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Latimer Delivers Strong, Post COVID, State of the County Address



Westchester County Executive George Latimer in the BOL Chambers for SOTC

"I am here to tell you the State of our County – Westchester County – is strong and getting stronger."

-Westchester County Executive George Latimer

Westchester County Executive George Latimer delivered his fourth State of the County Address in the Legislative Chambers of the Board of Legislators on

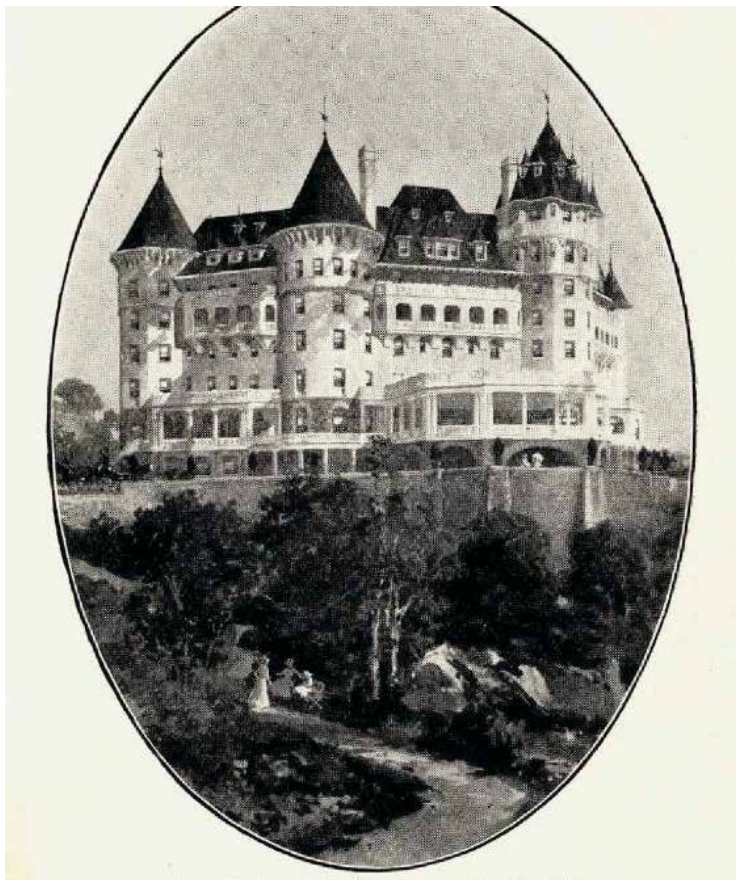
Latimer acknowledged that COVID-19 has taken a toll on the County, but promised through good government, to restore and rebuild Westchester back better than it was before.

Latimer said: "Look at us – look at us vaccinated and fighting back. We have a long way to go my friends, we still aren't all the way back, but ladies and gentlemen we are getting there, and we are united to move forward."

Latimer stressed the importance of keeping his promise to cut County property taxes for the second year in a row, even in the midst of a crippling pandemic. He signed the 2021 budget maintaining all County services, cutting expenditure by \$15.7 million dollars, and increasing the County's fund balance to over \$200 million dollars – the largest fund balance in the County's history.

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The Hunt for Dutch Schultz's Treasure Continues: Hotel Hendrik Hudson Ruins the Latest Site



The Hotel Hendrik Hudson, which burned to the ground before opening in 1901

By Dan Murphy

More than one hundred years ago, in the hills of Southwest Yonkers, a hotel for the wealthy was built, overlooking the Hudson River. Construction was completed on The Hotel Hendrik Hudson in 1901, but weeks before its official opening, the resort burned to the ground.

An insurance policy covered the \$125,000 cost of the hotel, and plans to rebuild a new hotel never happened, nor did a plan to build a Yonkers Public School at the site.

Nothing was ever constructed at the site, but the City of Yonkers did create a park, in 1946, named after the 11th Mayor of Yonkers, Leslie Sutherland Memorial Park, which still exists today.

After the fire, the only remnants of the hotel was an elevator shaft. And one tale of Prohibition and the City of Yonkers is that Arthur "Dutch Schultz" Flegenheimer used the elevator shaft to store his beer and other booze during the 1920's and 30's.

Dutch became familiar with Yonkers after he 'purchased' the Yonkers brewery from its owner by putting a gun to his head and demanding his signature or his brains on the contract of sale. During prohibition, the brewery made two kinds of beer. 'Near Beer' with little alcoholic content, was permitted and sold to the public out the front door, while illegal 'real beer' was smuggled out underground, through a series of pipes created to run through the sewer lines to locations where the Feds weren't looking.

Eventually, in September 1930 one of the beer pipes burst, and beer was flowing out onto a few Yonkers streets. Several investigations were held, but

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Debate Over Israel-Palestine Conflict Comes to Westchester



"This is bigger than religion. This is bigger than land. This is genocide, and our country is staying quiet,"

-Yonkers Council President Mike Khader

By Dan Murphy

Two recent rallies in Westchester, in support of the people of Palestine during the recent conflict with Israel, point to a nationwide shift in the democratic party away from the actions of the Israeli military.

The Westchester rallies were held at Yonkers City Hall on May 16, and on May 20 in downtown White Plains. WESPAC sponsored the rally in White Plains, called March for Palestinian Freedom.

"We need to ask our congressional representatives and New York Senators to urgently make a public statement urging the State Department and the Biden Administration to pressure the Israeli government to stop the bombing of Gaza and end the removal of families from their homes in Sheik Jarrar and Silwan.

"We need to ask our electeds to co-sponsor Betty McCollum's bill HR 2590, Defending The Human Rights of Palestinian Children and Families Living Under Israeli Military Occupation. This bill would prohibit Israel from using U.S. taxpayer dollars on the military detention, abuse, or ill-treatment of Palestinian children in Israeli military detention; to support the seizure and destruction of Palestinian property and homes in violation of international humanitarian law; or on any support or assistance for Israel's unilateral annexation of Palestinian territory in violation of international humanitarian law. (In the case of Jamaal Bowman in district 16, please call his office and thank him for co-sponsoring.) Call House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Gregory Meeks and demand that he place a hold on weapons to Israel," wrote WESPAC on their website.

