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Hochul, in Tie with Zeldin, Proposes Changes to Bail & Criminal Justice Reforms “All Second Offenses Within a Certain Period of Time Will be Bail-Eligible”



Governor Kathy Hochul has proposed a criminal justice reform package that includes reversing some of the changes enacted two years ago, including the elimination of bail reform for many crimes. Gov. Houchul confirmed her 10-point plan that was leaked. A memo leaked to the NY Post, (or was it given to them on purpose?) that includes giving judges more discretion to hold defendants on bail for additional types of crimes and based on their history of repeat offenses.

“For offenses that are not currently subject to arrest, police will have the ability (though not the requirement) to deny a Desk Appearance Ticket (DAT) and arrest an individual who has previously received a DAT within eighteen months. All second offenses within a certain period of time will be bail-eligible,” reads a copy of Hochul’s memo, which she’ll negotiate to include in her \$216 billion budget proposal due April 1.

The 10-point plan includes:

- For the most serious felonies, allow bail determinations to be informed by factors including criminal history and history of firearm use and possession. Judges will be allowed to set bail not based solely on the “least restrictive” conditions deemed necessary to ensure a return to court. The statute will set forth specific criteria on which judges will base their determinations, including criminal history and history of firearm use/possession.
- Make repeat offenses subject to arrest and bail-eligible
- Make certain gun-related offenses, hate crimes offenses, and subway crime offenses subject to arrest and not [desk appearance tickets]. Certain offenses which presently are subject to desk appearance tickets will be made only eligible for arrest.
- Make certain gun-related offenses bail-eligible.

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Anti-Abortion Protestors Found Guilty of Criminal Trespass at Clinic, Jail Time Possible



Christopher Moscinski, placed under arrest last Novemer after refusing to leave medical clinic that performs abortions

On March 17, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that after a three-day trial, a jury found three men guilty of unlawfully remaining at All Women’s Medical in White Plains to prevent patients from receiving access to medical care.

Matthew Connelly, 40, William Goodman, 52, and Christopher Moscinski, 52, were each found guilty on March 17, 2022, of Criminal Trespass in the Third Degree, a misdemeanor. The defendants are affiliated with Red Rose Rescue, a pro-life religious group.

On November 27, 2021, at approximately 8:40 a.m., the defendants unlawfully entered All Women’s Medical in White Plains, a private medical office. The defendants then remained inside the office for approximately two hours despite receiving numerous verbal warnings to leave from medical staff and the White Plains Police Department.

The defendants, two of whom remained in the waiting room and one who was on the floor blocking the entrance to the office, were arrested by White Plains Police and had to be physically carried out of the office.

“The District Attorney’s Office will vigorously prosecute any criminal acts that interfere with an individual’s constitutional right to freely access healthcare,” DA Rocah said. “There are no insignificant cases when it comes to the protection of reproductive rights.”

The case is before Judge John Collins in White Plains City Court, and is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Celia Curtis. The District Attorney’s Office thanks the White Plains Police Department for its cooperation in the prosecution of this trial. The defendants are scheduled to be sentenced on June 20, 2022.

For the B misdemeanor conviction, the three defendants could receive up to 90 days in jail. Or the Judge could give them probation or, more unlikely, a conditional discharge.

Many believe that the reason the defendants went to a trial was to promote their pro-life cause, but also because any plea agreement came with jail time. DA Rocah’s office might be asking Judge Collins for some type of jail time in a case

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Red Hot Real Estate Market Shows No Truth to “Everyone Leaving Westchester”



By Dan Murphy

While New York State continues to see an exodus of its population leaving the state, the data from Westchester tell a different story. A recent story in LoHud.com shows that the median sales price for a single-family home in Westchester increased by 2.3% after continually rising over the past 5 years.

The reason for the continued price increase is that demand is higher than supply. Many new homes are sold immediately after being placed on the market. In short, everyone wants to live in Westchester, and the population of Westchester continues to increase, hitting 1 million for the first time in the 2020 census.

So how does the real estate and population numbers fit into the narrative that people are leaving New York State? It doesn’t apply to Westchester. “This puts a lie to everyone’s leaving Westchester,” said a top Westchester democrat. “Houses that once land in the market are being snapped up for higher prices by people who want to live here. There is no fear of crime of high taxes-the market demand is strong. Your home value is a strong sign of our economic strength.

“The far right narrative just doesn’t apply here. As long as Westchester democrats stay moderate, and cut taxes, fund the police, deliver services and stay away from the far left, there will be no red wave in Westchester this November.”

Another Westchester democrat who is in the Real Estate business agrees. “I think its normal for those homeowners and residents who are nearing retirement to sell and move somewhere else in normal and that is still happening. But for every home for sale, there are 10 people who want to move into Westchester and raise a family and have their kids go to school. That trend has increased in recent years.”

Republicans in Westchester are hoping that a national trend will land here in Westchester. “The red wave required you to vote based on the national or statewide perception of democrats. Our job is to have you focus on what democrats have done right here in your town hall or in the county. We need to tell voters the difference and the result will be another solid election for democrats in November. But like always we have to work for it.”

Recent crime data also shows a decline in all serious crimes in Westchester County. Total crimes in Westchester County have decreased by 26.5% Total decreased in all indexed crimes including violent crimes, down 27.6%, and property crimes, down 26.3%.

So the question now becomes, is Westcheter County an outlier to what is happening in other parts of the state and country? And do the positive facts detailed in this story, point to a community of voters that will vote democrat?

Regeneron’s Billion Dollar Investment in Westchester



In what is one of the largest development projects to come before the Westchester County Industrial Development Agency, the IDA Board on February 25 voted preliminary approval of financial incentives for Phase 2 of Regeneron’s major expansion of its Tarrytown campus. The 724,000-square-foot project represents a total investment by Regeneron of \$1.39 billion resulting in the creation of at least 700 new full-time jobs and nearly 800 construction jobs.

“Today’s historic vote by the IDA is an important affirmation of Westchester County’s ongoing commitment to economic development and job creation. The financial incentives to be provided to Regeneron by the IDA will result in tremendous economic dividends for our County with hundreds of new construction jobs as well as hundreds of new well-paying jobs in the booming life sciences industry,” said Westchester County Executive George Latimer.

