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## Westchester Mourns Hutch Midnight Car Crash That Killed Five Kids; Driver Had No License



*Zahnyiah Cross, 12; Shawnell Cross, 11 both died in car crash March 19*



*AJ Billips, left, who died in the crash, with his dad Anthony Billips*

**By Dan Murphy**

Calling it “One of the worst days of my tenure,” Westchester County executive George Latimer shared the news with Westchester residents that five children were killed in an auto accident on the Hutchinson Parkway on March 19.

“This was a horrific accident, and accident site. We do not believe that speed was a factor. It is believed that the driver was distracted or fell asleep. There were no other vehicles involved. We don’t know answers to certain questions, but right now we mourn the loss and pray for the family,” said Latimer.

The five members of the car that were killed were identified as: Malik Smith, 16, who was the driver of the car; Anthony Billips Jr., 17; Zahnyiah Cross, 12; Shawnell Cross, 11; Andrew Billips, 8.

One passenger in the car, 9-year-old Abraham Billips, was in the rear of the SUV and survived, exiting through a shattered rear window.

The driver Malik Smith, did not have a drivers license or a permit. Smith was a student at a school in Brooklyn, and was driving his cousins to their new home in Derby Ct. The car was traveling northbound on the Hutchinson Parkway when it swerved off the road and struck a large rock and then a tree, causing the car to go up into flames.

Further reporting found that the car was a rental, and that Smith did not have permission to drive it. The accident occurred after midnight in the early hours of Sunday.

Latimer called for residents asking questions to be patient, as toxicology reports and a determination on whether all of the passengers were wearing a seatbelt, are determined.

A GoFundMePage has been set up by some of the family to pay for funeral

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## ISIS Supporter Arrested for Threats Made to Yonkers Mayor, YPD for St. Pat’s Parade



*Ridon Kola, holding an Axe, in one of his threats against Mayor Spano and the YPD said, in direct messages to Yonkers Police “I will crucify Yonkers cops and their bosses all along McLean ave. It will be a horror scene.”*

**By Dan Murphy**

Days before the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade, the FBI arrested Ridon Kola, a resident of Yonkers, for making threats against the Yonkers police and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. According the US Attorney Damian Williams, the threats, to kill Yonkers Police and Mayor Spano, while expressing his support for radical islamic extremism and terrorist attacks, were serious enough to warrant his arrest.

“RIDON KOLA was arrested on (March 17), based on a criminal Complaint filed in White Plains federal court charging KOLA with making threatening interstate communications, in which KOLA threatened to kill officers of the YPD and the Mayor of Yonkers. U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: “As alleged, Ridon Kola posted threats on social media against law enforcement, stating his support for ISIS and his intention to murder numerous police officers. Undeterred after questioning from law enforcement, Kola’s conduct escalated, as he continued to assure police his threats would be carried out. Threatening violence against police or to undermine public safety will not be tolerated, as Kola now stands charged and faces prison time for his threats against our dedicated law enforcement partners tasked with keeping us safe.”

FBI Assistant Director Michael J. Driscoll said: “As we allege today, Kola, who has demonstrated support for radical Islamic extremism and terrorist attacks, made a series of threats to the lives of law enforcement and others, and now he will be forced to face the consequences of his actions. Counterterrorism remains the FBI’s top priority, and through our NY JTTF, we remain committed to keeping all New Yorkers safe from acts of terror.”

YPD Commissioner Christopher Sapienza said: “The safety of our residents, our community, and the members of our Police Department is paramount; every threat is investigated to the fullest extent possible. Thankfully, due to the outstanding collaborative efforts of the FBI’s New York Joint Terrorism Task Force and our Yonkers Police Intelligence Division, our City will enjoy a safe Saint Patrick’s Day parade tomorrow free from intimidation by bad actors.”

As alleged in the Complaint unsealed today: KOLA has engaged in escalat-

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## Westchester Not Yet Affected by “Disastrous” Legal Marijuana Roll Out

*“It’s as Easy to Buy an Ounce of Illegal Pot as it is a Slice of Pizza,” in NYC, Michael Bloomberg*



*marijuana stores, vans, and people selling on the streets of Times Square, all illegal*

**By Dan Murphy**

This past weekend, I traveled with my family to Times Square. It was the first real visit to midtown Manhattan for us in some time. As I waited outside the Disney store in Times Square for my daughter and her friend to come out, I was approached several times by young men selling marijuana.

And all types of marijuana. They had a plastic bag full of pre-rolled joints, but also had edibles, gummies and liquid form. Also on my street corner were alot of people smoking marijuana, which is now legal to smoke, but still illegal for anyone to sell, except in a few licensed marijuana stores (dispensaries).

Even though I support the concept of legalization, I also agree with former NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg, in his recent Op-Ed, Lax Enforcement of New York’s Marijuana Law Endangers Kids, that the rollout of legal pot in New York State has been a failure.

“About a decade after states began legalizing recreational marijuana use, there’s little doubt who the biggest winners have been: criminals. And it’s equally apparent who the biggest losers have been: kids. New York state’s disastrous experiment with legalization is making both of those facts painfully — and dangerously — obvious.”

In his Op-Ed for the Washington Post, Bloomberg estimates that there are over 1,500 illegal pot stores in New York City, who sell about \$2 Billion in illegal pot per year. Many of these illegal pot stores, “openly advertising their wares on brick-and-mortar storefronts,” said Bloomberg, adding “It’s as easy to buy an ounce of pot as it is a slice of pizza.”

The people selling pot in Times Square know that they can possess up to 3 ounces legally. Bloomberg also cites the dangers to kids, and the unknown harms that some of these untested products have in addition to marijuana, the worst of all Fentanyl.

