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# 18 Reported Cases of Monkeypox in Westchester, but Risk Still Low



County Executive George Latimer, with Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler

As of July 19 2022, New York State reported a total of 679 confirmed orthopoxvirus/monkeypox cases - a designation established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - have been identified with 639 in New York City, and 18 in Westchester County.

Monkeypox is a rare, viral infection that does not usually cause serious illness. However, it can result in hospitalization or death. That's why health officials in New York, the U.S., and around the world are monitoring cases of monkeypox in areas tha do not usually report monkeypox infections, including in New York State.

While New Yorkers should not be alarmed, everyone should stay informed about monkeypox. This means understanding the symptoms, how it spreads, and what to do if you are exposed.

#### Who is at risk for contracting monkeypox?

Monkeypox spreads through close, physical contact between people. This means anyone can get monkeypox. However, based on the current outbreak, certain populations are being affected by monkeypox more than others, including men who have sex with men (MSM).

Based on previous outbreaks of monkeypox around the world, some groups may also be at heightened risk for severe outcomes if they contract monkeypox. This includes people with weakened immune systems, elderly New Yorkers, young children under 8 years of age, and pregnant people.

On July 15, Westchester County Executive George Latimer County Executive George Latimer and Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler confirmed there are active cases in Westchester and provided an update on vaccinations available. The County is focused on getting the symptomatic tested, vaccinating those exposed and educating the public.

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# Westchester Real Estate Market **Finally Cools Down**



Greenwich, CT home for sale for \$13 Million

#### Lack of Inventory Continues to Impact the Market

After two years of eye-popping increases in luxury home sales, the market appears to be stabilizing with luxury home sales in New York and Connecticut posting mixed results in the second quarter, according to the Houlihan Lawrence Q2 Luxury Market Report released today.

Homes sold in Westchester (\$2M and higher) rose 12.2 % in the second quarter while the Putnam-Dutchess market (\$1M and higher) registered robust gains of 51.6 %. The highest priced luxury home sold in Westchester in Q2 was \$24,150,000 in Bedford. For Putnam the highest home sale was \$5,720,000 in Haldane while in Dutchess it was \$5,600,000 in Clinton.

In Connecticut, the Greenwich market (\$3M and higher) showed a sales decline of 34.5%. Greenwich saw the highest price sold for a luxury home at \$17,616,666. Darien and New Canaan (\$2M and higher) posted declines of 48.3% and 44.1%, respectively. The highest price home sold in Darien was \$6,150,000. The top selling price in New Canaan was \$7,100,000. The Rowayton market (\$2M) and higher) experienced a 36.4% decline in luxury sales. The median sale price in Westchester was down 0.9% while the median sale

price in the Putnam-Dutchess market was down 9.1%. In Greenwich, the median sale price was up a slight 3%, while Darien and New Canaan showed modest declines of 0.6% and 1.1%, respectively. The median sale price in Rowayton was down 3.7%.

According to the report, the pace of increases in New York is slowing, and the declines in Connecticut are likely driven by a lack of inventory, not a lack of demand. The urgent need for more space and amenities in less dense areas that fu-

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# Congratulations Eastchester Little League Girls Softball!



Congratulations to the Eastchester Little League 12U softball team for winning both their district and sectional tournaments. Out of over three hundred 12U softball teams throughout the state, the girls advanced to the final four teams in New York State!

In the New York State semifinal round on Tuesday, 7/19 the Eastchester LL won a thrilling game which ended in a walk off, game winning hit by Kate Attwood, scoring two and giving the team the victory.

While the girls fell short in game 2, they ended up #3 overall in the entire state. "This was an incredible run for our team, I will never forget what these young ladies accomplished. They are amazing," said Coach Eddie Reardon."We had a strong team top to bottom. This took years of hard work by these girls to accomplish this. We set a high standard for them and they did it!"

Before they left for the final four tournament, The Eastchester School District gave them a send off and School Board President Chrissy Verdeschi Geagan wished them the best of luck.

Eastchester Supervisor Tony Colavita also spoke to girls and told them how all of the Town of Eastchester was supporting them and how proud

they are of their accomplishments.

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### DiFiore Under Pressure to Release Judicial Commission Complaint Made Against Her

By Dan Murphy

The NY Daily News and the Albany Times Union have called on NYS Chief Judge Janet DiFiore to release the complaint filed against her with the NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct. Many believe that the complaint filed against DiFiore, by Dennis Quirk, is the reason that DiFiore announced that she was stepping down as Chief Judge in the middle of her 14-year term.

New York Chief Judge Janet DiFiore wears the robes of her illustrious predecessor, Judith Kaye... Throughout their long careers, both jurists supported transparency, openness and accountability, necessary ingredients to maintain public confidence in the courts. One of the hallmarks of that is that judges themselves must also be subject to scrutiny from the state Commission on Judicial Conduct.

"There is a formal written charge against DiFiore, initiated by the notorious court officers union boss Dennis Quirk. The conduct commission, which has three members appointed by DiFiore, voted to begin formal proceedings. Di-Fiore, who believes in the system that she leads and believes in openness, should authorize that the charges be made public — not by Quirk, who wants to wound her, but by the panel. Let DiFiore go first. Let her lead. Quirk has already told the world of the complaint. Don't let him get the last word, Judge DiFiore. Release the complaint and set an example in the tradition of Judge Kaye," writes the Daily News Editorial Board.

