

## The Deal of the Century! Social Worker Caught Stealing \$700K from 95-Yr Old & Gets No Jail?



“She is suppose to Protect not Steal...”

“What is strange is that the county paid the old woman back, and the defendant got probation.”

Chantel Chenault, left

By Dan Murphy

Westchester residents, attorneys, and those in the judicial system are wondering about the case of Chantel Chenault, a caseworker with Westchester County Adult Protective Services (APS), who pleaded guilty to stealing more than \$700,000 from a 95-year-old elderly dementia client under her care.

The details of the case are embarrassing for Chenault, who first withdrew \$200,000 from the woman’s bank account and then went a step further, transferring \$500,000 from the woman’s retirement accounts into her bank account, where Chenault withdrew the rest.

New York Attorney General Letitia James’ office prosecuted the case and, through a forensic audit, found that Chenault used the victim’s ATM card at the MGM-Empire Casino to withdraw funds.

In July, the AG’s office issued a press release, which we reported on, that included the fact that “As a result of OAG’s investigation, a guardian was appointed for the victim in April 2023. The guardian was then able to successfully

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## If Democrats Get Behind a Moderate Female Candidate, Lawler is in Trouble

*Lanny Gilbert’s Big Win for Democrats in Yorktown Eastchester the Only 5-0 republican board now in Westchester*



Lanny Gilbert



Cait Conley

By Dan Murphy

A few takeaways from Election 2025 in Westchester.

I-Democrats won the day, not only in Westchester but in New Jersey and Virginia. The victories by Congresswoman Spanberger and Congresswoman Sherrill point to a shift in the electorate, away from President Trump and MAGA and back toward the Democratic Party, especially in America’s suburbs.

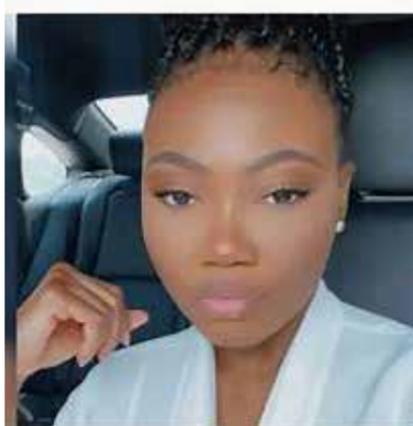
81% of young women voted for Mamdani in NYC, 80% for Sherrill in NJ, and 78% for Spanberger in Virginia. Both Spanberger and Sherrill were Congresswomen. Sherrill served in the Navy and as a federal prosecutor, while

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## Two Female Crime Victims Mourned in Westchester



Maria Coto



Roseberline Philippe

By Dan Murphy

Two criminal cases in Westchester involving woman who sadly died were in the news. The Peekskill Man who murdered Westchester Social Worker Maria Coto was found guilty.

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that a trial jury found Hasseem Jenkins guilty Wednesday afternoon of murdering Department of Social Services worker Maria Coto in 2024. Specifically, the jury found Jenkins guilty of the following charges:

Murder in the Second Degree (Felony Murder, class A-I felony) Manslaughter

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## Freedom Chapel Serves More Than 200 Veterans



Freedom Chapel Pastor Julio Vazquez,, middle, with Yorktown Councilman Sergio Esposito, Veterans and Volunteers

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## Westchester Power Pulls the Plug on County’s Green Energy Program: What Happened?



By Dan Murphy

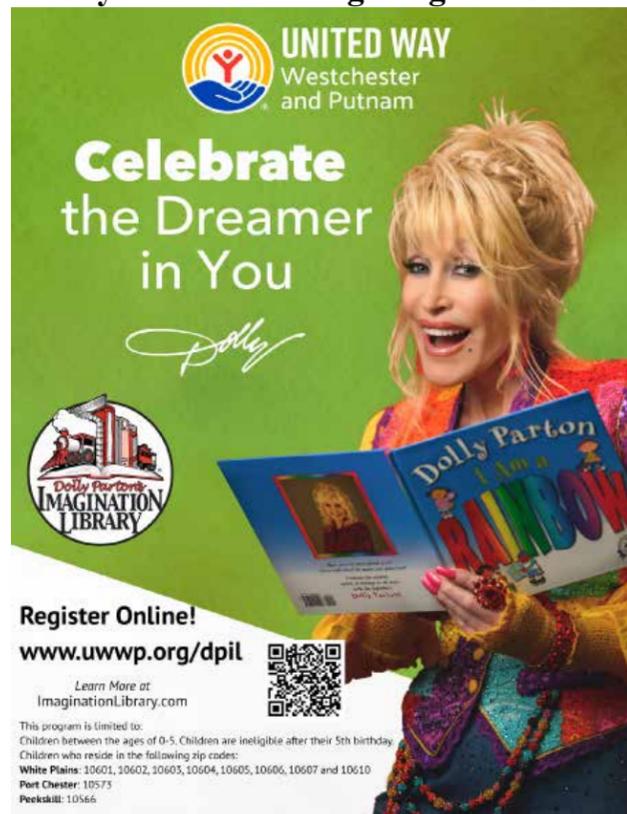
A popular green energy delivery program for more than 150,000 Westchester homeowners and businesses has been abruptly halted without explanation.

The Westchester Power program, a nonprofit-led initiative by Sustainable Westchester to provide residents and businesses in Westchester County with 100% renewable energy through a Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) model, is shutting down at the end of November 2025.

Reason for Shutdown: Sustainable Westchester cited burdensome state regulations and the New York Public Service Commission’s (PSC) rejection of up-

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## Dolly Parton Reading Program Comes to Westchester



**Free Books for Kids Up to Age 5**

United Way of Westchester and Putnam (UWWP) is announcing an exciting new partnership with Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, providing free, age-appropriate books delivered monthly directly to children’s homes. This program will be announced at a press conference on Thursday, November 13, 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the White Plains Housing Authority.

Currently, this program is available to residents of White Plains, Port Chester, and Peekskill, thanks

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## Hoff-Barthelson Faculty Showcase Guitar and Chamber Masterworks in November Concert



*Andrew Marinoi*

Hoff-Barthelson Music School continues its 2025–26 HB Artist Faculty Concert Series with an evening celebrating the brilliance of European masters performed by the School’s acclaimed faculty on Friday, November 21, 2025, at 7:30 pm in the School’s Joan Behrens Bergman Auditorium in Scarsdale.

The HB Artist Series offers audiences an intimate encounter with exceptional performances by Hoff-Barthelson’s distinguished faculty, underscoring the School’s enduring commitment to musical excellence and cultural enrichment in Westchester County.

“Each concert in the Artist Series highlights the depth and diversity of our faculty,” said Gabriella Sanna, Executive Director of Hoff-Barthelson Music School. “Their performances inspire our students and enrich our community, bringing to life the School’s mission to nurture creativity, foster excellence, and share the joy of music. This program—with its blend of Ravel’s elegance, de Falla’s intensity, Grieg’s lyricism, and Fanny Mendelssohn’s radiant energy—beautifully captures the range and spirit of what makes Hoff-Barthelson so special.”

General Admission is \$20; HBMS Students are free of charge. Tickets can be purchased on Eventbrite.

Program and artists are subject to change. Faculty artist biographies can be found at [https://hbms.org/faculty\\_bio/](https://hbms.org/faculty_bio/).

## The Old Mill Singers Annual Holiday Concert

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Believe in “Holiday Magic”! Music makes the Holidays Merrier!

Concert tickets: Adults/Seniors- \$20 Children (12 & under)- \$5

Tickets are available from any Old Mill Singer and may be purchased at the door for \$25.

For further information, please visit [www.oldmillsingers.org](http://www.oldmillsingers.org) or email us at [oldmillsingers@gmail.com](mailto:oldmillsingers@gmail.com).

## Notice of Public Real Estate Auction City of Yonkers, New York

Notice is hereby given by the City of Yonkers (the “City”) of the public auction of the surplus City properties listed below (the “Properties”), which are located in Yonkers, NY.

The public auction will take place Friday November 21, 2025 beginning at 10:00am in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Community Room located at One Larkin Center, 2nd Floor, Yonkers, NY. Online, real-time participation in the auction will also be available.

Bidding and the auction and sale of the Properties will be conducted in accordance with and subject to certain terms and conditions (the “Terms and Conditions”). By participating in the auction, participants agree to be bound to these Terms and Conditions. The Terms and Conditions will be disclosed and made available prior to the auction. Terms and Conditions are subject to change prior to the auction.



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2	2420	32	647 Nepperhan Ave
2	2420	33,34	643 Nepperhan Ave
2	2426	59	260 Greenvale Ave
2	2462	64	134 Greenvale Ave
3	3287	1	42 Westminster Dr
3	3287	3	56 Westminster Dr
3	3289	3	35 Wickham Ln
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## The Illicit Cannabis Market is Hurting New Rochelle & Our Community Deserves Better



Jennifer Gierum

Cannabis without compromise  
We are woman owned and  
family run.



By Jennifer Gierum, Founder of Highlife Health

A year ago, Highlife Health opened its doors as New Rochelle's first licensed, women-owned cannabis dispensary. It was a proud moment, not just for me, but for the community that supported us. Since then, we've grown our space, created jobs, and contributed more than \$400,000 in tax revenue to the State of New York and the City of New Rochelle. That money is going directly back into our community to support roads, schools, and other needed infrastructure that makes New Rochelle New Rochelle. I'm honored to do this.

But with that growth has come challenges I never could have imagined.

