

## Lawler Sets May 4 for Westchester Town Hall Unhappy Dems Filled 1st Town Hall in Rockland

## New Rochelle Joins Mount Vernon in Supporting Guaranteed Income

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**Yadira Ramos-Herbert**  
Mayor of New Rochelle, NY

MAYORS FOR A  
GUARANTEED  
INCOME

By Dan Murphy

As promised, Westchester Congressman Mike Lawler has begun his in person Town Hall discussions with residents of the 17th District. The first Town Hall was in Rockland County on April 27 at Clarkstown High School.

The next Town Hall will be in Westchester, at JFK High School in Somers on May 4. The Rockland Town Hall was filled with 700 people, and based on the

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## ICE Make First Arrest in Westchester; Malston Patrick Was On NY Sex Offender Registry



*Malston Patrick*

By Dan Murphy

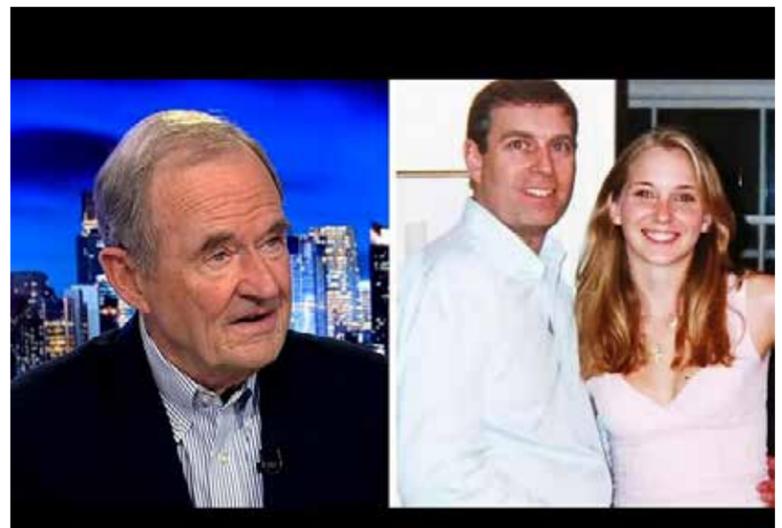
On April 15, Malston Patrick, a 43-year-old citizen of Guyana, was arrested by ICE New York City, in Westchester, and was the first ICE arrest-apprehension in the county in 2025.

Garfield is listed on the NY State Sex Offender Registry. In 2019, he was arrested and found guilty of third-degree criminal sexual act with a victim less than 17-years-old and first-degree dissemination of indecent material to minors.

Garfield lawfully entered the county through JFK Airport in 2011, but never left after his temporary visa expired.

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## Westchester Attorney David Boies Remembers Virginia Giuffre



*David Boies, left, attorney for Virginia Giuffre, right pictured with Prince Andrew, on the Piers Morgan show after her death*

By Dan Murphy

I admire both Virginia Giuffre and David Boies. Virginia, who died at the age of 41 last week, was one of the victims of Jeffrey Epstein who brought the sexual horrors that she and many underage women had to endure from Epstein and his friends and fellow perverts into the public spotlight.

The courage of Virginia Giuffre, to take the public attacks against her by those who did not believe her or wanted to discredit her for Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell, is powerful.

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MAYOR MIKE SPANO

## Five Attorney Generals from Across the Country Coming to Westchester May 8

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**New Jersey Attorney General  
Matthew Platkin**

Register to attend:  
[ag.ny.gov/community-impact-hearing](https://ag.ny.gov/community-impact-hearing)

**To Join NYAG James for Community Impact Hearing on Trump policies**

New York Attorney General Letitia James is hosting a community impact hearing on May 8, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at SUNY Westchester Community College to hear from New Yorkers about the impact the Trump administration's policies are having on their lives. Joined by California Attorney General Rob Bonta, Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison, and New Jersey Attorney General Matt Platkin, Attorney General James will provide an update on her office's work to protect New Yorkers' rights and uphold the rule of law.

Since January 20, Attorney General James and her fellow attorneys general have been cutting through the chaos of the Trump administration to defend critical services, maintain the benefits people rely on, and fight back against federal overreach. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) has filed 12 lawsuits and 18 amicus briefs against the Trump administration to ensure all New Yorkers – and all Americans – are protected from the attacks being levied by the federal government.

New Yorkers who have been impacted by Trump administration service cuts, funding freezes, mass layoffs, and other harmful policies are encouraged to provide testimony and share their experiences with Attorney General James and her fellow attorneys general. Individuals who wish to provide oral testimony at the hearing must submit their written testimony online by 5:00 p.m. There is also an opportunity to submit questions for the attorneys general.

**To register and ask questions, visit <https://ag.ny.gov/community-impact-hearing>**

## Westchester County & NYS Comptroller DiNapoli Put \$4.7 Million in Residents Pockets

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Countywide Plan to Connect Households with Unclaimed Funds Pays Off

A cooperative effort between the Westchester County Board of Legislators, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, and New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli helped Westchester residents recover nearly \$5 million in unclaimed funds between August and December 2024.

Last August, the County sent letters to more than 60,000 Westchester households that the Comptroller confirmed had one or more individuals with unclaimed funds. These funds often result from dormant accounts associated with banks, corporations, insurance companies, and the courts. They might include uncashed paychecks, missed reimbursements, or other financial assets that have yet to reach their intended recipients, particularly if they've moved or simply lost track of unopened mail.

The letters, along with six in-person, facilitative workshops held from Yonkers to Somers, were instrumental in helping County residents successfully claim a collective \$4.67 million that was rightfully theirs. (You can claim yours from the State at no cost. Search for whether you have unclaimed funds here.)

Board Chair Vedat Gashi (D- New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) said, "This initiative has reunited Westchester residents with nearly \$5 million of their own money. It's a perfect example of how government should work – cutting through red tape to deliver real results for the people we serve."

Legislator David Imamura (D- Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Edgemont, Hartsdale, Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington), who sparked the larger initiative after launching a mailer-and-workshop campaign within his district in late 2023, said, "I am thrilled that Westchester County is playing a part in getting County residents their money back. It's their money, and they deserve it."

County Executive Ken Jenkins said, "We're incredibly grateful to New York State Comptroller Tom DiNapoli for not only spearheading this vital program, but for all the work he does every day to protect New Yorkers' financial interests. Thanks to his partnership and the dedication of the Board of Legislators we were able to connect thousands of Westchester families with money that was rightfully theirs. This is government at its best—working together to deliver real value to the people we serve."

New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli said, "One of the best parts of my job is reuniting New Yorkers with their lost money. My office safeguards over \$19 billion dollars in unclaimed funds and works hard every day to return money to its rightful owners. Thanks to County Executive Ken Jenkins, Board Chair Vedat Gashi and the entire County Board of Legislators, we were able to put nearly \$5 million back into the pockets of Westchester residents in just five months. Their partnership in this effort shows how much we can accomplish when state and local governments work together on behalf of New Yorkers."

Dollar amounts can vary, with one recipient claiming in excess of \$100,000. In November 2024, legislation proposed by DiNapoli was signed into law enabling his office to expedite certain payments of \$250 or less without requiring claim submissions. All Westchester residents should visit the search portal today and contact either the Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds or their County legislator with any questions.

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# “I Think We Need to Recommit to St. Mary’s” -Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano



Mayor Mike Spano, Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy with Mary Calvi and her mother at St. Mary’s Church

By Dan Murphy

Mayor Mike Spano and City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy visited St. Mary’s Church on South Broadway in Yonkers on April 27 for mass and to lend their support to efforts to keep the oldest Catholic Church in Yonkers open.

St. Mary’s has been ordered to close by the Archdiocese of NY last year, but a recent reprieve from the Vatican last week overturned that order, giving the thousands of parishioners and former parishioners hope that they can raise the millions needed to restore it.

Mayor Mike Spano has a history with St. Mary’s Church, as does the entire Spano family. Mayor Spano attended the mass with his wife Mary Calvi, but put on the garment for altar boy and walked up the aisle.

Spano’s comments were a touching remembrance but also a call to keep St. Mary’s open.

“I joined the parish and city employees at Immaculate Conception of Saint Mary’s. Shared The parish and Father Anthony welcomed my family and I along with City employees, as they celebrated a mass of repose for Pope Francis. The Vatican recently appealed the closure of this church, the oldest and first Catholic Church in Yonkers. Let’s all support Saint Mary’s! I know I will!

Spano talked about how from his office at City Hall he can hear the bells of St. Mary’s Church, and how sad it would be if the bells stopped ringing. “It was a horrible thought to think that the bells may be silenced because since 1908 every Mayor was able to sit back and listen to the bells and think about our Savior Lord Jesus Christ. It was important that this church be saved.