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#### No Kid Hungry Alerts Families: Free Summer Meals for Kids are Just a Text Away 304-304



With just a text, New Yorkers can find their nearest Free Summer Meal sites, connecting kids 18 and under with healthy breakfast and lunch this summer

Summer is the hungriest time of year for many kids. With 1 in 5 kids facing hunger across New York State, No Kid Hungry is alerting all families that free summer meals for kids are just a text away. Providers across the state offer free breakfast and lunch to all children 18 and under at hundreds of sites during the summer months. No registration or documentation is required to receive a free

Parents and caregivers across the state can text "FOOD" or "COMIDA" to 304-304 or call 311 for the most up-to-date hours and locations of nearby meal

Summer meals offer a lifeline to the thousands of New York families facing food insecurity and contending with rising prices amid surging inflation. Summer meals can alleviate some of the additional stress and cost burdens that families experience during the summer months when children aren't getting free meals as

"Summer is the hungriest time of year for kids in New York-but it doesn't have to be," said Rachel Sabella, Director of No Kid Hungry New York. "Free Summer Meals are a lifeline to families and kids. We are so proud to support programs across New York State and want to make sure every family knows that good, healthy meals are there at no cost and close to home.

The Summer Meals program is funded by the USDA and operated by school districts and local organizations at familiar sites throughout the community like schools, parks, pools, libraries and community centers. To find a complete listing of summer meal sites, visit No Kid Hungry's comprehensive map at https://www. nokidhungry.org/find-free-meals.

No child should go hungry in America. But in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, millions of kids in New York could face hunger. No Kid Hungry New York is working to end childhood hunger by helping launch and improve programs that give all kids the healthy food they need to thrive. This is a problem we know how to solve. No Kid Hungry New York is a campaign of Share Our Strength, an organization committed to ending hunger and poverty. Join us at NoKidHungry.org

#### Oil Prices Drop 20% but Gas Prices at the Pump Down 10% What Gives?

Letter to the Editor:

In the Yonkers Rising issue of June 24th, columnist Eric Schoen lambastes President Joe Biden, writing the President is "waiting to decide if he will suspend the Federal gas tax." I am sure that Eric is smart enough to realize that any President does not unilaterally control or set prices; in fact, before Mr. Schoen's column was published, President Biden has in fact on June 21 called on for Congress to enact a gas tax holiday." The President also asked individual states to suspend their own gas taxes during that period, or seek ways to offer similar discounts.

Mr. Schoen also restated the lie that the President "stopped drilling when he came into office."

Facts: "One year after announcing a halt to any new federal oil and gas leasing, Biden has outpaced Donald Trump in issuing drilling permits on public lands."

"The oil industry can decide to produce more oil whenever it wants. In fact, the oil industry already possess more than 9,000 approved—but unused—drilling permits on federal lands." (AmericanProgress.org)

"In the months leading up to the Covid-19 pandemic, U.S. oil production hit an all-time high of just below 13 million barrels per day (BPD). As the pandemic unfolded, demand collapsed, and production followed. By May 2020, oil production had dropped by more than 3 million BPD to 9.7 million BPD (barrels per day)". Forbes 03/11/2022

Please do not substitute opinions for facts.

Robert Kalfus, Yonkers

Editor's Note: Preisdent Joe Biden Tweeted, "Oil prices have come down 20% from June highs, but prices at the pump have only come down half as much. That's unacceptable. t's time for oil and gas companies to pass along their lower costs to Americans."



## Former Mt. Vernon Cop Sentenced to Three Months for Fatal High Speed Crash on Hutch

**DA Rocah Wanted More Prison Time** 

Ayuda a la Familia de John Osorio



An active gofundme account for the family of John Osario has raised \$14,061

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced on July 15, that former Mount Vernon Police Officer Antoine Henrys was sentenced to three months in jail and five years of probation for a collision he caused by driving in excess of 120 miles per hour, while off duty, on the Hutchinson River Parkway that resulted in the death of 52- year-old White Plains resident John Osario.

"Our hearts go out to the victim's family," DA Rocah said. "We are disappointed that the Court did not agree with our recommendation that a sentence of state prison be imposed to hold the defendant accountable for causing the victim's death by his unquestionably dangerous driving."

On September 25, 2020, at approximately 9:27 p.m., Henrys, 39, of Mount Vernon, was speeding northbound on the Hutchinson River Parkway near Lincoln Avenue in Mount Vernon. He struck the rear of a vehicle, which caused the driver to lose control and hit the motorcycle Osario was driving. The impact resulted in the victim's body being thrown into the southbound lanes of the Hutchinson River Parkway, where he was struck by multiple cars and killed.

Following an investigation, Henrys was arrested on June 16, 2021 by the Westchester County Department of Public Safety. He was indicted in June 2021 by a Westchester County Grand Jury for Manslaughter in the Second Degree, a felony, and pled guilty on April 12, 2022, to that charge. Henrys resigned from the Mount Vernon Police Department in April 2022.

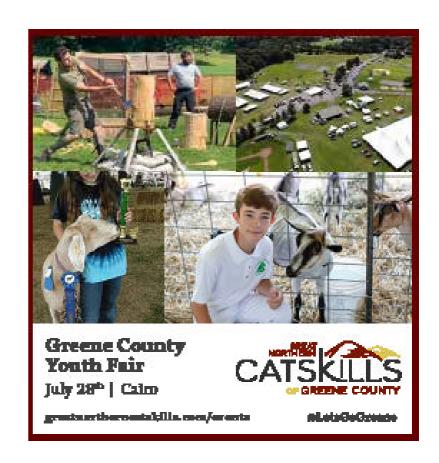
The case was before Judge Robert Neary in Westchester County Court, and was prosecuted by the Vehicular Crimes Bureau of the Trials and Investigations Division.

## Take the Westchester Pollinator **Garden Tour this Weekend**



Interested in a healthier and pollinator friendlier yard? On 7/24 let yourself be inspired by more than 50 gardens in Westchester county (including five of your neighbors from New Rochelle). Composting, native plants, leaf mulching or habitat restoration; the owners of the gardens are happy to share their ideas with you. Free and welcome to all. We hope to see you!

For a complete list of gardens, times and how to make a reservation, visit healthyyards.org/tour?