On May 16, members of the Palestinian community in Yonkers and Westchester rallied at the steps of Yonkers City Hall, with several hundred protestors chanting, "Freedom for Palestine" in support of the Palestinian

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Early Voting & Absentee Ballots for All are Back for 2021



By Dan Murphy

Last year, because of the pandemic, voters in Westchester and NY State were permitted to request and vote by absentee ballot after state lawmakers and Governor Cuomo passed a law that gave any voter the right because of COVID-19 to vote by mail. This year, for the 2021 elections that begin with the democratic primaries in Westchester, any voter can again request an absentee ballot and vote by mail or by dropping their ballot off due to COVID.

Specifically, the Qualifications to vote by Absentee Ballot are:

If you are absent from your county on Election Day. If you are unable to appear at the polls due to temporary or permanent illness or disability. Spreading illness includes being unable to appear due to risk of contracting or spreading a communicable disease like COVID-19.

Unable to appear because you are the primary care giver of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled. A resident or patient of a Veterans Health Administration Hospital. Detained in jail awaiting Grand Jury action or confined in prison after conviction for an offense other than a felony.

You must apply online, postmark, e-mail, or fax a completed application or letter request for the Primary Election Absentee Ballot no later than

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Weddings, Golf Outings Return to Westchester



A wedding at the Abbey Inn & Spa, pictured above, are in high demand.



Kenneth Meccia (2nd from left) President of Statewide Abstract, will once again play host at the 2021 golf outing that will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on June 21st. He is seen here at the 2019 golf outing with Michael Meccia (far left), Account Executive of Statewide Abstract, Richard Krasner, Senior VP of Statewide Abstract, and Mark Okamoto (far right), Director of Regional Sales for Statewide.

The Abbey Inn & Spa, one of the top new hotels of 2020, has seen its wedding bookings soar as mass vaccinations progress and social distancing rules ease.

For the warm weather months, couples are choosing to hold their cocktail hours and exchanges of wedding vows on the hotel's lush grounds with commanding views of the Hudson River. Couples then have their dinners and dancing in the Highlands Ballroom.

"We're seeing a peak demand for weddings in September and October, especially with the views of the Hudson River and the fall foliage," said Eileen Whitney, The Abbey's Inn's director of catering, wedding & events specialist.

The Abbey Inn & Spa's piece de resistance is the 2,183-square-foot Highlands Ballroom, set in the former church of the Convent of St. Mary. The Abbey Inn's restoration lovingly preserved the sanctuary's dramatic architectural features, including some of the stained-glass windows. The ballroom has a capacity up to 120 people and it is big enough to accommodate couples' concerns about social distancing.

"Safety and cleanliness are really important to our clients, as well as ensuring that we stay within the Centers for Disease Control guidelines," said Whitney.

Brides and grooms can book the Cellar Tasting Room, a combination wine cellar and dining room ideal for rehearsal dinners. Wedding parties can also enjoy a bit of pre-event pampering at the on-site spa or a round of golf at one of several nearby courses.

Wedding packages at The Abbey Inn include a luxury suite for the bride and groom and a 15% discount on up to 10 rooms for wedding guests, based on availability. The Abbey Inn also invites brides and grooms back to the hotel for their first-year anniversary.

Earlier this year the USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice 2020 ranked The Abbey Inn & Spa #3 on its list, which cited the boutique hotel's adaptive reuse of a former convent and its full-service spa, farm-to-table restaurant Apropos and luxurious suites.

The Abbey Inn & Spa's staff was also awarded "The Knot Best of Weddings 2021" and the "Weddingwire Couples' Choice Award 2021."

The Abbey Inn & Spa's signature dining concept, Apropos, combines chef-driven cuisine with breathtaking views of the Hudson River. Helmed by Executive Chef John Paidas, this elevated, contemporary-American eatery features Mediterranean-influenced and locally sourced ingredients.

The spa is a 2,500-square-foot sanctuary featuring four tranquil treatment rooms, a relaxation room and an array of wellness-enhancing services. Every effort has been taken to honor the majesty of the building's past while introducing 21st-century comfort.

For more information on the Abbey Inn, located in Peekskill, visit www.theabbeyinn.com.

The Westchester tradition of raising funds for a worthy cause while enjoying a day out on the golf course continues, post COVID.

Statewide Abstract Corporation was forced to postpone its 2020 charity golf outing due to COVID restrictions but has rescheduled the St. Jude Scramble Charity Golf Outing for Monday, June 21 at the Westchester Hills Golf Club in White Plains. All activities, including meals and a silent auction, will take place outdoors; rain date will be Tuesday, June 22.

"Since our first event in 2018, we have raised more than \$130,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and are looking forward to raising an additional \$60,000 this year," said Ken Meccia, President of Statewide Abstract. "St. Jude is a wonderful organization that has done so much for so many children and their families. All money raised will be donated to support their ongoing mission of never charging families of sick children for treatment, travel, housing, or food. We are excited to do our part to support their efforts," Meccia says, noting that individuals who cannot attend the event but wish to support St. Jude with a donation can visit <https://www.stjudescramble.org/> or call 914-683-5900.

The scramble format outing will start at 9:30 am with breakfast and registration. Shotgun play will begin at 11:30 am. Attendees will be treated to lunch, snacks and beverages, followed by the 18 holes of golf. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be served at 4 pm followed by a dinner party and silent auction. Prizes will be awarded for longest drive, closest to pin, beat the pro and a putting competition. The cost for the event including golf is \$325 per person. Those who just want to attend the dinner can do so for \$100 per person. A range of event sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, please visit: <https://www.stjudescramble.org/>

Harbor Unit Rescues Kayaker in Distress

On May 23rd at about 2:41 p.m., New Rochelle Police Officers responded in Marine I to Middle Ground in the Long Island Sound, report of a kayaker in distress. This is a rocky area just outside of the channel by David's Island.

The kayaker had advised that he was being swept away by the strong winds and current, further out into the Long Island Sound.

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Why I Got Vaccinated



By Assemblyman Kevin Byrne

This pandemic has tested our country and state in more ways than we can count, but thankfully it appears we are marching towards brighter days ahead. We all want a healthier, safer, and more prosperous society for our families and neighbors to live in moving forward. One of the ways we are going to get there is through the vaccination program now possible in large part due to the hard work of the medical community, researchers and scientists, as well as the success of federal initiatives like Operation Warp Speed.