Bloomberg is also correct in calling for law enforcement to crack down on illegal stores. He writes, “In New York, the legislature rushed legalization into law without having any system in place for licensing or enforcement. The state *took*

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## Stepinac Wins Boys HS Catholic Hoops Title: Aubrey Griffin Leading UCONN to Final 4



Boogie Fland, photo by @captured-bymikee

below: Aubrey Griffin



**By Dan Murphy**

The torch may have been passed, from the mighty Mt. Vernon Boys HS basketball team, to the Stepinac HS Boys basketball team, for the honor of being called the best HS basketball team in Westchester. Last week, Stepinac won the Catholic HS basketball championship with a 69-66 win over Cardinal Hayes. The star of the game was Boogie Fland, who had 30 points for Stepinac. Fland has another year at Stepinac, and is already being recruited by more than a dozen top colleges.

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## American Hero Rob O'Neill Guest Speaker at Friendly Sons of St. Patrick-Westchester Dinner



L-R-James J. Landy, Chairman of the Society; Author & former Navy Seal Robert O'Neill; Cardinal Timothy Dolan; Archbishop of New York; Guss Hayes, President of the Society. Picture by PhotoBureau Inc.

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in Westchester held their annual dinner on March 10. More than 450 attended, including Cardinal Timothy Dolan and many other dignitaries and members of the Sons, who have been around since 1954, and who use the dinner to raise funds to support the community through contributions to local organizations.

The feature guest speaker was Author & former Navy Seal Robert O'Neill. O'Neill served on the Navy Seal Team 6 that killed Osama Bin Laden. O'Neill gave a powerful speech about his life, before and after Bin Laden.

To The Editor:

I find it sad and ironic that a recent advertisement in your newspaper highlighted the fact that we are no longer teaching our children about the Constitution. The irony is that while Mr. Futia, in his ad, discusses the requirement to teach all students in New York public schools the State Constitution, instead, our NY Attorney General recently held a Drag Story Hour at a Queens Library.

While Mr. Futia is correct, I wonder who would prioritize and enforce the teaching of the constitution in our public school classrooms in New York State?

I would also argue that most students, and most Americans, don't even know about the US Constitution. This is a discussion that is no longer held in our state and our country, and I enjoyed the ad. It made me think and respond with this letter. Thanks for publishing it and keep up the good work.

Sincerely, Helen McCabe, Cortlandt Manor

To The Editor:

Mr. Anthony Futia seems to be the type of Conservative Westchester resident, taxpayer and American, that has disappeared from our political landscape. His fight for the taxpayer, and for the teaching of the Constitution in our classrooms, is admirable.

When we see stories in your papers and elsewhere about Abortion Pills and Drag Queen Story Hour, what a breath of fresh air Mr. Futia's arguments are for me to read, through his advertisements.

While we may be outnumbered in Westchester, I wonder what would happen if someone as articulate and outspoken as Futia would run for public office. Maybe that is the problem with our republican party, we no longer nominate candidates who "Say it like it is," and speak the truth. I look forward to reading more from him. Where can I read more or learn more about the content of his ads?

Gene Murray, Northern Westchester

## Yorktown Turkey Trot Raises \$2,000 for St. Mary's Food Pantry



Left to right: Yorktown Supervisor Tom Diana, Cindy Smith of St. Mary's food pantry and Sen. Terrence Murphy hold a \$2,000 check for St. Mary's food pantry donated by the senator's annual Turkey Trot.

Sen. Terrence Murphy's 2022 Turkey Trot recently delivered a \$2,000 check to St. Mary's food pantry. Sen. Murphy delivered the check to the Community Food Pantry at St. Mary's in Mohegan Lake as part of the proceeds from his November 24 charity event. The pantry is an all-volunteer service that has operated from the church for about 40 years. Supervisor Tom Diana accompanied Sen. Murphy to deliver the check.

"We know from our Food Security Task Force that the need for pantries is growing in our community, so I'm grateful that Sen. Murphy's Turkey Trot will support St. Mary's as it helps our neighbors who are struggling with rising food costs," said Supervisor Diana.

The Community Food Pantry is a self-select pantry, serving three meals for three days. Food items for the day are on display so that guests may make choices. Frozen meats, poultry and/or fish are part of the weekly distribution. St. Mary's needs donations for its Easter distribution. Details about the donations are posted on St. Mary's Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/Community-FoodPantryMoheganLake>



## Citizen Vigilance Center

### Good Government: The Solution Starts Here



### Coming Soon To New York

A new We The People of New York Citizen Vigilance Center office building (photo left) designed after Thomas Jefferson's Virginia home Monticello, to be constructed on a 5.3 acre site in upstate New York. Fully staffed to watch and hold governments accountable in the capital and every town, city county and school district and wherever government policy is made.

The We The People Congress is a nationwide, non-partisan, not-for-profit membership organization of constitutional activists committed to "institutionalizing" citizen vigilance through civic education, monitoring of governments, and organizing grassroots programs of civic resistance to confront and repel tyranny. It is legally and institutionally separate from the We The People Foundation for Constitutional Education, but closely connected by a mutuality of purpose and coordinated operations plans.

#### GENERAL OBJECTIVES

To develop a nation-wide network of informed and responsible citizens capable of holding government accountable by compelling government officials - at all levels - to obey our federal and state constitutions, with full reliance on the rights of the people and obligations of the government under the Petition Clause of the First Amendment.

#### 2023 OBJECTIVES

Establish an affiliate of the WTPC Congress in each State, including a Board of Directors. Establish a web site and a bank account for each State affiliate. Select a site for the Citizen Vigilance Center in each State. Each Citizen Vigilance Center is to look like Thomas Jefferson's home in Virginia (See photo above). Begin the process of securing an army of supporting members in each State, say 2-3 percent of the State's population over the age of 18. Designate a State Coordinator, Regional Coordinators and County Coordinators and begin choosing and training the State's Constitution Monitors.