“This church, St. Mary’s is where it all began. While the building was saved by the Vatican, and maybe even by the Pope himself, we all know that only the church can save this building.

“I think we need to recommit to St. Mary’s . My grandparents came to Yonkers as immigrants and came here. This church is really the church of Yonkers in so many ways.”

Council President Collins-Bellamy has also strongly supported keeping St. Mary’s Open. “This historic ruling marks the first time a parish closure decree has ever been reversed by the Vatican in the Archdiocese of New York, and only the ninth such revoation in moder Catholic history worldwide.

“This is a day of joy, relief, and renewed fait. The parishioners of St. Mary’s never gave up hope. They perservered, organized, prayed, and they were heard.”

Council President Collins-Bellamy introduced a resolution calling on the Archdiocese of NY to explore alternatives to the closure of St. Mary’s and the council unanimously adopted it. “I’m deeply grateful to my colleagues on the

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# An 8 Year-Olds Wish for Playland to Open



By Eric Wolf Schoen

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus at prominently and at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun!

Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old.

Some of my little friends say Rye Playland will not open this year. Papa says if you see it in Yonkers Rising or Westchester Rising it’s so.

Please tell me the truth. Will Rye Playland open this summer?

Anita (last name withheld per the request of the author)

I am Happy to say

Anita your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by politicians who come into clashes with the private sector causing poor little 8 year olds to get upset for no reason. As in the Playland case the clash can be lengthy and we don’t know which side to believe.

But we know that you, Anita and your friends love visiting Playland. The cost of a visit can be pretty high when one takes into consideration admission and parking, but one is guaranteed to have a great time. The dragon coaster will whip you around giving you the time of your life. For nostalgia, Josh finds the Zoltar machine scene from the movie Big along the big beautiful boardwalk overlooking the beach.

The place Gives you a taste of an era long gone. There’s rides for all members of the family including Kiddie Coaster, Double Shot, Crazy mouse and many more.

Not believe that the park will be open. That’s like

Not believing in fair tales or not believing in the tooth fairy?

In all this world there will be nothing else real and abiding. You and mommy and daddy have to do the right thing and Select the right officials for government and stay on top of those elected to make sure that you have good classroom materials and quality text books.

Playland? As long as there are Anita’s Playland will be there for many years after you leave the planet for kids to enjoy. We must ask for the investment in the facility so there is a Playland with top notch rides and facilities.

Just like there will be plenty of officials during the tenure Of the park, some Democrats, some Republican a mix that will keep many Julia’s enjoying the beautiful park every summer.

Reach Eric Schoen at [ewschoen@icloud.com](mailto:ewschoen@icloud.com).

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## New Rochelle Police Search for Armed Robbers Who Got Away with \$45K



Pelham Road block in New Rochelle where Armed Robbery took place

New Rochelle Police Department Responds to Armed Robbery at 130 Pelham Road

On April 28, 2025, at approximately 2:50 AM, New Rochelle Police responded to a report of a robbery in progress at 130 Pelham Road. The call was initiated by a witness who reported hearing and observing suspicious activity indicative of a robbery.

Upon arrival, officers observed a White Ford F-150 Lightning fleeing the scene at a high rate of speed. Despite attempts to pursue, visual contact with the vehicle was lost. Officers then met with two victims who reported being robbed at gunpoint by three individuals. The perpetrators, each brandishing a black handgun, stole luxury products valued at over \$45,000, car keys, and an iPhone.

According to the victims, the incident occurred as they parked and exited their vehicle. The suspects ambushed them, attempting to restrain them with duct tape. The victims managed to break free, prompting the perpetrators to flee in the suspect vehicle.

The New Rochelle Police Department is actively investigating this incident and seeking information regarding the White Ford F-150 Lightning and the three suspects. The public is urged to contact the New Rochelle Police Department at (914) 654-2300 or anonymously at (914) 632-COPS with any relevant information.

The safety of our community remains our top priority. We encourage residents to stay vigilant and report any suspicious activity immediately.

## Westchester County and RPI Announce Partnership Benefitting Region's Workforce

Participants Will Earn Certificates or Degrees Through RPI's Rensselaer at Work Program



L-R-County Executive Ken Jenkins, Bridget Gibbons, Director of Westchester County Economic Development, April Gasparri, Director of Aviation at Westchester County Airport, Deputy County Executive Richard Wishnie

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins has announced a new strategic partnership with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI), the nation's first technological research university. This partnership will provide area working professionals with access to a top tier STEM education on demand, and fulfills a strategic initiative to bring high quality engineering and applied science programs to the County.

Jenkins said: "We are proud to launch this exciting partnership with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute—an institution with a 200-year legacy of world-class engineering education and innovation. This collaboration brings cutting-edge academic and workforce development opportunities directly to Westchester County, helping us invest in our most valuable asset—our people. Our employers have told us they want to hire more employees with engineering-related skills. By giving our talented local workforce access to advanced education and skill-building programs right here at home, we are strengthening Westchester's economy, empowering our residents, and positioning the County as a hub for innovation and talent."

RPI President Martin A. Schmidt, Ph.D. said: "RPI is honored to partner with Westchester County to broaden access to world-class engineering education for the region's workforce. This collaboration accelerates the transformation of the Hudson Valley into Quantum Valley—positioning the region at the forefront of quantum computing and advanced technologies. We are committed to building strategic partnerships with local employers to ensure our programs meet evolving industry demands, while also engaging directly with prospective students to provide the support, mentorship, and opportunities they need to thrive. Together, we are shaping a vibrant ecosystem of innovation, education, and workforce development that will define the future of the region."

Through the partnership, RPI will provide accredited undergraduate and graduate programs with a focus on multidisciplinary engineering, science and business. Through its Rensselaer at Work Program, RPI offers online, project-based professional development led by industry experts. These programs prepare the workforce for high-demand sectors such as life sciences, advanced manufacturing, technology, clean energy, and quantum computing.

Quantum is a key emerging field, and both RPI and the County have prioritized its growth. In 2023, the County launched the QUANTM Consortium to advance quantum technologies. RPI is the first university globally to host an IBM Quantum System One computer on campus. To support workforce training, RPI offers an 8-week, non-credit Intro to Applied Quantum ProCourse online.

RPI will also hire a Westchester-based business development professional to coordinate local programming.

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## Governor Hochul Announces an Additional \$30M to Lease or Purchase and Electric Vehicle in NY

*State's Drive Clean Rebate Program Offers Point-of-Sale Rebates for More Than 60 New Electric Vehicles, Making It More Affordable To Drive Electric*

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced \$30 million is now available for consumers to lease or purchase new electric vehicles (EVs) in New York through the State's Drive Clean Rebate program, which provides point-of-sale rebates for more than 60 new EVs. In addition, incentives for EV chargers through the Charge Ready NY 2.0 program have been updated to expand consumer access to convenient, easy charging at multifamily buildings and workplaces, including hotels. Today's announcement helps to make driving electric more affordable, increases the number of chargers available, and reduces pollution from the transportation sector in New York State.

"New York's leadership in driving the adoption of electric vehicles is helping consumers stay within their budget when purchasing or leasing a new electric car," Governor Hochul said. "Along with increased savings, we are building out the infrastructure needed to provide hard-working New Yorkers convenient access to charging, helping to reduce range anxiety and make it easier to drive electric. These investments are key to building a cleaner future, lowering emissions and creating good-paying jobs."

The Drive Clean Rebate Program, administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), offers a point-of-sale rebate up to \$2,000 off the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP) of an EV at participating car dealerships in New York State. The rebate is available in all 62 counties, with higher rebates available for longer range, all-electric vehicles.

New York State Energy Research and Development Authority President and CEO Doreen M. Harris said, "Converting to EVs reduces the total cost of vehicle ownership through lower fuel and vehicle maintenance costs and NYSERDA is proud to help provide New Yorkers with more purchasing power through these rebates. And by supporting organizations seeking to install charging stations at their place of business, the State is ensuring that more new and existing drivers have a variety of options to power up their vehicle at easy-to-access locations for longer periods of time."

Also announced today to help make EV charging more accessible to New Yorkers, NYSERDA's Charge Ready NY 2.0 program, which helps reduce equipment installation costs for Level 2 chargers, is increasing the incentive amount available to install EV chargers at multifamily buildings and workplaces, including hotels, from \$2,000 to \$3,000 per port. For locations in disadvantaged communities as defined by the Climate Justice Working Group, the amount has also increased to \$4,000 per port.

Additionally, \$3 million is being dedicated to locations that hold educational "ride and drive" community events, purchase or lease EVs, or offer free charging. The program also accepts new equipment and network eligibility applications from EV charger vendors.

