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Co-Ops Tell County Board: Bill Will Do More Harm than Good



Co-ops in Scarsdale and Bronxville are selling for more than \$500,000
By Dan Murphy

The County Board of Legislators is moving through its committee process a bill which would regulate how co-op boards review applications and how they would also be required to divulge, in writing, the reasons for any rejections of applicants.

Opposition to publicly releasing the reasons for a rejected application to purchase a co-op have many co-op associations and boards in Westchester, in opposition to the legislation because they believe it will add to their legal costs and make volunteer members of co-op board less likely to serve.

Kathleen Jensen-Graham, Vice Chair of the Cooperative and Condominium Advisory Council, a part of The Building & Realty Institute of Westchester & the Mid-Hudson Region, wrote the following OP-ED. "I am the Treasurer and member of the application screening committee for a self-managed cooperative.

"The bill proposed by the Westchester County Legislature to regulate how co-ops decide which applicants to accept into our community is not only potentially costly to existing cooperators, but could affect the chance of admission for otherwise viable candidates.

"Co-op boards are composed entirely of volunteers who dedicate our time and efforts to our board duties. Many of my fellow shareholders are either first-time homeowners or senior citizens, including those who have exhausted much of their life savings to live a modest yet comfortable life. Those of us who own shares in the cooperative corporation are both neighbors and each other's business partners, and anyone we welcome to our community has to assume both roles as well.

As a shareholder, I myself have gone through the admissions process. Questions on the written application and during the interview focused only on the financial ability to afford the proprietary lease and the willingness

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Golf is Back in Westchester! The Toughest Course You Can Play is Pound Ridge Golf Club



By Dan Murphy

In September of 2020, while still under COVID lockdown, Westchester golfers watched Bryson DeChambeau win the US Open at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck. As I watched the event, I realized and remembered how difficult Winged Foot was, and how it was truly the toughest course to play in Westchester.

Winged Foot's West Course has consistently ranked in the Golf Digest Top 10 in the United States, and has hosted six US Opens, the first won by Bobby Jones in 1929, cementing the legend of Winged Foot. The East Coast is also a top 100, and both are among the legendary Golf Architect A. W. Tillinghast's greatest designs.

But most of us can't play Winged Foot, unless we find a member to get us out, or if we pay \$750 for a charitable golf outing at the club. And for those who don't agree with my #1 pick of Winged Foot in our area, (Golf Digest always has it as the only Westchester club in the top 10), then your local club, be it Siwanoy, or Fenway, or Sleepy Hollow, or Croton National, is also difficult to get onto and play for non-members.

My next thought while watching Bryson win at Winged Foot was, what are the toughest courses that you can play, in Northern Westchester? My pick for the toughest challenge is Pound Ridge Golf Club, which was recently ranked by Golf Advisor's 2002 as the 7th toughest golf course in the US, and #6 in Golfweek's "Best Courses You Can Play in New York" for 2020.

Opened in 2008, in a region filled with classic layouts, Pound Ridge provides golfers with a refreshing and modern course design option. Dye's signature design elements — dramatic mounding, rhythmic routing, and subtle deception, abound at every hole.

Pound Ridge is the only golf course designed by Pete Dye in New York State. Dye has also designed Kiawah Island in South Carolina, which will host the PGA Championship on May 20-23. It is a unique golf course for any Westchester golfer to play, making it a must on my list every year.

But there is a reason why Pound Ridge is on the toughest courses you can play list. It requires players to hit their shots in the right places and have your A game around the greens. If not then you will be breaking 100, which brings me to my other point.

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Shootings in New Rochelle and Yonkers: Reward Offered for Info.



Westchester District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah, FBI Assistant Director in Charge of the New York Office William F. Sweeney, Jr., and New Rochelle Police Commissioner Joseph Schaller have announced a \$10,000 reward for information leading to the suspects in a shooting on May 1 in New Rochelle that killed one man and wounded four others.

The DA's Office and the FBI are each offering a monetary reward of \$5,000 — a total of \$10,000 — for information leading to the location, arrest and prosecution of the individual or individuals who opened fire on May 1 near the intersection of Horton Avenue and Brook Street.

The incident remains under investigation by the New Rochelle Police Department (NRPD), the FBI and the DA's Office. The NRPD on Tuesday released a video of a vehicle that the department is trying to identify in connection with the shooting.

"The New Rochelle community is understandably shocked and scared by this brazen shooting and we are working closely with the NRPD and the FBI to identify and apprehend the shooter," DA Rocah said. "We hope that this reward shows law enforcement's commitment to pursue this case, bring forth credible witnesses and help the New Rochelle community feel safer. Gun violence on our streets will not be tolerated by this office and we will work aggressively to bring the people who did this to justice."

"As today's announcement demonstrates, we are committed to working with our law enforcement partners to identify and bring to justice the subject or subjects responsible for this reckless act," said Assistant Director Sweeney. "Through the FBI's Westchester Safe Streets Task Force, we will continue to direct all the resources at our disposal to aggressively pursue those who commit gun violence in our communities. Someone knows who did this shooting — we're asking you to help us find them, because we're better together."

"The New Rochelle Police Department is diligently investigating this case and working on a number of leads," Commissioner Schaller said. "Any help we can get from the community is always welcome and greatly

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The Elbow Bump that Everyone Was Talking About-ASC & Cuomo



County Legislator Jose Alvarado, and former Legislator Virginia Perez

Governor Andrew Cuomo made a recent appearance in Yonkers to update the public on vaccination efforts. The Governor appeared at the Yonkers Police Athletic League, PAL, which is next to a vaccination site at the New York National Guard Armory in Yonkers.

Joining the Governor at the announcement were Mayor Mike Spano, Assemblymember Nader Sayegh, County Executive George Latimer and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. Reporters were not allowed into the PAL as per directive from the Governor.

At the event, Cuomo exchanged pleasantries with all, including Stewart-Cousins, with the two exchanging an elbow bump, which it turns out, was the elbow bump heard across New York State. "It has been a long horrendous year with COVID. We've all suffered here, but spring is here, the sun is out," said Cuomo. "We're poised for rebirth."

All eyes were on two of the three "most powerful people in New York State." Others described it as an event "with a massive elephant in the room." That elephant is the fact that Cuomo remains under investigation from NY Attorney General Leticia James for sexual harassment claims made by several women. Stewart-Cousins has called for Cuomo to resign because of the charges made against him.

"Thank you for being here and congratulations on a great budget," Cuomo told Stewart-Cousins. The Senate Majority Leader made a few innocuous comments about the State budget and the continued efforts to get vaccinated.

"Thank you also for talking about the work that we did on this budget, because it really, I think it's extraordinary, because it is a people-centered budget. We're here because of what the governor said," Stewart-Cousins said. "At the center of all of us is making sure we have our health."

After the event, many of the chattering class were abuzz because Stewart-Cousins attended the event with Cuomo, and exchanged in an elbow bump. NY1 reported, "Some New York state lawmakers were 'completely shocked' by Stewart-Cousins' appearance at the event."

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Two Stepinac HS Football Stars to Play in National Football League



Two Yonkers natives who attended Stepinac High School had their dreams of playing in the NFL come a little closer to reality. TJ Morrison and Trill Williams, both defensive backs, were signed by the Las Vegas Raiders and New Orleans Saints. While neither was selected in the NFL draft, every pro football team is always looking for another defensive back to help cover wide receivers in today's pass happy NFL.

Morrison, a 2016 graduate of Stepinac, played four years for SUNY Stony Brook. Williams, a 2018 Stepinac grad, played three years for Syracuse University. Both players could have returned for more college football but both decided it was time to move on and try to make it on an NFL team.