For more information contact [Bob@Givemeliberty.org](mailto:Bob@Givemeliberty.org)

Paid for by Anthony Futia

## David Imamura Becomes Westchester's First Asian-American County Legislator



The vacancy for Westchester County Legislative District 12 is filled, as of Monday March 20, 2023. Newly-elected County Legislator David Imamura, left, was sworn in today as he concluded his bid to replace MaryJane Shimsky after her ascension to the New York State Assembly earlier this year. The special election to fill the vacancy was held on February 28th.

Imamura makes history as the first Asian-American to be elected to the Westchester County Board of Legislators. His most recent role as Chair of the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission. He helped pass the Immigrant Protection Act in 2017 and also played a major role in drafting the Westchester Discriminatory Harassment Law. He is a litigator residing in Irvington with his wife Kate and son Leo.

Legislator David Imamura remarked, "It is a thrill to join the most progressive Board in history. I look forward to working with legislators I've known and admired for many years."

Chairwoman Catherine Borgia exclaimed, "Legislator Imamura is no stranger to our Board. He started out humbly as an intern in 2006 and provided his valuable legal expertise to help us make legislation stronger. I am delighted to welcome him back to our Chamber as a colleague."

The 12th County legislative district encompasses portions of the Town of Greenburgh - specifically the communities of Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Edgemont, Hartsdale, Hastings-on-Hudson, and Irvington.

Legislator Imamura will finish out the remainder of the 2022-23 legislative term and will need to run again later this year to retain the seat for the 2024-25 term.

## Rye High School Students Wins Brain Bee Held at Burke Rehabilitation



**Pictured left to right: Burke's Associate Chief Medical Officer Dr. Erika Trovato; 1st Place winner & Rye High School student Odessa Meulbroek; and Burke's Brain Injury Program Director Rachel Feld-Glazman, OT.**

The Brain Bee Competition returned to Burke Rehabilitation in White Plains on March 15 for the first time in three years. Students from area high schools competed for the opportunity to advance to the National Brain Bee Championship, answering questions on brain facts, memory, emotions, and degenerative disease. The contest is designed to encourage students to gain knowledge and pursue careers in neuroscience.

### TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 21, 2023, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted March 21, 2023, authorizing the replacement of various sidewalks and curbs in and for the Town, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$600,000, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$600,000 bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,"

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to replace various sidewalks and curbs in and for the Town; STATING the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$600,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$600,000 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$600,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is ten (10) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: March 21, 2023  
Eastchester, New York  
Linda Laird, Town Clerk

## Buying Comics!

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

## May I See Your Resume?

By Eric Wolf Schoen



A lot of little goodies coming out of the County Legislature and County Executive lately. Now they are working on the George Santos legislation. If you don't know who Mr. Santos is, he is the Congressman from Long Island and Queens whose resume is so filled with misinformation, better word is lies that got elected to Congress in November of 2022.

The powers in White Plains want to require background checks on individuals running for office before they are on the ballot. These background checks would be done by an impartial County Board of Ethics or some panel of non-partisan people and if the candidate didn't pass the mustard test they would be off the ballot.

Now wait a minute. Isn't the role of the political parties to vet the candidates they are nominating by petition to run for office? Let's be clear here. In the Santos case he was nominated by nominators in Long Island and Queens. Let's just say there are some politically smart people there. This is not Omaha or Utah though I think the electors in those two places would have done a better job of vetting the candidates they were putting on the ballot.

Why should taxpayer resources (lawyers, office space, staff to do background checks, etc.) be used to check a candidate's background. By doing it this way you are politicizing an already political process. The role of the political leadership is to vet the political candidates. If they are incapable of doing so they should resign and bring in other political leaders to do the job. In Queens and Long Island there are people savvy enough to do a background check without the resources of the cash-strapped county. What do you think? Let me know.

### Saving Electricity via Efficient Light Bulbs

I visited a friend recently who complained his electric bill was \$800 a month and except for short visits by his kids and grandkids he was the only one in the house. I checked to see if he was using energy efficient light bulbs and he was not. So I did a little research for him. Mind you I have been using the energy efficient light bulb since before my mother passed over 30 years ago.

When mom was alive the energy efficient bulbs were bulky things, did not fit into all light fixtures and they gave off a weird light not perfect for reading. They for the most part gave off 60 watts and could not be used in a fixture that was rated for a light bulb above 60 watts.

These many years later the bulbs use 14Watts of energy and the most powerful of the bulbs gives off 100 watts, high enough for most lamps and sockets. What this means is that if your appliance is rated at a maximum 60 watts bulb these bulbs can be used in fixture as long as it is lower than 60 watts which is 99% of lamps and light sockets.

And the light coming off of the bulb is much brighter and clearer, avoiding the problems mom used to have 30 years ago. Next question is where do you get these energy efficient bulbs. I went on the Con Edison website and they recommended the Dollar Tree store, yes the store where with inflation everything is now \$1.25. Not only do these bulbs use that much electricity but they also last a long time so no need to pull out the bulbs and replace them with a new bulb quite as often. Quite often on your bill Con Edison runs specials on the bulbs making them cheaper.

Now you don't have to worry about safety as the bulbs are as safe as regular light bulbs. Let's say you replace 10 bulbs in your house with energy saving bulbs. If you save \$30 a month which is realistic you have made your \$12.50 investment back in a month and then some.

Con Edison has many different types of bulbs to fit everything from your regular lamps to spotlights. The list on the website will tell you various places to go to get the bulbs that you need. This is a no-brainer, you have nothing to lose and your Savings are clear as a whistle on your electricity bill as long as you don't have a major power increase.