# The Nerds to Perform at Kensico Dam Plaza July 26



Enjoy a night of rock and roll music with The Nerds, New Jersey's #1 Cover Band, on Tuesday, July 26, at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

County Executive George Latimer said, "Music is a powerful, unifying force. Rock 'n' roll music inspires us to form deep connections with our families, friends and communities. Recapture your youthful spirit, sense of belonging and open mind with a night of classic rock.

Parks Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor said, "Grab your folding chair and enjoy a great mid-summer night of rock and roll with friends and neighbors on the great lawn.'

All concerts will be ticketed-admission events, with purchase available by online pre-sale only. Tickets are \$10 per person. Children 5 years and older require a ticket. Pre-purchase tickets online only at https://maingatetickets.com/events/ view/1303. Tickets will not be available for purchase onsite on the day of the event. Seating will be general admission style.

Gates open at 6 p.m., concerts begin at 7 p.m. and parking is free. Please bring blankets and lawn chairs for seating and coolers are permitted.

The other concerts in the series are:

Saturday, Aug. 13 | Songs in the Attic/All About Joel – A musical tribute to Billy

Friday, Aug. 26 | 45 Riots and SAGE – A one-night festival of blazing R&B, jazz, soul and dance!

The Robison Summer Concert Series is presented by Westchester County Parks and Sharc Creative with Westchester Parks Foundation, and support from Westchester Talk Radio, 100.7 WHUD, 107.1 The Peak, Garcia's at The Capitol Theatre, Hamlethub, Palisades Mazda, The Premier Collection, Inspiria Outdoor Advertising, and Westchester Magazine.

Kensico Dam Plaza is located at 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. For more information, call 914-864-PARK or visit parks.westchestergov.com.

# Property Tax Cap Set at 2% Again for 2023

Property tax levy growth will again be capped at 2% for 2023 for local governments that operate on a calendar-based fiscal year, according to data released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. This figure affects tax cap calculations for all counties, towns, and fire districts, as well as 44 cities and 13 villages.

'Allowable tax levy growth will be limited to two percent for a second consecutive year," DiNapoli said. "Just as local governments are receiving their final round of federal funding under the American Rescue Plan Act, they are facing economic challenges that will likely drive costs higher than expected or planned, making it harder to adhere to the tax cap as they prepare their budgets for 2023."

DiNapoli said given this year's inflation factor calculation of 7.17%, a majority of New York's counties, towns and calendar year cities and villages could see cost increases that exceed the amounts they are set to receive in their final round of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The tax cap, which first applied to local governments and school districts in 2012, limits annual tax levy increases to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 2% with certain exceptions. The tax cap also includes a provision that allows munici-

palities to override the tax cap. The 2% cap for the 2023 fiscal year is the fourth time since 2019 that municipalities with a calendar-based fiscal year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31) had their levy growth capped at that amount. In accordance with state law, DiNapoli's office calculated the inflation factor at 7.17% for those with a calendar fiscal year in 2023. This is the highest the inflation factor has been since the tax cap was first implemented and more than triple the 2.3% inflation factor from the prior year.

# **Buying Comics! Looking for 1960s-1990s. I PAY CASH!** Please call 914-646-1718. **Located in Yonkers**



# **Sharks and Scooters**



By Eric Wolf Schoen

So we have the latest lifeguard to protect us from sharks! Governor Hochul announced on Monday that the state was beefing up patrols at Long Island beaches with overtime for lifeguards, lifeguards in boats and drones to be on the lookout for sharks. There has been some 5 or so shark attacks over the last two weeks.

It took the good Governor this long to act? Like everything else the sharks, natural to our waters are blamed by some on global warming and some on cleaner, warmer waters with smaller fish for the sharks to eat. Remember, we are invading on the turf of sharks and fish, they are not invading on our turf. Lots going on the week!

The Yonkers Scooter Affair

Three cheers for the Yonkers Police Officers who stopped the illegal food delivery driver driving one of those illegal scooters. These devices have to to registered and have plates or otherwise as the law states. There are way to many of these scooters flying around the streets of Yonkers, Westchester and throughout our region. The delivery of items via them is a good idea, but their owners must follow the laws.

This particular episode saw two police officers getting ready to impound an illegal scooter. The owner comes out, says she has approval from the delivery company to use the scooter, the officer asks for the scooter's license and registration, the owner cannot provide it, and she attempts to get on the scooter and drive away from the officers who tell her to stop. They take her down, using

The stupidity of the scooter owner getting into an altercation with the police amazes me. Just a note. If you are the friend of the person committing the crime, unless you have something to offer mind your business and get out of

What impressed me most other than the actions of the Police Officers was the Body Cam footage, clear as a whistle which showed everything that took place. If you want to learn about how body cameras work, look at the footage captured in this incident. Sure made me a believer in them.

Kudos to COMMISSIONER Chris Sapienza and the department for their fast, correct response to this incident.

Congestion Pricing

Did I hear that Congestion Pricing in New York City would bring the cost of a trip from WESTCHESTER to the Big Apple to \$35 in tolls. New York lacks tourists from the suburbs now, the subways are unsafe and they are going to charge motorists \$35. Asinine!

Good time to call your state legislators and Congresspeople to tell them to stop this unfair, inflexible toll scheme. We pay enough for the crappy, crater like pothole filled roads we ride on now. Not one dollar from congestion pricing will be used to fix the roads. All the money will be used for mass transit.

Speaking of calling your Congressperson, in January Congressman Bowman reported receiving a mere 447 phone calls for the month. That's less than 15 phone calls a day. That seems like an awfully small number. Remember, though you may disagree with him philosophically if you need the services of his Congressional office his number is (718) 530-7710 in the Bronx, (914) 371-9220 in Mount Vernon and (202) 225-2464 in Washington, D.C.

