

## Father's Day Stabbing at BJ's-Yorktown, in Safest Town in New York State? Yes, Both Can Be True!



*Body camera video from YPD officer Curtin of Jared Alongi being placed under arrest*

By Dan Murphy

Yorktown Police Chief Robert Noble released body camera footage on June 17 that demonstrated outstanding police work and professionalism. Police Officer Tim Curtin arrested an armed Yorktown man accused of randomly stabbing another man in the neck with an 8-inch knife on Father's Day at the BJ's Wholesale Club/Staples shopping center on Route 202 in Yorktown.

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## US Attorney & Westchester Resident John Sarcone Attacked with a Knife by Illegal Alien in Albany



*US Attorney John Sarcone, left. Above, Saul Morales-Garcia*

On June 17, after leaving his office in downtown Albany, United States Attorney John A. Sarcone III was the victim of a life-threatening incident. Saul Morales-Garcia, an illegal alien from El Salvador, who entered the United States in 2021 after a prior deportation, lunged at Sarcone while brandishing a knife and yelling aggressively in a foreign language Sarcone could not readily identify.

Sarcone ran to the lobby of the Hilton Hotel, and Morales-Garcia stopped, still shouting in a foreign language, and turned to start walking away. Sar

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## Congressman Latimer Presents Richard Gulley with Bronze Star in New Rochelle



*Congressman George Latimer, Ret. Colonel Richard Gulley, Mrs. Gulley*

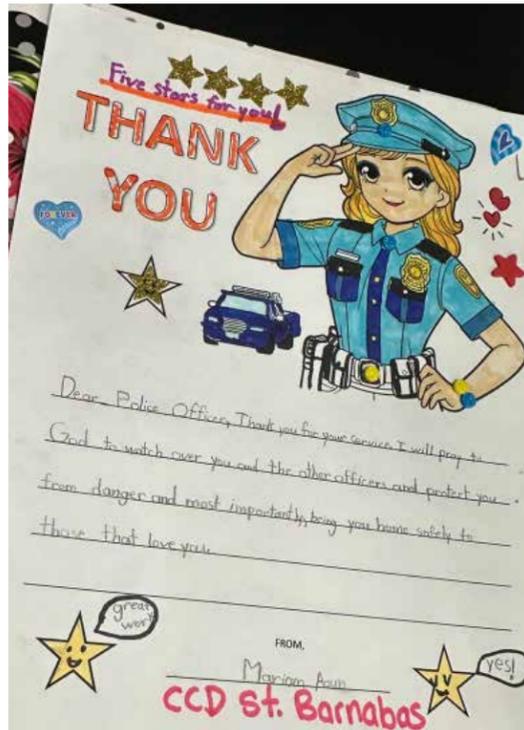
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## The Cuomo Campaign Never Made Sense How Did Mamdani Do It?



**Zohran Mamdani, with AOC see story on page 10**

## A Great July 4th Message: Young Girl Sends Prayers, Thank You and \$10 to Police



Meet Mariam, a St Barnabas CCD student, who was so appreciative of the YPD, she sent a thank you card to Commissioner Sapienza last month. *continued on pg 6-*

## Backwards Nuclear Politics in New York State Is An Energy Crisis Coming to Westchester?



Governor Kathy Hochul's plan to add 1 gigawatt of new nuclear power could ease strain on the grid and lower energy prices for New Yorkers.

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*Con Ed Reduces Energy by 8% in Some Westchester Communities Durign Heat Wave*

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## Empire City Casino by MGM Announces 2025 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge Set for August 2



ICE bucket challenge co-founder Pat Quinn

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, and the family of ALS Ice Bucket Challenge co-founder and late Yonkers Native Pat Quinn announced the date of the 2025 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge is set for Saturday, August 2, 2025. The annual event will once again take place trackside at the historic Yonkers Raceway located at Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts in Westchester, New York. Festivities will begin at 12 noon with the ice bucket dump scheduled for approximately 1:30 p.m. Participants should pre-register online at [YonkersNY.gov/IBC](http://YonkersNY.gov/IBC).

The event, co-founded by Quinn after his diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in 2013 at the age of 30, became a global phenomenon as more than 17 million people around the world participated in the challenge via social media by dumping buckets of ice water on their heads. The event continues to remain a catalyst for raising funds to support research to identify a cure for the debilitating disease and raise awareness on the need for more research funding. The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge recently inspired a new viral version of the challenge, the #SpeakYourMIND Ice Bucket Challenge, to support mental health.

ALS, often referred to as “Lou Gehrig’s Disease”, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease affecting nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Quinn lost his battle with ALS almost five years ago in November 2020, yet his drive and determination live on through his family, friends, community, and beyond to raise awareness and find a cure for the approximately hundreds of thousands of Americans suffering from ALS. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 5,000 individuals are newly diagnosed with ALS across the U.S. annually. Actor Eric Dane, who portrayed a doctor on the hit television show Grey’s Anatomy, recently revealed his real-life ALS diagnosis.

Leading the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge for another year is Quinn’s father, Patrick Quinn, Sr., who continues to pay tribute to his son and ensure his mission continues. Hosting a variety of fundraising events throughout the year, Quinn’s nonprofit organization, Quinn for the Win Find Your Smile Foundation (“Quinn for the Win”), continues to have significant impact.

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## Screenings Under the Stars Returns to Westchester This Summer



*Despicable Me 4 First Free Movie on June 28*

Free outdoor movies in two Westchester County Parks, sponsored by White Plains Hospital

Grab your blankets and lawn chairs, White Plains Hospital Screenings Under the Stars is back! Presented by Westchester County Parks and Share Creative, this free family-friendly movie series brings three lively feature films to Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla and Glen Island Park in New Rochelle. The fun kicks off Saturday, June 28, with Illumination’s Despicable Me 4 lighting up the big screen at Kensico Dam Plaza. The film follows Gru, Lucy, Margo, Edith and Agnes as they welcome a new member to the family, Gru Jr., who is intent on tormenting his dad. Gru faces a new nemesis in Maxime Le Mal and his girlfriend Valentina, and the family is forced to go on the run.

County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “All of the movies are enjoyable for children and adults alike, which makes them perfect ways to spend Saturday nights together in the summer. The novelty of watching a movie outside adds to the fun.”

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O’Connor said: “Kensico Dam Plaza and Glen Island are wonderful destinations for families seeking a memorable summer outing. Their blends of natural beauty and historical charm make them ideal spots for relaxation and wholesome fun.”

The rest of the lineup includes:

Saturday, July 26 will feature Inside Out 2, also at Kensico. In it, Riley enters puberty and experiences brand new, more complex emotions. As she tries to adapt to her teenage years, her old emotions try to adapt to the possibility of being replaced.

On Saturday, August 23, Moana 2 will be at Glen Island Park (Westchester residency is required.) It continues the adventures of Moana. After receiving an unexpected call from her wayfinding ancestors, she must journey to the far seas of Oceania and into dangerous, long-lost waters for a venture unlike anything she’s ever faced.

Admission and parking are free; movies start at dusk. Moviegoers should bring blankets, folding chairs and a picnic. Refreshments will be available to purchase. Movies may be canceled due to inclement weather.

Kensico Dam Plaza is located at the north end of the Bronx River Parkway, in Valhalla.

Glen Island Park is on Weyman Ave. in New Rochelle.

White Plains Hospital Screenings Under the Stars is presented by Westchester County Parks and Share Creative, with the Westchester Parks Foundation and support from Robison, Tompkins Community Bank, 100.7 WHUD, 107.1 The Peak, Hamlethub, Inspiria Outdoor Advertising and Westchester Magazine.

