruled that the 15-year-old student's claims that the Ursuline School breached its contract with the student and treated the student unfairly did not have merit. Zuckerman cited specific passages in the school's Code of Conduct noting that violence or the threat of violence on or off campus are grounds for a range of disciplinary action—including expulsion.

"Ursuline has the right to expel a student who engages in violence off campus even when the incident is not at a school-related event/activity," wrote Zuckerman in his decision.

The expulsion stemmed from a fight at The Westchester, a mall in White Plains, during the 2020-2021 school year in which the expelled Ursuline student was involved in a physical altercation with another female teenager who was not an Ursuline student. School officials only became aware of the altercation late last year after learning of the existence of a video documenting the attack.

"Our Student/Parent Handbook makes it clear that any use of force or violence even off campus is a serious disciplinary infraction and will not be tolerated," said Ursuline President Colleen Melnyk. "We wish to emphasize that we do not take expulsion lightly. After review of the specific circumstances, acting in the best interests of our students, the administration had no choice but to take this action. We are grateful that the court has upheld our actions in this matter."

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# Big, Independent Names for Governor Knocked Off the Ballot



Howie Hawkins, Larry Sharpe and Harry Wilson; Green Party, Libertarian Party, UniteNY, Freedom, New Visions, petitions rejected

By Dan Murphy

The NY Board of Elections has ruled that petitions filed by all of the minor political parties to get candidates on the ballot in November were invalid and failed to meet the very high threshold of 45,000 valid signatures statewide.

Howie Hawkins, the Green Party candidate for Governor and former Green Party candidate for President; Larry Sharpe, the Libertarian Party for Governor and former Libertarian Party candidate for vice-president; and Harry Wilson, who recently lost the republican primary for Governor, was placed on the ballot by the UniteNY party. It is unclear whether Wilson would have accepted the UniteNY party line, but the point was moot as Unite joined with the Green, Libertarian, Freedom, and New Visions candidates in being denied ballot access this year.

Hawkins and the Green Party cried foul. Under New York Election Law §6-154(1), the Board of Elections is required to view a ballot access petition as “presumptively valid if it is in proper form and appears to bear the requisite number of signatures.” Contrary to past practice, the Board of Elections did not hold hearings with the candidates and their objectors present to review the objections filed against their petitions. Instead, the Board of Elections staff did their own review and recommended invalidating all the petitions without an opportunity for the candidates to defend their petitions.

If these rulings stand, only the candidates of the Democratic and Republican parties will be on the November general election ballot. 2022 would be the first year since 1946, and the only other time since the state began issuing official ballots in 1890, when only the candidates of the Democratic and Republican candidates have been on the ballot.

“The Democrats’ goal in their ballot access exclusion law of 2020 was to eliminate competition from alternative parties. If we don’t win our pending case in court against this law, the Democrats will have achieved their party suppression goals for this year’s election,” said Howie Hawkins, the Green nominee for Governor.

“Democrat Kathy Hochul and Republican Lee Zeldin didn’t have to collect a single signature to be on the ballot,” noted Gloria Mattera, the Green candidate for Lt. Governor. “The Democrats changed the Election Law so the Greens had to get three times as many signatures as before just to get back on the ballot. None of the independent candidates were able to meet that signature threshold. That demonstrates that the new ballot access law is exclusionary. It must be changed if New York is to be an inclusive multi-party democracy.”

“New York is now effectively a one-party dictatorship. The Democrats hold the governorship and super-majorities in both chambers of the legislature. The new ballot access restrictions combined with single-member-district winner-take-all elections means one-party rule when Republican enrollment is less than half of Democratic enrollment. Whether we are on the ballot or not, the Green Party will continue to fight for a fair ballot access law as well as ranked choice voting, including proportional ranked choice voting for the state legislature, in order give all parties their fair and proportional share of power in state government,” Hawkins said.

As of July 1, the Green Party and the Libertarian Party Sued the New York State Board of Elections to get on the ballot. No decision yet has been made public.

After losing the GOP Primary on June 28, Wilson tweeted that he intended to support the republican nominee for Governor. Congressman Lee Zeldin.

