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Did the Son of Sam Do It Alone? Yonkers at The Center of Netflix Doc



By Dan Murphy

Did David Berkowitz, aka the 'Son of Sam', act alone when he shot 13 young couples, killing 6, from 1976 and 1977 in New York City? Or was Berkowitz part of a satanic cult in Yonkers, where he lived, and did two other men from Yonkers play a role in the shootings that terrorized millions of New Yorkers for 13 months?

A new Netflix True Crime documentary, The Sons of Sam: A Descent into Darkness, makes the case that two young men from Yonkers who lived close to Berkowitz's apartment on 42 Pine Street, were not only involved in some of the shootings, but one was the real Son of Sam.

I was 10 years old when The Son of Sam, or the 44 Caliber Killer, began his rampage, always shooting couples in a car very late at night. Usually at Lovers Lane locations across New York City, the shooter would walk

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Yorktown Girl Scout Volunteers at Lasdon Trail of Honor



Above, Marine Corp veteran George Bennet blows Taps, next to the monument to the 8 Westchester nurses who perished in Vietnam

Left, Jenna Scanlan, 16, of Girl Scout Troop 1376 in Yorktown Heights, displays her handmade Thank You cards and box of Girl Scout cookies she gave to all veterans attending the Memorial Day tribute.

photos by Robert Kalfus



By Robert Kalfus

The Vietnam Veterans of America (VVoA) honored the sacrifice and memory of Westchester's 217 soldiers and 8 nurses who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country, losing their lives and never returning home alive from the Vietnam conflict, at Monday's annual Memorial Day observance at Lasdon Park's Trail of Honor.

"It is said that a person dies twice. Once when you stop breathing, and the second time, when your name is no longer mentioned," declared VVoA Director Dan Griffin. "We are here to make sure that ever happens. We will always be here, every year, to make sure that our fallen heroes are remembered."

New this year to the annual memorial was Jenna Scanlan, 16, a member of Girl Scouts Troop 1376 in Yorktown Heights, who has been in scouting since kindergarten. Last summer, Jenna visited the Trail of Honor for the first time, and "saw so many opportunities for cleanup and trail enhancements", that she "asked Lasdon Park if she could take on a project to improve the Trail of Honor", to which they agreed.

Jenna was not inspired to her chosen project by any military in her family. Jenna has volunteered with United for the Troops, and is very aware of the importance of respecting and honoring our military, and was inspired to want to improve the Trail of Tears and make it more attractive and interesting. Jenna started working on improving the Trail of Honor in September 2020, asking Lasdon Park to construct flag holders, and with the help of

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"Perverted Principal Sued" in Yonkers; City of Mt. Vernon Car Spotted at 230AM 'Hanging Out'



"This is How Our Tax are Being Spent? "

Yonkers Principal Evelina Medina, left ordered her secretary to take explicit photos of her according to a Federal lawsuit, and Mt. Vernon residents have taken photos of a City vehicle, below, allegedly occupied by Communications Director Daniel Terry, driving erratically at 230am.



There is always a concern from the taxpayers of Westchester when it appears that there tax dollars are not being used wisely. Two cases, one in Mt. Vernon and the other in Yonkers, point to public employees being sued and accused of improper, and erratic behavior.

The case in Yonkers is now national news, because it includes nudity, texting, sexting and workplace chatter that is unacceptable and out of control, especially in an Elementary School.

A federal lawsuit has been filed by Gisselle Vasquez, a 35-year-old single mom, who worked as a spanish secretary at the Dodson School in Yonkers under Principal Evelina Medina.

Medina is accused in the lawsuit of sharing naked pictures of her lovers with Vasquez and of making Vasquez take semi naked pictures of herself. We have several semi-naked photos of Medina, and we printed a cleaned up version of one. Go to YonkersTimes.com for more clarity if you wish.

One photo was texted by Medina to Vasquez of a man in bed holding his penis. On another day at the school Medina told Vasquez to close the door and then removed her pants, according to the lawsuit.

Vasquez told the NY Post "To this day I don't understand what would make her so comfortable to ask me to do that for her," Vasquez told The Post, explaining that the women were not friends. "I wondered if I don't do this what would be the repercussions for me at work. I'm a single parent and I thought what would happen if I said no."

Medina is accused of then texting the images of her to Vasquez. "Medina used my client as her own personal drop-box to keep the sexy pictures away from her [Medina's] husband," said attorney Christopher Berlingieri. "Due to the serious nature of the sexual harassment here, we felt that there was no other option but to bring a civil action."

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Westchester Residents Eligible to Apply for \$20 M State Emergency Rental Assistance Program

As of June ,1 Westchester County residents are now eligible to apply for the New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). Under ERAP, \$20 million has been earmarked for Westchester County households at risk of eviction due to their inability to pay rent and utilities because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To Apply for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program visit <https://otda.ny.gov/programs/emergency-rental-assistance/#apply>.

ERAP is providing financial assistance for up to 12 months of past-due rent, 3 months of prospective rental assistance and 12 months of utility arrears payments to eligible tenants, regardless of immigration status. Payments will be made directly to a tenant's landlord or property owner, and utility company. Westchester will be assisting applicants throughout the County, except in Yonkers, where tenants and landlords will work directly with the municipality and its nonprofit partners.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "The COVID-19 pandemic has brought a tremendous amount of financial hardship to many of our most vulnerable residents, and we want them to know that help is available. ERAP can provide a significant amount of economic relief to our low- and moderate-income households at risk of housing instability, and if you meet the appropriate criteria, I encourage you to apply."

Commissioner of the Department of Planning Norma Drummond said: "Many Westchester County residents were devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic, and some are still struggling to get back on their feet again. This critical funding from New York State will help to ensure that those who experienced financial hardship will not become homeless and bring them the peace of mind they need to feel secure in their homes."

