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#### Vacant St Anns School in Yonkers to Be Used to Educate 200 Migrants



By Dan Murphy

There has been alot of debate and discussion over the recent flights of migrants coming into Westchester County airport. Many of the questions surrounding the flights center on where these mostly teenage migrants go after they get off the flights and into buses.

A plan to bring 200 migrant children to the St. Ann's Church on Midland Avenue weekdays is under serious consideration, with a final decision to be made next month by St. Ann's Pastor Stephen Norton. The school has been closed since 2019, due to budget cuts in the Archdiocese of NY.

The plan would be operated by Rising Ground, formerly Leake & Watts, https://www.risingground.org/supporting-immigrant-children/

The plan calls for a staff of more than 100 workers for the 200 mostly male migrant children. The children will be kept at the school only during weekdays and not overnight. The expectation is that the children will be kept with Rising Ground for 90 days and then reunited with their families in the United States.

St. Ann's has held two information meetings with its parishioners, who are not happy that the school will be used for this purposed. Some mentioned that the school is located in a residential area with little or no parking.

Contrary to the belief of many, a final decision has not been reached on this proposal. The final decision rests in the hands of Pastor Norton, and not the Archdiocese or Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

A video of one of the meetings was posted on Facebook by Freddy Vazquez on his Basement politics show. At that meeting in March, Councilman Anthony Merante attended and tried to answer questions and complaints from those who attended. Merante explained that 250 members of St. Ann's had signed a petition opposing the idea of leasing the school to Rising Ground, as an example that some of the public was aware of the plan.

Merante also wrote to the Archdiocese of NY to ask about the plan, which has

not received any media coverage or explanation.

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## Westchester Vet Arrested for **Animal Cruelty and Forgery**





Dr. Javier Diaz, left, is accused of abusing the animals that he was entrusted to treat. Above, one of the cats the Diaz is accused of abusing

On April 28, SPCA Westchester announced that their Humane Law Enforcement Unit (HLE), under the direction of Ernest Lungaro and Elmsford Detective Paul Rescigno and Detective Robert Caralyus, in a joint investigation and with the assistance of the Westchester District Attorney's Office, arrested Veterinarian Javier Diaz, DMV, 46, the owner of Main Street Animal Hospital. Dr. Diaz was charged with Forgery 2nd degree, Six counts of animal cruelty and assault 3rd

The investigation of Main Street Animal Hospital located at 33 E. Main Street, Elmsford, NY revealed that between April 09, 2022 and April 27, 2022 Diaz gave a certificate of a rabies vaccination and charged a pet owner without actually administering the NYS required vaccination. He also physically abused pets that were brought into the Main Street Animal Hospital on six occasions.

A two-month-old kitten was hit on the head with a nail clipper designed to cut dog's nails and then jammed the nail clipper into the cat's mouth causing the kitten to suffer unjustifiably and to sustain a laceration to its gum and palate. A Shiba Inu dog was punched in the ribs. A Labrador Retriever had his front paw twisted and a nail clipper jabbed in his ribs causing the dog to cry out in pain. The dog was then kicked in the ribs. Diaz, while treating a three-legged senior German Shepherd dog, kicked the dog in the chest and then twisted and pulled the dog's ear that was being treated for an ear infection so hard that the dog screamed incessantly. He then kicked the dog a second time in its jaw causing the dog to jerk its head backwards striking a veterinary assistant that was holding the dog in place.

The veterinary assistant suffered a bloody nose and suffered unjustifiable physical pain to her head and neck. A chihuahua dog was in a dog crate crying when Diaz punched the dog to make it stop crying. A Shih Tzu dog was choked causing the dog to almost lose consciousness which caused the dog to suffer unjus-

## **How Did This Suspended Attorney Get Elected Elmsford Justice?**



By Dan Murphy

The NYS Commission on Judicial Conduct issued a decision dated April 13, that Elmsford Village Justice Carlos Gonzalez be removed from his position on the bench and that he be suspended from the practice of law for two years.

In a press release dates April 25, "The New York State Commission on Judicial Conduct has determined that Carlos Gonzalez, a Justice of the Elmsford Village Court, Westchester County, should be removed from office as a result of his misconduct as an attorney, for which he has been suspended from the practice of law for 24 months.

"In April 2021, the Appellate Division, Second Department, suspended Mr. Gonzalez from the practice of law for a period of six months based upon a finding of professional misconduct by the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut, Western Connecticut. Mr. Gonzalez failed to notify the Appellate Division of the Connecticut discipline in a timely manner, in violation of statute.

In December 2021, the Appellate Division again suspended him for engaging in professional misconduct, also finding that he did not accurately describe his disciplinary history to the Attorney Grievance Committee.

"In determining to remove Judge Gonzalez from the bench, the Commission found that he "engaged in a pattern of professional misconduct which involved six separate client matters," and that his "professional misconduct and his lack of candor demonstrated that he is unfit for judicial office." Judge Gonzalez has served as a Justice of the Elmsford Village Court since April 2021. His current term expires on March 16, 2025.

Statement by Commission Administrator Commission Administrator Robert H. Tembeckjian made the following statement. "It would be contrary to the public interest and common sense to bar someone from appearing in court as a lawyer but not from taking the bench and deciding legal issues. Judge Gonzalez compounded his misconduct as an attorney and further undermined his integrity as a judge by being less than candid with the Appellate Division about his disci-

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## **Hollow Brook Golf Club** Offers Family Friendly Golf



the 12th hole at Hollow Brook Golf Club

By Dan Murphy

For families in Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties looking for a full service country club that offers golf, swimming and activities and programs for kids, there a very few options. But one option available is the Hollow Brook Golf Club, located in Cortlandt Manor, which we had the pleasure of visiting and playing recently.

The course is in top shape as we teed off on April 22. The 6,923 yard layout offers several different tees for golfers of any handicap. Designed and built by Eric Bergstol, Hollow Brook Golf Club sits on 250 picturesque acres, and pro-

vides golfers with some of the most dramatic elevation changes. The challenging and unique 6,923 yard layout, provides golfers with a combination of classic Westchester style holes, with dramatic elevation changes on other holes.