Longtime Stepinac Football Coach and athletic director Mike O'Donnell said, "This is a historic moment for Stepinac to have three of our recent outstanding football alumni to be either drafted by or signed with NFL teams. The fact that only a very select number of players earn NFL standing makes Stepinac's representation in those ranks a singularly impressive achievement by these extraordinary student athletes. The entire Stepinac family congratulates and wishes Malcolm, T.J. and Trill great success as they follow in Stepinac's path to greater fame as professional football players."

The third Stepinac player O'Donnell referenced was Peekskill native Malcolm Koonce, who played at SUNY Buffalo as a defensive end and who was drafted by the LA Raiders in the 3rd round. Koonce and Morrison will now be together at the Raiders training camp this summer hoping to make the squad.

Koonce graduated in March of 2021 from Buffalo, Morrison graduated from Stony Brook where he was working on his MBA when the Raiders called. Williams plans on completing his degree at SU in the future.

Another Yonkers -Stepinac student, Gavin Heslop will be playing for the Seattle Seahawks this fall after playing one game last year while a member of their practice squad.

"There are not too many schools, especially in New York State, that can claim this record. Right now, there are a total of 56 Stepinac alumni playing college football. When you add it all up, this record reflects a unique culture that Stepinac has created that consistently shapes very successful student athletes," said O'Donnell, also referencing the Stepinac HS basketball players that are being recruited by college hoops powerhouses.

Launch1000 Passes 500 Application Mark, Issues Call for Additional Participants

Launch1000, a program of the Westchester County Office of Economic Development, today announced it is more than halfway towards the goal of helping 1000 County residents who may want to create home-based income streams or launch new businesses or nonprofits. Launch1000 is an innovative, fully remote, self-paced program designed to turn concepts and ideas into business plans and startups.

"Providing a resource to help residents replace lost revenue and change how they work has been one of our pandemic priorities," Westchester County Executive George Latimer said. "We are grateful to have additional slots available for more County residents who are interested in joining Launch1000, and are proud to support them as they work to create a viable new business, social enterprise, or nonprofit."

Current Launch1000 participants include a diverse mix of individuals, some of whom are in the early stages of exploring an idea and others who have already started generating revenue.

"We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback about Launch1000 from participants at various stages of honing, testing and refining their concept," said Deborah Novick, Westchester County's Director of Entrepreneurship and Innovation. "While some participants are still pursuing the initial business idea they had when applying for Launch1000, others have gained valuable insights during the program that have led them to pivot and create new – and even stronger – business and nonprofit concepts."

Starting this month, Launch1000 will admit cohorts of roughly 100-150 applicants every three to six weeks. This will allow participants to build community and network with peers who are working through the same phase(s) of the program. To ensure that a lack of technology does not prevent anyone from applying to the program, the Westchester County Office of Economic Development will provide laptops to participating residents who need them.

Potential participants can learn more about Launch1000 and apply by visiting: WestchesterCatalyst.com/Launch1000. In addition to Launch1000, the Westchester County Office of Economic Development offers a suite of programs and resources to support businesses and entrepreneurs including: Westchester County Biosciences Accelerator, Element 46 Incubator, the RXR Volunteer Program, the Westchester County IDA Grant and Loan Program and the Westchester County Business FIRST Grant Program.

Fordham Offers Mt. Vernon & Yonkers Students "Neighbors" Financial Assistance



The Fordham School of Professional and Continuing Students (PCS) is pleased to announce the launch of its Good Neighbor Initiative for the Fall 2021 term. This unique program for adult learners provides an automatic 30 percent off of tuition for undergraduate-seeking PCS students at the University's Rose Hill Campus in the Bronx who live within certain "neighbor" zip codes.

Selected zip codes cover neighborhoods in the Bronx, lower Westchester County (Mount Vernon, Yonkers) and the very northern part of Manhattan. For a full list of zip codes, visit www.fordham.edu/goodneighbor.

"As a result of the turbulence of the last year, Universities have been under tremendous pressure to keep tuition the same or even increase it to help the bottom line. However, Fordham PCS is committed to supporting the communities we serve, and that serve us in return," said Dr. Anthony Davidson, dean, Fordham PCS. "Over the years we have offered similar tuition assistance for public servants, such as members of the FDNY and NYPD and Westchester County employees, and we are proud to expand this offering to the communities directly surrounding our Rose Hill Campus. These individuals live and work in our neighborhood and we are thrilled to be able to give back to them and provide the opportunity for a best-in-class education right in their own backyard."

Students who participate in the Good Neighbor Initiative may also qualify for additional financial aid, such as merit aid, Pell grants, support from the New York State Tuition Assistance Program, and institutional aid. If a student qualifies for more than one discount (e.g., NYPD, FDNY, NYC Ballet Dancers, etc.), the student will receive the higher of the two awards.

Fordham PCS will host a virtual information session on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. where they will explain the Good Neighbor Initiative and Fordham's undergraduate degree programs for adult learners. Those who attend will have their application fees waived.

Suez Invested Over \$87 Million in Water System Improvements Across New York in 2020

In a year that shined a light on what it truly means to be essential, SUEZ invested over \$87 million in infrastructure projects to improve its water and wastewater systems across New York in 2020.

"SUEZ truly kept its commitment to its customers," said Nadine Leslie, CEO, SUEZ North America. "Whether we are providing safe, reliable drinking water services or ensuring that wastewater is being safely treated to return to the environment, our customers are at the forefront of what we do. Last year presented numerous challenges, yet our employees stood by that commitment, embraced new health and safety regulations and continued delivering for the communities we serve."

Thirty nine projects were completed in 18 municipalities in 2020 to ensure water quality and reliability to the 525,000 residents and businesses SUEZ serves in Rockland, Westchester, Orange, Tioga and Putnam counties.

"Our investments will benefit our communities for generations to come," said Chris Graziano, Vice President and General Manager of SUEZ Utility Operations in New York. "From New Rochelle to Owego, our customers in New York depend on us to provide water and wastewater services to their homes and businesses every day. That is why we continue to make long-term, essential investments that improve water quality and reliability."

Delivering the Essentials of Life During a Pandemic:

The COVID-19 pandemic presented unprecedented challenges for the world and at the same time reminded people how essential water is to handwashing and good hygiene. With much of the state shut down, SUEZ crews embraced new health and safety standards designed to protect themselves and their customers as they continued their essential work.

"During this challenging time, SUEZ has been with our communities every step of the way," Graziano said. "Our teams have worked tirelessly in the field, in the lab and in our treatment plants to ensure our customers have the clean water and reliable service they need to remain safe. It has been an honor to serve our communities and to know our infrastructure investments are helping to strengthen New York."

Investment Highlights:

Water Main Replacements

\$28 million was invested in water mains that will safeguard and enhance reliable water service and ensure resiliency throughout SUEZ's New York service territory. Approximately 82,000 feet of water main were replaced in 2020, including the first stage of a project to replace water mains on Main Street in New Rochelle, as part of the city's historic downtown re-

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The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Presents Scholarships to High School Seniors



LM Lion President Phil Oldham, MHS Senior Lorena Marron, Rye Neck Senior Ethan Chin, LM Lion Secretary Diane Oldham,

The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions Club awarded two scholarships this year as part of its high school essay contest. Mamaroneck High School senior Lorena Marron and Rye Neck High School senior Ethan Chin were the winners of the essay contest and were presented with a \$1,000 award to help cover college expenses. Ava Delaney and Alexander Yuji Kono of Mamaroneck High School and Sofia Palacios Ferrer and Gabriel Miller from Rye Neck High School received honorable mentions.