Just yesterday, I walked into a corner store in my own neighborhood and was casually offered four different strains of cannabis. The store is unlicensed, unregulated, and selling to minors. And it's not the only one. Within walking distance of my business, multiple unlicensed shops are openly operating, with no testing, no oversight, and no concern for safety.

Meanwhile, my dispensary follows every regulation, invests heavily in compliance, and pays taxes that directly support our city. Yet when I ask for enforcement, I'm told the city doesn't have the authority, and the county doesn't have the resources. I'm expected to sit idly as illegal businesses not only put kids at risk, but also threaten the survival of compliant small businesses like mine.

What troubles me most isn't just the unfair competition; it's the danger to our community. These illegal operators sell untested products that could contain harmful substances. They market directly to young people. And they fuel the stigma around cannabis that I and many others in the legal industry have worked tirelessly to break by showing what a safe, legal, and responsible dispensary can look like.

I'll admit, there are days when I sit at my desk in tears, wondering if fighting this uphill battle is worth it. But I know it is. Because this fight is bigger than me. It's about proving that compliance matters, that safety matters, and that small businesses who play by the rules deserve a fair chance to succeed.

It's time for real enforcement. Our community can't afford to wait any longer.

## Back to Dealing with Back Pain



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Do, I hear, your prestigious columnist is suffering from back pain again? A YEAar went buy and yes, surgeries ad nauseum! Sorry to say It is still there.

The dietician at the. Hospital. Was all prepared for me when I entered the room. Mr. Schoen, happy to. See. you again. I can't believe that you are here given what you went through over the last. It seems your body had a hard time with the new path to a new year.

After the operation the back pain never disappeared. The current pain feels like bullets beING shopped under and over under painful waters. I:don't know what to do.

Yes I know what to do. With the help of god I will be better anwhere you can, and the two of us array Please pray for me using EVERY TOOL within your hands to guide me. one can find.

So Donald Trump wants to do away with printing and circulation of the 1 cent coin. Do you really care? To think that he has the power to do such a stupid thing! does that make you think he is such a powerful person? If your Sentimental about such things get a life, please.

And if you want to do something good for yourself, wrap those Pennies up and save them for your grandchildren. Who Knows, maybe like subway tokens they will be worth something in 35-40 years. 2 Cents? You have more important things to worry about like getting the Donald Trump Official Walmart Turkey Dinner at 25% less this year. Yes the turkey dinner is on rollback, and Donald went on the air praising this special deal Wednesday night.

Yes friends, before the holidays are upon is, perfect time to get that Walmart frozen turkey for a family. @Walmart Serves @ beat for 4 Probably 2-4 is assigned

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## Mamdani Is The New Candy Man, But He's Really Handing Out Poison

*Op-Ed By Michael Gold*

Zohran Mamdani and Donald Trump have more in common than we think. Both made extremely ambitious promises when they were running for office. Both said they would make life more affordable for desperate families. Both have targeted minorities.

Trump claimed, with no evidence of course, that Mexicans were bringing crime and drugs to America, when he announced his candidacy for the Presidency in 2015. His administration's ICE goons are arresting Latinos across the country, regardless of whether they have citizenship papers or a green card.

Mamdani has been going after Israel and the Jewish people since he was a college student.

Trump said he would bring manufacturing jobs back to America. This isn't happening. We lost approximately 33,000 factory jobs in 2025, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

Trump claimed he would lower inflation. Inflation is running at about three percent. Prices for beef, chicken, coffee, cereal, yogurt and other foods have risen.

Mamdani said he would make city buses free and fast. If you have any kind of economic sense at all, you will ask, "Who is going to pay for the bus drivers, the engineers, the maintenance workers who work for the MTA Bus Company? Where is the money going to come from to pay for their salaries, health care and pensions?"

About 4,000 people work for the MTA bus lines, running 1,300 buses. It costs about \$800 million a year to operate the buses.

And how's he going to make the buses go faster? Blow up all the other vehicles fighting for a lane on the city's over-crowded streets?

Mamdani said he would make high quality child care free. Our family paid thousands of dollars a year for day care for our child when we lived in the outer boroughs, from the time the kid was six months old until kindergarten. Would we have wanted to purchase less expensive care for our child? Of course, but who is going to pay the bill for city-dictated high-quality day care that's somehow affordable? The mayor-elect's free child care plan could cost about six billion a year.

The mayor-elect also wants to open city-run grocery stores, one for each of the five boroughs, selling food pegged to wholesale prices. In a city that lacks virtually any open space, where could the land and the building be located for such enterprises? Unsurprisingly, the owners of private supermarkets, delis and bodegas are not happy about this proposal. How will they be able to compete and survive against a city-run grocery that's selling food at much lower costs?

Mamdani also said he wants a rent freeze. People may justifiably complain that the rent is too high, but freezing rents is going to almost certainly warp the rental market. Maintaining and repairing tenants' apartments costs money. Building material prices have gone up this year, due to tariffs, energy cost increases and more demand, according to the National Association of Home Builders.

Insurance fees have increased by more than 18 percent, the New York City Rent Guidelines Board states. Utility, maintenance, energy and administrative costs are up too, the rent control board says.

Mamdani says he'll raise taxes on the wealthy and corporations to write the checks for free buses and child care.

Governor Hochul has already told Mamdani the city buses are not going to be free, so that's one big promise that he can't make good on already. The state has to approve the tax increases Mamdani wants. Let's see what happens when the Governor and the over-burdened and notoriously contentious New York State Legislature work through Mamdani's proposals and put it through their sausage machine. Even if they approve some kind of tax increase, it would be extremely unlikely Mamdani is going to get what he says he needs to pay for all the candy he wants to hand out.

The other very disturbing aspect of Mamdani's public statements are his overtly anti-Israel positions. Mamdani belongs to the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), which is openly hostile to Israel. Mamdani doesn't believe Israel has the right to exist. He's said he doesn't support any country that has a "hierarchy of citizenship on the basis of religion or anything else."

It's curious then that Mamdani never cites Saudi Arabia or Iran for this issue. Both countries are Islamic theocratic dictatorships, where the rule of law is whatever the king or ayatollah say it is, where people are executed or thrown in jail for speaking their minds or not wearing a head scarf properly.

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## Jessica Reinmann Ends Congressional Campaign, Endorses Cait Conley



*Jessica Reinmann*

Jessica Reinmann, released the following statement: I love my community. That is the fundamental reason I chose to enter the race for Congress -- to stand up for those families here in the Hudson Valley who I have worked with for the last 11 years. The families and communities that are being left behind by the administration in Washington.

I am not a politician, and although I embraced this commitment, it came at the expense of doing the work I love. Working for the community. Over the last several weeks, as we have seen working families become pawns in the shut-down battle, it has become obvious to me that I can effectuate more change by returning to the communities I know and love. And to work in the new communities I have had the honor of getting to know over the course of this campaign. Therefore, I have made the decision to end my campaign, effective immediately.

To those who have supported me, I cannot tell you how much it has meant to me to have you all on my side through this journey and I can never thank you enough for your friendship, support and encouragement. I also want to thank my family who have stood with me every step of the way. And last, but certainly not least, I want to thank my wonderful campaign team who have stuck with me through laughter and tears; you have all meant so much to me and I am grateful to you for your amazing work over these many months.

To my friends on the Democratic side, as you all know, I believe that the best candidate will not be one chosen by party insiders, but one who builds genuine grassroots support in all four counties, and I look forward to engaging in this process as a voter and an advocate. Make no mistake, I am not going anywhere. I am invested in this race, and I will do everything I can to ensure that we elect new representation in NY-17. And the first step is making sure that the Democrats choose the strongest candidate to go up against Mike Lawler.

To that end, I am proud to announce that I am strongly endorsing Cait Conley in the Democratic Primary for this district. Over the course of this campaign, I have gotten to know Cait and have seen her commitment to our nation and our shared values, and I believe that she is by far the strongest candidate in this race. I look forward to helping Cait win in June and November, and I know she will make an excellent Congressman.

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## Save the Sound Reports Results from its 12th Bacteria Monitoring Season in Western LI Sound

**Overall failure rates drop, but high bacteria counts persist despite another dry monitoring season**

For the second straight year, overall failure rates dropped in Save the Sound's annual fecal indicator bacteria monitoring season. Of the 745 water samples collected by staff and volunteer community scientists from 66 locations from Greenwich, CT, through Westchester County and into Queens and Nassau County, NY, 58% failed to meet the state-established single sample safe swimming criteria. That's an improvement of 2% from 2024 and 6% from 2023 but up 2% from 2021. The 12-year-old monitoring program hasn't seen a season where less than half the overall samples failed since 2017 (43%).

The 2025 season had the highest frequency of dry weather samples in the western Long Island Sound since 2022. Only 16.5% of the samples were taken under wet weather conditions—which occur when a half-inch or more of rain is recorded in the 72 hours prior to sampling—down from 2024 (26.4%) and 2023 (46.3%). The 622 dry samples were the most ever collected by Save the Sound in a single monitoring season.

Only 46% of those passed, up 2% from both 2023 and 2024.

“While a year-over-year improvement in the overall failure rate is encouraging, of course, it's important to recognize that more than half of the dry samples failed for the fifth time in six years,” said Peter Linderoth, director of healthy waters and lands for Save the Sound. “Dry weather failures in urbanized areas have been shown to be associated with leaks in sanitary sewer infrastructure.”

Dry weather samples tend to pass at a higher rate than wet weather samples. In wet weather, runoff flushes pollution off the landscape and into waterways, and occasionally can trigger a larger volume of untreated sewage being released instead of making its way to a sewage treatment plant.