My favorite Hollow Brook holes are the 5th, a 100-yard, downhill par-3, and the 18th, a classic Par four with the 22,000 square foot clubhouse in the background. Challenging holes include the 10th and 11th, which circle around a lake that was used decades ago as a private swim club and recreational park called Lakeland Acres. Both holes require a good tee shot and have waste traps surrounding the fairways.

Director of Golf Phil Eyre has been working at Hollow Brook Golf Club since 2007 and manages the golf operations and the golf shop, and teaches golfers of all ages and abilities, including a notable young golfers program. For the family looking for a place that will teach their young golfer, consider Hollow Brook and Eyre, who is originally from England, and who teaches the "complete game."

Eyre makes sure that everyone is comfortable, and says Hollow Brook offers "an extended family atmosphere." "Hollow Brook is a hidden gem that people

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#### Hudson Valley Republicans Launch Online Petition for State Spending Cap



L-R-Republicans Brian Maher, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, Yorktown Supervisor and Assembly candidate Matt Slater, Assemblyman and Congressional candidate Colin Schmitt

Assembly Candidate Matt Slater, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, Assemblyman Colin Schmitt and Assembly Candidates Anil Beephan and Brian Maher today launched a petition for taxpayers in hopes of holding the state to a more stringent spending cap. Under one-party Democratic rule, state spending increased by \$40 billion since 2018, giving New York the highest budget it has ever seen at \$220 billion.

Matt Slater said, "Since 2018 the state budget has grown by more than \$40 billion. With our nation on the verge of an economic crisis caused by record inflation, we need fiscal restraint out of Albany more now than ever. There is legislation in both houses of the Legislature to impose a state spending cap and leaders of both houses should not end the Legislative Session without putting them up for a vote."

Taxpayers from the Hudson Valley and throughout the state are encouraged to sign on to this petition to tell the Legislature to impose a more stringent spending cap. The petition can be found here.

Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, who is a member of the Assembly Committee on Ways and Mean stated, "New Yorkers are fleeing the state in droves, with our enormous tax burden being one of the primary factors. Since joining the state Legislature in 2017, I have voted against every state tax increase. In addition, I have introduced legislation that would encourage shared services, make it easier for localities to institute sales tax exemptions and highlight local governments that take extra steps to protect taxpayers."

"The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) once again ranked New York State as 50th out of all 50 states for economic outlook in its annual 'Rich States, Poor States' report. We need strong elected leaders who are unafraid to identify realistic ways to rein-in out-of-control government spending. Supervisor Slater and my fellow colleagues in the Assembly Republican Conference get that," Byrne concluded.

A statewide poll released by Siena College on Monday showed crime and the economy were the top two concerns for New Yorkers and Deutche Bank is warning of a "significant recession by next year seems likely." Assemblyman Colin Schmitt said, "I fully support legislation to impose a spending cap on New York state government. The billions and billions of extra spending added to this year's budget by Gov. Hochul is just one example of why we need to get this done. New Yorkers cannot continue to afford this bloated spending. I thank Supervisor Slater, Assemblyman Byrne and Supervisor Maher for helping lead this critical effort and am glad to join together to

now advance this grassroots spending cap push."

Assemblyman Mike Lawler added "Albany's out of touch spending spree will push more New Yorkers to fiscally responsible states. Democrats have proven they are irresponsible with taxpayer dollars and must be reigned in. The spending cap would safeguard taxpayer dollars and bring some sense of

responsibility back to state government."

Last year the State Comptroller reported the growth in state spending had more than doubled the rate of inflation over the past five years. Without checks and balances, one-party control in Albany has caused the state budget to increase by \$40 billion since 2018—dramatically exceeding the 2% cap on the growth in spending that had been recognized for years to protect state taxpayers.

Yonkers City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen said, "We know the federal money is a one shot deal and we need forward thinking decisionmakers in Albany who will make sure taxpayers are not run out of town by overspending and overtaxing. I support a spending cap and urge the legislature to approve it."

Notice of formation of Color It Black, LLC. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/28/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the Color It Black LLC, 33 Cliffside Drive, Yonkers, NY 10710 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Allure Property Pursuits, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/03/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 465 Tuckahoe Road #1104, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.



## Mt. Vernon Library Buys 100 Chromebooks, & 12 Public Access Computer in Library



The Mount Vernon Public Library has purchased a total of 100 Chromebooks and 100 Wi-Fi hotspots for Mount Vernon Library patrons to borrow for home use. Each Chromebook is equipped to run on the Google operating system Chrome OS which provides Google Docs and internet access with built-in Wi-Fi capabilities.

The hotspots and Chromebooks will have a three-week borrowing period. The library already has laptops for loan for patrons who need computers running the on the Windows Professional operating system with access to Internet Explorer, Firefox, and Microsoft Office 2013 Professional, which includes Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.

"The lack of access to devices to perform work and job-related duties and to have internet capability is a dire need in this community." Library Director Timur Davis further explains, "[t]he connection to the internet as a means to gain information is necessary for students and adults. With the purchase of the WiFi hotspots, the library will provide even greater access to our patrons."

The library is pleased to announce that we have opened 8 public access terminals for patrons use in the adult library and 4 public access computers in our Children's library. Usage is available during library hours.

These Chromebooks are perfect for research, resumes, and homework and can be borrowed with your Mount Vernon Public Library Card at the adult circulation desk. Wi-Fi hotspots will provide free internet connectivity with phones, computers, tablets, and other Wi-Fi-enabled devices. If you need more information, please contact Mrs. Doris Hackett, Head of the Circulation Department at 914-668-1840 ext. 221 or email at dhackett@wlsmail.org.

The Mount Vernon Public Library has been the Central Library of Westchester County for over 60 years, and it has the largest collection of research and reference books of all the Westchester public libraries.

## Famers Market and Sheep Shearing Return to Muscoot Farm This Mother's Day



Celebrate Mother's Day with a trip to Muscoot Farm to shop the Farmers Market and experience the farm's sheep shearing yearly tradition, Sunday, May 8.

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The Farmers Market will run every Sunday, through Nov. 20, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The weekly farmers market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 20 local vendors each week.

