

What Will Westchester Families Say If their Spring Break Flights are Cancelled?



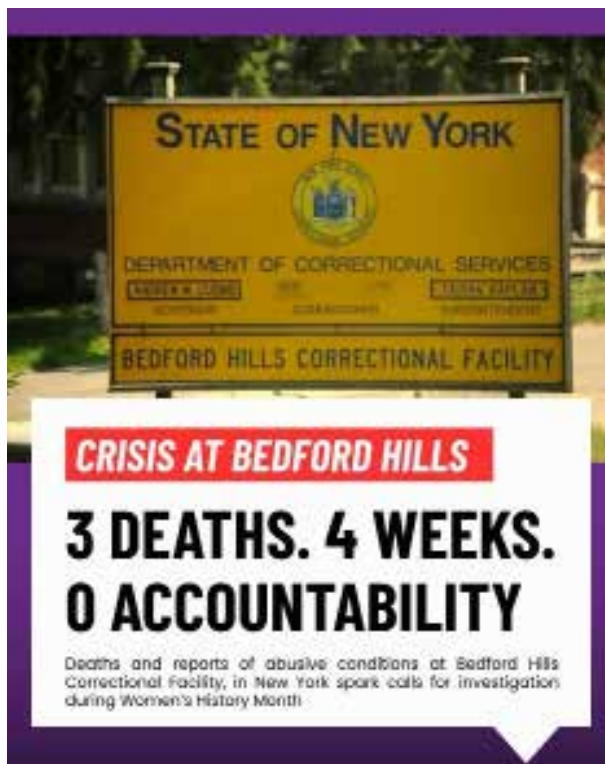
By Dan Murphy

With spring break in the Westchester schools approaching, many families will be getting ready to travel, take a flight, and visit family or enjoy warmer weather. Many will fly out of Westchester airport, which is by far the most convenient airport to depart from and arrive at in our area.

But Westchester Airport, HPN, like all airports across the country, is facing a shortage of Transportation Security Officers (TSOs), who are the uniformed federal employees responsible for the safety of the traveling public at airports and other transportation hubs across the United States. This year, about 50,000 of these frontline professionals are securing nearly 440 airports nationwide.

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Third Death in Four Weeks Rocks Bedford Hills Women's Prison



By Rebecca McCray, New York Focus

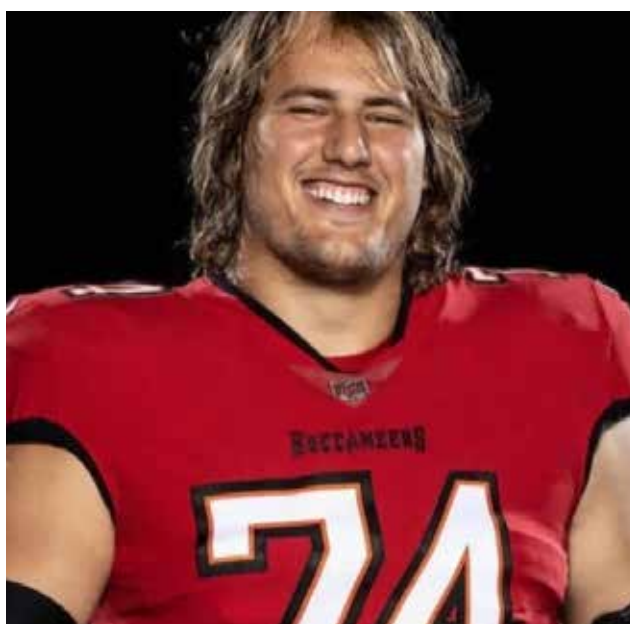
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Three women have died over the past month at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in Bedford, NY. | Photo: Prison Insight

Early Wednesday morning, 60-year-old Manuela "Mannie" Morgado was found dead in her unit at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility in an apparent suicide, according to people incarcerated with her and local advocates.

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Anti-Semitic Hate in Hastings Against A Super Bowl Champ and Native Son



By Dan Murphy

Ali Marpet may be the most successful football player ever to come out of Westchester. Marpet played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and, in 2021, won the Super Bowl with QB Tom Brady.

Marpet grew up in Hastings and attended Hastings High School. In 2023, the Village of Hastings renamed a street, Ali Marpet Way, in his honor. Ali still comes back to Hastings and continues his community service 5 years after his retirement from the NFL.

So it was disturbing to read reports from the Village and the Hastings Police Department that "On the morning of March 9, 2026, authorities were alerted to the presence of stickers containing hate speech placed in high-visibility areas, including a stop sign and the Ali Marpet Way sign located between the Farragut Middle School playground and Reynolds Field.



"The stickers were described by village officials as an "affront to Israel and Jewish people." Beyond the school-adjacent areas, similar hateful materials were discovered on several Village pay stations, suggesting a coordinated effort to spread bias across the community. While the stickers were found near school grounds, the Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District and the Village Police Department noted that there was no immediate evidence connecting the vandalism to the student body.

"An investigation was conducted, and the individual responsible for placing the stickers on the street signs was identified. Following consultation with the District Attorney's Office and a thorough review of the circumstances, it was determined that the facts of the case did not meet the legal threshold necessary to pursue criminal charges. No further information is available."

Marpet is Jewish and has been an active Birthright Israel alum. His background

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New Rochelle Contractor Arrested for Wage Theft from Employees...Again!

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By Dan Murphy

In 2024, we reported on the case of New Rochelle contractor Artemio Fuerte, who owned and operated Fuerte Construction. Fuerte was convicted on eight misdemeanor counts of wage theft and sentenced to three years of probation and a \$12,000 fine for failing to pay more than \$31,500 to eight workers he employed between 2020 and 2023 as painters, carpenters, and laborers.

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced on March 3

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Who Is The Button Man? And is He Good for St. Patrick's Day?



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Safer Streets for All: Plans and Progress



By Linnet Tse

Pedestrian and traffic safety—particularly for children traveling to and from school—was the focus of the March 10 Larchmont–Mamaroneck Local Summit breakfast program. Community advocates, engineers, and municipal officials discussed ongoing efforts to make streets safer for everyone, secure funding for improvements, and encourage more students to walk or bike to school.

Encouraging Safe Routes to School

Michael Smeets, founder of the Larchmont Mamaroneck Ped-Bike Alliance and co-chair of the Mamaroneck Safe Routes to School committee, opened the discussion by noting that far fewer students walk or bike to school today than in previous generations. Safety concerns, traffic congestion, and changing travel habits have all contributed to the shift.

Encouraging students to walk or bike to school, he said, not only reduces traffic congestion but also benefits children’s health and the environment while giving students a greater sense of independence and responsibility.

Smeets also noted that many Mamaroneck High School students in the Original Civic Research and Action program are involved in initiatives aimed at providing pedestrian and bicycle safety education to younger students.

Improvements on Mamaroneck Avenue

Elaine Du, P.E., Senior Technical Director of Traffic & Transportation at AKRF, who consulted with the Village of Mamaroneck following a tragic pedestrian accident in June 2024, described safety improvements implemented along the Mamaroneck Avenue corridor.