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Early Voting Begins June 12 Absentee Ballots Available Until June 15

June 22, 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION
EARLY VOTING POLL SITES



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TOWN OF MT KISCO	MT KISCO MEMORIAL COMPLEX (at Leonard Park)	1 WALLACE DR	MT KISCO, NY 10549
TOWN OF MT PLEASANT	MT PLEASANT COMMUNITY CENTER	125 LOZZA DR	VALHALLA, NY 10595
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TOWN OF POUND RIDGE	POUND RIDGE TOWN HOUSE	179 WESTCHESTER AVE	POUND RIDGE, NY 10576
TOWN OF RYE	RYE BROOK FIREHOUSE	940 KING STREET	RYE BROOK, NY 10573
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TOWN OF YORKTOWN	JEFFERSON VILLAGE ANNEX	3500 HILL BLVD	YORKTOWN HTS, NY 10598
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CITY OF MT VERNON	MT VERNON CITY HALL	1 ROOSEVELT SQ	MT VERNON, NY 10550
CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE	NEW ROCHELLE CITY HALL ANNEX - 90 BEAUFORT PL	90 BEAUFORT PL	NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10801
CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE	NEW ROCHELLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	1200 NORTH AVE	NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10804
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CITY OF PEEKSKILL	PEEKSKILL LINCOLN DEPOT MUSEUM	10 S. WATER STREET	PEEKSKILL, NY 10566
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CITY OF YONKERS	RIVERFRONT LIBRARY	ONE LARKIN CENTER	YONKERS, NY 10701

Early voting will start in Westchester on June 12, with early voting locations listed above.

Early voting hours will be:
 Saturday, June 12 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, June 13 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Monday, June 14 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 15 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Wednesday, June 16 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Thursday, June 17 from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Friday, June 18 from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
 Saturday, June 19 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Sunday, June 20 from 12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

And, for the second consecutive year, any voter the right because of COVID-19 to vote by mail. You must apply online, postmark, e-mail, or fax a completed application or letter request for the Primary Election Absentee Ballot no later than seven days, June 15, 2021, before the election. You may apply in-person up to the day before the election, June 21, 2021.

You may file an application at any time before the deadlines. Please be aware that despite the above deadlines the post office has advised that they cannot guarantee timely delivery of ballots applied for less than 15 days before an election.

You may apply for an absentee ballot in any of the following ways: Electronically through the New York State Absentee Ballot Application Portal

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Mt. Vernon Mayor Patterson-Howard and County Executive Latimer Endorse Different Candidates for Mt. Vernon City Council



The MVForward 2021 slate of three Mt. Vernon City Council candidates pictured left, Cathlin Gleason, Edward Poteat and Danielle Browne, were recently endorsed by Mt. Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard.

Last week, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Westchester County Clerk endorsed the Mount Vernon Democratic City Committee's endorsed candidates: Darren Morton for Comptroller, Councilwoman Janice Duarte, Andre Wallace and Lauren Carter for City Council in this year's Mount Vernon Primary elections on June 22, 2021.

This week, Mt. Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard endorsed a slate of council candidates running under the slogan, Mt. Vernon Forward, MV2021.

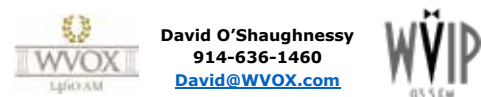
"Friends, I'm pleased to endorse these wonderful and committed candidates for Mount Vernon City Council - Cathlin Gleason (Row 10A), Ed Poteat (Row 12A) and Danielle Browne (Row 16A). Please watch and share this video in support of these Mount Vernon leaders.

"We've reached the tipping point. We are now at a critical crossroads. Mount Vernon, the results of this one election will make all the difference in the future awaiting our city. We need a unified City Council - not one that remains divided by factions, refuses to consider the vital issues facing our city, and falls prey to petty infighting. We need emotional intelligence and diverse experience at this crucial time.

"These candidates have the educational, community, emotional and civic pedigree to focus on presenting informed and inspired ideas that will strengthen our city. As your Mayor, I do not make political endorsements lightly. But as an elected official with a calling to serve and a deep, abiding love for our city - I am asking for your help. Please share this video widely. And on June 22nd (or by absentee or early voting), please choose Cathlin Gleason, Ed Poteat and Danielle Browne for Mount Vernon City Council," stated Mayor Patterson-Howard in an online video.

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Help Feeding Westchester Serve Those Who Are Food Insecure This Summer



Seven-year-old Iliana enjoys a nutritious meal at a summer feeding site.

At the end of a school year that looked and felt like no other, children across the country are eagerly awaiting summer recess. For millions of youth, however, summer too often means missing meals that they would have otherwise received at school. Feeding Westchester, the county's largest nonprofit hunger-relief organization, is gearing up for an increase in demand among families with school-aged children and challenges the community to get involved by participating in its Summer Help From Home Bags program.

Hunger affects the human body in countless ways, including making it hard to think straight and increasing the risk for chronic diseases. In children, growing stomachs result in a higher risk of behavioral and cognitive issues, mental disorders, as well as long-term health threats like asthma.

"Proper nutrition is crucial for a child's mental, emotional and physical development," said Kelly Pearson, RD, CDN, nutrition resource manager at Feeding Westchester. "In addition to children who don't get enough to eat, low nutrient dense diets can also lead to poor health outcomes, such as nutrient deficiencies, malnutrition, anemia and risk for developing obesity."

During the school year, 22 million U.S. children have access to free or reduced-cost meals at school. Surprisingly, fewer than four million kids nationally receive similar meals through USDA Summer Food Service programs, leaving a gap of 18 million children.

To help meet the increased summertime need, Feeding Westchester will continue to assemble and deliver free meals and food through organizations like the United Way of Westchester & Putnam, Boys & Girls Club of Mount Vernon and the Ossining and Elmsford school districts.

"Last summer, Feeding Westchester provided more than 5.6 million meals to children and families facing hunger," said Karen C. Erren, the nonprofit's president and CEO. "This summer, we continue on our commitment to ensure that youth in every corner of Westchester have access to the meals they need to thrive during and out of school. We are looking to the community to join us in our fight against hunger."

While in person opportunities continue to be limited due to the pandemic, Feeding Westchester has several Meals 4 Neighbors virtual volunteering projects on feedingwestchester.org. Designed to try at home, with co-workers or a local community group, these projects include packing Help From Home breakfast or lunch bags for school-aged children. Feeding Westchester's Summer Help From Home Bags can be assembled at home and dropped off at Feeding Westchester in Elmsford. For details on what to include, visit <https://bit.ly/34dHmfB>.

Every \$1 donated to Feeding Westchester provides up to three meals for local children, seniors, and families struggling with hunger. To find help, or give help, visit feedingwestchester.org or call (914) 923-1100.