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## Rest in Peace, Juan Peralta



Last week, the city of Mount Vernon announced the passing of a Department of Public Works (DPW) employee who was involved in a tragic accident earlier this week on 5th Avenue.

Juan Peralta Sr. was a skilled arborist and horticulturist. Before joining the City of Mount Vernon, he worked with Alpine Tree Service and the New York Botanical Gardens, amassing over 55 years of combined experience in the field.

The city has described his death as “a devastating loss” for both Mount Vernon and the Peralta family. His exceptional work ethic, passion for his craft, and dedication to his family and community made a significant impact. He will be greatly missed.

The City is also asking that everyone keep the entire Peralta family, along with his colleagues and friends, in their thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Rest in peace, Juan Peralta.

Former Mayor Richard Thomas wrote, “Today, Mount Vernon mourns a quiet giant. Juan Peralta Sr. came to our city from the Dominican Republic in 1968 with nothing but love for his family, strength in his back, and a deep hope for a better future. He found that future in Mount Vernon, and helped build it for the rest of us. He worked with care, dignity, and a quiet pride that never sought recognition but always earned respect.

I had the privilege of making Mr. Peralta a permanent employee of the Department of Public Works because of the way he showed up for this city every single day. Whether trimming trees or keeping our streets clean and safe, he was steady. He was reliable. He was the kind of person who made this city work.

But Mr. Peralta didn’t just tend to trees. He planted something greater: a legacy, one that lives on through his sons Juan, Frank, and Ricky.

Juan has risen to become Deputy Chief of the Mount Vernon Fire Department, serving the people with the same commitment and humility his father embodied. Frank is a runner, a man of focus and endurance. Ricky, who was a standout baseball player back in the day, carries the same discipline and drive that defined his father. Each of them is now a proud father, upholding the values they learned from Mr. Peralta, hard work, quiet strength, and love of family.

I grew up with Frank and Ricky, playing manhunt on North Terrace Avenue with Nuno, Carlos, Celio, and the rest of the crew during Mount Vernon’s “Sandlot” days, back when the summer felt endless and we didn’t yet realize we were living in the golden moments of childhood. I had no idea then that the man behind the scenes ... steady, humble, and watching over his family ... was Mr. Peralta. That makes his legacy all the more real to me now.

The loss of Juan Peralta Sr. is painful, but the example he set lives on in his sons and in the city he helped shape. He showed us what it means to serve with love and to raise the next generation to go further.

Mr. Peralta lived the American Dream, especially as a parent seeing your children do better, be greater, and rise higher! That is the Mount Vernon story.

To the Peralta family, my heart is with you. Mount Vernon stands with you. And we will forever honor the life and spirit of Juan Peralta Sr.,” Richard W. Thomas Former Mayor, City of Mount Vernon.

## The Hospital of 2025



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Several readers wrote to me about my column last week regarding my 4 months in various hospitals.

Their question: how did you survive? It wasn’t easy. If anyone tells you the hospital is for profit hospital, leave. For profit hospitals are like the difference between Kellogg’s Raisin Bran and generic raisin bran. It’s all about the money!

The dumbest move hospitals have made in the last 10 years is to the hospitalist form of care. Your personal doctor doesn’t care for you, everyday, you have a different doctor who has to spend time learning your health history before caring for you. The goal is to have doctors treat patients with more time in the office so they don’t have to go to the hospital. Don’t buy it.

You can see any doctor you want either inside or outside the hospital. Doctors will usually make payment plans if they don’t take your insurance. Always ask if they take your insurance or if you can make payment arrangements.

Many hospitals have free or low cost transportation to and from the hospital or office. If the doctor requires outside testing make sure you see a company in your plan.

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## Iran Has a History of Being Subjugated by the West

*Op-Ed by Clifford Jackson*

Most people in this country don't know about the brutally racist colonial control that the west, especially the United Kingdom and the United States, has had over Iran. The white western world has invaded and controlled much of the middle east for centuries. England's Balfour declaration of 1917, the British mandate for Palestine in 1923, as well as the illegal partitioning and taking of Palestine by the United States, Britain and France in 1947 are just a few examples of western interference and domination of the Middle East.

The Anglo Persian Oil Company was another example of the western interference and raping of Iran and its resources, principally oil, and enriching themselves meanwhile leaving millions of Iranians living in poverty. The profits and capital, like always when it comes to western invasion of much of the world are stolen and they do it via puppets that are installed in the country being exploited.

Batista in Cuba, Joseph Mobutu in the Congo, Castillo in Guatemala and in the case of Iran the Shah was installed. Mohammed Mossaddegh was elected prime minister in a democratically elected process in 1951. He was trying to reverse the raping of Iran by the United Kingdom and the United States by nationalizing the oil industry. The United States and the UK were incensed by this and put in place the overthrow of the Mossaddegh regime.

Kermit Roosevelt, the grandson of President Theodore Roosevelt, was the agent from the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.) who worked with the United Kingdom and the U.S. military to execute a coup that led to the overthrow of the democratically elected Mossaddegh regime and the installation of the dictatorship of Mohammad Reza Pahlavi (the Shah). The Shah's Reign of Terror for twenty-six years in Iran led to tens of thousands of Iranians who were killed and tortured.

The torture was orchestrated by Savak, the Shah's secret police, trained directly by the CIA in various methods of waterboarding and other types of torture. This terror and repression of the Iranian people precipitated the revolution in 1979 that led to the downfall of the Shah and the one-term presidency of James Earl Carter.

This is something that the CNNs of the world, as well as the corporate media in general, will not talk about or acknowledge. The same kind of indoctrination is blanketed in terms, or lack of acknowledgement I should say is applied to what the United States did in the raping of Cuba for sixty years, and yet Fidel Castro is defined as evil. This lie of American greatness applies to every country where the United States and the white Western world have committed an atrocity against.

That is why Americans are some of the most ignorant and uneducated people in the world, whether they are black, white, Latino, or otherwise. Benjamin Netanyahu is evil and a war criminal. The more than sixty thousand Palestinian men, women, and children who have been slaughtered are ignored by this country, and its bombing of Iran, initiating this war, is an expression of its intention to do the same thing in Iran.

He has said the same thing about Iran for thirty years, as far as Iran's development of a nuclear bomb. That is subterfuge on his part—Netanyahu is a blood-thirsty murderer many times over. How is the United States and Israel in a position to tell Iran what they can and cannot do when each of these countries, combined has bombed and killed millions of civilians just in the last 30 years?

Can anyone answer this question? The United States, with its bloodthirsty and sanguinary history, will most likely bomb and eliminate the regime in Iran, like they have done so many times before, and we wonder why 9/11 happened, as well as the existence of ISIS. Ask yourselves who has been the world's biggest terrorist? It certainly is not Iran.

*Clifford Jackson, Larchmont*

## Fem Queens Take Over Apollo Theater on Juneteenth



*Kelly Harrison*

*By Dennis Richmond, Jr.*

On Juneteenth 2025, Harlem's Apollo Theater transformed into a runway of resilience, brilliance, and joy as Fem Queen Honors paid tribute to the Black and Latinx trans women who have shaped culture, history, and ballroom itself.

Held on June 19th and hosted by Gia Love and Jazell Barbie Royale, the evening was equal parts celebration and call to action. Organized by Jonovia Chase with House Lives Matter, it drew crowds from New York City and Westchester. Creative direction came from Courtney Washington Balenciaga, with choreography by Craig Washington, Jay Parel, Arturo Mugler, and more.

Kelly Harrison, the voice of Ballroom Media, sat down for an exclusive interview with Yonkers Rising during Fem Queen Honors. She shared two pieces of advice. First, to the baby fem queens, she said they should "take their time." She added, "It's not a race to the finish line." Second, she shared, "The community doesn't make you. You make the community." These are wise words, coming from one of the most prominent voices in the Ballroom Scene today.