#### **Bail Reforms**

Many of you have written to me upset about what the Governor and State Legislature have done about bail reform and the in and out cycle of individuals committing crimes, many not spending a night in jail. I agree with you the

I would like to see a poll of voters in Senator Stewart-Cousins, Senator Mayer's and Assemblyman Sayegh's district to see how strongly these legislators constituents feel the need for bail reform is. If one exists bring it to my

I would venture to say that the vast majority of constituents in these and other WESTCHESTER districts are against bail reform even with the changes the Legislature made after their first botched attempt. And after the poll is out, we need to force the legislators to change the laws back to what they were for a more civilized society. We, The People elect our legislators to work for us, and they should be representing our opinions in their votes as members of the Senate and Assembly and Governor for that matter.

#### Penn Station Rehabilitation

Who hasn't gone through Penn Station in New York City. And been horrified at what they saw? Governor Hochul put together a package to build a long overdue Penn Station where so many trains from around the country enter New York

Maybe we need Joe Biden, our Amtrak loving President to ride the train from Delaware into Penn Station New York to see what an absolute disgrace it is, call it a third world train station (it's worse) like he did La Guardia Airport and something will get done!

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# TMZ and Styles P Get Yonkers Police Video Wrong: Officers Did Nothing Wrong or Improper



Rapper Styles P, arguing with a Yonkers police officer

A controversy errupted on social media after TMZ posted a story about an incident involving two Yonkers Police Officers and a individual who was driving an unregistered moped on July 12.

Here is the statement from the YPD. "The Yonkers Police Department is aware of a video that surfaced on social media regarding an interaction between Yonkers Police Officers and members of the community. The incident itself revolved around the arrest of an individual who fled from Officers while she was being detained during an investigation into her reckless driving of an unregistered moped on a busy city sidewalk. Unregistered and uninsured moped operation on Yonkers streets and sidewalks is one of the most frequent complaints from community groups in recent months. After the individual attempted to flee, the Officers caught up to her and attempted to restrain her. The individual continued to refuse to comply, at which point an Officer utilized a standard take-down to bring her to the ground to be handcuffed. Subsequent to her arrest, a knife was recovered from an easily accessible front compartment on the moped.

"An internal investigation was immediately commenced at the scene, even before any videos of the incident were published to social media. The Yonkers Police Department routinely conducts full investigations into ALL uses of force by our Officers. This investigation includes the review of all video surveillance footage including Body-Worn Cameras as well as interviews of all involved. The early stages of this investigation reveal that no strikes were used at any time during the incident and no force was used after handcuffs were applied. The investigation is ongoing. The attached video is the full and un-edited Body-Worn Camera footage from a primary Officer involved. The Yonkers Police Department is committed to transparency and serving the Yonkers community with service, integrity, and respect. More information regarding this interaction may be released as it becomes available."

The incident occured outside of Juices for Life, on Yonkers Avenue, owned by rapper and Yonkers native Styles P. After the woman tried to flee with her moped, she was detained, and that is when Styles P came out and videos started streaming across social media.

TMZ picked up the story, with the reduced video that did not show the entire incident. The two officers were calm in their discussions with the young woman, and she escalated the incident by trying to flee. Here is the link to the TMZ story: https://www.tmz.com/2022/07/13/styles-p-nypd-juices-4-life-police-officer-arrest/

On July 14, Hip Hop Today reported that Styles P "hopped on Instagram live Tuesday night and confessed he didn't act with good judgment. He then said he doesn't want to give the younger generation the wrong idea."https://hiphoptoday.com/styles-p-speaks-out-for-how-he-behaved-in-police-video/

On Instagram Styles P posted, "Man enough to admit the youth shouldn't follow my angered path may lead to them getting clapped! Also man enough to admit the Jake gotta delegate better In our communities. Lotta of frustrated people out and about that's tired of seeing the women and kids mistreated! Pretty sure it's a way to start making it better!!"

"I don't want to see the cops fired, I don't want to see the cops lose their job, lose their lifeline. I want to see them be able to delegate where they at, I don't actually blame them so much. I gotta blame the system."

# Book Club for Women with Breast, Ovarian, or Gynecological Cancer

Support Connection, Inc. announces the next session of their virtual Book Club. It will take place on Thursday, August 11 from 7-8 pm (NY time), via ZOOM video conference. Open to people who have or have had breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer. To learn more or to pre-register, call Support Connection no later than 5pm (NY time) on Wednesday, August 10th: 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290.

At this session, we will discuss The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki. An intimate portrait of a larger-than-life woman, a powerful story of one woman falling in love with her own voice and embracing her own power while shaping history in the process. Marjorie was inspired by a few simple rules: always think for yourself, never take success for granted, and work hard.

"Here is an intriguing plunge into the very soul of a woman who walked both the hard and the beautiful roads of life and deserves to be remembered. The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post is transportive fiction at its best!"—Susan Meissner, bestselling author of The Nature of Fragile Things

Discussion leaders: Amy Curran Baker (author of Now What? A Guide to Recovery After Mastectomy) and Fran Contino. Learn more at supportconnection.org.



# New 988 National Suicide Prevention Number





On July 16, the U.S. will transition the 10-digit National Suicide Prevention Lifeline to 988 – an easy-to-remember three-digit number for 24/7 crisis care. The lifeline, which also links to the Veterans Crisis Line, follows a three-year joint effort by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Federal Communications Commission (FCC), and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to put crisis care more in reach for people in need. This initiative is part of President Biden's comprehensive strategy to address our nation's mental health crisis, and is identified by U.S. Health and Human Services Xavier Becerra as a top priority at HHS. Since January 2021, the Biden-Harris Administration has made unprecedented investments to support the 988 transition, investing \$432 million to scale crisis center capacity and ensure all Americans have access to help during mental health crises.