Each year on Mother's Day, Muscoot Farm hosts its Sheep Shearing program in which its sheep receive their annual haircuts to prepare for the warm months. It will be held in the sheep barn from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

County Executive George Latimer said: "These two Muscoot Farm traditions allow for families to spend quality time together while enjoying nature and the outdoors. With the Farmers Market running through November, attendees get to experience the beauty of the farm through a variety of seasons while supporting local vendors."

Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "Muscoot Farm is a great family destination in Westchester County and this Mother's Day I look forward to families participating in these enjoyable programs available."

Admission is free. For more details, call Muscoot Farm at (914) 864-7282 or visit https://www.muscootfarm.org/.





## **Bronx River Parkway Wrongway Task Force Issues Final Report, New Signage Installed**



Do Not Enter Signs on the Bronx River Parkway

#### Recommendations Include Approximately 160 New Signs Along Parkway

On April 29, the "Wrong Way Task Force," established by Westchester County Executive George Latimer in 2020, finished its final review of the County owned and patrolled Bronx River Parkway and released its accomplishments, including the advisement of installing approximately 160 new signs along the parkway.

Made up of Westchester citizens and elected officials, the group reconvened in July 2021, after the COVID-19 pandemic halted the review process. Since the formation of the Task Force, the Westchester County Department of Public Works has fabricated and installed approximately 160 signs on the Bronx River Parkway including: 15 – Do Not Enter, 130 – Wrong Way, 8 – No Left Turn, 3 – One Way, 4 – Parkway Entrance.

The Westchester County Department of Public Works also painted 30 new pavement arrows on exit ramps and at traffic signals with an additional 22 planned for installation this year.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "This task force is has completed its mission after taking inventory and examining the entire Bronx River Parkway in our great County, which runs roughly over 13 miles. From the Kensico Dam to Yonkers, their meticulous work has resulted in a safer parkway for motorists here at home and for visitors to safely get to their destination. I also want to thank our Westchester County Police 'Baker 1' patrol who are out there 24 hours a day 7 days a week."

Department of Environmental Facilities Deputy Commissioner Erin O'Shea chairs the task force and said, "When County Executive George Latimer established this task force our charge was to take inventory of potential problem zones and recommend immediate remedies. We believe we have done just that. The Task Force conducted several field visits, during which every intersection and entrance/exit ramp along the Bronx River Parkway was studied, resulting in a Final Report containing recommendations that we believe, if implemented, will increase safety and cause a reduction in wrong-way driving incidents along the Bronx River Parkway. We are grateful to County Executive Latimer for establishing this Task Force and are proud to have been part of such an important initiative."

Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation Commissioner Hugh J. Greechan, Jr., PE said, "With the issuance of Bronx River Parkway Wrong Way Task Force Final Report, this Department is proud to play a critical role in the implementation of the Task Force's recommendations. I would also like to express my gratitude for all the hard work undertaken by our Traffic Engineering, Road Maintenance and Sign shop staff to make the Task's Force's vision a reality."

The Wrong Way Task Force also made further recommendations including the advisement of adding "Wrong Way" signs to the backs of existing "Speed Limit" signs. These would be installed every 4000 feet and would provide additional warning to errant drivers if they pass all of the signs at the ramps and intersections. The group also suggested the addition of enhanced street lighting and exploring the use of emerging video technology and real-time notifications for errant drivers.

In 2021, there were six reported wrong way incidents on the Bronx River Parkway compared to 12 incidents reported in 2020 and 2019.





# Leaks, Voting, The Circus, Bathrooms And More!



By Eric W. Schoen

Seems like every week right before I am ready to file my column a big story break. This week, there has been a serious leak from the United States Supreme Court of a 'draft' opinion from earlier this year on a case before the court regarding Roe V. Wade.

Now I am not going to, no pun intended wade into the abortion issue. Most people in this country have their minds made up. Nothing I could say will change your opinion. But there is a serious problem when draft opinions are released from the Court. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts said the leak will be investigated. It should be. This is a first. Leaks from the highest court in the land are unacceptable.

No matter what your position is on the issue, it is a reminder of how important it

is to vote. And make sure you are aware of where those you support stand on the issues most important to you. Are you registered to vote? Have you moved and need to register at a new address? Did you get a card from the Board of Elections confirming your registration? Will anyone in your family turn 18 prior to Election Day? Have you applied for an Absentee Ballot if you can't make it to your local polling location?

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New York State has made it easy to do all these things with a computer and without leaving your house. There is no reason why if you are eligible, you are not registered to vote. But remember. Registering is just the first step. Whether you go in person, go for early voting available at sites throughout Westchester or vote by absentee ballot, this is your way to influence not only what is going on in your hometown but what is happening throughout our country.

Now be prepared this year. The redistricting process that takes place every 10 years after the Census was challenged in the court. This might mean that you may have to cast ballots in June, August and finally in November. June and November were already on the Elections calendar. The overturning of the redistricting for Congressional and State Senate seats has put the August date on the 'tentative' calendar. And there are probably going to be attempts to overturn the State Assembly lines before this process is concluded.

August. A time when the last thing people are thinking about is elections. A 'special master' has been appointed to come up with lines for the Congressional and Senate seats that in the current plan have been ruled to favor Democrats. His report is due later this month. Craziness! But stay tuned. The situation changes every day.

Let me repeat myself. The way you can influence the system is to vote for candidates who share your views. It is your responsibility to press candidates for public office for their opinions on issues important to you and follow them to be sure they keep their promises. So many people in the world don't have the right to vote. You do. Do it!

On to the many other issues before us. So nice to have the Flip Circus at Cross County Shopping Center for two weeks. Large crowds show that people still like a circus, even without live animals. I hope this becomes an annual tradition. It gave many Jewish families something to do with the kids between the first two and last two days of Passover. These are days families are always looking for something fun to do with the children. Flip Circus gave families an option now that Ringling Brothers Circus is no more.

Did you hear the one about the New York City Councilman who wants to pass a law that there be one public restroom in every zip code in the city? Yes friends, I said one public bathroom in every zip code. Go anywhere in the world and you will have public restrooms. You might have to pay a small fee or tip the person in charge of the upkeep of the restroom. 'Ya' gotta go ya' gotta go.'