Masks and Clouds



By Eric W. Schoen

When you woke up on Monday morning, the question of the day in New York State was do students have to wear masks indoors and outdoors for the remainder of the school year. When you woke up Tuesday morning and tried to log on to the New York Times or News 12 websites and could not, you learned that clouds were more than those puffy things in the sky and controlled our ability to access information.

Lots to discuss this week! Let's start out with masks. No one wants to see students in classrooms or outdoors at recess wearing masks or any face coverings. Particularly with warm weather upon us. But statistics show that the wearing of masks is crucial to stopping the spread of COVID-19. We only have several more weeks of schools left. So why the heck change things now?

On Friday the Governor makes an announcement that masks were no longer required inside school buildings or outside during recess or other activities. School Boards throughout the state were holding emergency meetings over the weekend to discuss the issue. Some school districts apparently went all remote on Monday until the mask issue was clarified. According to the Journal News one district even used a snow day in June because of the mask uncertainty.

Every time our government does something like this it puts people who are already on edge over the whole Covid-19 situation even more confused and upset. The Governor wanted to independently verify everything that came out of the Trump administration on Covid-19. Now that we have a new sheriff in the White House is his policy the same. I'm confused.

Let's hope we get some guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) on the need for wearing masks in school before September. Poor kids sit in plexiglass in classrooms if they are learning in person. I couldn't do it if I was in grade school. Better yet roll up your sleeve and get vaccinated. That's the way to put an end to what we are going through!

Speaking of vaccinations, I was invited to see an Off Broadway show over the weekend. In order to see the show I would have to fill out a Covid Screening Questionnaire. The document had to be filled out before I could attend the show, signed and either emailed or brought with me before I could enter the theater. It asked all those questions you are asked before they allow you to enter a medical building. On the one hand I thought it was a good idea to keep everyone safe. But on the other hand I am hoping that people get vaccinated so that these questionnaires are not necessary.

I'll be honest. I have no problem with people being asked if they

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A Diverse Workforce for a Diverse County



Dr. Dial Hewitt and his colleagues in the Westchester County Department of Health have been on the front lines of the Covid-19 pandemic for the past year, working exhausting hours and putting their own health and safety on the line to serve others.

Despite the risks and the challenges they face, the Department's doctors, nurse practitioners, public health nurses, lab techs and support staff remain firmly committed to their mission: protecting the health and safety of the people of Westchester.

"You go into this field because you care about people and you get gratification from helping them," said Hewlett, who is board certified in Internal Medicine and in the sub specialty of Infectious Diseases.

"I am fortunate and blessed to work with such dedicated professionals," he said of his colleagues at WCDOH. Most recently, he has been helping oversee the County's vaccination clinic on Court Street in White Plains.

Hewlett noted that Westchester was ground zero for the Covid-19 pandemic, where an outbreak occurred in New Rochelle.

The virus spread through houses of worship, congregational care settings and other locations – and the Health Department staff mobilized swiftly to respond.

"They were willing to put their lives on the line when we didn't know very much about this disease," Hewlett said of the entire Health Department team. "Whatever we have asked of them, they do it."

Dr. Hewlett has also been involved in outreach to Westchester's minority communities to provide "accurate, scientific information" and encourage people of color to get vaccinated. He said he hopes to alleviate the hesitation of some Black and Latino residents to get the vaccine.

The executive team at the Health Department has been praised for its leadership during the pandemic, including: Dr. Sherlita Amler, commissioner; Renee Recchia, first deputy commissioner; Dr. Hewlett; Dr. Marisa Montecalvo, Dr. Ada Huang and Lori Smittle, PhD (doctor of nursing).

To receive notifications of all upcoming civil service exams, people can sign up to receive email notifications at <https://exams.westchestergov.com/webexam/emailSubscription/subscribe.htm>.

Fans Welcomed Back to Yonkers Raceway June 9



As harness racing resumes at Yonkers Raceway after a brief break this Monday June 7, Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts (“Empire City”) announced today harness racing spectators can return to wager and enjoy live racing in person at the historic track beginning Wednesday June 9. Fans will be permitted trackside with a limited capacity to ensure social distancing requirements can be maintained.

A regular racing schedule has been in place since June 22, 2020, but without spectators due to COVID-19 restrictions.

“Opening up the historic track to racing fans on June 9th is another positive step forward for our property,” said MGM Resorts Northeast Group SVP and Chief Financial Officer Ed Domingo. “We are committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment at the racetrack, as we have done on our gaming floor, and we look forward to welcoming our racing fans back.”

Yonkers Raceway is preparing for an exciting schedule of racing this season. Upcoming featured events at Yonkers Raceway include two of the first legs of the Triple Crown for three-year-old trotters and pacers on Friday, July 2nd: the \$500,000 MGM Yonkers Trot and the \$500,000 MGM Grand Messenger Stakes.

“We are so happy to finally welcome back our fans after this prolonged absence,” said Alex Dadoyan, Director of Racing. “Having fans back at the track enjoying racing in person is a great step towards fully returning to regular racing operations.”

Live harness racing takes place at the historic Yonkers Raceway Monday through Friday with a nightly post time of 7:15 p.m. All wagering will take place outside in the designated area adjacent to the famed half-mile Yonkers Raceway oval. Races are simulcast and also available for viewing and wagering online at www.EmpireCityBets.com. Racing fans can create a free account and view live racing at Yonkers Raceway and tracks across the country.

Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts operates daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. For more information on Empire City Casino, along with the latest updates, please visit www.empirecitycasino.com.

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want to attend a Bruce Springsteen concert or a Broadway show or go to work to prove that they have been vaccinated. I think there are a lot of people who are not resuming their normal lives because they are afraid they may come in contact with someone who is unvaccinated. They say once you are fully vaccinated you can't get Covid-19 but then we hear of isolated cases where vaccinated people have come down with the virus.

A Cloud Service Company. Be honest, before Tuesday morning did you know what that term meant? As you do every morning you turned on your computer, went to your favorite website whether it be the New York Times or the Journal news or maybe you needed some sequins for a dress you are making from Amazon and what did you get? In the case of the Times yesterday's news if you like me had downloaded it the night before. Or an ERROR 503 service unavailable message that I received on the WCBS 880, radio.com and when I attempted to refresh the New York Times website.