The National Suicide Hotline Designation Act, signed into law after the passage of bipartisan legislation in 2020, authorized 988 as a new three-digit number for suicide and mental health crisis. All telephone service and text providers in the U.S. and the five major U.S. territories are required by the FCC to activate 988 no later than July 16

"988 is more than a number, it is a message: we're there for you. Through this and other actions, we are treating mental health as a priority and putting crisis care in reach for more Americans," said Secretary Becerra, who has been meeting with states across the country about the transition to 988 as part of HHS' National Tour to Strengthen Mental Health. "There is still much work to do. But what matters is that we're launching, 988 will be live. We are looking to every governor and every state in the nation to do their part to make this a long-term success."

FCC staff first proposed 988 in a report to Congress in August 2019 as the nationwide, easy-to-remember, 3-digit dialing code for individuals in crisis to connect to suicide prevention and mental health crisis counselors with the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. On July 16, 2020, the FCC adopted rules designating 988 for this purpose. Recognizing the need to better support at-risk communities in crisis, including youth and individuals with disabilities, the FCC adopted additional rules in November 2021 to expand access to this important service by establishing the ability to also text 988.

VA administers the Veterans Crisis Line through the Lifeline's national network. Because of VA's partnership with the Lifeline, the Veterans Crisis Line is affected by this transition to a new number. Veterans and their loved ones can now Dial 988 then Press 1 to reach the Veterans Crisis Line.

In 2021, the Lifeline received 3.6 million calls, chats, and texts. That number is expected to at least double within the first full year after the 988 transition. The U.S. had one death by suicide every 11 minutes in 2020, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Suicide was the second leading cause of death for young people aged 10-14 and 25-34. From April 2020 to 2021, more than 100,000 people died from drug overdoses. Studies have shown that after speaking with a trained crisis counselor, most Lifeline callers are significantly more likely to feel less depressed, less suicidal, less overwhelmed, and more hopeful.

The 10-digit Lifeline number 1-800-273-TALK (8255) will continue to be operational after July 16 and will route calls to 988 indefinitely. Veterans, service members, and their families can also still reach the Veterans Crisis Line with the current phone number 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, or by chat or text to 838255. More information on 988 is available at www.samhsa.gov/988 and https://www.samhsa.gov/find-help/988/faqs.



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## Westchester County 9/11 Illness Committee Seeking Names of Those Who Died of 9/11 Illness

The Westchester County 9/11 Related Illnesses Memorial Committee is soliciting names of those who have died of 9/11 related illness for the 9/11 Related Illnesses Memorial at Kensico Dam.

County Executive George Latimer said: "It is imperative that the lives we lost due to 9/11 related illnesses are not forgotten – not ever. The loss the families have suffered will never be filled, and we are here to stand with them, we are here to grieve with them and we are here to remember with them – always."

If you know someone who was a 9/11 First Responder (Ground Zero, Pentagon or Shanksville, PA), worked or resided in Westchester County, and passed away as result of a 9/11 related illnesses please contact Co-Chair of the Westchester County 9/11 Related Illnesses Memorial Committee Matt McCauley at mmccauley@thmllp.com or (914) 343-5251.

Just last year, Westchester County was among the first governments to unveil a new 9/11 Related Illnesses Memorial. The Memorial is designed to complement the stonework of the Dam, and surround The Rising as an eternal watch. This memorial is the culmination of a promise this County government made to the families and loved ones of these true Westchester heroes.

McCauley is a retired NYPD officer and paramedic, who worked as a first responder on 9/11 at Ground Zero said: "County Executive George Latimer has been a longtime supporter of first responders and the 9/11 community throughout his entire career. It is great to see that he understands the importance of having a memorial. In the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks our first responders were present at Ground Zero. Now as many of them are becoming sick and dying, it is important for our County to recognize the sacrifice. Thank you County Executive Latimer for showing that Westchester County will never forget."

# Florida Man Sentenced to Four Years in Prison for Having Sex With a Minor in North Salem

On July 12, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that 27-year-old Christopher Nunez was sentenced to the maximum term of four years in prison for the 'statutory rape' of a 15-year-old in North Salem ("Victim-1"). This sentence will run concurrently to the 26-year federal prison sentence that was announced on July 5, 2022, for enticing Victim-1 and two additional minors to engage in sexual activity in New York, Kentucky and New Jersey. The two additional victims were discovered by federal authorities after a referral from the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

"The bravery of this 15-year-old victim, who came forward to report this crime, resulted in my office collaborating with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, which culminated in justice for two additional victims," DA Rocah said. "This case is another stark reminder of the dangers of online sexual predators who manipulate minors. Our office is available to help parents and families better protect minors from predatory online dangers, and

will hold accountable to the fullest extent of the law those who prey on children." On May 1, 2021, Nunez traveled from his hometown of Miami, Florida, to North Salem, and engaged in sexual activity with Victim-1. Prior to the incident, the defendant communicated online with the victim for approximately three months and persuaded the victim to meet with him to engage in sexual activity.

The New York State Police arrested Nunez shortly after the incident, which led to a further joint investigation with the Special Prosecutions Division of the West-chester County District Attorney's Office. In May 2021, the District Attorney's Office referred the case to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York to expand the investigation to potential victims beyond the jurisdiction of Westchester County.

In October 2021, the defendant pled guilty to Rape in the Third Degree, a felony, in Westchester County Court. Upon his release from prison, he will be required to register as a sex offender. DA Rocah commended the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York State Police, the Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force and the Special Prosecutions Division for their work on this vital investigation. www.westchesterda.net

The case was before Judge Susan Cacace in Westchester County Court, and was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Charlotte Gudis of the Special Prosecutions Division.