Mark Weiner, for Syracuse.com, wrote one of the few stories highlighting the fact that all New Yorkers will see on the ballot for Governor when they go to the polls in November is Kathy Hochul and Lee Zeldin, running on the Democratic, Working Families parties for Hochul, and Republican and Conservative Party lines for Zeldin.

“The election for New York’s governor will have only two candidates on the ballot this fall for the first time in at least 80 years after seven candidates failed to qualify on third-party lines,” writes Weiner, who wrote that if court challenges made against the BOE ruling are unsuccessful, “it will end a streak dating to at least 1942 where New Yorkers had at least three or more candidates to choose from in elections for governor. ...New York’s colorful history of third-party candidates for governor dates back to the 1800s and has included nominees from the American Labor, Communist, Socialist Workers, Right-to-Life and Liberal parties. In 2018, former Syracuse mayor Stephanie Miner was among five candidates for governor who appeared on the ballot after she helped establish a new political party – the Serve America Movement, or SAM. ...In the 1998 election for governor, the Green Party nominee was Al Lewis, the actor best known for playing “Grandpa” in the television sitcom, “The Munsters, writes Weiner, <https://www.syracuse.com/politics/2022/07/ny-governors-race-will-have-only-2-candidates-for-first-time-in-decades.html&subscribed=auth0%7C62c6046fc9d29c77866a9c58>

Luke Parsnow, from NYStateofpolitics.com, wrote on July 6 that the Working Families Party, “filed to put Gov. Kathy Hochul and Lt. Gov. Antonio Delgado on their ballot line in the general election race for New York governor. The progressive political party had supported Jumaane Williams and Ana Maria Archila in their primary campaigns for the Democratic nominations for governor and lieutenant governor, respectively.” <https://nystateofpolitics.com/state-of-politics/new-york/politics/2022/07/07/working-families-party-file-to-put-hochul-delgado-on-their-ballot-line>.

# LWV Helps You Find Your Congressional District

After a long redistricting process, New York State’s new Congressional, Senate and Assembly districts have been finalized.

What does this mean for Westchester County? Being U.S. Congressional, NYS Senate, and NYS Assembly districts have changed, voters must take responsibility to study the new maps to determine in which district they now reside. Voters will need this information to learn about their candidates in order to make informed decisions for the June Primaries, August Primaries, and the November Elections. The new districts with newly elected officials will take effect January 2023.

LWVW encourages all voters to use the interactive maps to familiarize themselves with their new districts prior to the Primaries and General Election. Your districts may see different incumbents and new candidates.

To date, Primaries for U.S. Congressional and NYS Senate Districts will be held on August 23, 2022. In Westchester, visit [mylww.org](http://mylww.org) for more information.

# Jury Finds Mount Vernon Man Guilty of Murder

On July 5, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that after a weeklong trial, a jury found Negus Kirton guilty of the 2020 fatal shooting of 21-year-old Mount Vernon resident Michael Toro.

Kirton, 39, of Mount Vernon, was found guilty on July 1, 2022, of Murder in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, both felonies. The defendant faces a minimum of 15 years to life to a maximum of 25 years to life in state prison.

On May 5, 2020, at approximately 1:45 a.m., Kirton chased Toro on Darling Avenue in Mount Vernon and shot him in the back and head. Kirton then approached Toro, who was laying on the ground, and shot him again. The victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Mount Vernon Police Department arrested Kirton on October 2, 2020, following an investigation, with assistance from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and Criminal Investigators from the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office.

The case is before Judge Robert Neary in Westchester County Court, and is being prosecuted by Deputy Bureau Chief Dan Flecha and Assistant District Attorney Michael Callan. Kirton is scheduled to be sentenced on August 12, 2022.

# Italian Heritage Festival Returns to Kensico Dam Plaza July 24

Come celebrate Italian culture and special honoree, local resident Lisa LaRocca of News 12 Westchester at the Italian Heritage Festival on Sunday, July 24, from noon to 6 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

County Executive George Latimer said, “Italy is considered one of the birthplaces of Western civilization and has a rich heritage in art, history, religion, cuisine, architecture and fashion. I always appreciate seeing the beautiful plaza become a piazza as we celebrate the rich culture of Italy with family, friends, delicious food and festive music. I take great pride in my family’s Italian heritage, as does everyone who shares that heritage.”

