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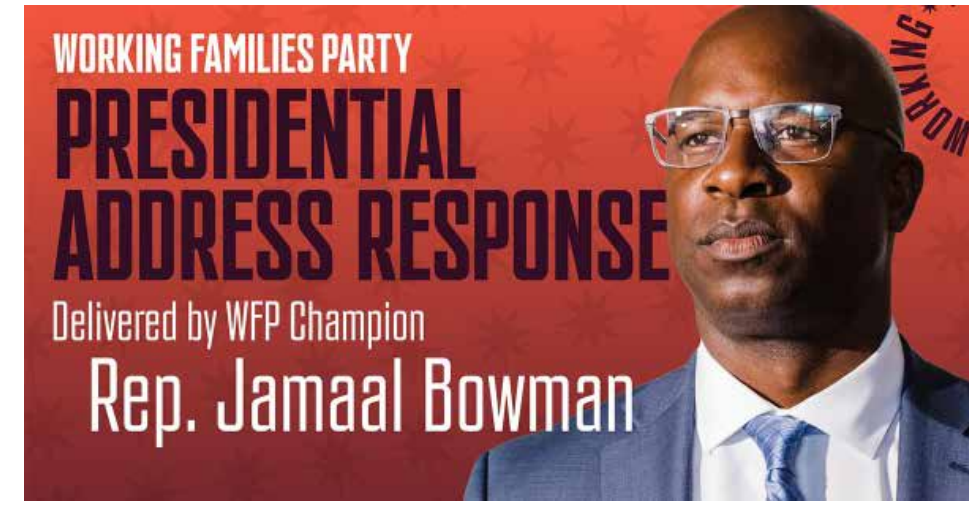
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Bowman Offers Working Families Party Response to Biden's Address



"The proposals that President Biden has put forward over the last few weeks would represent important steps — but don't go as big as we'd truly need in order to solve the crises of jobs, climate and care. We need to think bigger."

Westchester Congressman Jamaal Bowman said this during his response to President Joe Biden's address to Congress on April 28.

Bowman's response points to a progressive agenda, led by many democrats, who are seeking to make change, now.

Congressman Jamaal Bowman represents more than half of Westchester County in Congress, including Yonkers, in the 16th district.

"Perhaps what I am most proud of, is the way we've attacked education inequity. Finally, our title I schools are getting what they need to open safely, and address the issue of historic underfunding.

"All of that is good, it's powerful, and it's going to make a big difference. But the crises we're facing go well beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

"While the richest billionaires got one trillion dollars richer during the pandemic, more than ten million families are behind on rent today, and there are eight million fewer jobs than a year ago.

"The climate crisis continues to ravage our communities, and scientists tell us we're running out of time to act. Every week, we see an unconscionable new video of police violence against Black and brown men, women, and even children. And our democracy is still under attack, with Republican legislatures across the country cracking down on our right to vote.

"We need to rebuild our nation with a new foundation. A foundation rooted in love, and care, and equality. Where justice is truly real for all of us, regardless of race, class, gender, orientation, or religion.

"I fully believe we can. And the moment is now, because this moment is historic. Not since 2009 has a newly elected Democratic President had the backing of Democratic majorities in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

"We need to seize this moment. Republicans have made themselves clear.

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DA Rocah, Senator Schumer Call on Feds to Investigate Mt. Vernon Police Department



"We have found disturbing allegations of patterns of inappropriate and potentially unlawful conduct by several former and current members of the MVPD. We have provided information that we gathered in this respect to DOJ,"

-Westchester DA Mimi Rocah

By Dan Murphy

Three New York elected officials have called on the US Department of Justice to investigate the Mt. Venron Police Department. On April 30, Westchester District Attorney Mimi Rocah took the drastic step of calling on the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to investigate the Mount Vernon Police Department (MVPD) for pervasive and persistent alleged civil rights violations including unlawful strip searches, excessive use of force, and other misconduct.

"The Westchester District Attorney's Office is engaged in ongoing criminal investigations of certain individual MVPD police officers," DA Rocah said. "In the course of those investigations, based largely on publicly available information, we have found disturbing allegations of patterns of inappropriate and potentially unlawful conduct by several former and current members of the MVPD. We have provided information that we gathered in this respect to DOJ."

"While our criminal investigations of individual officers continue, we are requesting that DOJ scrutinize the MVPD's operations, training and policies to determine whether the MVPD is systematically violating peoples' civil rights and, if so, to take action to address these matters," DA Rocah added.

"Since taking office in January, 2020 my mandate has been transformation and accountability across city agencies including the police department. We are working hard to dismantle systemic issues and reform policing to ensure that our community is a safe place for all," said Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard. "Our administration referred multiple cases to the District Attorney for review and welcome DA Rocah's request that DOJ add its resources to identify and address these issues for the benefit of our community."

DA Rocah said that a DOJ investigation would focus on broader issues of civil rather than criminal law, which do not typically fall under the purview of the DA's Office. She emphasized that the DA's Office continues to work with the MVPD to investigate and prosecute crimes in Mount Vernon, and said this ongoing collaboration would continue without disruption during a DOJ investigation.

In March, DA Rocah wrote to MVPD Commissioner of Public Safety

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Westchester Man Arrested in Ossining for MTA Car Crash Had "Kill List"



Nicholas Skulstad

By Dan Murphy

Nicholas Skulstad, 33, of Dobbs Ferry was taken into federal custody by the FBI on April 22, charging him with destruction of a motor vehicle employed in interstate commerce, in connection with Skulstad's alleged assault on a Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA") vehicle in Ossining, New York, on April 5, 2021.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss said: "As alleged, Nicholas Skulstad used his vehicle as a weapon, repeatedly ramming it into an occupied MTA vehicle, then shattering the driver's window. When police officers responded, Skulstad allegedly charged at and threatened them, and had in

his car a notebook page titled "List - To Kill," with names of public figures. Thanks to the combined response of law enforcement officers and agents, Skulstad is in custody and facing a serious federal charge."

