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Solid Waste Commission Fines Competitive Carting \$42,000

Prior Fines Unpaid, Vendors Seeking Payment and Horrible Service to the Customers, the taxpayers of Yorktown



Competitive Carting is using trucks with Duffy's on the side confusing residents

By Dan Murphy

The Westchester Solid Waste Commission, at their meeting on June 14, fined Competitive Carting Co. \$42,000 for failure to pay prior fines and violations. Competitive Carting was hired by the Town of Yorktown last year to take over the garbage and recycling operations for Yorktown residents and homeowners.

According to the Facebook group Yorktown Trash Talk, Competitive Carting has provided a dismal performance, including late pickups, no pickups, and breaking down and leaking trucks.

The Solid Waste Commissioner violation read, that Competitive Carting is fined \$42,000 for failure to pay commission fees, failure to complete license requirements, and a prior violation for failure to pay fines, which were \$21,000.

Reports are coming in that Competitive is not paying its vendors. That includes a gas station and automotive service, and tire company, all in Westchester. We did speak to the owners of these businesses and confirmed the financial trouble they were having with Competitive. One Competitive truck is at the auto shop and will not be leaving until the bill is paid.

Yorktown Trash members have reported on a truck with Duffy's on the side picking up on their street. Duffy's located in Vermont, has no connection to Competitive Carting, other than they sold the truck to them. Apparently, there may be a financial issue with the purchase of the truck. We called Duffy's and left a message. Some on Yorktown Trash claim that the truck still has Vermont plates.

The Duffy's signage and the registration are violations which were not addressed by the Solid Waste Commission.

Some of the recurring themes and comments on Yorktown Trash Talk include:

-Unmarked truck picking up regular garbage in Shrub Oak. 5:15 pm. They ran the compactor and left puddle-leaking fluids.

-I'm in Mohegan Lake near Shrub Oak and our garbage wasn't picked up today! It's still out there!!

-At 5:30PM my cardboard recycling got picked up by an orange truck with a handwritten sign that says competitive carting. Five minutes later a plain black truck came to pick up the plastics in the bin. Well at least it wasn't Duffy's truck this week!

And here's the question that more and more people are asking in Yorktown. Our Board at work. They picked the least competent trash collection money could buy. Wonder why?

A lawsuit filed by AAA Carting, the previous garbage company hired by the

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Jenkins Endorses Mayor Spano for Reelection in Yonkers; Cappelli Named as New Rochelle Donor



Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, left, endorses Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, right, for reelection.

Below, Westchester developer Loius Cappelli, Jr. was the donor who gave \$50,000 to the Westchester Democratic Committee.

By Dan Murphy

In a strong show of support, Deputy Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins announced on June 8 his endorsement of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano for his bid for re-election as Mayor of Yonkers. The endorsement from Jenkins, a top Westchester democrat from Yonkers, points to the broad support and recognition of Spano's successful leadership and his dedication to improving the lives of Yonkers residents.

"I am proud to endorse Mayor Mike Spano for re-election as the Mayor of Yonkers. Mayor Spano has done a tremendous job at leading the City of Yonkers, and certainly has done tremendous work not only bringing \$5 billion of economic development in the City of Yonkers, but rebuilding all of the public housing and making sure that we are doing great work in our public school system."

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Let's Do Something About Bullying in Memory of Lukas Illescas



By Dan Murphy

Many questions remain surrounding the death of 10-year old Gianlukas "Lukas" Illescas, of Peekskill, who died on May 25. Lukas' parents say that their son committed suicide; the Westchester Medical Examiner determined that Lukas died of accidental asphyxia, or a lack of oxygen.

Lukas was a student at Hillcrest Elementary School in Peekskill. According to his parents, Lukas was the victim of relentless bullying, and that is the reason that he took his own life.

Lukas' father, Christian Illescas, and a number of family members and supporters, attended a Peekskill School Board meeting on June 6 to claim that nothing was done to protect Lukas from the bullying, or to deal with the situation.

"You didn't have time? Five minutes. I don't know how you can sleep. I don't know how. They say they can't help me because they're too busy. I have nothing to lose. My son is gone. So, all I want now is justice for other kids."

Christian Illescas added that his son was so scared of the bullying that he begged his family to let him stay home, and that the bullying went on for months.

Other parents at the meeting said that their children were the victims of bullying and demanded that the school district take action. Negligence was also alleged against the school district.