I understand that for many of our fellow New Yorkers, choosing to get a COVID-19 vaccine may require more consideration than choosing to get other vaccines in general. The COVID-19 vaccines were developed in record time and sanctioned under emergency use authorization by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). For some, this has understandably caused concern and has increased a desire to learn more about the COVID-19 vaccines, and perhaps even vaccines in general. As the ranking Republican leader in the Assembly Health Committee, I feel I have a responsibility to try and help answer some of those questions and concerns. That's why rather than simply posting a photo of me receiving the vaccine, I decided to share with you why I chose to get the vaccine, and why I encourage others who are able to do the same.

The early state roll-out of vaccine distribution was nothing short of a disaster with seniors and high-risk New Yorker's waiting months to get their shot. Due to age, I was ineligible for vaccination during the early months of the rollout. Unlike other national political figures, I refused to cut in line and seek special treatment. I waited until it was my turn. My wife, due to her position as a healthcare worker, was thankfully able to receive her shot relatively early on. Luckily, our vaccine distribution is in a much better place today than it was in January with eligibility now greatly expanded.

While I don't support current proposals to create a COVID-19 vaccine mandate for adults or children, I do think it's beneficial to arm ourselves with information to help us make the best decision. Plenty of us have differing opinions, but we should all do our due diligence to ensure those opinions are formed by facts. That's why people seeking to learn more about vaccines should also speak with their primary care provider. In the meantime, let's walk through some of the concerns that are commonly raised so I can explain why I elected to receive the vaccine.

One of the most common concerns shared with me is the speed at which the first three vaccines were developed. It's true that most vaccines take years to develop and complete traditional clinical trials. However, it's important to note the science used to develop COVID-19 vaccines was available from years of medical research that had occurred prior to the pandemic. It was further aided by an unprecedented amount of financial support from the

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Time to Make Up for a Lost Year



By Eric Schoen

The big news on Tuesday morning? Sales of personal care items are on the increase. We are taking off our masks and buying cosmetics, perfumes, colognes, deodorants, toothbrushes, whitening strips for our teeth, shaving creams and gels, products for our hair and things to make us look good again. The report I heard said even condom sales are on the rise.

Maybe this year and a half nightmare we have been going through is finally if not coming to an end getting pretty close! Gas prices are up but with the pipeline affair over should be coming down pretty soon. Gas and charcoal grills which were in short supply last summer as people were staying home are plentiful though anyone who goes to the grocery stores will tell you prices are higher.

When I pass someone on the street or when exercising in the park they are not quickly reaching for their mask to put it on even if we may be 20 feet away. Of anything during this pandemic that was the most troubling thing for me on a personal level. Were they afraid even at a twenty foot distance that they were going to catch something from me? We weren't communicating even though I might gaze and smile or say a quick hello.

People seeing other people and throwing on their masks like The person they were seeing was some kind of leper. Walking in the other direction even though they would never come close. Walking a dog and having its owner pull the dog away before it got close to you. If you tried to pet someone's dog they would pull it away in fear that you would make the dog sick.

What's more comforting then petting a dog or having a cat curl up with you in bed? One of the only good things about the pandemic (though really nothing can be good) is that it emptied out our overfilled animal shelters. People wanted dogs and cats to keep them company at home as they stayed in the house hibernating or working from home or Zooming with others. Though some people dislike busy offices with people walking around and not minding their business, the sudden isolation in an apartment or a big house was quite disconcerting.

Taking care of a dog or a cat entails a lot of responsibility. As more and more people leave the house to go outside or return to work don't forget the responsibility you took on when you adopted Fido or whiskers. The animals have become members of the family and just like you wouldn't neglect your children, don't neglect your pooch or pussycat!

Speaking about children, they belong in classrooms surrounded by Teachers and Principals and Aides and custodians and civil service workers including the secretaries in the office who often act as surrogate mothers when they are not feeling up to par waiting to be picked up by their parents. Let's give

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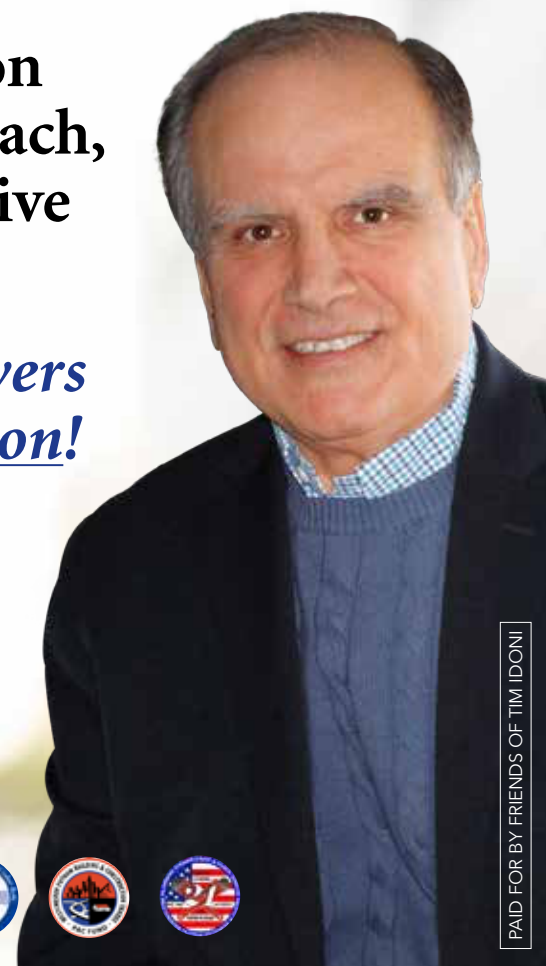
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County Welcomes Kandy Davenport as Risk Management Director



Kandy Davenport

Westchester County Executive George Latimer is pleased to announce the addition of Kandy Davenport, ARM, RF, WCLS, CLMP as the County's new Director of Risk Management.

The role puts Davenport in charge of directing and managing a comprehensive risk management program for the County, including responsibility for the formulation, implementation and monitoring of policies as they relate to insurance, safety and other claims.

Latimer said: "Kandy is a welcome addition to the County's team. Risk management may not be the most well-known area of County government, but thanks to her efforts, County residents can feel assured that their government is hard at work protecting their best fiscal interests."