Parks Commissioner Kathleen O’Connor said, “Italians celebrate all aspects of life with enjoyment and passion. Bring your family and friends to Kensico to learn about Italian culture, where everyone is treated like family and food equals love.”

The Italian Heritage Festival takes place from noon until 6 p.m. The festivities will include food, dancing, music, exhibits, children’s games, and arts and crafts vendors. The event will also feature entertainment from Teo Ricciardella, DJ Nando Alpuche, Antonio Guarna, Francesca Cavalliere, Anna Calemme, Marcello Spargna, Nat & Diane Carbo, and DJ Marcello.

The festival will be held rain or shine. Seating is informal; bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. No coolers will be allowed. Admission and parking are free. Carpooling or taking mass transit is encouraged. To attend the festival via Metro North, ride the Harlem Line to Valhalla Station.

The other heritage festivals in the series are:  
India - Sunday, Aug. 7, noon - 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Jewish - Sunday, Aug. 21, noon - 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

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Kensico Dam Plaza is located at 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. More information or call 914-864-PARK.

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AOC Endorses Bowman; Mayor Murphy Switches Endorsement to Parker, in NY-16



Catherine Parker

It was no surprise that on June 30, Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez endorsed Congressman Jamaal Bowman for re-election in New York's 16th Congressional District, which includes all of southern Westchester, including Yonkers and Mt. Vernon, parts of the Bronx, and northern into Mid-Westchester.

Rep. Ocasio-Cortez and Rep. Bowman have worked together on legislation and in advocating for progressive issues of concern since Bowman's election two years ago, and the two are unofficial members of "the Squad," made up of six of the most progressive members of the House.

"I am beyond excited to endorse my brother in service, Congressman Jamaal Bowman for re-election in NY-16. Last week, SCOTUS made it clear that gun rights are far more important than the rights of women and human lives. At a time like this, we need representatives in Congress who understand that our system is rigged for a select few and who are willing to fight to completely transform our structures. For New Yorkers in NY-16, that leader is Congressman Jamaal Bowman. I am proud to call him my colleague in Congress and look forward to continuing to work with him for many years to come," said Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez.

Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez's endorsement of Jamaal Bowman during his insurgent 2020 primary campaign proved to be a turning point in the race. In the year and a half since Bowman took office, he and Ocasio-Cortez have taken their fight for the people of their two districts, a Green New Deal, and Medicare for All to Washington.

"I'm excited to once again be endorsed by one of the most important Democratic leaders of our time — Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez," said Congressman Jamaal Bowman. "From her community organizing to her historic 2018 victory, AOC has been fighting relentlessly in Washington DC for working people and historically marginalized communities. Her brilliance, work ethic, and undeniable love for humanity continues to inspire me and millions across the country. I look forward to continuing to fight by her side both in the Bronx and in Washington."

Congressman Bowman has also been endorsed by the Working Families Party, NARAL, Planned Parenthood Action Fund, 1199 SEIU, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and NY US Senators Schumer and Gillibrand.

Bowman faces a challenge in the upcoming democratic primary in August from two members of the Westchester County Board of Legislators. Legislator Vedat Gashi, announced his candidacy in the Spring, while Legislator Catherine Parker announced her candidacy last month. Gashi lives in Yorktown, Parker is from Rye. Bowman lives in Yonkers.

No republican candidate has yet been announced since the courts redrew the 16th District.

On June 29, The delayed redistricting process has shaken up more than the defining lines of congressional districts in the lower Hudson Valley. Mamaroneck Town Mayor Tom Murphy announced his support and endorsement of Catherine Parker, Democratic challenger to incumbent Congressman Jamaal Bowman.

Murphy, who had previously endorsed Bowman prior to the final change in redistricting, expressed disappointment in the redistricting process and sought a representative to Washington who represented Mamaroneck's values.