“The Westchester IDA applauds Regeneron for its continued investment in our County’s economy with this major expansion of its Tarrytown campus. Today’s significant vote is yet another example of how the IDA is working to promote economic development in Westchester by creating, attracting and retaining jobs,” said IDA Chair Joan McDonald.

The new facility would house multiple new R&D laboratories, administrative buildings, and amenities supporting the company’s important work of turning groundbreaking science into much needed medicines. The project would encompass the design, construction and fit-out of up to eight buildings, three parking garages, and a central utility plant. The project, which has received approval from the Town of Greenburgh Planning Department, would begin between April and June of this year, and is expected to be completed by the end of 2027.

According to an economic impact report prepared for the IDA by Camoin Associates, construction of the project will result in 789 jobs during the construction phase, generating \$100 million in total earnings. It is estimated that approximately 70% of these new earnings will be spent within Westchester County and 25% of that spending will generate sales tax revenue for the County. A cost benefit analysis shows that Regeneron’s project will generate a return of approximately \$1.62 of County tax revenue for each \$1.00 of County incentives awarded which is at the top of the range of projects previously approved by the IDA.

Regeneron, an industry-leading biotechnology company and Westchester’s

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Is There Any Support for Cuomo Comeback? Vote for him or Impeach Him?



By Dan Murphy

On March 17, former Governor Andrew Cuomo told Bloomberg that “I’m open to all options,” when asked if he is considering a run for Governor this year. And when asked if he would consider creating his own party line to run on, he added, “I’ve done so before. My father’s done it before.” (<https://www.bnnbloomberg.ca/andrew-cuomo-says-he-s-open-to-running-for-n-y-governor-again-1.1739184>).

It has only been 8 months since Cuomo resigned as Governor during a sexual-harassment scandal. A recent Emerson poll showed Cuomo trailing Governor Kathy Hochul by only four points, 37%-33%, in a democratic primary. But the same poll found 63% of New Yorkers saying that Cuomo should not run for office again. (<https://emersonpolling.reportablenews.com/pr/new-york-state-poll-former-gov-cuomo-potentially-trails-gov-hochul-by-four-points-in-democratic-primary>).

By tossing out the idea of running on a third-party line for Governor, Cuomo is realizing that a challenge to Hochul, his former Lt. Governor, in a democratic primary, is a difficult challenge. Most New York democrats asked for Cuomo to resign last year, including Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and Attorney General Letitia James, whose report on the sexual harassment allegation made against Cuomo most likely forced him to resign.

Cuomo would have to search for some New York Democrats to support him. And who would his Lt. Governor candidate be?

Here’s the path for a Cuomo for Gov. third party. He would first have to collect about 45,000 signatures to form his own statewide party and get on that party’s ballot for Governor in November.

The democrat and republican candidates for Governor would have to agree to debate Cuomo. Plus there is already a third party candidate who looks like he will be on the ballot. Libertarian Party candidate Larry Sharpe is trying to collect the 45,000 signatures to get on the ballot. Sharpe is also said to have the support from UniteNY, an independent group that also might try to get on the ballot this summer.

There is also no model which shows a successful third party candidate winning in New York State, unless you want to go back to 1970, when Conservative Buckley won the U.S. Senate seat on the Conservative line. Both Andrew and his father, Mario, ran on third party lines, but it was the democratic line that got them most of their votes to victory.

It is also interesting to note that while Cuomo is considering a third party run, he was the one who forced through changes to the election law to make it more difficult for third parties to exist in NY. Cuomo was made at the Working Families Party for nominating Cynthia Nixon to run for Governor, so he tried to cancel all the minor parties by requiring them to run a candidate for President and get 130,000 votes.

The other, political questions, is what happens if its Houchul, Lee Zeldin, Larry Sharpe and Andrew Cuomo on the ballot in November. Cuomo hurts Hochul and opens the door for Zeldin to win.

And his accusers are still out there, standing by their allegations of sexual harassment. And NYAG James is also standing by her report, and recently called Cuomo a liar. If he runs, the ads will start to pour out against Cuomo, who has \$15 Million left in his campaign account after spending \$3 Million in TV ads recently.

The rumors of a Cuomo comeback comes one day after NYS Comptroller Tom DiNapoli issued a report which validates accusations that the Cuomo administration underreported nursing home deaths during the COVID pandemic. “State auditors found that DOH (NY Department of Health) did not provide the public with accurate COVID-19 death counts and became entangled in the undercounting of those deaths as the Executive took control of information provided to the public. DOH would not provide auditors with a breakdown by name of the nursing home residents who died from COVID-19, and the actual number of nursing home residents who died is still uncertain. ...DOH understated the number of nursing home deaths due to COVID-19 by at least 4,100, and at times during the pandemic by more than 50%,” writes DiNapoli in the report.

“Families have a right to know if their loved one’s COVID-19 death was counted, but many still don’t have answers from the state Department of Health,” DiNapoli said. “Our audit findings are extremely troubling. The public was misled by those at the highest level of state government through distortion and suppression of the facts when New Yorkers deserved the truth... An important step would be for DOH to provide the families who lost loved ones with answers as to the actual number of nursing homes residents who died. These families are still grieving, and they deserve no less.”

We couldn’t find a Westchester democrat who is supporting Andrew’s comeback. One Westchester democrat said, “He (Cuomo) is like the uninvited guest to your home who won’t leave. Nobody wants him back.”

One Westchester elected democrat said, “It’s going to be tough for him. It’s his personality, he’s a bully.”

There is now a call for the NY Assembly and Senate to begin impeachment

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NYS Troopers Call Out Cortlandt Justice Kimberly Ragazzo for Releasing Defendant Illescas After Assaulting Trooper



Cortlandt Town Justice
Kimberly Ragazzo

The New York State Troopers Police Benevolent Association, the union representing uniformed New York State Troopers, is shocked by the nonchalance of Cortlandt Town Justice Kimberly Ragazzo in releasing a defendant - accused of assaulting a Trooper - on his recognizance simply because the young man claimed he had a college exam the next day.

“I am disgusted by the flippant attitude of Town of Cortlandt Justice Kimberly Ragazzo,” said NYSTPBA President Thomas H. Mungeer. “Despite the defendant’s displays of violence, including assaulting a Trooper, Justice Ragazzo chose to release him without even verifying his story.”