FBI Assistant Director William F. Sweeney Jr. said: "Skulstad's alleged targeting of an MTA vehicle, and the subsequent actions he took against police officers who arrived on scene, remind us of the threat our public servants face each and every day as they uphold their duty to protect the communities they serve. Thanks to the work of the FBI's JTTFs and our many partners in this case, Skulstad no longer poses a threat to society or, more specifically, those he included as targets on his list."

As alleged in the Complaint unsealed in White Plains federal court, On April 5, 2021, Skulstad rammed his vehicle repeatedly into an MTA vehicle driven by an MTA employee in Ossining, New York, damaging the MTA vehicle and forcing it off the road. Skulstad subsequently exited his vehicle, approached the MTA vehicle on foot, and banged on the driver-side window until he shattered it.

When Ossining Police Department officers arrived at the scene, Skulstad yelled at an officer, "I'm Jesus Christ! You are going to die today! Are you ready to die?" Skulstad then charged a police vehicle, throwing his body into the driver-side door and yelling threats at an officer inside. Skulstad resisted officers' attempts to subdue him, before ultimately being taken into custody.

After taking Skulstad into custody, law enforcement found in Skulstad's vehicle, among other things, a shell casing and a notebook with a page entitled, "List - To Kill," which listed the names of various current and former public officials and other public figures.

Skulstad, 33, of Dobbs Ferry, New York, is charged with destruction of a

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Virginia Perez Attempts a Comeback, Seeks to Take Her BOL Seat Back from Alvarado



County Legislator Jose Alvarado, and former Legislator Virginia Perez

Three democrats are running in the June 22 primary for the county board of legislators in District 17, Southwest Yonkers. Two of the candidates have already served on the county board: Legislator Jose Alvarado is the incumbent seeking re-election and former Legislator Virginia Perez is looking to return to White Plains. The third candidate is community activist London Reyes, who came within 300 votes from winning this county board race two years ago.

Reyes points out that, "For the past 20 years, this district has been represented by two people on the county board, Virginia Perez and Jose Alvarado. I ask the people, are you satisfied, or do you want to make a change?"

Legislator Alvarado has been out and about, working hard trying to win the primary and win re-election. In 2011, Alvarado lost to Virginia Perez. Perez served for 7 years on the county board before stepping down in the middle of her term to start up an online pet supplies company. Alvarado then took back his county board seat where he continues to serve.

Perez is said to be knocking on doors and actively campaigning but has not publicly made a statement kicking off her campaign, and she has not created any kind of campaign social media account. All of this had many Yonkers democrats scratching their heads.

Alvarado has picked up two big endorsements in the race, from Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and from County Executive George Latimer. "During the pandemic, Jose rallied his neighbors to get food and PPE to those in need," said Latimer. "He helped get vaccine appointments to those who needed them. I was proud to join him in establishing the funding for a new waterfront park in the community."

Mayor Spano said, "Jose is an important partner for me as we expand Yonkers renaissance. Jose and I created the Yonkers Youth Bureau and will always work together for a better Yonkers. Jose Alvarado has kept his promises, now its time to support him with our votes in the upcoming primary."

Reyes has come out with a progressive agenda for change, calling for an affordable housing ordinance of 20% or higher, calling for northern Westchester to keep their own sewage, and "We need somebody that will stand up to the developers. I'm offering a choice to the people instead of the same thing that we have gotten for the past 20 years."

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Yonkers Police Department Gets a Tesla



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined Police Deputy Chief Chris Sapienza and other members of the Department at Yonkers City Hall to unveil the city's first fully electric vehicle. The latest addition to the city's fleet is a new marked police Tesla Model 3 and is part of the city's ongoing commitment to its ongoing sustainability efforts.

"Our city has become a progressive leader in sustainability, and today we have taken yet another step to provide for a cleaner, greener Yonkers," said Mayor Mike Spano. "The unveiling of the city's first fully electric vehicle strengthens our resolve in reducing vehicle emissions and fossil fuel dependence both good for the environment and our bottom line."

The purchase of the fully electric vehicle comes soon after the signing of Mayor Spano's Executive Order No. 1 of 2020, which makes alternative fuel vehicles the standard for light-duty city vehicles, which will further reduce fuel use and carbon emissions. Yonkers Police's Tesla Model 3 will be assigned to the Department's Traffic Unit, used for speed details, vehicle and traffic enforcement, and various other functions within the unit. The electric vehicle joins the city's growing green fleet which already includes 33 hybrid police vehicles.

Yonkers Police Deputy Chief Chris Sapienza noted, "The Yonkers Police Department is enthusiastic at the prospect of deploying our first fully electric car in keeping with Mayor Spano's Green Initiative. Under the direction of Commissioner Mueller, we have appropriated our first Tesla Model 3, which will be assigned to our Traffic Unit. Aside from being ecologically sensible, this vehicle offers advantages over conventional police vehicles. They are faster, require less maintenance, and their onboard computer systems are more compatible with current police systems. They are all-wheel drive and use a safer and more efficient mechanical braking system. We are simultaneously building out our infrastructure to accommodate more of these vehicles."

The Tesla costs approximately \$46,290 and has expected fuel cost projected savings between 15%-25% as compared to the traditional combustion engine patrol vehicles. Yonkers' current city fleet consists of over 1,000 vehicles, including over 550 light-duty vehicles such as sedans, vans, and SUVs.

DA Rocah Drops Charges From Assault of 83-Year Old Korean-American in White Plains

On April 27, Westchester DA Mimi Rocah issued the following statement today regarding the ongoing investigation into the March 9 assault of a Korean-American woman in White Plains:

The Westchester District Attorney's Office is committed to prosecuting anyone who commits hate crimes to the fullest extent of the law. We are also firmly committed to maintaining the integrity of all of our arrests and prosecutions.