We haven't got the numbers from Sustainable Westchester yet as to how much savings each household is receiving using their services. I would like to see that number and I would like to see the organization sell lightbulbs and do a 6 month comparison to see how much the energy bill goes down. That would be a suitable comparison for me as to how well we and they are doing.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 21, 2023, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted March 21, 2023, authorizing the resurfacing of various streets in said Town, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$1,400,000, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$1,400,000 bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,"

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to resurface various streets in and for the Town; STATING the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$1,400,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$1,400,000 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$1,400,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: March 21, 2023  
Eastchester, New York  
Linda Laird, Town Clerk  
Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York

## Letter to the Editor:

Dear Editor,

Thank you Congressman Bowman for standing up for your constituents!  
House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and his fellow Republicans are threatening to drive the US to default on our debts if they don't get their way. Their goal is to slash Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and other vital programs.

Right now many working-class Americans are struggling with inflation and rising costs of living. Any cuts to Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid would only threaten the livelihoods of millions, and pull the rug out from underneath all of us who have paid into the programs – not to mention the risks of a recession and job losses if Republicans force the government to default on its debt.

Congressman Bowman signed the congressional letter from Reps. Boyle, Jayapal, and Kuster calling for a clean vote to avoid a default on our debts and opposing any cuts to Social Security and Medicare and other programs our community relies on.

When our representatives stand up for the people, rather than corporate interests or their own pockets, we prosper. Thank you Congressman Bowman for standing up for us! We have your back because you have ours!

Sincerely, Joseph De Feo, Yonkers

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the other basketball star still playing in March Madness is Aubrey Griffin, from UCONN. Griffin played for Ossining HS, which won a state title under her leadership. Now Griffin is a key player on the UCONN women's basketball team. They appear to be headed to another Final Four. Griffin will likely end up in the WNBA. Her brother is AJ Griffin who played at Duke and is now in the NBA. AJ went to Stepinac.

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expenses-At –www.gofundme.com/f/our-5-children

"Hi, my name is Da'Shawna Cross I am making a fundraiser to help bury our children we lost, we as parents lost 5 of our children in a very tragic accident and need help deeply with giving them a great home going service, please anything will help we just want to put our babies to rest," writes Cross on the GoFundMe page.

All of the young persons in the car were related and were close, according to Malik Smith Sr. "I told him, his mother told him, his older brothers told him: Stop driving without a license, without a permit. Anything happens, you get pulled over, you get in trouble for these things. Stop doing this," he told the Daily News

### Disastrous Marijuana Rollout, continued from pg 1-

so long to get a licensing operation up and running that entrepreneurs had nearly two years to establish illicit operations — and they took full advantage.

Calling the notion of collecting Billions in sales tax revenue for legal pot sales, "a fairy tale," the former three term Mayor of NYC calls for the Governor and State legislators to "take responsibility for this mess and fix it," and warns the rest of the country about what has happened here.

While we are sure that there are certainly many illegal marijuana stores in Westchester, they are not openly advertising it. You have to know where the stores are to make a buy. I have heard of a few pot stores in Yonkers, and the Yonkers Police have shut down three stores caught selling marijuana and THC products illegally. Other busts have been made in Greenburgh and Mamaroneck.

If you find a store selling pot or THC products in Westchester it is illegal. That is because there has been no licence given to any dispensary to sell in Westchester.

According to the New York Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act (MRTA), it is legal to grow and deliver marijuana in Westchester and in all of New York State.

Before any marijuana sales licenses have been given to a Westchester store, many local communities have banned its practice. This was the legal mechanism given to towns, villages and cities, who did not want marijuana sold on their main street, even if it was legal.

According to the Rockefeller tracker, 23 Westchester local governments have opted out. They are: Ardsley, Bronxville, Eastchester, Elmsford, Irvington, Larchmont, Lewisboro, Mamaroneck Town, Mamaroneck Village, Mount Kisco, Mount Pleasant, New Castle, North Castle, North Salem, Pelham Manor, Pleasantville, Port Chester, Rye City, Rye Brook, Somers, Tuckahoe, Yorktown and Harrison, with a split vote in Greenburgh.

In the Town of Greenburgh, some of the villages have opted in, while others have opted out. Tarrytown and Hastings have opted in, while Ardsley, Elmsford, Dobbs Ferry and Irvington have opted out.

And according to the tracker, the Westchester cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains, Yonkers and the Town of Pound Ridge and the Village of Sleepy Hollow will permit both cafes and dispensaries.

## Manhattanville College Creates a Division of DEI

### Cindy Long Porter, Ed.D, to lead Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion



Cindy Long Porter Ed.D

On March 21, Manhattanville College announced the creation of a distinct Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Division to be led by Cindy Porter, Ed.D., as Vice President. The new division and Dr. Porter's role is a testament to the college's commitment to its ongoing efforts to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion on its campus.

The division will include all of Title IX, Center for Inclusion as well some oversight of the Sister Mary T. Clark Center for Religion and Social Justice and employee recruitment efforts. In addition, this division will have responsibility to work with the grants office to secure significant grant funding as we seek to serve all our populations in one inclusive community.

In her work as Chief Diversity Officer at Manhattanville, Porter has played a crucial role in the development of a comprehensive Roadmap toward Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, which lays out a strategic plan for the college's DEI initiatives and advances the college's efforts to create a welcoming and inclusive community for all students, faculty, and staff. The document is reviewed and updated annually around five ongoing priorities: addressing the composition of the community, closing equity gaps, enhancing the cultural competence of the community through education and resources, creating a sense of belonging, and enhancing collaboration and communication.

In her new role as Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Community Building, Porter will continue to lead the Presidential Council on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, which meets to discuss and solve issues related to DEI, as well as developing and implementing initiatives and programs that promote a more inclusive campus community. She will also work closely with college leadership and stakeholders to ensure that DEI remain a central focus of Manhattanville's strategic planning and decision-making.