New York Department of Public Service CEO Rory M. Christian said, "Promoting electric car ownership and use is a win for consumers and a win for the environment. Congratulations to Governor Hochul for supporting the installation of charging stations and helping to ensure drivers have increased options to charge their vehicles."

The Drive Clean Rebate program has issued over 190,000 rebates to consumers since 2017, contributing to the more than 280,000 EVs on the road statewide. In the last year alone, Charge Ready NY 2.0 has supported the installation of more than 1,000 Level 2 chargers. There are more than 17,000 public chargers installed statewide – more public chargers than any other state except for California – and more than 4,000 semi-public charging stations at workplaces and multifamily buildings across the state.

New York Power Authority President and CEO Justin E. Driscoll said, "New York State has made significant progress in developing the infrastructure to enable the electric vehicle transition, promoting cleaner transportation and reducing emissions statewide. Under Governor Hochul's leadership, this effort is being done with a focus on affordability and reliability. The Power Authority supports this work by aiding in fleet vehicle transitions and expanding the EVolve NY fast charging network, which currently offers 240 charging stations with more to come later this year."

Additionally, the New York Power Authority (NYPA) has undertaken significant efforts to build out high-speed chargers along New York State's major travel corridors through its EVolve NY network, which include:

EVolve NY Fast Charging Network. The New York Power Authority's EVolve NY fast charging network offers 240 chargers at 56 locations along major corridors and routes (I-87, I-81, I-384, I-90, I-88, and I-86) and in all 10 economic development regions of the state. NYPA has surpassed the halfway mark of its goal to install 400 EVolve NY fast chargers by 2026. Battery-powered EVs equipped with fast charging capability can power up in as little as 20 minutes at EVolve NY fast chargers. See map here for locations throughout New York State.

Fast Chargers Coming to LaGuardia. Construction is beginning this month on NYPA's largest EVolve NY site – LaGuardia Airport. The station, which will have 12 high-speed chargers, will be in a parking lot between terminals A and B, just off the Grand Central Parkway, and is expected to be completed by August. The site is for use by the public as well as rideshare vehicles. The airport currently has 13 public Level 2 chargers at Terminal B and C.

The Drive Clean Rebate and Charge Ready NY 2.0 programs are funded through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and the State's Clean Energy Fund.

## Yorktown Rochambeau Festival May 17-18 Celebrates Revolutionary History in Town

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- ★ Join the History Hunt and win a prize
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The third annual Rochambeau Festival will commemorate the critical role that French General Rochambeau and his army played in aiding America's independence from Great Britain in the American Revolution.

The Rochambeau Festival on May 17 & 18 is an immersive experience that educates attendees about pivotal Revolutionary War and Franco American Alliance events in our nation's history. Visitors can meet Generals Rochambeau and Washington, and learn about the locations of the encampments in New York State and what happened right here Westchester County.

Families can join an encampment setup, drill with model muskets, greet animals of the day, including oxen, who will demonstrate heavy hauling. Kids can enjoy colonial crafts and participate in butter, cheese, bread, milk and candle making. A bus from Rochambeau Park will take visitors on a guided tour of Yorktown's historic French army encampment sites. Families can join the History Hunt and win a prize. Guests can wander the spacious grounds, visiting exhibits and enjoy French and American food and beverages.

The two-day festival occurs at Rochambeau Park, also known as Yorktown Grange Fair Grounds, in Yorktown Heights, one the locations the French forces camped in Yorktown in 1781 and 1782, then known as Crompond, and dedicated to General Rochambeau on September 18, 1954.

The festival runs both days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests are asked to pay \$15 per carload for all day parking. The event is produced by the Yorktown Heritage Preservation Commission (YHPC) and the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route – New York, Incorporated (W3R-NY) in partnership with the Yorktown Grange

"We are excited to produce a festival where everyone can dive into the history that happened right here in our backyards and learn about the crucial role that Rochambeau and the French Army played in aiding Washington and the Continental Army in the fight for our independence," said Lynn Briggs, Chair of YHPC/Yorktown 250/W3R-NY. Grange Master, Mark Franks says: "We are proud to help create state, county and local awareness of Rochambeau Park, this historic Revolutionary War site."

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Notice of Formation of JJJ Roadside Solution, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01-07-2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Joel Armando Mena, 25 Knowles Street, Yonkers, New York 10705. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Name of formation of THEOAK LLC. Date of filing Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 6/14/24. The LLC is located in Westchester County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served is to the principal business location at c/o 669 Main Street, Unit 605, New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of ME YOU & BIJOU, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the State of New York (SSNY) on 02/03/2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to ME YOU & BIJOU, LLC, 1585 Central Park Ave, Unit 157, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 130 FRANKLIN AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 10/15/2024. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 68 North Steet, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of IT TAKES ALL KINDS PICTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/21/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Republic Registered Agent Services Inc. 54 State Street Suite 804 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful

Notice of Formation of SteenShotz LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/2025. Office Location: 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, 343 South 3rd Avenue, Mt. Venron NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
TOWN OF EASTCHESTER ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Town of Eastchester will hold a public hearing on:  
TUESDAY (day of week), MAY 13<sup>th</sup> (month and date), 20 25 (year), at 7:00 (time), p.m.

at the Town of Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York, in the Court Room/Auditorium on the application of:

15 TUCKAHE LLC  
(name of application/applicant)

for:

AREA VARIANCES  
(area variance(s), use variance, interpretation, site plan, subdivision, architectural review and/or special permit approval)

related to: PROPOSED 5 LOT SUBDIVISION  
(describe the proposed project)

affecting the premises identified as the following Section(s), Block(s) and Lot(s) on the Tax Map of the Town of Eastchester:

SECTION: 70, BLOCK: 1, LOT: 1

and located at the following address:

15 TUCKAHE AVENUE  
(street address)

**Notes:**

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9 Park Ave, LLC (Joe Aida, as member)  
(name of application/applicant)

for:

Area Variance  
(area variance(s), use variance, interpretation, site plan, subdivision, architectural review and/or special permit approval)

related to: enclosure of existing front porch  
(describe the proposed project)

affecting the premises identified as the following Section(s), Block(s) and Lot(s) on the Tax Map of the Town of Eastchester:

Section 44 Block 8 Lot(s) 30

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THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the Sealed Bids opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid No. RFB-7449 – Opening date: 05/16/2025: Twelve-month contract with two options to renew for 12-months, for the Purchase of Geotab Global Positioning System (GPS) Fleet Management Solution, or Yonkers approved equal and additional quantities as needed (MM).

## Westchester County Celebrates Earth Month with 6th Annual Eco-Awards



In recognition of Earth Month 2025, County Executive Ken Jenkins and Westchester County’s Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) hosted the 6th annual Eco Awards at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers. The Eco Awards recognize outstanding contributions to the environment and sustainability made by residents, students, schools, municipalities, businesses and other organizations.

Jenkins said: “The achievements of this year’s winners benefit all of us, who live and work in Westchester County. We’re proud to celebrate these individuals and organizations from across the County for their exceptional contributions to sustainability. Those being honored today are truly deserving of our recognition and gratitude.”

DEF Commissioner Vincent Kopicki said: “It’s a privilege for the Department of Environmental Facilities to host the Eco Awards every year and to acknowledge the impressive achievements of the award winners. Each one has made an outstanding contribution to Westchester’s environment.”

DEF First Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone said: “The contributions of this year’s Eco Award recipients exhibit a deep dedication to Westchester’s environment. Our residents are committed to improving our local environment and it is a significant reason why Westchester is recognized as a regional leader in environmental stewardship and sustainability.”

**2025 Eco Award Honorees:**

The City of Yonkers: For expanding its green fleet to reduce the City’s carbon footprint.

John Paulding Elementary School and W.L. Morse School: For developing and implementing the “Wasteless Horseman” composting program, which resulted in diverting 92 pounds of food scraps per day from the waste stream in 2024.

Robison: For moving to a cleaner form of heating oil that blends regular heating oil and biodiesel, contributing to reduced greenhouse gas emissions.

The City of Rye: For achieving the highest municipal curbside recycling rate in Westchester County in 2024.

The Village of Scarsdale: For achieving the highest percent reduction in waste in Westchester County in 2024.

Dakota Cameron: For research contributions focused on reducing the environmental impacts of plastic fibers from the fast fashion industry.

Purchase College State University of New York: For the College’s leadership and initiative in implementing numerous waste reduction programs.

Environmental Leaders of Color (ELOC) (Adamaris Flores-Alvarez, Ava Blount, Hawa Massaquoi, Jahneil Palmer, Kalyn Chisholm, Kelvin Roopchand, Maya Shetty, and Niell Jackson): For educating the residents of Westchester County about the importance of proper cooking oil disposal and promoting accessible recycling options.