A GoFundMe account has been set up to help the family with Lukas' funeral costs. The page (gofund.me/69c3accf) reads, "Please let us show a unified front to protect our children from senseless neglect from school administration, and harsh bullying. Our children deserve to feel safe and heard at school!! Bullying is responsible for the death of a 10-year-old child! Lukas was robbed of his future. He will never get to graduate with his friends, make memories alongside his family, and have a life full of choices and adventure! His family and friends are heartbroken and beyond devastated. Please show your support by making a small donation to help with the funeral cost, the family relocating after this tragedy, and anything else the family needs to get back on their feet. Or you can also help by simply sharing Lukas's story. How many more children need to suffer for there to be change?"

Members of the Latino community in Peekskill have been among the most vocal after Lukas' death, and in claiming that nothing was done to prevent his death.

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Pace U Women's Lacrosse Team Wins D2 Championship, Goes to The White House



By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to the Pace University Women's Lacrosse team for winning the 2023 NCAA National Championship with a resounding 19-9 Victory in the final, defeating No. 1 ranked West Chester University (from PA) 19-9 on May 21 in Indianapolis to win the first title in program history.

The 19 goals scored by The Setters were the most-ever scored in a DII Women's Lacrosse championship game, and they are the first NCAA collegiate team in Westchester County to win a National Championship.

As a result of winning the D2 National Title, the Setters were invited by President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden to the White House on June 12. The Setters were among many from the NCAA men's and women's national championship teams from across the country being recognized on the South Lawn of the White House as part of "College Athlete Day."

"We were incredibly honored to receive the invitation to the White House to commemorate our NCAA Championship team," said Head Coach Tricia Molfetta, who is in her sixth year with the team. "This has been a year of so many firsts for our program and this feels like the most fitting ending to our once-in-a-lifetime season. When I first told the team they were invited, they were beyond

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Garbage Guy Who Spent \$130k on Strip Clubs He Charged \$40k in One Night!



Christopher Oxer

City Carting Manager Gets Six Months for Filing False Financial Records; Spent \$135k on Strip Clubs

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced today that City Carting of Westchester, Inc., and its manager pleaded guilty on June 6, 2023, to submitting false financial records that concealed tens of thousands of dollars in company money spent at strip clubs.

DA Rocah said: "This brazen misuse of taxpayer dollars is an abuse of public trust by a government contractor, and my Office will continue to investigate and prosecute cases of public corruption and seek accountability for this kind of criminal conduct."

City Carting's Manager, Christopher Oxer, 37, of Darien, Connecticut, pleaded guilty to Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a felony, and City Carting of Westchester, Inc., pleaded guilty to Attempted Offering a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a misdemeanor. In accordance with their plea agreements, Oxer will be sentenced on August 2, 2023, to six months in jail, which will run concurrent to his one-year federal prison sentence for tax fraud charges related to his conduct, and the corporation will be required to pay a \$5,000 fine, which is in addition to separate fines levied against City Carting by Westchester County, who terminated their contract.

As part of City Carting's annual \$20 million contract with Westchester County to manage and process waste and recyclables, the corporation was required to file their financial records with Kroll Associates. Kroll was appointed as an independent monitor to ensure City Carting was operating in compliance with all criminal and civil laws and without influence from members or associates of organized crime. The records, received by Kroll and the Solid Waste Commission, a county regulatory agency, were the subject of the Commission's referral to the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

The District Attorney's Office investigation found that the defendants submitted false financial statements that concealed transactions Oxer made at strip clubs in New York City between 2018 and 2019 totaling \$135,000 on the corporation's American Express credit card. One transaction included \$40,000 that was spent in a single visit at one establishment. Those expenditures were entered into City Carting's accounting records as business expenses for items such as tires, tolls, equipment and maintenance.

First Inflatable Pop-Up Waterpark Makes Debut at Cross County Center's Summerfest



Bounce Playground's Slide City Waterpark Comes to Yonkers June 27-July 16

Cross County Center is bringing the first all inflatable pop-up waterpark to Yonkers this summer as part of its Summer Fest celebration! The Slide City Waterpark will kick off its traveling summer tour at the iconic outdoor shopping mall Tuesday, June 27 through Sunday, July 16 in the North Parking Lot across from Olive Garden and Longhorn Steakhouse. The waterpark features over 15 inflatable slides and 75 inflatable attractions located in three sections including:

Roaring Waters – Some of Slide City's biggest thrill attractions that features the air defying "Slingshot" and the three-story tall "Green Monster".
Splash Zone – Some of Slide City's biggest splashes that features "The two-story tall Hidden Jaguar," and the over 100ft long "Aqua Splash Water Obstacle Course."