"I am honored to take on this new role and am excited to continue working with the Manhattanville community to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion," said Dr. Porter. "We have made great progress over the past few years, but there is still much work to be done. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure that Manhattanville remains a welcoming and inclusive place for all."

Louise Feroe, Ph.D, Interim President of Manhattanville College, praised Dr. Porter's work and expressed her enthusiasm for her promotion. "The goal with this move is to make Manhattanville's efforts to build an inclusive community of students, faculty, and staff part of the organizational structure of the college with the leadership of a Vice President who will bring the lens of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to all facets of what we do," said Feroe. "Cindy has been a valuable member of our community, and I am delighted that she will be taking on this new role. Her leadership and expertise have been instrumental in advancing our diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts, and I am confident that she will make an even more significant impact in her new position."

### TAX NOTICE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I HAVE THIS DAY RECEIVED THE WARRANT TO COLLECT THE

2023  
TOWN OF EASTCHESTER  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER  
EASTCHESTER FIRE DISTRICT  
TAXES

EASTCHESTER TOWN HALL-40 MILL ROAD, Eastchester  
OFFICE HOURS 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.—MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

TAXES DUE  
APRIL 1, 2023  
Payable by April 30th without penalty

DEADLINES MATTER--TO AVOID PENALTY: tax payment must be received by April 30, 2023.

IMPORTANT: Official U.S. Postal Service postmarks are accepted to secure a penalty-free payment if postmarked on or before the due date. FedEx, UPS, and DHL mailed to 40 Mill Road, Eastchester can also be accepted as timely if showing a mailing on or before the due date. However, metered mail postmarks (such as Pitney-Bowes or Quadiant/Neopost, for example) are NOT acceptable for this purpose under the NYS Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), and neither are foreign postmarks. An envelope without any postmark-- or an illegible postmark-- is deemed under the law to have been made on the date of delivery to the collecting officer. If the due date is not met, the following Penalties prescribed by tax law for deferred payment apply:

RATES OF PENALTIES:	Penalty
Month	
May 2023	2%
June – July 2023	5%
August—September 2023	7%
October—December 2023	10%
January—April 2024	12%
May 2024	13%
June 2024	14%

On July 1, 2024—any unpaid 2023 taxes becomes a Lien: additional 1% per month thereafter.

List of delinquent taxes will be filed with the Westchester County Clerk's Office on July 1st

ROCCO N. CACCIOLA, RECEIVER OF TAXES  
(914) 771-3346  
March 22, 2023

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## Larchmont-Mamaroneck Municipal Leaders Share Update on Key Priorities



L-R-Village of Larchmont Mayor Sarah Bauer, Town Supervisor Jaine Eney, Village of Mamaroneck Mayor Tom Murphy

By John Bradley

Sewer upgrades, master plans, street paving, and improved recreation areas were among the projects listed by Jane Elkind Eney, Mamaroneck Town Supervisor, Tom Murphy, Mayor of the Village of Mamaroneck, and Sarah Bauer, Mayor of the Village of Larchmont when they addressed the March 14th meeting of the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit.

### Town of Mamaroneck

A Comprehensive Plan for the Town of Mamaroneck topped Supervisor Eney's list of current projects. Aided by professionals from the Pace University Land Use Center, the Town is reviewing all aspects of municipal life and has been conducting numerous listening sessions with residents as it develops the Plan. Eney stressed the importance of the Plan, which she described as "a blueprint that sets forth a vision for the future of the town and informs the actions taken by the Town Board." Eney anticipates that the first draft of the Plan will be available next month.

Using grant money, the Town has completed a major sanitary sewer project and, with a separate \$300,000 grant from Westchester County thanks to County Executive George Latimer and County Legislator Catherine Parker, the Town is conducting a comprehensive study of its storm water system. On the recreation front, the Town will be making improvements to Memorial Park; working with Fields for Kids to improve the Hommocks Field; and using State funds secured by Representative Steve Otis and Senator Shelly Mayer, to study improvements to the Hommocks pool area.

In response to the governor's urgent plea, the Town is studying how to expand the local supply of affordable housing. Eney was also pleased to note that the Town boasts a Triple-A bond rating, was recently re-certified as a "Climate Smart" community, and has a new website.

### Village of Mamaroneck

Mamaroneck Mayor Tom Murphy reported that his Village is currently updating its existing Master Plan to accommodate changes in the Village and to support ideas for future growth and development. He expects completion by this June.

Ever since Hurricane Ida, storm water and flooding have been major concerns. With the help of Senator Charles Schumer, the political force behind the Ida Recovery Act, and the cooperation of the Army Corps of Engineers, the Village of Mamaroneck is pursuing a comprehensive program of improvements to their storm water system. These efforts include dredging, clearing debris around bridges, and installing pumps at the most vulnerable locations. In conjunction with this, the Village is upgrading its sanitary sewer system, with financing, in part, from higher fees for water treatment.

Murphy described how the Village is working hard to be responsive to the needs of its highly diverse community and to make the immigrant community feel welcome. They maintain a close relationship with the Community Resource Center and are striving to put out more bilingual communications. At the Police Department, every shift includes officers fluent in Spanish and the Village Manager and his assistant speak Spanish.

Murphy suggests that one way to respond to the acute need for affordable housing is to change the zoning. One example is the proposal to rezone the double decker parking lot across from the library to allow for a multi-unit building of all affordable housing.

### Village of Larchmont

Four months into her job, Larchmont Mayor Sarah Bauer reports that one of her biggest challenges has been to develop a Village budget that is under the 2% tax cap in an economy with an 11% inflation rate.