Retake-Remake: For promoting creative reuse, environmental awareness, and community by providing affordable reclaimed art materials.

Repair Café Hudson Valley: For leadership in hosting community events throughout Westchester that encourage repair and reuse of broken appliances to reduce the amount of material thrown away.

CGA Studio Architects (Christina Griffin Architect PC): For excellence in design, resulting in the first LEED Platinum passive home in Westchester County.

Daniel Colombini: For his commitment to the environment and sustainability through the commission of the first LEED Platinum home in Westchester County.

Mamaroneck Avenue School (Conor Burke, Xavier Frantz, Kaellum Powell, Luca Naclerio, Isaac Elkin): For leading a school-wide plastic bag collection effort and educating students about the impacts of plastic bags on the environment.

A D’ZINE: For repurposing vintage materials received through donations into jewelry to promote eco-friendly practices.

Suzie Ross: For community-based environmental work to combat the climate crisis.

Westchester County remains a leader in recycling and environmental programs. DEF remains focused on offering programs that promote and expand access to food scrap recycling, waste reduction, and compost giveaways for residents across the County. These programs include the first two Household Recycling Days (HRDs) of the year, one in northern Westchester at FDR State Park, and one in southern Westchester at Sprain Ridge Park, which are planned for April 26 and May 3, respectively.

In addition to the three Compost Giveaway events already held in April, DEF will host a fourth Compost Giveaway event this Sunday, April 27, at the Household Materials Recycling Facility in Valhalla, offering residents an opportunity to pick up free compost produced on-site at the CompostED facility in Valhalla.

For more information on these Earth Month events and more, please visit Facebook.com/WestchesterCountyDEF or call the Recycling Help Line (914) 813-5425.



**2025 Honorees**

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| <b>The Gail Baxter Advocacy Award</b><br>Tom Abinanti | <b>Excellence In Education Award</b><br>Nareen Garvey | <b>Excellence In Corporate Leadership Award</b><br>Tibisay A. Guzmán | <b>Excellence In Medicine &amp; Pioneer In Care</b><br>Dr. Vaji Mohammadi | <b>The Visionary Impact Award</b><br>Johanna Santana |
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| <b>Mistress of Ceremony</b><br>Janice Rose | <b>Key Note Speaker</b><br>Dr. Sonja Byrd | <b>Guest Speaker</b><br>Daniel Sturr |
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An Intergenerational LGBTQ+ Celebration  
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L-R: Artist, Harlow Sory, Writer, Annalise M. Wall, and Reporter, Dennis Richmond, Jr.

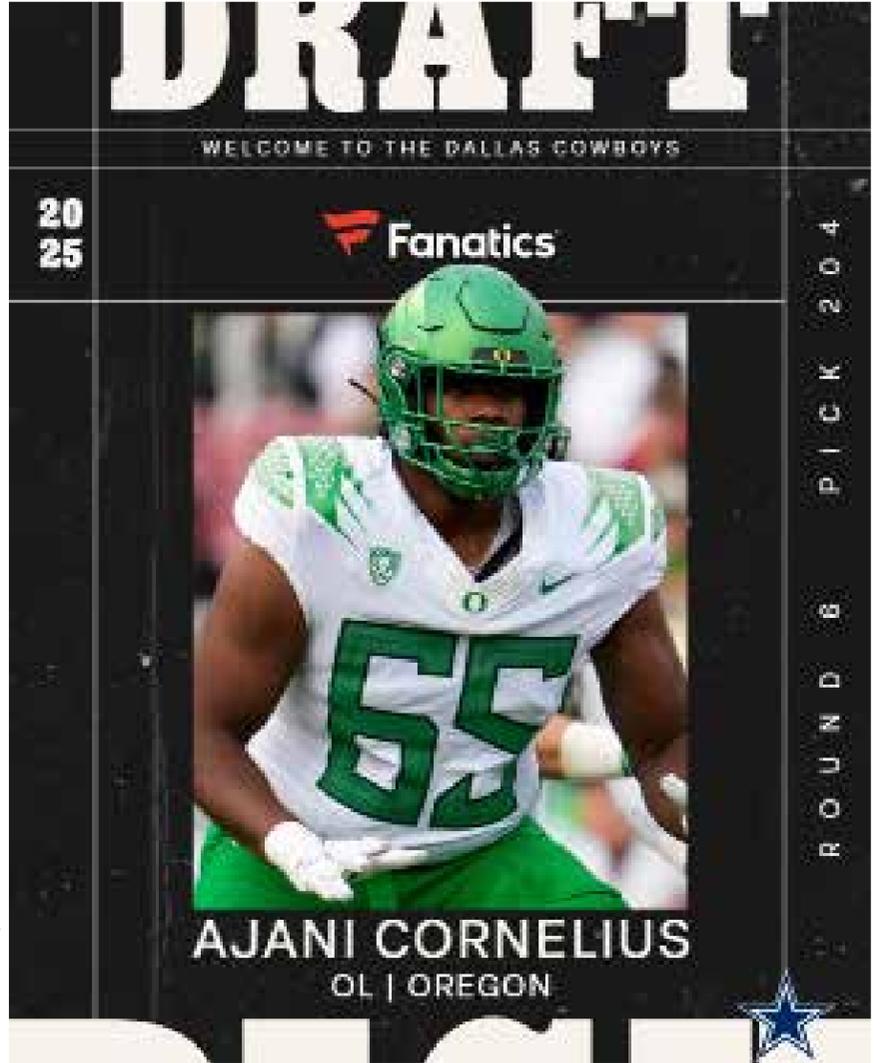
By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

The LOFT LGBTQ+ Community Center in White Plains hosted The Histories We Hold: Self-Fashioning Queer Community—an intergenerational celebration of identity, memory, and legacy. The event, made possible by The Endeavor Foundation, Sarah Lawrence College, and the Yonkers Public Library, offered attendees a chance to engage with history in both personal and collective ways.

Hands-on stations included zine and button making, blackout poetry, and an ancestor altar honoring those who came before. An oral history exhibit featured stories from across the LGBTQ+ community, while an archival scan-a-thon encouraged guests to bring in personal documents and photos for digitization—a powerful step toward preserving stories often left out of mainstream narratives.

A standout moment was the panel discussion featuring artist Shanequa Benitez, author Haley Jakobson, historian Ailee Manning, and journalist Dennis Richmond, Jr. Both Benitez and Richmond, Yonkers natives, spoke passionately about representation.

The day concluded with an after-party at Mazzy’s Bar in Mount Vernon—an informal but spirited extension of the day’s themes: joy, connection, and the stories that shape us. For many, the event was a reminder that history isn’t just what’s behind us—it’s what we choose to carry forward.



Congratulations to Ajani Cornelius '20!

We are incredibly proud to announce that Ajani Cornelius, a standout from the Class of 2020, has been drafted in the 6th Round of the 2025 NFL Draft to the @Dallas Cowboys!

During his time at Stepinac, Ajani was a force on the field, leading the team to back-to-back State and League Championships in both 2018 and 2019. As a team captain, he earned the 2019 CHSFL AAA Offensive Lineman of the Year and showcased his dedication and skill at every turn.

Ajani, your hard work and perseverance have led you to this amazing achievement, and we can’t wait to see you continue to rise at the next level!

“It’s been a dream come true. Me and my family, we prayed together. It’s been a long collegiate journey, but I’m happy to be a Cowboy. I can’t wait to get to work.”



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## Maria Regina Students Hold School Wide Rosary for Pope Francis



In a school-wide rosary early in the morning, Maria Regina, the renowned all-girls Catholic high school, came together with the Church, the Archdiocese of New York and communities worldwide in mourning the passing of Pope Francis.

The entire student body and members of the administration, faculty, staff, among others, then walked in silence on the school's field, offering prayers and gratitude for Pope Francis' extraordinary leadership and unwavering ministry. Neighbors from the Leffell School, a co-educational Jewish Day School, joined Maria Regina in a gesture of interfaith support for condolences and peaceful new leadership of the Catholic Church.

A post on the school's website, [www.MariaRegina.org](http://www.MariaRegina.org), noted: "As we follow the path Pope Francis illuminated for us, we trust that he will continue to intercede on our behalf from his place in Heaven."

## Northwell Walk to Raise Health on May 18



### Sponsor King Quality Roofing and Siding Encourages Residents to Sign Up

With the Northwell Walk to Raise Health just weeks away, sponsor King Quality Roofing and Siding is calling on Westchester County residents to sign up, raise funds, and lace up their walking shoes for the annual event on Sunday, May 18 at Phelps Hospital in Sleepy Hollow.