Davenport takes on this role with a strong background in the field, including serving as the head of KPMG LLP's national insurance department for 17 years. Davenport most recently worked as a Senior Risk Analyst for Enterprise Risk Management.

Davenport has extensive risk management and corporate insurance experience in a number of complex industries and is honored to now work for the County of Westchester.

Davenport said: "Westchester County Government has so many impressive operations, goals and initiatives. I am honored to serve as its Director of Risk Management. My goal is to help the County identify, assess, and mitigate its risk exposures as it simultaneously protects and serves the needs of its residents."

County Attorney John Nonna said: "Kandy is a stellar addition coming with top notch credentials and deep experience in insurance and risk management. She will be a major asset to our department and the taxpayers of Westchester."

Free Webinar: Advances In Breast Cancer and Cooking For Wellness

Support Connection, Inc. announces a free national educational webinar, presented in partnership with NewYork – Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital: "Advances in Breast Cancer + Cooking for Wellness: A Two-Part Webinar" will be offered on Wed., June 9, from 1 – 2:15 pm NY time.

Open to: People who have or have had breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer; People with a family member or loved one living with breast, ovarian or gynecological cancer.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call Support Connection, 914-962-6402 or 800-532-4290. Must register no later than 5 pm (NY time) on Tues., June 8.

The first part of this webinar will be a presentation on Advances in Breast Cancer, by Dr. Stacy Ugras, a breast surgical oncologist with ColumbiaDoctors and NewYork-Presbyterian Medical Group Hudson Valley. Dr. Ugras will discuss the latest news and research pertaining to breast cancer diagnosis and treatments, as well as risk-assessment for high risk individuals and families.

After Dr. Ugras's presentation, Chef Emilie Berner of the Chef Peter X. Kelly Teaching Kitchen at NY-P HVH will focus on cooking techniques and nutritional strategies that can help manage fatigue often experienced by both patients and caregivers. During a live cooking demonstration, Chef Berner will talk about foods that provide energy; the role of protein and fluids for managing fatigue; and how meal planning can be a useful tool.

To learn more, visit www.supportconnection.org or call 962-6402.

Letter to the Editor:

Dear Friends and Supporters:

The COVID-19 pandemic has been incredibly difficult for us all. Whether you were sick, lost a loved one or spent endless nights worrying about yourself or your family, the effects of this crisis have been far-reaching and long-lasting.

But as vaccination rates increase and we slowly return to a more normal way of life, we must remember our small business owners. They bore an enormous burden throughout the pandemic and many are still struggling.

Even as indoor dining returns, restaurant business remains well below pre-pandemic levels. Revenues at dry cleaners, nail salons and other businesses have declined dramatically as people stayed home and opted to buy online.

We've heard of business owners taking second and third loans just to stay in business. Unfortunately, others have already had to close. Losing any local business affects the social and economic vibrancy of our entire community.

But we can help our friends and neighbors. The next time you think of ordering from Amazon or venturing to Costco, please consider Harrison's local stores and storekeepers. When deciding to eat out, choose the restaurants in your neighborhood, instead of national chains. If you are uncomfortable dining indoors, many establishments within Harrison offer outdoor seating.

Tip well if you are able. And be patient and understanding of any delays or if something doesn't go quite right.

For more info on local establishments check out The Harrison Public Library's "Taste of Harrison" program (<https://www.harrisonpl.org/taste-of-harrison>) and the Harrison Chamber of Commerce's website (<https://harrisonchamberofcommerce.com>).

The Moving Harrison Forward team of Frank Gordon for Mayor, and Rachel Berkey and Adam Weiner for Town Board, is committed to supporting local business in Harrison. Follow us all year long as we highlight some of the wonderful offerings of businesses around town. And join us in showing your support for the community by posting any recommendations you may have on social media.

More information on the Moving Harrison Forward team can be found at www.movingharrisonforward.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Adam Weiner

Candidate for Town Board

Moving Harrison Forward

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federal government, and the removal of vast bureaucratic red tape via Operation Warp Speed. It's true that the underlying mRNA platform had never been used for a vaccine prior to the pandemic, but as previously mentioned it had already been widely researched for various other applications. It's also worth noting that a comprehensive and robust approval process which includes clinical trials was followed to obtain the emergency use authorization by the FDA.

Another frequently cited concern is the pause on the Johnson & Johnson (J&J) vaccine. I can see how at first some may see this as a red flag, but the fact that the FDA and New York State Department of Health (NYS-DOH) paused the distribution of the J&J vaccine also demonstrates how closely they are tracking the success of each vaccine. The reality is there was a miniscule number of examples cited to pause the J&J vaccine. By comparison, more young women have negative side-effects from birth control pills than the J&J vaccine, but the FDA and NYSDOH paused its use anyway. There was no attempt to brush the concern under the rug. Instead, they paused, reassessed the vaccine, and thankfully were confident in clearing it once again for use.

So why did I choose to get vaccinated? First, I appreciate the massive amount of work and resources invested by the federal government and private sector to get us to a place where we have the ability to get vaccinated. Second, history has shown vaccines work to reduce or eliminate the spread of deadly viruses, and they are an important tool we need to protect ourselves and our most vulnerable. I also want to protect my community and limit the risk of getting the virus and unintentionally exposing someone else who was unable to get a vaccine because they have a compromised immune system or some other serious medical condition. Lastly, and perhaps the most simple and straight-forward reason, I want us all to move forward beyond this COVID-19 nightmare.

I decided to share why I elected to get the vaccine because I hope it will help address some common questions from those who may still be hesitating to get the shot- not to shame or marginalize anyone who feels differently.

As Americans, it is our right—and our obligation—to ask questions and seek answers. Marginalizing those with doubts won't help address their concerns. Personally, I find it more effective to do our best to answer those concerns honestly and directly—which is what I attempted to do in this column.

46% of Americans have already received at least one shot of a COVID-19 vaccine according to the CDC. That includes 48.4% of New Yorkers, 54.5% of Westchester County residents, and 53% of Putnam County residents according to NYSDOH. We each have an obligation to do what's right for the health and safety of our society- including our families, friends, and businesses. In 2021, for me and my family, that means getting vaccinated.