The 22-year-old man, Bryan P. Illescas, was arrested Sunday and charged with driving while intoxicated. While in custody at the State Police barracks in Cortlandt, Illescas became combative and damaged a wall. When the man’s mother came to pick him up, he suddenly punched a Trooper in the head and caused a significant laceration to the Trooper.

Additional charges of assaulting a police officer were brought upon Illescas, and he was then brought before Justice Ragazzo for arraignment. The district attorney recommended that Illescas be required to pay \$15,000 cash bail or a \$30,000 bond in order to be released, but Justice Ragazzo ignored that and instead released him on his recognizance because she did not want him to miss a college midterm exam in criminal justice the next day.

“You cannot make this stuff up! My Troopers risk their lives every day making the roadways and neighborhoods of this state safe. The last thing they need to encounter is a soft-on-crime judge who has more sympathy for a failed criminal justice major than she does for the citizens of her jurisdiction, Mungeer said. “Shame on you, Justice Ragazzo!”

7th Grader Pens Letter on War in Ukraine

As a twelve year old, I feel like Putin is “SICK “. Not only did he lie to his people by telling them he was looking for former Nazis, his “ speech “ also put his people in danger. I watch the news every night with my mom, dad and Aunty.

I always ask myself “Why does Putin have to fight?” In class we were talking about that issue. I learned that after World War Two, the Russians lost many countries. When those countries became democratic, that meant they could choose their leaders and did not have to be ruled by a Dictator. Since this war started, I think that’s what Putin is going to do AGAIN! Right now, some of the Russians are stopping because they have less food, less guns. Putin lied to them. I want to say something to Putin “STOP THIS WAR BEFORE YOU LOSE EVERYTHING”.

We want peace on this earth, not hate. CNN showed your people dead on the battlefield. I hope you remember what I am saying, because yes, the Ukraine will win. You will not!! Putin, you will lose no matter how many missiles you fire. As a twelve years old I am almost a teen, and if I had a chance to talk to you, I know you would stop this war. Why? Because if you do not stop, you will lose more.

If I were you, I would sit down and think about what I have done. You lied to your people, then you told them to attack cities in Ukraine. I hope your military turns around and tells your army to stop this war. If you stop now, your people will love you more. As you can see on T.V, even though your people met in a meeting, you still bombed a market and that killed a KID! NO ONE WANTS SEE THEIR KID DIE. To you Mr. Putin, I say lay down your guns now, because the good people will win this war.

To the Ukanians and to President Biden, I say “ Yes”, we will be safe, and Putin will stop the war. He will see what he has done. If he keeps going, than Putin is not the guy you thought he was. Last night, I was watching “ the State of the Union speech. I loved what President Biden said. The best part is when President Biden said “ We support the Ukrainian people.” I loved President Biden, and for you Mr. Putin, Do not try to take over Ukraine, because you will lose.”

Respectfully yours,
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Sadness In Ukraine

A Poem by David P. Carroll

My heart aches today And it's just war and
 Sadness all day and Nobody knows it's painful
 But me oh yes me And sadness in our eye's
 As our little children cry
 All through the cold dark lonely
 Night and snow is falling tonight
 And a bitter chill in the air and the
 And the worst pain is yet to come
 And I want to cry tonight
 I'm holding my baby so tight
 And there's no longer any more
 Tears to roll down my sad
 Lonely old face and I'm in a horrible blown up
 Place and it's just war and
 Destruction disaster and hate
 And I've sat and cried and I'm
 Holding my baby so tight as my
 Loved ones died tonight And Lord Jesus Christ
 I want to break Free and move on
 But sadness lives on
 And we are drowning in a River of blood and we
 Can't catch our breath
 And a lonely tear rolls down My baby's face
 We are already dead
 In this blown up sad lonely place.

Send in the Clowns



By Eric W. Schoen

Stephen Sondheim, the man who re-invented the Broadway musical and died last year was born this week in 1930 in New York City. One of his most famous shows was 'A Little Night Music.' A song from the show, 'Send in the Clowns' pretty much sums up what's going on all around us today!

The man who rubbed poop on a lady in a Bronx subway car was set free on bail for the 40th time. He then committed an anti-Semitic act attacking a Jewish man and was set free again. Next he threw a weight breaking the window of a warehouse, and a judge finally set cash and bond bail on this creep.

Asian women have been attacked in New York City and right here in Yonkers. Over the weekend the lines were long for canisters of pepper spray given gratis in Chinatown to protect these poor ladies from further attacks by crazy people!

Want a license to sell marijuana in New York State? Granted I don't want one and hate the smell of 'weed.' But the first 100 are going to those convicted of marijuana crimes and their relatives. Doubt it's going to be the 'little people' who get them. And social services agencies who were and are in the business of helping these people. And Governor Hochul has set up a fund to help those who broke the law set up business. You guessed it. Your tax dollars and mine.

Many People are afraid to drive with the crazy drivers on the road. Honking you. Switching lanes. Speed racing. Going way over the speed limit in clearly marked areas, even when there are multiple speed bumps on the road. Flashing their lights at you. Giving you the middle finger. The state needs speed cameras on our roads and more police officers on the ground and helicopters in the air to deal this this.

I go exercising at Tibbetts Park in Yonkers. People who are an 1/8th of a mile or more from others out in the open wearing face masks to prevent them from getting Covid-19!

New Mayor in New York, new Governor and they can't do anything to improve the deplorable conditions in Penn Station in New York City? People, many from Westchester are afraid to travel through Penn Station trampling over the homeless and others doing no good.

Speaking of homeless, as we go to Press 2500 apartments for the homeless who need mental care and social services sit empty because New York City can't get its act together?

Everyone worried about the conditions at Rikers Island in New York City. The city and state can't get their acts together to clean the place up. Even those accused of crimes deserve to be kept in humane conditions. But what about those of us not on Rikers Island. Or those of us who don't have relatives on the Island waiting their fate. Is anybody worried about us?

The first time someone gets charged or convicted of causing harm, injury or god forbid death due to driving under the influence of Marijuana when legal sales begin, the politicians in this state who approved the law are sadly going to have blood on their hands.