In early March, an elderly Korean-American woman was assaulted on a sidewalk in White Plains and a suspect was identified in the case. In the course of our investigation, however, the Assistant District Attorneys handling the case found issues with aspects of the identification that rendered it inadmissible and unusable in court.

We have now determined that available evidence beyond the inadmissible identification is not sufficient to establish beyond a reasonable doubt that the suspect originally arrested committed the assault as charged. As justice requires, we are dismissing all charges against this individual.

On March 9, 83-year old grandmother Nancy Toh was assaulted outside of Nortstrom's in White Plains. White Plains police arrested 40-year-old Glenmore Nembherd, in the attack, alleging that Toh had been punched in the face and spat on by the assailant. Toh was punched so hard that she hit the ground and blacked out, suffering a possible concussion and injuries to her face and hip. She reported the crime the following day

Ms. Toh, a Korean-American, was out collecting bottles and cans for money when she was attacked. Her daughter, Linda Toh said at the time that her family is afraid to go out now, and that her family are Christians and want to forgive Mr. Nembherd.

The case drew national attention because of a large number of violent attacks against Asian-Americans.

Northeast Jewish Center Celebrates Lag BaOmer With Outdoor BBQ



One of Northeast Jewish Center's youngest members, Aaron Dov Glasser, brings a roasted marshmallow to their oldest member, 100 year old Alex Stroh-meyer, a World War II pilot.

Photos (C)

Robert Kalfus



Pey Dalid's music brought people to their feet dancing and singing, exulting and enjoying life

By Robert Kalfus

Alex Stroh-meyer, a member of Northeast Jewish Center, was especially eager to meet and greet others after a year of quarantining to guard his health and the health of others. The 100 year old veteran World War II pilot and Yonkers resident, sat outside Thursday night April 29th under the stars, eating and listening to the great music provided by Pey Dalid, enjoying the Northeast Jewish Center's Lag BaOmer festivities.

Mr. Stroh-meyer served in the US Army Air Corp's 381st Bomb Group of the 8th Airforce in Ridgewell, England, piloting a B17G for 9 months during his European Theater service from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Stroh-meyer, a member of the priestly Levite tribe, has been a dedicated member of the NEJC for more than 40 years, and is proud to serve om Shabbat as the designated opener of the Ark containing the Torah.

Mr. Stroh-meyer shares his knowledge, experiences and history in school lectures, and with children during Veterans Day. He has been interviewed on TV and by filmmakers, and his story is recorded with the Library of Congress' Living History.

Lag BaOmer is the minor Jewish holiday held on the 33rd night and day of counting from the second night of Passover, marking the progression of the Hebrews leaving their Exodus of slavery in Egypt, to seven weeks later, when on the 50th day, they received the Torah at the foot of Mount Sinai, celebrated with the festival of Shavuot (weeks) which will occur this year on Sunday night, May 16th.

With the help of his wife Rebbetzin Luba Glasser, Northeast's Rabbi David Glasser manned the industrial size grills located outside, and cooked all the hamburgers, frankfurters, delicious roast chicken, and also served French fries, potato salad, pickles, potato chips and the usual BBQ foods, with options for vegan eaters. Kosher marshmallows cooked over a safe bonfire were served for dessert. The weather cooperated, with the light rain not falling until the evening's festivities were ending.

Almost 100 people enjoyed sitting outdoors on a not chilly evening, seeing the stars in the sky and the musical stars of Pey Dalid's non-stop musical performance bringing "the fire of HaShem to the world" which moved some to dance, and almost everyone to sing and clap to their favorite musical numbers.

Shlomo Walker explained the band's name, saying "In Hebrew the letter, Pey represents the number 8, the spiritual and infinite, and Dalid represents the number 4, the physical and finite. Our music bridges the core of those dualities, connecting not only with our Jewish brothers and sisters but with all people throughout the world."

Based in Yonkers, Pey Dalid has performed as a band for more than 20 years, is available for all types of events, has three studio albums, and will soon be releasing their first official live album. The Northeast Jewish Center Lag BaOmer event on April 29th was the first live concert they have done since the Covid-19 pandemic started more than a year ago, though they have continued to perform weddings, and performed at several "virtual" concerts for different organizations and causes over the last year.

Learn about the Yonkers synagogue's events and services at (914) 337-0268 or <https://www.NortheastJewishCenter.org>.

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Kayne West Raises \$1 Million + for Yonkers DMX's Family Through Sold Out \$200 T-Shirt



Rapper Busta Rhymes with sold out \$200 DMX T-Shirt

The children and family of Yonkers rapper DMX will receive more than \$1 Million, thanks to Kanye West, and a \$200 t-shirt that quickly sold out. DMX, aka Earl Simmons, died at the age of 50 on April 9.

Kayne and DMX were friends, and Yeezy brand, Kayne's fashion brand, commissioner Balenciaga to design the shirt, with the proceeds going to DMX's family and 5 children.

A funeral was held on April 25 at a private service at Brooklyn's Christian Cultural Center, with a memorial service held shortly after at Brooklyn Barclays Center. Kayne West's Sunday Service Choir performed at the memorial, along with hip hop artists Jadakiss, Nas, Yeezy and Eve telling their fondest memories of DMX.

The shirts are sold on the website, DMX-tribute.com. The long sleeves shirt features a graphic of DMX on the front with RIP printed on it. The website continues to say -Sold Out, and no word on whether another printing will be coming. The website also says that the shirts are "ethically made in the USA."

Two of DMX's children sang and spoke at his memorial. DMX's 12-year-old daughter Sonovah rapped a version of her father's song Slip-pin, while his oldest son, Xavier Simmons said, "Our father is a king, our father is an icon. I am so honored to have a father like we have. This man deepened my ability to love."