You can learn more about the importance of immunization at www.letsgetimmunizedny.org

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne

Assemblyman Byrne represents NY's 94th Assembly District, which includes portions of Putnam and Westchester counties. Byrne is the ranking minority member of the Assembly Committee on Health, and serves as chair of the Assembly Minority Program Committee.

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Returning SUNY Students Must be Vaccinated

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced the SUNY and CUNY boards will require proof of vaccination for all students attending in-person classes this fall, and encouraged all private universities and colleges to adopt the same guidelines. 112,150 doses have been administered across the state's vast distribution network in the last 24 hours, and nearly 1.1 million doses have been administered over the past seven days.

"More than 60 percent of the population here in New York has gotten at least one dose of the vaccine, but we remain aggressive in our efforts because the reality is we are seeing a decline in the vaccination rate not only here in our state but nationwide," Governor Cuomo said. "There is no factual argument against the vaccine, and there is no excuse not to get your shot. This vaccine is the weapon that will help us win the war on COVID, and so I urge everyone who still needs to take it to do so quickly at one of our many sites across the state."

All New York State mass vaccination sites are now open to eligible New Yorkers for walk-in vaccination on a first come first serve basis. The walk-in appointments are reserved for first doses only with second doses to be scheduled automatically after administration of the initial shot. In addition, all vaccine providers are encouraged to allow walk-in appointments for eligible New Yorkers. People who would prefer to schedule an appointment at a state-run mass vaccination site can do so on the Am I Eligible App or by calling 1-833-NYS-4-VAX. People may also contact their local health department, pharmacy, doctor or hospital to schedule appointments where vaccines are available, or visit vaccines.gov to find information on vaccine appointments near them.

STATEWIDE BREAKDOWN

Total doses administered - 16,826,409

Total doses administered over past 24 hours - 112,150

Total doses administered over past 7 days - 1,092,045

Percent of New Yorkers ages 18 and older with at least one vaccine dose - 60.2%

Percent of New Yorkers ages 18 and older with completed vaccine series - 48.9%

Percent of all New Yorkers with at least one vaccine dose - 48.4%

Percent of all New Yorkers with completed vaccine series - 39.1%

The COVID-19 Vaccine Tracker Dashboard is available to update New Yorkers on the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. The New York State Department of Health requires vaccinating facilities to report all COVID-19 vaccine administration data within 24 hours; the vaccine administration data on the dashboard is updated daily to reflect the most up-to-date metrics in the state's vaccination effort.

New Yorkers who suspect fraud in the vaccine distribution process can call 833-VAX-SCAM (833-829-7226) toll-free or email the state Department of Health at STOPVAXFRAUD@health.ny.gov. Hotline staff will route complaints to the appropriate investigative agencies to ensure New Yorkers are not being taken advantage of as the State works to vaccinate the entire eligible population.

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people in their current struggle with Israel. The protestors called for a stop to the bombing of Gaza and calling out the actions of Israeli police. Some called for a stop of U.S. aid to Israel.

Yonkers City Council President Mike Khader also attended the rally and posted the following. "This weekend, I was proud to join fellow community members on the steps of city call to gather in solidarity with the Palestinian people. For more than 70 years now, Palestinians have been forced from their homes, subjected to occupation, and criticized for calling for equality, freedom, and justice. The good news is that the international community, and people like me who believe in those values everywhere, are increasingly hearing their call. Everyone has a right to safety, including Palestinians and their families. We will be able to have peace in the region when that right is respected, and in order for that to happen, it is on us to take a stand and demand justice and safety for all. No exceptions. Solidarity with the Palestinian people means standing against all forms of racism, because none of us will be free until all of us are free. You can count me to stand up for all of our communities, whether they are Black, Arab, undocumented, Jewish, Asian, LGBTQ, or others. Praying for peace and justice in the region," said Khader, who said in a video at the rally, "This is bigger than religion. This is bigger than land. This is genocide, and our country is staying quiet."

In 2020, two of the biggest supporters of Israel in Congress were Rep. Nita Lowey and Rep. Eliot Engel, who both represented Westchester County in the House of Representatives for a combined 60 years. Engel and Lowey retired last year, and were replaced by Congressman Mondaire Jones and Congressman Jamaal Bowman.

Rep. Bowman, as referenced earlier in this story, is a co-sponsor of a bill preventing the Israeli government from using US aid for military purposes against the Palestinian people.

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.

Westchester County Offers Early Bird

Discount for Baseball Camp

Westchester County Parks is offering an out of the park deal for HEAT Baseball Camp, which will be held at V.E. Macy Park in Ardsley this summer. Those who register now through May 30 will receive the early bird registration discount, and an additional 10 percent discount if booking multiple weeks.

County Executive George Latimer said: "As a baseball fan, I'm delighted our Parks department will be hosting a baseball camp this summer. Playing and coaching little league was one of the great joys of my pre-teen years and early twenties. Share the love of the game with your children and grandchildren by signing them up for camp."

HEAT Baseball Camp will cover all areas of the game including fielding, pitching, hitting, base running, strength and conditioning, game situations and baseball IQ.

Four week-long sessions will be held in July:

- Session 1: July 5 – 9
- Session 2: July 12 – 16
- Session 3: July 19 – 23
- Session 4: July 26 – 30

Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "We can't wait for school to be out and to welcome children into our parks. I hope you'll sign up your athlete for HEAT Baseball Camp and encourage you to explore all the camp options we have to offer this summer."

The early bird registration fee is \$250 per camper, per session. Starting May 31, the registration fee increases to \$275 per camper, per session.

For more information, visit <https://parks.westchestergov.com/children-camps/baseball-camp> or call (914) 231-4673.

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a big shout out to the custodians in our schools who kept buildings sparkling clean and germ free. And the nurses who suddenly were thrust into the position of keeping everyone healthy and sane instead of just putting bandaids on fingers or taking temperatures. The custodians and nurses are definitely the heroes of what went on in school buildings the last year and a half.

Let's not forget our school cafeteria staff who provided food for school children through grab and go programs even when they weren't learning in the classroom. For many students these meals were the only nourishment they would have during the day or until their parents, often nurses and hospital aides finished up long shifts to prepare dinner.