That the 2025 season saw only a marginal improvement in overall failure rate can be attributed to a double-digit increase in wet weather fails. The failure rate (82%) was 11% higher than 2024 and is the highest in the program's history. While fewer wet samples were collected, they tended to have high hits for fecal contamination.

Rivers remained the most polluted type of site sampled, failing 73% of the time. Samples collected at embayments failed 43% of the time, and those collected along the shoreline failed only 16%.

“Sewer lines are engineered to run from higher-elevation locations to lower ones wherever possible, using gravity to move wastewater to treatment plants. These pipes often run alongside or close to the rivers and streams that run through backyards, along school properties, and past playing fields across our communities,” said Linderoth. “These rivers at times carry dangerously high levels of pathogens from fecal contamination that have the potential to make people sick when they interact with those waterways.”

Only three locations went the entire 2025 monitoring season without a failing sample: Glen Island Park (New Rochelle, NY), Greenwich Cove (Greenwich, CT), and Indian Harbor Yacht Club (Greenwich, CT).

Thirteen sites, though, had all of their samples fail in 2025: Parsons Beach @ 233rd Street (Queens, NY), Mamaroneck Harbor East Basin (Mamaroneck Village, NY), Udalls Mill Pond (Saddle Rock, NY), Byram River @ Comley Avenue (Greenwich, CT), Beaver Swamp Brook @ Rye Neck High School (Mamaroneck Village, NY), Beaver Swamp Brook @ Greenwood Union Cemetery (Harrison, NY), Tributary to Beaver Swamp Brook (Harrison, NY), Glover Field (Mount Vernon, NY), Hutchinson River @ Migui Park (Mount Vernon, NY), Outfall @ Farrell and Beechwood (Mount Vernon, NY), Mamaroneck River @ Saxon Woods Park (Mamaroneck Town, NY), Mamaroneck River @ Saxon Woods Road (White Plains, NY), and Sheldrake River @ Columbus Park (Mamaroneck Village, NY).

Water samples from all locations are collected by Save the Sound full-time and seasonal staff and volunteer community scientists, trained by Save the Sound, once a week over the 12-week monitoring season. Those samples are delivered to the John and Daria Barry Foundation Water Quality Laboratory in Save the Sound's Larchmont office, where our staff analyze them for the presence of fecal indicator bacteria: Enterococcus in marine water, E. coli in freshwater. Full results from the 2025 monitoring season and all previous seasons are available at [SaveTheSound.org]SaveTheSound.org.

“I want to thank our seasonal staff, as well as the 16 community scientists who volunteered their time to work with us this season,” said Linderoth. “Thanks to their commitment and hard work, we were able to consistently conduct sampling at 66 locations.”

Volunteers interested in participating in the 2026 bacteria monitoring season should send an email to [pollution@savethesound.org](mailto:pollution@savethesound.org).

Save the Sound leads environmental action across the Long Island Sound region to protect the Sound and its rivers, fight climate change, save endangered lands, and work with nature to restore ecosystems. More info at [SaveTheSound.org](http://SaveTheSound.org).

## As Food Banks see Increase in Usage, Purchase NYPIRG Food Drive Collects Donations



For the past month, students across New York have organized Trick-or-Eat food drives to help stock local food pantry shelves to fight back against increasing food insecurity in our local communities. Trick or Eat is a long-standing Halloween food drive where volunteers collect non-perishable items door-to-door instead of candy. The drives, organized by the statewide student-directed nonprofit NYPIRG, collected thousands of non-perishable food items across the state. The Purchase NYPIRG chapter gathered over 700 items, which were donated to the Purchase College Food Pantry.

“Trick or Eat is a really special event because it takes the generosity of our neighbors to make it successful” said Matthew Paolucci, NYPIRG Project Coordinator at SUNY Purchase. “This year, we expanded our food collection efforts by dropping off more than 300 brown paper bags to our neighbors in Rye Brook, and the generosity of their response was incredible.”

Food insecurity, where a person experiences inconsistent access to adequate food due to a lack of money and other resources, is a major problem, with one in four adults in the State experiencing food insecurity. Food insecurity is also a problem that reaches our college campuses. The proportion of college students experiencing financial stress and unmet essential needs is growing.

“Trick or Eat is really important to me because I get to see the impact that it has on my local community when I walk past the food pantry everyday” said NYPIRG volunteer and Purchase student Francisca Schmalz. “seeing people in need benefit from the work that students put in to support one another is really inspiring.”

Shelters, food pantries, and programs like the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) can assist those who suffer from food insecurity; however, these resources are often underfunded and can be underutilized. These concerns have been compounded by the government shutdown, waning federal funds for food banks, and looming work requirements for SNAP; many students will suddenly find themselves unable to qualify.

NYPIRG's Hunger and Homelessness project aims to meet the needs of hungry neighbors through events like the annual Trick-or-Eat drive. The project sheds light on the realities of hunger in the on- and off-campus communities. According to NYPIRG's 2016 Hunger on Campus report, nearly half of the surveyed students were considered food insecure and 22% considered themselves hungry, which means that they were very food insecure. Now, with food pantries at all State University of New York (SUNY) and City University of New York (CUNY) campuses, NYPIRG's food drives help ensure that students are able to take advantage of a fully-stocked campus food pantry when they need it most.

“With federal funding cuts looming to our local food banks and members of our community left in limbo as the government shutdown affects SNAP, it's as important as ever that we keep the shelves in these food pantries stocked so that students can benefit from this service,” said Matthew Paolucci, NYPIRG Project Coordinator at SUNY Purchase. “Even if our drive alone collected just 700 food items for one pantry, the hope is that this kind of work inspires more people to get involved in their local communities during these times of great need.”

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Digital Infrastructure Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/25. Office: Westchester County. NY DOS designated as agent for service of process; DOS shall mail copy of process to 7 Ridgeway Cir White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Nicaudis Group Family Daycare, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/26/25. 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, Nicaudis Castillo, 156 Union Ave, Mt Vernon, NY 10550.

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

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

Notice of Formation of JUST SHIPSHAPE LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on [07/17/2025]. Office location: Westchester county. ENTITY PROTECT REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES LLC is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. ENTITY PROTECT REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES LLC shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1 ALEXANDER STREET APT 314, Yonkers, New York, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 155 ROUTE 202 LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/10/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 401 Broadway, Suit 1111, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Sets n Sweats LLC, filed with SSNY on August 24, 2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to LLC: 515 Boston Post Rd, #1034 Portchester, NY, 10573, USA Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of PRINCE & BROADWAY PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/22/25. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 172 Rockne Road, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to THE LLC, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Super Smart Future LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/20/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Super Smart Future LLC, 58 Valley Rd, Katonah, NY 10536. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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

Notice of Formation of SteenShots LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/2025. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 343 South 3rd Avenue, Mt. Venron NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of 1M Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Publication of 19 THIRD AVE RENTALS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/29/2025. Office: WESTCHESTER CO. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail process to copy to the LLC 7014 13th Ave, #202, Bklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Math Power LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY On 07/12/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35 Florence St, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of BLUEPRINTS AND BEYOND LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 4th, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: 70 Ashburton Avenue, Apt. 7H, Yonkers, New York, 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

## Notice of Sale

Supreme Court: Westchester County Acqua Capital LLC v Che Li et al. Defts Index#: 58090/2020 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed and entered October 1, 2025, I will sell at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd White Plains NY 10601, on December 18, 2025 at 3:30 pm the premises located in the Village of Tarrytown, County of Westchester, State of New York known as Section 1.190, Block 115 Lot(s) 21. Sold subject to the terms of sale and filed judgment of foreclosure. Bank Checks Only, must be payable to the Referee for 25% of Bid Price, No Cash Accepted. Jerrice D. Epps, Esq. Referee.

## Notice

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 exterior and interior doors, impact resistant windows, access control and related equipment, exterior safety lighting, panic alarm system, and CCTV security cameras. 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 January 15, 2026 and work is to commence by February 28, 2026 and completed by September 1, 2026.

Notice of Formation of Line Dot Line, LLC; Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 8, 2025; Office location: Westchester County; SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served; SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Line Dot Line, LLC, 34 Mountain Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538; The registered agent is Lauren Cogan, 34 Mountain Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538; Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York; Duration: Perpetual.

Notice of formation of FirstLine Infusion LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 16, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail process to: FirstLine Infusion LLC, 30 Winthrop Ave., Elmsford, NY 10523. Purpose: Any lawful purpose permitted under New York State law.

Notice of Formation of Marayjay, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/04/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the Entity Protect Registered Agent Services LLC, 447 Broadway 2nd Fl. - #3000, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Sprites' Hollow LLC, formerly What Are We Making LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/2021. 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, 88 Colgate Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Elsie Legacy Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/26/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 41 Woodland Road, Bedford Hills, NY 10507. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation Hinman Hall, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/08/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 9 Landing Drive, Dobbs Ferry NY 10522 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of 275 VICTORY BLVD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/29/2025. Office: WESTCHESTER CO. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail process to copy to the LLC 7014 13th Ave, #202, Bklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of RELIABLE MEDICAL SERIVES PLLC filed with the SSNY on 07/6/25. Office: Westchester County. Registered Agent Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 27 Edgewold Rd. White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Publication of Hari Govinda LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 10/19/2025. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Prajwal B Shrestha, 12 Vista Court, Ossining, NY, 10562. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Lifestyle Rehabilitation, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/27/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 56 Martha Place, Chappaqua, NY, 10514. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

## Mamdani=Madman Op-Ed-By Frank Spotorno



*Frank Spotorno*

Hey, fellow New Yorkers, don't have a meltdown about the loss to a madman's ideology. For days, I've been scribbling articles, and it's all about "I want what I want", but apparently, that's too much to ask from Sliwa and Cuomo, who didn't put our Republic first, you know, that whole core of our Democratic principles, and the city of New York came second.