As with the Town and the Village of Mamaroneck, the Village of Larchmont has undertaken major infrastructure projects with the assistance of grants, including a \$1.6 million sewer upgrade, repair of the storm water system, a flood mitigation modeling project in the Pinebrook neighborhood and an ambitious program of road paving and repair. Projects to improve Village recreation areas include a renovation of Flint Park, in conjunction with the Flint Park Conservancy, featuring new basketball courts, along with a renovation and upgrade of the Tennis House, currently underway.

A survey of affordable housing is included in its study of Larchmont's downtown. Bauer is concerned that the state's call for more affordable housing does not include any money for the extra costs to a community that accompany this development. Other initiatives underway include simplifying the Village's land use application process and continuing its environmental leadership with the installation of three new electrical charging stations thanks to a NYS Zero Emission Vehicle Grant and the replacement of gas powered vehicles with hybrid and electric cars in the Village fleet.

In Conclusion: All three municipal leaders cited many more initiatives underway in their municipalities. For more complete information, the program may be viewed at this LMC Media YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/ZWxYTSBYVWM>.

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## NYC Man Charged With Illegally Practicing as a Dentist in White Plains; DA Seeks Patients



Cesar Masso  
Courtesy: White Plains Police Department

On March 17, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah and White Plains Public Safety Commissioner David E. Chong announced that a Queens man was arraigned on multiple felony charges for allegedly practicing dentistry without a license out of a White Plains storefront set up as East Post Dental. Law enforcement officials seized several dentistry tools and equipment, local anesthetics, antibiotics, and patient files, which are being analyzed to identify other possible victims or witnesses. The DA's Office and White Plains police urge the public to assist law enforcement with any information about the defendant or other possible victims.

DA Rocah said: "The alleged crime of illegally practicing dentistry and providing pain medication without a license is very serious. As our investigation continues, we ask anyone who may have been a patient of the defendant to contact us or the White Plains police."

Commissioner Chong said: "Practicing any kind of medical procedure without a license is a dangerous crime. We're happy to work with the DA's Office in taking this alleged fraud off the streets. We ask members of the community who may have information about this defendant to please contact our White Plains detectives or the DA's Office."

The defendant, identified as Cesar Masso, 78, was arrested by White Plains police on March 9, 2023, and arraigned on March 16, 2023 in White Plains City Court where he was charged via felony complaint with three counts of Unauthorized Practice of a Profession for allegedly providing, without a license, dental services, including examinations, tooth extractions, anesthetics, pain management, X-rays, and cleanings to patients at a business he set up as East Post Dental located at 169 Grand Street in White Plains. The defendant accepted payments in cash or check.

White Plains police initiated an investigation with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office after a victim reported to police that the defendant allegedly performed tooth extractions and placed a dental bridge that fell out, causing the victim discomfort and pain. The victim also received an injected numbing agent and pills for pain management. The victim paid the defendant thousands of dollars in cash for dental examinations, evaluations and the treatment between October 2019 and April 2020.

Anyone who may have been a patient of East Post Dental or may have information about the defendant can contact the DA's Office at (914) 995-TIPS (8477) or White Plains Public Safety at (914) 422-6256. Language assistance is available.

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### Spring is Here

If spring is here and it means due to climate change we won't have snow, sleet and freezing rain I don't know about you but I am all for it. I don't think lousy weather is a result of climate change. The world goes through periods and this year we hit the jackpot.

### 5 Kids Killed on the Hutch

16 year old driver with no driver's license. 5 kids killed. Again I wonder, where were the parents?

Briefs: Let's make sure that if we are going to indict the President we have legitimate grounds to do so. Why embarrass the country for no reason! Do you trust your Bank to hold onto your money with banks going in and out? Is the \$250,000 of government insurance truly enough. These 'Concierge' banks like Signature bank. Are they really watching our money? Must we have baseball players playing in international leagues 2 weeks prior to the start of the baseball season in the United States getting hurt and out for the season. Want to get a free 5 pound box of matzah. The minimum is \$40, no \$25 as in the past at Stop and Shop. Free Easter Ham? \$400 in grocery receipts at ShopRite. Talk about inflation!

Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to [WVOX.com](http://WVOX.com) and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge. Reach him at [thistoosyonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistoosyonkers@aol.com).

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY A/K/A M&T, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff -against- MICHAEL FRITH, LAURA DESHON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 5, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on April 25, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sunny Way, where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot Nos. 266 and 267 on Map No. 6584; being a plot 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet.

ALSO, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortland, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 on the above mentioned map where the same is intersected by the northerly line of Lot 267 as shown on Map entitled, as filed Map No. 6584 and which point is distant 99.58 feet southerly as measured along said dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 from the southerly boundary of Red Oak Lane as same is shown on Filed Map No. 25985; RUNNING THENCE South East, 24.00 feet; South West, 89.53 feet; South West 13.64 feet; THENCE North East, 100.00 feet. Section: 34.17 Block: 1 and Lot: 14

All bidders must wear a face mask/shield at all times and social distancing must be observed by all bidders at all times. Bidders who do not comply with the face mask and/or the social distancing mandate will be removed from the auction.

Said premises known as 10 SUNNY WAY, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY

Approximate amount of lien \$432,385.27 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 53628/2017.

STUART I. BALL, ESQ., Referee

David A. Gallo & Associates LLP

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

47 Hillside Avenue, 2nd Floor, Manhasset, NY 11030

File# 7777.122

*St. Patrick's Day Parade Threat, continued from pg 1-*

ing threats of violence against, among others, law enforcement, culminating in recent online threats against the YPD in connection with the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day parade scheduled for Saturday, March 18. KOLA's posts demonstrate support for radical Islamic extremism and terrorist attacks. In a recent threatening post, KOLA displayed himself with an axe.