Is it me or does every road I travel on have an accident impeding the flow of traffic? Should our government charge those involved in accidents, many caused by speeding and reckless driving or those driving under the influence with the costs of police, fire, emergency services and clean-up which has got to be in the thousands of dollars? And let's not forget the time lost by the drivers obeying the laws who get stuck sometimes for hours in these situations?

Speaking of accidents, hikers hiking off the designated trails in Putnam County at the Cornish Estate in the Highlands getting stuck and unable to move! 7 State, Parks, County and local levels had to respond. Who pays for this? I say send the bills to the hikers, and if they can't pay lock them up or punish them because they weren't following clearly posted rules!

Weddings cancelled due to Covid and restaurants and catering halls refusing to return monies paid either as a deposit or for the complete cost of the affair. Kudos to Attorney General Tish James for getting the money back. Covid was a National emergency, crisis whatever you want to call it. If you are planning a wedding or any event in the 'living with Covid' scenario we live in, make sure you take out cancellation insurance.

A State Supreme Court Justice, Linda Jamieson gets a mere censure, not expulsion by the New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct for failure to disclose a loan she made to an associate. The Judge pressures an attorney representing the associate to make it easier to collect on the loan, she failed to report, as required for 14 years! During the disciplinary hearing, the judge acknowl-

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Paul Dunphy Named Senior Vice-President, COO NY Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital



Paul Dunphy

Paul Dunphy has been appointed senior vice president and chief operating officer at NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital. In his new role, he will continue to champion bringing expert health care to Westchester through NewYork-Presbyterian's vast resources including world-class physicians from NewYork-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

Dunphy joined NewYork-Presbyterian in 1990 and has held a number of leadership roles in operations, finance, and quality with progressive responsibility. He also successfully led the Ambulatory and Community Care Network (ACN) for the entire NewYork-Presbyterian enterprise for the past 31 years. He will continue to lead NewYork-Presbyterian Allen Hospital in northern Manhattan, where he has been SVP and COO since 2014. Dunphy succeeds Michael Fosina, who stepped down as president of NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital at the beginning of the 2022.

Dunphy received his undergraduate degree from Providence College and his Master of Business Administration from Baruch College.


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Statement of Assemblymember Amy Paulin on Atlanta Spa Shootings Anniversary & Recent Asian-American Hate Crime in Yonkers



Assemblymember Amy Paulin

Westchester Assemblymember Amy Paulin issued the following statement. "Today is the one-year anniversary of the Atlanta spa shootings, and our Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community is still under attack.

"Just this week a 67 year-old Filipino woman was severely beaten – punched and stomped on more than 100 times – in the foyer of her Yonkers apartment building.

"One year after eight people died in a shooting spree targeting three spas run by Asian Americans in metro Atlanta, we must not only recall those who were lost, but highlight the ongoing violence still affecting the AAPI community.

"For these reasons I am very pleased that the NYS Assembly has responded to my request and has included \$15 million in its proposed budget to address racism and discrimination.

"I co-sponsored The Hate Crimes Analysis and Review Act which seeks to ensure that New York State collects and reports data on the sexual orientation, gender identity and racial or ethnic identity of victims and alleged perpetrators. This bill was signed into law in December 2021.

"I rallied behind the AAPI Data Disaggregation bill, which was also signed into law in December 2021. This law will provide a clearer picture of the inequalities that exist across all groups, thereby identifying the challenges to address the structural barriers that certain AAPI subgroups face.

"I also co-sponsor a current bill (A2508/S125) that would have schools incorporate hate crime education into the curriculum – teaching students from an early age to be accepting and inclusive of all and to identify and fight back against those who practice hate, discrimination and religious intolerance.

"I will continue to take action to ensure that AAPI New Yorkers are fully seen and represented in our state's decision-making process. We cannot let this horrific violence and harassment continue. If one group in our community is living in fear, we all are," stated Paulin.

The Hundred Acre Wood Exhibit "Forest Friends" Comes to Lasdon Park

The Hundred Acre Wood Exhibit "Forest Friends" comes to Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial this spring. The new exhibit is scheduled to open Saturday, April 9, and runs select days and times through Sunday, May 29.

Located inside the Conservatory, this presentation walks viewers through a "storybook" fantasy featuring the original characters of A.A. Milne and inspired art of E.H. Shepard. Winnie the Pooh and friends come to life with enchanting visuals that teaches children about the importance of our forests and the inhabitants that live there.

The display features five giant books, over six-feet tall that will present a poetic, animated lesson centered around a character from the classic works. In addition, interactive signage will coordinate with each lesson allowing children and adults a hands-on sensory experience.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer says, "This innovative exhibit is a fresh way to teach the children of Westchester more about the organic properties all around them in a fun and relatable way while providing a beautiful, interactive and engaging learning space."

Throughout the Conservatory, seasonal flowers, tropical plants, trees and shrubs will accent the exhibit with an explosion of color, texture and fragrance. Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor says, "We are proud to provide the youth of Westchester with an exciting, educational experience such as this, which sparks interest in learning about situations in their own backyard."

Tickets go on sale Monday, March 21, online with scheduled viewing times and pricing ranging from \$10 to \$20. Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial is a Westchester County Park on Route 35 in Somers. The GPS address is 2610 Amawalk Road, Katonah, NY 10536. Visit LasdonPark.org or call or call (914) 864-7268 for scheduled times or ticket information.

Dunwoodie- Mohansic Driving Ranges Open

Westchester Parks Foundation (WPF) celebrates the opening of the driving ranges at Mohansic Golf Course in Yorktown Heights and Dunwoodie Golf Course in Yonkers. All proceeds from both locations benefit the Westchester Parks Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and go to support and enhance the Westchester County Parks and programs that you love all year round! The driving ranges are open seven days a week mid-March through end of December, weather permitting. For more information and to reserve a time slot, log on to <https://www.thewpf.org/driving-ranges>.

Mayer, Harckham, Revolutionary War Reenactors Celebrate Signing of the NYS 250th Commemoration Act



Joined by Revolutionary War-era living history reenactors, historians, county and local officials along the Hudson River, New York State Senators Shelley B. Mayer and Pete Harckham today celebrated the signing of the New York State 250th Commemoration Act, which will allow the state to plan for the semiquincentennial commemoration of the American Revolution in 2026.