The Northwell Walk to Raise Health at Westchester, one of five walk locations across New York, benefits Phelps Hospital and Northern Westchester Hospital. At Phelps Hospital, funds will support the Westchester Community Paramedicine program, which expands healthcare access to homebound seniors and other vulnerable members of the community.

"At Phelps Hospital, we're deeply grateful for the support of our community and partners like King Quality," said Beata Mastalerz, president of Phelps Hospital. "Funds raised through the walk will directly support our Community Paramedicine program, helping us bring high-quality care into the homes of our most vulnerable neighbors. Every step taken on May 18 moves us closer to a healthier Westchester."

At Northern Westchester Hospital, donations will go to innovative behavioral health programs to support the emotional wellbeing of children and adolescents across Westchester.

"We're proud to be part of a movement that puts the mental and emotional health of our youth at the forefront," said Derek Anderson, president of Northern Westchester Hospital. "Thanks to the generosity of walkers and supporters, like King Quality, we can continue expanding behavioral health programs that meet the needs of children and teens across our region."

Adults can register with a \$20 donation, while children under 14 can participate for free. Participants can join solo or as part of a team, set personal fundraising goals, and collect donations from friends, family, and community members. Walkers will enjoy an impactful opening ceremony, supported walk routes, live music, interactive health-related booths, kids' activities, and more. As a thank you for participating, King Quality will be giving away free King Quality hoodies to walkers while supplies last.

King Quality's sponsorship of the walk follows the contractor's expansion into the county last year, after decades of serving Long Island homeowners. In Westchester, the contractor also funded an advertising campaign last year to support Feeding Westchester. "We're honored to support the Northwell Walk to Raise Health in Westchester," said King Quality CEO Jeff Brett. "It's a great way for the community to come together, get active, and support high-quality health care here in our area. We encourage everyone to join the walk and help raise health."

Since the walk began 15 years ago, it has raised more than \$8 million for local hospitals and programs. Last year, more than 6,000 walkers participated across five locations throughout the state. Sponsor King Quality Roofing and Siding Encourages Residents to Sign Up *continued on pg 11-*

**John C. Hart Library, 1130 E Main St, Shrub Oak, New York 10588**

## May 1st National Day of Prayer: Restore Our Nation

America was founded as a Christian nation, not a nation under a particular denomination, but a nation under the foundational principles of God's Word, God-endowed (permanently given) unalienable rights, the right to govern one's self expecting that public officials be public servants (not self-serving) obeying the same laws. Now that we are in the 250th anniversary of the war of the American Revolution, prayer is needed more than ever as our foundations have been under incessant attack.

The National Day of Prayer was instituted in 1952 by President Harry Truman, and set as the first Thursday in May by both houses of Congress and President Reagan in 1988. It was largely ignored during the Obama and Biden administrations while the socialist-marxist idolatry of government as the center of all needs prevailed. From colonial times on, American Governors and Presidents set aside days of prayer and fasting, particularly in times of crisis. Old Testament records show that when God's people turned to kings and governments instead of Him, their goods were taken; they fell into corruption and idolatry and often were defeated and made slaves by other nations.

Besides praying for personal needs, we can pray for our nation. 2 Chronicles 7:14 "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." The need for healing is evident every day in the chaos and violence in our streets, the divisive ideologies promulgated in our schools and media, the confusion and anxiety many suffer, and the lust for power by some who will use any means to rule over all. The root of it is spiritual and can only be prevailed over by spiritual means. You seek His face by studying His written Word and following its direction.

Pray for men and women with real world skills to rise up and steward the people's money as a sacred trust, frugally using it only for the constitutionally mandated duties of that level of government. (Everything else can be done by private, voluntary giving as has always been the American tradition.) Pray for men and women with professional and business experience to bring a practical understanding of problem solving and what taxes and regulations do to business, innovation and job creation, to serve for short periods of time and then return to making their living under the laws they have passed. Pray for people to turn to God, Who can and will meet every need without requiring a payback nor robbing someone else.

Freedom is only maintained when Americans are self-sufficient, not government dependent. No other society in history was founded on the Biblical principle that all men are created equal and are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights among which are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Most societies believed that some were more noble than others and set rights to rule on heredity rather than merit. Today, American marxists attempt to permanently control government at all levels by divisive ideologies such as critical race theory which reboots class warfare from bourgeoisie and workers to oppressors and victims (usually rooted in skin color or gender). That is not godly. God does not favor one person or group of people over another. What gets godly results and makes us more than conquerors in all situations is coming to His Word and finding out what He made available to us through Jesus Christ. Prayer is not mindless repetition; prayer puts us in partnership with the true Superpower, our Creator and Father. Studying His Word enables us to perceive when He has opened doors for us and follow through with the proper action.

Pray for people to come to the truth. "For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water." (Jeremiah 2:13) Man's systems are at best limited and unable to sustain constant demands for more. God is an unlimited source of supply, a doer of the impossible and the Creator of what has never been. "Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert." (Isaiah 43:19)

God's ways don't diminish others to provide for someone; His ability is unlimited.

Thomas Paine said in Common Sense: government is at best a necessary evil, at worst an intolerable one. Americans have always taken the initiative to come together to meet community needs—so much so that Alexis de Tocqueville, who toured America in 1831 to see why the American Revolution built a peaceful and prosperous and free nation and the French Revolution, communistic and based on class envy was so brutal and bloody. He noted two major reasons: American's commitment to "religion," i.e. God and self-governing initiative and decentralization. Americans come together in a variety of associations around needs, causes, and interests, which builds community. This is a reflection of Biblical principles. In Exodus, Moses was told to delegate responsibilities among the people—not rule over every aspect of their lives. Authority was to be decentralized, close to the people. We get our principle of separation of powers from Isaiah 33:22 "For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; he will save us." Judgments were to be made on the standard of law, not personal nor partisan advantage. Pray for our nation to return to these principles. Deuteronomy 17:18 required the king to write out his own copy of the Word of God in front of the priests. How much would our governments be improved if every official was required to write out a copy of the Constitution? Or more importantly, the Bible?

President Lincoln proclaimed at least three national days of prayer. Desperately trying to save the nation during the Civil War and abolish slavery, he spoke frequently of returning to our founding principles in the Declaration of Independence. Referring to Proverbs 25:11 "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver," he saw the Constitution as the practical framework for the godly principles of liberty and equality found in the Declaration. We are already in the 250th year anniversary of the war of the American Revolution, which began on April 19, 1775. Next year will be the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Let's restore Americanism by praying to God and taking action (which includes reading His Word and our Declaration and getting back to our founding principles.) You don't have to be good enough to get an answer to prayer, but you do have to have enough spiritual understanding to see when God is opening a door and act. Turn to God to restore our nation. The more you know and live the Word of God, the more freedom and abundance you will have.

*Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers*

## Riverkeeper Legal Action Secures \$235k for Hudson River Recovery, with GWHV a Beneficiary



*A group of volunteers, students, school staff, elected officials, and partners celebrate the first microforest planting in Yonkers at the Barack Obama School for Social Justice. Photo by the City of Yonkers*

Riverkeeper is proud to announce the allocation of \$235,000 to Groundwork Hudson Valley, secured through their recent successful Clean Water Act lawsuit brought by attorneys at their partner firm Super Law Group.

The funds will be paid directly to a leading nonprofit dedicated to environmental restoration and community empowerment, Groundwork Hudson Valley, to help the environment rebound and flourish following the pollution that spurred the initial lawsuit.

"Riverkeeper's legal efforts don't just stop pollution — they help fuel restoration. By strategically directing funds to impactful environmental initiatives, we're ensuring that we're not only holding violators accountable but also fostering a healthier future for our communities and ecosystems," said Tracy Brown, President of Riverkeeper. "Riverkeeper is thrilled to have negotiated this funding and committed it to supporting Groundwork Hudson Valley's vital work."

This afternoon, the "Environmental Benefit Project" funding was used to plant nearly 400 trees from 50 different species at Barack Obama School for Social Justice, a high school in Yonkers, with elected officials, environmental leaders, including Riverkeeper President Tracy Brown, and student volunteers — all getting their hands dirty. This "microforest" will help capture stormwater runoff, provide cooling benefits for students, and improve water quality in the region.

The funding will also support Groundwork Hudson Valley's seven active floodplain restoration sites along the Saw Mill River. These projects include removing vegetation, planting native shoreline vegetation, and ensuring continued habitat restoration success through ongoing upkeep.

"Thanks to Riverkeeper's legal actions, these projects will make a lasting difference for both the environment and our community," said Oded Holzinger, Executive Director of Groundwork Hudson Valley. "We are thrilled to be able to expand our work restoring habitat, organizing community cleanups, capturing stormwater before it can pollute waterways, and working with local elected officials to reduce combined sewer overflows and strengthen climate resilience."