Our great school technology people who scoured the planet trying to find devices for students to stay in touch with their teachers and fellow students. And keeping those devices up and running when touched by hands hardly familiar with how they worked. Bus Drivers and Monitors charged with socially distancing students making sure even our littlest ones were masked up and scrubbing their tiny fingers with soap and water topped off with Purrell.

It's good to hear that in many of our school districts there will be no distance learning options in September. Study after study has shown that our schools are the safest places for our students. Even the heads of the two largest teachers unions agree that all children should be back in classrooms come September.

How did students learn looking at a computer screen over the last year? I'm not just talking about grade school students. For College students it was a difficult proposition too. And the affect of a year with no socialization for grade school students and their college counterparts will be measured by psychologists and other professionals for years to come.

I truly hope that the plexiglass 'cages' built around classroom desks will disappear come September. Can you imagine when you were a child learning in such an environment. Hopefully the worse that we will need are masks on our students. But the person who advocated putting masks on 2-5 year olds really doesn't understand human behavior. Did they really think that 2-5 year olds were going to keep their masks on in school or when outdoors playing. It must have been someone sans children who came up with that brilliant idea.

People are buying personal care items as well as new clothes and bathing suits as they try feverishly to lose those pandemic pounds they gained during the last year and a half. You know what to eat to lose weight. We spend millions of dollars a year on diet programs when all we need is a high protein, low carbohydrate diet to shed those pounds. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to realize you are not going to lose weight eating an Entenmann's crumb cake or a pint of Ben and Jerry's ice cream.

No one is telling you to eat grass for dinner. But a balanced diet including plenty of vegetables and some fresh summer fruit will certainly assist you to fit in those new, slightly tight clothes you are out their buying.

Discounters like T.J. MAXX and Marshall's and Burlington have lines that make it look like several days before Christmas. And believe me it's not all social distancing. People went a year and a half without spending money on themselves, and now they want to look good again. I was shaving the other day, looked at my clean shaven face and I was white as a ghost. Until I get some sun I guess I will have to resort to putting on a touch of bronzer to get that glow.

Remember, you can feel like crap psychologically and physically but if you make yourself look good, no one will know what's going on inside you. And when people tell you you look good it makes you feel good.

If you feel more comfortable wearing a mask and socially distancing please do so. No one should tell you not to wear a mask or how to lead your life. If you haven't gotten your Covid-19 vaccination what are you waiting for? It's readily available and will allow you to get back to normal this summer. If you haven't gotten vaccinated it is your obligation to tell those you come in contact with. Coronavirus is still out there. A friend's niece's mother went onto a ventilator last week. Haven't heard that happening in a while, but it just goes to show you for the unvaccinated the pandemic is not over.

I went to my first picnic with family and friends a week ago. Everyone was vaccinated. It was a small group, all outdoors, healthy foods with hot dogs and hamburgers on the menu. More important than the food was to shake the hands of friends who had come in from Massachusetts and Texas, not wear a mask and give a little hug to those I haven't seen in a year and a half!

Say a prayer this Memorial Day for the veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice for this country. And a special prayer that things will not only get better here at home but around the world!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericynkers. 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.

To the Editor,

Our council President Mike Khader must be doing something right if the Yonkers political machine is upset with him. When I read the May 21st article detailing the council's desire to have him investigated I laughed out loud, imagine a man who has been vetted by the CIA and the New York bar association not meeting the standards of a council that voted for their own third term during a late night session, hilarious!

I read the spurious allegations once, then twice and a third time just to be sure and they read like a group of employees who need to have their hand held and are overly sensitive-give us a break! I know I will be voting for President Khader in June and so should the readers of Yonkers Rising.

Scott Dennis, Yonkers

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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. 52205/2019
on behalf of the Unit Owners of Meadows Condominium,
pursuant to Real Property Law, Section 339-aa,

Plaintiff,

- against -

REFeree'S NOTICE
OF SALE IN
FORECLOSURE

Acting Justice Assigned:
Hon. Janet C. Malone

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

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY

INDEX NO.: 58848/2019

BONITA WEST LLC v. 164 ELM REALTY CORP., et al., Defendants. Pursuant to Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, dated January 22, 2020 and entered on January 24, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the Courtroom 200 of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, New York on the 25th day of June, 2021 at 11:30 A.M., the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold, being in Section 1, Block 455, Lot 6 on the Tax Map of the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester, and known by the street number 164 Elm Street, Yonkers, New York. Approximate amount of Judgment is \$23,431.15 plus interest, costs, attorneys' fees and advances. Said premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale. FRANK APICELLA, ESQ., Referee. SANDERS, GUTMAN & BRODIE, P.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 18 North Central Avenue, Suite 204 Hartsdale, New York 10530 (718) 522-0666

ASSESSOR'S NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessor for the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York has completed the tentative assessment roll of the real property for the year 2021 and that a copy has been left at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York, where the same may be seen and examined daily except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM by any persons interested therein, until the third Tuesday, June 15, 2021.

THE ASSESSOR WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE WITH THE ASSESSMENT ROLL BY APPOINTMENT:

Saturday June 5 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Tuesday June 8 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Wednesday June 9 from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM & 6:00 to 8:00 PM

THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW WILL MEET IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF TOWN HALL BY APPOINTMENT ON:

*Tuesday June 15 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 6:00 to 8:00 PM

*COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS APPLY

To receive protests and to hear and examine all complaints in relation to any and all assessments on the application of any person conceiving himself aggrieved.

The said roll is the official roll for the following taxes, for the year 2022, County, Town and School Taxes, Union Free School Districts Nos. 1 & 2, the Bronx Valley & the Hutchinson Valley Sewer Assessments.

Forms upon which complaints may be made and a publication containing the procedures for contesting an assessment can be obtained at the office of the Town Assessor.

Todd Huttunen, Assessor Town of Eastchester

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 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 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

CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 8,2021 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following Resolution, to wit:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE YONKERS CITY COUNCIL TO HONOR THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY'S REQUEST TO HONORARILY RENAME THE PORTION OF MURRAY AVENUE BETWEEN MILE SQUARE ROAD AND HENDERSON AVENUE AS CHRISTOPHER "TINY" MILANO WAY.

VINCENT SPANO
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seven days, June 15, 2021, before the election. You may apply in-person up to the day before the election, June 21, 2021.