For over 20 years this annual scholarship has been awarded to a Larchmont/Mamaroneck graduating senior who has performed meaningful local community service.

Candidates submitted an essay describing their charitable work and the impact it had on the community. The panel of judges, made up of LM Lions and local community members, included Joyce Callahan, Theresa Colyar, Carolyn Gallaher, Bertha Gallo, Margaret Käufer, Lauringle Mitchell, Gina Proia and Emmanuel Rawlings. All personal information was removed so essays were reviewed anonymously. Essays were judged on the applicant's breadth and depth of service and how that service embodied the Lions' motto "We Serve."

In reflecting on the submissions, Margaret Käufer, Committee Leader, said "The essays demonstrated a deep commitment to service and creativity by the students to apply their time and talents to help solve a need in the community. From advancing literacy to helping to bridge technology gaps during the pandemic, these students are an inspiration."

In all 15 essays were submitted. In addition to the winners and runners up, the LM Lions acknowledged the dedication of the other applicants as well: Mamaroneck High School: Isaac Elias and Daniel Wilson; Rye Neck High School: Benaelle Benoit, Kaci Harris, Ivan Kapustin, Lily Muller, Anna Murphy, Andrew Ricci and Eulalia Tisnovsky.

Recognition also went to the students' counselors and school staff for their support: Mamaroneck High School: Robert Adams, Marcia Burkett, Greg Cuddy, Marsha Genwright, Ashley Martinez and Rob Schwartz; Rye Neck High School: Susan Hannon, Leslie Kane, Amanda Mahncke and Evan Miller.

The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions are part of the International Lions Clubs, the largest service organization in the world. LM Lions President Phil Oldham further encouraged the winners to find a local Lions organization wherever they go and continue their service under the Lions motto, "We Serve."

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Water Quality Improvements

Work was started on a multi-year upgrade at SUEZ's Lake DeForest Treatment Plant to address water quality issues, including taste and odor which emerged in 2019 due to a significant algae bloom in the reservoir. Ozone and powdered activated carbon are the treatments that are planned. The plant treats water from Lake DeForest, a 6-billion gallon reservoir that serves approximately 100,000 customers in Rockland County.

System Improvements

Completed safety improvements at numerous facilities, including an upgrade of cameras and access systems, replacement of fencing, lighting improvements and the installation of catwalks.

Tank upgrades

The painting and upgrades to storage tanks in Spring Valley and Port Chester ensure that water is available when needed in the local area and extends the life of these critical assets.

SCADA Master Plan upgrade

Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems at 20 sites in Rockland were upgraded to ensure continuous monitoring of water supply and quality and to provide further protections against cyber security threats.

Safety Enhancements

Improvements included upgrades to systems that monitor water quality and supply, increased cybersecurity measures and security enhancements to make water supplies and systems safer.

Many new projects – including main replacements, plant upgrades and water tank refurbishments – are already underway in 2021. These investments highlight the company's commitment to improve lives and communities across New York, Graziano said. "These projects keep communities safe and they prepare New York for the future," Graziano said. "These extensive upgrades to New York's infrastructure and treatment facilities will have long-lasting impacts on the areas we serve."

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Let's Responsibly Save the Environment and Economy



by Eric W. Schoen

New York's unenforced plastic bag law. Congestion Pricing costs. Does anyone remember the Recycling rules? We will try to responsibly save the environment and economy this week. Let's start with plastic bags.

I don't know about where you live but in Yonkers plastic bags don't grow on trees. They are not blown by the wind and getting caught on tree limbs either. Those in favor of banning single use plastic bags make this outrageous claim that they end up in trees. Send me an email (and pictures) if you are seeing plastic bags in trees in your neighborhood.

So New York bans single use plastic bags. In my world there is no such thing as a single use plastic bag. After I tote my groceries home in a plastic bag I use that bag for garbage. I leave the plastic bag filled with garbage outside my door in the morning for the maintenance man in my complex to pick up.

Yes, I could use one of those thick Glad or other brand bags to put out my garbage. But it seems to me that those thick, heavy, one use bags would do more to damage the environment than the flimsy plastic bags that I am reusing from the grocery store.

Now some folks use those flimsy grocery store bags to pick up after their dogs when the dogs are walked and nature calls. They are the perfect size and allow one to pick up the animal excrement and neatly dispose of it. Should you go out and buy a box of bags with the sole purpose of using them to clean up from your dog or other animal you walk such as a horse or turtle? Those bags you buy exclusively for cleaning up after Fido or Myrtle the Turtle or Mister Ed are truly single use plastic bags.

As you know, we are in the middle of a pandemic. Our homes are filled with bottles of Clorox, bleach wipes and other products to clean and sanitize and get rid of germs and all those other nasty little things that can make us sick. New York intelligently put off the plastic bag ban enforcement during the early days of the pandemic.

Do we really want bags from peoples homes that we didn't know if they were properly sanitized to be brought into grocery stores? As we are schmearing our hands with Purell and other hand sanitizing chemicals pumped out of big plastic bottles. Cashiers loading groceries into these possibly germ filed bags?

Stores like Stop and Shop posted signs that their cashiers would not pack groceries into customer brought in reusable bags. Most cashiers I interact with (most times I use the self scanning grocery line) still refuse to put their hands inside of reusable shopping bags customers bring in. The current rule for cashiers isn't keep 6 feet away, wear a mask, wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and then put your hands in a reusable bag a customer who you don't know brought in from home.

So last week, a newspaper called The City asked the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation how many fines have been issued since the ban on plastic bags took effect in October 2020. The answer was zero. 64 written warnings were given to stores, but no violations with fines were issued.

So last week I'm in 7-Eleven and the customer 6 feet in from of me is buying slices of pizza, hot dogs, other items from the rolling heat grill and the cashier refused to give him a bag to put the items in. What was he supposed to do? Juggle the items? These items he was purchasing do qualify for an exemption from the ban titled 'unwrapped food.' The pizza comes in half of a box with no top, the greasy roller items plucked off the grill and frankfurters (which he covered with mustard, ketchup, relish) are in a flimsy bag that is open. And they won't give him a bag? Or he should bring a reusable bag from home to get covered with grease and used the next day to buy groceries in the supermarket?

This episode and many similar ones make no sense. Merchants don't understand the law, common sense is not being used and the law makes no sense in our current climate. After the article appeared in The City about lack of enforcement, DEC announced that 12 violation notices were issued, 9 going to small businesses and 3 to corporate entities, including Gristedes.

Gristedes is a chain of grocery stores owned by John Catsimatidis, father of the head of the New York Republican Party and outspoken critic of the plastic bag ban. He also bought radio station WABC 770 AM in New York to keep it local like WVOX, 1460 on the AM dial, owned by WILLIAM O'SHAUGHNESSY on which you can hear this columnist. Could it be a coincidence that the New York Democratic Governor is issuing a violation and fine to the father of the head of the New York Republican Party's father?

So I'm willing to compromise. Let stores use paper bags, sturdy ones with handles to allow customers to tote their food purchases. They are more environmentally friendly than plastic bags. No charge to the customer and the merchant doesn't have to pay the state for using paper bags. Let's do this at least until this pandemic is over. And encourage people to reuse their strong heavy paper bags. And none of this charging of 50 cents by some unscrupulous merchants for bags who give the consumer no other options. I've encountered the 50 cent bag offer way too many times. That's simply highway robbery!