The term Fem Queen refers to a trans woman within ballroom culture. Ballroom itself is one of the most vital, defiant, and artistically rich movements in LGBTQ+ history. This year's honorees included Duchess La Wong, Tracey Africa Norman, Dominique Jackson, Leiomy Maldonado, and Courtney Washington Balenciaga.

The Apollo, long a sacred ground for Black artistry, pulsed with affirmation. One standout moment came when a chorus of Fem Queens stormed the stage to Whitney Houston's "I'm Every Woman," transforming the venue into a sanctuary of trans joy. When Morgan Royel and Empress Viscaya led a breathtaking "Fallen Angels" tribute to honor those lost, the crowd was deeply moved.

"Fem Queens are also vulnerable," said Jackson in a timely speech. "The ones first attacked. All of my sisters—murdered. Violently. Brutally." Her words cut through the celebration, underscoring the persistent threats Black and Latinx trans women face—not only from systemic neglect, but from violence itself.

Another emotional beat came from Courtney ToPanga Washington, who reflected on her journey with quiet conviction: "That's not luck, that's purpose." In a world where existing as a trans woman is often resistance, her statement rang like gospel.

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## WCPD K-9 Essex Sniffs Out, Finds 2 Year Old at Tractor Supply, Somers



*Essex, left and his partner WCPD Westchester County Police K9 handler Paul Osterman found a 2 year old inside Tractor Supply in Somers*

WCPD/Canine Team REUNITED!

On Monday, June 16, 2025 at approximately 11:34 am, a Westchester County Police K9 team responded to join multiple law enforcement and emergency services agencies in the search for a 2 y/o child reported missing from Tractor Supply in Somers.

While the search spread out to the area surrounding the store, Westchester County Police K9 handler Paul Osterman and his partner Essex commenced a track from outside the store entrance.

Surprisingly, Essex led Officer Osterman back into the store where the missing child was discovered between two displays of goods, camouflaged by the color of the packaging which matched the child's shirt.

The young girl was somewhat surprised to be looking face to face with Essex when she was discovered.

The child and parents were promptly reunited thanks to the quick sniffing Essex and her sharp-eyed handler.

Job well done by the WCPD Canine Team and all the responding agencies. We wish our new friend and her family well!

## Saxon Woods 100 year Lap Challenge Starts June 28-to Celebrate 100th Anniversary



To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Saxon Woods Park, the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is launching a special 100-Lap Challenge at the Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains. The friendly competition kicks off on Saturday, June 28, and swimmers will have until Wednesday, July 30 to complete all 100 laps at the pool.

Registration opens Saturday, June 28 and the event will launch with a festive Family Fun Day at the pool. Participation in the challenge is free; pool admission fees and Westchester County residency rules apply.

County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "This summer marks a major milestone for one of our most beloved parks. The 100-Lap Challenge is a fun and healthy way to honor Saxon Woods' past while making new memories for the future."

Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor, said: "We're thrilled to bring the community together in such an active way to celebrate a century of Saxon Woods Park. Whether you're a seasoned swimmer or just want a fun goal for the summer, this challenge is for you."

Residents are encouraged to take part and track their laps online throughout the challenge. Those who complete it will be recognized and earn merch during an awards ceremony at Saxon Woods Park's Family Movie Night on Friday, August 2.

Seven Westchester County Parks are heralding milestone anniversaries in 2025. Learn more about and find out how to join in the five remaining events that will honor the roots, trails and timeless views of the Parks Department here.

Saxon Woods Park is at 1800 Mamaroneck Avenue in White Plains

To learn more about the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, visit [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com).

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**Prayers for our Police, continued from pg 1-**

What the Commissioner didn't expect was that Mariam also put a \$10 bill in the card as a gift!

We couldn't accept such a gift, so Commissioner Sapienza stopped by Mariam's house this week to give her back her \$10, and give her some cool YPD swag.

Thank you, Mariam, for being so sweet and thoughtful and for always supporting the YPD!

Miriam's letter reads, "Dear Police Officer, thank you for your service. I will pray to God to watch over you and the other officers and protect you from danger, and most importantly bring you home safely to those that love you."

What a wonderful drawing to go with your kind words Miriam. Perhaps you can work for our paper and website in the future. We would love to feature your Art and your kind thoughts.

What you did should make us all think about being kind to others, and to pray for our police officers and those who are in harms way.

God Bless You Miriam, and thank you -This is what July 4th is all about!

**Notice of formation of Great Livinggs , LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the NY department of state on 03/25/2025 Office Location: Bronx. UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC.7014 13TH AVENUE , SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY, 11228, USA, designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to 228 PARK AVE S #948027 NEW YORK, NY 10003. Purpose : Any lawful activity.**

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Notice of formation of 1M Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Bridgeway Physical Therapy, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 50 Clinton Place PH5, New Rochelle, NY 10801 . Purpose: Provide Physical Therapy Care

Notice of formation of Natalie Stopka Studio, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY 05/15/2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 160 Shonnard Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

**Have You Seen 13 Year Old Nailah Hughes from Yonkers - Missing Since June 14?****Nailah Hughes**

Authorities are searching for 13-year-old Nailah Hughes, who has been missing since June 14, 2025, from Yonkers, NY. Nailah may have traveled to Harlem or the Bronx.

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## Young Adults Graduate from The Arc Westchester's Project SEARCH Autism Enhancement Internship Program



On June 17, seven young adults were honored during a graduation ceremony at NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester Behavioral Health in White Plains, marking the successful completion of the Project SEARCH Autism Enhancement (PSAE) internship program. Cheered on by proud family members, friends, and program leaders, the graduates celebrated a milestone achievement in their journey toward meaningful employment and independence.

Project SEARCH Autism Enhancement is a highly structured, ten-month internship initiative designed for young adults on the autism spectrum. The program is a collaboration between The Arc Westchester, NEXT for AUTISM, NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester Behavioral Health, and The Center for Autism and the Developing Brain (CADB), with support from the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), ACCES-VR, and the Business Advisory Council.

Through full-time, real-world workplace immersion, the program equips interns with valuable professional and life skills to help them transition successfully into the workforce. This year's class of seven interns developed competencies in productivity, professionalism, advocacy, and time management. Job development efforts are already underway, and several graduates are actively interviewing for roles.

Each graduate shared a personal reflection during the ceremony, highlighting their growth and experiences throughout the program. Leaders from the partner organizations praised the interns' hard work, resilience, and readiness to contribute to the professional world.

To learn more about The Arc Westchester, visit their website at <http://www.arcwestchester.org>.

## Attorney General James Proposes Reforms to Address Dangerous Police Vehicle Pursuits

New York Attorney General Letitia James today released a report on police vehicle pursuits and proposed reforms to help keep New Yorkers safe. Police vehicle pursuits have been shown to increase danger and result in injury or fatalities to drivers, passengers, bystanders, and police. In the report titled "Improving Policing and Public Safety: Problems Presented by Police and Vehicle Pursuits," the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) reviews and analyzes available data showing how police vehicle pursuits harm New Yorkers, what other jurisdictions are doing to address police pursuits, and makes recommendations for reform.

"Millions of New Yorkers take to the roads each day, and they deserve policing and traffic enforcement that is safe, fair, and effective," said Attorney General James. "The evidence is clear: police vehicle pursuits and high-speed car chases can be dangerous and even fatal, and it is time for a change. We are proposing these reforms to improve public safety for everyone on the road – drivers, passengers, and law enforcement."