Sliwa and Cuomo knew they'd split the vote, but hey, too many other geniuses came out and said Cuomo initially lost the democratic primary because only 13% of people bothered to vote. Well, surprise, surprise: on election night, 40% of eligible voters couldn't be bothered.

Even with nearly two million voters—an all-time high—42% voting for Cuomo, it wasn't enough to beat Mamdani's crazy socialist mallet. It just shows people are frustrated, inflation is skyrocketing, the cost of living is in crisis mode, and NYC is a mess.

We're going to have someone lead a \$118 billion industry into bankruptcy —because why not? He's got zero experience, unless you count running a lemonade stand, which, let's be real, is not the same as running a municipality the size of a small country. It's a joke, folks. I mean, what's next?

The New York State Board of Elections is letting someone run for office as a State Assemblyman after being a citizen for, like, five minutes? Oh, wait, that already happened with Zohran. No background check? No allegiance to our founding principles? No problem, I guess.

So, all you homeowners out there, go ahead and put your homes up for sale, see if anyone's dumb enough to buy them now that property taxes are going to be through the roof to pay for Mamdani's circus of free bus rides and other wacky services.

And don't even get me started on taxing the wealthy, because, you know, that's got to go through the state legislature and get the governor's stamp of approval, which, good luck with that. It's not going to happen. New York City's homeowners will foot the bill for Zohran's incoming circus to arrive on January 1st, 2026—some happy new year.

Now, going further, we lost interest in these wacky tariffs that have been plaguing our wallets and handbags; they are like the ultimate party foul, causing the Democrats to sweep the Republican Party under the rug. We lost pretty much every election in the country. Is it worth getting a few extra hundred billion dollars from consumers and losing our grip on the Republican agenda? Hmm, tough one.

**Frank Spotorno was the Republican Party candidate for Congress in the 14th District of NY in 2016. He is the founder of Bring Our Jobs Home and lives in Yonkers.**

### TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

### LEGAL NOTICE OF HEARING ON

### 2026 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester shall hold its annual budget hearing on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025 to consider the adoption of the Town of Eastchester's 2026 calendar year budget. Said hearing on this Preliminary Budget shall be held at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York at 7:30 p.m.

The salaries of Elected Officials incorporated in said preliminary budget are as follows:

	Each	Total
Supervisor	(1)	\$98,093\$ 98,093
Council Members	(4)	\$22,000\$ 88,000
Judges	(2)	\$50,000\$100,000
Receiver of Taxes	(1)	\$77,100\$ 77,100
Town Clerk	(1)	\$95,233\$ 95,233

All residents of the community may present written or oral comments at the above-described place, date and time.

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## Transgender Day of Remembrance: A Conversation with Anastasia Kinard



Anastasia Kinard

*By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.*

Every year on November 20th, we observe Transgender Day of Remembrance (TDoR)—a time dedicated to honoring trans folks whose lives were lost to anti-trans violence. This day concludes Transgender Awareness Week and was founded over 25 years ago by Gwendolyn Ann Smith in memory of Rita Hester, a Black trans woman murdered in 1998.

The purpose of TDoR is twofold: first, to remember the lives we've lost, and second, to raise public awareness of the ongoing crisis of violence facing trans folk. According to the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), at least 36 trans and GNC folk were violently killed in the United States in the twelve months following the last TDoR. Of that number, roughly half were Black trans women—a stark indicator of the intersectional disparities that shape this violence.

I spoke with 26-year-old Queens resident Anastasia Kinard about what TDoR means to her. She said:

"Transgender Day of Remembrance reminds us of the lives we've lost — lives that were full of beauty, talent, and promise. I feel like being a transgender in 2025 we should appreciate the people that pass and that paved way for us because we the next generation and my name will be noticed."

Those words reflect the heart of TDoR: it is not simply a list of names read aloud, but a call to reflect on lives interrupted and to recognize that the legacies of those gone live on through the work and presence of trans folks now and in the future.

Black trans women are often targeted. HRC's report highlights that Black trans women comprised 50% of the documented fatal victims in that 12-month span. The report also notes that the true number is almost certainly higher, given underreporting, misgendering of victims, and gaps in data.

In addition to violence, structural factors—such as poverty, housing instability, and discrimination in employment and healthcare—amplify risk and vulnerability for trans and GNC folk. As the HRC notes, the overlap of racism, misogyny, transphobia, and economic exclusion creates a "culture of violence" in which trans folk of color are disproportionately at risk.

For Kinard and for many other younger trans folk, TDoR is simultaneously a moment of grief and a moment of empowerment. The memory of those lost becomes a charge: to live, to thrive, to carry the torch onward. As Kinard put it, the people who "paved the way" did not simply die in vain—they left behind the space, the platform, and the promise for the next generation.

This year, as we gather in vigils, in classrooms, in community centers, in parks, or even quietly at home, we honor the names and lives of those lost. We lost powerful trans folk in Ballroom, and we will never forget them. With that, we also recommit to the work: raising awareness, building safer spaces, advocating for health, economic, and social justice, and ensuring that in the future, no names will need to be spoken on TDoR.

**Dennis Richmond, Jr. (@NewYorkStakz) is a journalist, historian, and educator from Yonkers, NY. He writes to uplift unheard voices, honor history, and inspire change.**

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

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

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

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

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

1) Bid No. IFB-7548 - Opening date: 12/12/2025: Demolition, Asbestos and Lead Abatement at 87 Nepperhan Ave (MM).

2) Bid No. RFB-7555 - Opening date: 12/05/2025: 12-month contract for the purchase, planting and aftercare of 122 trees throughout the City of Yonkers (MM).

3) Bid No. IFB-7553 – Opening Date: 12/12/2025: Asbestos Abatement of the Yonkers Police Department 2nd Precinct, Main Lobby (TN/MM).

# New Rochelle to Host 61st Thanksgiving Parade Sat. Nov. 22

# Pamela's Big Heart Foundation Giveback -Thanksgiving



The New Rochelle Chamber of Commerce together with the City of New Rochelle is thrilled to announce the 61st Annual Thanksgiving Parade kicking off on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at 10am at the intersection of Eastchester Road and North Avenue in New Rochelle.

Watch as Mighty Mouse soars through the streets of New Rochelle together with Tom the Turkey, Bugs Bunny, Scooby-Doo and other giant parade balloons. There will be marching bands, floats, vintage cars, dancers, singers, motorcycles and more. We'll have marchers from Iona University, Monroe University, local schools, businesses and community organizations. And, of course, Santa will be there too!

The 2025 Thanksgiving Parade route goes along New Rochelle's North Avenue beginning at Eastchester Road and ending at Bonnefoy Place – with viewing all along North Avenue. Groups will perform at the grandstand near Anderson Plaza in New Rochelle's newly created Vanguard District, where the parade will be recorded for broadcasts on NRTV during Thanksgiving Weekend.

Watch Parties will be offered at multiple restaurants and businesses along the North Avenue parade route including Beechmont Tavern, Smokehouse Tailgate Grill, Toastique, The Mirage, Spectators Sports Pub and Restaurant and other soon-to-be announced locations – providing food, fun and seating to view New Rochelle's signature event.

"The New Rochelle Thanksgiving Parade is a NR Chamber and City tradition. It's evolved from a small night-time Thanksgiving Eve event to become the 2nd largest Thanksgiving Parade in the state. The NR Chamber is proud to be celebrating the 61st anniversary of the Parade. We're thankful for all the NR Chamber members – past and present – who have worked to bring the Parade to New Rochelle while enhancing the economic and business life of the City," said Rob Hayes, President of the NR Chamber of Commerce and owner of The Beechmont Tavern.

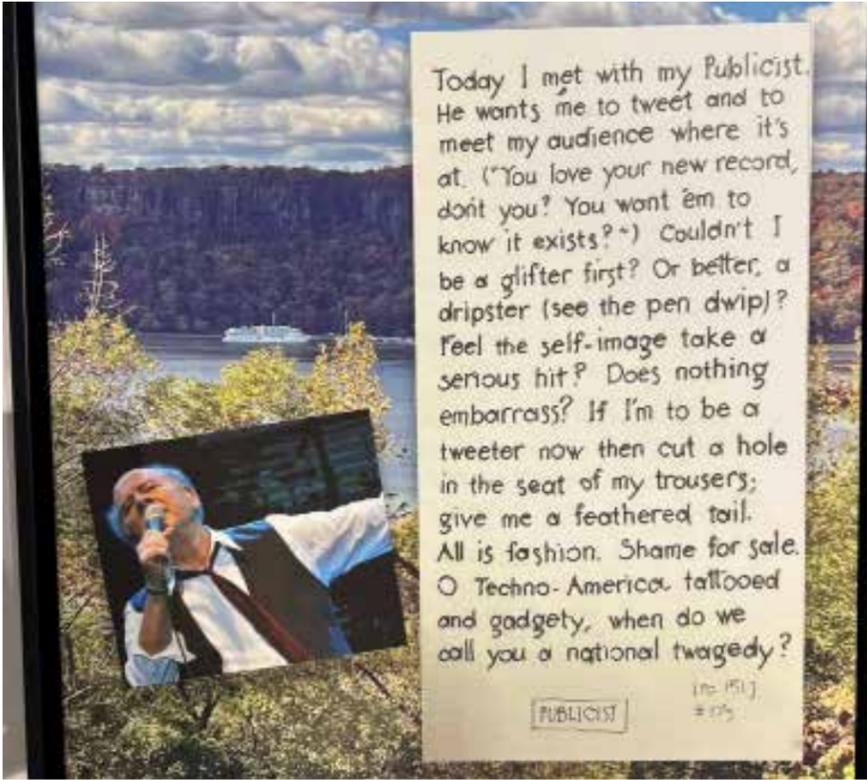
There's still time to join the Parade! We're looking for Community Groups, Dance Schools, NonProfits, Businesses, Cosplayers and Performers interested in marching. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/av8mUBZ1b3iFjAkk8>

Sponsors are still needed for the Thanksgiving Parade – especially for the Balloons. Sponsorship opportunities are listed here: <http://bit.ly/47um0uQ>

The Thanksgiving Parade offers a "bucket-list" opportunity to hold a balloon in a parade. The NR Chamber needs many volunteers to make this year's Parade the most successful yet. Volunteers can register to hold a balloon or banner in the Parade on our link with VolunteerNY at: <http://bit.ly/4om1qDZ>

To stay on top of all the Parade updates visit the NR Chamber website: <http://bit.ly/47um0uQ>.