But the selling out of the shirts are a testament to DMX fans and those who wanted to help secure the future of his family. And peace and love to Kayne West, who has used his own fame and fortune to help other rappers and hip hop performers during their time of need, and this time for DMX. Kayne and DMX shared a love for Jesus later in both of their lives.

TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 4, 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

"Bond resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted May 4, 2021, authorizing the resurfacing of various streets in said Town, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$1,200,000, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$1,200,000 bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation," an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to resurface various streets in and for the Town; STATING the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$1,200,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$1,200,000 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$1,200,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum. DATED: May 4, 2021

Eastchester, New York
Linda Laird Town Clerk
Town of Eastchester
Westchester County, New York

Politicians Say the Darndest Things!



By Eric W. Schoen

Congratulations Bronx Criminal Court Acting Judge Louis Nock. You probably heard over the last week of someone vandalizing synagogues in the Bronx. Judge Nock had before him a Jordan Burnette. Burnette is accused of smashing windows and doors of four Jewish houses of worship in the Riverdale section of the Bronx.

For those of you who don't know, Riverdale is right next to Yonkers and Westchester. Close to home. Driving on the Henry Hudson Parkway on Sunday, I saw Police Officers with their police cars, lights flashing outside of two Riverdale synagogues.

Burnette began his 11 day spree when he allegedly pulled the fire alarm at Riverdale Jewish Center in the Bronx on April 21. At Burnette's Sunday arraignment on 42 counts, including criminal trespass and aggravated harassment, acting Bronx Criminal Court Judge Louis Nock ordered him held on \$20,000 bail or \$30,000 bond. Nock tried to lock up Burnette even though a 2019 state law eliminated cash bail for most misdemeanors and non-violent crimes.

Nock believed that the shattering of glass at these houses of worship amounted to a violent felony saying that he had taken a 'very close look at the law.' If the accused did what he did, I don't think there is anyone out there who would think Burnette belonged out on the street without bail.

But in 2019, the New York State Legislature passed this state law that eliminated cash bail for most misdemeanors and non-violent crimes. So, Court-appointed defense lawyer Morgan Everhart appealed the ruling, and it was overturned Sunday night by acting Bronx Supreme Court Justice Tara Collins, who released Burnette without bail pending a Friday court appearance.

Collins is a former Legal Aid lawyer who was appointed by de Blasio in 2017. "Mr. Burnette was initially unlawfully held on monetary bail, despite the fact that he was not charged with any bail qualifying offenses," Everhart said in a statement. "Judge Nock acted in clear violation of the law which is why his bail determination was immediately appealed," Everhart said.

This story was broadcast by most of the major New York television stations and was clearly in print in newspapers and online. During a news conference in Manhattan on Monday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo declined to discuss the case, saying, "I haven't heard about that. "I haven't read that story so let me find out the facts, and then I'll get back to you," the Governor said.

Maybe someone forgot to deliver the Governor's newspapers. Maybe the Governor's power was knocked off so he could not hear this story on radio or television. Or maybe his car radio was not working? Transistor radio batteries run down? I wonder!

On Monday Mayor Bill de Blasio praised the judge who tried to lock up the accused synagogue vandal. He said the state's controversial bail reform law should be reconsidered for hate crimes. "I really respect judges using their discretion when they see a situation, obviously within the law, of course, within the law, but where they think there's a particular threat or challenge and they make that decision within the law, I respect that," he said.

"But the important thing for us to do right now is to work within the law as intensely and effectively as possible to protect people," the mayor said during his daily briefing from City Hall on Monday. I guess he forgot that he appointed the judge that set the suspect free.

The elimination of cash bail affects almost all of those accused of hate crimes whether they be against Jews, Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, Italians or any other group. Didn't anybody think of that when the law was passed? But what galls me is when elected officials say they aren't familiar with a very public case or they twist their words like deBlasio did knowing full well the situation gave Judge Nock very little wiggle room.

Last week New York Mayor deBlasio said that New York City would open up July 1. Hours later Governor Cuomo said no, he hoped that New York would open before that. This has turned into a game of one upmanship between these two officials. In the middle of a pandemic when you are dealing with peoples lives, many people living psychologically on edge there is no need for it.

Wasn't it Rodney King who said, 'Why can't we all just get along?' But that's besides the point here.

So the Governor on Monday announced that most capacity limits will end May 19 as coronavirus infections decline and more people are getting vaccinated. People will still have to stay six feet apart which will continue

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On May 12th, residents of Yonkers and the rest of Westchester County who have a legal or related questions about aging issues that they would like to address privately via Zoom with an attorney, CFP or care manager can do so at no cost and no obligation. Go to www.seniorlawday.info on Tuesday, May 11th to register for a time slot.

REP. BOWMAN & SEN. BIAGGI RESCIND ENDORSEMENT OF STRINGER FOR NYC MAYOR AFTER SEXUAL HARRASSMENT ALLEGATIONS

Two of Westchester's most prominent progressive democrats distanced themselves from NYC Comptroller and Mayoral candidate Scott Stringer after allegations of sexual harrassment were made against him. Representative Jamaal Bowman and State Senator Alessandra Biaggi issued a short statement on April 30.

"We are rescinding our endorsement of Scott Stringer's mayoral campaign."

The loss of endorsements for Stringer come after Jean Kim said that Stringer had sexually assaulted and harassed her when she worked on his 2001 campaign for public advocate. At a press conference held on April xx, Kim said that Stringer had groped and kissed her without her consent.

Stringer has denied the allegation, adding that he Kim once had a consensual relationship. Stringer also lost the endorsement from the Working Families Party, In a statement, the WFP wrote, "For years, New York's politics have been dominated by a culture of sexual harassment. We are deeply committed to building a city and a state where all New Yorkers are safe from sexual misconduct and survivors are supported in speaking out. We approached this moment with the deliberate reflection, discussion, and input from members and leaders across the party that it required. Jean Kim shared her experience of sexual assault, and Scott Stringer failed to acknowledge and consider his responsibility for that harm."