On November 19, 2021, KOLA posted to a YPD official social media account a message in Albanian that translated to the following: "I am going to slaughter you little girls."

On December 5, 2021, KOLA posted to the same YPD social media account a message stating that: "Starting tomorrow I will start killing your officers just so u know who is doing it, Ridon Kola Albanian blood," and that he would also kill the Mayor of Yonkers.

Following those threats, in December 2021, YPD detectives interviewed KOLA at his residence. KOLA admitted to making the threatening posts but claimed he had no plans to harm YPD officers or the Mayor. Based on his demeanor, YPD subsequently issued a warning to officers to exercise diligence and caution in any encounters with KOLA. Beginning in early 2023, and continuing in the days leading up to the planned St. Patrick's Day parade, KOLA has escalated his threats against the YPD and other government officials and has expressed his support for violent Islamic extremism and terrorist attacks.

In January 2023, KOLA posted multiple statements expressing support for "jihad," or "to war against non-Muslims," and the establishment of a "caliphate," and depicting the raised index finger gesture used by jihadist groups, including the terrorist organization the Islamic State of Iraq and al-Sham ("ISIS").

On March 6, 2023, appearing to reference YPD's prior interview of KOLA, KOLA sent a direct message to the YPD social media account stating: "I'm looking for that officer that came to my house and threatened me and my family to kill us. I'm going to burn the world until I find him Vallahi [by God], no matter what happens to me there will never be peace in this country anymore! Allahu Ekberr." The phrase "Allahu Ekberr" is one form of an Arabic phrase meaning "God is great," which radical Islamic extremists have proclaimed in connection with the commission of terrorist attacks.

The next day, March 7, 2023, KOLA posted a statement praising Sayfullo Saipov, the recently convicted perpetrator of a terrorist attack for ISIS in which Saipov used a truck on Halloween in 2017 to murder eight victims and injure many more on a bike bath in lower Manhattan. KOLA referred to Saipov as "my BROTHER."

As of March 9, 2023, KOLA's social media account profile included the statement, "Now is personal America and the world!!!" and a threat to burn "cia fbi nsa police jud[g]es alive w their families too!"

Also on March 9, KOLA sent two direct messages to the YPD social media account stating: "First people to be crucified will be the Yonkers rats Vallahi. Al-lahu Ekberr"; and "I will crucify Yonkers cops and their bosses all along McLean ave. It will be a horror scene . . . Allahu Ekberr." McLean Avenue in Yonkers is part of the route for the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade taking place on March 18, and numerous YPD officers will be posted to the parade route along that street. KOLA's residence is in the area of the parade route.

Three days later, on March 12, 2023, KOLA posted to his social media feed a photograph of himself holding an axe with a statement in Albanian, translated to the following: "Come on Judas, I'm waiting for you."

KOLA, 32, of Yonkers, New York, is charged with making threatening interstate communications, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Mayor Mike Spano said, "I want to commend our Yonkers Police Department, FBI, NYPD, Joint Terrorism Task Force, and all agencies involved in thwarting this threat. We rely on their expertise, skill, and knowledge to ensure our safety. Yonkers is proud to host one of New York's largest St. Patrick's Day parades and threats like this will not intimidate us from celebrating the many contributions of our Irish American community. I look forward to proudly leading the parade tomorrow and ask all to meet me on McLean for the festive celebration."

Notice of Formation of BERNACCHIA TUTORING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/13/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jessica Bernacchia, 7 Floral Lane, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Cake Bar By Charlene, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/08/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1 Glenwood avenue, 18E, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of RH SOCIAL ARTS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/21/2022. 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, 139 MAMARONECK AVENUE, APT 1 MAMARONECK, NY, 10543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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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 #: 68953/2019**

Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, As Owner Trustee On Behalf Of CSMC 2018-RPL1 Trust Plaintiff, vs People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS, Arthur Kindle, Jr. As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, April Kindle-Pautsch As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, Shirley Kindle-Sheppard Aka Jennifer Kindle-Sheppard As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, Mark A Kindle As Heir To The Estate Of Arthur R Kindle Sr, Unknown Heirs Of Arthur Kindle 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, 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: 445 Franklin Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10553 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 Unknown Heirs of Arthur Kindle, Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. David F. Everett of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Twenty-Second day of February, 2023 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 foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated July 1, 2008, executed by Arthur Kindle (who died on October 6, 2021, a resident of the county of Lake, State of Illinois) and Shirley Kindle AKA Shirley A. Kindle (who died on September 7, 2017, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$356,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 482420347 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on September 9, 2008. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 6, 2010 and recorded on October 28, 2010, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 502983160. The mortgage was subsequently modified on December 30, 2011. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 27, 2014 and recorded on March 6, 2014, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 540593075. The mortgage was subsequently modified on February 16, 2016. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed April 20, 2018 and recorded on April 23, 2018, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 581133048. The property in question is described as follows: 445 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10553 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE 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: February 27, 2023 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. 75442.

Notice of Formation of CR8TIONZ, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/21/23. Office location: Westchester County. REPUBLIC REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES INC. designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1434 Western Ave, Suite 1 #7811 Albany, NY 12203 . Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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## 6,000 Eggs to be Found at The Osborn Easter Egg Hunt April 8; Open to All!



In a welcome sign of spring, The Osborn announced its Easter Egg Hunt, a much-loved tradition for the community, to be held Saturday, April 8, 2023. The Osborn will host the special springtime morning of Easter fun on its majestic campus in Rye (101 Theall Road). The annual event is held in memory of longtime board member and former Chair, Jack Miller, who personified the spirit of the season.

During the festivities, 6,000 candy-filled Easter eggs will be hidden for children to find, gather and enjoy. The event is split into two groups – one for children under 3 years of age and the other for children over 3, allowing the little ones a head start on the Hunt.