In New York City and most of Westchester if you need a restroom you have to go to Starbucks, CVS, Panera, McDonald's or one of the few places where you can 'sneak' in. Why not have one of those self-cleaning restrooms that were the talk of the town several years ago where you pay 25 or 50 cents to use a properly sanitized restroom? Getty Square in Yonkers, Mamaroneck Avenue in downtown White Plains are two places that come to mind with large numbers of people passing through in need of a restroom. One public restroom per zip code. I think we need a few more than that!

Speaking of restrooms, New York State Health officials are again encouraging people in our area to mask up when indoors. Lot of people wearing masks at Panera at Cross County Tuesday morning. Covid and its variants are still here. Whether it be the Vice President of the United States or people I know, folks are coming down with the virus in numbers concerning State health officials. And who knows with all the self-testing kits out there the actual number of people affected.

Bottom line. Follow all the protocols you did in the past. There is nothing forcing you to wear a mask, but by this time you know your particular health situation and have discussed Covid and mask wearing with your doctors. Get the booster shots suggested. And please, when you use the bathroom scrub your hands with soap and water and rinse for 20 seconds singing 'Happy Birthday' twice. I notice so many people don't do this basic procedure we were taught when we were 2 years old!

When I was younger, and I saw someone stealing something out of a store I might have said something to them or tried to stop them. Nowadays, it's not so easy

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#### Paulin Bills Passes, Delgado Named Lt. Gov.; Astorino on the Ballot, Rainey Off the ballot

On May 2, the New York State legislature passed, and Governor Kathy Hochul signed into law (Chapter 178), Assemblymember Amy Paulin's legislation which permits a candidate on a primary or general election ballot who is charged or convicted of a state or federal misdemeanor or felony to withdraw their name from the

"This outcome is in the best interests of everyone who votes in New York – on both sides of the aisle," said Assemblymember Amy Paulin. "Under previous election law a candidate would have had to die, move out of state, or run for another office in order to remove their name. This situation highlighted an antiquated provision in election law which kept someone on a ballot even though they were no longer running for the office. It doesn't make sense to keep someone on a ballot who has been indicted, has resigned from office, and has asked to be removed from the ballot.'

"It's also not fair to voters who may end up voting for a candidate who isn't running for office just because their name is on the ballot," continued Paulin. "We need to put a ballot in front of voters that properly reflects who is running. This update to election law will correct what should have been done already. I'm thankful that the change has been made in time for this election, and will be in place for future elections.

This bill was passed in the New York State Senate by Senator Liz Krueger. Former Lt. Gov. Benjamin agreed to have his name removed from the ballot and posted a video in which he said, "I will sign the necessary paperwork to remove myself from the ballot. I am innocent of these unsubstantiated charges. However, I would be unable to serve under these circumstances. I want to thank all of my constituents and supporters for giving me the opportunity to serve.'

On May 3, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that she is appointing Representative Antonio Delgado to serve as Lieutenant Governor of New York. Representative Delgado currently represents New York's 19th Congressional District, which includes the Hudson Valley and Catskills. Delgado is Afro-Latino, the first person of color to represent Upstate New York in Congress and a member of both the Black and Hispanic Congressional Caucuses.

"I am proud to appoint Antonio Delgado, an outstanding leader and public servant, as Lieutenant Governor of New York, and I look forward to working with him to usher in a new era of fairness, equity, and prosperity for communities across the State," Governor Hochul said. "We share a belief in working together to get things done for New Yorkers, and Representative Delgado has an incredible record of doing just that in Congress. With Antonio Delgado by my side serving as Lieutenant Governor, we will both make history – and make a difference."

"New Yorkers deserve a Lieutenant Governor who's working day and night to make lives better for working people and their families," Representative Delgado said. "Upstate, downstate, doesn't matter. We all want the same things, security, family, and opportunity. The key is to listen to New Yorkers from all walks of life and then be their voice to get the job done."

A native of Upstate New York, Representative Delgado grew up in Schenectady and lives in Rhinebeck with his wife, Lacey, and their twin eight-year-old sons, Maxwell and Coltrane.

The announcement came just one day after the law was changed allowing former Lt. Gov Brian Benjamin to be removed from the ballot because he was

Delgado was elected to Congress in 2018, and re-elected in 2020. He was facing a tough re-election this year, for two reasons. First, he had a tough republican opponent in Dutchess County Executive Mark Molinaro, and second, New Yorkers are concerned about a variety of issues on the state and federal level, which could put incumbent democratic members of Congress, like Delgado in jeopardy.

In other 2022 NY election news, all four republican canddiates for Governor will be on the ballot in a GOP primary in June. Lee Zeldin, the NYGOP nominated candidate for Governor, challenged the petitions of former Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino, Andrew Giuliani, and Westchester resident Harry Wilson. But the Board of Elections ruled all three sets of petitions valid.

Astorino, who submitted more than 20,000 signatures, said, "The NYS Board of Elections just agreed that our designating petitions are valid. It's time for Lee Zeldin to stop playing the Albany game of trying to get his primary opponents thrown off the ballot. It's not happening. There is going to be a primary and it's going to be the 3 million Republican rank & file voters who decide who the best candidate to face Kathy Hochul is – not lawyers or political insiders.

"I've got an eight-year record governing as a conservative Westchester County Executive that I'm proud to stand behind, which includes cutting taxes and holding the line on spending. But Zeldin apparently doesn't want to be asked about his record in Albany and Washington, where he voted more often with Governor Cuomo than he did with President Trump," said Astorino.

In the race for Assembly in the 95th District, to replace retiring Assemblywoman Sandy Galef, former Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey was knocked off the ballot. News 12 reported that challenges to Rainey's petitions, filed by County Legislator Colin Smith, were deemed credible by the Board of Elections.

More than 250 of Rainey's signatures were thrown out, based on the democrats who signed also signing another petition, or for errors made in writing their address on the petition.

In Rainey is unable to get on the ballot for the democratic primary, Smith will face off against Dana Levenberg, Supervisor for the Town of Ossining; former Peekskill Mayor Andre Rainey; former Peekskill Council City Council member Vanessa Agudelo. Agudelo is also running on the Working Families Party line, so her name will appear on the ballot in November. The 95th district is made up of Ossining, Croton on Hudson, Peekskill, the Town of Cortlandt, and parts of Putnam County.