The legislation (S.7700, A.8689) sponsored by Senator Mayer was signed earlier this year by Governor Kathy Hochul. It creates a 21 voting member commission that includes a wide range of stakeholders and encourages creation of a series of plans to encourage participation in the commemoration. It also creates a special fund to accept federal and state funding, as well as donations to support programming and heritage projects.

The commemoration is expected to spark local and international tourism interest and will highlight the lesser known stories of women, African Americans and Native Americans who did not immediately benefit from the ideals of liberty and freedom after the revolution.

Since Congress enacted legislation to create the federal commission in 2016, many other states have adopted similar programs. Senator Mayer secured \$50,000 for the commemoration fund in the 2021-22 New York State Budget.

Senator Mayer said: "The 250th anniversary offers a unique opportunity to educate and inspire New Yorkers about our state's leading role in the American Revolution, subsequent civil rights struggles and the state and nation's complex history. As we continue to work towards the ideals of our founding principles and towards a more inclusive and perfect union, I am so pleased we will have the resources in place to honor this history throughout New York. I thank Revolutionary Westchester 250, especially President Constance Kehoe, and advocates throughout New York who have worked to provide communities and non-profits the tools to plan for New York's Semiquincentennial celebrations in 2026 and beyond."

Senator Harckham said: "The role of New York in our nation's early colonial history is rich and complex. I look forward to contributing to the important celebration of the 250th anniversary of the start of the American Revolution, and thank those here today who are organizing this commemoration."

The narrow section of the Hudson River at Verplanck's point served as a strategic location during the Revolutionary War. It is where General George Washington and the Continental Army escaped from the British after the Battle of White Plains in November of 1776, and where General Rochambeau later crossed on his march to victory in Yorktown, Virginia.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "Westchester is home to a rich tradition of history-altering events happening here in our backyard. When it comes to the American Revolution, our home County is filled with this important history which my Administration takes very seriously – as seen through our re-building of the historic Elijah Miller House, where General Washington planned the Battle of White Plains, so future generations can hear and learn where it all happened. As we approach this 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, commemorating and celebrating those events is both an educational and an economic opportunity."

Westchester County Legislator MaryJane Shimsky: "My colleagues on the Westchester County Board of Legislators and I are very happy that New York State has enacted the 250th Commemoration Act. I sponsored, and the Board unanimously passed, this law because we recognized the need for our State to participate in observances of this major landmark in our country's history."

Revolutionary Westchester 250 President Constance Kehoe said: "Huzzah for the New York State Senators and Assemblymembers and Governor Kathy Hochul. New York State's full participation in the national commemoration of the founding of the United States is now in place. The importance of New York State cannot be overstated in the founding of our nation. July 9, 2026 will mark 250 years since the members of the Fourth Provincial Congress of New York assembled in White Plains and received then approved the Declaration of Independence. Instructions were sent back to Philadelphia to sign the Declaration. New York's vote in White Plains made the Declaration of Independence unanimously approved by all thirteen former colonies. The die was cast. The colony of New York was declared the State of New York on July 11, 1776, in White Plains.

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Peekskill Man Indicted for Murder in Shooting at Yonkers Bar



Video here: <https://youtu.be/J9HCB23YL-4>

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that Peekskill resident Yaquba McGougain was indicted on charges in connection with a shooting that killed one and injured another at a Yonkers bar in February.

McGougain, 29, was indicted by a Westchester County Grand Jury for Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Assault in the First Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, all violent felonies. The defendant was arraigned on March 21, 2022, and is being held without bail.

McGougain is charged with fatally shooting 22-year-old New Jersey resident Antonio Antoine-Fils at a bar on Yonkers Avenue in Yonkers, on February 6, 2022, at approximately 2:08 a.m. The victim was transported to St. Joseph's Hospital in Yonkers, where he was pronounced dead. A second victim, who McGougain is also charged with shooting and injuring, was transported to Jacobi Hospital where he was treated for his injuries.

The Yonkers Police Department investigated the incident and arrested McGougain within 72 hours.

Detectives from the Major Case Squad and Crime Scene Unit responded to the scene and interviewed subjects and witnesses, recovered surveillance video, and processed forensic and ballistic evidence. Investigation has yielded that the bar was hosting a party on the second floor that resulted in several fights amongst the patrons. Bar management stopped the party and was ushering the attendees outside, some of whom were intoxicated and disorderly. Investigators allege that one of the attendees went to a parked vehicle and retrieved a handgun, and then proceeded to the front of the bar and fired at least three gunshots into the vestibule of the building, striking two employees: a bouncer and a busser. Both the employees were engaged in moving the party crowd outside.

The bouncer, a 23-year-old resident of the Bronx, New York City, was struck one time in the stomach and was treated and released. The busser, Antonio Antoine-Fils a 22-year-old resident of Montvale, New Jersey, was struck twice, once in the torso and once in the hand, and died from his injuries.

Peekskill Man Indicted for Murder in Shooting at Yonkers Bar



On March 17, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that former Peekskill Police Officer Michael Agovino pled guilty to sexually abusing a woman he threatened with arrest while he was on duty on multiple occasions between 2019 and 2020.

Agovino, 35, pled guilty on March 17, 2022, to three counts of Burglary in the Second Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony, two counts of Burglary in the Second Degree, two counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony, Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, Stalking in the First Degree as a Sexually Motivated Felony, and Falsifying Business Records in the First Degree, all felonies. He also pled guilty to four counts of Official Misconduct, three counts of Coercion in the Third Degree, and two counts of Forcible Touching, all misdemeanors.

In exchange for his plea to each count in the indictment, the Court promised Agovino a sentence of seven years in state prison, with 15 years of post-release supervision. Agovino will also have to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison. The District Attorney's Office voiced to the Court their strong objection to the agreement, as Agovino faced significantly more prison time if convicted after trial.

On two occasions in July 2019, Agovino, while on duty as a police officer, unlawfully entered the victim's Peekskill home under the pretext that he was conducting an investigation where she was a suspect. During the first visit, Agovino demanded the victim remove all of her clothing under the pretense of conducting a body search, and then sexually abused her. On the second visit, Agovino returned to the home, threatened the victim with arrest unless she removed her clothing or performed a sex act on him, and again sexually abused her.