A rapid and comprehensive review led to several changes, including curb extensions that shorten crossing distances, bollards that better define pedestrian space, and intersections with “exclusive pedestrian phases,” allowing people to cross in all directions while vehicle traffic is stopped.

Dennis Delborgo, Assistant Village Manager for the Village of Mamaroneck, said the village is now moving forward with a second phase of improvements along the corridor. The estimated cost is about \$3 million, with roughly \$1.6 million expected to come from local sources. Funding is anticipated to come from a combination of grants, including Community Development Block Grants (HUD) and the County’s new Complete Streets Municipal Assistance Program.

Delborgo also highlighted several additional safety initiatives currently underway in the village.

The Challenge of Funding Safer Streets

Securing funding remains one of the greatest challenges municipalities face when pursuing infrastructure improvements.

Officials discussed the federal Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) program, which has allocated billions of dollars nationwide to support local road safety planning and implementation. The Village of Larchmont was the first community in the region to complete the program’s planning process, which analyzes crash data, identifies high-risk locations, and develops a comprehensive strategy combining engineering, education, enforcement, and public input.

Although the village applied for federal implementation funding last year, the application was unsuccessful. Officials plan to resubmit proposals this year and continue pursuing grants for priority projects, including improvements to Larchmont and Chatsworth Avenues near Chatsworth Avenue School.

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Eastchester Middle School Welcomes Holocaust Survivor Hanne Holsten

Hanne Holsten



Eastchester Middle School welcomed a very special visitor, as Holocaust survivor Hanne Holsten sat down with eighth graders to speak about her family’s harrowing escape from Nazi Germany in the wake of Kristallnacht (The Night of Broken Glass).

Along with her family, Holsten fled through the Netherlands to Belgium, then sought refuge in both England and Wales before ultimately settling in the United States when Hanne was just 10 years old.

Holsten’s story still resonates today, she explained, as it speaks not only to the unimaginable cruelty that people can be capable of, but also to the bravery of those who act with compassion and kindness in difficult times.

“In spite of the darkness, in spite of the brutality, there are always going to be people that are going to help the helpless and will be there to try and save them,” Holsten told the students. “But it’s your job, when you’re at school, clubs, wherever you are, when you see someone treating someone else without dignity, to stand up for them.”

Editor’s Note: If you get a chance, listen to the stories of our remaining Holocaust survivors and WWII Veterans.

Letter To the Editor

Eliminating All Taxes On Utility Bills

New York is facing an energy affordability crisis. Electricity and utility bills have risen nearly 47% since 2019, and families across the Hudson Valley are feeling the impact every single month. As a local official, I receive calls from constituents almost daily about their utility bills. In many conversations, it has become the primary concern. Quite simply, people are struggling to afford their energy costs.

I would like to thank Rob Rolison for recently introducing an amendment in the New York State Senate that would suspend all utility bill taxes and surcharges for one year, along with a two-year green energy tax holiday. This proposal would provide immediate relief for every household and business that pays a utility bill.

Today, government taxes, fees, and mandates account for roughly one-third of a typical customer’s utility bill. Reducing or suspending these costs, even temporarily, would provide meaningful relief to families and small businesses in Putnam Valley, throughout Putnam County, and across New York State who are dealing with rapidly rising utility costs.

We have taken similar steps before when residents were facing financial pressure. In 2022, Putnam County temporarily removed the local tax on motor fuel and capped the sales tax at \$2.00 per gallon from June 1 through December 1. The goal was to pass savings directly to consumers, and it worked.

People in our communities are struggling with affordability. They are asking for a plan—and they expect action.

The solution does not have to be complicated. We need a serious, immediate strategy to lower the cost of utility bills for New Yorkers.

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Westchester’s Big Three Mayors Detail Economic Growth and Housing Strategies



From left, Moderator Kevin Plunkett of Simone Development Companies; BOMA Westchester President Robert McNamara of GHP Office Realty; White Plains Mayor Justin Brasch; New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano

The Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) recently hosted the mayors of Westchester County’s three largest cities — Yonkers, New Rochelle, and White Plains—for a comprehensive economic update. Mayors Mike Spano, Yadira Ramos-Herbert, and Justin Brasch shared a unified vision of aggressive revitalization, highlighting over 23,000 combined new housing units and a commitment to urban safety and sustainability.

Yonkers: A Model for Urban Success

Mayor Mike Spano detailed the ongoing transformation of Yonkers, backed by \$5 billion in revitalization projects. With a 90% high school graduation rate and a ranking as the 39th happiest city in America, Yonkers has authorized 12,000 new housing units, 22% of which are designated as affordable. Spano also highlighted the city’s burgeoning film industry and the strategic “Medical Mile” partnership between St. John’s and Montefiore.

New Rochelle: Infrastructure and Innovation

Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert emphasized New Rochelle’s proactive approach to density, with 11,000 housing units authorized and a focus on reaching 20% affordability. Key initiatives include the \$2.25 million tenant improvement program and “The Link” project—a transformational waterfront and stormwater mitigation effort slated to break ground in Q4.

White Plains: Sustainable Commercial Leadership

Mayor Justin Brash noted that White Plains continues to command a 39% share of the county’s commercial leasing. Brash advocated for adaptive reuse of aging structures into affordable condos and emphasized a “pro-business, pro-safety” environment. He specifically called for state support to increase affordable housing requirements in major projects, such as the Galleria redevelopment, from 12% to 25%.

A Call for State and Federal Partnership

While celebrating record growth, all three mayors stressed that addressing municipal pension liabilities and rising healthcare costs requires innovative fiscal tools, such as pension-splitting. The leaders concluded with a collective call for increased state and federal intervention to ensure Westchester remains affordable for the workforce driving its economic engine.

The annual event, which was held on March 12 at 360 Hamilton Avenue in White Plains, was moderated by Kevin Plunkett, Director of Strategic Initiatives, Simone Development Companies.

BOMA Westchester is the county’s leading professional organization dedicated to meeting the needs of building owners, property managers and allied professionals and tradespeople.

Attorney General James Calls on Congress to Pass Legislation Requiring Tariff Refunds

New York Attorney General Letitia James today co-led a coalition of 17 other attorneys general in urging Congress to pass legislation that would require the government to provide swift refunds for extra costs paid by businesses and consumers due to President Trump’s illegal tariffs. On February 20, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Attorney General James and a coalition of 11 other states and struck down tariffs the Trump administration imposed under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA). Businesses and individuals nationwide have been charged approximately \$166 billion in unlawful IEEPA tariffs, which resulted in higher prices that disproportionately strained low-income consumers’ finances. Attorney General James and the coalition are calling on Congress to pass new legislation that would require the Trump administration to reimburse importers for these illegal tariff charges with interest and encourage businesses that passed along direct tariff costs to consumers to reimburse their customers who ultimately bore the financial burden.

“New Yorkers were charged illegal taxes for months because of this administration’s tariff policy. Now they deserve a refund,” said Attorney General James. “These tariffs hurt businesses across our state and raised the cost of groceries, clothes, and other essentials. If this administration won’t do the right thing and give New Yorkers their money back, Congress must step in to get justice for consumers and businesses.”