You may file an application at any time before the deadlines. Please be aware that despite the above deadlines the post office has advised that they cannot guarantee timely delivery of ballots applied for less than 15 days before an election.

You may apply for an absentee ballot in any of the following ways: Electronically through the New York State Absentee Ballot Application Portal

By sending an email request to BOE-WestAbsentee@westchestergov.com.

By sending a fax request to (914) 995-7753 or (914) 995-3190

By going in-person to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas St., White Plains, NY 10601

By mailing a paper application to the Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas St., White Plains, NY 10601

If you cannot pick up your ballot, or will not be able to receive it through the mail: You have the right to designate someone to pick it up for you. Only that person designated on your application may pick up and deliver your ballot. If you are permanently ill or disabled: You have the right to receive an Absentee Ballot for each subsequent election without further application. Simply file an application with the Westchester County Board of Elections indicating permanent illness or physical disability.

Put it in the mail ensuring it receives a postmark no later than Tuesday, June 22.

Bringing it to the Westchester County Board of Elections' Office no later than Tuesday, June 22.

Bringing it to an early voting poll site within the county between Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 20.

Bringing it to any Primary election day poll site within the county on Tuesday, June 22.

When mailing your completed ballot, the USPS recommends that voters allow enough time for ballots to be returned to the Board, which is generally seven days ahead of the Primary election. New York State requires your ballot to be both postmarked by June 22, 2021 and received by our Board by June 29, 2021.

Early Voting will also occur again this year. Early Voting for the June 22, 2021 Primary will begin on Saturday, June 12th and end on Sunday, June 20th.

Hours will be as follows:

- Saturday, June 12 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 13 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, June 14 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 15 from 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 16 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday, June 17 from 12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, June 18 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, June 19 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, June 20 from 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registered voters can go to any of the following locations in Westchester County:

**June 22, 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION
EARLY VOTING POLL SITES**



**June 22, 2021 PRIMARY ELECTION
EARLY VOTING POLL SITES**

MUNICIPALITY	NAME OF POLLING PLACE	PPADDR1	CITY, STATE, ZIP
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TOWN OF GREENBURGH	DOBBS FERRY VILLAGE HALL	112 MAIN ST	DOBBS FERRY, NY 10522
TOWN OF GREENBURGH	GREENBURGH TOWN HALL	177 HILLSIDE AVE	WHITE PLAINS, NY 10607
TOWN OF HARRISON	ST. GREGORY THE GREAT CHURCH	215 HALSTEAD AVE	HARRISON, NY 10528
TOWN OF MAMARONECK	MAMARONECK TOWN CENTER	740 W BOSTON POST RD	MAMARONECK, NY 10543
TOWN OF MT KISCO	MT KISCO MEMORIAL COMPLEX (at Leonard Park)	1 WALLACE DR	MT KISCO, NY 10549
TOWN OF MT PLEASANT	MT PLEASANT COMMUNITY CENTER	125 LOZZA DR	VALHALLA, NY 10595
TOWN OF OSSINING	JOSEPH G CAPUTO CENTER	95 BROADWAY	OSSINING, NY 10562
TOWN OF POUND RIDGE	POUND RIDGE TOWN HOUSE	179 WESTCHESTER AVE	POUND RIDGE, NY 10576
TOWN OF RYE	RYE BROOK FIREHOUSE	940 KING STREET	RYE BROOK, NY 10573
TOWN OF SOMERS	SOMERS TOWN HOUSE	335 ROUTE 202	SOMERS, NY 10589
TOWN OF YORKTOWN	JEFFERSON VILLAGE ANNEX	3500 HILL BLVD	YORKTOWN HTS, NY 10598
TOWN OF YORKTOWN	YORKTOWN CULTURAL CENTER	1974 COMMERCE ST	YORKTOWN HTS, NY 10598
CITY OF MT VERNON	DOLES CENTER	250 S 6th AVE	MT VERNON, NY 10550
CITY OF MT VERNON	MT VERNON CITY HALL	1 ROOSEVELT SQ	MT VERNON, NY 10550
CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE	NEW ROCHELLE CITY HALL ANNEX - 90 BEAUFORT PL	90 BEAUFORT PL	NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10801
CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE	NEW ROCHELLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH	1200 NORTH AVE	NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10804
CITY OF PEEKSKILL	NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER	4 NELSON AVE	PEEKSKILL, NY 10566
CITY OF PEEKSKILL	PEEKSKILL LINCOLN DEPOT MUSEUM	10 S. WATER STREET	PEEKSKILL, NY 10566
CITY OF WHITE PLAINS	WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS	25 QUARROPAS STREET	WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601
CITY OF YONKERS	GRINTON I. WILL LIBRARY	1500 CENTRAL PARK AVE	YONKERS, NY 10710
CITY OF YONKERS	NODINE HILL COMMUNITY CTR	140 FILLMORE ST	YONKERS, NY 10701
CITY OF YONKERS	RIVERFRONT LIBRARY	ONE LARKIN CENTER	YONKERS, NY 10701

Field Hall Foundation Announces \$237,500 in New Grants

Field Hall Foundation announces \$237,500 in new grants through its Spring grant cycle. Funding will be used to pilot, support and expand nine programs that will improve the lives of older adults and their caregivers in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties.

Some of the organizations receiving full grants include: Catholic Charities Community Services of Westchester--\$35,000 – To provide case management, eviction prevention assistance and technology skills to seniors directly affected by the pandemic in Putnam and Westchester counties

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Dutchess County-\$37, 500 – To support the Relatives as Parents Program, which provides assistance to seniors raising their grandchildren in Dutchess county

Pace Women's Justice Center- \$50, 000 – To expand the Elder Justice Unit, which provides free legal services to seniors experiencing elder abuse in Putnam and Westchester counties

Westchester Jewish Community Services- \$50, 000 – To expand their Geriatric Care Management Program, which helps low-income seniors age safely and well in Westchester County

Small grants were awarded to: Long Term Care Community Coalition-\$15, 000 – To equip families with the information and resources to advocate for better care for their loved ones in nursing homes in Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester counties

Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry, Inc. \$5,000 – To support their home-delivery program to seniors in the Mt. Kisco area. Second Chance Foods-\$5,000 – To support their meal and grocery delivery program to homebound seniors in Putnam county United Way of Westchester and Putnam Counties-\$10, 000 – To include senior-specific essential goods with their home-delivery program to seniors in Putnam and Westchester counties

Field Hall Foundation awards grants quarterly and is currently accepting letters of inquiry for its Fall 2021 cycle; the deadline for submittals is July 12, 2021.