Over the next five months, on three separate occasions, while on duty, Agovino unlawfully entered or attempted to enter the victim's home for his own sexual gratification at the expense of the victim, and in one instance sexually abused her. On the last date, in January 2020, unbeknownst to Agovino, the victim audio recorded their interaction, and provided that recording the District Attorney's Office.

Investigators with the District Attorney's Office arrested Agovino on February 15, 2020, following an investigation, in collaboration with the Peekskill Police Department. Agovino resigned from the Peekskill Police Department in 2021.

"Michael Agovino disgracefully violated his oath of office and his responsibility to serve and protect the public as a police officer by repeatedly abusing his authority, and sexually abusing this woman," DA Rocah said. "The victim in this case demonstrated great courage in her attempt to hold her abuser accountable during this emotionally distressing ordeal and we hope that today's plea helps in the healing process." Agovino is scheduled to be sentenced on June 23, 2022.

Assemblymember Sandy Galef Endorses Levenberg to Replace Her



“Dana's dedication, energy, work ethic and knowledge of the Legislature will enable her to deliver results on the issues that matter the most to the 95th Assembly District.”

DANA LEVENBERG
FOR
NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLY

Long serving democratic Assemblywoman Sandy Galef endorsed Dana Levenberg to replace her in the 95th Assembly District, which includes Yorktown, Peekskill, Cortlandt and Ossining, and parts of Putnam County. Assemblywoman Galef, who is retiring at the end of this year, wrote in an email to her constituents,

“As petitioning for the June primary gets underway, volunteers will be knocking on the doors of registered Democrats asking them to sign petitions to get their candidate on the ballot. Voters can only sign for one candidate and have it count, so choose wisely!

I am writing to share why I support Dana Levenberg for New York State Assembly, and why I hope readers of this letter will join me in supporting her as well.

“From the moment I met Dana, I knew she was special. Her energy, compassion, and intelligence were on full display in her pursuit of the project she was starting at the time, the Ossining Micro Fund (OMF), which she co-founded with fellow District 95 powerhouse (and current Chair of the Westchester County Board of Legislators), Catherine Borgia. The OMF, a non-profit offering interest-free loans to individuals and families facing unexpected financial obstacles, is still going strong, a testament to the vision of its founders and their ability to bring together the right people and resources to get things done.

“In 2008, I offered Dana a position in my office as my Communications Director, and before long she was my Chief of Staff. I saw firsthand her incredible work ethic and persistence, as she diligently assisted my constituents in every way possible. She represented me well in regional activities and on economic development committees, where she gained important friends and allies throughout the Hudson Valley.

“When she left my Assembly office to become Ossining Town Supervisor, I knew she would do an incredible job for the people of her town, and she has – including consistently seeking my support for important state grant funding. I have no doubt that when she gets to Albany, she will work closely with every municipality in the district to help them get the funds and other resources they need, because she understands just how important those resources are.

“I know and respect all of the candidates running for this seat. But I also know no one else will work as hard or as effectively for the 95th Assembly District as Dana. I know this because I've seen her do it. She knows this district and the Assembly, and she will be able to hit the ground running on day one.

Whether you live in Philipstown, Yorktown, Peekskill, Cortlandt, or Ossining, I hope you will join me in supporting Dana Levenberg for Assembly,” writes Galef.

The endorsement letter explains how Levenberg worked for Galef for years, so while not a surprise, the admiration and respect for Galef in the district will certainly help Levenberg, who is competing in a democratic primary that includes former Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey, Westchester County Legislator Colin Smith and former Peekskill Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo.

“To be running for this seat and to receive the endorsement of Assemblywoman Sandy Galef is such an honor. I have learned so much from her as my mentor, colleague, past boss, and friend. Her example has inspired me to be the public servant and community leader that I am, and I am so grateful for her continued support,” wrote Levenberg.

Hochul Bail Reform, continued from pg. 1-

- Make it easier to prosecute gun trafficking.
- Targeted reforms of the discovery statute.
- Targeted reforms of the “Raise the Age” statute.

Increase funding for pretrial, diversion, and employment programs: Hochul's budget already includes \$83.4 million for pretrial services, but the governor would increase that amount — although the memo did not say by how much. It would also distribute the nearly \$500 million appropriated for “Raise the Age” implementation that has not yet been spent.

- Expand involuntary commitment and Kendra's Law.
- Increase funding for mental health treatment.

Opposition to Hochul's plan has already come from progressives in the democratic party. And as we go to press, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins (D-Westchester) and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie (D-Bronx) still oppose any amendments to cashless bail or the Raise the Age reforms they passed two years ago.

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Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-

edged ‘her conduct was stupid because I never took the forms (she was required to submit) seriously!’ Then she went on to say now she does. 4 members of the committee voted for her expulsion. Hooray for them. So the judge doesn’t have to follow the laws but we do! Laughable!

Four hours of testimony by Senators on the Judicial Committee of the United States Senate before the candidate for the Supreme Court they are considering can receive an honest and fair hearing. Who the hell cares what these Senators are thinking. We want a fair, honest. Intelligent discussion of her background and why she wants to sit on the court, not blabbering words from Senators that their high paid staff writers have written and they can, in many cases barely read.

Governor Hochul announces a 10 point plan to deal with the bail reform crisis and crime in New York State and members of the legislature are fighting with her over it. On what planet do they live. I hope and pray none of their family members become victims of crime.

Subway fare invasion, bus fare invasion are no longer prosecuted as crimes in New York City. You know in a way I can understand that though it shouldn’t be happening. The subways and many city buses are not places where you want to be. The quickest most efficient way to get to Barclays Center in Brooklyn from Westchester and Rockland is via Metro North and subway or Long Island Railroad. People are scared about the subway and the fact they have to transfer in Penn Station.

Some say, ‘People deserve a real shot at a second chance. The Clean Slate Act will increase public safety, bolster the workforce and improve our economy by automatically clearing old conviction records and unlocking opportunity for more than 2.3 million New Yorkers.’ Will they ever do anything for those of us who never broke the law?

State Attorney General Letitia James is calling on Governor Hochul to stop blocking nursing home reforms that are designed to prevent understaffing; Hochul has been postponing enforcement, citing a health care workforce shortage. All I can say is try to keep your relatives out of nursing homes as long as possible. There are many good ones with hard working staffs, but many with money hungry owners who only care about the mighty dollar.