Lil Squirrels Splashworks – Slide City's dedicated area for smaller kids that features attractions scaled to size such as "The Shark Bite" obstacle slip-in-slide and the "Tropical Aloha" ball pit slide.

Slide City Waterpark was created by Queens, NY native Chris Worthy who came up with the concept during the pandemic. Worthy stated: "Bounce Playground started as a way to stay connected to my daughter as she got older. She always loved inflatables and I wanted to build an experience she would love and others could enjoy as well. Our mission is to bring unique opportunities through fun, exciting and healthy living experiences. We want to create programs and experiences that create lifelong memories. The unique thing about Bounce Playground is that we have something for everyone and we bring the fun to you!"

Entrance to the waterpark will be Tuesday-Sunday June 27 through July 16, with special events being added throughout the summer including Glow In The Park Adult Nights on Fridays and Saturdays featuring Live DJs. Admission is \$35.00 per person (Ages 3+) for a four-hour time slot. Parking at Cross County Center is free, as always!

Tickets are now on sale at Slide City Waterpark <https://slidecitywaterpark.com/>

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LGBTQ Advocate Named Ethel Kennedy Human Rights Awardee at Manhattanville



2023 Kennedy awardee, Julie Kotler-Snyder, right, with this last year's recipient Hope B. Weinberg.

Manhattanville College presented its annual Ethel Kennedy Award for Human Rights Leadership to doctoral recipient Hope B. Weinberg for her work on cultivating climates of belonging for LGBTQ+ children and adults in school communities.

Weinberg, who graduated from Manhattanville with a doctorate in Educational Leadership in May, is the assistant principal at the Concord Road Elementary School in the Ardsley Union Free School District. Her work on LGBTQ+ inclusion includes a presentation to regional education leaders about cultivating climates of belonging; moderating learning chats; podcast appearances; and delivering a keynote speech at Manhattanville College School of Education Dean's Symposium.

"We are delighted to announce that Hope Weinberg is this year's recipient of the Ethel Kennedy award during our national observance of Pride Month," said Susan Iverson, Ed.D., director of the Doctoral program in Educational Leadership at Manhattanville. "Her work with LGBTQ+ families in school environments is paving the way for advocacy and positive social change that will benefit all students and enhance educational equity. Hope's accomplishments are a tribute to Ethel Kennedy's commitment to equity and social justice."

The Ethel Kennedy Award for Human Rights Leadership honors Manhattanville alumna Ethel Kennedy by recognizing students who have a shared passion for promoting human rights, particularly within the field of education.

"In the doctoral program, my chair, Dr. Susan Iversen, asks this about your work: Who would you like to have sit at your dinner table to talk about your research? I want to tell Ethel Kennedy about it because I want her to really know why I chose to do what I do, what I believe in, and how I hope to carry on her legacy of being a social activist," said Weinberg. "My son is 4, and I think about what his experience will be like walking through a public-school space having two moms."

Weinberg, of White Plains, earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Monmouth University, and her master's degree in Literacy from The College of New Rochelle. A native of West Nyack, she began her education career as a fifth and sixth grade teacher. She went on to serve as a district literacy coach for grades K-8, a supervisor of instruction for grades K-5 and an interim assistant principal in a PK-8 building. She received certifications from Manhattanville College for both District and Building Level School Leadership.

The Ethel Kennedy award at Manhattanville was established in 2020, through the generosity of Joanne Marien, Ed.D., a professor in the doctoral program who works with RFK Human Rights and has played a long-standing role in promoting human rights education in K-12 schools. The award was established as part of the tenth anniversary celebration of the Doctoral Program in 2020, recognizing Ethel Kennedy with an honorary doctorate and celebrating her life's work and the efforts of educational leaders who share the passion for promoting human rights in the field of education.

Trump



By Eric W. Schoen

So as we go to press, a motorcade carrying former President Donald Trump is pulling up in front of the Miami Federal court house. The Former President is pleading not guilty to an indictment accusing him of possession of documents he should not have in his possession.