So far Stringer has kept the endorsement from the NYS Federation of Teachers.

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"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted May 4, 2021, authorizing the construction of renovations and/or improvements to Garth Road Park, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$40,000; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$40,000 serial bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation," an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town construct renovations and/or improvements to Garth Road Park; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$40,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$40,000 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$40,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

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DATED: May 4, 2021 Eastchester, New York

Linda Laird, Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester
Westchester County, New York

Westchester Bicycle Sundays are Back and Expanded for 2021



L-R: Seth Mendelbaum, Chairperson, Westchester Parks Foundation; Michael Fosina, President, NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital; Steve Kahn, President, Danny's Cycles; Dr. Jeffrey Geller, Chief of Orthopedic Surgery at NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital; Jane Solnick, Public Affairs, Con Edison; George Latimer, Westchester County Executive; Kathleen O'Connor, Commissioner, Westchester County Parks

Westchester Parks Foundation and Westchester County Parks today announced an expanded Bicycle Sundays season for 2021. The program kicks off on May 2 and continues every Sunday from May through October – except Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Columbus Day weekends. This expands the program from 12 events to 22 for the 2021 season. The program is presented by Westchester County Parks and sponsored by the Westchester Parks Foundation and its partners, through generous donations from co-presenting sponsors Con Edison and NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital. Danny Cycles will return as the exclusive bicycle shop.

To help kick off the expanded series, Westchester Parks Foundation and Westchester County Parks Department will promote Bicycle Safety Month this May with online tutorials and safety tips to help promote a safe ride along the 6.5 miles of the Bronx River Parkway. The annual event welcomes bicyclists, skaters, joggers, and walkers.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Getting outdoors and active has always been good for physical and mental health – and over the past year we have experienced this more than ever. In 2020, Bicycle Sundays offered residents a rare outlet as activities were limited and I am thrilled to continue this annual event in an extended capacity."

Seth Mandelbaum, Chairperson of Westchester Parks Foundation stated, "Bicycle Sundays is one of the most iconic events in Westchester, and we are thrilled to be able to offer this event for free to all residents from May-October. It not only promotes healthy lifestyles but also a much-needed mental health break to all during the pandemic. We are grateful to Con Edison and NewYork-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital for their generous support and commitment to parks and open space."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "The expanded Bicycle Sunday dates continues to prove how parks have become a naturally essential part of our everyday lives. Thank you to the Westchester Parks Foundation for continuing to bring this beloved Westchester tradition to life, to our sponsors for your support and to County Executive Latimer for believing in the power of parks."

Bicycle Sundays runs from the Westchester County Center in White Plains, south to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers – a round-trip of 13.1 miles. There are many points of entry, exit, and parking along the way. The event is free to the public.

Residents and visitors can enjoy Bicycle Sundays this year on the following dates between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.:

- May 2, 9, 16, 23
- June 6, 13, 20, 27
- July 11, 18, 25
- August 8, 15, 22, 29
- September 12, 19, 26
- October 3, 17, 24, 31

For more information visit: <https://www.thewpf.org/programs/bicycle-sundays/>.



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Congressman Bowman Uplifts Rye Students as Guest to President Biden's Address to Congress



Maddy Walsh

Rep. Jamaal Bowman is uplifting Rye High School freshman Madelyn (Maddy) Walsh as his virtual guest to President Biden's Joint Address to Congress on Wednesday. Walsh, along with Geoffrey Lien, Hannah Lloyd, and Della Goodman, co-founded the RHS Vaccine Hotline, an enthusiastic corps of Rye High School students who stepped up to help Rye seniors and other community members in need of assistance making online COVID-19 vaccination appointments. The hotline helped more than 70 community members secure appointments between February and April.

The joint address, which is President Biden's first speech to a Joint Session of Congress, marks 100 days into the president's first term. In the past, members of Congress have often invited constituents to join them as guests to such speeches. While COVID-19 safety protocols mean this year's in-person attendance will be limited, Rep. Bowman said inviting Maddy as his virtual guest is an important way to honor the people of New York's 16th Congressional District and lift up their stories.

"Our district was the epicenter of New York's fight against COVID-19 this time last year. With a new administration and leadership, the American Rescue Plan is delivering shots in arms, money in pockets, children in schools and people in jobs. Americans like Maddy Walsh are the true heroes of this recovery, and I am proud to uplift them as my virtual guest to the Presidential Address," said Rep. Bowman.

"It is a true honor to represent our group at such a prestigious event. The four founding members, Geoffrey, Della, Hannah, and I, were inspired to help local seniors obtain vaccine appointments knowing how difficult it was for many to navigate the system. All of the positive feedback from the callers made our hard work completely worth the effort," said Walsh, who plans to watch the speech with her family at home in Rye.

SPCA of Westchester Helps Abandoned Dog Dumped in Garbage Bag & Container



Rescued Dog now named Rue

Chihuahua survives after nearly 17 hours trapped inside

The SPCA of Westchester announced today that its Humane Law Enforcement Unit is seeking information on the person(s) responsible for dumping a Chihuahua inside of a tied-up garbage bag and sealed in a closed container in Elmsford.

On April 29, 2021, at approximately 2:30 pm, employees of a local animal rescue group in Elmsford, NY, noticed a blue plastic storage container at their front entrance. When they opened the secured container, they found a small, brown, female Chihuahua inside. The dog, now named Rue, had chewed and scratched her way through the tied-up garbage bag, breaking some of her nails in the process but luckily avoiding suffocation.