## Art Garfunkel Performs in Yonkers, at Blue Door Art Gallery for Three Nights



Last week, Art Garfunkel, returned to Blue Door Art Center for three nights of benefit concerts. Mr. Garfunkel originally performed at Blue Door Art Center back in 2014. He was warmly met by sold out crowds, some who attended more than one performance. Mr. Garfunkel sang favorite songs such as Scarborough Fair, The Sounds of Silence, The Boxer and more and recited some of his original poetry and took questions from the audience.

Art Garfunkel announced at his performance that he had a dream in which he was playing Kathy's Song in the encore and he was the happiest that he had ever been. This prompted his call to his college friend, Luis Perelman, BDAC CEO and Co-Executive Director, with the desire to return to the BDAC for three performances. This was met with an enthusiastic, "Yes! Of course!"

"We could not have been happier or more honored to host these concerts and conversations by Art Garfunkel. He gave unforgettable performances and is a consummate showman. Mr. Garfunkel's generosity in allowing Blue Door Art Center to keep the ticket sales will assist us in serving our artist community as well as providing art education to local residents." said Michele Amaro, BDAC Gallery Director. These performances kicked off an international tour with more dates to be announced.

Three framed canvas prints are on display at the gallery featuring photos of Art Garfunkel, poetry, his signature and views of the Hudson River. These pieces are available for pre-order for \$850 each and a portion of the net profits benefit Blue Door Art Center.

## Laughter, Connection, & Creativity Shine at The Rye Arts Center's Sold-Out Ladies Comedy Night



L-R-Alli West, RAC Dev. Director Kim Berns, Host Co-Chairs Jen Sandling and Katy Mollica. Photo by Rohanna Mertens

The Rye Arts Center's beloved Ladies Comedy Night returned on Thursday, November 6th, drawing over 275 women—its largest audience ever—from Rye and the surrounding area for an unforgettable evening of laughter, community, and creativity.

Hosted by the incomparable Kim Berns, the night featured a powerhouse lineup of female comedians, Olivia Barbulescu, Nancy O'Connor, Nancy Witter, and headliner Maureen Langan, who kept the crowd roaring from start to finish.

Beyond the laughs, the evening delivered on purpose. Guests enjoyed luxury raffle prizes from local businesses, delectable bites, and plenty of sparkle, all in support of The Rye Arts Center's mission to make the arts accessible to everyone through scholarships and community outreach.

"The energy in the room was extraordinary," said Alli West, Director of Development at The Rye Arts Center. "To see so many women, artists, professionals, mothers, neighbors, come together to celebrate creativity and give back so generously was profoundly inspiring. It's a reminder of the power of connection and shared purpose." The event raised over \$50,000, marking its most successful year yet.

Held at The Community Synagogue of Rye, the night also celebrated a record 18 community sponsors, reflecting the extraordinary generosity of local businesses and residents. Leading sponsors included distinguished real estate professionals Fiona Dogan of Julia B. Fee Sotheby's International Realty and Lisa Murphy of Houlihan Lawrence, Carpet Trends, and Kings Capital Construction, alongside an inspiring group of female-owned businesses—Ryemarkable Moms, Nivelle Law, The Law Office of Rita J. Tino, Esq., Tuliptree Advisory, Rye Ballet, and Kathleen Wood, arts educator—plus NUMI, Wine at Five, Rye Country Store, Connect to Northern Westchester Magazine, Consigli Construction, Langan Engineering, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and National Advertising & Printing Corp.

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in the First Degree (class B felony)Robbery in the First Degree (class B felony)Burglary in the First Degree (class B felony)Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree (class D felony)

Jenkins, 32, will be sentenced by Judge George Fufidio at a hearing on Dec. 11. DA Cacace said: “First and foremost, I want to thank the jurors for exercising their civic duty with such care and consideration.

“Maria Coto’s life was cut short on May 14, 2024. As proved during a multi-week trial, Hasseem Jenkins beat her until the nerves in her brain stem were severed beyond repair, hurling repeated epithets as she lay dying on the floor.

“Maria devoted her brief time on Earth to helping others. She was a petite woman with an uncommonly generous spirit. She will live on in all the lives she touched along the way.

“I am grateful to the jury for holding the defendant responsible for killing Maria. My office will continue to support Maria’s family and all crime victims in Westchester County.”

The case was prosecuted by Trial Division Chief Nadine Nagler and Assistant District Attorney Kevin Jones.

In a more recent incident, a mother was beaten to death by her ex-boyfriend in an Elmsford Hotel in front of their baby boy.

Roseberline Philippe, a 32-year-old office assistant at White Plains Hospital in New York, was tragically beaten to death by her ex-boyfriend, Justin Bartley, on Sunday, November 2, 2025, in Room 230 of the Days Inn motel in Elmsford, Westchester County. The couple, who had met years earlier at Port Chester High School, shared a 2-year-old son; Philippe had reportedly grown fearful of Bartley following their child’s birth and was attempting to end the relationship.

According to police reports, the pair arrived at the motel around 8:30 a.m. Bartley, 32, allegedly subjected Philippe to a prolonged assault lasting several hours before fleeing the scene around 4:30 p.m. with their toddler son, heading to his family in the Bronx. Motel cleaning staff discovered Philippe’s battered body later that afternoon, prompting an immediate investigation. Surveillance footage captured Bartley leaving with the child, leading to his swift arrest later that day by a joint task force involving local police, county authorities, and the FBI. The boy was safely recovered and placed with family.

Bartley, who was on probation for a prior gun charge, faces second-degree murder charges and is being held without bail at Westchester County Jail. Philippe’s sister, Yvena Philippe, described a heated family confrontation with Bartley the previous day (November 1) at their White Plains home, where he was told to leave. The family expressed devastation, with Yvena noting, “We thought she was coming home.” A GoFundMe campaign has been launched to cover funeral costs and support the child’s future, highlighting Philippe’s role as a devoted mother, loving daughter, and kind friend.

A GoFundMe Account has been created to pay for funeral expenses and for the child. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-rose-berlines-funeral-and-childrens-future>.

We are heartbroken to share the tragic loss of our beloved friend Roseberline Philippe who was taken from us far too soon due to a senseless act of violence. Rose was a devoted mother, a loving daughter, and an amazing friend. Her life was filled with kindness and strength. She touched every person who had the blessing of knowing her.

Rose leaves behind her precious 2 year old child, who must now grow up without their mother’s love and guidance. As we grieve this unimaginable loss, we are coming together to support her family and honor Rose’s memory.

We are raising funds to help cover funeral expenses and to support her baby’s future care and education. Any contribution big or small will provide comfort and stability during this incredibly difficult time.

Thank you for your support, generosity, and prayers as we navigate this heartbreaking moment. Rose’s light will never fade, and we will make sure her baby grows up knowing the love and strength she carried in her heart. JUSTICE FOR ROSE !

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Also, Mamdani is mistaken if he thinks Israel was founded on the Jewish religion. Israel was created by the United Nations after World War II for a very particular reason. The Jewish people needed a safe place to live after Nazi Germany killed six million Jews. There was no future for the Jewish people in Europe. America wasn’t going to take the rest who survived the war. They really had nowhere else to go.

The overwhelming majority of the survivors wanted to live in their ancestral homeland. The United Nations partition plan in 1948 offered the Arab population that lived in Palestine their own state along with the Jewish state. The Palestinians and neighboring Arab countries rejected the plan and declared war on the new state of Israel. The Palestinians were offered their own state in negotiations with Israel in the year 2000. The Palestinian leader turned it down.

To imagine, as Mamdani does, that the Israelis could somehow peacefully co-exist within the same borders as the multitude of followers of Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other Palestinian terrorist factions is a dangerous fantasy. Hamas’ charter calls for the destruction of Israel. The Israelis have had their backs against the wall for decades. They’re not going to ever give up the only available vessel ensuring their physical safety.

When Mamdani says it’s possible to be anti-Zionist, but not anti-Semitic, he’s playing word games that are ultimately meaningless.

In 2023, he said, “We have to make clear that when the boot of the NYPD is on your neck, it’s been laced by the IDF,” meaning the Israel Defense Forces. This claim manages to slur both the New York City police and Israel at the same time. It implies that Israel is somehow pulling the strings on an American police force, which is a classic anti-Semitic trope. He’s also posted on social media saying the police are racist, wicked and corrupt.