Residents of The Osborn line the sidelines of the South Lawn and Porch to have a bird's eye view of the lively fun, allowing seniors and children to interact in a mutually joyful way. For nearly two decades, this event has been drawing hundreds of participants from all over Westchester County as well as southern Fairfield County, Connecticut.

The Osborn Easter Egg Hunt is free and open to the public and pre-registration is NOT required. The Hunt begins promptly at 11:15 a.m. with gates opening at 10:45 a.m. Participants should bring their own baskets to gather eggs.

The Easter Bunny will make a special appearance and be available for photos. The festivities will also feature carnival games and refreshments available for purchase. For information, please call (914) 925-8218 or visit [www.theosborn.org/events](http://www.theosborn.org/events).

### TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 21, 2023, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

“Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted March 21, 2023, authorizing the acquisition of various trucks, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$405,000, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$405,000 bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,”

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to acquire various trucks for use in and for the Town, including (a) a dump truck, at the estimated cost of \$110,000, and (b) a sanitation truck, at the estimated cost of \$295,000; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$405,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$405,000 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$405,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the “Law”) to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; and the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: March 21, 2023 Eastchester, New York  
Linda Laird, Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester

### TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on March 21, 2023, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

“Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted March 21, 2023, authorizing the construction of Golf Course improvements at Lake Isle Country Club, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$3,097,402; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$3,097,402 serial bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,”

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to construct various golf course improvements at Lake Isle Country Club, including golf hole 8 work, at the estimated cost of \$42,500, cart path improvements, at the estimated cost of \$54,902 and irrigation system replacement and/or reconstruction, at the estimated cost of \$3,000,000;

STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$3,097,402; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$3,097,402 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$3,097,402 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the “Law”) to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: March 21, 2023

Eastchester, New York  
Linda Laird, Town Clerk

Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York

## Senator Harckham Honors Residents in District 40 During Irish Heritage Month



(l-r) Joe Brady, Katie Roper Izzo, John Gallagher, State Senator Pete Harckham.  
Photo by Tom Staudter

New York State Senator Pete Harckham commemorated Irish Heritage Month 2023 by honoring three residents from the 40th Senate District—volunteer extraordinaire John Gallagher from Ossining and Regimental Pipe Major Joe Brady and Irish dance teacher Katie Roper Izzo—for their substantial contributions to local, state and national organizations while highlighting Irish cultural traditions.

“I congratulate our honorees for the wide scope of their remarkable achievements,” Harckham said. “John has worked for several decades in helping underserved communities while Joe and Katie have made a difference in the lives of countless individuals in preserving the spirit and traditions inherent in the Irish people. These three individuals are exemplary figures in our country’s Irish-American population, and I am proud to honor and congratulate them for their tireless efforts in enriching the lives of countless New Yorkers.”

Harckham presented Senate Proclamations to the three honorees at a ceremony held on Sunday, Mar. 19 at the Clan na hÉireann School of Irish Dance, which Roper Izzo has owned and operated since 2019. The ceremony included performances from nine young Irish step dancers and Brady on the bagpipes.

John Gallagher, an Ossining resident for more than 50 years, has been involved in several nonprofit organizations since retiring in 1989 from a well-known car dealership that he owned and ran with his brother. Some of the nonprofits that Gallagher has lent his efforts to include Ossining Rotary, Habitat for Humanity, Knights of Columbus and Friendly Sons of St. Patrick. For more than 40 years, he has been involved with prison ministry, working primarily with incarcerated individuals at Sing Sing Correctional Facility through Residents Encounter Christ and Hudson Link. Gallagher also plays piano and sings in a band that performs regularly at area nursing homes.

Joe Brady, Jr., a Peekskill resident and world-class bagpiper, served as Regimental Pipe Major of the 1st Battalion, 69th Infantry Regiment for 33 years. In this role, he annually marched at the front of New York City’s St. Patrick’s Day parade, leading the battalion whose soldiers have marched at the front of the 260-year-old parade for the last 161 years.

Boasting of a strong Irish and Scottish ancestry, Brady began learning the bagpipes from his father at age seven. By 17 years old, he was rated as a professional open grade bagpiper—an extraordinary achievement at such a young age. Over the years, Brady has earned worldwide recognition as a bagpipe competitor, judge and performer. He has performed for numerous dignitaries and accompanied many of renowned musical acts, including the Chieftains, Wolfstones, vocalist Andy Cooney and the High Kings.

Katie Roper Izzo, also a Peekskill resident, began Irish dancing at the age of 6 in Yonkers under the direction of Margaret Pike and continued her dance career, even after the Pike School closed in 2002. She competed in regional, national and international competitions, including the All-Ireland and World Championships. Roper Izzo retired from dance competition while pursuing her undergraduate studies at Iona College.

Roper Izzo launched her Irish dance instruction career in 2017, and two years later opened her own studio, Clan na hÉireann School of Irish Dance. Clan na hÉireann, which translates to “the Irish family,” was founded on the principles of love, loyalty, friendship, and family. This past year, Roper Izzo’s Irish dance students have performed at more than 60 events.

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“Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted March 21, 2023, authorizing the construction of various park improvements, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$70,885; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$70,885 serial bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,”

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to construct various park improvements, including playground reconstruction, at the estimated cost of \$50,000 and fencing improvements, at the estimated cost of \$20,885; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$70,885; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$70,885 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$70,885 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the “Law”) to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

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DATED: March 21, 2023

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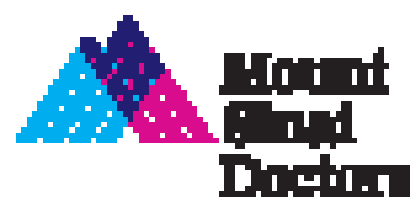
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