In April 2025, President Trump imposed sweeping tariffs on countries across the globe by claiming he had the authority to do so under IEEPA. Shortly after, Attorney General James and a coalition of 11 other attorneys general sued the administration, arguing that IEEPA does not give the president the power to impose tariffs. On February 20, 2026, Attorney General James and the coalition won their lawsuit at the Supreme Court, which struck down the IEEPA tariffs. While the Supreme Court did not make a decision regarding tariff reimbursements, the administration had repeatedly committed in court filings that they would need to refund tariff costs with interest if the IEEPA tariffs were ruled unlawful.

The tariffs imposed significant costs on New York businesses and consumers throughout the state who have been charged an estimated \$13.5 billion as a result of the president’s tariffs. In January 2026 alone, New York consumers paid over a billion dollars in tariff-driven price increases.

In a letter to House and Senate leadership, Attorney General James and the coalition are urging Congress to pass legislation requiring the administration to issue automatic tariff refunds as soon as possible. In addition, Attorney General James and the coalition urge Congress to hold accountable the businesses that directly passed on tariff costs to consumers and other businesses. Importers that raised prices due to tariff costs should pass the benefit of the refunds they receive to those who ultimately bore the financial burden of the administration’s illegal tariffs. Congress should also consider other ways to address the economic burden that the most financially vulnerable had to bear because of the administration’s illegal policy. As the attorneys general assert, prices of cheaper products rose faster than prices of more expensive goods as a result of the tariffs, disproportionately impacting low-income consumers.

Bronx Man Convicted of Home Invasion-Burglary in Ossining

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that a Bronx man was convicted at trial Thursday of Burglary in the Second Degree, a class C felony, and a related misdemeanor for committing a home-invasion burglary in February 2025. Lorenzo Chambers, 35, will be sentenced on April 14 before Judge Robert Prisco.

DA Cacace said: “The consequences of a home invasion burglary reach far beyond the underlying theft. Breaching the sanctity of someone’s home leaves lasting psychological scars that can linger for years. I am grateful that the police managed to apprehend this defendant so quickly after his crimes. We will seek to ensure that he is held fully accountable in our sentencing submission.”

On Feb. 12, 2025, the defendant broke into a home on S. Highland Ave., in Ossining, while the homeowners were present. He stole a silver necklace, silver bracelet, sunglasses, a snap-on socket and a jar full of coins. After fleeing the premises, he was apprehended by members of the Ossining Police Department while en route to the nearby Metro-North train station. The investigation was conducted by the Ossining Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Marissa Morra-Wynn and Victoria Clarkson.

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Girls Are Being Educated But Are They Happier?



By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

Across the United States, girls are succeeding in school at levels never seen before. They earn higher grades, graduate at higher rates, and now receive the majority of college degrees in America. In the world of academia, from elementary school to university lecture halls, girls and women are taking the lead. But behind the success, there's a serious question: are girls actually happier today, or just more pressured than ever before?

For centuries, women were told to stay home. Then they were told that education was the key to opportunity. Work hard, go to college, build a career, and life would improve. In many ways, that promise has come true. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, women now earn more bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees than men. Black women, in particular, are enrolling in HBCUs, community colleges, and Ivy League institutions in large numbers.

Yet at the same time, studies show that teenage girls report higher levels of stress, anxiety, and depression than previous generations. Researchers from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have found that girls are more likely than boys to report feeling sad, hopeless, or overwhelmed. Guidance counselors across the country say the pressure on young women today is intense. They are expected to succeed in school, look perfect online, stay out of trouble, plan their future early, and still enjoy their youth — all at the same time.

Social media has added a new layer of pressure that previous generations never faced. Girls today grow up in a world where every picture, every outfit, and every moment is open for critique. Platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and Snapchat have created a culture where comparison never stops, and bullying can happen at any time. Many girls feel that they have to be smart, successful, attractive, confident, and popular all at once. That kind of pressure can follow them from middle school all the way into adulthood.

There is also a growing expectation that young women must do everything, especially in 2026. Women are encouraged to pursue careers, earn degrees, become leaders, and still balance relationships, family, and personal happiness. While these opportunities are a sign of progress, they can also create stress that earlier generations did not experience in the same way.

Of course, none of this means that girls today would want fewer opportunities. Education, independence, and freedom are important achievements. But success does not always mean life feels easier. In fact, for many young women, success now comes with more responsibility, more competition, and more pressure than ever before.

A century ago, girlhood was often limited by expectation. Stay in the house. Learn to cook. Be a good wife. Today, it is shaped by possibility — but also by pressure. As girls continue to lead in the classroom, the country may need to ask not only how successful they are, but how the hell they feel.

Dennis Richmond, Jr. (@NewYorkStakz) is a journalist, historian, and educator from Yonkers, NY. He writes to uplift unheard voices, honor history, and inspire change.

State Police Make Two More Drunk Driving Arrests with Kids in the Car



Mahopac Man had three kids in the car: Peekskill Man Driving at 344AM

Mahopac man charged with Leandra's Law on the Taconic State Parkway

On March 15, 2026, at approximately 9:59 p.m., New York State Police at Stormville (SP Stormville) conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling northbound on the Taconic State Parkway in the town of Yorktown for violations of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. During the stop, the operator, identified as Anthony T. Mercado, 34, of Mahopac, displayed signs of intoxication. Standardized field sobriety tests were administered, which Mercado failed. Further investigation revealed that three children, ages 3, 7 and 9, were in the vehicle at the time of the stop.

Mercado was taken into custody and transported to SP Stormville for processing, where he submitted to a chemical breath test that yielded a blood alcohol content of 0.12%. The children were safely released to a sober third party.

As a result of the investigation, Mercado was charged with:

- Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger (Leandra's Law), a class E felony
- Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor
- Vehicle and Traffic Law violations

Mercado was issued traffic tickets returnable to the Town of Yorktown Court on April 15, 2026, at 10 a.m.

Peekskill man charged with Leandra's Law following traffic stop

On March 8, 2026, at approximately 3:44 a.m., New York State Police from the Cortlandt Barracks (SP Cortlandt) conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling northbound on N. James Street in the City of Peekskill for a violation of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law. During the stop, the operator, identified as Jorge Quizhpi, 47, of Peekskill, New York, displayed signs of intoxication. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were administered, which Quizhpi subsequently failed. Further investigation revealed that a child, age 4, was in the vehicle at the time of the stop. Quizhpi was taken into custody and transported to SP Cortlandt for processing, where he refused to submit to a chemical breath test. The child was safely released to a sober third party.

As a result of the investigation, Quizhpi was charged with the following:

- Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger (Leandra's Law), a class E felony
- Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor

Quizhpi was arraigned in Westchester County Centralized Arraignment Court and released on his own recognizance. He is scheduled to appear before the City of Peekskill Court on March 12, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Mount Pleasant Town Board Approves Voting Rights Act Lawsuit Settlement

The Town Board approved a settlement to a lawsuit alleging that its current at-large election system violates the New York Voting Rights Act.

Before the Tuesday night vote, Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi told the public that the settlement is a best-case option since the Town faced an uncertain verdict, including the possible imposition of a more punitive remedy.