The vast majority of police officers are sincere in their desire to protect the public. I imagine some are racist or corrupt. Nobody can defend police officers who brutalize young men of color. What happened to George Floyd and many others is unconscionable. But to characterize the entire New York City police department as evil or corrupt is to engage in the very stereotyping that Mamdani as a progressive is supposed to decry.

I’ve interviewed a few police officers in Westchester for stories. They often have to make split second decisions that could mean they lose their life while trying to do their job. One former officer I interviewed got bitten on the wrist during a home invasion by a burglar who was high on PCP. The burglar hit an elderly man in the head with his own oxygen tank, ultimately causing the man’s death, and sexually assaulted the man’s home health care aide.

Another year, on the Fourth of July, a kid threw some kind of incendiary device at the same officer’s head. The officer sustained severe skeletal, neurological and sensory injuries. He had to retire from the force.

The thing about social media and the Internet is that you can’t ever erase your words. Mamdani may have won the mayoral election, but he’s already stained relationships with the police department, the real estate industry, the financial industry and the beleaguered Jewish community, in a city that is famously difficult to govern.

My prediction is that Mamdani will find it extremely hard to make any meaningful headway with his goals to make the city more affordable. But his policies could actually make it harder than ever for everyday New Yorkers to survive.

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## Freedom Chapel's Serving Those Who Served Veterans Day Luncheon

*Two Towns, One Mission: Serving Those Who Served*

Freedom Chapel held a Serving Those Who Served lunch for Veteran’s Day as a heartfelt gathering of gratitude honoring the men and women of Yorktown and Mahopac who have dedicated their lives to serving our country.

The newly founded church in Jefferson Valley — just eight months young — hosted this dual-location celebration with luncheons honoring local heroes at the Yorktown VFW, and Mahopac VFW.

“Our veterans have given so much to protect our freedoms,” said Pastor Julio Vazquez, “Freedom Chapel has chosen to show our gratitude by serving those in our area and honoring their sacrifices.”

Freedom Chapel members and volunteers came together to serve Veterans Day lunch for more than 200 veterans, with Pastor Vazquez leading a prayer and blessing the veterans in attendance. “It’s a privilege to serve the community we call home – Yorktown – and stand beside veterans of the Mahopac VFW who are also part of our church family. Serving both hometowns is deeply personal to us.” said Pastor Vazquez.

Founded in March 2025, Freedom Chapel is a faith-driven church devoted to creating a deep relationship with Jesus Christ. Through worship, prayer, Scripture and outreach, Freedom Chapel seeks to live out its mission by serving God and the community. Freedom Chapel is located at Jefferson on the Lake, 489 E. Main Street, Jefferson Valley, NY 10535 and service is on Sunday mornings 10:00am.

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to a \$49,000 grant from the New York State Library and matching funds secured by United Way of Westchester and Putnam. For the first time in 2025, the New York State Legislature appropriated \$500,000 through the New York State Library within the New York State Education Department in grants to support local partners of Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library program.

Since launching in 1995, Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library has become the preeminent early childhood book gifting program in the world. The flagship program of The Dollywood Foundation has gifted well over 170 million free books in Australia, Canada, The Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom and the United States. The Imagination Library mails more than 1.8 million high-quality, age-appropriate books each month to registered children from birth to age five. Dolly envisioned creating a lifelong love of reading, inspiring children to dream. The impact of the program has been widely researched, and results suggest positive increases in key early childhood literacy metrics. Penguin Random House is the exclusive publisher for Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library.

“We are thrilled to bring Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library to Westchester County. This program gives children the gift of reading and fosters a lifelong love of books from an early age,” said Tom Gabriel, CEO and President of United Way of Westchester and Putnam.

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**Fourth Precinct Community Council**

The Fourth Precinct's Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on November 20, 2025, in the meeting room at the Fourth Precinct, at 53 Shonnard Terrace. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the Fourth precinct is welcome to attend. All elected officials are also welcome. Captain Jeremiah Foley- Commanding Officer, and Executive Officer -Lieutenant Robert Varley will be available to discuss your issues and matters of interest.

We thank everyone for attending these meetings and look forward to seeing you in future meetings. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at (914-377-7900). For any emergency-related issues, please call 911.

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 SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
 COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER  
 Index No. 60279/2025  
 FORECLOSURE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

LLACG COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND,  
 Plaintiff,  
 -against

CATHLEEN ROMANYCH, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; WILLIAM GORDINEER, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; KENNETH GORDINEER AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; THOMAS ARNONE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; MICHELLE ARNONE ENGELMANN, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1- #50" and "MARY ROE #1- #50", the last two names being fictitious, it being intended to name all other parties who may have some interest in or lien upon the premises described in the Complaint,  
 Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorney an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty days after service, or within thirty days after service is complete if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty days of service hereof. If you fail to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Trial is desired in the County of Westchester. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property that is the subject matter of this action is located in the County of Westchester.

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

Dated: October 14, 2025  
 MCMICHAEL TAYLOR GRAY, LLC  
 By: s/ Patricia Pirri, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092  
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*Westchester Power, continued from pg 1-*

dated municipal filings as the primary causes. The group announced the termination on November 6, 2025, affecting 26 participating municipalities.

After the announcement of closing the program, NYS PSC spokesman James Denn said, "Sustainable Westchester failed to meet basic outreach and education standards that are in place to protect ratepayers, including providing program participants with the correct price comparison information for how their bills would be increasing compared to the default utility. Sustainable Westchester decided to terminate its CCA program on its own following the rejection of its deficient municipal filings."

Impact on Customers: Over 100,000 participants will automatically revert to Con Edison as their default supplier starting December 1, 2025. No action is required from customers, and rates will align with Con Ed's standard offerings. The program has delivered lower electricity rates (averaging 10-15% savings) and promoted clean energy since 2018.

Launched in 2016 to meet local climate goals, the program pooled buying power for greener electricity but faced ongoing disputes with state regulators over compliance and transparency.

Many of our readers were skeptical of the program because, in the 26 Westchester communities where the Sustainable Westchester-Westchester Power program was welcomed, they were required to opt out. If they did not opt out, they would automatically be enrolled in Westchester Power.

While some months' utility bills for Westchester residents in the program were lower than Con Edison's, in most months their bills were higher.

But not significantly higher, which brings us to the conclusion we've always had about the program: that with Westchester Power, there were thousands, if not tens of thousands, of Westchester homeowners willing to pay a little bit more for green energy.

That was the backbone of Sustainable Westchester's argument.

But for many Westchester residents who were struggling to make ends meet, they wanted the cheapest plan. And it was difficult for residents to make an accurate comparison of the rates between Con Ed and Westchester Power.

The only comment from Sustainable Westchester came in the form of a November 6 letter to the 26 municipalities in Westchester that use Westchester Power, advising them that they will have to use Con Edison or NYSEG for northern Westchester customers in December, giving them just 24 days' notice.

The cities of New Rochelle, Yonkers, and White Plains, the towns of Greenburgh, Bedford, North Salem, and Pound Ridge, and the villages of Tarrytown and Sleepy Hollow were enrolled in the program.

The letter from Sustainable Westchester's Executive Director, Noam Bramson, reads in part,

"Following extensive discussion with New York State officials, consultation with energy suppliers, and analysis of trends affecting community energy programs statewide, Sustainable Westchester has made the difficult but necessary decision to discontinue the Westchester Power program.

"Recent outreach and education requirements mandated by the State Public Service Commission – while grounded in important goals of transparency, consumer protection, and affordability that we fully share – have, in practice, presented significant implementation challenges for community energy programs like ours. Although our outreach and education activities in recent months have been, by far, the most extensive and robust in the program's history, we are unable to obtain State authorization to launch the new contract on schedule.

"Before closing and in this spirit, I want to emphasize that Westchester Power is just one of many services that Sustainable Westchester is proud to offer our municipal members. From GridRewards to Solarize, from EnergySmart Homes to the Clean Energy Accelerator, from MOVE to Municipal Thermal Energy Networks and more, our programming is robust, wide-ranging, and user-friendly. We touch thousands of lives every day and offer a proven model for regional collaboration. If you have not already partnered with us to take full advantage of our expertise and programming, then please consider this a renewed invitation to join us," writes Bramson, the former Mayor of New Rochelle.

The changes made by the NYS PSC, a State Agency, in 2024 required energy providers, including Westchester Power, to provide more information about their energy bills. "At a time when New York consumers are facing increasing prices for the majority of commodities, it is more important than ever that CCA administrators are completing the minimum outreach and education requirements before being allowed to opt out and enroll eligible customers in a program that will increase their energy utility bills," Denn said.

Denn's blunt criticism of Westchester Power should not be overlooked, nor should the requirements, which seemed simple, to lengthen the outreach and community education period before a contract was approved.

It estimates that the Westchester Power program reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 1.5 million metric tons, equivalent to taking 35,000 gas-powered cars off the road.

Supporters like Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner were disappointed in the decision.

Editor's Note:

If 150,000 customers were using Westchester Power, wouldn't it make sense to comply with the PSC and reopen the program? Even with a delay of several months?

And even if half of the customers never wanted to be in the program and opted out, is there a benefit—or a business model—for the 75,000 remaining customers?

What the PSC is asking for is something many of our readers wanted: more information about opting out and a price comparison. That is not a difficult hurdle to overcome.

Send us your letters, announcements, opinions,  
 photos and story ideas to  
[dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com](mailto:dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com)

*Letter to the Editor:  
To Mayor Spano*

No reason for concern... I write today to let you know and the Citizen of Yonkers that I do indeed have a concern with ICE being in Yonkers with support of Yonkers Police. The individual who were arrested were not the worst of the worst. This was an operation obviously being masked as a traffic stop rather than what it was, Scooping up brown and black people. Those that were proven illegal should be given their day in court again if they did get one the first time. I got the inference with Biden administration. Joe Biden is no longer President. We need to be in the present. What is the Task force purpose besides scooping up black and brown people. Shame on you.