The report finds that some of the most extreme harm to New Yorkers happens when routine traffic stops escalate into pursuits or high-speed police chases. Although there is no mandatory centralized database for high-speed pursuits by law enforcement agencies in New York or nationwide, data pulled from the Fatality Analysis Reporting System (FARS) maintained by the Department of Transportation (DOT) found that from 1996 to 2015, an average of 355 people – nearly one person per day – were killed annually in pursuit-related crashes. The report also reviewed several examples of police vehicle pursuits in New York that put both drivers and police officers in danger and led to civilian fatalities.

The clear danger of high-speed chases has led many jurisdictions across the country to take steps to update their enforcement practices. Some jurisdictions have banned pursuits and chases with limited exceptions, while others have implemented new policies that allow officers to use discretion within set guidelines when determining whether or not to initiate a chase. For example, Milwaukee changed its policy to require police officers to have probable cause for a violent felony before initiating a vehicle pursuit after a series of pursuit-related deaths in 2010.

In New York, laws and policies vary based on location. In New York City, a recent policy change limits officer discretion to initiate vehicle pursuit to only the most serious and violent crimes, not traffic infractions or low-level crimes. In Buffalo, pursuits are banned if they are in response to a traffic violation, a misdemeanor, or another non-violent felony, and in Albany, officers are required to consider several factors before starting a chase, including the threat posed to the public, seriousness of the offense, and possibility of apprehending the individual at a later time.

States and localities that have made changes to traffic enforcement and police vehicle pursuit policies in order to minimize harm and improve public safety have already seen successes. The OAG recommends New York implement similar state-wide reforms to keep New Yorkers safe, including:

Pass legislation to increase transparency. New York law enforcement agencies should be required to track and publish data about traffic pursuits and high-speed chases to improve public accountability, evaluate agency performance, and help oversight agencies protect civil liberties and civil rights. This data collection should be facilitated by a centralized agency such as the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS).

Ban high-speed police pursuits with narrow exceptions. Though high-speed chases can be deadly, OAG recognizes they may be necessary when a serious or violent felony has been or will be committed or when the driver's conduct poses an imminent threat of death to themselves, bystanders, or police officers. Narrow exceptions for use of high-speed police pursuits would eliminate police chases that risk harming drivers, passengers, bystanders, and officers.

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July 17	Fever Records presents Judy Torres & the Cover Girls	Freestyle	E.J. Murrays Skating Center- Tuckahoe Road
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## Westchester Senate Delegation Honors Korean War Veteran



Above: Veteran Julio Feliu & Family, with Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Senator Mayer. Below: Veteran Joe Cirillo receives Senate resolution



Below: Sgt Jurgensen presents awards to Sens Stewart-Cousins & May-



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## The 39th Annual African-American Heritage Festival at Kensico Dam



By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

On Sunday afternoon, Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla came alive with the sounds, sights, and spirit of celebration as Westchester County hosted the 39th Annual African-American Heritage Festival. Co-sponsored by Westchester County Parks and the Coalition of African American Organizations, the event drew crowds from across the region to honor African, Caribbean, and African-American heritage.

This year's theme—"Creating Space and Building Bridges"—carried weight in today's polarized climate, underscoring the need for both cross-cultural understanding and intra-community solidarity.

"The Black experience is not monolithic," one attendee remarked. "It includes LGBTQ+ folks, conservatives, liberals, elders, and youth—each adding their voice to the larger story."

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins echoed that spirit of inclusion. "This event is open to everyone," Jenkins said. "It's a chance to experience the rich traditions, joyful energy, and cultural pride of Black communities. Events like these strengthen our region and leave a lasting spirit of togetherness."

From noon on, the plaza pulsed with life. Local musicians, spoken word artists, and dancers took to the stage, bridging generations and genres. Vendors lined the walkways, offering flavorful food, handmade jewelry, and vibrant fabrics.

Families laid out blankets under the summer sun. Children danced freely while elders gathered in conversation. Fraternity and sorority colors dotted the crowd, as people connected, remembered, and rejoiced.

By day's end, one thing was clear: this festival wasn't just a yearly tradition. It was a living expression of resilience, identity, and collective joy—rooted in history, yet boldly forward-looking.

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Uniformed Park Rangers assist and work under the supervision of County Police officers.

For many of the Seasonal Park Rangers, this will be the first step toward a career in law enforcement. Several of the SPR's also participated in our Department's Cadet Program during their 8th - 12th grade school years, prior to their interest and selection by our Department as a SPR for seasonal employment.

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## The Cuomo Campaign Never Made Sense How Did Mamdani Do It?

### Most Westchester Democrats took a Pass on Cuomo Part 2

By Dan Murphy

Former Westchester resident Andrew Cuomo was denied a Comeback Kid label when he lost the Democratic primary for NYC Mayor to Zohran Mamdani on June 24.

Cuomo was a heavy favorite three months ago, but Mamdani “caught fire,” as one Westchester Democrat explained, and pulled within the margin of error in a few polls just before the primary.

In an 11-candidate field, Mamdani got 43%, to 36% for Cuomo. Brad Lander finished third at 11%.

We wondered aloud three months ago if Cuomo could survive and win a democratic primary and asked,

How could Cuomo overcome the backlash from the families of seniors who died in nursing homes during COVID-19?

How could Cuomo over the report by NYS Attorney General Letitia James, which confirmed that he sexually harassed 13 women?

How would Cuomo interact with Governor Kathy Hochul, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and other NY Democrats who called for him to step down as Governor in 2021?

It never made sense to us, and Cuomo’s supporters were already going around teasing the idea of Mayor Cuomo running for President in 2028.

Westchester democrats stayed as far away from Cuomo and the democratic primary in NYC as possible. We spoke to a few prominent Democrats off the record in March, and most were lukewarm about Cuomo or thought another candidate would gain popularity.

Cuomo performed well with Black and Hispanic voters in NYC. He has a third-party line he created that he can run on in November if he wants to.

But the question that many are asking is, was Cuomo a bad candidate, or was Mamdani a great candidate? A little of both.

One Westchester Democrat we spoke to said, “Mamdani expanded the universe of voters. 200,000 more voters came out, and most of them voted for Mamdani.

“I don’t think Cuomo had the best plan; I just have the best name recognition and the money, and I don’t have to do that much.”

“Cuomo got outplayed, and Mamdani got young people involved. Mamdani already beat Cuomo with several other candidates in the race, so it doesn’t make sense for him to run again,” said a Sound Shore Democrat.

Cuomo also had to deal with several groups working against his election, including a group called the Cuomo COVID Orphans, who reminded voters about Cuomo’s decisions to allow COVID-positive seniors into nursing homes.

Cuomo’s bullying tactics, which may have been the reason so many Westchester democrats stayed quiet instead of coming out against him, don’t endear him to most voters. “Andrew Cuomo ruled like a king and left New York in ruins. Now, he wants a second chance and acts like none of it was his fault. We don’t need a king,” said Curtis Sliwa, the republican candidate for NYC Mayor.

Did Mamdani win because he is a political star on the rise –like AOC?

One video clip we watched featured Mamdani taking apart Cuomo during one of the debates.

“I have never had to resign in disgrace. I have never cut Medicaid. I have never stolen hundreds of millions of dollars from the MTA. I never hounded the 13 women who credibly accused me of sexual harassment. I have never sued for their gynecological records. I am not you, Mr. Cuomo,” said Mamdani.

The Mamdani campaign had 27,000 volunteers and raised \$8 million through small donations.

Some have pointed to the fact that as the democratic party contemplates its next course of action, some have called for a return to moderate policies.