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Yonkers Native, Secretary of State Anthony Blinken Talks Tough on China



US Secretary of State Anthony Blinken

By Dan Murphy

United States Secretary of State Anthony Blinken spent his early childhood here in Westchester, and Yonkers. Very few details are available about Blinken's time in Yonkers, other than that he was born in Yonkers on April 16, 1962, to Judith and Donald Blinken and shortly thereafter moved to New York City, then to Paris, and the rest is history.

Recently, on an appearance on 60 Minutes, Blinken expressed a tougher message on behalf of President Joe Biden concerning China.

Norah O'Donnell: Let's talk about human rights. Describe what you see is happening in Xinjiang that maybe the rest of the world doesn't.

Blinken: "We've made clear that we see a genocide having taken place against the Uyghurs in Xinjiang. More than a million people have been put into, choose your term, concentration camps, reeducation camps, internment camps. When Beijing says, "Oh, there's a terrorism threat," which we don't see. It's not coming from a million people."

O'Donnell: "The Chinese have stolen hundreds of billions, if not trillions, of dollars of trade secrets and intellectual property from the United States. That sounds like the actions of an enemy."

Blinken. It "certainly sounds like the actions of— of— of someone who's trying to compete unfairly— and increasingly in adversarial ways. But we're much more effective and stronger when we're bringing like-minded and similarly aggrieved countries together to say to— Beijing, "This can't stand, and it won't stand."

And on May 7, Secretary of State Blinken, said that the United States would "push back forcefully" against China and Russia if they continued to break the rules of international law at a recent UN Meeting. And at a May 4 meeting with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson at 10 Downing Street, Blinken stressed the importance of the US, and its allies to "defend democratic values and open societies," referencing Human Rights violations in both China and Russia.

Blinken has also been able to acknowledge the continuing challenges that the US faces on race, which is the true difference between the US and China. An editorial on Bloomberg best lays out this point.

"At issue was America's right to criticize Chinese repression. Said top Chinese diplomat Yang Jiechi: "Many people within the United States actually have little confidence in the democracy of the United States." His message was clear: Don't criticize us about Uyghur genocide or mass arrests in Hong Kong.

"The U.S. will approach China with confidence, Blinken said, "even as we have the humility to know that we are a country eternally striving to become a more perfect union." He added that the U.S. had a long history of confronting its demons, "not trying to ignore them, not trying to pretend they don't exist, trying to sweep them under the rug."

"In these impromptu remarks, Blinken captured the essence of American exceptionalism. Its greatness is defined not by strength alone, but by humility — and the determination to confront past sins and strive to be more perfect. There is no such impulse within the Chinese Communist Party. To this day, journalists and activists who seek to keep the memory of the Tiananmen Square massacre alive are disappeared. Social media is monitored and censored by the state, forcing citizens to project public obedience to the party," writes the Editorial Board at Bloomberg.

Well said, Mr. Secretary of State, the people of Yonkers are proud of you.

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to adhere to the house rules which benefit the entire community. Our admissions committee and our not-for-profit board of directors have to conduct an extremely thorough check of a person's financials to ensure they can commit financially to the preservation of our complex in the long-term. Anyone who can't reliably pay the monthly maintenance charges or who will otherwise create financial liability for the co-op will impose a budgetary shortfall that will have to be made up for by the rest of us. I sincerely doubt that the County will be offering a bailout in such an instance.

"I am proud to be a shareholder in a cooperative community that respects diversification in all aspects of fair housing, but I am strongly opposed to the further encumbrance of unsubstantiated regulatory interference. In seeking to root out a few bad actors who reject applicants for unfair and biased reasons, they're also laying substantial burdens and threats of liability on my co-op, who has only rejected 2 applicants in the 16 years I've been on the board.

"Although this bill may be well-intended, it will undoubtedly do more damage than good," writes Jensen-Graham.

Tim Foley, CEO of The Builders Institute of Westchester and The Mid-Hudson Region, said that while the bill has many good parts to it, "Co-ops are concerned about the liability costs. Currently, 90% of applicants get accepted and the County Human Rights Commission receives those denials. The major reason for denials is that applicants don't complete the application or are denied for financial reasons, like bad credit or other debts. Co-op boards do perform rigorous financial reviews, but the concern is that if they have to put the reasons for their denial in writing, it will increase liability costs for the entire co-op and shareholders. One of our members had a lawsuit brought against the board because the applicant was denied a mortgage. He sued the board and the insurance company settled for \$30,000.

"We are asking someone on the BOL to submit an amendment and change this one piece of the bill," said Foley.

A public hearing on the legislation will be held on May 24. Visit westchesterlegislators.com for more information.

Letters, Emails Pour in About Dog Left in a Garbage Bag to Die, but Saved by SPCA



Rue, one tough Dog!

The response to our story last week about, Rue, a chihuahua tossed in a garbage bag and left to die but refused, resulted in emails and letters to our paper. First a quick update, from the SPCA. Rue is doing well and getting checked out. Eventually he will be adopted, and there are already people coming forward to ask.

Kiley Blackman, from Animal Defenders of Westchester, wrote,

"Thank you for running the awful story of the chihuahua tied in a garbage bag and dumped outside an area rescue (5/7). Bringing awareness of such cruelty - and the penalties therein - will help change the world for those who cannot speak but who love their babies and feel pain, joy and fear just as we do. Animals, children and the elderly are the most easily victimized.

"Another way to change the world for these silent victims is by passing the NYS Puppy Mill Pipeline Bill, which is now waiting to be voted out of the NYS Assembly Codes Committee.

~ Selling puppy mill animals is legal: The USDA actually started puppy mills after World War 11, in reaction to crop failures in the midwest; they consider puppies to be a profitable 'crop' alternative, mere merchandise.

~ These sentient animals, who value their life just as we value ours, are often tied down and sexually assaulted or artificially impregnated repeatedly - sometimes with a device called a 'Rape Rack.' YouTube breeding videos show a bizarre world of people handling male dogs as 'milking machines,' then forcing their ejaculate into female dogs by showing tubing into their vulvas; one repulsed YouTube viewer asked incredulously, 'What did I just watch?' And for another vision of hell, view some puppy mill auction videos, where dogs who've only known metal bars, neglect and repeated breedings, are held up like a bag of trash - 'He's a proven male, an aggressive breeder' 'Look at her, she's ready to pop 'em out.'

~ Pet shop owners freely admit they use puppy mills. "It's going to minimize where I can buy from," said one owner. "I have a successful business model for 33 years. You guys are now telling me who I can and cannot buy from. I know there's no public outcry from my clients. I know that for sure. So I'm not really sure where this bill is coming from." In fact this store has literally dozens of complaints on Google, Yelp and the BBB (which gives it a C- rating), ranging from selling animals with 'an enlarged heart, bacterial pneumonia' 'Giardia' etc to 'dishonestly' 'crooks' 'dogs sleeping in and eating feces' 'unethical' 'liars' 'Stay away,' on and on. Another area pet shop was busted by the Attorney General for selling puppy mill animals but telling the public they were 'home raised.'

- Fearful of losing profits, pet shops lie about rescue groups; they can't defend their actions, so they try to cast aspersions on the far greater number of rescues doing the heartfelt work that our government - which still legally considers these animals to be no different than a piece of furniture - refuses to do. There are 300 or more Petco, Pet Supplies Plus and Petsmart stores in NYS that for years have worked successfully with local rescues to bring in animals for adoption - pet shops clearly have a 'working' model to reference, as required by the proposed bill. As NYS senator Phil Boyle says, "I would say to the pet store owners - look at the stores in California because they're doing fine. They're partnering with shelters and showing animals that need to be rescued. They're also selling pet food, pet treats, they're grooming, they're boarding. There's a lot of other things that go along with owning a dog or a cat."