“This was a very hard-fought case,” said Supervisor Fulgenzi. “We had some great advice from counsel, our own and the (outside) counsel that we had, and I think the Town Board had a very difficult time with this. We have to say, Let’s stop the bleeding. We don’t want to spend more taxpayer dollars, but we also want to be fair to our voters, and we think that this would be the best resolution.”

Following more than two years of litigation, the settlement with the plaintiffs ends the lawsuit and modifies how Town Board members are elected. The Town’s at-large voting system will be replaced with a district system beginning in the fall of 2027.

The settlement will increase the Town Board membership to six (6) Town Board members plus the Supervisor (who will still be elected at-large) effective for the 2027 elections. The election of the Town Clerk, Highway Superintendent, Receiver of Taxes and court judges is unaffected by the settlement.

The compromise proposes a three-district system for the Town:

One district represents the entire Village of Pleasantville.

A second district encompasses the majority of the Village of Sleepy Hollow.

The third district encompasses the unincorporated areas of the Town and have four Town Board members who are elected at-large within the third district.

The Town will provide more information about these changes to all residents in advance of the 2027 elections. A full copy of the settlement is posted online.

Recently, the New York Court of Appeals rejected a constitutional challenge to the NYVRA by the Town of Newburgh. Following that decision, and in advance of trial, the Town of Newburgh settled claims that its election system violated the NYVRA and agreed to change its electoral process.

The settlement includes a \$1.425 million payment for the plaintiffs’ attorney fees, most of which will be paid by the Town’s insurer.

Yorktown Celebrates New York State Maple Weekends March 21, 22 & 28,29



Yorktown will celebrate New York State Maple Weekend on March 21-22 and 28-29 with events highlighting the local maple syrup industry.

The festivities kick off with the annual Pancake Breakfast at the Yorktown Grange Hall. The celebration continues in the afternoon at White Oak Farm, which will host an open house and demonstration of maple syrup production. Visitors can learn about the process and purchase a variety of maple syrup products directly from the farm.

“Yorktown is proud to celebrate the rich tradition of New York’s maple season in our own backyard,” said Supervisor Ed Lachterman. “From the community camaraderie at the Grange Hall pancake breakfast to the impressive operations at White Oak Farm, these two weekends offer unique opportunities for families to connect with our agricultural roots and support the local producers who make our town so special.”

In 2024, New York produced 846,000 gallons of maple syrup, making the state the second largest producer in the U.S. behind Vermont, according to the state Department of Agriculture. White Oak Farm is the southernmost commercial maple syrup producer in New York.

Event Information:

Maple Breakfast:

Location: Yorktown Grange Hall, 99 Moseman Road, Yorktown Heights

Dates: March 21, 22, 28, and 29

Seatings: 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM, and 11:00 AM on Saturdays and 10 and 11 a.m. on Sundays.

Tickets: Adults (age 13+): \$25, Children (age 4-12): \$15, Children (under 3): Free

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May 2027	13%
June 2027	14%

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Bedford Hills Women's Prison, continued from pg 1-

Pamela Smart, incarcerated with Morgado, said she watched in disbelief as staff attempted to resuscitate her longtime friend. "I watched the whole heart-breaking thing, but there was nothing they could do. ... I will never forget how blue her feet were," Smart told New York Focus over the prison messaging service.

Morgado, who was serving a sentence of 20 years-to-life for killing her young child, is the third person to die at the state's only maximum security women's prison in the past four weeks. Their deaths come at a time of mounting frustrations within the facility.

Tracy Morales, another woman who died there this month, also died by suicide, according to advocates and people currently or formerly incarcerated at Bedford Hills. An online obituary attributes the death of the third, Shamdai Arjun, to cancer.

"It's an anomaly, and a concerning anomaly, to see three deaths" in early 2026, said Sumeet Sharma, director of the Correctional Association of New York, a nonprofit tasked with overseeing prison conditions. Between 2020 and 2025, there were seven deaths in total at Bedford Hills.

The deaths will be reviewed by the State Commission of Correction, said Thomas Mailey, director of public information for the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision. Any death that appears to be from something other than natural causes "is thoroughly investigated by New York State Police and DOCCS' Office of Special Investigations," he said.

The increase in deaths mirrors a broader trend in the state's prisons in 2026, according to Sharma. Last year, there were 130 deaths total in the state's prisons. As of today, there have been 31 reported deaths in New York prisons since the year started. If the deaths continue at that pace, there would be roughly 180 deaths by the end of the year, more than any year since at least 2020, according to data analyzed by the Correctional Association of New York.

Suicides in particular have been on the rise: 2024 saw more than double the usual number of suicides across New York's state prisons, the Correctional Association found. Sharma partially attributes the rise in deaths to ongoing staffing issues throughout the DOCCS system. Staffing shortages existed even before a corrections officers strike last year, from which the system is still recovering, and have resulted in more limited access to medical care and programming.

Morales was housed in a therapeutic behavioral unit at Bedford Hills. Morgado was housed in an "honor" unit called Fiske cottage accessible only to incarcerated people who have maintained good disciplinary records.

Living in Fiske cottage comes with privileges not afforded to the general population, like access to a large kitchen and a private yard. Kelly Harnett, who served seven years at Bedford Hills and described herself as a close friend of Morgado's, recalled how the unit changed her friend's life after she moved there from the general population. "Mannie wanted peace and quiet, and that's what she got," said Harnett.

Outside the honor unit, the prison's atmosphere has dramatically changed in recent months, according to currently and formerly incarcerated people, advocates, and prison watchdogs.

In the fall, Bedford Hills appointed Michel Blot, a longtime DOCCS employee, as the prison's deputy superintendent of security. Blot has faced allegations of abuse at other prisons in the state. Blot could not immediately be reached for comment. In response to questions about Blot's track record, Mailey said the prison agency "does not tolerate violence or abuse of any kind in our correctional facilities" and that the department "will hold accountable any individuals found to have committed abuse or violence inside its facilities and will refer cases for prosecution as appropriate."

After Blot's arrival, women who previously had some freedom of movement outside of their cells reported being confined for extended periods of time, according to Sharma, whose colleagues conducted a monitoring visit on behalf of the Correctional Association roughly three weeks ago. Women are now required to sign up for any out-of-cell activity, including a shower. To supplement showers, Sharma and Smart said, incarcerated people were given buckets and told to wash themselves using the sinks in their cells.

Mailey disputed the notion that prisoners were worse off. "The allegations regarding recent operational changes at Bedford Hills Correctional Facility are inaccurate and misleading," he said in an email. "Beginning November 10, 2025, additional structure was implemented in five units that previously had minimal control, contributing to frequent fights and safety concerns. Incarcerated individuals now sign up for showers, kitchen access, phones, and laundry using scheduled time slots to ensure fair access. Shower access has not been eliminated or limited."

Women in Fiske were insulated from some of the new restrictions, according to Smart. But Morgado recently received a disciplinary ticket that put her at risk of being sent back to the more restrictive general population after years in the honors cottage. Smart and Harnett said she was very upset.

Vanessa Santiago, a community leader and canvasser with the Release Aging People in Prison campaign, served 22 years at Bedford Hills and said she was also a friend of Morgado's. During Santiago's time in prison, she said she tried to take her life more than once.