Mayor Tom Murphy: "My endorsement of Mr. Bowman was meant for his race against Vedat Gashi. Now with Catherine in the race, I must withdraw my endorsement of the freshman legislator and put my full support behind Catherine. She has been a stalwart champion for us here in Mamaroneck, including bringing attention to the ongoing flood issues and damage we've received from major weather events. She works hard, is dedicated to seeing things through and delivers results. Catherine knows our issues, listens to us, and will fight for the issues that we most care about."

Parker, who served as Democratic Majority Leader of the Westchester Board of Legislators, and now serves as the Chair of the Human Services, Human Rights & Equity Committee, has set herself apart from legislative colleagues in pushing for key legislation in gun safety laws, women's rights, and combating climate change.

Catherine Parker: "I'm honored to receive Mayor Murphy's endorsement. He has been a strong voice in protecting Mamaroneck's community and we have worked together for years to ensure that Mamaroneck's interests are best represented at the Board of Legislators. I look forward to continuing that relationship and finally bringing necessary infrastructure funding to town to help ongoing flood mitigation challenges amidst a changing climate."

Parker entered the race due to incumbent Rep. Bowman's inaction on key issues that impact Westchester and Bronx residents daily including voting 'no' on funding the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and reinstating the SALT tax deduction, two critical pieces of legislation that would reduce the tax burden on Westchester and Bronx families and invest in much needed local infrastructure improvements.

Also running in the Democratic primary in August are County Legislator Vedat Gashi and Harrison resident Mark Jaffe.

Slave Owners of Yonkers, in 1820

John Thompson	3	2
Fredrick Vanwagoner	1	
Joseph Cartwright	3	
James Brundage	2	
Abraham Berean		
James Barton	1	
Augustus Van Cortlandt		
Thomas Wood	1	
Henry Blenus	1	1

1810 Census showing residents of Yonkers

By Dennis Richmond Jr.

A conversation based on slavery is tough. Slavery took place all over the world. Slave owners were not just White. Black people and Indigenous people participated in the slave trade as well. When people think of slavery in the United States, they may think of southern plantations. They may also think about Black men, women, and children picking cotton. Slavery didn't look like that everywhere.

New York didn't have sprawling plantations and enormous cotton fields. Some people in New York who were slave owners, owned as little as just one. It might be hard to fathom, but at one point, slaves used to walk the streets of Yonkers. Everywhere from Getty Square to Central Avenue and South Broadway to McLean would have seen their fair share of enslaved Africans.

In 1810, the largest slave owner in Yonkers was Augustus VanCortlandt. Augustus owned 15 people. I did a deep dive into the 1820 United States Federal Census Schedule. Almost 100 years ago, Yonkers had slave owners with some familiar last names. Jacob Odell had a home with 17 people, and five of those people were slaves. Peter Underhill's house had nine people living in it. Two of the people living in Peter's house were his slaves. Today, Yonkers has a street that carries the name Odell and has a street that carries the name Underhill.

Women were not excluded from the people-for-profit business either. Martha Valentine and Hannah Horton owned a total of three slaves between the two of them. According to the New York Historical Society, slaves did the majority, "of the work of many households — bringing in the firewood, the water, and the food; cleaning the house and the clothing; removing the wastes. They were vital to the work of early craftsmen and manufacturers, and many became skilled artisans themselves."

Personally, many of my ancestors were not slaves in 1820. My 6th great-grandmother Tamar Felmetta was a quasi-free Black woman who lived in New York City, New York. My 5th great grandfather Charles Merritt was a quasi-free Black man who lived in Greenwich, Connecticut. Still, that doesn't take away from my ancestors who were slaves. That also doesn't take away from all the people who were slaves in Yonkers.

We live in an era where folk debate whether to say "slavery" or "involuntary relocation." Some people don't want to discuss LGBTQ+ issues. The least we could do is talk about the history of slavery in Yonkers.

Dennis Richmond Jr. lives in Yonkers and is on Twitter @NewYorkStakz. He is a journalist focused on Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ Communities.