"Remember, legislators: We have far more voting power than lobbyists like the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, the Farm Bureau and the AKC. We strongly urge Jeffrey Dinowitz - himself already a cosponsor - to report this crucial bill out of committee so it can be voted on by the entire INYS legislature. The public will still be able to choose pedigreed animals via breed rescues and private breeders; but this isn't about people's 'choice' - this is about, in some tiny way, righting the terrible wrong that has been done to these intelligent, sensitive beings who we've plundered and brutalized for our own greed. Our laws need to recognize this. The NYS legislature has kicked this can down the road long enough," wrote Blackman.

State Senator Allesandra Biaggi's office updated us on the animal protection legislation. "Last week, Senator Biaggi and the Senate Democratic Majority advanced legislation in recognition of National Pet Week, to improve the health and safety of domestic animals, building on the conference's continued advocacy for animal welfare. This package establishes a ban on the sale of puppy mill animals, better defines the crime of aggravated cruelty to animals, enacts a property inspection requirement to check for abandoned animals, and ensures the best interest of pets is considered during divorce or separation. This legislation aims to curb animal abuse and mistreatment of animals throughout the state and encourage humane treatment.

"As the guardian of two cats myself, I'm proud to join my colleagues in prioritizing the rights and well-being of all domestic animals. Banning puppy mill sales will encourage the adoption of animals across New York State and ensure no animal experiences abuse and neglect. I thank Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins for her leadership in passing this package of bills," said Sen. Biaggi.

The legislation passed by the Senate Majority, includes:

Puppy Mill Sales Ban: This bill, S.1130, sponsored by Senator Micheal Gianaris and co-sponsored by Senator Biaggi, prohibits the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits by retail pet shops. Creating a barrier against the puppy mill supply chain and encouraging pet shops to partner with local animal shelters to showcase animals available for adoption.

Other legislation will clarify Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, require Abandoned Animal Property Inspections, and include Companion Animal Consideration.

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YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester Launches Center for Racial Equity



WESTCHESTER CENTER FOR RACIAL EQUITY

The YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester announces it has launched the Westchester Center for Racial Equity, a dedicated space for working towards advancing racial equity in the county. The Center is a further demonstration of the YWCA's commitment to racial justice, a mission it has been pursuing for more than 90 years as it worked to eliminate racism, empower women, strengthen communities and stand up for social change.

"We are delighted to create this safe place where we can provide the vision, the space and the community to sustain anti-racist work," says Maria Imperial, CEO of the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester.

"We envision partnering with organizations committed to social change, and offering a platform for community resources, accountability and racial transformation. We also will help leaders and organizations create the necessary shift to become more anti-racist workplaces."

The Center offers training programs, learning opportunities, consulting services, leadership development and will foster important conversations and relationships. It also plans to produce a scorecard to track progress in eliminating disparities in health, education, housing and other systems.

"These efforts require honesty, intentionality and ongoing work," Imperial points out. "Our process provides the framework to understand the context, history and manifestations of racism."

The Center recently premiered a three-part, two-hour workshop Racial Equity Series that will be offered on a continuous basis. The workshops are available singularly or as a series. Information can be found here: <https://ywcawpcw.org/events/workshops-and-programs>.

The Westchester County Board of Legislators provided some funding for the Center, and several other organizations have offered support, including Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Morgan Stanley, Pepsico and the United Way of Westchester and Putnam.

"Regeneron is proud to join with the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester as a founding partner in the Westchester Center for Racial Equity," says Smita Pillai, chief diversity, equity & inclusion officer. "Together, we strive to help advance systemic changes needed to combat racism and address disparities that disproportionately impact communities of color. In many ways, racial equity is a crucial public health priority, and we are committed to bringing our resources, expertise and volunteers to bear to help empower communities and build a more fair and just society. We are pleased to support the Center's development of a racial equity scorecard, which will be essential to driving community accountability towards equitable outcomes and measurable change."

Christian A. Templeman, vice president, financial advisor, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, says, "Collaboration is key when addressing complex issues like racial equity. The Center for Racial Equity provides a dedicated place for important collaborative work. Morgan Stanley looks forward to continuing to be an active partner in advancing racial equity in Westchester County."

Added Kara Underwood, managing director, head of diversity, inclusion and talent, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management, "Morgan Stanley is proud to be a founding partner of the Center for Racial Equity as it gives us the opportunity to play an active role in supporting programs, events and initiatives focused on creating a more equitable and inclusive society."

"At PepsiCo, we are committed to investing in the communities where we live, operate and serve. We are proud to support the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester in the launch of the Westchester Center for Racial Equity," says Tina Bigalke, PepsiCo global chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer. "Community action that drives structural change is an important step in the journey toward creating a more united, equitable and inclusive America."

Tom Gabriel, president and CEO, United Way of Westchester and Putnam, added "Through the Center for Racial Equity, the YWCA will continue working towards advancing racial equity in Westchester at a time when it is truly needed. The United Way is proud to support this important initiative because we believe that we are stronger together, and that it is only by being United that we can change the world for the better."

"We must make this moment a turning point for real change," Imperial declared. "Let us build a new world where racial equity is the common denominator."

For more information, visit <https://ywcawpcw.org/>.

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Doctors Scott & Nan Hayworth Make Gift to N. Westchester Hospital-Maternal Child Unit



Dr. Scott Hayworth & Dr. Nan Hayworth

To commemorate their longstanding relationship with Northern Westchester Hospital (NWH), Scott D. Hayworth, MD, FCOG and The Honorable Nan Hayworth, MD—two of Westchester's most prominent physicians—have donated \$2.5 million to transform the hospital's Maternal Child Health Unit. Upon completion, the Hayworth Family Maternity Center's physical environment will be an appropriate setting for the high-caliber programs offered to women and families during every stage of pregnancy, birth, and postpartum.

"Together, Drs. Scott and Nan Hayworth have dedicated almost a half-century to Northern Westchester Hospital," said Derek Anderson, the hospital's executive director. "They understand the importance of the hospital's Maternal Child Health Unit as a gateway for new families entering the community. We are very grateful for their generosity, their commitment to ensuring the delivery of person-centered care and for the appreciation this gift demonstrates for the entire care team at Northern Westchester Hospital."

The gift will be allocated towards a major transformation of the unit, including renovation of the labor and delivery rooms; creation of two new triage rooms; the expansion of three existing recovery bays; and renovations to all 25 postpartum rooms.

"A transformative gift of this nature not only makes these important capital improvements possible, but it is also emblematic of the generosity of people in our community who make Northern Westchester Hospital the critical community asset that it is. We are most grateful that they have chosen to invest in us," said Keeva Young-Wright, the hospital's Foundation President.

The team delivers approximately 1,600 babies a year and provides care to the hospital's tiniest patients in the Level III Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, which is equipped to stabilize and treat life-threatening emergencies and illnesses in newborns who weigh as little as 1 1/2 pounds at birth.. The hospital also offers a Level III Perinatal Center and special services such as a Mother-Baby Navigator program, which helps new parents navigate every issue related to pregnancy and birth.

"This community is not only where we live and have raised our family, but also where we've chosen to practice medicine," said Dr. Scott Hayworth. "We're so glad to have, through this gift, an opportunity to say 'thank you,' honor the incredible teams at Northern Westchester Hospital, and recognize the outstanding care they provide."

Dr. Nan Hayworth added, "Throughout the decades we've been members of the community here, we've benefited enormously—as have our children and our parents—from having, in Northern Westchester Hospital, a hospital that is really miraculous: we have care of the highest quality, provided by a talented and dedicated team who treat us and our loved ones as family. It's wonderful to be able to honor these great people with a gift to help the hospital continue to grow and transform its services in the 21st Century."