A video camera captured someone leaving the container on April 28th at about 9:30 pm. The dog was trapped in the container for nearly 17 hours before being discovered and somehow survived. The SPCA's Humane Law Enforcement was called in and brought her back to the SPCA's animal care campus where she received veterinary care and will soon be placed up for adoption.

"It's inconceivable that someone could do something so cruel to an innocent animal and we can't imagine how frightened Rue must have been. We are so grateful that she was found before it was too late and that she is now getting the love and care she needs at the SPCA of Westchester" says Shannon Laukhuf, Executive Director. "We need to find the person(s) responsible for this intentional act of cruelty and are asking the public to please call our confidential hotline at (914) 941-7797 with any tips or leads."

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stad yelled at an officer, "I'm Jesus Christ! You are going to die today! Are you ready to die?" Skulstad then charged a police vehicle, throwing his body into the driver-side door and yelling threats at an officer inside. Skulstad resisted officers' attempts to subdue him, before ultimately being taken into custody.

After taking Skulstad into custody, law enforcement found in Skulstad's vehicle, among other things, a shell casing and a notebook with a page entitled, "List - To Kill," which listed the names of various current and former public officials and other public figures.

Skulstad, 33, of Dobbs Ferry, New York, is charged with destruction of a motor vehicle employed in interstate commerce, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. The maximum potential penalty is prescribed by Congress and is provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendant would be determined by the judge.

Still unknown is who was on Skulstad's List to Kill?

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Taconic Opera, Free Chamber Performance In Person May 15



Currently in its 23rd season and past recipient of the ArtsWestchester Arts Organization of the Year Award, Taconic Opera will be showcasing three exceptionally gifted musicians in a challenging and beautiful concert program, Whimsical Birdsong: Masters of Impression. One performance only on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at 1:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church of Mt. Kisco, 605 Millwood Road (Route 133), Mt. Kisco, NY.

The concert features three prominent members of the company: Kessa Mefford, pianist; Olga Dusheina, violinist and Taconic Opera Concertmaster, and lead soprano, Kristina Cook. They will perform violin, piano and vocal works by Ravel (a continuation of the Ravel project from previous seasons) and Fauré, and also debut a new violin sonata by Dan Montez.

Tickets for this concert are FREE and seating is limited to 68 to follow social distancing guidelines. Seats must be requested in advance by calling the company's toll-free number (855) 886-7372.

For further information about Taconic Opera and the upcoming season of events, visit the website at <http://www.TaconicOpera.org>.

TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 4, 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted May 4, 2021, authorizing the construction of golf course improvements at Lake Isle Country Club, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$185,764; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$185,764 serial bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation," an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town construct various golf course improvements at Lake Isle Country Club, including associated drainage, irrigation and landscaping improvements; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$185,764; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$185,764 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$185,764 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: May 4, 2021

Eastchester, New York
Linda Laird, Town Clerk
Town of Eastchester
Westchester County, New York

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“Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted May 4, 2021, authorizing the reconstruction of various sidewalks and curbs in said Town, stating the estimated 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,” an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to reconstruct various sidewalks and curbs in and for the Town; STATING the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$300,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$300,000 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$300,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the “Law”) to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is ten (10) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

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SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: May 4, 2021
Eastchester, New York

Linda Laird, Town Clerk
Town of Eastchester
Westchester County, New York

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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

Plaintiff,

- against -

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

Defendants.

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

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

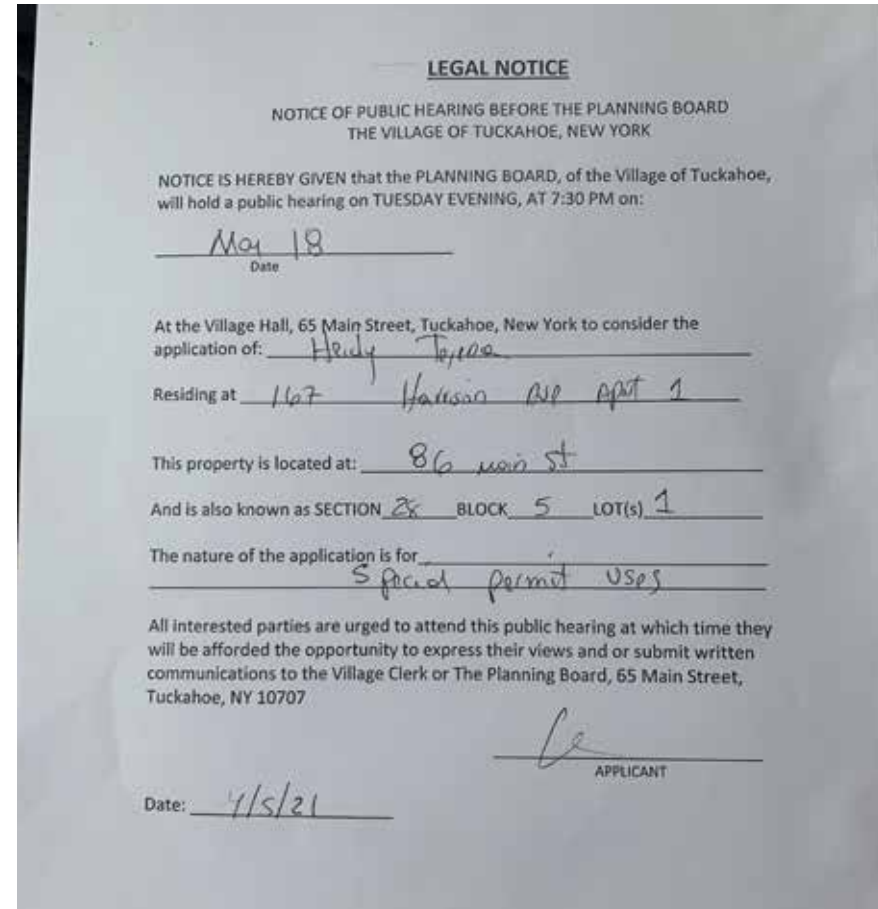
UNIT No. 18B together with 1/92 percent undivided interest in the common elements.