For more information and submit www.fieldhallfoundation.org.

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no arrests were ever made. And while Dutch and his wife Frances, called Yonkers home for a period of time, in a few short years Dutch was shot to death by Murder Inc.

But the Dutchman left behind a treasure chest filled with Gold, Diamonds, Cash, and Bonds. It was his getaway money, but nobody is quite sure where he buried it.

A recent PBS documentary "Secrets of the Dead-Gangster Gold" tried to find out where the gangster had buried the treasure. "It is widely believed that notorious Bronx-based gangster and bootlegger Dutch Schultz buried a fortune estimated to be worth more than \$50 million somewhere in New York's Catskill Mountains prior to his death in 1935. Schultz was gunned down and died without revealing where the treasure was buried, spawning a mystery that has endured for nearly a century," writes PBS.

One of the possible locations in the documentary was in Yonkers, at the site of the Hendrick Hudson Hotel, in the elevator shafts where he also stores his illegal booze. We have heard about several interested parties with metal detectors looking for the treasure in and around Leslie Sutherland Park. We will be spending more time at this location with our friends in Yonkers who love this story and will report back.

Most intelligent guesses as to where Dutch buried his treasure was in upstate NY, in the town of Phoenicia, where Dutch had spent some time during his bootlegging. But even if Dutch buried his millions near Phoenicia, it was in the thousands of acres of forest that make up the Catskill mountains, and despite hundreds of search parties, nobody has found it.

In January of 2021, we printed a story about Yonkers native Avram Davidson, who was a famous science-fiction author. In addition to his sci-fi works, Davidson also printed a short story called Beer Like Water, which tell the story of the beer bursting pipes in Yonkers.

During prohibition, Avram was a young, seven-year-old boy in Yonkers when DPW workers and police found a mile-long hose filled with beer running under the streets of the City. In that story, Avram asks the same questions that we have been asking for years. How come nobody was ever charged, and who benefitted from the bootlegging in Yonkers?

We will reprint parts of Avram's Beer Like Water with the permission of his family soon.

And one final twist to this story, involves former FBI Director James Comey, who told an Irish newspaper two years ago that his grandfather was the one who uncovered the beer pipes in Yonkers. While it is true that Deputy Public Safety Commissioner William Comey served in the YPD for four decades, other historians in the YPD do not agree with the former FBI Directors claims of his grandfather. Email at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com, if you have more to add to this tale.

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Latimer said: "I want to be clear – this is how government is supposed to work. This is good government. We have worked every day for you, and I mean that. I know what it is like to struggle, I know what it is like to have mom and dad worried at the kitchen table about bills. I know because I have lived it."

The address included a series of videos detailing Westchester County's continuous fight to the other side of the pandemic, including a compilation of public service announcements aimed at achieving greater vaccination numbers, a moving tribute to those who have passed from 9-11 related illness with a new memorial to be unveiled on the 20th anniversary this September, an acknowledgement of Vice Chairwoman and trailblazer Alfreda Williams who is retiring after decades of public service, a recognition of the first ever Women of Westchester (WOW) Awards, and a plan to move Westchester County forward.

The speech also highlighted several initiatives the Latimer Administration accomplished including:

- A 2020 Budget that closed with no layoffs, no furloughs, no service cuts or borrowing for pension costs
- A \$16M increase in the County's General Fund Balance to over \$200M by the end of 2021- the largest in the County's history
- The #SpeakUpWestchester Campaign launched together with District Attorney Mimi Rocah, designed to encourage those who are the victim or witness a hate crime, bias or hate incident to report it
- A strengthening of the Westchester County Human Rights Commission
- The restoration of several Westchester County Youth Bureaus
- The County's new Compost & Education Center, to compliment Westchester residents recycling at unprecedented rates
- New appointments in leadership to several County departments, to ensure a diverse workforce for a diverse County
- Dozens of completed, in-progress or approved infrastructure projects throughout the County

Latimer commended Dr. Sherlita Amler and the Westchester County Department of Health, the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Emergency Services, who rose to the task from the onset of COVID-19, putting the health and safety of Westchester County's residents at the forefront of their efforts.

Latimer said: "Here in Westchester County we started vaccinating on January 5, and that day we started with ten Department of Health staff members at our health clinic just down the block from here in White Plains. We were learning and teaching each other how to vaccinate for COVID-19. From that moment it has been non-stop. I also want to thank the nearly one thousand County employees who volunteered their time to work at vaccination clinics - that is the Westchester spirit!"

Latimer closed by reflecting on the many challenges the County has faced, and promising to continue to work, every day, for the good of the people of Westchester.

Latimer concluded: "I am here to tell you tonight the State of our County – Westchester County – is strong and getting stronger. Yes, we have more work to do – but I am here to tell you tonight I am here to do the job at hand, you are here to do the job at hand and together, united – we will do the job at hand. We are the State of our County, and we are united to move forward."

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Ridge Hill Kicks Off “Mural Mile”-A Fresh Take on Mall Walking!



Visitors to Ridge Hill, enjoying the ‘Mural Mile’

Photos by Amanda Gentile



For anyone looking to get outdoors and find a new place to get their walking in, checking out Ridge Hill’s “Mural Mile” is a must! Ridge Hill has transformed the well-known mall walking concept with the launch of their Mural Mile.

Over the last year, Ridge Hill revived their public art program with five new murals by local artists as they reopened from the pandemic closure. With a total of seven beautiful murals located throughout the shopping center, Ridge Hill has truly incorporated contemporary art into the area. Now, Ridge Hill has outlined a one mile loop around and through the shopping center that is named, “Ridge Hill’s Mural Mile”.

This fresh take on the concept invites everyone to get outside, get moving and enjoy some beautiful and selfie-worthy artwork. This new initiative was officially kicked off on Wednesday, June 19th with a group of women from the “Bad Moms of Westchester” Facebook group who were the first to walk Ridge Hill’s Mural Mile and were celebrated with balloons at the finish line.

For more information, visit RidgeHill.com

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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, congregant 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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