Dr. Scott Hayworth is the President of the Optum Tri-State Region, made up of CareMount Medical, ProHEALTH NY, and Riverside Medical Group, comprising 2,250 providers at 380 locations and serving over 2.5 million patients. For more than 20 years he has also served as President and CEO of CareMount Medical, (formerly Mount Kisco Medical Group, PC). He began his career at Mount Kisco Medical Group in 1988 and he served as an attending OBGYN at NWH until 2015, including one memorable year in which he delivered four sets of triplets. Dr. Hayworth has also served on numerous NWH committees, including the Board of Directors of the NWH Foundation. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and he advises and serves on the boards of many investment firms and businesses, including serving as a senior advisor at Arsenal Capital Partners and Amulet Capital Partners.

The Honorable Dr. Nan Hayworth is the first female physician ever elected to a full term as a Member of the House of Representatives, serving the 19th District of New York. She practiced ophthalmology for nearly 20 years in Mount Kisco and she was an attending physician at NWH throughout that time. Now a Strategic Business Development Advisor for Pilot Growth Equity, Dr. Hayworth is also chairman of the board of directors of ConservAmerica, an organization promoting economically-sustainable conservation and environmental protection, and a member of the boards of the Independent Women's Forum, the Goodman Institute for Public Policy Research, Public Agenda, and United Way of Westchester and Putnam. The Hayworths reside in Bedford.

Farmers Market Returns to Muscote Farm

The weekly farmers market returns to Muscote Farm and runs every Sunday through Nov. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Muscote's weekly farmers market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 20 local vendors each week.

County Executive George Latimer said: "Visiting the farmers market at Muscote is a great way to spend the morning. It's a favorite amongst Westchester County residents and a great place to buy fresh foods. We look forward to many enjoyable weekends ahead."

Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "We are committed to supporting efforts that are good for our environment and proud to welcome local vendors. We hope you'll visit with mom this weekend for a relaxing day at the farm."

Social distancing protocols will be in place and masks will be required in accordance with New York State COVID-19 guidelines. Admission is free. For more details, call Muscote Farm at (914) 864-7282 or visit <https://www.muscotefarm.org/>.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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BOARD OF MANAGERS OF MEADOWS CONDOMINIUM, Index No. 2205/2019
on behalf of the Unit Owners of Meadows Condominium,
pursuant to Real Property Law, Section 339-aa,

Plaintiff,

- against -

SHANNON SIMPSON, Trustee of that Certain trust known as the Full Circle Heritage Foundation, SHANNON SIMPSON, individually, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS SUCCESSOR TO BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO LASALLE BANK N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR THE FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-FF18, SELECT PORTFOLIO SERVICING, INC., who holds a limited Power of Attorney for US Bank National Association, successor trustee to Bank of America N.A. successor by merger to LaSalle Bank National Association, as Trustee for First Franklin Mortgage Loan Trust, Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FF18; DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - IRS,

Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT pursuant to a money judgment and judgment of foreclosure and sale in the above-entitled foreclosure action dated November 30, 2020 and entered on December 29, 2020 in the office of the County Clerk of Westchester County, I, the undersigned referee named in said judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on the 4th day of June, 2021 at Courtroom 200 at the Courthouse at 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Room 200, White Plains, NY 10601 at 11:30 a.m., the unit known as 14 High Meadow Trail, Peekskill, NY 10566, City of Peekskill, County of Westchester, New York (Tax Parcel Section 23.19, Block 1, Lot 24./1902), and as designated in the Declaration establishing a plan for the Condominium recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Westchester County, Division of Land Records, at Liber 8876 at page 186, and more particularly described as:

ALL those certain pieces or parcels of Real Property being part of a condominium known as "Meadow Condominium", in the City of Peekskill, County of Westchester and State of New York, being known and designated as follows:

UNIT No. 18B together with 1/92 percent undivided interest in the common elements.

THE above described unit and the undivided percentage of interest in the common elements of the condominium appurtenant to each unit, are defined in the Declaration of Condominium hereafter referred to. The above described units are to be used for residential purposes. The real property above described is a Unit shown on the floor plans of a Condominium prepared and certified by Flavio Franco and filed in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester on the 29th day of March, 1984, as Map No. 21879 Page 21880, defined in the Declaration of Condominium entitled, "Meadows Condominium", under Article 9-B of the New York Real Property Law, dated February 21, 1985 and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, Division of Land Records, on the 29th day of March, 1985 in Liber 8064 of Conveyances at Page 129, covering the property therein described.

Said premises are sold subject to the prior mortgage lien of U.S. Bank National Association, as Successor To Bank Of America, N.A. Successor by Merger To LaSalle Bank N.A. as Trustee For the Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-FF18, as Assignee, subject to all taxes, assessments, and water rates which are liens upon the Premises, and subject to all covenants and restrictions of record and any state of facts an accurate survey may show.

The approximate amount of the lien to satisfy for which the above-described property is to be sold is \$20,928.04, together with interest thereon from December 29, 2020, as well as the sum which is owed to the plaintiff by the defendant Shannon Simpson on account of common charges, late fees, assessments, and costs which accrue from December 2, 2019, to the date of conveyance of the premises pursuant to the judgment of foreclosure and sale, together with Referee's fees of \$750.00, and the expenses of the sale.

Stuart Ball, Esq., Referee

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC AUCTION Supreme Court of New York, WESTCHESTER County. NEW RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2018-1, Plaintiff, -against- JOSEPH FERRANTE A/K/A JOSEPH FERRANTE III; COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Index No. 58682/2019. Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly dated, December 4, 2020 and entered with the Westchester County Clerk on December 21, 2020, Daniel P. Hollis II, Esq., the Appointed Referee, will sell the premises known as 537 South 2nd Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10550 a/k/a 537 South Second Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York 10550 at public auction in Courtroom 200 of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, New York 10601 on June 11, 2021 at 9:30 A.M. Please note, the new auction rules for the Ninth Judicial District and all applicable COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols will be in effect at the auction. For additional information Please visit: http://ww2.nycourts.gov/courts/9jd/westchester/foreclosure_westchester.shtml. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Mount Vernon, County of Westchester and State of New York known as Section: 169.47; Block: 3118; Lot: 14 will be sold subject to the provisions of filed Judgment, Index No. 58682/2019. The approximate amount of judgment is \$269,246.47 plus interest and costs. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO LLP 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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Notice of Formation of HAT Photography LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/18/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 6 N. Pearl St, Unit 404-F, Port Chester, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Bratdog LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/26/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Shantell James, 11 Lanark Road, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Holmes: Meetings, Marketing & Events LLC. Arts.of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/2021. 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, 505 E Lincoln Avenue, #515, Mount Vernon, NY 10552. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of LIB Scholastics Sources, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/06/2021. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as an agent of the LLC upon whom the process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 20 Water Grant Street, Apt 324, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Notice of formation of Street Meatz, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/06/2021. 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, 28 Frazier Place, Yonkers, NY 10704 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of SJK Treasure House , LLC. DBA Royalty PR Consultant Agency filed with the SSNY on 02/17/2021. 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, 130 Mount Vernon Ave. Mount Vernon, NY Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company Bougie The Brand By Shay LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 10/22/20 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to : C/O BOUGIE THE BRAND BY SHAY LLC, 100 Riverdale Avenue Apt 7D Yonkers, New York 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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Let's make merchants post signage at the register that states when plastic bags can legally be given out according to law. This way customers don't have to juggle slices of pizza, frankfurters and other grill items in their hands.