Why didn't he just return the documents and the whole thing would be over?. I don't care if it's Trump, Biden or Hillary, what are these people going to do with the documents now that they are out of office. What do they need the documents for? Is it an ego trip to show how much power they have? By Trump storing documents in the Mar Largo bathroom is he belittling the documents to show there worth. Is he playing a game with prosecutors?

Is Trump on an ego trip to show the world the power he has?

Are Trump, Biden and Hillary all on ego trips to with possession of these classified documents? What are they going to do with them. Share them with foreign governments in return for monetary or political favors?

Do we really need these documents to be public in the hands of elected officials. Should we forbid elected officials from removing these documents when they leave office. That will solve all our problems.

I don't know about you but I am tired of all these document leaving their place of storage. Let the documents be reviewed under proper security only when and if there is a matter of national security or some other true necessity.

I am tired of all the scandals involving these documents. We need to stop being embarrassed when it is revealed these documents are made public. Our country and its people have been embarrassed for years. What do other countries do with documents that are classified? Do they let their elected leaders take the documents home? Who keeps track of what documents are leaving the National Archives or other secure location?

Until we come up with some clear policies and procedures that apply to everyone involved our country will continue to be embarrassed every time a scandal over documents breaks. I'm tired of this! Are you?

Though I don't agree with Chris Christie politically, I give the man credit for taking on Trump and not just being silent over this document scandal like the other candidates have been. Watch his numbers go up in the polls while the others remain eerily the same. I can't understand why all the Republicans are not following Christie's lead. They sure would score points!

Smoke

So what did you think of all the smoke coming from the Canadian wildfires? At first I thought the smell was caused by a backyard barbecue. When my eyes started to get teary I knew this was something more serious. The folks in California are use to it. We simply are not.

I think our fire squads will need to provide more help to Canada to prevent these wildfires from spreading. Expect to see more smoke from wildfires as long as the land is dry and there is little within our power to stop it.

Meanwhile, if the land is dry be careful when starting a barbecue or campfire or flicking a cigarette out the car windows. In many cases this is how these fires start. Remember, 'Only you can prevent forest fires!'

Pat Sajak

Say it isn't so. After next season Pat Sajak is leaving Wheel of Fortune? This is going to be a seat just as difficult to replace as the host of Jeopardy, Alex Trebek. Pat and Vanna are Wheel of Fortune. One can't think of anyone to replace him with.

Well, it might be easier with Wheel of Fortune. It's a much simpler game and doesn't require the brainpower of Jeopardy. Will Vanna White replace Pat Sajak. She has done it before. I hope we don't lose Vanna. Who can walk and turn letters like her.

By the way, Vanna really doesn't 'turn' the letters. Basically she touches them and they light up. Probably in the early days of the show she turned letters before all the electronics got involved.

The Beatles and Artificial Intelligence

AI has gotten out of hand. Now we hear the Beatles will create their last long using AI, a song the remaining Beatles were given to by Yoko Ono. Is it something you will take seriously? Will you consider it a real Beatles song. I guess we are all so hungry for Beatles music we will take anything.

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Sing Sing Cold Case Murder Solved



Two Men Formerly Incarcerated at Sing Sing Indicted for 1995 Murder

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah and New York State Police Acting Superintendent Steven A. Nigrelli announced today that two men who were incarcerated almost 30 years ago at Sing Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining were indicted for the December 24, 1995 murder of Michael Jones, who was also serving time at the facility. Their arrest was the result of a decades-long investigation—initiated in 1995 and reinvigorated in 2019—by the New York State Police and the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office.

DA Rocah said: “After 27 years, we have secured an indictment for the murder of Michael Jones, thanks to the phenomenal investigative work by the New York State Police, who never gave up on this case, and the hard work of our Cold Case and Homicide Bureaus. My Office is committed to working closely with our law enforcement partners to solve the more than 100 open homicide cases in Westchester County.”

Acting Superintendent Nigrelli said: “I commend the work of our State Police investigators, the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office and all our law enforcement partners for their tenacity and long-term commitment to solving this cold case. It is because of their extraordinary work and dedication that these two men are finally being brought to justice.”

A Westchester County Grand Jury indicted Steven Smith, 60, of Salisbury, North Carolina, for two counts of Murder in the First Degree and Murder in the Second Degree, both felonies, and Allah-Son-Allah, 53, of Albany, for Murder in the Second Degree. Allah-Son-Allah was arraigned before Judge Maurice Williams in Westchester County Court on May 16, 2023, and Smith was arraigned before Judge Robert Neary on June 2, 2023. Both defendants were remanded.