#### I Love My Park Day at FDR Yorktown May 7



FDR State Park, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598 Time: 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Lot #1- Commuter Parking Lot Contact: David Rocco (914) 819 – 8792 coyoteroc@verizon.net Volunteer May 7th for I Love My Park Day

Join us on Saturday, May 7, for the eleventh annual I Love My Park Day event. Parks & Trails New York, in partnership with New York State Parks and the Department of Environmental Conservation, will host over 150 volunteer events at state parks, historic sites, and public lands across the state. This year will be our biggest yet — choose from parkland and beach cleanups, trail restoration, tree and flower plantings, and various site improvement projects. Your help can make a big difference to our friends, family, and neighbors who enjoy their parks.

#### Westchester County's 2nd Household Recycling Day May 7 Sprain Ridge Park, Yonkers

Westchester County's Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) will be conducting its second Household Recycling Day (HRD) Event on Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sprain Ridge Park, 149 Jackson Avenue, Yonkers. The upcoming HRD event in Yonkers will be the second HRD event of 2022, and gives residents across the County an opportunity to conveniently and safely dispose of their household waste.

In addition to properly labelled household chemicals, tires, scrap metal, electronics, appliances, special wastes found in a typical household, documents for shredding, and expired or unwanted medications; the County, for the first time, will also be accepting latex paint and textiles for recycling at the May 7 HRD Event. For more information on what to bring to this event, visit www.westchestergov.com/recycling or call (914) 813-5425.

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#### What SHOULD be named for Mario Cuomo...



#### By James Vespe

Even if you voted for Mario Cuomo for Governor, as I did, you should admit that the name of this proud son of Queens County does not belong on a bridge connecting Westchester and Rockland counties.

But there are two places in his...actually, our (I was born and raised in Astoria)...home county that should be named for the Governor.

The first is the main branch of the Queens County Public Library, in Mario's home neighborhood of Jamaica.

Mario Cuomo always was a voracious reader, and long proclaimed the importance of learning and education in helping immigrants assimilate. What finer honor could be bestowed on this lover of language than to rename the central branch of the library that continues to serve new Americans from around the world?

The second is somewhere around CitiField. As viewers of the Ken Burns documentary on baseball know, Mario Cuomo played two years of minor league baseball in the 1950s for the Pittsburgh Pirates' system. Indeed, he was offered a bigger signing bonus by the Pirates than they offered Mickey Mantle! Yes, the stadium can't be renamed for him because Citibank has paid for naming rights, but perhaps one of the approach roads, or the parking lots, or the subway station at Willets Point, or the

One location in Queens that should not be renamed for Mario Cuomo is the site of the Olympic swimming trials in 1936 and 1964, the largest municipal swimming pool in America and frequent backdrop of the TV show Blue Bloods: The Astoria

The Astoria Pool should have already been renamed for a 9-year-old boy from nearby 32nd st who sang at its opening in 1936. His name is now Tony Bennett. But that's another story.

James Vespe, Mamaroneck

Editor's Note: Thanks to Jim Vespe for this story, which points to a fact that has been lost to many during the troubles of former Governor Andrew Cuomo. And that is, former Governor Mario Cuomo was void of any scandal. He could have run for President but didn't want it. His name is still intact and worthy of some sort of honor. I met him in 1990 when he came to SUNY Oswego and I had the honor of taking him around the campus. He would have made a great USSC

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Notice of formation of LaceMafia LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/20/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.





#### Feiner: August Primary Date is a Form of Voter Suppression

Letter to the Editor:

After the Court of Appeals tossed out the redistricting maps for Congressional and State Senate seats, the new date of the primary has been scheduled for August 23rd. I think this is a form of voter suppression.

The date of the primary should be held in September, not in August. Primaries in NYS used to be held in September. August is a holiday month, many voters will be away on vacation or not paying attention to politics. They certainly will be less likely to watch a debate. An August primary date will result in reduced turnouts.

Delaying the primary to mid or late September will provide candidates with an opportunity to have a better appreciation of the issues facing voters in their new district lines. There is not enough time between now and August for candidates to familiarize themselves with the leaders and issues in districts they have no familiarity with. Aren't our elected officials supposed to be representatives of the people? How can you represent when you don't know much about the district you want to

Note: The recent court decision by the NYS Court of Appeals overturned the state legislatures districts for state senate and congress. Those districts will now have to be redrawn by a special master, and an August primary will take place for state senate and congress only. Other primaries for other offices will still be held on June 23.

#### **OLA Consulting Engineers Promotes Amicone to** Principal in Charge of Firm's NYC City Office.



OLA Consulting Engineers has promoted Matthew Amicone to principal in charge of the firm's New York City office.

An electrical engineer, Amicone's expertise includes the design of electrical systems for various building types. During his 20-year tenure with OLA, he managed many of the firm's significant projects for clients such as New York-Presbyterian, ArchCare, City of Hoboken, NYC Department of Construction & Design, and Touro College.

Amicone, a resident of Yonkers, N.Y., first joined OLA Consulting Engineers as a summer intern and then began full-time in 2002 after graduating from Villanova University.

In 2017, after more than 40 years of engineering projects throughout New York City, OLA opened an office in Manhattan. The firm tasked Amicone with leading the New York City team and managing the day-to-day operations—including marketing and business development, client relationship management, project management, and quality assurance.

OLA Consulting Engineers' expertise ranges from HVAC, electrical, plumbing and fire protection, with a depth of knowledge in mechanical, electrical, and energy engineering that delivers cost-effective, sustainable solutions.



NOTICE OF FORMATION of RAINVILLE MCCABE, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 25, 2022. Location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on PLLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The PLLC, 69 Cowles Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Legal Services.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 5, 2022, and an abstract thereof has been published and posted as required by law and the period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, in the County of Westchester, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of the notice, or such obligations were au-

thorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution. BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

LINDA LAIRD Town Clerk

Town of Eastchester, New York

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 5, 2022, AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS TRUCKS, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$425,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$425,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPRO-PRIATION.

to acquire various trucks for use in and for the Town, includ-Object or purpose: ing (a) a dump truck, at the estimated cost of \$230,000, and (b) a roll-off truck, at the estimated cost of \$195,000.