*Karen Oloughlin, Yonkers*

**Third Precinct Police Community Council Monthly Meeting!**

Wed., November 19, 2025 – 7:30 PM.  
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For Further Information Please Contact Either:  
Lucy M. Casanova, Vice President At 914 426-6668 Or  
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Have A Safe And Happy Thanksgiving Season!!

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT

- of -

SAIL CHARTER NYC, LLC, as Owner of a 1922  
62' Herreshoff vessel named "VENTURA" for  
Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability,

Petitioner.  
Case No.: 25-cv-7812  
NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that SAIL CHARTER NYC, LLC, as Owner of a 1922 62' Herreshoff vessel named "VENTURA" for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. §§ 30501 et seq., brings this action involving admiralty and maritime claims within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, concerning any claims for loss, damage, and/or injury, arising or resulting from an alleged personal injury incident claimed to have occurred on October 5, 2024, while Petitioner's vessel was upon the navigable waters of the United States, as more fully described in the Complaint; and

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons, firms, entities or corporations, having any claim or suit against the Petitioner or vessel arising or resulting from the alleged incident must file a claim as provided in Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with the Clerk of the Court, at the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007, and must deliver or mail to the attorneys for the Petitioner, James E. Mercante, Esq., Richard Gonzalez, Esq., GALLO VITUCCI KLAR LLP, 90 Broad Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10004, a copy on or before the 21 day of November, 2025 or be defaulted. Personal attendance is not required. Further, any claimant desiring to contest Petitioner's right either to exoneration from or limitation of liability shall file an Answer to the Complaint on or before the aforesaid date as required by Supplemental Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and deliver or mail a copy to the attorneys for the Petitioner or be defaulted.

Dated: October 17, 2025

Tammi M. Hellwig  
Clerk

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## Governor Hochul Announces Two Accelerated Pavement Projects to Begin in Westchester Next Year Along Routes 133 and 100B

Governor Kathy Hochul today announced that the New York State Department of Transportation will be adding two important paving projects to its Hudson Valley paving program next year along two vital roadways in Westchester County, accelerating an investment to restore pavement and improve travel along key stretches of State Routes 133 and 100B. State Route 133 provides a vital commuter connection to the Taconic State Parkway and key access to Westchester's vast transportation network, while State Route 100B serves as an important local route, providing access to the key north/south transportation corridor between New York City and the Hudson Valley for the flow of goods and commerce.

"New York is paving our roads and giving drivers a smoother journey at a faster pace than ever," Governor Hochul said. "These are critical roads in Westchester County that thousands of travelers depend on every day, and we are pleased to accelerate these projects in next year's New York State DOT paving program. Commuters and residents spoke, and we are listening — drivers can look forward to a smoother ride next year."

Thanks to a key investment from Senator Andrea Stewart Cousins in cooperation with feedback from community stakeholders, key sections of these state routes will be resurfaced next year.

The work includes a 2.5 mile section of State Route 133, between Pleasantville Road and State Route 100, in the Village of Ossining and Towns of Ossining and New Castle, Westchester County.

Also included is a project to resurface a 1.4-mile stretch of State Route 100B from State Route 9A, also known as Saw Mill River Road, to the Sprain Brook Parkway in the Town of Greenburgh, Westchester County.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "Investing in safe and reliable infrastructure has long been one of my top priorities. The funding I secured for the resurfacing of State Routes 133 and 100B will enhance safety, ease congestion, and ensure smoother travel for the thousands of Westchester residents and commuters who rely on these critical roadways each day. I thank Governor Hochul and the Department of Transportation for their partnership as we continue to invest in our transportation network and keep Westchester moving forward."

State Senator Peter Harckham said, "I want to thank Governor Hochul for including Route 133 in the DOT paving program. This investment is welcome news not only for drivers, but for residents and local businesses that rely on this vital roadway every day. Repaving this road would support our local economy and ensure the safety of thousands of motorists. I'm grateful for everyone's partnership in helping to move this important project forward."

Assemblymember Dana Levenberg said, "Route 133 is one of the roads about which my office receives the most complaints. I am so grateful to Governor Hochul and the NYSDOT for hearing me, my constituents and my colleagues and acting quickly to address our concerns about this troubled stretch of road. I will continue pushing to make sure that all of the blighted roads in my district receive the attention and resources they deserve."

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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

### SATURDAY, NOV. 15

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

Intro to Outdoor Skills, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Ages 8 and up can learn the skills necessary to set up camp: start a fire, tie useful knots and read a map!

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Naturalists at Work, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Preparing plant specimens for our herbarium collection requires knowledge of botany, a steady hand and a lot of patience. Stop by to watch and learn about the process, and why we collect and study plants. View mounted specimens and see our staff prepare new ones.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Winter Duck Migration Observation, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Using a tripod scope, witness the behavior and movements of these waterfowl visitors. Please bring binoculars.

Get details: <https://friendsofreadwildlifesanctuary.org/event/winter-duck-migration-observation-2/>

Lasdon Public Gardens and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Holidays on the Hill Decorating, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

It's a festive volunteer opportunity! Help make Lasdon Public Gardens festive for the holidays! Lights, ornaments, wreaths, garland, Santa's Cottage, Conservatory, North Pole Village and more! Sign up for one date or more to help make the gardens beautiful for the holidays. Also: Nov. 16, 18, 22.

Register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/holidays-on-the-hill-decorating/2025-11-15/>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Fall Foliage Arts & Crafts, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

All ages are welcome to make good use of our changing foliage and learn about fun ways to turn invasive leaves into beautiful art pieces.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

The World of Bamboo, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Let's explore and harvest some bamboo to see how it thrives before the cold of winter. We will look at the inside and outside makings of these grasses, as well as make some simple items. Hand tools will be provided. Individuals under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Get details: <https://friendsofreadwildlifesanctuary.org/event/the-world-of-bamboo/>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Lenoir History Tour, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Lenoir has a very interesting historical background, with centuries of fascinating owners and various uses for the land. Join us on a walk around the preserve to learn all about it.

Lasdon Public Gardens and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Lasdon Green Squad, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Every Saturday through Nov. 22, join the Lasdon Green Squad to keep Lasdon Public Gardens looking beautiful. Volunteers will work with Lasdon staff on tasks such as invasive species removal, planting, watering, weeding, trail maintenance, mulching, trash clean up, and other tasks. For those age 14 and older.

Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-11-15/>

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

Naturalist Choice Hike, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Put on your hiking shoes and join us on a two-mile hike!

### SUNDAY, NOV. 16

Lasdon Public Gardens and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.-\$25.

Pre-registration required: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens/2025-11-16/>

Croton Point Park Nature Center, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Project Feeder Watch, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Beginners to experts can join us for a wonderful day of viewing local birds at the Nature Center's feeders. Free. Also: Nov. 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28.

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

Muscote Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Today is the final day of the market's 2025 season. It supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, and it features over 30 local vendors.

Get details: <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/>

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

Community Farm Work Day: Garlic Planting, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us in planting the garlic 2026 crop and learn how we do it. All ages and abilities are welcome! Free.

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/november-community-farm-work-day-garlic-planting-tickets-1849095878549?aff=oddtcreator>

## Down the Middle: No BS, Just the Facts

Mr. Murphy:

I am an avid reader of Westchester Rising and Yonkerstimes.com. I enjoy your commentary and appreciate your willingness to report on both sides of our politics. I also enjoy your columnists who share that perspective like Eric Schoen and Stephen Rolandi.

May I suggest that I write a monthly column titled, *Down the Middle: No BS, Just the Facts? I would include two items in each column, one from the progressive democratic perspective and one from the MAGA point of view.*

*Here is my first story if you agree to print:*

### *Walmart Thanksgiving Dinner Cheaper than Last Year*

Walmart announced the return of its beloved annual Thanksgiving meal, with its best offer yet. This incredible basket offers over 20 national and private brand items—including a Butterball turkey for \$.97 per pound, its lowest price since 2019—as a one-click basket serving 10 people for less than \$40. It's also offering free express delivery on the meal basket for first-time Pickup and Delivery customers. This year, Walmart is raising the standard even higher—with the most affordable holiday meal yet. Walmart's 2025 abundant meal basket offers traditional favorites across national and private brands, for a full holiday feast serving 10 people for under \$4.00 per person—the lowest price since Walmart started the program!

"We know every dollar and minute counts—which is why we are offering a low priced, one-click Thanksgiving Meal Basket featuring iconic brands like Butterball and Stove Top alongside trusted Walmart private brand items. We want every family to be able to share a meal and celebrate without compromising on quality, quantity or tradition", said Walmart John Furner President and CEO, Walmart U.S.

So some items have gone down in pricing since Trump took office.

### *Item #2-President Obama Surprises Veterans on Flight to DC.*

Every Veterans Day, the non profit Honor Flight Network provides free, all-expenses-paid trips to fly U.S. military veterans—especially WWII, Korean War, and terminally ill veterans from any era—to Washington, D.C. to visit the memorials built in their honor.

Key Facts:

One of this year's 2025 Honor flights from Wisconsin had a special guest. Former President Obama addressed the Veterans via intercom, handed out Presidential Challenge Coins, and shook hands with all 87 aboard, leaving many emotional ahead of Veterans Day.

This was a simple, kind gesture, that we appreciate.