Mamdani takes the party further to the left, proposing a \$30 per hour minimum wage, rent freezes on stabilized apartments, free bus service, and city-owned grocery stores. And he would pay for it by taxing the wealthy and corporations.

Rachel Hurley posted, “The coalition he built, spanning young progressives, Muslim and South Asian communities, rent-stabilized tenants, Gaza solidarity activists - that’s not some impossible alliance. That’s the future of urban politics. He pulled 60% of the vote among voters under 34 and 79% among Asian voters in ranked-choice simulations because he was addressing their actual material conditions.

“NYC has over 500,000 Muslims and massive South Asian populations, but neither community has ever elected a mayor. Mamdani’s victory represents the political coming-of-age of these rapidly growing communities,” writes Read Rachel Hurley on substack <https://rachelandthecity.substack.com>, a great read to learn about Mamdani and the progressive movement.

The negative Fox News narrative on Mamdani is already underway -but what all of us should be asking is, how did he do it?

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, AOC, tweeted, “Congratulations, Zohran Kwame Mamdani! Your dedication to an affordable, welcoming, and safe New York City where working families can have a shot has inspired people across the city. Billionaires and lobbyists poured millions against you and our public finance system. And you won.”

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## Westchester Senate Delegation Honors Korean War Veteran

The Westchester Senate Delegation, in partnership with Westchester County, hosted a luncheon at Lasdon Park in Katonah on Sunday, June 22, to honor Korean War Veterans from Westchester County. The luncheon brought together more than a dozen Korean War veterans and their families and friends for a day of remembrance and appreciation.

The event was sponsored by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, and Senators Shelley Mayer, Jamaal Bailey, Pete Harckham, and Nathalia Fernandez. Each veteran in attendance received a copy of the New York State Senate Resolution J548, celebrating the sacrifices made by New York State’s Korean War Veterans.

“Today, we celebrated, honored, and cherished the living legends among us – our Korean War Veterans. With the years marching on, it is more crucial than ever that we take this moment to show them our deepest gratitude, and ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten,” said Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. “I thank my Senate colleagues from our Westchester Delegation, as well as County Executive Ken Jenkins, for coming together for this wonderful event.”

Attendees heard remarks from the elected officials and a speech by Korean War Veteran and New York State Veterans Hall of Fame inductee, Sgt. Randy Jurgensen, a paratrooper who was awarded three Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart, notably for his actions during the Battle of Pork Chop Hill. Daniel Morea from the Westchester County Veterans Service Agency also offered remarks, and the esteemed West Point Brass Quintet provided a patriotic musical backdrop for Sunday’s festivities.

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, “I am proud to join my colleagues in honoring the Korean War veterans of Westchester County. It has been a privilege to lead the efforts in Albany to recognize their service and sacrifice, and I am grateful to bring this ceremony back to Westchester. We are forever indebted to these brave men and women for their dedication and courage, and we must continue to honor them by sharing their stories and teaching future generations about their sacrifices. I would like to thank Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, County Executive Ken Jenkins, and Senators Harckham, Bailey, and Fernandez for partnering with me to sponsor this ceremony and the West Point Quintet for their lovely performance. Most importantly, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our courageous veterans and their families.”

Senator Stewart-Cousins and Senator Mayer were also honored for their advocacy for New York’s Veterans with the Military Order of the Purple Heart Special Recognition Award, which was presented by Sgt. Jurgensen and the Patriot Members of Colon Rivera Memorial Chapter 3-NYC.

The guns of the Korean War fell silent more than 70 years ago, and its veterans comprise a majority of America’s oldest combat veterans. New York is home to nearly 70,000 of these heroes, the fourth-highest number of any state in the country.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said, “Today we honor the courage, sacrifice and enduring legacy of our Korean War veterans. These brave men and women answered the call of duty and stood for freedom at a pivotal moment in history. Westchester County is proud to join the Senate Delegation in paying tribute to their service and ensuring their stories are never forgotten.”

“Less than 1% of our country serves in uniform,” said Daniel Morea, Veteran Service Officer, Westchester County Veteran Service Agency. “They take care of 99.9% of the American citizens. They need to be thanked. They are very special people.”

State Senator Pete Harckham said, “The Korean War was a daunting and often harrowing experience for the US service members who fought in it, so recognizing their bravery and valor is only right. This event is just one way to thank these veterans and promise to remember their service and selfless fight for freedom in Asia while also ensuring they continue to get the comprehensive care and assistance they need.”

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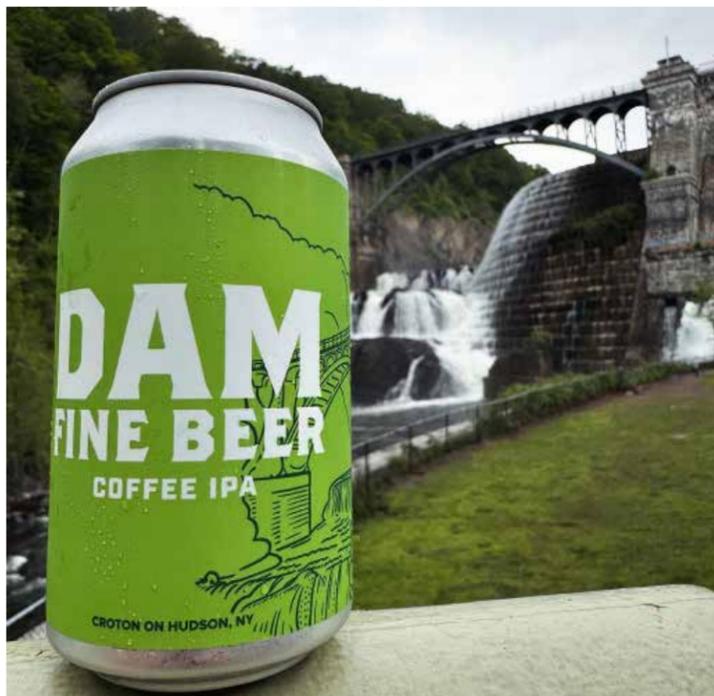
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## ICE Bucket Challenge, continued from pg 2-

Quinn for the Win provides cash grants to local ALS patients and their families to offset expenses not covered by medical insurance, including in-home care, adaptable equipment, wheelchair adjustments needed as patients’ physical limitations change and home renovations to accommodate wheelchairs. The organization also provides financial support for organizations that serve the families of ALS patients.

Since the challenge was founded more than ten years ago, ALS Ice Bucket Challenges have also significantly increased the awareness of this deadly disease globally. Earlier this year, the ALS Association awarded more than \$2 million in grants to support the continued preclinical development of five emerging ALS therapies.

Technology has also become more advanced with Pat Quinn Jr. using an expanded CPAP machine, one of the first prototypes, to help expand his lungs and make it easier to breathe. One year ago, UC Davis Health developed brain-computer interface technology that translates brain signals into speech with high levels of accuracy, allowing a man with ALS to communicate. In addition, more ALS patients are sharing their stories on social media platforms such as Facebook, which allows patients to connect from all around the world and spread additional awareness to other communities who may not be as familiar with the devastating effects of ALS.

“I’m so grateful for the continued support of Mayor Mike Spano, Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, and community members from Yonkers and far beyond who continue to fight onwards toward a cure through keeping the ice bucket challenge going each and every year,” said Patrick Quinn, Sr. “It was a once in a lifetime phenomenon that took on a life of its own. The Yonkers community has been the champion of our family and ALS patients nationwide, especially in the last few years without Pat. My son built such a strong system of support and his Quinn for the Win – Find Your Smile Foundation is nothing short of remarkable. Pat laid the groundwork to find a cure, and now it’s our job to finish his mission. I look forward to seeing everyone on August 2.”