"It's very hard to keep your sanity when every little thing is scrutinized, and it feels like you're being punished for every little thing," Santiago told New York Focus. "If she did commit suicide, I understand why."

Smart remembers her friend as a talented artist, whose work still decorates the walls of the honor cottage. "She exuded light and joy in every space she entered," said Smart. "I cannot believe she is gone."

Next week: Senator Harckham and Assemblyman Burdick call for an investigation, and online petitions to help the inmates.

Westchester Public Golf Courses to Open March 25



Golfers, dust off those clubs and get ready to tee off! Westchester County's six public golf courses — Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake in Yonkers, Maple Moor in White Plains, Saxon Woods in Scarsdale, Hudson Hills in Ossining and Mohansic in Yorktown Heights — are scheduled to open for the 2026 season on Wednesday, March 25, weather and conditions permitting.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Spring in Westchester means it's time to return to the fairways. Our six outstanding public courses provide exceptional playing conditions, scenic beauty and welcoming environments for golfers of every ability. Whether you're chasing a personal best, enjoying a relaxing round with friends or introducing someone new to the game, our courses deliver a first-class experience right here at home."

Tee time reservations may be made online (non-Park Pass holder) or by phoning the individual courses. Walk-up reservations will be accepted. All courses feature onsite restaurants, halfway houses and full-service pro shops. Driving ranges are available at Dunwoodie, Mohansic, Saxon Woods and Sprain Lake. Any available E-Z Reserve spots will be sold at the courses. E-Z Reserve allows golfers with a Westchester County Park Pass to secure a regular Saturday or Sunday tee time for a period of 30 weeks. For more information and reservation, visit. <https://golf.westchestercountyny.gov/greens-and-rental-fees/>

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Airport Chaos, continued from pg 1-

That number was before another partial government shutdown froze funding for the Department of Homeland Security, due to a lack of funding. And these TSOs, who don't get paid much, haven't been paid for more than one month, resulting in thousands of TSOs calling in sick or quitting their jobs.

For now, air travelers across the country are facing extra-long lines to check their bags and board. But some are speculating that if the shutdown continues, it could lead to flight cancellations or airport closures.

Acting Deputy TSA Administrator Adam Stahl recently stated that the agency is in a "serious situation." Stahl warned that if sick call rates continue to climb, the agency may have to "quite literally shut down airports," specifically citing smaller regional airports as the most vulnerable. Is HPN one of those smaller regional airports? Much depends on how many TSA staff assigned to HPN don't show up, and if the check-point can be fully manned.

On March 16 Westchester County Airport (HPN) experienced significant travel disruptions due to severe weather impacting the region. Approximately 34 percent of flights have been cancelled, and delays are averaging 60 minutes or greater.

Which brings us to the partial government shutdown. Who is to blame? Here are Westchester's two Congressmen in their own words.

Congressman George Latimer: "The republican majority presented a budget bill for the department of homeland security that is not at all different from the ones they presented us over the past two months. That is the basis for a current shutdown in that department only. The bill itself does not address concerns that many of us have having watched the incidents on the streets of Minneapolis and other places.

That the actions of ICE have become unrestricted, that they do not follow normal police protocol that we are accustomed to seeing in our county, village or city police -where officers are unmasked, where officers have badges and body cams so that they can function in a certain way interacting with citizens

ICE alone has been empowered by this president to act outside of those parameters. We want to see a change. When we see the death of Renee Good or Alex Pretti on the streets of Minneapolis, we know something is wrong. And we hear numerous stories of American citizens that are being detained and being accused of being domestic terrorists because they are protesting or filming actions that ICE agents are taking.

The aggressiveness of the ICE agents have been justified by the administration, by Kristi Noem, and by the President because they are going after the most dangerous people, the vile criminals who are immigrants. There's no opposition in this country to going after vile criminals and grabbing them off the streets and deporting them. But that's not who they are going after. You don't find them when you hang outside of a school. You don't find them in the kitchen of a restaurant.

You're trying to mass deport a large number of people regardless of what their behavior has been like in this country. We have a system that is in dire need of reform. In order for us to support a budget that helps move ICE forward, we want to see that reform. This administration and this majority has been unwilling to negotiate with us in fairness.

Congressman Mike Lawler, who has voted with his republican caucus to fund the entire government, said "This shutdown never should have happened in the first place. From day one, it was clear that Chuck Schumer and Hakeem Jeffries were more interested in political games to appease their radical left base than in governing.

"I've said from Day 1 that nobody wins in a government shutdown — least of all the families in New York's 17th District who rely on veterans' care, Social Security, Medicare and other essential services.

I meant it when I fought to avert shutdowns in the past, and I mean it now.

A shutdown throws families into limbo — furloughs, frozen paychecks and bills piling up. Each week the government stays dark costs our economy billions; markets get skittish, and investment stalls from Main Street to Wall Street.

That's not "better" for anyone except the political arsonists cheering from the sidelines. That's why I've consistently pushed for responsible appropriations, fiscal discipline and secure borders — and why I've worked across the aisle when that's what it took to keep the lights on.

I've said it before, and I'll repeat it: Compromise is not a dirty word; it's how you govern," said Lawler.

In an open letter to Congress, 10 CEO's of Major Airlines, wrote

"There are very few issues upon which 9 out of 10 Americans agree. However, in recent polling, 93 percent of your constituents across the country supported paying federal aviation workers during government shutdowns. That comes as no surprise. Americans—who live in your districts and home states—are tired of long lines at airports, travel delays and flight cancellations caused by shutdown after shutdown.

"Yet, once again air travel is the political football amid another government shutdown. This problem is solvable, and there are solutions on the table. Now it's up to you, Congress, to move forward on bipartisan proposals that will get federal aviation workers—including TSA officers, U.S. Customs clearance officers at airports and air traffic controllers—paid during shutdowns.

"First, leaders should immediately come together to reach an agreement to fund the Department of Homeland Security. Then they need to act so this problem never happens again. Specifically, Congress should pass the Aviation Funding Solvency Act and the Aviation Funding Stability Act, which would guarantee air traffic controllers are paid regardless of the government's funding status, as well as the Keep America Flying Act, which would provide the same protections to TSA officers who are tasked every day with keeping Americans secure in the skies.

"With spring break travel in full swing, FIFA World Cup 2026 right around the corner and celebrations for America's 250th birthday throughout the year, the stakes are especially high," end of letter.

As we go to press, The Trump administration has offered a compromise. In a letter to US Senators Collins and Britt, Border Czar Tom Homan writes that the administration will

- expand the use of body cameras and have officers ID clearly displayed
- limit civil enforcement at "sensitive locations"
- increase detention facility oversight.

And House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries started a discharge petition Wednesday to force a vote on funding TSA, Coast Guard, FEMA, CISA, and Secret Service through September, deliberately excluding ICE and CBP over alleged misconduct. I can assure Reps Latimer and Lawler that they do not want to hear from their constituents if there spring break flights are cancelled.