I could go on and on but at this point you get my drift.

Send in the Clowns? As the revered Sondheim said, ‘Don’t bother they’re here.’

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericnyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show alternating Thursday’s from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, WVOX.com click listen or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

Notice of formation of JGS Notary Services LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 10/28/21 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : C/O JGS Notary Services LLC , 588 Warburton Apt 2 Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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YouTube Takes Down Yonkers Police Video of Attack on Elderly Asian Woman



The Yonkers Police Department was notified on March 21 that a video posted on YouTube, which showed footage from an apartment building entrance of an elderly asian resident being beaten by a man, would be taken down because “it violates our violent or graphic content policy.”

The decision was objected to by the YPD who posted on Facebook, ” Dear YouTube, Safety isn’t derived from censoring content and information; it’s the product of a free society that adheres to the rule of law.

The decision by YouTube raises an interesting debate over whether certain images should be shown to the public to create awareness, and opposition to hate, or whether the images and content are too graphic to be shared with the community.

There are valid arguments to be considered on both sides of this debate.

Another area of hate crime in Westchester has been in the posting of anti-semitic symbols and swastikas. It has been the policy of Yonkers Rising, Westchester Rising and YonkersTimes.com to try and print these symbols of hate, as a way to warn the public about them, but also to be aware if they see them to report them.

But we also understand that the images, or in this case, the video content, is difficult to see and to watch.

Send us your opinions to dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

Cuomo Comeback, continued from pg. 2-

Ana Maria Archila, a progressive democrat running for Lt. Gov, wrote a letter to the Daily News titled, Impeach Andrew Cuomo — now.

“Let us begin with the facts: Eleven brave women came forward with allegations of sexual harassment and assault against Cuomo. Their claims were found credible by an extensive and thorough investigation conducted by outside lawyers enlisted by Attorney General Tish James, a private law firm tapped by the Assembly Judiciary Committee, and by various district attorneys across the state (who generally said they believed the women even as they declined to prosecute Cuomo).

Cuomo abused his power when he harassed and groped women, and he abused his power when he sought to hide the truth about his disastrous pandemic policies.

Now, he is trying to make a comeback by gaslighting not only the women he victimized, but also New Yorkers who trusted him to serve their interests. He’s spending millions of dollars of his corporate buddies’ donations on television ads to project his grotesque message.

His attempt to return to public office without accepting responsibility or facing real accountability is offensive and grotesque, and he must be stopped.

The good news is that there’s a clear path to preventing his political return. The Assembly, which had begun the process of impeachment before he resigned, should now move immediately to impeach Cuomo. Once they have acted, the High Court of Impeachment, made up of all sitting senators save the majority leader, plus the members of the Court of Appeals, should then proceed with a trial. A Senate conviction could, and should, permanently bar Cuomo from holding state public office again,” writes Archila.

Regeneron, continued from pg. 1-

largest private employer, currently has more than 3,300 full-time employees at its corporate and R&D headquarters at 777 Old Saw Mill River Road in Tarrytown. Founded and led by physician-scientists, the company has nine FDA-approved treatments and numerous product candidates in development, almost all of which were invented in Regeneron’s Tarrytown laboratories. Its medicines help people with eye diseases, allergic and inflammatory diseases, cancer, cardiovascular and metabolic diseases, rare diseases and infectious diseases like COVID-19 and Ebola. Last year, Regeneron announced that it plans to invest about \$1.8 billion over six years to expand its facilities in Westchester and the Mid-Hudson region.

Regeneron indicated that it considered alternative sites in New Jersey for the expansion, noting that New Jersey has the highest concentration of scientists and engineers in the nation. Regeneron requested a sales tax exemption of approximately \$47.5 million and real property tax exemption of approximately \$125.3 million. In addition to the financial assistance sought from the IDA, Regeneron has been granted \$100 million in other public incentives to partially defray the cost of the proposed project capital investment.

Suffolk Names Tuckahoe Resident Tom Giordano GM of NY Region



Tom Giordano

Suffolk, one of the nation’s most successful and innovative builders and real estate enterprises, today announced that Tom Giordano has been appointed to the role of General Manager of the New York Region. In this role, he will be responsible for supporting the company’s mission and vision, enhancing internal organization processes and infrastructure, and driving future growth in the metro area.

“I have long admired Tom for his talent, his work ethic, and his passion for all aspects of the construction industry,” said John Fish, chairman and CEO of Suffolk Construction. “I am thrilled that he will be heading up our New York office and am confident that under his leadership we will accelerate our steady upward trajectory.”

“Suffolk is making a big investment to create a significant impact in the New York market, and I am excited to be able to lead the team working to realize that goal,” Mr. Giordano said. “I truly believe that Suffolk, under John’s leadership, aims to be the best builder in the country. The company’s rapid growth in the metro area and its outside-the-box thinking when it comes to technology are a testament to that effort, and we are just getting started.”

Prior to joining Suffolk, Mr. Giordano was the Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Lendlease Construction Holdings, a national construction management company. He served on the company’s executive committee responsible for overseeing all commercial and strategic aspects of the business. Mr. Giordano earned his bachelor’s degree from Fordham College and his Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the World Trade Center Captive Insurance Agency and continues to serve the Advisory Board for the Construction SuperConference and a number of other educational and charitable not-forprofit organizations. For more information, visit www.suffolk.com

Anti-Abortion trespass continued from pg. 1-

that drew national attention, and where both sides of the argument have highlighted this case.

The Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion, WCLA, called the defendants terrorists, and posted, “Today the jury spoke for the people of New York. The evidence was crystal clear. The six-woman jury rendered a guilty verdict in under 30 minutes, making a strong statement against the terrorists who invaded All Women’s Health in White Plains on November 27, 2021 --- the worst assault on a reproductive healthcare facility in NYS in decades.”

The defendants were members of a group Red Rose Rescue, who posted their view of the trial proceedings. “On the Solemnity of St. Patrick in the Archdiocese of New York, rescuers Fr. Fidelis Moscinski, CFR, Matthew Connelly, and Will Goodman were all three convicted of helping mothers and preborn babies in mortal danger.