# Westchester Congregations Open Doors to the Community for "Sacred Sites Open House" July 23 & 24

The New York Landmarks Conservancy is proud to host its 12th Annual Sacred Sites Open House: "Open Doors," welcoming visitors in person once again to New York's world-class houses of worship, on July 23 & 24, 2022, throughout New York State. Participating congregations will have the opportunity to show-case their buildings and histories via lectures, musical performances, and special guided tours, as well as highlight a variety of cultural and social service programs offered throughout the year. During Sacred Sites Open House, nearly 100 of New York City and State's most amazing religious institutions will open their doors to the public on the weekend, giving visitors a glimpse inside the artistic, architectural and historic treasures found in these houses of worship.

Westchester Congregations participating in Sacred Sites Open House include:
Chappaqua - Church of Saint Mary the Virgin, 191 South Greeley Avenue,
Saturday, July 23, 1:00pm – 5:00pm.

- · Larchmont St. John's Episcopal Church, 4 West Fountain Square, Saturday, July 23 & Sunday. July 24, 11:00am 2:00pm.
- · North Salem St. James Episcopal Church, 296 Titicus Road, Saturday, July 23, 9:00am 3:00pm.
- Yonkers St. John's Episcopal Church Getty Square, 1 Hudson Street, Sunday, July 24, 12:30pm 4:30pm.
  - Yonkers St. John's Episcopal Church Tuckahoe, 100 Underhill Street



# **Lowey Endorses Maloney for Congress in NY-17**



On July 14, Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney was endorsed by long-time local leader, former Rep. Nita Lowey. Rep. Maloney released the following statement on her endorsement:

"While I'm honored by all the support our campaign has received, former Congresswoman Lowey's endorsement is particularly meaningful. Nita knows what it takes to represent and deliver for our communities here in the 17th and I appreciate her confidence in me to continue that important work," said Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney.

"Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney was an invaluable partner to me in Congress. In his role on the House Intelligence Committee, he has been a leader on issues of national security and an unwavering supporter of our allies, including Israel. As a representative for the Hudson Valley, he has been responsive on issues of concern to the Jewish community, including efforts to combat anti-Semitism in the Hudson Valley, across New York and around the world. Sean is a powerful representative for the Hudson Valley and New York State, and we should keep him in Congress," said Former Congresswoman Nita Lowey.

Rep. Maloney recently reported that he raised more than \$850,000 in the last quarter, and has over \$2.5 million. "Every single day, I work to earn my seat. This summer and fall, our campaign will share with voters what I've done on their behalf, from banning oil barge anchorages on the Hudson to delivering billions for road and bridge repairs," said Rep. Maloney. "Thanks to the strong financial support we've received this quarter and throughout the year, we have the resources needed to make that case to voters once again and hold this seat in November."

Maloney has a democratic primary challenge from State Senator Alessandra Biaggi in the 17th Congressional district of NY, which includes mid-northern Westchester, Putnam, and Rockland Counties.

#### Gashi Announces NY Elected Women Officials' Endorsements

Borgia, Galef, Paulin, Williams & Walter Support NY 16 Democratic Congressional Primary Campaign

A distinguished group of elected women officials at various levels across Westchester County have endorsed Vedat Gashi in the August 23 Democratic congressional primary for NY 16, confirming that Gashi's experience, expertise and track record of public service make him highly qualified to hold the office.

The initial group of women officials includes Westchester Country Board of Legislators Chair Catherine Borgia (Ossining, Briarcliff, Croton, Cortlandt, Peekskill), NYS Assemblywoman Sandy Galef (Cortland, Ossining, Peekskill); NYS Assemblywoman Amy Paulin (Bronxville, Eastchester, New Rochelle, Pelham, Tuckahoe, White Plains); and former Westchester County Legislators Alfreda Williams and Ruth Walter. Additional endorsements will be forthcoming.

"I am honored to accept the support of these Westchester women leaders," says Gashi, who currently serves as a Westchester County legislator. "Since first being elected, I've had the opportunity to work with them in various capacities on different legislation, including the recent passage of the county's Reproductive Health Care Facilities Access Act, and I look forward to building on these relationships to deliver results for all of NY 16's residents".

"Our campaign is dedicated to delivering real progress for everyday New Yorkers and ensuring that everyone has a shot at the American dream, Gashi adds, noting that he will "fight to protect working families and expand the middle class, because this district deserves a representative who supports mainstream Democratic policies and values who will put progress before posturing and work hard to get things done".

New York's 16th congressional district for the United States House of Representatives includes part of the northern Bronx and the southern half of Westchester County, including the cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Rye, White Plains and Yonkers.

Gashi is challenging incumbent Congressman Jamaal Bowman. Also running in the democratic primary are Catherine Parker, and Mark Jaffe.



NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER DYNASTY, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST CGSRE ACQUISITION CORP, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered October 22, 2021, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, NY on August 15, 2022 at 9:30AM, premises known as 68 Runyon Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York, Section 3 Block 3112 Lot 59+60. Approximate amount of judgment \$1,792,943.78 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #50855/2019. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the WESTCHESTER County COVID-19 Protocols located on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) website (https://ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.shtml) and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Anthony J. Centone, Esq., Referee CLAIR GJERTSEN & WEATHERS PLLC 4 New King Street, Suite 140 White Plains, NY 10604 50855-2019 72689

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#### Eric Schoen continued from pg 3-

Litter on the Parkways and Highways

I can't believe how much litter is on our parkways especially coming from Rumsey Road taking the turn onto the Cross County Parkway. Who are the pigs out there who throw crap out of their windows. It's disgusting and has to stop. The County can't keep up with the amount of litter strewn about, and frankly they shouldn't have to. It's time people take pride in their neighborhoods and stop disposing of their cans and bottles and other assorted garbage on our roadways.

#### Robocalls have to Stop

How many calls do you get each day from Mary at the dealer service center trying to sell you an extended warranty. Or John, the paid caller from the sham Police or Fire Association asking you for a donation. Or Lucy from the credit card department offering you low interest rates that are not what they seem to be. Or a poll asking you if you support George Washington or Abraham Lincoln for President?