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

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

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

Stuart Ball, Esq., Referee



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

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

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

Notice of formation of Holmes: Meetings, Marketing & Events LLC. Arts.of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/13/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 505 E Lincoln Avenue, #515, Mount Vernon, NY 10552. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of formation of Street Meatz, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/06/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 28 Frazier Place, Yonkers, NY 10704 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of SJK Treasure House , LLC. DBA Royalty PR Consultant Agency filed with the SSNY on 02/17/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 130 Mount Vernon Ave. Mount Vernon, NY Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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Investigate Mt. Vernon Police Dept., continued from pg 1-

Glenn Scott regarding what appeared to be a routine practice of strip searches and body cavity searches of suspects. “My concern arises not from a single, isolated complaint, but from a number of them from 2012-20, making similar allegations of certain police officers illegally or inappropriately conducting these highly invasive searches without the high legal and/or factual predicate thresholds having been satisfied,” DA Rocah stated in the letter.

Since taking office in January, DA Rocah has greatly increased the focus of the Westchester DA’s Office on all forms of public corruption, including police misconduct. “All Westchester residents need to have confidence that they will be treated fairly and equitably. Public trust in our criminal justice system is critical to public safety and we must strengthen that confidence through any tools available to us.”

After Rocah’s call to investigate the MVPD, New York’s senior US Senator Charles Schumer stated, through Spokeswoman Allison Biasotti, “Senator Schumer strongly supports the City of Mount Vernon and the Westchester County District Attorney’s calls for a federal investigation and hopes that the Department of Justice does a thorough, top-to-bottom report to enact productive and meaningful change within the Mount Vernon Police Department.”

Rep. Jamaal Bowman released the following statement. “The City of Mount Vernon, the Westchester County District Attorney, and whistleblowers within the Mount Vernon Police Department have my full support in this important step toward accountability. I strongly urge Attorney General Merrick Garland and the U.S. Department of Justice to heed the call for an investigation into the Mount Vernon Police Department.

“Mayor Patterson-Howard and District Attorney Rocah both came into office at the beginning of this year, and I commend their swift action to make this issue a priority. It is my sincere hope that a DOJ investigation leads to accountability. Under Mayor Patterson-Howard’s leadership, our community can make meaningful strides toward necessary systemic and cultural change.”

This is the first time in decades that a Westchester DA, a US Senator and a Congressman have called on a police department in the county to be investigated by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Bowman, WFP Response to Biden, continued from pg 1-

They tried to steal the election, incited an insurrection, and they believe Derek Chauvin is innocent of murdering George Floyd. Now, they’re standing in the way of Congress trying to deliver relief to working people; last month, not a single elected Republican voted to send relief checks to struggling Americans in the middle of a pandemic.

So it’s on us, as Democrats and progressives, to meet the gravity of the moment. And history will judge our actions.

That’s what our movement, the progressive movement, is guided by. Our movement is Latino, we are Asian, we are Black, we are White, we are a beautiful mix of ethnicities and cultures all over the globe who are demanding justice and humanity. We are a continuation of the civil rights movement. We are led by organizers and organizations like Stacey Abrams, Zakiya Ansari, Jesse Hagopian, and the Sunrise Movement, elected leaders who have shifted the narrative like Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, AOC, Ayanna, Rashida, Ilhan, Cori and Mondaire.

And we are capable of big, powerful, transformative change. It is entirely possible to meet the climate crisis with a big, visionary investment in jobs. Jobs that begin in our most neglected and redlined communities. We must build a Civilian Climate Corps that employs millions of Americans to do the good work of transforming our energy system and our society. We can create jobs and solve the climate crisis at the same time.

We need a Green New Deal for Public Housing, as my colleague and friend Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez has proposed. We can repair and transform run-down, neglected apartments in New York and neighborhoods all across America. We can make public housing better, more healthy, and more safe while turning every public housing development into a source of clean energy.

We need a Green New Deal for Cities, as my friend Cori Bush has proposed. And we need a Green New Deal for Public Schools. Every part of our society must become part of the answer, because this crisis is urgent.

We need to invest in paid family and medical leave. We need to make childcare universal and exemplary. And we need living wages and benefits for care workers who provide the services we all need.

I call it the Care for All Agenda, as we must center care as the rebirth of our nation. Because caring is the entire point of what our economy should do. It should be about caring for each other, not just extracting profits from working people for Wall Street.

The proposals that President Biden has put forward over the last few weeks would represent important steps — but don’t go as big as we’d truly need in order to solve the crises of jobs, climate and care. We need to think bigger.

Because now is the time to address the burning crisis of structural racism in our country. Every single time I have to watch a video of a Black man, or a Brown kid, die at the hands of police violence, a little piece of me dies too.

I am connected to every Black man in America. Like them my ancestors were kidnapped from Africa, robbed of their language, and stripped of their religion and culture and God, and we continue to be redlined and killed by the police. I have one message to law enforcement, stop killing us! I need for President Joe Biden to say the same thing. Black people are not for target practice. We are simply trying to survive in a world stacked against us.

This nation will never be truly free if we continue to incarcerate more people than anywhere else in the world, and as long as we invest more in war, jails, and police than we do in jobs, schools, and children.

We need to end qualified immunity for police, and we need to pass Ayanna Pressley’s People’s Justice Guarantee. Because all we are asking for is accountability. Whether you’re a clerk, a teacher or a member of congress you should be held accountable for your actions. Police cannot be above the law.

But also, let us finally step back and have honest conversations about race and racism in this country. Because it’s not just police violence — it’s housing discrimination, and wage theft, and Black maternal mortality, it’s environmental injustice, and all of the ways racism is built into the very fabric of America.