“The morning began with Mr. Goodman on the witness stand enduring an aggressive assault of biased questions by the prosecutor. While she sought to represent the peaceful patient advocates in the most negative and unjust way possible, Will explained the nature of their effort to defend the defenseless, offer aid to those feeling trapped, and be the voice of the babies in order to move the consciences of those involved in killing God’s little ones.

“During closing arguments, our defense attorney Steve Anduze was rudely interrupted by the prosecutor as he attempted to shape his narrative of the case facts within an historical context.

“In particular, he mentioned the Underground Railroad which courageously helped people forced into slavery to be free. He was seeking to show how these great American rescuers were perceived as “criminals” by those committing the atrocities of slavery.

“Judge Collins called for an immediate sidebar to speak with both attorneys. After about five minutes of discussion, the lawyers returned to their posts and Steve continued.

“Just as he began to speak of the nonviolence practiced in the Civil Rights Movement, the prosecutor interrupted him again. Then most suprisingly, the judge silenced him with regard to his contextual narrative! This was unprecedented and wholly unwarranted!

“Especially in light of the fact that the prosecutor in her closing summation had free reign to offer her own narrative without interference from the court. Such poor judicial behavior is but one example of how prolife advocates are treated as second class citizens by proabortion states.

“Mr. Anduze briefly continued his closing statements by encouraging the jury to recognize that the rescuers were acting in conscience, and this case revolves around the rescuers’ sincere and peaceful acts of conscience.

“The defendants did not deny that they were on the premises,” he stated, “but they were moved by conscience to save the lives of the endangered unborn babies.”

After receiving instructions from Judge Collins, the jury exited to their chambers for deliberation. In approximately 30 minutes, the jury returned with their unanimous decision: “guilty.”

The court set a sentencing hearing for June 20th. The maximum penalty for this unjust “trespassing” verdict is six months.

A number of prolife supporters were in the courtroom to pray, witness the cross examination, and hear the delivered verdict. Some members from the young adult group “Catholic Renegades” were present to show their solidarity. The Renegades are an organization dedicated to living the truth, defending Church teaching on life issues, and standing up to unjust government overreach.

“This verdict allows us, in some small way, to be more closely aligned to our poor sisters and brothers in the womb who are being wantonly ignored by the courts and rejected by so many people in our nation.” Said Goodman in reply to the jury’s decision. “But in response to the jury’s condemnation, we offer them only forgiveness.”

From this point forward, Judge Collins alone will be deciding the fate of the Red Rose Rescuers. Pray for him to do what is right and true.”

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Mount Vernon High School Basketball Wins State Championship Goes Undefeated 24-0



Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patteneson Howard is pictured celebrating with the Mt. Vernon High School Boys Basketball team and cheerleaders, after winning the 2022 Section 1 AA Boys Basketball Championship, and completing a perfect 24-0, undefeated season.

They beat Green Tech 55-45 in Glens Fall on March 19.

This is only the fourth time in their history that MVHS hoops has gone undefeated (1978, 1991 and 2000) and the first time in 22 years. Tournament MVP DeMarley Taylor and 6-foot-9 center Brandon Sinclair let the Knights to the championship. Both Taylor and Sinclair and seniors and headed on to play college basketball.

Knights head coach Bob Cimmino won his 8th title and has become the greatest high school coach in Westchester history.

"It might be the greatest Mount Vernon team ever. Who can argue? Nobody can argue it now," Cimmino said of the unblemished season. "I'm going to tell them that, too. It's certainly perfect. I've never talked about that. I never mentioned undefeated. Now they are going to hear it until they are bored to death from me."

In his 27 seasons, Cimmino is now 576-113.

Peekskill Resident Joe Brady Celebrates Final Year as NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade's Lead Bagpiper



Joe Brady, Peekskill resident and world-renowned bagpiper, will lead the New York City St. Patrick's Day parade for his 33rd consecutive and final time this year. As the Regimental Pipe Major of the 1st Battalion, 69th Regiment (the famed Fighting 69th), Brady marches at the very head of the parade alongside the Regiment Commander. He leads the battalion whose soldiers have marched at the front of the 260-year-old parade for the last 161 years. Historically, over 150,000 others follow the soldiers with over two million spectators cheering them on.

"I have had the honor to lead over 800 soldiers into a packed St. Patrick's Cathedral to celebrate mass and then to march in one of the largest parades in the world — a celebration of our Irish religious, ethnic and civic values," Brady said. "It is incredibly inspiring."

This year, Brady, 66, will retire from the physically demanding role. The bagpipes and traditional highland dress weigh over 40 pounds and require an incredible amount of stamina, especially while marching. Brady will bestow the honor upon a young champion bagpiper, Sean Dalgauer. Dalgauer, 25, from Whitehouse Station, New Jersey is, like Brady, an Iona College graduate who started playing the pipes when he was a child.

"Marching with the 69th Infantry Regiment has been so special to me because of its rich military history as the most decorated Regiment in the country and its ongoing commitment to giving back to the community," says Brady. "Sean appreciates the Regiment the way I do and it was the right time and right thing to do for the Regiment to pass the baton," says Brady.

The 69th Infantry Regiment was informally formed in the 1760s and served in nearly every major war since the Civil War. In 1851, at a time when Irish immigrants were the targets of bigotry, the 69th Infantry Regiment protected the parade, then in its 89th year.

"Joe Brady is a legend and an icon of the St. Patrick's Day community," says Colonel Don Makay who served as the 69th Infantry Commander from 2016 to 2019. "It was always an honor to march alongside him and to keep the battalion in sync with his music... He is as much a part of the 69th legacy as the soldiers in uniform. Joe is a soldier at heart and we will miss his companionship during the parade and throughout the season."

With a strong Irish and Scottish heritage, Brady started learning the bagpipes from his father at age seven. By age 17, he was rated as a professional open grade bagpiper — an extraordinary achievement at such a young age. The bagpipe is a tricky instrument to master; it is limited to nine notes which are achieved only by blowing and squeezing, requiring a remarkable amount of endurance.

Brady has earned worldwide recognition as a bagpipe competitor, judge and performer. He's played for numerous dignitaries and gigged with the Chieftains, Wolfstones, Andy Cooney and the High Kings to name just a few.

The NYC Parade is over, but the Peekskill St. Pat's parade was moved to this Saturday March 26. Will Joe Brady give us one more performance? We hope so.

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