I thought we were done with these robocalls if we opted out. How come we are still getting them on our cell phones and land lines. And those without unlimited minutes are paying the bills for these unwanted calls. Congress through the FCC has to put better controls in place to stop this annoyance, particularly when the out of state caller uses a local number to try to get you to answer the call.

#### **Hochul Airlines**

Looks what's up in the sky. It's a bird, no it's a plane, no it's Governor Kathy Hochul crisscrossing our State in a State paid for helicopter. This while you and I pay \$4.75 a gallon for gasoline. And sit in traffic. We have to get out of the mind set that the gasoline we gas our cars up with is bad. Electric cars with their limited mileage just don't cut it. Remember no energy and we can't eat, unless you want to eat like a squirrel does!

#### Breaking good News at Press Time!

pose: Any lawful activity.

Alvin Bragg, the crazy District Attorney in Manhattan will not prosecute the Jill Biden bogada, no bodega owner attacked with a knife in New York City who in self defense killed the customer who with his girlfriend were going after him. And former New York City Mayor Bill DeBlasio has pulled out of the Congressional race representing his Park Slope, Brooklyn neighborhood because 49% of his neighbors said they would not vote for him. Yes, there is a God.

In closing, the price of bread is skyrocketing yes, thanks to the war in the Ukraine and higher prices for the ingredients in baked goods. Three bargains in this crisis. The boiled then baked bagels and bagel twists at GOLDBERG'S on Central Avenue priced are \$1.10 and \$1.75 respectively. The tea biscuits at DeLite Bakery, gigantic, filled with golden raisins and priced at a reasonable \$3 each. It's ok once in a while to cheat on the diet!

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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. Notice of formation of Color It Black, LLC. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/28/2022.

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Notice of formation of Sutton E.L.S Ent, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/18/2021. 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, 103 McLean Avenue Apt.# 3b, Yonkers NY 10467. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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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Notice of Formation of INNER THEIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/01/2022. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Inner Theia LLCat 5 Aspen Road, Scarsdale NY 10581. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.





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# YONKERS IDA **A Driving Force Behind the Yonkers** Renaissance.

Building on a nearly decade-long economic renaissance, the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (YIDA) under the leadership of Mayor Mike Spano has been instrumental in providing financial incentives for development projects representing nearly \$5 billion in private investment and more than 9,100 multifamily units planned, completed, under construction and approved for development.

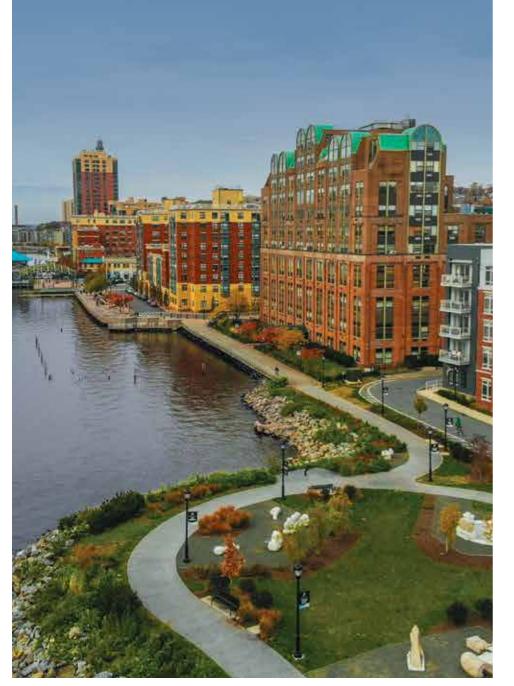
To learn more about the financial incentives provided by the Yonkers IDA, visit yonkersida.com or call (914) 509-8651.







Yonkers Economic Development Corporation



#### DiFiore Commission Complaint, continued from pg 1-

The Albany Times Union made a similar request of DiFiore in their Editorial Board opinon piece dated July 19. "Chief Judge Janet DiFiore is under investigation; that much New Yorkers get to know. But they'll find out precious little more for certain, even if the investigation leads to charges, thanks to the secretive process for disciplining judges in this state.

"Only if Judge DiFiore is found guilty of an ethical breach or some other offense would the details become public. If not, the record would be essentially sealed, with no opportunity for public scrutiny.

"That's an extraordinarily secret process for any public servant accused of wrongdoing – a level of concealment that defendants who go before judges certainly don't enjoy. It's all the more extraordinary when one considers that Judge DiFiore is the chief judicial officer in the state, empowered to establish the standards and policies that all judges, from the local justice in the tiniest village on up, must abide by.

"It's also important to note that — contrary to a statement from her spokesman implying that discussing the matter would be a breach of confidentiality — she has the option at any point in this process to allow it to become public. She has made the choice not to be transparent."

Finally, Jeff Deskovic, who was wrongfully accused of murder and spent years in prison before being exonerated and is now an attorney, wrote an Op-Ed for the Journal News which reads in part, "While I was wrongfully imprisoned for a murder and rape I did not commit, DiFiore, then Westchester's DA, allowed me to get DNA testing via the DNA Databank which her predecessor, Jeannie Pirro, would not. The results matched Steven Cunningham, the actual perpetrator, whose DNA was only in the databank because, left free while I was imprisoned for his crime, he killed a second victim three-and-ahalf years later. DiFiore agreed to dismiss the charges against me on actual innocence grounds, Cunningham was charged and a public report detailing the breakdowns in the justice system that led to my 16 years of wrongful imprisonment was issued.

"Occupying two of the most powerful positions in the state, DiFiore could have agreed to my exoneration — which could have been the first of many steps that she had the ability to take to infuse the justice system with more justice. Instead, she wasted the opportunities that few receive.