“For over a decade, Yonkers has proudly carried Pat Quinn’s legacy forward,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “Each year, I witness an extraordinary outpouring of love and determination in his name. His unwavering fight against ALS has sparked hope, and because of him, we stand stronger in our resolve. But our work is far from over. ALS continues to devastate countless families, and we owe it to them to keep pushing forward. As long as this battle persists, so too will our commitment—every August, alongside our dedicated partners at Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, we will stand together until we find a cure.”

Since 2015, Empire City has hosted the annual challenge, with the exception of 2020 because of the pandemic. The City of Yonkers donates buckets and the stage for the event and organizes online registration for participants. Empire City underwrites the cost of the event and donates the space, staffing, and over 1,300 pounds of ice.

The 2025 annual Ice Bucket Challenge will be held outdoors trackside, is free to participate, and attendees of all ages are welcome. Day-of, walk-up registration will also be available, but online advance registration is strongly encouraged to secure a space and bucket. For more information and to register, please visit [www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com).

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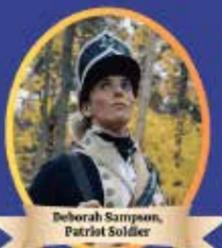
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## Backwards Nuclear Politics in New York State

On June 23, Governor Kathy Hochul directed the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to develop and construct a zero-emission advanced nuclear power plant in Upstate New York to support a reliable and affordable electric grid, while providing the necessary zero-emission electricity to achieve a clean energy economy. This builds on other opportunities announced in Governor Hochul's 2025 State of the State to catalyze nuclear energy development in New York.

New York State Conservative Party Chairman Gerard Kassir today criticized Governor Kathy Hochul for supporting the closures of key nuclear energy sites around New York State — before suddenly reversing herself and calling for more sites to be built as electric rates skyrocket across the state.

“No state knows how to burn cash more efficiently than the State of New York under one-party Democrat leadership,” Chairman Kassir said. “New York families have suffered double-digit electricity rates, thanks to repeated liberal blunders over the years,” Mr. Kassir charged. “ConEd’s proposed electric bill hike, for example — 11.4% for power and 13.3% for gas — will cost the average household \$275 extra a year. Central Hudson wants to raise delivery charges by up to 20%.

“As a result,” Chairman Kassir continued, “liberals have suddenly discovered nuclear energy—after decades of forcing reactor shutdowns. That’s not leadership, it’s a stark admission that they’ve been wrong for decades.

“Although we have a favorable opinion of Mrs. Hochul’s move toward investing in this smart new technology, the reality is that nuclear power in New York, that was safe, clean and efficient, was irreparably damaged by policies the Governor supported at the highest levels of government. Now taxpayers will have to shoulder billions more in costs through their monthly electric bills. It has been a historic management blunder.”

In a column for [empirecenter.org](http://empirecenter.org) titled Albany’s Looming Energy Shock, Zilvinas Silena writes, “For all Governor Hochul’s talk about “affordability”, it seems electricity prices have not received that memo. Recent data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration show New York households on average pay the sixth-highest price for electricity in the continental United States.

For March 2025 the average price of electricity in New York was estimated at \$0.25 per kWh for residential users and \$0.095 per kWh for industrial users. These rates are significantly above the U.S. averages of \$0.17 per kWh and \$0.08 per kWh, respectively. Households in New York pay 48 percent more, and industry pays 15 percent more than the national average.

Similarly, despite the big talk about green energy, most of New York’s electricity still comes from natural gas and nuclear power. In fact, according to the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), which manages the state’s electrical grid, since 2019 the proportion of fossil fuels used in electricity production has increased, while nuclear energy has gone down.

Instead of the green energy revolution, New York is slowly losing the capability to make energy. In a brand new report, NYISO warns Since 2019 New York has retired more electricity generation capacity than it added. Federal data show similar trends: from 2019 to 2024, while New York’s electricity generation dropped, the U.S. added 4 percent, Texas ramped up production by 16 percent, and Florida by 8.

Meanwhile, New York is relying on increasingly outdated infrastructure to produce electricity. A quarter of New York’s electricity generation capacity has been in operation for more than 50 years, and some — for more than 70 years. With the state officially committed to achieving a zero-emission electrical grid by 2040, no one is rushing to invest in modernizing fossil fuel power plants or building new ones.

This reduction in energy production capacity alone should cause concern. But to add fuel to fire, between the laws passed and new ones being considered, Albany is pushing New Yorkers to be more dependent on electricity for everything — heating, cooking and transportation — all of which will require much more electricity. Approximately double what New York produces now, according to the NYISO.

On top of that, Albany is trying to encourage the development of energy-intensive industries such as the Micron chip plant in the Syracuse area. There is also talk about attracting artificial intelligence centers to New York, which, again, requires a lot of electricity which New York likely cannot supply on its current trajectory.

Here we have the makings of a self-inflicted one-two punch. On one hand, Albany is discouraging companies from making the investments necessary to produce abundant and affordable electricity. On the other hand, Albany is driving up demand by making plans for household heating to rely on electricity rather than on their current sources of fuel, such as natural gas.

Albany politicians act as if New York was awash with cheap and abundant electricity. In reality it is full of empty political promises and virtue signaling, but these do not produce electricity.

The situation is not sustainable. A breaking point is approaching — slowed down only by the fact that Albany keeps missing its climate deadlines and doing a poor job of attracting new businesses.

If New York politicians are serious about reindustrializing New York, revitalizing Upstate, and outcompeting other states for energy intensive manufacturing — they need to remove all hurdles to cheap, plentiful energy. That will help with affordability, too.,” writes Silena.

In Westchester, the Indian Point nuclear plant was closed in 2021 because of its proximity to millions of New Yorkers, environmental concerns about the Hudson River, and the fact that it was a possible terrorist target. Indian Point once powered nearly 25% of New York City’s energy needs.

“One of the stupidest things New York Democrats did was close Indian Point Power plant that provided 26% of NYC’s electricity forcing reliance on dirtier energy and causing utility bills to soar. Perhaps they are realizing what a mistake it was,” said Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis.

County Legislator James Nolan said, “I have been saying for years that the shutdown of Indian Point without a backup power supply is a significant factor in Con Ed’s rising rates. The state’s push for green energy initiatives, without proper funding, is only exacerbating the issue. I’ve consistently pointed out that nuclear energy is the cleanest and safest solution for our power needs. Despite being told repeatedly by Democrats that I was mistaken, it’s clear that I was right all along. It’s time to acknowledge the truth I was correct in my predictions!”

Opponents to Hochul’s call include Food & Water Watch. “Governor Hochul’s nuclear gamble is a reckless distraction from the clean, affordable energy New Yorkers actually need,” said Alex Beauchamp, Northern Region Director at Food & Water Watch. “Nuclear power is dirty, dangerous, and wildly expensive — and this project will leave New Yorkers footing the bill while delaying urgently needed progress on renewables.”

## Congressman Latimer Presents Richard Gulley with Bronze Star in New Rochelle



*Bronze Star Awarded to Gulley*

*By Dan Murphy*

Congressman George Latimer was joined by New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos Herbert and American Legion Post 8 Commander Dennis Starr this month to present U.S. Army Colonel (Ret.) Richard Gulley with a Bronze Star Medal. Retired Colonel Gulley earned the Bronze Star for his service in Afghanistan.

“This week, our country celebrated the U.S. Army’s 250th Birthday. It is timely that today we recognize and honor the service of Retired Army Colonel Gulley, who resides in New Rochelle,” said Rep. Latimer. “Col. Gulley dedicated 30 years of his life to this nation and put himself in harm’s way to keep his fellow soldiers safe. He is what makes our country great, and I am proud to present him with this medal today.”