Amount of obligations \$425,000

to be issued: Period of probable

usefulness: fifteen (15) years

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

April 5, 2022 Dated:

Eastchester, New York

LEGAL NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT OF COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF PONDSIDE VILLAGE III CONDOMINIUM AND THE PONDSIDE HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC., on behalf of the unit owners, Plaintiff

against

ROLANDO CHUMACEIRO and CECELIA CHUMACEIRO, Defendants.

On the 13th day of May, 2022 at 3:30 p.m., pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered November 25, 2020, and an Amended Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered March 15, 2022, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction in Courtroom 200 of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. White Plains NY the premises in the Town of Greenburgh, County of Westchester and State of New York, in the Condominium known as "Pondside Village III Condominium" also designated as Unit 1506, together with the undivided 1.73 percent interest in the common elements. Said premises is also known as 1506 PONDCREST LANE, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10607

Approximate amount of the lien is \$60,716.74 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment and terms of sale under Index Number 53887/2019.

This sale is subject to a first mortgage presently encumbering premises.

Ten percent of prevailing bid must be paid at sale by bank check. Leticia Arzu, Esq., Referee Goldenberg & Selker, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 399 Knollwood Road, Suite 112, White Plains, NY 10603

Eric Schoen, continued from pg. 3-

because you don't know if the person has a gun or other instrument that could be used against you.

I was standing at the self-checkout at CVS on Bronx River Road at Fleetwood Plaza and a young man ran out of the store with hair products. He yelled to store personnel, 'Don't touch me.' CVS staff apparently are told not to do anything. This has got to stop. Otherwise, high prices will go higher. What's going on in this world?

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week. I salute the many teachers out there including English teacher Bill DeBartolo who gave me the skills to write these columns and encouraged students not to use contractions when writing. I think of him every time I write a column and am tempted use a contraction. This is Nurses Appreciation Week. We have to thank the Nurses and Nurse Practitioners out there who work to keep us healthy during difficult times.

the media and to demand better. Readers attack me from time to time. I always remind them that this paper accepts Letters to the Editor where they can make their concerns known not only to me but to all readers.

Tuesday was World Press Freedom Day, an occasion to denounce attacks against

Finally, our prayers have been answered. Yonkers Detective Cop Brian Menton has been released from the hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery at home and a retirement filled with nothing but good things!

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there. My mom is gone 29 years, and never a day goes by when I don't think of how she would want me to handle a situation. And of course, to keep on writing!

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

#### Letter to the Editor: Thank you Tony Futia

Mr. Murphy, I wanted to tell you that I appreciate your recent stories about a fellow Westchester resident of ours, Tony Futia. I had never heard about this man until you wrote two stories about his efforts.

First, Mr. Futia believes that the Federal Income Tax is voluntary for most of us, and if I read the story correctly, only Federal employees are required to pay a Federal Income Tax and file their tax returns every year. I would like to know if this is true, and would ask the US Department of Justice, or the IRS, or any Federal agency to take Mr. Futia to court as he requested, to adjudicate the matter once and for all.

I also agree with Mr. Futia's second initiative, which states that New Yorkers should not have to pay for a new football stadium for the Buffalo Bills for two reasons. First, unfortunately, our state cannot afford it, and we should not be subsidizing billionaires. The old stadium could have been renovated for \$350 Million. That is what our Governor should have offered to pay, if anything.

Looking forward to move coverage on this topic. Please advise if there are any current writings by Mr. Futia or his group online.

-Dorothy Pensel, Shenorock

Notice of formation of SECOND STAR WELLNESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 03/03/2022. Allison Susan Courtenay designated as registered agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. Allison Susan Courtenay shall mail process to the LLC, 200 Beacon Hill Dr Apt 12E1, Dobbs Ferry NY 10522. Purpose: any lawful activity.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 5, 2022, and an abstract thereof has been published and posted as required by law and the period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, in the County of Westchester, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of the notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER LINDA LAIRD Town Clerk Town of Eastchester, New York

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 5, 2022, AUTHORIZING THE RESURFACING OF VARIOUS STREETS IN SAID TOWN, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$900,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$900,000 BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Object or purpose: to resurface various streets in and for the Town

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$900,000

Period of probable usefulness: fifteen (15) years

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Dated: April 5, 2022 Eastchester, New York SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE OF ACTION TO FORECLOSE A **MORTGAGE** 

INDEX: 51116/2020

DATED FILED: 03/11/2022

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPAC-ITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR REO TRUST 2017-RPL1. - FOR ALL OTHER STATE USE REO TRUST 2017-RPL1 Plaintiff,

-against

UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF LILLIAN BOBROWSKY, AND IF THEY BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENEREALLY 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, EXECU-TORS, 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; SHEREEN BOBROWSKY AKA SHERRY BOBROWSKY, LILLIAN BOBROWSKY, U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCATION, NOT IN ITS INDI-VIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR LOAN ACQUISI-TION TRUST 2017-RPL1, BRUNI & CAMPISI PLUMBING & HEATING, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, MARC WALDMAN, THE UNITED STATES OF AMER-ICA, AND "JOHN DOE #1," THROUGH JOHN DOE #12," THE LAST TWELVE NAMES BEING FICTITIOUS AND UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, THE PERSONS OR PARTIES INTENDED BEDING THE TENANTS, OCCUPANTS, PERSONS OR COPRORATIONS, IF ANY, HAVING OR CLAIMING AN INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON THE PREMISES BEING FORECLOSED HEREIN,

Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within thirty (30) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. DATED: Elmsford, New York

March 3, 2022

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTOR-NEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Katherine McLaughlin, Esq., Knuckles, Komosinski & Manfro, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 565 Taxter Road Suite 590 Elmsford, NY 10523 Phone: (914) 345-3020

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose of a mortgage covering premises described as follows:

40 Fanshaw Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10705

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. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is situated. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Janet C. Malone, J.S.C. dated June 21, 2021 and filed June 28, 2021

Help for Homeowners in Foreclosure

New York State Law requires that we send you this notice about the foreclosure process. Please read it carefully. Summons and Complaint You are in danger of losing your home. If you fail to respond to the summons and complaint in this foreclosure action, you may lose your home. Please read the summons and complaint carefully. You should immediately contact an attorney or your local legal aid office to obtain advice on how to protect vourself.