Fortunately for viewers of yonkerstimes.com because we have the best in the business and are state of the art you were not blocked from our website and fresh content was provided!

So why did this happen. The problem appeared to be related to an outage at Fastly (FSLY), a cloud service provider. The company said on its service status website (which was working) Tuesday morning it had identified the problem and fixed the issue — but many sites were still unavailable for some users at 7 a.m. ET.

What prey tell is Fastly? Fastly helps improve load times (the time it takes for you to click on yonkerstimes.com and for it to appear on your screen) for websites and provides other services to internet sites, apps and platforms including a large global server network.

Fastly supports news sites and apps like CNN, the Guardian, the New York Times and many others. It also provides content delivery for Twitch, Pinterest, HBO Max (allowing you to see the movie *In The Heights* this Thursday), Hulu, Reddit, Spotify and other services. Other major internet platforms and sites including Amazon, Target, and the UK government website — Gov.uk — were affected.

Heavens the poor Target Bullseye Dog was affected. I hope the poor dog got fed! Combined with Amazon that's a severe crisis for you shoppers out there. What did you do for the hour or so the outage lasted? Go shopping in a brick and mortar real store like the good old days?

All this goes to show you that whether it be Fastly or other computer systems like the Colonial Pipeline (is gas so expensive because hackers got into it?) or the nations largest meat supplier, JBS, systems have to be in place to protect interruption when they go down or are hacked. I'm no computer czar but these big billion dollars companies as well as you and I with our \$500 or less computers have to have backups in place and download software, often available for free to prevent any interruption in our computing. Look into it now before it hits home!

Some Briefs:

If what the former New Rochelle Schools Medical Doctor (also parent of a child in the district) says is true encouraging the district to close down schools because people were getting sick was ignored by the then Superintendent of Schools, it is not only disgraceful but my guess will result in many other lawsuits. We have to rely on the best medical advice in these situations and that advice cannot be second guessed by bureaucrats with no medical knowledge!

Swimming season is upon us. Rockland man dies swimming in a lake. That beginning of the season reminder that you should not go swimming in water if you do not know how to swim. And the most important thing a parent can do is get swimming lessons for their children. So many opportunities are available out there, many free. I learned to swim at Tibbetts Pool with free classes offered by Westchester County.

Speaking of water, the Metro District in Southern California got the award for best water in the nation? Was Yonkers water in the competition? Having been to California numerous times I can tell you that our Yonkers water far beats any California water I have tasted. It still comes out ice cold, ready to drink from the faucet.

Conventions are back in Las Vegas. The first one? The World of Concrete. Come on guys, with all respect to concrete couldn't you bring back conventions with something a little more exciting.

In closing, thank you to the many readers who read and responded to my column last week about being stuck on the Major Deegan for 5 hours. I'm fine, but many of you didn't realize if you get stuck on the Deegan AAA can't tow you or fix your flat and you end up with a minimum \$140 bill that doesn't even include changing your tire or putting on the donut. Hopefully one of the agencies that awards this insane towing contract and our legislators will do something to end, no pun intended 'highway robbery!'

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @eric-sonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m., on WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com to listen for free.

Pride Celebrations in Downtown Yonkers This Month



Yonkers PRIDE, a collaboration between The City of Yonkers' Mayor Mike Spano's LGBTQ Advisory Board, the Yonkers Pride Planning Board, and the Yonkers Downtown Business Improvement District, is thrilled to announce its lineup of PRIDE events for the month of June. The highlight of which will be an evening Variety Show on Saturday, June 12 from 6pm to 7:30pm.

“Celebrating Pride Month is going to be really special after the past year of hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Steve Cruz, President, Yonkers PRIDE. “Pride Month is about celebrating who we are as individuals and showing love for ourselves and each other. We encourage everyone to come join us at the Pride festivities this month!”

The festivities will begin with the 7th Annual Yonkers Pride Flag Raising Ceremony on Friday, June 11 at 4:30pm. Join Mayor Mike Spano and his LGBTQ+ Advisory Board for the annual Yonkers Pride Flag Raising at the Unity Fountain located outside City Hall or watch it live streamed on Facebook. Pride flags will also be flying all along Main Street between Warburton Avenue and Buena Vista Avenue for the month of June.

“After a long year of cancelled events due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Yonkers Downtown is making strides to keep the Pride spirit alive with safe in-person events to celebrate Pride Month,” said Sara Brody, Executive Director, Yonkers Downtown BID. “We are really excited about the Variety Show! It is going to be a great way for people to get out to an event safely and just enjoy the entertainment. There will be tons of laughs, singing and more, all with a backdrop of the picturesque Hudson River as the sun begins to set.”

The evening Variety Show will take place at the Yonkers Waterfront Amphitheater, an open-air theater adjacent to the Yonkers Pier and X20 Restaurant located at 71 Water Grant Street. This fundraising event, which overlooks the beautiful Hudson River, will be full of entertainment including drag performance, stand-up comedy, singers and more. Tickets to this in-person event will be sold in pods. Each pod will be spaced apart from other pods, which allows for distance to be maintained between groups. Come out and celebrate Pride safely!

Tickets on Sale Now! General Admission \$25, at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/yonkers-pride-variety-show-tickets-154038456169>

Following the Variety Show, stay downtown for the first-ever Pride Bar Crawl from 7:30pm to 10:00pm. Enjoy extended happy hour, specialized drink specials, and dinner specials at selected restaurants. Ask individual restaurants what their Pride Special is for the night!

After the Variety Show, enjoy extended happy hour, specialized drink specials, and dinner specials at selected restaurants

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Westchester County Hosts First Household Recycling Day June 12 at FDR Park -Yorktown

Westchester County's Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) will be conducting a Household Recycling Day (HRD) Event on Saturday, June 12 from 9a.m. to 3p.m. at FDR Park, 2957 Crompond Rd., Rte 202, Yorktown. COVID-19 precautions are in place to allow DEF to once again host these events for County residents. Residents are should place items in their trunk or backseat, remain in their vehicles, and must wear masks while in the drop-off area.

In 2020, DEF hosted two HRD Events and residents delivered nearly 275,000 pounds of household waste and approximately 37,000 pounds of documents for shredding.

In addition to properly labelled household chemicals, tires, scrap metal, electronics, appliances, and other special wastes found in a typical household, residents can bring documents for shredding and expired or unwanted medications for disposal to the May 8 HRD Event.