"DiFiore's office disappointingly fought against the eventual exonerations of Selwyn Days, who served 17 years in prison on a double murder, and Kian Khatibi, who served 10-and-a-half years

"As I argued at the time, the state Senate's confirmation hearings for DiFiore's appointment to the Court of Appeals were themselves a sham and emblematic of her lack of fairness and ethics. My name and case were thrown around by the state Senate as a reason why she should be confirmed.--I opposed confirmation

"In an justice system where wrongful convictions are frequently upheld — often rubber stamped — to the point that the average length of wrongful conviction is 14 years in DNA cases; in a system in which technicalities are often used to uphold convictions; in which courts are more concerned with proceduralism rather than substantive justice, DiFiore could have infused the justice system with more justice.... But DiFiore did none of those things, and by virtue of her inaction, she squandered seldom obtained opportunities to infuse the justice system with justice."

We are currently reviewing cases that DiFiore presided over as Westchester DA by those seeking justice. Stay tuned.

#### Monkeypox, continued from pg 1-

Latimer said: "While the risk for Monkeypox remains low for Westchester County residents, we want everyone to be aware that this virus can spread from person to person. Monkeypox can be transferred from the time symptoms begin, until the rash has fully healed and a new layer of skin has formed. If you feel you are exhibiting symptoms of the virus, we encourage you get vaccinated as soon as possible."

Amler said: "We should not be alarmed, but we should stay informed about the symptoms and how the virus is spread. Residents should seek care immediately if they present symptoms consistent with Monkeypox, such as rashes or lesions. This will help us to prevent a further spread of the virus in the County.'

Testing for Monkeypox is done by swabbing a lesion. To be tested a lesion must be present, or an individual must have had an exposure in 14 days or fewer. Testing is now being processed at commercial labs in New York State, and results

are returned within 48 hours. The Monkeypox vaccine is a two dose vaccine with 28 days between doses for adults 18+. Westchester County received 450 doses of MPX vaccine from New York State in the first batch, and 520 doses in the second batch. The County Health Department is working with New York State to obtain more vaccine.

Several hospitals and health centers in Westchester have been provided with a limited number of vaccines. The Westchester County Health Department will hold clinics on Mondays from 12-3 p.m., and Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m. at 134 Court Street, White Plains. This is by appointment only, and individuals must attest that they meet the criteria. To make an appointment, visit the Health Department Website or call 914-995-5800.

All positive cases of a County resident are required to be reported to the Westchester County Health Department, who will conduct contact tracing. If the contact meets the criteria, they should reach out to the Health Department or one of the other locations listed above to be vaccinated.

#### Westchester Real Estate, continued from pg 1-

eled our booming market the past two years has eased. Buyers remain motivated to purchase homes that are priced and presented to meet the market.

The lack of inventory continues to impact the market north of NYC. As supply declines, so too do pended sales, which are those scheduled to close within 60 to 90 days and ultimately closed sales. Most buyers are sellers first, and the market is in favor of sellers. However, a confluence of events has convinced many

luxury homeowners to stay put. "Rising mortgage rates impact the decision to stay or move. The luxury buyer has the resources to absorb higher payments, however many would-be buyers who recently refinanced or purchased at a 3% mortgage are reluctant to trade their existing home and assume a significantly higher mortgage on a new purchase. Should their desire for a new home be stronger than practical implications,

many don't want to compete in such a supply-constrained market," said Anthony P. Cutugno, Sr. Vice President, Director of Private Brokerage for Houlihan Law-Cutugno said the buyer's inertia mounts when they consider the hurdles to

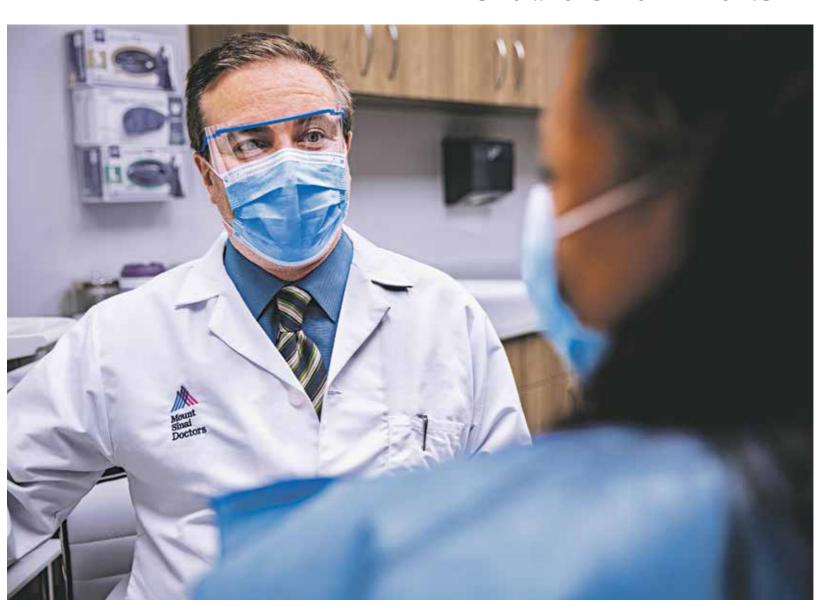
overcome once they purchase a new home. "Most new buyers want to put their personal mark on a new home, but material delays, supply chain issues and labor shortages keep homeowners out of the market," he noted, adding, "Low supply translates into competition, and sellers still have the upper hand. However, a sense of discipline has returned to the market as buyers contend with rising interest rates, stock market volatility and record high inflation."

Q2 2022 MARKETS AT A GLANCE (Q2 2022 vs Q2 2021)

Westchester County Luxury Home Sales /\$2M and Higher

Homes Sold: Up 12.2% Median Sale Price: Down 0.9%

Highest Sale Price: \$24,150,000 Bedford



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