Many people are carrying items out of the store with no bags in their shopping carts. I'll bet you theft is occurring because of this. Again, merchants and customers lose with the customer paying more.

It's time for a refresher course on recycling in New York. And some consistency. Sometimes you can just recycle cans and bottles in those blue garbage bins and sometimes it's just newspapers and cardboard boxes and who knows what else?

Congestion pricing is back in the news. New York requested it under President Trump, and he sat on it during his tenure. President Biden paved the way for congestion pricing for vehicles to be back on the front burner again in New York. What this means is that if you go south of 60th Street you pay a toll because you are entering the area in New York City with the most congestion.

Just as we are encouraging workers and tourists to come back to the Manhattan we are going to hit them with another toll? Didn't we read last week that Governor Cuomo doesn't think the subways are safe? And how about the tolls New Yorkers already pay headed into Manhattan. And poor New Jersey folks with the Turnpike, Parkway and \$16 George Washington Bridge tolls.

Tell your State Legislators that enough is enough with these tolls. And if they try to put the tolls in place, watch that they don't go crazy high and that the toll you currently pay is deducted from what you will have to pay under congestion pricing. Let's not make poor Yonkersites and Westchesterites pay \$16 to go south of 60th Street in Manhattan like New Jersey makes residents and visitors pay to enter New York State!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

Shootings in New Rochelle, Yonkers, continued from pg 1-

appreciated. We are grateful to the FBI and the Westchester County District Attorney for their assistance in this investigation, and their offer of a substantial reward for information that will help us in our efforts to bring this investigation to a successful conclusion."

The 29-year-old murder victim is believed to be a resident of Brooklyn, and was pronounced dead at the scene. A second victim was shot in the back and underwent surgery at an area hospital. The three others sustained non-life-threatening injuries.

Anyone with information can call the Westchester DA's Office at 914-995-TIPS (914-995-8477), NRPD at 914-654-2300 or the FBI at 212-384-1000.

In Yonkers, police responded to a recent shooting of a 6 year old boy. On April 29th, 2021, at approximately 6:06 PM, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to 69 Ash Street on a report of a young child having been struck by gunfire. Upon arrival officers located a 6-year-old boy with an apparent gunshot wound to his chest; police officers and members of the nearby Yonkers Fire Department station immediately rendered medical aid to the child. The victim was transported to a local area trauma center where he is currently listed in stable condition. At the same time, officers were developing suspect information and canvassing for the perpetrators.

The area was cordoned-off and a criminal investigation was initiated. Within fifteen minutes of the shooting, due to the combined efforts of police officers, investigators, and dispatch personnel, information was developed as to suspect descriptions and three juvenile subjects were located and detained by police, one of which was subsequent to a foot pursuit. The three juvenile subjects were transported to the Community Affairs Division pending further investigation.

Detectives from the Major Case Squad, Crime Scene Unit, and Digital Forensics Unit responded to the scene to interview subjects and witnesses, process forensic and ballistic evidence, and recover surveillance video. Investigation has yielded that the victim was inside 69 Ash Street and opening the front door to welcome a family member. Two suspects, accompanied by a third, were in front of 62 Ash Street when allegedly the two each displayed handguns and began firing multiple shots in the direction of two intended targets who had just exited a livery cab between 62 and 69 Ash Street; the intended targets were apparently not struck, however a bullet hit the child victim.

The three suspects and two intended targets fled the scene on foot as police in the area started responding towards gunfire. One of the suspects attempted to conceal his handgun on the property of the Enrico Fermi School on Poplar Street; the other attempted to conceal his handgun on the property of Castle Royale on Waverly Street – both illegal handguns were recovered after article searches: a .380 caliber Bryco Arms semi-automatic pistol, and a 9mm caliber Ruger semi-automatic pistol. Shortly thereafter the three suspects were apprehended by police. Investigators believe that the motive for this incident is a continuation and escalation of disputes and group violence involving juveniles and young adults. pen again."

Police Commissioner John Mueller stated, "No parent should ever have to experience the horror of having a young child harmed in this way, due to the unbelievably violent and reckless actions of a few. I thank God that the victim is in stable condition and hope for his full recovery; I also thank the amazing men and women of this Department for their extraordinary efforts in apprehending these perpetrators in short order and removing two more illegal handguns from our streets."

The three juvenile subjects were formerly identified and arrested: a 17-year-old male resident of Yonkers identified as a shooter; a 15-year-old male resident of Yonkers identified as the other shooter; and a 16-year-old male resident of Yonkers identified as an accomplice. The 17-year-old and 15-year-old shooters were charged with Attempted Murder 2 and Assault 1, both Violent Felonies in the New York State Penal, in addition to other charges. The 16-year-old accomplice was charged with Hindering Prosecution and Criminal Possession of a Firearm, both Felonies in the New York State Penal, in addition to other charges.

All three juvenile defendants were virtually arraigned today in the Youth Part of the Westchester County Superior Court: both the 17-year-old and 15-year-old defendants were remanded into the custody of a juvenile detention facility; the 16-year-old defendant was released into the custody of his parent / legal guardian. The case is being prosecuted by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. The identities of the defendants and victim are being withheld due to their ages.

Fourth Precinct Community Council

Because of COVID, the Fourth Precinct Community Council will hold its monthly meeting by a ZOOM telephone meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday May 20. You can attend the meeting from home on your telephone. Please be aware this is an open meeting, and there is no agenda. If you want to say something, just find an opening, and say it.

Please note that the numbers for the ZOOM meeting have changed. To participate in the ZOOM meeting, Call 1 (929) 205-6099 and Enter Meeting ID 814 4072 2500, If asked, the passcode is 154566, and identify yourself. If the line drops, and you get disconnected during the meeting, just hang up and call again. Please don't use the "speaker phone" option as it causes "feedback." Thank you.

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Can you have fun and enjoy your round at Pound Ridge, or Winged Foot, while scoring 100+? I asked this question to Brad Worthington, Head Pro at Pound Ridge. Worthington also worked at Winged Foot years ago, and reveres the club to this day and agrees, its #1 in Westchester and the area. "Whenever you can get a chance to play a great course, you should try and challenge your game, and Pound Ridge gives you that chance. With five different sets of tees, you can pick one that suits your golf skills. Regardless of how well you play, you will enjoy the challenge."

"Pound Ridge continues the undeniable legacy of the genius of Pete Dye to test all the clubs in a golfer's bag while also enjoying the legacy of his wonderful designs," says Darren Wang, managing partner of Pound Ridge Golf Club. "While our course is a formidable challenge from the back tees, we feature five additional tee box options for players of all abilities to have a great time away from the hustle and bustle of daily life."

Shortly after Bryson won the US Open, I returned to Pound Ridge determined to break 90. Through 15 holes, I was on my way to my goal, keeping it on the fairway and not three putting. But the last three holes at Pound Ridge can break you, as they did to my scorecard. I triple bogeyed the last three holes to score a 94.

Pound Ridge is certainly worth a visit once per year, and likely, you will be back for more. Some honorable mentions in the Northern Westchester area.

Centennial Golf Club, Carmel. A 27-hole layout, designed by PGA Champion golfer Larry Nelson, offers a difficult layout, sloping fairways and large greens that can easily be three putted.

Mohansic Golf Course, Yorktown. This Westchester County course was my home course growing up and is as long and challenging as it was 30 years ago. The 9th hole plays almost 600 yards and requires three great shots to get on the green. If you can get home in 2 on this hole, reach out to me for your prize.

Two private courses in the area that are worth it if you can get on for a charity outing or with a member:

I-Anglebrook is private, non-equity club in Lincolndale, designed by Robert Trent Jones, Sr. on 240-acres purchased from Lincoln Hall in 1998. A great, difficult layout, and a real treat if you can get on to play.