Generally, the following items are accepted for safe disposal or recycling:

Properly labelled household chemicals, such as household cleaning products, most automotive fluids (antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, but not motor oil), flammable liquids (kerosene, butane, lighter fluid, turpentine) metal, jewelry, and furniture polishes and waxes; wood preservatives, fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides, photographic and swimming pool chemicals, batteries – only vehicle, rechargeable, or button cell, fluorescent light bulbs & CFLs, fire extinguishers, BBQ propane tanks (up to 20 lbs.), mercury containing devices (thermometers and thermostats), electronic waste (TVs, computer monitors and towers), expired or unwanted medications, both OTC and prescription, personal documents for shredding (limit of four (4) file-size boxes per household), tires.

Items that will not be accepted and should not be brought to the Household Recycling Day include paint (both latex and oil), non-rechargeable alkaline and carbon zinc batteries (they can be safely discarded in the trash), motor oil, smoke detectors, cell phones, explosives (flares, fireworks, ammunition), construction debris and hypodermic needles. Also, waste from businesses, schools, or other institutions will not be accepted.

For more information on what to bring to this event, visit www.westchestergov.com/recycling or call (914) 813-5425. If you are unable to attend the HRD Event, you can still dispose of your hard-to-get-rid-of household waste by making a convenient appointment for the County's Household-Material Recycling Facility (H-MRF), 15 Woods Road, Valhalla. The H-MRF is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment, and accepts the same items that are accepted at the HRD events. For more information about the H-MRF or to make an appointment, visit <https://environment.westchestergov.com/facilities/h-mrf> or call (914) 813-5425.

Fighting for Equity for Special Education Students

Op-Ed from the 835 Schools Coalition

The New York State budget, which was approved in April 2021, increased Foundation Aid to public schools by more than 7% for public schools. Foundation Aid is the main source of state funding to local school districts to support a "sound basic education," for every student, as required by the state constitution.

Each year, driven by a complex formula – including the level of students' need – the Foundation Aid is determined for each school district. However, last week the New York State Division of Budget approved only a 4% increase for the 2021-22 school year for schools who serve children with special needs, despite the fact that the New York State Education Department had requested a 7% increase.

The approved increase does not represent equity or parity of investment in supporting students with special needs who have been placed in specialized schools. Local schools for children with special needs are members of the 835 Schools Coalition, which is urging approval of a 7% increase to provide services to these children whose home school districts have determined their needs exceed the capabilities of those public districts.

"It's imperative that we meet the needs of students who require special education services, and equally imperative that we support the programs providing these services," says Dr. Ed Placke, Executive Director of Green Chimneys and Board President of The New York State Coalition of 835 Schools. "The strength of the 835 school model is its provision of a fully integrated experience comprised of necessary academic development and individualized support services and/or mental health treatment. These programs fulfill a critical need for students who cannot access this level of services within the public school system. We must be able to rely on equitable support for all students through consistent State funding, regardless of where they receive their education."

The NYS Coalition of 835 Schools was formed in 1991 by a group of Chapter 835 residential and day schools principally located on the grounds of agencies that provide various child welfare, juvenile justice, and family/community support services. These educational programs are dedicated to improving the opportunities and outcomes for students enrolled in our schools. The Coalition speaks on behalf of a broad spectrum of special education students enrolled in our member agency schools – from those with emotional/behavioral issues to those with developmental challenges – by advocating, assisting, and representing the schools which support and educate them.

"It is unfortunate that the issue of equitable funding is not being considered for 835 schools. We serve public school students who have not had successful experiences in their district schools and it is disappointing that the Division of the Budget only approved 4% when public schools received 7% in the enacted budget," states Dr. Angela White, Superintendent of Schools, Carol and Frank Biondi Education Center at Rising Ground.

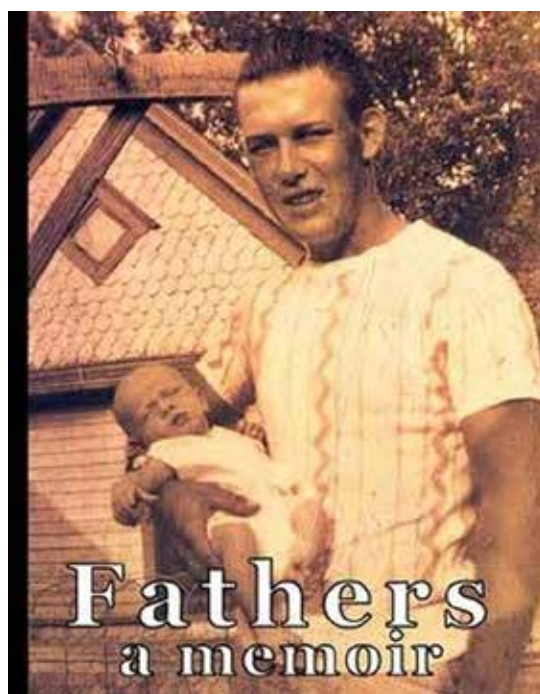
The amount an 835 school receives per student/per day is called their tuition rate. The cost of tuition is calculated by the "tuition rate methodology" a methodology recommended by the New York State Education Department annually and approved by the Division of the Budget. The tuition rate methodology is a cost-based formula that does not adequately keep pace with the actual real time costs of providing the critical services that are required under a child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Westchester State Senator and Senate Education Chair Shelley B. Mayer said: "All students deserve to be supported and given the tools they need to succeed in the future -- the students in 835 schools are no exception. I stand with Rising Ground, Green Chimneys, Hawthorne Country Day and the many 835 and 4410 schools in their request for a 7 percent increase, as was approved for public schools and requested by the State Education Department. These schools provide critical services to our children who can't be accommodated by their districts while keeping them close to home and out of costly out-of-state schools. These schools deserve parity with the percentage increase provided to traditional public schools in this year's budget. I urge the State Division of the Budget to reconsider and grant them the additional funds they deserve."