Notice of formation of Kuya Gee in Motion, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/21/2025. 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, 109 Amherst Dr., Yonkers, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of MAX-D Home Improvements, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 3/10/2026. Office Location: Westchester County . SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Diana Perez, 107 North Broadway Apt 3B, Tarrytown, New York 10591. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of JJ VILL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/2025. 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, 64 Mountindale Road, Yonkers , NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of JB HUDSON LINE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/20/2026. Office location: Westchester County, NY. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 59 Alta Vista Dr, Yonkers, NY, 10710. Purpose: any lawful activity.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) IN THE FAMILY COURT FOR THE
 COUNTY OF BEAUFORT) FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 KATHLEEN STEINBERG,)
 Plaintiff,)
 v.)
 JACQUELINE STONE, SHANQUIL)
 KASSIN MCFEV, and JOHN DOE,)
 Defendants.)


NOTICE OF PENDING ADOPTION PROCEEDING
 S.C. Code Ann. § 63-9-730

2026-DR-07-0015

TO: The Above-Named Defendants McFev and Doe:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that within thirty (30) days of receipt of this notice, you are required to respond in writing by filing with the Beaufort County Family Court any reasons to contest this adoption. Further, you must inform the Beaufort County Family Court of your current address and any changes to your address during the pendency of this adoption proceeding. FAILURE TO FILE A RESPONSE WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE CONSTITUTES CONSENT TO ADOPTION OF THE CHILD WHO IS THE SUBJECT OF THIS ACTION AND FOREFEITURE OF ALL RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THIS MINOR CHILD.

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December 15, 2025
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SUMMONS

2026-DR-07-0015

TO: The Above-Named Defendants:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to answer the Verified Complaint in this action, a copy of which is hereby served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer to the said Verified Complaint on the subscriber at: **Physical Address:** 1251 May River Road, Bluffton, South Carolina 29910, or **Mailing Address:** P.O. Box 769, Bluffton, South Carolina 29910, within thirty (30) days after service thereof, exclusive of the day of such service, and if you fail to appear and defend against the said action, then judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Verified Complaint.

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November 25, 2025
 Bluffton, South Carolina

Who Is The Button Man?

Safer Streets, continued from pg 2-

By Dan Murphy

As the 69th Annual Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue kicks off this Saturday, one of my favorite things to do is to say hello to "The Button man" Dennis Dunn. Dunn has become one of the "Rock Stars" of the Yonkers parade, with hundreds wanting to get a photograph with him or just say Happy St. Patrick's Day.

But there was a time when the traditionalists in the parade committee didn't really approve of The Button man. That changed once the parade moved from South Broadway to McLean Avenue, and Dennis can be found every parade day holding court outside Rory Dolan's, which is a landmark for the parade and to get a bite or a drink...if you can get in.

Dunn has appeared on the Today Show and on many of the NBCTV NY's coverage of the NYC Parade. And although there are other parades that The Button man can be found at, it is the mighty NYC parade, and the Yonkers Parade on McLean that he is most known for; Dunn can be found outside of St. Patrick's Cathedral every St. Patrick's Day.

How did this all come to be?

"I had a Blarney Stone sweater that was given to me by my grandmother the last time she went to Ireland, so I cherished that sweater. In 1981, when I was 18, I started going out to the pubs and would pin buttons on my sweater. It was a good way to meet girls, who would ask about the buttons.

"The collection grew, and as it did, it became harder and harder to find new buttons, so I started going back down to the parades to try to find new ones. When I went down to the parade, I became a media sensation - everybody wanted pictures with me. I just kept doing it, and here we are 40 years later, and I'm still going.

Dunn's tall frame helps him stand out in the crowd of parade goers.

"People will see others coming up to me at the parade in New York City for photos and ask who I am. I'll say -don't you know, I'm the button man.' It's a lot of fun. I've been doing this for a long time."

Dunn was born in the Bronx but moved with his family to Yonkers in 1978. After leaving Yonkers, he moved back to Yonkers for good.

To many Irish Americans, St. Patrick's Day is a day to celebrate their Irish ancestry, and for Dunn, it is no different. "I grew up in an Irish family, so St. Patrick's Day is a holiday for me. It's a celebration of our Irish heritage."

You can also find The Button man making the rounds along McLean Avenue to the many pubs, where he is always welcomed and appreciated after the parade.

"My 15 minutes of fame come this time every year. If you ever told me way back in 1981, I would be one of the most famous spectators of the St Paddy's Day parade, I wouldn't have believed you."

The one thing that is so special about Dennis Dunn is how he has created this unique persona that has become a big part of the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day parade. He has brought joy to thousands of parade attendees through the Button man.

And although my drinking days are behind me, I can't think of another person I would enjoy hitting the pubs on McLean after the Yonkers parade.

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Dennis, and thanks for all the memories and lives you have touched. The Button man is truly a Grand way of celebration, and it shows that there are different ways to celebrate your Irish heritage. And remember everyone is Irish for that day!

Notice of formation of Rat Attack Snacks, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/2/2026. 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, 516 Park Avenue Yonkers NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Supreme Site Safety, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/2026. 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, 318 Mile Square Road, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Monte Builders Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/2026. 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, 23 Bronxville Ln Yonkers, NY 10708. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of DoubleStripe Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/7/2026. 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, 23 Mt. Joy Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of MPMX, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/2025 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, 8 Lane Street Fl. 1 Yonkers, NY 10601 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Infinity Strategies Group LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on September 1, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 255 Huguenot Street, Apt 913, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Hardcore In The 914 LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/5/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Hardcore In The 914 8 Arden Drive, Hartsdale New York 10530. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Digital Infrastructure Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/25. Office: Westchester County. NY DOS designated as agent for service of process; DOS shall mail copy of process to 7 Ridgeway Cir White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Ongoing Work in the Town of Mamaroneck

Robert Wasp, Town Engineer for the Town of Mamaroneck, reminded the audience that the town continues to implement an extensive capital improvement program. "This type of work has to be a routine, ongoing investment," Wasp said. "Your infrastructure always needs improvements."

He cited numerous recent projects, including traffic signal upgrades, ADA-compliant curb ramps, sidewalk extensions, new sidewalks, and improved crosswalks. The Weaver Street sidewalk project—nearly ten years in the making—is nearing completion and will add approximately 1,300 linear feet of new sidewalk.

Sidewalk projects, Wasp noted, are often more complex than they appear. They can involve underground utilities, drainage work, relocating utility poles, and sometimes acquiring property, all of which increase both costs and timelines.

The town also recently adopted a speed hump policy requiring support from at least 75 percent of nearby residents before installation. Two speed humps have already been installed on Colonial Avenue, with a third planned for New Jefferson Street later this year.

Boston Post Road

Another major project involves planned improvements along Boston Post Road, a state road. Repaving work originally scheduled for 2026 has been postponed to allow NYS Department of Transportation to consider pedestrian and bicycle safety upgrades requested by municipal officials and community advocates.

State transportation officials held a well-attended public open house last June and will host a second session on April 16 from 5–7 p.m. at Mamaroneck High School to gather community input. Smeets encouraged residents to attend, calling it "a once-in-a-generation opportunity to make Boston Post Road safer for everyone—people who drive, people who walk, and people who bike."

Throughout the discussion, speakers emphasized that improving street safety requires cooperation across municipal boundaries. Despite funding uncertainties and the high cost of infrastructure improvements, participants expressed optimism that steady progress is being made. Panelists stressed the importance of continuing to develop plans so projects can move forward when funding becomes available.