II- The Stanwich Club, Greenwich. This is another course that I would place in the "play it if you can get out," category. Very exclusive and a very difficult, with perhaps the most difficult, sloping greens that I have every played on. You better have your A-putting game with you if you can get on the first tee.

If you want your club to be highlighted, please email me at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com. I will be making the rounds this summer and look forward to reporting on how the many classic Westchester golf courses are playing. In the meantime, check out Pound Ridge Golf for a tee time, 914.764.5771 or visit www.poundridgegolf.com.

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Erica Vladimir, co-founder of the Sexual Harassment Working Group, said Stewart-Cousins sent mixed signals by sharing the event with Cuomo. "Andrea Stewart-Cousins did what she had to do to get her district resources, and now it's time to remind the public that she believes power abusers need to be held accountable. She needs to reiterate her demand for him to resign."

"I hope that it's not a signal for others to think it's okay to stand with him when we don't have accountability for his actions. We shouldn't normalize these behaviors by standing with him on any issue," said NYC state Assemblyman Ron Kim.

State Senator Alessandra Biaggi, who represents Pelham in Westchester County, tweeted, "April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month, so how can you prevent sexual violence? Don't participate in the *normalization* of abusive people & behaviors, make excuses for known abusers, or pretend it's not real. That's abusive."

Anna Liss, one of Cuomo's accusers, Tweeted, "I don't think it was a wise decision. Given the circumstances, no one should be going about their lives as though things are 'business as usual,' especially elected officials in the governor's orbit."

Through spokesman Mike Murphy, Stewart-Cousins said, "Our position on the governor has not changed but this event is in her district and it important that people get vaccinated and she has been pushing to expand access to this location for a long time."

If Stewart-Cousins had not appeared, or had somehow dissed Cuomo at the event, then all the talk would have been how she disrespected the Governor. For the vast majority of the people of Westchester, who she represents, Stewart-Cousins took the lead this year in the budget process, obtained record state education aid for Yonkers, and has called on Cuomo to resign. That is enough.

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Gold Star Mother Margaret Horan Honored by Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Pearl Harbor, WWII Vet Chick Galella



State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins with 100 year old WWII Vet Chick Galella, left, and Galella and Horan family members at the Gold Star Mothers Memorial

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins provided the keynote address at the May 9 unveiling of the Margaret J. Horan Gold Star Mothers' Memorial at Horan's Landing Park, 57 River Street, Sleepy Hollow, New York "I am honored to have been asked by my good friend Chick Galella to speak at this memorial event honoring Margaret J. Horan and all Gold Star Mothers. Chick has always given back to the community on causes he feels passionate about and nothing could be more meaningful than this---a tribute to Mrs. Horan and all Gold Star Mothers who have lost their sons or daughters in service to our great country," said NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "At 100 years young, and a NYS Veteran's Hall of Fame Honoree, Chick has never wavered in Veterans causes. I thank him for initiating this project and so appreciate the efforts by the Gold Mother Memorial Committee of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown, the Historical Society of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown, the Village of Sleepy Hollow, and all the donors who have contributed \$100,000 to successfully create this memorial sculpture Horan's Landing Park", Stewart-Cousins continued.

The Memorial is a project initiated by Armando "Chick" Galella. Chick is a 100-year-old Sleepy Hollow, New York resident and decorated WWII veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor. The Committee charged with raising the funds necessary for the Memorial's commission announced the successful conclusion of the \$ 100,000 campaign at Chick Galella's 100th birthday celebration on January 1, 2021. The campaign was in partnership with The Historical Society of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown.

The objective was to commission and erect a Gold Star Mother Memorial to honor Margaret J Horan, mother of John J Horan who was killed on December 7, 1941 during the attack on Pearl Harbor. In honoring Mrs. Horan, the memorial also honors all Gold Star Mothers.

Chick stated, "I couldn't think of a better day for us to unveil this memorial than Mother's Day. Words of gratitude are not enough. I want to thank the many donors who helped make this dream come true. My special thanks go to our partners the Historical Society, the Village of Sleepy Hollow and all those special friends and neighbors who donated."

Senator Pete Harkham said, "This memorial recognizes and honors the sacrifices Mrs. Horan and all Gold Star Mothers undertook when their brave military sons and daughters made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation."

The Gold Mother Memorial Committee of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown is comprised of; Vivian Allen, President of the Gold Star Mothers of Hudson Valley. Vivian of Chester, New York lost her son 1st Lieutenant Lou Allen in 2005 while serving in Iraq; Michael Dawley, a Sleepy Hollow resident, President of Bluefin Partners, LLC, and retired Managing Director of Goldman Sachs; Ms. MaryAnn Ragusa a 1996 graduate of Sleepy Hollow High School and a veteran's advocate; Colonel Adam Subervi, USMC; Lt. Colonel (ret.) Kurt Perhach, U S Army. Other members include Chick's sons, Armando, Michael and his Michael's wife Donna Baer.

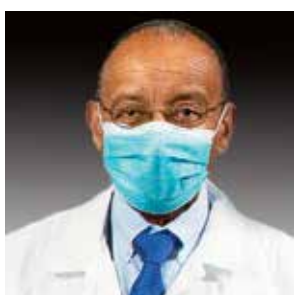
The Historical Society of Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown joined with the committee to facilitate the project. The life-size bronze is the work of distinguished sculptor, Andrew Chernak. Mr. Chernak is a decorated Vietnam War Veteran whose work is internationally acclaimed.

The American Gold Star Mothers is a private, nonprofit organization of American mothers who lost sons or daughters in service of the United States Armed Forces. It was originally formed in 1928 for mothers of those lost in World War I, and it holds a congressional charter.

Membership in the organization is open to any woman who is a U.S. citizen or legal resident that has lost a son or daughter in active service in the U.S. military regardless of the place or time of the military service, regardless of whether the circumstances of death involved hostile conflict or not, and including mothers of those missing in action.



A Diverse Workforce for a Diverse County



Dr. Dial Hewitt and his colleagues in the Westchester County Department of Health have been on the front lines of the Covid-19 pandemic for the past year, working exhausting hours and putting their own health and safety on the line to serve others.

Despite the risks and the challenges they face, the Department's doctors, nurse practitioners, public health nurses, lab techs and support staff remain firmly committed to their mission: protecting the health and safety of the people of Westchester.

"You go into this field because you care about people and you get gratification from helping them," said Hewlett, who is board certified in Internal Medicine and in the sub specialty of Infectious Diseases.

"I am fortunate and blessed to work with such dedicated professionals," he said of his colleagues at WCDOH. Most recently, he has been helping oversee the County's vaccination clinic on Court Street in White Plains.

Hewlett noted that Westchester was ground zero for the Covid-19 pandemic, where an outbreak occurred in New Rochelle.

The virus spread through houses of worship, congregate care settings and other locations – and the Health Department staff mobilized swiftly to respond.

"They were willing to put their lives on the line when we didn't know very much about this disease," Hewlett said of the entire Health Department team. "Whatever we have asked of them, they do it."

Dr. Hewlett has also been involved in outreach to Westchester's minority communities to provide "accurate, scientific information" and encourage people of color to get vaccinated. He said he hopes to alleviate the hesitation of some Black and Latino residents to get the vaccine.

The executive team at the Health Department has been praised for its leadership during the pandemic, including: Dr. Sherlita Amler, commissioner; Renee Recchia, first deputy commissioner; Dr. Hewlett; Dr. Marisa Montecalvo, Dr. Ada Huang and Lori Smittle, PhD (doctor of nursing).

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