Additionally, Groundwork Hudson Valley will be conducting regular community river cleanups along the Saw Mill River and working with municipal stakeholders and community members from the Saw Mill River Watershed to develop designs and nature-based projects to restore the floodplain, mitigate flooding, improve water quality, and support local habitat.

They will also work with municipal partners and elected officials in Yonkers to promote the implementation of green stormwater infrastructure, particularly in West Yonkers, where sewer and stormwater systems are combined, by developing vulnerability assessments, designs, and demonstration projects. Green infrastructure will capture rainwater, reducing pressure on the local drainage system and combined sewer overflow events.

Learn more at [groundworkhv.org](http://groundworkhv.org).



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## Saturday May 3, New York Blood Center to Host Blood Drive at Gorton HS First Touch a Truck Event

## State Senator Shelley Mayer Presents \$10k Grant To TRA Group, Inc.



This event will raise money for the school's scholarship fund and organizers hope it will inspire other groups to take initiative to host their own blood drives

New York Blood Center (NYBC) will host a blood drive at Gorton High School on Saturday, May 3rd from 11:00am to 3:30pm as part of the school's first Touch a Truck event. The event will include appearances by the Yonkers Police Department, Yonkers Fire Department, and Yonkers Ambulance Corps, with a special landing by the Westchester County helicopter on the school field. Attendees can explore emergency vehicles, meet first responders, and enjoy games, live music, and food vendors.

Gorton High School has been a long-time partner of NYBC, hosting blood drives for over 28 years and encouraging blood donation during some of the most critical times for the blood supply. The school hopes that fun initiatives like this one will help raise money for its scholarship fund and encourage more organizations to host blood drives of their own.

NYBC recently issued an urgent call for type O+ and O- blood donations. The current supply of O- blood has dropped to just two days, and overall collections are nearly 20% below the level needed to meet hospital demands. This drop in donations is due to seasonal factors such as school breaks, holiday travel, and busy spring schedules.

Blood donors can give every 56 days, and platelet donors can give twice per month. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently lifted several blood donor eligibility restrictions. To view current eligibility guidelines, visit [nybc.org](http://nybc.org) or call 800.688.0900.

WHEN: Saturday, May 3, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Gorton High School, 100 Shonnard Pl, Yonkers, NY 10703

WHO: Blood Donors, Volunteers, and New York Blood Center Representatives

WHY: It only takes one hour to donate, and a single donation can save multiple lives. Roughly one in seven hospital admissions require a blood transfusion. Those in need include: cancer patients, accident, burn, or trauma victims, newborn babies and their mothers, transplant recipients, surgery patients, chronically transfused patients suffering from sickle cell disease or thalassemia, and many more.

To make an appointment at this blood drive, donors can call 1-800-933-2566 or visit this link. Can't donate blood? You can still make a lifesaving impact by supporting NYBC's mission through financial contributions or volunteering your time. Click here to learn more.

### Northwell Walk, continued from pg 9-

"We're honored to support the Northwell Walk to Raise Health in Westchester," said King Quality CEO Jeff Brett. "It's a great way for the community to come together, get active, and support high-quality health care here in our area. We encourage everyone to join the walk and help raise health."

King Quality's support for Northwell extends beyond the walk. In 2024, Jeff Brett was named to the board of the JTM Foundation, which supports Mather Hospital, a member of Northwell Health, in Port Jefferson. The JTM Foundation works to foster relationships with those individuals and organizations who have a like-minded vision and the desire to support exceptional health care at Mather Hospital.

Since the walk began 15 years ago, it has raised more than \$8 million for local hospitals and programs. Last year, more than 6,000 walkers participated across five locations throughout the state.

To register for the Northwell Walk to Raise Health at Westchester, visit: <https://northwellwalk.com/>.



(L to R) Westchester County Board of Legislators representative Benjamin Boykin, New York State Senator Shelley B. Mayer, TRA Board of Directors Vice Chairman Hope Miller, TRA President Catherine Wynkoop

On April 23, 2025, New York State Senator Shelley B. Mayer presented a \$10,000 grant to TRA Group, Inc. at the organization's Volunteer Appreciation Afternoon Tea held at Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts. The grant, which supports operating costs for TRA's non-emergency medical transportation services, will help fund vehicle expenses, fuel, tolls, staff driver salaries, and other operational needs—enabling TRA to reach even more individuals in Westchester's most underserved communities.

The funding will help TRA expand access to its medical ride program, particularly for low-English-speaking residents who often face barriers in obtaining essential healthcare. As TRA continues to experience growing demand, this timely grant supports the organization's ongoing mission to ensure that older adults and adults with low vision can attend critical appointments and remain safely connected to their communities.

Senator Mayer shared: "I am pleased to secure \$10,000 in state funding for TRA Inc. to help with operational costs and to expand access to its medical ride program for non-English speaking communities throughout Westchester. TRA does extraordinary work providing essential transportation to our neighbors who are unable to drive themselves or need rides to medical appointments, improving accessibility and independence for so many Westchester and Putnam residents. I thank Catherine Wynkoop, President of TRA Inc., her team, and the wonderful volunteers for their continued commitment to our community."

"We are so grateful to Senator Mayer for recognizing the value of TRA's work and for her support in helping us expand service for those who need it most," said Catherine Wynkoop, President of TRA. "This funding allows us to meet the demand for rides and further strengthens our ability to serve non-English-speaking communities with compassion, dignity, and consistency."

TRA was also joined at the presentation by Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and Westchester County Board of Legislators representative Benjamin Boykin, who have both been strong champions for community-based services across the region. Their presence underscored the collaborative spirit of support among local leaders working to improve quality of life for Westchester residents.

As demand grows, TRA continues to expand its capacity—recently onboarding new volunteers, which has resulted in a significant increase in completed rides. The organization is also working to secure two wheelchair-accessible Toyota Sienna vans to better meet the needs of riders with mobility challenges.

Since 2011, TRA has provided more than 38,000 free, non-emergency medical rides and connected thousands more to services through its TRA Resource Hub, a free online platform offering 24/7 access to hundreds of aging and disability support services. Visit [my-tra.org](http://my-tra.org) to learn more or become a volunteer.

### St. Mary's, continued from pg 3-

City Council who stood united in this cause. Our collective resolve sent a clear message—that our city's cultural and spiritual fabric matters. St. Mary's has a legacy and a future as a beacon of faith and service in Yonkers."

So what comes next for St. Mary's? The Archdiocese of NY will have to comply with the Vatican's decision, and hopefully, work together to make a real effort for a path forward to raise funds to pay for much needed renovations.

St. Mary's Friends has organized and is moving forward with a fund raising effort.

St. Mary's Friends is a non-profit organization formed in the State of New York. St. Mary's Church (Church of the Immaculate Conception) is located in Yonkers, New York, and was founded in 1848. The mission of St. Mary's Friends is to ensure the preservation of St. Mary's Church and to ensure the integrity of the buildings and the sacred objects located within the Church.

St. Mary's Friends is asking parishioners, both past and current, to donate whatever they can to help. Other interested donors include people who care about saving Sacred Spaces. Large or small, all donations will make a difference. Donations can be sent via check to a secure mail box.

St. Mary's Friends, Inc.  
PO Box 288  
Yonkers NY 10703-0288

Donations can also be made via Zelle, using the email address: [stmarys-friendsorg@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys-friendsorg@gmail.com).

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Tamron Hall Coming to Mt. Vernon Library  
 May 3 to Read Her Kids Book-Harlem Honey

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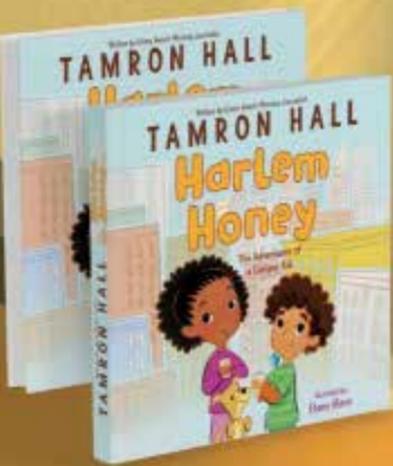
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ICE arrest in Westchester, continued from pg 1-

An ICE Spokesperson confirmed Patrick's arrest on April 6 for violation of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and remains in ICE custody pending deportation.

Patrick was convicted in White Plains City Court in 2019. He has listed addresses on the Sex Registry most recently in Mt. Vernon and in Yonkers.