Sources of Information and Assistance

The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at (800) 342-3736 or visit the Department's website at http://www.dfs.ny.gov.

Rights and Obligations

YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. You have the right to stay in your home during the foreclosure process. You are not required to leave your home unless and until your property is sold at auction pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale. Regardless of whether you choose to remain in your home, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY and pay property taxes in accordance with state and local law.

Foreclosure Rescue Scams

tember 1, 2022.

Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

CCLC Trucking LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/06/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 440 N Broadway 20, Yonkers, NY, 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

A nonprofit organization in Yonkers NY is seeking sealed bids for the sale and installation of security related enhancements. The project includes installation of impact resistant doors, access control and lockdown locks, video intercom system, exterior safety lighting, perimeter fencing, panic alarm system with sirens and strobes, lighting, and a CCTV security system. Selection criteria will be based on price, reputation/experience, and quality of materials proposed. Specifications and bid requirements can be obtained by contacting us at Renovations600@gmail. com. All interested firms will be required to sign for the proposal documents and provide primary contact, telephone, fax and email address. Minority and Women owned businesses are encouraged to apply. Bids will be accepted until 12 pm on June 15, 2022 and work is to commence by July 31, 2022 and completed by Sep-

#### Migrant teens, St. Ann's, continued from pg. 1-

Father Norton responded to Merante, writing "we have made a concerted effort to find an appropriate non-profit use for the building, which included approaching other educational institutions, so that the school would not sit vacant. We believe that we found a more than appropriate use for the school, allowing children to once again enjoy learning in this building while furthering the broader mission of our faith. Rising Ground's program supports children who have undergone extreme trauma by providing a warm and nurturing educational setting. A parish must do more than simply meet the religious worship needs of parishioners; it has an obligation to utilize its resources to meet the charitable, educational needs of its people whenever possible, and the surrounding communities. Our service to those in need is an important tenant of what makes our faith so strong," writes Father Norton, who went on to explain the program.

"Rising Ground has operated its Passage of Hope program adminstered by the Office of Refuge Management since 2014. The children served are up to 17 years old and are under the care of Rising Ground while the safety and suitability of their United States sponsor is verified. Most of the children are from Central America and most are Catholic. They arrive traumatized by the circumstances of crime, poverty and child trafficking in their home country. The children are prescreened by the Office of Refugee Resettlement to ensure they do not have criminal, drug or

other factors in their background.

"All of the children under the age of 12 are placed with foster care families within 5 miles of the school. Rising Ground transports the children at 8am-5pm for

'The children receive academic lesson plans, instruction and physical educa-

pickup. They are never unattended by staff.

tion. The children often have an interest in religious service and participate in volunteer and community service activities with partner parishes and organizations that benefit the community.

"The church takes seriously our responsibility to manage our patrimony in a way that is consistent with our values and faith. We feel confident about this return of the St. Ann School building to use," writes Father Norton, who adds that no final decision has been reached.

In his April 24 handout, Father Norton writes, "I have not forgotten about the possible rental of our school building but tried to take a break from the controversy during Holy Week. I assure you that a decision will be made by the beginning of May, and I will keep all the parishioners informed and the larger community. Please continue to pray for this situation. I am concerned for the people who live in the neighborhood, the immigrant children who may be coming to be educated at our school, and the future of St. Ann's parish. We have a lot of debt built up over the years, and the school, as it is now, is adding to our financial problems, so something must be done. If not this program, then what? This question plagues my thoughts, so please continue to pray for a positive outcoming regarding the school property," writes Fr. Stephen P. Norton

While no dollar amounts of the revenue St. Ann's would see from the program have been publicly discussed, \$500,000 per year is a number that has been suggested by reliable sources.

#### Hollow Brook Golf Club, continued from pg. 1-

don't know about. We are super family friendly and very laid back. The golf course is one of the best tests of your golf game in our area. It never plays the same two days in a row, because of the wind. We welcome golfers of all ages and abilities.'

Eyre said the front nine and closing holes play like a New England course, while holes 10-12 have a South Carolina feel. It's a golf course that you will rarely see in the Northeast. Three stately bridges cross the waterways, which include a crystal clear trout stream that runs through the property.

The seclusion of the holes 13-16, adjacent to the Cortlandt walking Trails, gives you a scenic feel of sanctuary more like the Catskills. Three stately bridges cross the waterways, which include a crystal clear trout stream that runs through the property.

The course is walker friendly. A large outdoor swimming pool completes the package for the Westchester or Putnam family looking for a recreational getaway close to home. And all of the amenities of a country club are available at Hollow Brook.

Because of its natural beauty and large, modern clubhouse, Hollow Brook is also a perfect venue for your wedding, special occasion, or golf outing. Testimonials include, "A dream wedding" and "absolute perfection."

The history of Hollow Brook before the course was build includes ownership by the Sisterhood of Saint Mary for one half of the property, with the other half the location for the Hollow Brook Drive in Movie Theater up to the 1970's.

My round at Hollow Brook reminded me of what a different and unique course is waiting for you in Northern Westchester. For the Westchester family looking to spend time this summer outdoors, Hollow Brook is worth a visit to see what its all about. Visit golfhollowbrook.com or call 914-734-1500 for more information.

#### Vet Arrested, continued from pg. 2-

tifiable pain and suffering.

Diaz will be arraigned in Elmsford Village Court, 15 S Stone Ave, Elmsford,

NY today at 2 pm.

'We are absolutely sickened by the abuse these animals suffered at the hands of Javier Diaz, DVM. Veterinarians take an oath to protect animal health and welfare not to cause pain and misery," said Shannon Laukhuf, SPCA Westchester's Executive Director. "If you suspect your pet was harmed in Diaz's care, please call the SPCA's 24-hour animal cruelty hotline at (914) 941-7797."

SPCA Westchester is a no-kill Animal Rescue Center located in Briarcliff Manor and is NOT affiliated with the ASPCA or any national animal welfare organizations. Learn more at Spcawestchester.org.