In the words of Ms. Linda Thomas, parent of a special education student: "Funding models for 835 schools is unnecessarily convoluted and it has been difficult to retain teachers under the current calculation for these schools. Our children need consistency, they develop bonds and relationships with staff who understand them and know how to interact with them effectively because they have behavioral issues and learning disabilities. I have seen staff change on a regular basis because the staff that are qualified to work with our children are underpaid. The main reason for underpayment is lack of funding. . . Public schools will be receiving a 7% increase, the highest level of state aid ever. Special Education Schools should be funded equally if not more due to the challenges they face. I believe whatever local school districts are getting, those same localities that teach special needs children should get an equal amount of money. Without proper funding, my son's education will be in jeopardy."

More information on the 835 Coalition can be found at <http://835coalition.org/>.

Harrison Library's Upcoming Events, Available to All Westchester Residents



Discovering Fatherhood with Dave Donelson

Monday, June 14 @ 7 pm, Free Zoom Program
Register at <https://www.harrisonpl.org/events/harrison/18026>

Author Dave Donelson talks about the lessons he learned about fatherhood while writing his most recent book, *Fathers: A Memoir*. His three successive fathers were role models of the worst kind—absent when he needed them most, unable or unwilling to support a family, at times even physically and mentally abusive. He will read selections from the book and talk about how and why it came to be written.

Dancing to Broadway Tunes with Studio B

Tuesday, June 15 & 29 @ 3 pm
Register at <https://www.harrisonpl.org/events/harrison/17963>

Join us for a new dance program with the Studio B Dance Studio of Eastchester, NY. You will be dancing to popular Broadway tunes with instructors from Studio B. No experience required. Dress comfortably.

Other dates in the series include Tuesday, June 29, July 13, and July 27, all at 3:00pm ET.

Tibetan Sound Healing

Wednesday, June 16 @ 7 pm

Zoom Program

Free Registration at <https://tuckahoelibrary.libcal.com/event/7600136>

Join us for this online program presented by Karin Reetz. Register here to receive the Zoom link via email. For this class you will be sitting and laying down. Dress warmly and have a blanket on hand. This program is being offered in partnership with the Tuckahoe Public Library. Studies have shown that Tibetan Singing Bowls have the ability to induce a deep relaxation of muscles, joints, organs; reduce stress and stress related disorders; lower blood pressure and heart rate; improve sleep; balance the chakras (energy centers of the body); detoxify the body, and help with pain management, addictions, depression and anxiety.

Karin Reetz mainly uses Himalayan Singing Bowls, but also crystal bowls and tuning forks which she learned to use from John Beaulieu. She has been studying healing arts her whole life and is an avid meditator and student of Yoga, which led her to becoming an Usui Reiki Master with Libby Barnett in 2002, then a Karuna Reiki Master with William Rand in 2006, and an Usui Holy Fire II Reiki Master with William Rand in 2016. Karin has also studied 4 Levels of Healing Touch and offers it as a volunteer at Greenwich Hospital in CT.

For more information, visit

Harrison Police Arrest Bronx Man on Burglary Charge

Following a month-long investigation, Harrison Police have charged a Bronx man with breaking into a home that was occupied at the time.

Emiljjan Dreka, 27, was charged with Burglary 2nd Degree, a felony. He is currently being held at the Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 cash bail/\$50,000 bond.

On April 1, 2021, the Harrison Police responded to a report that an unknown male had entered a residence through a rear door while the home was occupied. After being confronted by the nanny, the man fled out the front door and left in a vehicle.

Harrison Police investigators, through the course of the investigation, were able to determine a suspect vehicle. On May 7, 2021, after a month-long investigation, the Harrison Police, with the assistance of the Westchester County District Attorney's Office and its investigators, and the New York State Police, apprehended Dreka near his Bronx residence.

Search warrants were executed on the suspect's vehicles and at his residence, where evidence related to the burglary was seized.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

LINDA LAIRD Town Clerk Town of Eastchester, New York

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 4, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS SIDEWALKS AND CURBS IN SAID TOWN, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$300,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Object or purpose: to reconstruct various sidewalks and curbs in and for the Town

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$300,000
Period of probable usefulness: ten (10) years

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

LINDA LAIRD Town Clerk Town of Eastchester, New York

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 4, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS TRUCKS AND EQUIPMENT, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$373,500, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$373,500 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Object or purpose: to acquire various trucks and equipment for use in and for the Town, including (a) a John Deere Tractor/Snow Blower, at the estimated cost of \$33,500, (b) a packer truck, at the estimated cost of \$245,000 and (c) a small dump truck, at the estimated cost of \$95,000

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$373,500
Period of probable usefulness: fifteen (15) years

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

LINDA LAIRD Town Clerk Town of Eastchester, New York

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 4, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE TOWN-OWNED MAINTENANCE GARAGE, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$500,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Object or purpose: to construct an addition to the Town-owned maintenance garage, including the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$500,000
Period of probable usefulness: ten (10) years

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Dated: May 4, 2021 Eastchester, New York

LEGAL NOTICE

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

LINDA LAIRD Town Clerk Town of Eastchester County of Westchester, New York

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MARCH 17, 2020 AND AMENDED MAY 4, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF RECREATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKE ISLE COUNTRY CLUB, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$482,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$482,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Object or purpose: to construct various recreational improvements at Lake Isle Country Club, including golf course and play area improvements and pool deck reconstruction

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$482,000 Period of probable usefulness: fifteen (15) years. A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York. Dated: May 4, 2021

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LINDA LAIRD

Town Clerk

Town of Eastchester, New York

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 4, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS IN SAID TOWN, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$1,200,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,200,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Object or purpose: to resurface various streets in and for the Town

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$1,200,000

Period of probable usefulness: fifteen (15) years

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

LINDA LAIRD

Town Clerk

Town of Eastchester, New York

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 4, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF RENOVATIONS AND /OR IMPROVEMENTS TO GARTH ROAD PARK, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$40,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$40,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Object or purpose: to construct renovations and/or improvements to Garth Road Park

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$40,000

Period of probable usefulness: fifteen (15) years

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Town Clerk

Town of Eastchester, New York

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED MAY 4, 2021, AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS AT LAKE ISLE COUNTRY CLUB, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$185,764; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$185,764 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Object or purpose: to construct various golf course improvements at Lake Isle Country Club, including associated drainage, irrigation and landscaping improvements

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$185,764

Period of probable usefulness: fifteen (15) years

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Dated: May 4, 2021

Eastchester, New York

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up to the car and begin firing, usually at the heads of the unlucky couples. And while the crimes were happening in New York City, In Yonkers and in Westchester, the fear of the shooter was just as great. We were all reading the NY Post and Daily News and listening to the local news every night, and the NYPD couldn't crack the case.