After years of traveling to multiple states to interview several witnesses who were incarcerated at Sing Sing, the investigation determined the two defendants and the victim were allegedly members of The Five-Percent Nation, also known as The Nation of Gods and Earths. On December 24, 1995, at approximately 8 p.m., as a result of a feud within the organization, it is alleged that upon Smith’s direction, Allah-Son-Allah used a buck knife to stab Jones in the chest, puncturing his heart, causing him to bleed to death.

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One parent we spoke to in Peekskill said, “Do they know who the bully is? How is he being disciplined or punished? Did he commit a crime? Is it time to stop coddling those in our society who are abusing us?”

We all know that bullying is a national problem. The Uvalde Foundation for Kids, a national nonprofit organization formed following the May 2022 Robb Elementary School shooting & dedicated to ending school violence, has announced that it has received numerous requests for assistance as well as an independent review of the recent bullying related suicide death of 10 year old student, Lukas Illescas; a former student at Hillcrest Elementary school.

Foundation officials noted in the release that numerous reports have already been documented on bullying incidents at the school. Family members, among others, have charged the school with failing to intervene on behalf of the student & others over a period of months and even years.

The foundation noted that it will begin to interview students and parents independently regarding concerns. The foundation noted it is extending resources to the school community; including a 24 hour student bullying support line & mental health resources stating that it hopes to serve as a third party intermediary between school and district administration & the family of the student and those also expressing similar concerns.

Anyone who wishes to contact The Uvalde Foundation For Kids can call, 888 685 8464.

About one in five high school students reported being bullied on school property, and more than one in six high school students reported being bullied online in the last year, according to the CDC.

Nearly 14% of public schools report that bullying is a discipline problem occurring daily or at least once a week, the CDC says.

The federal government provided resources for parents, victims and school districts on stopbullying.gov, which is managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

“When adults respond quickly and consistently to bullying behavior they send the message that it is not acceptable,” the website states. “Research shows this can stop bullying behavior over time. Parents, school staff, and other adults in the community can help kids prevent bullying by talking about it, building a safe school environment, and creating a community-wide bullying prevention strategy.”

If you or someone you know is affected by any of the issues raised in this story call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-TALK 8255 or text Crisis Text Line at 741741.

State of the Art Weapons Detection System at Westchester Department of Corrections



The Motorola Solutions – Evolv CWD system

To add another layer of security at its jail complex, the Westchester Department of Correction (WDOC) has started using a sophisticated weapons detection system at its main civilian entrance (Post 1).

The Motorola Solutions – Evolv CWD system is calibrated and designed to detect specific weapons and explosives and to ignore common items such as keys, cell phones, belt buckles, and other metallic items. All persons entering through Post 1 (foot traffic) will be required to pass through and clear the Evolv CWD system prior to being granted access to WDOC grounds. The system uses low frequency radio waves and does not emit any radiation. It is considered safe for use on all individuals, however individuals with any safety concerns should bring those issues to the attention of on duty staff members.

Department of Correction Commissioner Joseph Spano said: “The implementation of this technology was not in response to any specific threat, and is just another proactive measure to enhance overall facility safety for staff, residents and civilian visitors. It aligns with other technological measures that have recently been installed at our complex to combat the introduction of contraband, such as the full body scanner units being used at our intake and visitation centers, and our mail screening units. These security enhancements are made possible because of the support we receive from County Executive Latimer and his Administration. The WDOC workforce greatly appreciates that support and are very pleased to have this additional layer of security in place.”

Motorola Solutions-Evolv CWD technology has been used to screen more than 60 million people-second in numbers only to the US Department of Homeland Security’s Transportation Security Administration. The system spots concealed weapons and other threats using advanced digital sensors and artificial intelligence and has proven to operate up to 10 times faster than the traditional metal detectors.

Founder, Shepherd Communication and Security Richard Ruzzo said: “We believe that the Westchester Department of Correction is the first New York State jail to leverage sophisticated technology of this nature. Our team worked very closely with WDOC representatives to ensure that the Motorola Solutions – Evolv CWD system meets all of their expectations and delivers the intended protections without sacrificing the visitor experience”.

The Westchester Department of Correction is considered a national leader in the space, recognized for its robust rehabilitation program system and accreditation certifications through the American Correctional Association, the National Commission on Correctional Healthcare and the Prison Rape Elimination Act.