Gulley is a New Rochelle resident and a pilot for JetBlue. Gulley received the Bronze Star for his bravery and valor during a 2010 attack in Afghanistan by the Taliban, which resulted in an all-day firefight.

Ret. Colonel Gulley served in the Army in many parts of the world, including Europe, Africa, and Kuwait, over a 30-year career.

New Rochelle Mayor Ramos-Herbert said, “It was a privilege for the City of New Rochelle to host the Bronze Star Medal ceremony for Retired Colonel Richard Gulley. Thank you, George Latimer and your tremendous team, for the chance to honor a hometown hero!”

Congratulations, Colonel Gulley! New Rochelle and Westchester, thank you for your service and dedication.

## Con Edison Ask Customers in Parts of Westchester To Conserve Energy 8% Reduction in Voltage During Heat Wave to Four Towns and White Plains

Con Edison is asking customers in certain communities in Westchester County to conserve energy while company crews repair equipment. Con Edison has also reduced voltage by 8 percent in the areas as a precaution to protect equipment and maintain service as repairs are completed.

The equipment problems in these areas have no effect on the rest of the Con Edison system.

The voltage reduction includes parts or all of: White Plains, Greenburgh, Scarsdale, Eastchester and Harrison. The voltage reduction could affect 40,600 customers.

Con Edison has asked customers in these areas not to use energy-intensive appliances such as washers, dryers, and microwaves until crews complete repairs. The company also asks customers to limit unnecessary use of air conditioning. If you have two air conditioners, use only one and set it to the highest comfortable temperature.

The company also requests that customers refrain from charging electric vehicles until repairs are made.

Customers can report outages and check service restoration status at [www.conEd.com/reportoutage](http://www.conEd.com/reportoutage), or with our mobile app for iOS or Android devices, or by calling 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633). When calling, customers should report whether their neighbors also have lost power. Customers who report outages will receive updates with their estimated restoration times as they become available.

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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

## SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268  
Digging Deeper: American Chestnut Research and Restoration Project, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Since 1991, Lasdon Park and Arboretum has been home to one of the American chestnut orchards of The American Chestnut Research and Restoration Project. A researcher will dig deep into the progress to date of American chestnut and blight-resistance research. \$40. Get details and register <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/garden-directory/open-days/digging-deeper-american-chestnut-research-and-restoration-project>

Saxon Woods Pool, White Plains: (914) 995-4480

Saxon Woods Family Fun Day and 100-Lap Challenge Kick-off, noon to 4 p.m. Kick off Saxon Woods Pool's 100-Lap Challenge in honor of its 100th Anniversary with a Family Fun Day featuring games, contests, prizes and more! Participation for the 100-Lap Challenge is free; pool admission and Westchester County residency rules apply. Registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/WhitePlains/SaxonWoodsLapChallenge> | Family Fun Day details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/family-fun-days>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Lasdon Green Squad, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Every Saturday through November and for those age 14 and older, join the Lasdon Green Squad to keep Lasdon, Westchester's Public Garden looking beautiful. Volunteers will work with Lasdon staff on tasks such as invasive species removal, planting, watering, weeding, trail maintenance, mulching, trash clean up, and other tasks. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-06-28/>

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Beach Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Weekends through Monday, Sept. 1; weather permitting. No admittance after 6 p.m. Parking and beach admission fees apply. Westchester County residency is not required for admission. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/swim>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Art Show, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Artist Loren Anderson's exhibit "Of Nature" is open for viewing in the main house. Sunday, June 29 is the final day. Get details: <https://www.muscootfarm.org/programs-events/art-shows-at-muscoot.html>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Goats on the Go!, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Kids ages 12 and older can join us for our Walk with Us program, during which they can take a pygmy goat on a walk around the farm! This hands-on experience allows children to provide important socialization, enrichment and exercise for our animals. \$20 per person. Pre-registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goats-on-the-go-tickets-1267377523289?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla: (914) 231-4033

White Plains Hospital Screenings Under the Stars, 7 p.m. - 10:30

Despicable Me 4. Free admission and parking; movie starts at sundown. Moviegoers should bring blankets, folding chairs and a picnic. Refreshments will be available for sale. The movie may be canceled due to inclement weather. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/movie-under-the-stars>

## SUNDAY, JUNE 29

The Bronx River Parkway

Bicycle Sunday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A 13.1-mile loop from Westchester County Center south to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers is closed to cars. Open to non-motorized bicyclists, scooters and in-line skaters, e-bike class 1 only, plus walkers and joggers. Many points of entry and exit are along the way. Admission is free. Also: July 13, 20, 27 (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.); Sept. 7, 14, 21 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.); Oct. 5 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/bicycle-sundays>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. \$25. Registration required: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens-2/2025-06-29/>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 30 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 16. Get details <https://www.muscootfarm.org/markets/>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7263

Gardening Sundays and Tuesdays, Weekly, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Next: July 1. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-06-29/>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial: (914) 864-7263

Garden Highlights Tour, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Join one of the gardeners for a walking tour of the native plants, annuals, perennials, and flowering and fruiting shrubs and trees. Rain or shine. Register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/garden-highlights-tour/2025-06-29>

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## Neil Reynolds Appointed as New Rochelle Police Commissioner

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*NRPD Commissioner*

*Neil Reynolds*

After nearly 32 years of service in the New Rochelle Police Department, Deputy Commissioner Neil Reynolds will lead the Police force

Neil Reynolds, a veteran of the New Rochelle Police Department (NRPD) and the City's Deputy Police Commissioner since 2023, has been appointed as New Rochelle's new Police Commissioner. He is expected to be officially sworn in in the coming weeks.

"Commissioner Reynolds has proven himself as a steady, forward-thinking leader," said City Manager Wilfredo Melendez. "He not only brings decades of experience, but a deep, earned understanding of New Rochelle – its people, its neighborhoods, and the evolving role of public safety in our community. Residents, officers, and community leaders alike know who he is, how he leads, and what he stands for. We are committed to building on that momentum to ensure the progress we've made continues to accelerate."

Deputy Commissioner Reynolds joined the NRPD in 1994 as a Patrol Officer. He then became a P.A.C.T officer, where he taught D.A.R.E. and was a bicycle officer. His professionalism, accountability, and commitment to public service led to his rise over three decades. He served as a Detective in the Property Theft Unit, Sergeant and Lieutenant in the Patrol Division, Detective Lieutenant in Internal Affairs, and as a Captain, before his promotion to Deputy Commissioner in 2023.

Reynolds' appointment follows the retirement announcement of Commissioner Robert Gazzola, who concludes a nearly 40-year career with the department. As Commissioner, Reynolds will continue to advance the City's strategic policing priorities while furthering a department culture rooted in service, equity, and excellence.

"It's the greatest honor of my career to lead the department I've served in for so long," said NRPD Deputy Commissioner Reynolds, "New Rochelle is my home, and I've dedicated myself to protecting and improving it for more than 30 years. We've made significant progress- strengthening trust, building partnerships, and embracing new approaches to public safety. Now, it's about deepening those efforts and ensuring every resident feels safe, respected, and heard. I'm ready to lead us into the next chapter with purpose, transparency, and a deep commitment to all the people of this city and its police officers."

Reynolds is actively involved in several law enforcement and civic organizations, including the Westchester/Rockland Guardians Association, The Police Executive Research Forum, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, NACOLE, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and NAACP-New Rochelle Branch. As Commissioner, he plans to expand on several key priorities, including bolstering community engagement initiatives and trust through neighborhood-based policing models, enhancing officer wellness and training, advancing public safety technology, and supporting the City's Quality of Life Initiative.