The four part documentary is narrated by Paul Giamatti, directed by Joshua Zeman, and is based on the book by author and Yonkers resident Maury Terry. Terry's book *The Ultimate Evil*, outlines his theories on the case, which are that Berkowitz was part of a Satanic cult that played a major role in the killings.

Terry became obsessed with the Son of Sam story and began a decade long investigation, in which he penned stories for the Herald Statesment (Journal News today), NY Post and others before publishing the book. Terry believed that David Berkowitz was involved in a satanic cult that met at Untermyer Park and other secluded locations in northwest Yonkes. In the 1970's Untermyer Park was run down and in disrepair and looked nothing like it does today.

Members of the cult aided Berkowitz in the Son of Sam killings, according to *The Ultimate Evil*. Two Yonkers brothers, Michael and John Carr, fit the description. Both knew Berkowitz and their father was Sam Carr, so his two sons could indeed be the Sons of Sam.

When Berkowitz was arrested after the NYPD followed up on a traffic tickets issued near one of the shootings, he confessed, explaining that his neighbor Sam Carr sent messaged through his dog. The NYPD and NYC Mayor Abe Beame wanted the Son of Sam case closed after 13 months of fear and front page stories, so no other suspects were considered after Berkowitz confessed.

But several questions remained. Why did none of the police sketches from witnesses and victims look like Berkowitz? Some victims and witnesses insisted that Berkowitz was not the shooter, yet nobody was charged in the Son of Sam shootings and killings other than Berkowitz, who confessed to them and pled guilty. He continues to serve a lifetime sentence and is said to have become a Christian.

Terry visited Berkowitz before he died in 2015 and told him that his theory about John and Michael Carr was correct and they had done several of the shootings that he had confessed to.

Two familiar faces in the documentary are former Yonkers Mayor Phil Amicone and Kay Amicone, who is the sister of Maury Terry. LoHud recently wrote about the work of two Yonkers police officers, Peter Intervallo Sr. and his partner Thomas Chamberlain, who were convinced that Berkowitz was the Son of Sam 8 months before he was arrested after investigating the shooting of two dogs near Berkowitz's apartment.

The Sons of Sam: A Descent into Darkness is a great, four-part documentary, and a must watch for many of our readers. Much more of this story in the days to come, and for anyone in Yonkers with some details, please email us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

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Another request came in 2018, when Medina commanded Vasquez to buy a lingerie from the infamous Romantic Depot on Central Avenue.

The lawsuit also includes Dodson Assitant Principals Sandra Guzman and Christopher Cassano. Guzman is alleged to have had sexual discussions with Medina and Vazquez

The allegations in the lawsuit are more serious concernng Dodson Assistant Principal Christopher Cassano, who is accused in the suit of sexually harrassing Vazquez, asking sexually explicit questions and attempting to kiss her on the lips without her consent. Vazquez was eventually trasnfered to the Ceasar Chavez school, where she still works today.

Vazquez began formally complaining about the activity, according to the suit, contacting Human Resources staff and working up the chain to Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, in an alleged email exchange, according to the suit. But nothing was done to try and change or rectify the position that Vasquez was placed in, other than the transfer.

The New York Post reported that Medina is no longer principal at Dodson. No comment from the Yonkers school district on the pending litigation.

In Mt. Vernon a different type of abuse is alleged, against communications director Daniel Terry. According to a report by Mt. Vernon Newscenter, "Mount Vernon NewsCenter received pictures showing Mount Vernon City Hall Communications Director #DanielTerrys take home vehicle driving thru city streets at a high rate of speed. This is a developing story. #Sources are saying that Terry was roaming thru city streets at 2:30 in the morning and appeared to be #intoxicated. We received dozens of pictures and and a statement from the tipster. Terry was allegedly seen inside the city-owned take home vehicle with liquor bottles exposed and friends.

We spoke to one resident in the area who saw the vehicle and said "this is how our TAX DOLLARS are being spent at 2:30 in the am."

The vehicle is a take-home vehicle and an eyewitnesses on the scene say there were people hanging and sitting on the bumper of the city vehicle. Terry was seen allegedly driving up the block, drunk, laying wheels with lights and sirens on. It's unclear if Terry was drinking while behind the wheel, but eyewitnesses say he appeared to be a intoxicated.

This is just another example of how this administration, under the leadership of Shawyn Patterson Howard has failed our community. Terry serves at the pleasure of the mayor, leaving police officers helpless because, if they pulled him over and caught him with those liquor bottles - it will make the mayor look bad. The mayor ignores all communication from MVNC. Will have more on the story later..."

We spoke to the Editor of Mt. Vernon NewsCenter, Atif Coleman, who is trying to see if there are other photos that have a clearer view of the license plate of the car. But sources who took the pictures claim that they saw Terry, "hanging out" at 230 AM on more than one occassion.

No comment from Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, and more important, no denial from anyone at City Hall that Terry was not the driver of the City owned car in question.

We hope that the reports are true that former Principal Medina is no longer serving as the head of the Dodson school, and we also hope that Mr. Terry acknowledges, or explains the photos showing his City car out and about at 230 AM. And thanks to whoever it was that took the photos at 230 AM.

The taxpayers in Yonkers should no longer have to pay for Medina to work in the Yonkers Public Schools, and the taxpayers of Mt. Vernon should not have to pay for a City owned vehicle to be driving around the city at 230 AM, unless it is Mt. Vernon Police or Fire.

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Commissioner of the Department of Social Services Leonard Townes said: "The Emergency Rental Assistance Program will deliver desperately-needed help to Westchester landlords and tenants who have incurred financial hardship due to the pandemic. We at the Westchester County Department of Social Services are eager to assist tenants struggling with back rent and utility bills to apply for this lifeline."

New York State residents are eligible for ERAP if they meet all of the following criteria:

Household gross income is at or below 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). These income limits differ by County and household size.

A household may qualify based on current income or calendar year 2020 income that is at or below 80 percent AMI.

On or after March 13, 2020, a member of the household received unemployment benefits or experienced a reduction in income, incurred significant costs or experienced financial hardship, directly or indirectly, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The applicant is obligated to pay rent at their primary residence and has rental arrears (rent overdue) at their current residence for rent owed on or after March 13, 2020.