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#### Westchester County Health Department Offers Free Minnows to Residents

To help residents keep their backyards free of mosquito breeding sites, the Westchester County Department of Health will give away free minnows for residential ponds and water features, along with advice and strategies to prevent the spread of mosquito-borne diseases like West Nile Virus. The minnows will be available at the Westchester County Airport, 2 Loop Road, West Harrison, 10604 on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

By adding fathead minnows to ornamental ponds, residents can reduce the growth of mosquitos in their own backyards. The minnows eat mosquito larvae, preventing them from maturing into biters. Residents who plan to pick up minnows should bring a bucket or pail; minnows will be distributed in watertight plastic bags. To keep the minnows viable, residents should plan to bring them straight home and release them immediately into ponds with at least eight inches of water. They are not needed in ponds that have fish because the fish serve the same purpose.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "With their hearty appetites, this baitfish can keep mosquitos from breeding in your pond and biting you in your own backyard."

Any resident can help reduce the mosquito population, even without a pond. "Mosquitoes can lay their eggs in a puddle, a flowerpot saucer or an old tire, so it's extremely helpful to clear your yard and the pavement around your home of buckets, pails and toys that collect standing water and pour out any water that remains after it rains," Amler added.

Large areas of standing water on public property that cannot easily be removed should be reported to the Health Department at (914) 813-5000. For more information, download the "Keep Healthy and Bug Off" brochure at http://health.westchestergov.com.

#### Suspended Attorney, Village Justice, continued from pg. 1-

plinary history."

On March 17, 2022, the Commission heard oral argument, at which Judge Gonzalez appeared and represented himself. All 11 members of the Commission agreed on the punishment of Gonzalez.

In 45 years, the Commission has ordered the removal of 177 Judges in NY State. Gonzalez joins that list.

Gonzalez was elected Village Justice on April 5, 2021, but was suspended from the practice of law for six months in New York State on May 14, 2021. The decision was reached after misconduct allegations were made against him in his role as private attorney with six different clients.

"[His] professional misconduct and his lack of candor demonstrated that he is unfit for judicial office," according to the commission's determination.

Gonzalez argued he should not be removed from his post or disciplined for misconduct that took place before he became a judge. The Commission found that Gonzalez was suspended from the practice of law on two occassions before becoming an Elmsford Justice. Gonzalez also argued that he could still serve as a Town Justice despite being suspended from practicing law because town and village justices are not required to be attorneys.

We asked two our friends in the legal community how this happened, and why wasn't there any vetting of Gonzalez before he ran and was elected a Village Justice? And are the decisions that he rendered while serving on the bench while he was suspenced from practicing law still valid?

Attorney Jeff Deskovic, Executive director at The Jeffrey Deskovic Foundation for Justice, said "I would not want to appear- either as a lawyer or as a litigant- in front of a judge who was suspended for unethical conduct as an attorney; the potential for unfairness/injustice is obviously high. How could anyone have any confidence in rulings such a judge would make? I therefore applaud this deci-

Pace University Law Professor Ben Gershman said, The political party selects this character to run for village judge—he doesn't tell anyone—they aren't going to do an investigation and so he runs and gets elected. It's a scandal sure-and you can blame good government groups who didn't look to see that he was suspended when he became a village justice. It's astonishing but true. This guy has some serious baggage.

Every good government group that cares about the judiciary should do the vetting but they don't. This is a lawyer suspended for two years running for judge. Wouldn't somebody in the legal community know about that? The whole idea of serving as a Village Justice and also continuing a private practice is so great for conflict. Our judicial system in New York State is dysfunctional and this is what you get. And while its true that you don't have to be an attorney to be a judge, that's a scandal unto itself.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 5, 2022, and an abstract thereof has been published and posted as required by law and the period of time has elapsed for the submission and filing of a petition for a permissive referendum and a valid petition has not been submitted and filed. The validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, in the County of Westchester, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of publication of the notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

LINDA LAIRD

Town Clerk

Town of Eastchester, New York

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 5, 2022, AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS SIDEWALKS AND CURBS IN SAID TOWN, STATING THE ESTI-MATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$300,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION. to reconstruct various sidewalks and curbs in and

Object or purpose: for the Town

Amount of obligations

\$300,000 to be issued:

Period of probable usefulness:

ten (10) years

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Dated: April 5, 2022 Eastchester, New York

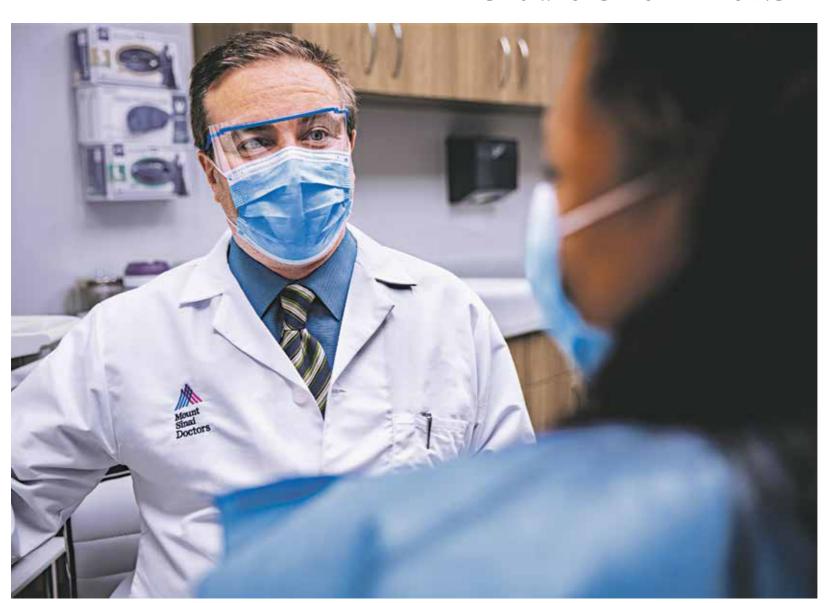
#### TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

#### LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that sealed bids will be received at the Office of the Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709 until 11:00 o'clock A.M., THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022 for the 2022 Bus Service Bid for the Town of Eastchester for the Summer Day Camps, in accordance with specifications, which specifications may be obtained at the Office of the Town Clerk. Said bids will be publicly opened and read at said time and place.

The Town reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

BY THE ORDER OF THE SUPERVISOR AND THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK LINDA LAIRD TOWN CLERK



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