"There is no one more prepared or ready to lead this department than Deputy Commissioner Reynolds," said NRPD Commissioner Robert Gazzola. "He has earned the respect of officers at every rank, built trust within the community, and shown time and again that he leads with integrity, professionalism, and purpose. I leave this role with total confidence, knowing the department is in the hands of someone who understands both where we've been and where we need to go."

Reynolds holds a Bachelor's degree from Iona College and Juris Doctor from Pace University School of Law. He is licensed to practice law in New York State, and federally in the Southern District of New York. His decorated career has earned him the Police Commissioner's Award, three Class "C" citations, seven commendations, two "Life Saving Awards" and the "Problem Solver of the Year Award." He has been recognized with public service awards from the NAACP, NABLEO, the Westchester/Rockland Guardians Association, the F. Willa Davis Women's Club, and the Omicron Iota Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

cone immediately contacted Albany County Sheriff Craig D. Apple Sr. Sarcone went back to the street and maintained a safe distance and yelled out to Garcia-Morales to gain his attention to prevent Morales-Garcia from disappearing as Sarcone believed an innocent person would be killed by Morales-Garcia. Before law enforcement arrived, Morales-Garcia charged at Sarcone again screaming and yelling at Sarcone in a foreign language while wielding the knife to make a slitting-the-throat gesture at Sarcone. Sarcone again ran to the lobby of the Hilton where again Morales-Garcia stopped, turned and began to walk away but was apprehended when Sheriff's deputies arrived. Morales-Garcia was taken into custody and the knife was recovered.

Sarcone was physically unharmed, but emotionally rattled and stated, "I felt an obligation to the public as the chief Federal law enforcement officer in the district that includes the city of Albany. I feared for my life but I couldn't let this individual harm and potentially kill others."

Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple said: "U.S. Attorney John Sarcone's selfless actions likely saved lives."

Morales-Garcia was charged with attempted second-degree murder, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, and menacing in the second degree and remanded without bail. He made an appearance in Albany City Court yesterday and an order of protection was issued for Sarcone. Morales-Garcia may also face federal charges; the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Homeland Security Investigations are involved in the ongoing investigation.

Sarcone was appointed U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of New York by Attorney General Pamela Bondi in March. "Public safety is our highest priority," said U.S. Attorney Sarcone. "I am relieved that no one was harmed. I appreciated the swift response by the Albany County Sheriff's office which was within minutes although it seemed like an eternity." Sarcone emphasized that such brazen and violent behavior underscores the importance of public vigilance and the need for a strong collaboration between federal and local authorities. At Sarcone's request, his office is recused from prosecuting Morales-Garcia for illegal re-entry into the country, which is a felony, and the case has been assigned to the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York for prosecution.

Sarcone stated, "I have spent the last three months going to 27 of the 32 counties thus far in my district conducting meetings with the District Attorneys, Sheriffs, State Police and local police Chiefs accompanied by the heads of all the Federal law enforcement agencies in the Northern District to offer assistance from federal law enforcement and my office to help combat the infiltration of gangs, drug, human traffickers, and sexual predators. My offer of help has been well-received, and the results have been tremendous in helping these communities get rid of violent criminals. The citizens of Albany, and visitors who come to Albany, should be able to feel safe walking down our streets."

Sarcone served as Town Attorney in Eastchester and ran for Westchester County District Attorney in 2024.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 74122/2024 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, vs MARIA IRIZARRY IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, JUAN A. IRIZARRY IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s) MORTGAGED PREMISES: 1 George Street White Plains, NY 10604 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Maria Irizarry, Juan A. Irizarry Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Robert S. Ondrovic of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifteenth day of May, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Maria Irizarry and Juan A. Irizarry dated the June 3, 2005, to secure the sum of \$360,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 451920412 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on July 13, 2005. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 25, 2022 and recorded on November 15, 2022, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 623183612. The mortgage was subsequently modified on October 17, 2023. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed March 29, 2024 and recorded on April 11, 2024, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 641023100. The property in question is described as follows: 1 George Street, White Plains, NY 10604 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: June 9, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 86097

## Congress must act to help the new postmaster general pull USPS back from the brink

By *Martha Diaz Aszkenazy, Chair, National Newspaper Association  
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The United States Postal Service is on the brink of a self-induced collapse. The failed policies of the Delivering for America Plan have driven away customers through a combination of sky-high rate increases and degraded service. David Steiner, who will take over as Postmaster General on July 14, 2025, has a tough job to do and little time to do it with some estimates indicating the USPS could be insolvent as soon as 2028.

Congress has a key role to play in helping him right the ship but must get off the sidelines and act. A useful step occurred earlier this week with a hearing before the House Oversight Subcommittee on Government Operations. The National Newspaper Association (NNA) provided a statement for the hearing that lays out key actions Congress can take to help restore the USPS.

We emphasized that NNA members serve their communities, providing news on local events and civic matters that are not covered anywhere else, and that they depend on the USPS to get their papers to subscribers. The USPS — and by extension the small businesses in the communities they serve — faces an immediate and existential crisis. We urge Congress to act swiftly and compel meaningful reform at the USPS.

Here are three actions Congress can take right now to get the USPS back on track and keep commerce in America moving:

- Demand the USPS Board halt the Delivering for America Plan including the large rate increase planned for July 13, 2025. This increase, far above the rate of inflation will only deepen the hole and ties the hands of incoming Postmaster General David Steiner, who should have the opportunity to assess the situation. The same holds true for the network consolidations and service cuts. Every customer that is lost through these increases and service reductions is one less Steiner can rely on in the future.
- Modernize and empower the USPS regulator. Effective checks and balances are needed to keep the USPS on track. Congress needs to update and modernize the postal regulatory process to better safeguard against excessive rates and poor service by passing H.R. 3004, The USPS SERVES US Act.
- Measure newspaper costs accurately. Congress should compel accurate measurement of newspaper service and hold the USPS accountable for maintaining and improving service quality by enacting H.R. 2098/S.1002, the Deliver for Democracy Act

These are all commonsense steps Congress can take to address what has been clearly a failed approach by USPS management. Steiner has a huge job ahead of him and will need all the help he can get.

Congress must act now to make sure the nation's next Postmaster General is not the last one.

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The body camera footage shows that Officer Curtin arrested Jared Alongi, 26, peacefully without the use of any force. Alongi faces attempted murder charges. The victim suffered minor injuries.

The incident occurred at the same time that MoneyGeek named Yorktown the #6 safest town in the United States and the #1 safest town in New York State.

The strange incident happened at 1130AM on a Sunday. According to Chief Noble at a press conference held the day after the arrest, 26 year old Jared Alongi, stabbed a victim that he did not know from behind, as the victim was walking out of BJ's.

The person was not seriously injured after being stabbed with an 8 inch kitchen knife. Office Curtin arrived minutes later and found Alongi on the other side of Route 202, still in possession of the knife.

Noble called the stabbing "a random attack," and praised Yorktown Police Officer Curtin, who "arrived on scene quickly, took immediate action consistent with department training and guidelines, and was able to convince the suspect to drop the weapon. Giving clear and concise commands, Officer Curtin was able to arrest the suspect without incident. Additional Yorktown Police resources arrived quickly to further assist Officer Curtin and commence an investigation into this disturbing crime. We thank the business owners in the area, as well as civilian witnesses, who assisted our investigation."

Alongi was charged with attempted murder and was remanded to the Westchester County Jail, with a court appearance in Yorktown on June 24, at which time the case will be transferred to County Court.

The male victim was able to break free after Alongi punctured one side of his neck, and thankfully, did not need medical attention or a trip to the hospital.

Alongi was a resident of Harrison.

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