The household must be at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability, which can be demonstrated by having rental arrears owed on or after March 13, 2020.

For the first 30 days of the program, the unemployed, those with income at or below 50 percent of area median income and other vulnerable populations will be prioritized for assistance. After this period, applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.

To simplify the application process, and ensure landlords and tenants have the support they need to apply, the County is partnering with 11 local nonprofit agencies to provide free aid to individuals seeking to apply for ERAP. Applicants can also call United Way of Westchester and Putnam's 2-1-1 hotline with any questions and to find a nonprofit partner in their community. Rental counseling is available, in English and Spanish, with guidance for gathering the documents needed and access to computers to complete the application online.

For help applying, contact the following non-profits:

Catholic Charities-Community Housing Innovations-Community Resource Center-EI Centro Hispano Human Development Services of Westchester Hudon Valley Justice Center--Keeping Communities Safe Mount Vernon United Tenants-Neighbors Link Salvation Army- Westchester Residential Opportunities

Marlene Zarfes, Executive Director of Westchester Residential Opportunities in White Plains, one of the 11 nonprofits with whom the county is partnering, said: "We know that the pandemic has been challenging for both tenants and landlords, and we want them to take advantage of this great funding resource. Our goal is to simplify the application process so they can get the financial relief they need. We urge applicants to act quickly. Let us help you to ensure you have all of the necessary documents in place to file your application immediately."

The New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program is being funded by \$100 million from the state and \$2.6 billion in federal aid. Westchester County's application assistance program is being administered by the Westchester County Department of Planning. For more information, visit the New York State Website.

The Westchester County Department of Planning conducts a comprehensive work program and shapes and influences growth and development in Westchester County in order to improve quality of life and protect the environment, resulting in more livable and sustainable communities. For information, visit <https://planning.westchestergov.com/>.

Girl Scout, Trail of Honor, continued from pg 1-

another Girl Scout friend Emily Sorrentino, painted all the flag holders. Working even during the winter of 2020, Jenna and four others removed invasive vines along the Trail of Honor path; with the help of six others cleaned weeds from the 44 memorials; and enlisted the help of four others to place the Gold Star holders and American flags at each of the 44 statues. Jenna plans to make wreaths for each statue, and to create informational signs about each war. Jenna plans to finish her improvement project by end of July 2021, and which she hopes will earn her a Girl Scout Gold Award, equivalent to the rank of Eagle Scout.

Each Veteran and visitor leaving the Memorial Day Trail of Honor ceremony were greeted by Jenna and her mother Lori with a box of free delicious Girl Scout cookies, an appreciate and sweet smile, and a sincere handmade Thank You card.

People like Jenna, who are younger than the aging Veterans, will ensure that our fallen Veterans are remembered.

The Trail of Honor is open year-round and tours are provided upon request from Chapter 49 VVoA. Services are held at the Vietnam Memorial on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. A Candlelight Vigil is held there on the last Sunday before Christmas every year. Please contact Chapter 49 for information at www.LasdonTrailOfHonor.com or call (914) 682-4949.

Notice of formation of SaucyGuava, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/21/2021. 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, 332 Palisade Ave Apt C1, Yonkers, NY 10703-2918. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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 SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY
 INDEX NO.: 58848/2019

BONITA WEST LLC v. 164 ELM REALTY CORP., et al., Defendants.
 Pursuant to Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, dated January 22, 2020 and entered on January 24, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the Courtroom 200 of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, New York on the 25th day of June, 2021 at 11:30 A.M., the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold, being in Section 1, Block 455, Lot 6 on the Tax Map of the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester, and known by the street number 164 Elm Street, Yonkers, New York.
 Approximate amount of Judgment is \$23,431.15 plus interest, costs, attorneys' fees and advances. Said premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale.
 FRANK APICELLA, ESQ., Referee.
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Westchester County Police Welcome New K-9, Acorn and Say Goodbye to Retired K-9 Daisy



Daisy(left) Toby(middle) Acorn(right)

Acorn, an adorable, black Labrador Retriever, began training for Paws with a Cause, an organization that provides service dogs for people with disabilities. However, his desire to sniff everything got him kicked out of service dog training, but made him a great fit as an Accelerant Detection Canine (ADC).

Acorn and his human partner, Detective John Peters, graduated from the State Farm Arson Dog Program as the Westchester County Police Department's second ever Accelerant Detection Team this past April. The State Farm Arson Dog Program has trained more than 425 canines in 46 states since 1993.

There are currently more than 100 certified teams trained through the program investigating suspicious fires throughout North America. State Farm provides the funding and the teams are trained by Maine Specialty Dogs under the authority of the Maine State Police. ADC Teams are each made up of a human handler and a canine partner trained to work together to locate potential evidence of arson following a fire.

While on a scene, Acorn's job will be to alert Detective Peters to the location of an accelerant, such as gasoline or oil, that may have been used to start the fire. Detective Peters will then collect the evidence and send it to a laboratory for confirmation and identification. Each year, hundreds of lives are lost and billions of dollars' worth of property damage occur as a result of fires set by arsonists.

The goal of the State Farm Arson Dog program is to combat arson and provide law enforcement officials with the tools to combat this deadly, costly crime. Labrador Retrievers are primarily chosen for the program because of their superior ability to discriminate scents at a fire scene. They also typically have good dispositions and outgoing personalities, and are very active.


Acorn became an official ADC on April 30, the same day his predecessor, Daisy, retired. Daisy's well-deserved retirement comes after serving with Detective Peters on Westchester County Police Department's first ever ADC Team since 2012. "During her impressive career, Daisy assisted in more than 700 fire investigations, ranging from multi-million dollars losses to fatal cases, and proved to be one of the most valuable tools in these investigations," said Detective Peters.






"When not investigating suspicious fires, Daisy participated in hundreds of public relations details, visiting groups ranging from pre-school students through senior citizens," adds Detective Peters. "The ADC is an invaluable resource for police and fire agencies in Westchester County," says Westchester County Police Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason. "We are grateful to State Farm for its ongoing partnership and for its support of this important program. I thank Daisy for her service and we welcome Acorn to the Westchester County Police." Daisy will spend retirement simply being the beloved pet of the Peters' family, along with their pit-bull, Toby.

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