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Town, has filed a lawsuit alleging that the town selected a company, Competitive, who was not qualified to complete the terms of the contract.

Competitive was the low bidder at \$3.5 Million; AAA bid \$3.8 Million. So, the Town, and Supervisor at the time Matt Slater, could say that they saved taxpayer money by going with Competitive. But at what cost?

Competitive has had to reduce the Bond that it posts to protect the Town and its taxpayers, from a yearly term to monthly. Why? Because they couldn’t afford to pay for the yearly insurance bond. So, if Competitive is unable to continue to live up to the terms of the contract, the Town will only have one month of insurance money to find a new garbage company, instead of one year’s worth of funding.

All of this points to Competitive financial outlook in severe financial distress. Another interesting part of the violation against Competitive was for Failure to comply with license requirements. The contract between the Town of Yorktown was for five years. Two-year contracts are the term that is approved by the commission, but the applicant can request a five year term. But Competitive never asked for it.

It is also interesting that the Town didn’t require Competitive to get permission for the longer contract.

Another meeting on June 15 is scheduled regarding Competitive but is after we go to press. Read it online at Yonkerstimes.com

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Notice of formation of Cake Bar By Charlene, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/08/2023. 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, 1 Glenwood avenue, 18E, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of R.O.S.Y. LLC. filed with the SSNY EIN on 2/22/2023. 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, 2803 Larkspur Street, Yorktown Hts, NY 10598. Purpose: Real Estate

Notice of Formation of Hatter Luxury Eyewear LLC filed with New York State Department of State on March 11, 2023, Office location: Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, Inc. is designated as the agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of ATSOLO HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/13/23. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to The Law Office of Adrian T. Solomon, Esq., 2585 Broadway Suite 235, New York 10027. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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CORPORATION NOTICE

CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following Resolution and Special Ordinance, to wit:

(i) RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF YONKERS ASHBURTON AVENUE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AND ASHBURTON AVENUE MASTER PLAN OF THE CITY OF YONKERS AFFECTING THE REAL PROPERTY KNOWN AS 50 ST. JOSEPH AVENUE, 56 ST. JOSEPH AVENUE, 1 CAVALLI CIRCLE, 7 CAVALLI CIRCLE, 36 ST. JOSEPH AVENUE, 6 CAVALLI CIRCLE, 55 VINEYARD AVENUE, AND 10 CAVALLI CIRCLE, YONKERS, WHICH PROPERTY IS ALSO DESIGNATED ON THE TAX ASSESSMENT MAP OF THE CITY AS BLOCK 2081, LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4 AND BLOCK 2082, LOTS 1, 2, 3 AND 4, RESPECTIVELY (COLLECTIVELY, THE "PROPERTY").

(ii) SPECIAL ORDINANCE DISCONTINUING CAVALLI CIRCLE AS A PUBLIC STREET PURSUANT TO SECTION 29 OF GENERAL CITY LAW.

VINCENT SPANO

City Clerk

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at a top height of 83 feet on a 109-foot building at the approx. vicinity of 139 Valentine Lane, Yonkers, Westchester County, NY 10705. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Conchita Jones, c.jones@trileaf.com, 1395 South Marietta Parkway, Building 400, Suite 209, Marietta, GA 30067, 678-653-8673 ext. 659.

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Monticello Central School
Assistant Elementary Principal
 The successful candidate should possess:
 Knowledge of research-based instructional programs & practices; exp. of teacher supervision & evaluation; a record of successfully improving learning experiences and enhancing school to home communication; and can provide a supportive environment with knowledge of social-emotional competencies, restorative practices, and promote a culturally responsive educational climate.
 Salary Range: \$85,000 to \$105,000
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 Please apply online by June 16th at <https://monticelloschools.tedc12.com/him> or OLAS EOE

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Administrative Opening
Monticello Central School
High School Principal
 The Monticello CSD is seeking forward thinking and dynamic School Building Principal who can lead MCD's highly engaged faculty, staff, parents, students, and community. The successful candidate will have a vision of educational excellence, be highly motivated, and demonstrate an ability to impact student learning.
 Starting Salary: \$150,000
 NYS SDAS/SEL/SEL Certification Required plus 2 yrs. of previous administrative leadership and 3 yrs. exp. as a classroom teacher preferred.
 Please apply online by June 16th at <https://monticelloschools.tedc12.com/him> or OLAS EOE