We are in this moment because of you. Because of organizers across the country demanding progressive change. The same organizers that put President Biden in the White House and won Georgia for Democrats. But we can’t stop, and we won’t stop, until we are all truly free to thrive and make the world a better place,” said Rep. Bowman.

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to affect the number of people allowed in indoor settings including offices, restaurants, theaters and other indoor settings.

The six foot rule will not apply to events that require proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test. So friends, get your vaccine cards ready! If you are not vaccinated the time is now!

Capacity restrictions still apply to large outdoor stadiums like Yankee Stadium or Citi Field. But the Governor is encouraging sports leagues, restaurants and businesses to pursue programs to get more people vaccinated such as seating and special events geared to those who have been vaccinated. ‘There are benefits to getting vaccinated beyond you are safer and won’t hurt anyone else’ the Governor said.

35% of the population in New York have been fully vaccinated, and 47% have received at least one shot. The goal all along here has been to reach herd immunity, something our officials now say may never happen due to those refusing to get the vaccine and the anti-vaxer movement and those who can’t make up their minds or claim they don’t have the time to go and schedule a vaccine appointment.

By the way, the appointment excuse just went out the window as most vaccination distribution locations have gone to no appointment needed status and are allowing walk-ins! Some for those as young as 16. Schools are now administering Covid vaccinations of course with parental approval.

So New York City and New York State is open to visitors! A trip to Manhattan Sunday saw many formerly boarded up bars and restaurants with the boards off looking like they were getting ready to open. The Subways are supposedly as clean as can be and will soon be open 24 hours a day. 80,000 New York City public employees are back to work in socially distanced offices.

Most people who work in the city and particularly those who vacation in the city ride the subways. Quick, easy convenient, inexpensive way to get around town. So on Monday, Governor Cuomo is asked if he would let his daughters ride the subway. What did he say? No!

Cuomo said he was afraid to ride the subways, most New Yorkers are afraid to ride the subways, the subways are not safe, and that he has ridden the subways only once during the pandemic.

Come on Mr. Cuomo. We know you and Mr. deBlasio are in a pissing contest. But do you think people will return to the New York City if they hear from you, the head honcho that their major mode of transportation is not safe!

Yes, Politicians say the darnedest things!

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

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Reyes, who is well known in the community from the AAA All-Star program, which offers young students a number of after school activity options, has an answer about how to keep kids off the streets and from joining gangs. “We need more programs, services, activities and jobs for kids. I said this back in 2007 and it’s the same answer today.”

One of Reyes’ strongest points is on the Westchester County Water Treatment facility, located in Southwest Yonkers. The plant has been a constant source of odors to residents in the district for years. A recent plan was announced to use federal dollars to remediate the fumes and build a park at the same location.

“Do you think it’s wise, in the middle of COVID, to spend millions on a park in Ludlow, when the money is desperately needed for food and PPE, for the people in the district. Let’s help the people in the community now, and not focus on re-election. And let’s not spend millions more here, build another plant in northern Westchester,” said Reyes.

Reyes says he is the true progressive in the race. He was an early supporter of Senator Bernie Sanders for President, and a supporter of Jamaal Bowman for Congress. “I think the Virginia and Jose have had their chance to represent us for the past 20 years.

“It’s a different time now. If you want things to continue like they have for the past 20 years, and you are better off today, then vote for Jose or Virginia. If you have to work multiple jobs and don’t have health care, then vote for London Reyes.”

Perez is the wild card in this democratic primary. She is one of the strongest, door to door campaigners in Yonkers. That is how she defeated Alvarado 10 years ago.

We have always respected Virginia Perez for getting involved after the tragic death of her brother. This time, she has two strong opponents who both ran two years ago.

The Yonkers Democratic Party is supporting Alvarado for re-election. Yonkers Democratic Chair Tom Meier said that Alvarado is the progressive in the race. “Jose has proven himself as the progressive. He is getting things done and working with County Executive Latimer, he was working on a plan for the water treatment plant. We are supporting Jose,” said Meier.

Meier said that Virginia Perez had not contacted him, or anyone in the Yonkers democratic party, to announce her candidacy. Meier said that while Perez will attract votes as the only woman in the race, it will be up to Alvarado to remind voters that Perez joined with republican county executive Rob Astorino to form a working majority on the county board made up of republicans and Perez.

TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 4, 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

“Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted May 4, 2021, authorizing the acquisition of various trucks and equipment, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$373,500, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$373,500 bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,” an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to acquire various trucks and equipment for use in and for the Town, including (a) a John Deere Tractor/Snow Blower, at the estimated cost of \$33,500, (b) a packer truck, at the estimated cost of \$245,000 and (c) a small dump truck, at the estimated cost of \$95,000; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$373,500; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$373,500 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$373,500 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the “Law”) to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; and the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: May 4, 2021-Eastchester, New York-Linda Laird, Town Clerk
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TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 4, 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

“Bond Resolution of the town of Eastchester, New York, adopted May 4, 2021, authorizing the construction of an addition to the Town-owned maintenance garage, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$500,000; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$500,000 serial bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation.”
an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town construct an addition to the Town-owned maintenance garage, including the original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$500,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$500,000 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$500,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the “Law”) to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is ten (10) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: May 4, 2021

Eastchester, New York
Linda Laird, Town Clerk
Town of Eastchester
Westchester County, New York

TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on May 4, 2021, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a resolution amending the bond resolution adopted by said Town Board on March 17, 2020, which bond resolution, as amended, is entitled:

“Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted March 17, 2020 and amended May 4, 2021, authorizing the construction of recreational improvements at Lake Isle Country Club, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$482,000; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$482,000 serial bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation.”
an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town construct various recreational improvements at Lake Isle Country Club, including golf course and play area improvements and pool deck reconstruction; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$482,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$482,000 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$482,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the “Law”) to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: March 17, 2020

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