The White House highlighted Patrick's case among 20 other criminals apprehended by ICE under President Trump. Titled, "These Sick Criminals Are Who Democrats and the Legacy Media Are Defending," The White House writes, "Brutal killers and rapists— all taken off our streets in just the past week thanks to the tireless work of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

"If Democrats and the legacy media had their way, these sick criminals would still be roaming free. Here are just a few of the depraved criminal illegal immigrants ICE has arrested in the past several days:"

Patrick was listed as Patrick Malston Garfield but according to the sex registry his name in Malston Patrick.

The American Immigration Council estimates that there are more than 600,000 undocumented, illegal immigrants living in New York State.

ICE has arrested more than 41,000 illegal residents over the first 100 days of the Trump administration.

Note: ICE did not issue a release on Patrick's arrest on April 6. Only The White House release which included Patrick, on April 15, was when media reports picked up the story.

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS  
 PUBLIC HEARINGS  
 2025/2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

I, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, City Council President of the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on the proposed 2025/2026 City of Yonkers Operating Budget and Capital Budget as follows:

Tuesday, May 13, 2025  
 City Council Chambers, City Hall- 4th Floor  
 40 South Broadway Yonkers, New York  
 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 22, 2025  
 Auditorium, Saunders High School  
 183 Palmer Road Yonkers, NY 10701  
 7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to speak may sign up on the day of the hearing at the hearing site. Each speaker shall be permitted three minutes and speakers shall be called in the order in which they have signed up.

LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY  
 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
 April 30, 2025

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| City of Yonkers<br>Summary of FY24-25 Executive Budget |               |
| Property Taxes:  | \$452,275,073 |
| Special Taxes:   | 231,101,252   |
| State and Federal Funding:                             | 113,609,219   |
| City Departments:                                      | 55,451,586    |
| Other Revenues:  | 57,887,067    |
| Appropriated Fund Balance (General):                   | 57,568,326    |

**Total Revenues Sub-Total: \$967,892,523**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| Library Fund:       | \$353,909              |
| Water Fund:         | 54,125,735             |
| Sewer Fund:         | 12,145,437             |
| Board of Education: | 458,063,577            |
|                     | <b>\$1,492,581,181</b> |

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| City Departments:             | \$403,006,786          |
| Fringe Benefits:              | 221,973,475            |
| Special Items:                | 44,675,201             |
| Board of Education:           | 719,427,835            |
| Total Operating Expenditures: | 1,389,083,297          |
| Debt Service:                 | 103,497,884            |
|                               | <b>\$1,492,581,181</b> |

Revenues vs. Expenditures **\$-**

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| <u>Property Tax Levy</u>             |                |
| Board of Education Property Tax Levy | \$ 277,558,586 |
| City Property Tax Levy               | 174,716,487    |

Total Property Tax Levy **\$452,275,073**

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| <u>Property Tax Rate per \$1000 of Assessed Valuation (AV)</u> |        |
| Board of Education Tax Rate per \$1,000 AV                     | 589.97 |
| City Tax Rate: per \$1,000 AV                                  | 371.58 |
| Tax Rate: per \$1,000 AV                                       | 961.55 |

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| <u>Capital Budget</u>               |              |
| Executive Budget City Total:        | \$99,150,012 |
| Executive Board of Education Total: | \$17,000,000 |

Total: **\$116,150,012**

The FY26 Executive Budget is available for review by the public at:  
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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

### *SATURDAY, MAY 3*

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

**Blacksmith Workshop,** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Make your own items in Muscoot Farm's blacksmith shop, led by Master Blacksmith, Bill Fitzgerald. \$100. For ages 18 and older. Also: May 10, 17. Get details and register <https://www.muscootfarm.org/programs-events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/05/03/blacksmith-workshop/515797>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

**Birding for Beginners,** 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For anyone interested in birdwatching, this is a great way to learn some basics. Bring binoculars. Led by Chris Mignone of Central Westchester Audubon.

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

**Native Tree Giveaway,** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. In honor of Arbor Day, Lasdon is giving away native trees. Come to the welcome center between 10 a.m. and 12 noon to get yours; first-come, first-served until supplies run out; one tree per household.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

**Pollinator Garden Cleanup,** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Join Muscoot Farm to refresh and revitalize its pollinator garden for the upcoming growing season! Volunteers will clear out garden beds, prune perennials to encourage healthy growth and prepare the soil for new plantings. Register: <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a07Nr0000100KHtIAM/pollinator-garden-cleanup>

Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale: (914) 231-4205

**Puppy Yoga,** 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Participate in a yoga class that combines wellness and puppy love for a paws-itively calming and happy experience. Located in Picnic Area 3. Bring your own mat. Puppies will be provided; please do not bring yours. \$50 per person. Registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1317432719729?aff=oddtcreator>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

**History and Highlights of Lasdon Tour,** 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. A certified urban naturalist leads this walking tour. Stops include examining the William and Mildred Memorial Garden, the magnolia trees, lilacs, conifers and azalea garden. Visitors also learn about the history of Lasdon's main house. Also: June 7. Pre-registration required <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/history-and-highlights-of-lasdon-tour/>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050.

**Animal Meet & Greet,** 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. See Hilltop's animals up close! Join one of our educators to learn more about our cows and goats, how we care for them and their purpose on the farm! Also: June 7. \$15 per person; registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-meet-greet-tickets-1124513212289?aff=oddtcreator>

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

**Wonderful World of Water,** 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Using hands-on games and activities, let's explore water and how we can conserve our precious resources.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050.

**Old Time Music Jam,** 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event is a monthly gathering of local, acoustic musicians who play traditional Appalachian fiddle music. Play or just listen, and enjoy the community that music can create! Musicians of all levels are welcome. Also: June 7.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

**BLOOM!** Westchester Watercolor Group Exhibit Opening Reception, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. The Westchester Watercolor Group presents their "BLOOM!" exhibit in Muscoot Farm's main house for the public to view Saturdays and Sundays from 12 noon to 4 p.m. in May. Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

**Spring Ephemerals Hike,** 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. All of early spring's special flowers are out in full force. Let's learn about what's growing and their unique roles within our ecosystems.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

**Goats in the Meadow!,** 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. The goats from Fat & Sassy Goats are back! Watch them doing what they do best—eat—and find out why they're in our meadow.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

**Garden Clean-Up Day (Teens Only),** 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Students ages 13, 14 and 15 can get their hands dirty as they prepare garden beds, plant seeds, transplant and help kick off the garden season. Registration required: <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a07Nr000010d5AsIAI/garden-clean-up-day-teens-only>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

**Spring Hike to Untermyer Gardens,** 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Join us for a pleasant two-mile hike, stopping to observe and learn about the signs of spring. The hike leaves Lenoir's nature center promptly at 1:10 p.m

### *SUNDAY, MAY 4*

**Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson:** (914) 862-5290. History & Natural History of Croton Point Park, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Ages 6 and up can join the village historian and the park naturalist on a hike to explore the scenic and fascinating park. Free. Meet at the entrance to the RV Park. Wear sturdy shoes.

**Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah:** (914) 864-7268. Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Also: May 11, 25; June 8, 15, 22, 29. \$25 per person; registration required: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens-2/2025-05-04/>

**Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains:** (914) 428-1005. Bird Walk, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. We'll take a moderate one-mile hike to observe the preserve's different bird species. Hiking shoes and binoculars are recommended.

**Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah:** (914) 864-7263. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Enhance your gardening skills and plant knowledge by working side by side with the gardeners at Lasdon Park. Tasks include planting, watering, weeding, pruning, staking, dead-heading, potting up, and more. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-05-04/>

David Boies Virginia Giuffre, continued from pg 1-

But we also thank David Boies for representing Virginia Giuffre and in our view, brining instant credibility to her allegations. Boies, who lives in Armonk, is one of the most famous and successful litigation attorneys in the country.

Boies is not known for representing victims or criminal defendants. But he came forward to represent Virginia Giuffre, and helped force a settlement from Prince Andrew of England who is seen with Virginia in the photo above. A photo, by the way, that Prince Andrew refuses to acknowledge is real.

Giuffre recounted having sex with Prince Andrew when she was 17. The settlement of a New York lawsuit was reportedly for \$16 Million, paid for by Queen Elizabeth in 2022.

With the help of Boies standing beside her, Giuffre was able to stand up to Prince Andrew and his royal family, money and attorneys until the Prince had two choices; testify at trial and risk perjury or settle the case.

When Prince Andrew settled his case with Virginia, most of the world finally realized what had happened. Giuffre was speaking the truth and calling out the crimes of sex abuse against minors. It wasn't a popular topic of discussion, child sex abuse never is.

In 2010, Giuffre came forward with her allegations, and in 2024 she created a non profit, Victims Refuse Silence.