The shared goal, they said, is simple: streets where children—and everyone else—can travel safely, whether walking, biking, or driving.

The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit is an informal community council that seeks to make a better life for the community by keeping it informed of major issues of concern. Our next meeting, on April 14 at 8 am at the Nautilus Diner in Mamaroneck, will feature Congressman George Latimer. For more information: <https://www.localsummitlm.org/>. To view recorded programs on LMC Media: <https://lmcmedia.org/>.

Notice of Formation of Lifestyle Rehabilitation, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/27/2025. 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, 56 Martha Place, Chappaqua, NY, 10514. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

Notice of Formation of YureeshStyle LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 35 S Broadway, K6, Irvington, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Israelov Law, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 01/27/2026. Office Location: Westchester. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is: 51 Nethermont Ave, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Senara & Co, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/29/2026. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served is 455 Tarrytown Road, Suite 1307, White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose/character of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. 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 Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of S.I.T. Staying In Touch LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 25, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. New York Secretary of State designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. New York Secretary of State shall mail process to: Donald George McIntosh III, 137 Morningside Pl, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of FOREVER JADE LLC, filed with SSNY on 02/10/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC: ZENBUSINESS INC. 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
 COUNTY OF NEW YORK

Index No.: 51109/2025
 Summons filed on: 12/05/2025

Anabel Cruz Garcia
 Plaintiff, FILED
 - against -
 Erick Figueroa Gonzalez
 Defendant.

Plaintiff designates New York County as the place for trial.
 The basis of venue is: Plaintiff's residence.
 SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

TIMOTHY C. IDONI
 COUNTY CLERK
 COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
 Plaintiff resides at:
 60 Clarendon Ave. Apt. 2
 Yonkers, NY 10701

ACTION FOR A DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the notice set forth below.

Dated: 12/05/2025

Anabel Cruz Garcia, Plaintiff
 60 Clarendon Ave. Apt. 2
 Yonkers, NY 10701
 (914) 498-3770

NOTICE: The nature of this action is to dissolve the marriage between the parties, on the grounds: Irretrievable Breakdown in Relationship for at Least Six Months - DRL § 170(7)

The relief sought is judgment of absolute divorce in favor of the Plaintiff dissolving the marriage between the parties in this action. I am not requesting any ancillary relief.

AND any other relief the court deems fit and proper.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
 COUNTY OF NEW YORK

Index No.: 51109/2025

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 Erick Figueroa Gonzalez
 Defendant.

VERIFIED COMPLAINT
 ACTION FOR DIVORCE

TIMOTHY C. IDONI
 COUNTY CLERK
 COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

FIRST: Plaintiff herein, complaining of the Defendant, alleges that the parties are over the age of 18 years and;

SECOND: The Plaintiff has resided in New York State for a continuous period of at least two years immediately preceding the commencement of this divorce action.

THIRD: The Plaintiff and the Defendant were married on February 1, 2023 in Yonkers, Westchester County, NY.

The marriage was not performed by a clergyman, minister or by a leader of the Society for Ethical Culture.

FOURTH: There are no children of the marriage under the age of 21.

The Plaintiff resides at 60 Clarendon Ave. Apt. 2, Yonkers, NY 10701.

The Defendant resides at 60 Clarendon Ave. Apt. 2, Yonkers, NY 10701.

FIFTH: The grounds for divorce is Irretrievable Breakdown in Relationship for at Least Six Months - DRL § 170(7):

That the relationship between Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months.

SIXTH: There is no judgment of divorce and no other matrimonial action between the parties pending in this court or in any other court of competent jurisdiction.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant as follows: A judgment dissolving the marriage between the parties AND I am not requesting any ancillary relief.

DIY Form

AND any other relief the court deems fit and proper.

Dated: 12/05/2025

Anabel Cruz Garcia
 60 Clarendon Ave. Apt. 2
 Yonkers, NY 10701
 (914) 498-3770

I, Anabel Cruz Garcia, the Plaintiff in the above action for a divorce, affirm this 5th day of December, 2025, under the penalties of perjury, under the laws of New York, which may include a fine or imprisonment, that I have read the foregoing complaint and know the contents thereof. The contents are true to my knowledge except as to matters alleged on information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true, and I understand that this document may be filed in an action or proceeding in a court of law.

Anabel Cruz Garcia

3 that Fuerte was re-arrested and charged with new felony offenses for allegedly stealing over \$50,000 in wages from his workers.

Fuerte, 40, was arraigned in New Rochelle City Court on one count each of Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a class C felony, and Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, a class E felony, as well as five counts of Failure to Pay Wages When Due Under Labor Law, a class A misdemeanor.

Judge Michelle Bernstein released Fuerte on his own recognizance as none of the charges are bail eligible. He was due back in court on March 12.

DA Cacace said: "As my office has alleged in a felony complaint, these hard-working employees were taken advantage of by the defendant to the tune of over \$50,000. Deliberately withholding wages from your employees is not a book-keeping trick, it is a crime. I stand with the labor community in demanding that all workers in Westchester be paid fairly, in accordance with the Labor Law. With today's charges, we are making good on that demand."

Fuerte is the owner/operator of Fuerte Construction Services LLC. As alleged in a felony complaint, between September 2022 and October 2025, Fuerte stole approximately \$51,720 in wages from five of his employees by failing to pay them the amounts owed.

One worker (Employee-1) worked for Fuerte Construction Services LLC performing demolition, painting, carpentry and drywall services between February 2024 and September 2024, at a set rate of \$900 per week. During this period, Fuerte failed to pay Employee-1 at all for much of his labor or paid Employee-1 using bounced checks. Based on the statutory minimum wage and the amount of unpaid labor performed by Employee-1, Fuerte owes Employee-1 approximately \$19,583, according to the complaint.

Another worker (Employee-2) worked for Fuerte performing similar services between September 2022 and October 2025. Employee-2's daily rate was \$160, according to the complaint. However, Fuerte allegedly failed to pay Employee-2 at all or failed to pay him the full amount owed. Based on the statutory minimum wage and the amount of unpaid or underpaid labor performed by Employee-2, Fuerte owes Employee-2 approximately \$8,400, according to the complaint.

The investigation was conducted by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office in conjunction with the New York State Department of Labor.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Emily-Rowe Smith, of the Economic Crimes Bureau, with assistance from Michael Frenza, Forensic Accountant.

On March 12, The Community Resource Center gathered with workers, advocates, and community leaders gathered in New Rochelle to call for stronger protections against wage theft following the conviction of contractor Artemio Fuerte.

The case began in 2021 when workers reported unpaid wages and bounced checks after completing jobs for Fuerte Construction. After organizing and bringing evidence forward, workers secured justice in 2024 and recovered \$31,500 in restitution.

At the Community Resource Center, we stand with immigrant workers and families who deserve dignity, fair treatment, and full payment for their work. Wage theft harms entire families and communities, and CRC remains committed to advocating for stronger protections and accountability.