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—So who spends the night, actually several nights at Rikers Island? The poor bodega worker probably earning minimum wage. The district attorney, a character named Alvin Bragg sets bail high so the bodega worker and his family can't afford it. Bragg let's criminals some of whom have committed 50, 100 crimes out jail with no bail and no guarantee they will ever return to court. Many don't.

Finally, cooler heads prevail and the obnoxiously high bail set by the district attorney is made more reasonable. They took the bodega workers passport away. He had been planning to leave the country, was honest with the authorities but don't trust the bodega worker. The DA puts his trust in the criminals with multiple felonies.

In the midst of the Covid increase, Mayor Adams says he should do a better job of wearing masks in public. Do as I say, don't do as I do. Mayor making it easier to get home Covid kits. It's easy now through your pharmacy or mail order. There is no mechanism for reporting Covid at home testing so will we ever know the real numbers of people infected by the virus. Or will we continue this ridiculous guessing game based on the numbers of Covid cases reported through public testing

Half of Republicans have had it with Donald Trump. Over sixty percent of Democrats don't want Joe Biden running again. Kamala Harris' accomplishment are negligible. She's in charge of the border. So get your ass there frequently to see what's going on.

The Republicans and Democrats have weak Presidential candidates for 2024. And as long as abortion is on the table, Democrats will continue to occupy the White House. The overwhelming majority of Americans continue to support a woman's right to chose, and those people are not on Republican side of the ledger! They are active, they are energized after the Supreme Court's decision and they vote!

No one is in charge in Washington. Our Congressman Bowman thinks he's an orator and marches up and down on MSNBC but doesn't tell you a member of his campaign committee is related to an executive at the station.

Things are bad. What we have to to is elect candidates in all districts in all states who agree with our principles and values. Otherwise we will be stuck with what we have now! And spread our campaigning to encourage friends throughout the country to do the same.

Don't kid yourself for a minute. The madness in New York City is a mere 10 minutes from us in Yonkers and Westchester!

Reach Eric Schoen at [thistooisyonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistooisyonkers@aol.com). Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show alternating Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, WVOX.com click listen or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

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Notice of formation of Color It Black, LLC. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/28/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the Color It Black LLC, 33 Cliffside Drive, Yonkers, NY 10710 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Sweeney Tech, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/16/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Alta Place, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Ari Cleanse and Glow LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/12/2022. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Ari Cleanse and Glow 414 s 3rd Avenue, Mount Vernon NY 10550. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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# The Summit Club at Armonk Awaits Your Next Round of Golf



*The 17th Hole at The Summit Club*

**By Dan Murphy**

I recently returned to The Summit Club in Armonk to see how the Rees Jones designed 18-hole layout is playing for members and guests. The Summit Club at Armonk opened all 18 holes in July of 2021, and the masterful transformation of the former Brynwood Golf & Country Club gives area golfers the opportunity to play a first-class Jones design by joining this new brand of club that has been styled as “the private club experience reimaged.”

My recent 18 holes found the course in great shape, with immaculate fairways and true rolling greens throughout. The course now has more bunkers thanks to Rees Jones’ trademark, but the good news is that if you land in a bunker, you will find it well kept and a good shot will get you on the green.

Golfers of all handicaps have several different tees to play from, with a 6,700 layout to a par 71 for the back tees. The par-5 14th hole already has been recognized by Westchester magazine as one of the great new golf holes among the county’s recently improved or renovated courses. Named Tin Cup, Jones remolded this hole, stretching it from a par four to a par five with your third shot or approach crossing a creek to get on the green.

Jones also made the 16th hole into a par four and created a new, par 3-17th hole that you will remember. “The extensive golf course improvements will make The Summit Club at Armonk a place that all levels of golfers can enjoy in a natural landscape that offers dramatic elevation changes and stunning panoramic views of the New York countryside,” said Rees Jones.

While the golf course is ready for your visit, the rest of the club remains under renovation, and will open in phases over the next few years. A temporary reception center, pro shop, food truck and covered outdoor dining terrace are now operational. An Amenities Pavilion that will include a pool, fitness center and casual dining is under construction, with the new clubhouse and tennis courts expected to commence construction in 2023. Some 73 luxury condominium residences also are planned.