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2023 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION
 THEME: KUJICHAGULIA: SELF-DETERMINATION

FRI JUNE 16

3pm-5pm
Pan-African
Flag Raising Ceremony
@ City Hall Plaza

6:30pm
Tribute to Black Music Month
with Yonkers Downtown BID Live
Concert Series @
Waterfront Amphitheater
(Next to Dolphins/X²O)

8pm
Family Affair Open Mic
@Bougie Brews
52 Main Street

SAT JUNE 17

9:00am-11:00am
Unity Worship Service
@ Trevor Park

1:00pm - 3:00pm
African Heritage Parade
(From Cerrato Park to Trevor Park)

3:00pm-8:00pm
Juneteenth Festival
Summer Stage
Vendors/Arts & Crafts
@ Trevor Park

4:00pm-6:00pm
Softball Game
The Westchester/Rockland County
Guardians Association
vs
The Vulcan Society
of Westchester County
@ Trevor Park

6:00pm
Juneteenth Support Raffle Drawing
@ Trevor Park

MON JUNE 19

12pm -4:00pm
Juneteenth Education Conference
Guest Speaker: Dr. Alexandria Connally
@ Nepperhan Community Center
342 Warburton Avenue

“Yonkers is on the move and the jobs not done. I’m proud to support Mayor Spano and I ask that you all join me in voting for him on the June 27th Primary day.”

Spano is running for reelection in the democratic primary in Yonkers against City Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Issac, and educator Margaret Fountain-Coleman.

Pineda-Issac also has a job in Westchester County government, so the endorsement from Jenkins, the 2nd ranking official in county government, for Spano is even more noteworthy. Jenkins has been rumored to be the leading candidate for County Executive in 2025.

The race for Mayor in New Rochelle had a question mark in it as questions were raised as to who contributed \$60,000 to the Westchester County Democratic Committee, who then transferred those funds to New Rochelle Democratic Mayoral candidate Yadira Herbert-Ramos

County Legislator Damon Maher is also running in the democratic primary for New Rochelle Mayor against Herbert-Ramos. Questioned raised by Maher about the contribution, and from initial reporting by Robert Cox, Talkofthesound.com, resulted in the Westchester County Democratic Committee filing their required financial disclosure reports, and reveal who was the donor.

The answer was Westchester developer Louis Cappelli Jr. And in addition to the \$50k donation from Cappelli, his son Michael gave \$10k to the WCDC as did four other associates of Cappelli, Peter Palazzo, Bruce Berg, Paul Slaney and Andrew Attara.

So, a total of \$100,000 was donated to the WCDC, and \$60,000 (not \$50k as previously reported) went to Herbert-Ramos.

Maher called it the \$60,000 question. “I’m saddened by this attempted subversion of the Democratic process but not completely surprised. Now the question is: Who will decide the future of New Rochelle? The people, or one mega-millionaire real estate developer?”

The Journal News (David McKay Wilson) also picked up on Cox’s initial reporting, making it more difficult for the WCDC not to file and reveal the donors. WCDC Chair Suzanne Berger said, “We were able to raise money from our own coffers from people who were excited to support her candidacy. This is a premier race. It’s an open seat. She needs money to get her message out.”

But WCDC VP Karen Pecora: said she was unaware that the party had made a contribution of such magnitude. “I’m really shocked that we would give that much in a Democratic primary.”

One Sound Shore Democrat joked, “The Westchester Democratic Committee got a pretty big fee (\$40) for being in the middle of this transaction.”

Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

Former Governor Christie represents the best hope for mainstream and centrist Republicans for the 2024 GOP Nomination ... and the general election

I read with great interest Eric Schoen’s column in the June 9, 2023 edition of Westchester Rising. While I agree that former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie showed poor judgement in 2013 with Bridgegate, I believe that he has very strong credentials to be a competitive candidate in next year’s Republican primaries.

Here’s why:

- Governor Christie won convincing majorities in solid blue New Jersey both times when he ran in 2009 and 2013;
- As Governor, Christie compiled a strong record in several areas including pension reform, environmental policy, and criminal justice. He led the Republican Governors’ Association, and his leadership during Hurricane Sandy won wide praise among New Jersey residents, gaining him at the time a 77% approval rating.
- While former President Trump currently leads all GOP rivals, we do not know with certainty how Republican voters in caucuses and primaries will feel about Mr. Trump when his various trials start next year;
- The GOP currently polls about 25 per cent of voters when asked about their party preference – Democrats are at 25% and Independents 49% (Gallup Poll). Governor Christie would appeal to Independents and disaffected Democrats – 24 states currently have some form of an open primary system, which allows Democrats and/or Independents to vote in a GOP primary.