David Boies appeared on the Piers Morgan Show after Giuffre's death. "There is sadness and anger that our society let this happen. She was an extraordinary strong woman who was ultimately brought down by years of abuse at the hands of Jeffrey Epstein and then years of verbal abuse and attacks by her collaborators.

"Without her courage and without her coming forward, Jeffrey Epstein would probably still be abusing young girls."

"When she came to me in 2014, she knew that this would bring a crushing amount of abuse on her head from Epstein and his powerful collaborators. I wanted to be sure that she was correct in everything so I had her go through a rigorous examination and a polygraph test. I never had any doubts after that.

Morgan: "You worked on Virginia's case for free."

Boies: "She couldn't afford the kind of representation she needed, not only from me, but from the firm and attorney Sigrid McCawley."

"This was one of the most gravest injustices our system has seen and nobody was doing anything about it. She epitomizes the triumph of the human spirit to become a passionate, strong, courageous advocate for the vulnerable. She dedicated the last 11 years of her life fighting to make sure that other children didn't have to go through what she went through.

"Virginia had hoped that Prince Andrew would take responsibility and I think he needs to take responsibility for what he did. If he wants forgiveness he has to take responsibility."

"I think that while we've made tremendous progress in exposing the evil of sex trafficking there is still a perception bias among most of society including the prosecutors and the media that looks down on the girls who are trafficked, a sense that somehow this must have been there fault.

"They don't think of them as their sister or wife or daughter or girlfriend. I think if you had what happened to Virginia and the many other Epstein victims had happened to professional woman, you would have had a different reaction from prosecutors and the media. This is one of the tragedies for our legal system, that we have devalued the humanity of these young girls," said Boies.

Watch the interview at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tm-ouSZnCE&t=480s>

## New Rochelle Joins Mount Vernon in Supporting Guaranteed Income

On April 18, New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos joined with Mt. Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard and progressive Mayors across the county in summport of Universal Basic Income, UBI, which would provide every citizen with a direct cash payment to help lift some out of poverty. Mayor Ramos joined Mayors for a Guaranteed Income (MGI), and said "I am excited to join Mayors for a Guaranteed Income and advance smart, effective policy to boost financial security and strengthen our working class communities."

"Guaranteed income programs have demonstrated positive impact in cities and towns across New York and the nation, and it's time for New Rochelle to benefit as well."

On its website, <https://www.mayorsforagi.org/> the group explains,

WHEREAS, the U.S. is one of the wealthiest countries in the world but prosperity and well-being are not broadly shared. Nearly 40% of Americans cannot afford a single \$400 emergency, and rising income inequality is compounded by a growing racial wealth gap; and

WHEREAS, the median white worker made 28% more than the typical Black worker and 35% more than the median Latinx worker in the last quarter of 2019, and the median wealth of white families was more than \$100,000 while the median wealth of Black families was approximately \$10,000 prior to the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, women - particularly women of color - are the most likely to live in poverty, are overrepresented in low-paying occupations, and are far more likely to lack access to sick leave and health care benefits; and

WHEREAS, Black women are paid 66 cents for every dollar that is paid to white men, and Latinas make even less at 58 cents for every dollar white men make; and

WHEREAS, we live in a time of pandemics and climate disruptions, and everyone deserves an income floor through a guaranteed income, which is a monthly, cash payment given directly to individuals. It is unconditional, with no strings attached and no work requirements. A guaranteed income is meant to supplement, rather than replace, the existing social safety net and can be a tool for racial and gender equity.

WHEREAS, a guaranteed income empowers recipients to address their most urgent needs and provides a cushion for unpredictable expenses, external shocks, and volatility; and

WHEREAS, as mayors, our problems may look different from town to town, but we are united in our duty to ensure the economic security of our residents through a guaranteed income.

Now, therefore, we resolve to work together to advance the following principles:

Advocate for a guaranteed income at the local, state, and federal level.

Invest in narrative change efforts to highlight the lived experiences of economic insecurity.

Invite other cities to join us in our efforts, and provide technical assistance and funding support for new pilots.

The City of Mt. Venron and Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, have implemented a pilot program for UBI.

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**Reduced Fees Will Support Local Haulers Looking to Enter or Remain in the Regulated Waste Industry**

Westchester County is expanding its Small Business Incentive Program to further level the playing field for small, local haulers. Launched by the Solid Waste Commission, Phase II of the initiative will allow additional eligible companies — particularly small “junk” haulers — to benefit from significantly reduced licensing and vehicle fees, removing a key financial barrier that has kept many from entering the industry or achieving compliance.

The first phase of the program, introduced in 2024, provided discounted fees to C-2 haulers operating with one truck and no container business. With the launch of Phase II, the Commission is expanding access to cover a second group of small haulers, including those specializing in cleanouts and household removals. These businesses often lack the resources to pay standard license application costs, which are the same as those for much larger haulers.

County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “Small businesses are the backbone of Westchester’s economy, and we must ensure they are not shut out of opportunity due to financial constraints. By expanding this program, we are helping ensure that local entrepreneurs — especially those operating on a small scale — have the support they need to comply with regulations and grow responsibly. This initiative reflects our ongoing commitment to equity, economic development and smart government.”

Westchester County Solid Waste Commission Executive Director Peri Kadanoff said: “The response to the first phase of this program was incredibly positive, not just from those who benefited but from the larger hauling community. Phase II builds on that momentum by supporting another group of hardworking small businesses that deserve a pathway to compliance and economic opportunity.”

Phase II of the program is expected to assist at least 13 small companies currently licensed with the Solid Waste Commission. The reduced fees will apply to new applicants and currently licensed businesses meeting eligibility criteria. The program’s cost is projected at \$40,000, fully covered within the Commission’s budget. The Commission unanimously voted for the expansion in early April.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK INDEX NO. 73778/2024  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY  
BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST,

Plaintiff,  
vs.

RANJIT PERSAUD, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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

Defendants.

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

## SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:

337 NORTH 7TH AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550

Section: 165.45, Block: 1100, Lot: 23

To the above named Defendants

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

## NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$440,000.00 and interest, recorded on January 29, 2007, in Control Number 463380234, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 337 NORTH 7TH AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550.

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

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

## NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: March 28th, 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq.  
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**Lawler Town Hall, continued from pg 1-**

volume of supporters and opponents, the anti-Trump, anti-Lawler crowd won the day.

Before the debate, guests were screened to prove that they resided in the district. A large crowd of Lawler opponents and interest groups formed outside to express their continued opposition to Lawler and his votes in Congress to support the Trump agenda.

The first few minutes of the Town Hall were indicative of how the night would go. As Lawler just walked on the stage, there was a smattering of cheers and supporters, but a much larger number of boos and heckling towards Lawler.

Next up was the Pledge of Allegiance. But on this night, even the Pledge was not left out of bounds for screams from the audience. “Support the Constitution and Authoritarian,” were some of the comments heard drowning out the Pledge.

“Please tell me you’re not objecting to the Pledge of Allegiance,” said Lawler.

When asked about possible cuts to Medicaid, Lawler said, “When it comes to Medicaid, I have been very clear: I am not cutting benefits for any eligible recipient.”

With police in the room, the Town Hall avoided an explosive moment or incident. Confrontations with Lawler supporters and opponents in the audience did not get violent, which is one bit of satisfaction that can be drawn from the event.

But mostly, when Lawler attempted to explain his positions on the Trump tax cuts, or on tariffs, he was ignored by the boisterous crowd, who did not want to hear his answers.

When audience members again and again yelled “Tax the Rich,” Lawler explained. “Folks, taxing the rich is not going to close our budget deficit.”

With a response from the crowd, “Just do it anyway,” which got a few laughs.

The upcoming Town Hall in Somers should be just as interesting. What the Town Halls show is the opportunity that democrats, both locally and across the country, see in defeating Lawler in 2026. Only five seats will be needed to switch from R to D to give the House back to the democrats, and Lawler is one of the most vulnerable, and sits in a congressional district that voted Harris for President.

But Lawler took the blows, did not blow his top, and responded with intelligent answers to questions, even if most refused to hear them.

Considering how deeply divided the country, and the people of the 17th Congressional district are, some wonder if the hostility lashed out at Lawler from democrats and progressives helps the cause of defeating the two-term Congressman.

Lawler won his first election in 2022 by 1,820 votes. In 2024, Lawler got 52% of the vote and won by 20,000. Turnout was way up in 2024 (Presidential year) but Lawler’s margin of victory was more

How many of the 375,000 voters who voted for an against Lawler are undecided, or willing to vote for either party’s candidate in 2026? 5,000? 10,000?

Watch the Town Hall at

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=XApDReBgZcM&t=8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XApDReBgZcM&t=8s)

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