“The Summit Club is being designed as a 21st century lifestyle community with a focus on golf, tennis, fitness and wellness within a resort-like environment,” said Jeffrey B. Mendell, Managing Partner. “Our orientation is to make golf more fun and less stuffy.”

Jones also adjusted landing zones and created new greenside chipping areas on many holes to improve their playability. Jones has also redesigned Bethpage Black, Montauk Downs, and Pinehurst #7.

The Summit Club offers a fair test, in line with country clubs in the region, and has several membership opportunities available for every age group and for residents in Westchester, Putnam and Connecticut. And with Mendell’s vision, look for the club and residences surrounding the course, to provide “the golf lifestyle reimaged.”

Earlier this year, The Summit Club at Armonk announced that Drew Clayton has been promoted as its new Director of Golf. He previously served as the Assistant Golf Professional when the club opened last year. Clayton, a PGA Class A member, also has staff experience as an Assistant Golf Professional for Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point, New York and Hudson National Golf Club. For more information about The Summit Club at Armonk, visit [www.thesummitclub.net](http://www.thesummitclub.net) or call (914) 273-9300.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Index No.: 2116/2021

In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax  
Liens by Proceeding in Rem Pursuant to  
Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax  
Law by the Town of North Castle

**PETITION AND  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE**

The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule A of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

**Effect of filing:** All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in such petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

**Nature of proceeding:** Such proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in such petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

**Persons affected:** This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of such petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

**Right of redemption:** Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may, on or before said date, redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to: Ms. Patricia A. Colombo, Receiver of Taxes, Town of North Castle, 17 Bedford Road, Armonk, New York 10504. In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

**Last day for redemption:** The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 15th day of October 2022.

**Service of answer:** Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for

the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

**Failure to redeem or answer:** In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in such petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

Dated: July 8, 2022

Enforcing Officer:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia A. Colombo  
Receiver of Taxes

State of New York )  
County of Westchester ) ss.:

I, Patricia A. Colombo, being duly sworn, depose and say: I am the Enforcing Officer for the Town of North Castle. I have read this Petition which I have signed and I am familiar with its contents. The contents of this Petition are true to the best of my knowledge, based upon the records of the Tax Receiver. I do not know of any errors or omissions in this Petition.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia A. Colombo  
Receiver of Taxes

Sworn before me this  
\_\_\_\_ day of July 2022

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Notary Public

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175 Main Street, Suite 800  
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**SCHEDULE A**

Parcel ID	Name	Property Address
95.01-2-1	Ramirez	336 Bedford Banksville Rd
95.03-2-17	Mook Baer	54 Hickory Kingdom Road
101.02-4-8	ERF	2 Elm Place
101.03-3-39	Anita Louise Ehrman	3 Greenway Road
101.04-2-28	Bank of New York	Windmill Road
102.04-1-33	Goodman	12 Cowdray Park Drive
102.04-1-35	Unknown	Bates Lane
108.02-2-72	Davis	7 Banksville Road
108.03-1-43	Stonewall LLC	145 Bedford Road
108.03-2-77	Colombo	Nichols Road
122.12-5-17.2	Lombardi	12 Rock Cliff Place
122.16-3-27	N White Properties LLC	698 N Broadway

## Free COVID Vaccines for Young Westchester Children

WESTCHESTER COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
GEORGE LATIMER ANNOUNCES FREE COVID-19  
VACCINES FOR YOUNGEST CHILDREN  
*Health Department Offers Vaccines by Appointment for  
Children Six Months to Five Years*

Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced that the County Health Department is offering free pediatric Moderna COVID-19 vaccines this summer. The vaccine clinics will be held on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon, by appointment only, for children ages six months to five years. The vaccine clinics will be held at the Health Department, 134 Court Street, White Plains.

The Moderna vaccine is given in two doses, at least 28 days apart. The County will also be offering all other COVID-19 vaccines for the other age groups from 1 to 3 p.m. on Fridays.

To make an appointment visit [health.westchestergov.com](http://health.westchestergov.com)

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George Latimer, County Executive  
Sherlita Amler, MD, Commissioner  
Department of Health

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