Thus, there is a lane for a true Republican like Gov. Christie. And no Republican Presidential nominee can hope to win without large numbers of Democrats and Independents, as well as suburban voters.

In conclusion, I ask Republican voters to keep an open mind as to who their Presidential nominee should be next year.

Stephen R. Rolandi, Larchmont

(Mr. Rolandi, an Independent Republican, served in executive positions in the Giuliani and Bloomberg administrations. He is currently an Adjunct Professor of Public Administration at Pace University and City University of New York and active with Principles First and Republicans for the Rule of Law)

To the Editor:

“This is secret information. Look, look at this.”

Those are the words of former president Donald Trump, captured on tape, while he was showing stolen classified documents to others in a meeting at his private club, Mar-a-Lago. This is one of the many disturbing details in the recent indictment against Trump, where he is charged with 37 federal crimes, including obstruction of justice and violations of the Espionage Act.

The classified documents included information about U.S. and foreign defense and weapons capabilities, U.S. nuclear secrets, potential military vulnerabilities, and response plans for a possible foreign attack against the U.S. That’s just plain terrifying.

Trump’s political allies don’t want us to believe the charges are true. But when Trump himself publicly and repeatedly confirmed that he intentionally took classified documents, hid them at his private residence, and stonewalled law enforcement from reclaiming what he stole, we can no longer deny the truth.

The rule of law is a basic principle, and no one is above it—including Trump. Fame, fortune, and title cannot and should not prevent someone from being held accountable for wrongdoing.

Sincerely, Dorothy Mazzeo, Yonkers

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NO DUMPING TOXIC WASTE INTO THE HUDSON RIVER!

Dumping Toxic Waste in the Hudson?

Holtec International, the company in charge of decommissioning the Indian Point Nuclear Plant in Buchanan, NY, wants to dump up to one million gallons of radioactive waste from the plant's spent fuel pools into the Hudson River as early as this summer.

Indian Point's spent fuel includes several contaminants, notably tritium, a highly toxic and radioactive isotope that can lead to higher rates of cancer if ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin.

The dumping of Indian Point's nuclear waste threatens our public health and the environment. The Hudson River is an essential estuary which provides an ecosystem for various fish and marine life. Seven Hudson Valley communities source their drinking water from the River and many residents along the River use these waters for recreation like boating and fishing.

The Hudson River has been a target for big polluters in the past and must be protected. From oil barges being proposed on the River to the construction of a new fracked gas plant up the River in Newburgh, NY, the

Hudson River has a long history of being targeted by big polluters. Thanks to an immense amount of grassroots opposition, these above mentioned proposals were stopped. But the River, its economic benefits and health of residents still remain in danger. We must tap into the same advocacy that has stood up for the Hudson and the communities along that water.

Other options exist for Holtec other than dumping the waste.

Currently, this waste remains on-site, where Holtec could keep it so it can safely break down until the radioactive isotopes become inactive. Holtec, however, wants to put their shareholders over local residents and are willing to treat the Hudson as dumping grounds for their toxic waste.

Several local lawmakers, including Senator Peter Harckham and Assemblywoman Dana Lavenberg who represent the region, have called on Holtec to stop this proposal. Now it's time for the Governor to raise her voice and make sure this dumping doesn't move forward.

**CALL GOVERNOR HOCHUL AT
866-696-8249**

and urge her to oppose Holtec's plan to dump its toxic waste into the Hudson River and to do everything in her power to ensure our waterways don't face further threats from big polluters.

Have questions, want to volunteer or be more involved in the fight to protect the Hudson River?

Contact Santosh at snandabalan@fwwatch.org



To sign the petition, scan the code at left or visit

fwwat.ch/ProtectTheHudson



Editor's Note: We believe that a media campaign, aimed at informing the residents of the tri-state area about the plans by Holtec. Currently there is legislation before Governor Hochul to sign, but that may not be enough to protect the Hudson. We are also inquiring about a similar planned dump on Cape Cod.

All that we are asking is for the people of New York to consider if Holtec's plan makes sense, or are there other options that make more sense. Anyone with interest in joining this effort can reach Santosh snandabalan@fwwatch.org, or dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

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