The website documentedny, has been following this case since 2022. They write, "Fuerte's recent arrest is only the latest in a years-long pattern of what law enforcement officials describe as serial wage theft. In May of 2022, the Westchester DA's Office of Criminal Investigators Unit first arrested Fuerte for failing to pay four workers he employed with Fuerte Construction LLC \$21,150. He was arrested again on Oct. 14, 2022, for failing to pay two additional employees \$2,370. Fuerte was arrested a third time in 2024 for failing to pay two more workers \$8,063.

As part of his plea agreement with prosecutors, Fuerte pleaded guilty to lesser charges and was sentenced to eight misdemeanor counts of wage theft. Instead of prison time, Fuerte was sentenced to three years' probation, ordered to pay a \$12,000 fine, and was required to pay \$31,583 in restitution to eight of his victims. According to the D.A, Fuerte has paid his restitution, but it remains unclear if he has paid his fine.

"However, because no state law exists that bars business owners convicted of wage theft from continuing to operate their businesses, Fuerte was able to continue recruiting workers unaware of his illegal business practices. Following Documented's exposé, New York State Senator Shelley Mayer introduced a bill to suspend the business licenses of those charged with or convicted of wage theft. The bill is currently in committee."

Link- <https://documentedny.com/2026/03/16/westchester-contractor-wage-theft-rearrested/>

Fuerte goes on in the story to try to explain the reasons why he didn't pay his workers an honest day's pay for an honest day's work, but to no avail.

The people of Westchester don't want to hear the excuses. Just like every small businessperson, if you can't afford to pay your employees, you should not operate or take out a business loan.

Because Fuerte is charged with felonies, his case will likely be moved to Westchester County Court.

DA Cacace said it best: "Not paying workers for months is a crime and not a business model."

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March is Colorectal Cancer Screening Awareness Month

Learn How Timely Screening Saves Lives, and Get Connected to Free and Affordable Screenings

The Westchester County Department of Health is raising awareness that colorectal cancer is increasing among younger adults. Westchester County has established a County-wide Colorectal Cancer Coalition, and through collaborations with doctors, hospitals and health systems, the Health Department is encouraging residents to talk with their doctors and families about risks so they can protect themselves.

Members of the Colorectal Cancer Coalition are educating patients about their options and connecting those who are eligible for colorectal cancer screenings with affordable choices. Screening starts at age 45 for most, but if a parent or sibling was diagnosed with polyps or colorectal cancer, screening should begin at 40 or even earlier.

Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said: "Screening can save your life, and that's why it is so important for parents and their adult children to speak openly about their own screening history. Take-home kits can be useful for initial screening, but a colonoscopy is the only screening test that can both find and remove precancerous polyps. This prevents and detects cancer so it can be treated early."

Colorectal cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in men under 50, and the second leading cause of cancer death in women under 50. Each year, more young men and women in their 30s and 40s are diagnosed with colorectal cancer. African-Americans, people of Hispanic heritage and individuals of Eastern European Jewish descent have a disproportionate risk of colorectal cancer, and should consider screening earlier. Other risk factors include a family history of colorectal cancer or polyps, or a personal history of polyps, which are small clumps of cells that adhere to the colon, ulcerative colitis, Crohn's disease, Type 2 diabetes and inherited genetic conditions.

Regional Chief of Colon & Rectal Surgery and Co-Director of the Northwell Early-Onset Cancer Program for Northwell Health Westchester Dr. Parul J. Shukla said: "Colorectal cancer is one of the most preventable and treatable cancers when caught early. Timely screening saves lives, yet too many people delay because of fear, lack of awareness, or access. This March, we want everyone to know that screening is simple, effective and more accessible than ever. Taking that first step can truly be life-saving."

Residents can reduce their cancer risks through lifestyle changes and regular timely screening. More than half of all colorectal cancers are linked to physical inactivity, poor nutrition, excess body weight, and tobacco and alcohol use. Some tips include maintaining a healthy weight, exercise and eating more vegetables, fruits and whole grains. Avoid tobacco and limit or avoid red and processed meats, sugary drinks, refined grains and alcohol. For more health tips and cancer resources, go to www.WestchesterCountyNY.gov/health

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made the March 2026 incident involving antisemitic stickers on his namesake sign particularly painful for the local community and his family.

Because the sign is located near the middle school and represents a beloved local figure, the act was seen as a direct attack on both the town's Jewish residents and its community values. Marpet's parents, Bill Marpet and Joy Rose, publicly expressed their shock and heartbreak over the incident, with his father describing it as a "kick to the heart."

Residents and former residents of Hastings were saddened by the news.

Ali wore #74 for the Tampa Bay Bucs when they won the Super Bowl. "Today I'm wearing 74 not just because of the 2021 Super Bowl victory, but because of what it represented. Ali Marpet's openness about being Jewish at the highest level of the NFL inspired me to stand more confidently in my own Jewish faith. I honor both his contribution to this team and the example he set. When someone lives their faith openly in a public arena, it strengthens others to do the same.

And "This is appalling. Growing up in Hastings always felt like a safe place to

be Jewish; in fact, it felt like one of the only places where we weren't a minority. To top it all off, I love the Marpet family. So deeply disappointed to see this, especially after receiving an email from my daughter's preschool, which is in a synagogue in Hastings, that a full police department presence will be there today after the synagogue attack in Michigan yesterday. If this kind of hate is happening here in my safe little bubble in the world, it truly is happening everywhere.

Other residents wanted to know who the person was who spread this hate? Apparently, the Hastings PD caught the individual on video.

While the sticker has not been released to the public, we have determined through residents that it read, F□CK ISRAEL-END ZIONIST INVESTMENT IN AMERICA

The sticker also features a cartoon character holding a cup that says "JUGG" and leading a pig with a human face on a leash.

"JUGG" Character: The cartoon character holding a white foam cup (referencing "lean" or "purple drank") is a modification of styles seen in modern hip-hop meme culture. In this context, "Jugg" (slang for a scam or hustle) is being co-opted. This aesthetic—mixing street-wear/rap culture with hate speech—is frequently used by "Groyper"-adjacent groups or younger, online-first white nationalist factions (such as those on Telegram or 4chan).

End Zionist Investment in America": This slogan is a cornerstone of "ZOG" (Zionist Occupied Government) conspiracy theories. It is a common talking point for groups like National Justice Party (NJP) or the New Resurrection Party, as well as various neo-Nazi organizations that believe a secret cabal controls American finances.

While no single group "owns" this specific layout, it bears the hallmarks of Active Clubs or decentralized Alt-Right "sticker crews."

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 70794/2025

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER as the
place of trial situs of the real property

Mortgaged Premises:
609 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD, ARDSLEY, NY 10502
Section: 6.70, Block: 44, Lot: 9

CROSSCOUNTRY MORTGAGE, LLC

Plaintiff,
vs.

V.C., MINOR CHILD, BY AND THROUGH HER NATURAL GUARDIAN JESSICA SALES, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE OF THE ESTATE OF SALVATORE CINIGLIO; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF SALVATORE CINIGLIO, 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 the following designation, namely: the 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; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$796,000.00 and interest, recorded on March 15, 2022, in Instrument Number 620673829, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 609 SAW MILL RIVER ROAD, ARDSLEY, NY 10502.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

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 the mortgage company will not stop the 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: February 15th, 2026

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