*Gene L, Tarrytown, who can be reached through our email risingmediagroup@gmail.com. He welcomes your suggestions.*

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secure \$881,062 in restitution to the victim from Westchester County, which was used for her housing and medical needs."

So the taxpayers of Westchester County are on the hook for the \$881k that was returned to the victim. Will Chenault be able to pay the county back?

And here is the buried lead. Chenault, who pleaded guilty on June 26 to Grand Larceny in the Second Degree in Westchester County, was sentenced on Oct. 31 to Five Years' Probation.

One attorney we spoke to was baffled that Chenault got only probation. "What is strange is that the county paid the old woman back, and the defendant got probation. The July 2 press release is not on the AG's website, and there was no press release when she was sentenced, which is also highly unusual.

That sentence seems extremely lenient to me. Particularly because the defendant was in a fiduciary position, meaning issues and was entrusted with caring for the woman, and instead took advantage of her. And it seems like she just squandered the money away on gambling. That sounds just greedy to me. Unless she has an illness that is a death sentence, I don't understand the sentence at all."

According to the AG's July release, "Chenault faces a sentence of up to six months in jail."

We have heard that Chenault is ill, and the LoHud.com story notes that she took a medical leave of absence from her job in 2022.

The AG's office provided no additional comments, and a check of the legal documents in the County Clerk's database shows no new entries for Chenault's case since 2023. We also don't know who the judge was who oversaw the case and agreed to the probation.

And because the NYSAG's office handled the case, there was no involvement from the Westchester DA.

Our friends at mtvnewcenter.com have been following the case, and the comments on their Facebook post included more than 100 stunned readers, with comments that include:

She is supposed to protect, not steal

Seriously, 700:G—she was supposed to protect this woman. Probation—what's wrong with this picture...

Wow, it's like robbing your grandma."

For some of us who have had an unfortunate incident involving the theft of valuables from their elderly parents by social workers, this hurts even more.

It also paints a poor portrait of the thousands of social workers who provide a valuable service and don't steal.

The debatable portion of this case involves Chenault's illness. If she is sick, some are calling for leniency. But others believe that any illness doesn't matter, and that if you can't serve the time, don't commit the crime.

More information on this case as it becomes available.

## The New Face of Poverty: Families and Children Left Hungry After SNAP Benefit Cuts

This month, thousands of families across the country faced an unexpected and devastating challenge—the halt of SNAP benefits. With food prices soaring, the cost of basic groceries like milk, cereal, and bread has climbed to over \$25, leaving many households struggling to put food on the table.

But the crisis didn't start with the benefit cuts. Even before this, rising inflation, job losses, and stagnant wages had pushed families to the brink. Nationally, 13.5% of U.S. households—about 18 million families—reported being food insecure in 2023, with nearly 18% of households with children struggling to afford enough food.

In Westchester County, food insecurity already affected about 7% of households, and in Yonkers, the situation is even more alarming. Some neighborhoods report that two in five households face food insecurity, and over one in ten children live below the poverty line.

Feeding Westchester reports that food banks now serve twice as many residents as they did before the pandemic.

With basic needs already under strain, the halt in SNAP benefits lands at a time when many families are one crisis away from hunger. Food pantries are overwhelmed, nonprofits are stretched thin—and children are suffering the most. Teens and young adults are also feeling the emotional toll, with anxiety, hopelessness, and depression rising sharply.

Community Call to Action: The Joseph Gabriel Foundation Thanksgiving Food Drive

In response to the growing need, The Joseph Gabriel Foundation is stepping up through our Stop and Monitor outreach program, to help local youth and families in Yonkers and throughout Westchester County. The Foundation is hosting a Thanksgiving Week Food Drive to ensure no family goes without a meal this holiday season.

The Foundation is seeking volunteers and donations of non-perishable food items such as:

- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Pasta, rice, and cereal
- Shelf-stable milk
- Peanut butter and canned proteins

Event Details

Location: Downtown Yonkers (near the Public Library)

Dates: November 25 & 26

Time: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Contact: Ms. Angela, Outreach Director — 347-313-6991

How You Can Help

- Donate food or funds to support the drive.
- Volunteer your time to help pack and distribute meals.
- Spread the word across Yonkers to ensure those in need know where to turn for help.

To make a donation by card visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdJD244wIPiwwOZsdNmdXSzv3iaHNi4K7GUyqXAoNrHlpT9Vg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0>

As the cost of living continues to rise, community efforts like the Joseph Gabriel Foundation's food drive remind us that hope lives in action. Together, we can make sure every child and every family in Yonkers has a reason to give thanks this holiday season.

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Spanberger served our country in intelligence.

All of this means that here in Westchester, if democrats pick a female candidate like Sherrill and Spanberger to run for Congress in NY-17, then Mike Lawler can be defeated. And if Lawler goes, so goes the House of Representatives to democrats next year.

Currently, seven democrats have announced their run for Congress in NY-17, after Jessica Reinmann ended her campaign and endorsed Cait Conley. Conley, an Army Veteran **with three Bronze Stars**, is one of the leading candidates, along with Rockland County legislator Beth Davidson.

II- In Yorktown, former Yorktown Supervisor and Town Justice, Democrat Lanny Gilbert was elected to the Yorktown Town Board after all early votes and paper ballots were tallied.

Gilbert will join Democrat Susan Siegel on the Town Board, which will still have a 3-2 Republican majority. Gilbert, 5559 votes, narrowly defeated republican councilwoman Luciana Haughwourt, 5442 votes.

Days before the election, Gilbert reminded voters that I lost my 2015 election by just eight votes, and Susan Siegel won her election last year by just 107 votes.

III-The Town of Eastchester is the only remaining town board in Westchester with all Republicans, 5-0, after Supervisor Tony Colavita and council members Luigi Marcoccia and Theresa Nicholson were all reelected unopposed.

Other Republican-majority town boards in Westchester now have Democratic members, including in Mt. Pleasant, Yorktown, Harrison, and Somers.

IV-Conservative Party Alliance with Democrats in Westchester continues. Westchester Conservative Party Chair Hugh Fox continued his party's recent alliance with democratic candidates by endorsing democrats in several 2025 elections.

In the Town of North Castle, Democrat Sonny Vataj ran on the conservative line, while Republican Barbara DiGiacinto also ran on the C line. Both won election to the Town Board.

In the Town of Harrison, the election of Town Clerk was decided by the C line, with democrat Angela Sposato narrowly defeating republican Dottie Klein. Sposato had the C line and received 209 votes. Klein lost by less than 100 votes, and if you give her the C line, she would have won.

And in the election for State Supreme Court Judge in the 9th Judicial District, which includes Westchester County, three Democratic candidates had the C line and won. All four Democratic judicial candidates for the State Supreme Court were from Westchester, and all won decisively by 90,000 votes. Congratulations to Judge Verris Shako, Judge-elect Diane Clerkin, Judge John Collins, and Judge Desmond Lyons.

In Eastchester, Colavita, Marcoccia, and Nicholson ran on the republican and the Common Sense Party line.

The action by Chairman Fox and the Westchester Conservative Party is the only instance of a Conservative Party in New York State endorsing Democrats.

V-Republicans split on Sculti and Colety: Republican leaders and candidates we spoke to were divided in their views of County Executive candidate Christine Sculti and Westchester GOP Chair Doug Colety.

Sculti lost her bid for County Executive for the third time on Nov. 4, losing to Ken Jenkins by a record 68%-32%. One Somers republican wrote, "It was only 8 years ago that republican Rob Astorino was County Executive. Since then, Republican candidates have kept losing. I would argue, as you have, Mr. Murphy, that republicans cannot win with their top candidate losing by 35 points, year after year.

"I would also blame Westchester Chairman Doug Colety for running candidates who keep losing by 35 points for County Executive. Make a change, Doug, or we will make a change with you. If not, then I say the fix is in."

Other local republican leaders tell a different story. "We knew Sculti was going to run again and lose. I told her not to run, but I give her credit for doing it again with no money and little support. I also don't blame Colety because he asked many Republicans to step forward and run, and all of them refused. So it was Sculti or nobody. If you ask Joe Citizen to run against Ken Jenkins—or any popular Democrat—nobody wants to do it anymore. Maybe it's the Trump factor. Who is going to run for County Executive, and who will serve as republican Chair in Westchester? Both are thankless jobs."

Some compared the race for Westchester County Executive to the race for NYC Mayor. "Republicans in NYC reran Curtis Sliwa, after he lost by 30 to Eric Adams four years ago. There was no prominent republican to run for NYC Mayor. Same candidate, same result."

VI-Searching for a republican that did better than expected. We find the one republican that cracked 40% in the county wide races. Kevin O'Keefe, republican candidate for county legislator in the 4th district, ran against BOL Chair Vedat Gashi. Republican strategist TJ McCormack who is now the overnight host on WABC Radio -AM 770, said, "A few months ago a big, charismatic Marine veteran of the War on Terror, full of energy and positivity burst into a GOP office and announced he was running for Westchester County Legislator. When we started to explain the petition process he told us he already had about 50 signatures. Kevin O'Keefe4Westchester came up short, but he was as spirited and earnest as any candidate I have ever encountered. Kevin literally never stopped. This campaign was a great warm up for something else down the road. At least I hope so because we need him and he deserves it."

Other election results:

Peekskill Mayor:

DEM	VIVIAN CYNDI MCKENZIE	2,741	70%
TLP	RAMON A. FERNANDEZ	1,176	30%

Yonkers City Council President

Working Families Party candidate –

WFP- WOR	ANGELIQUE F. LOPEZ	1,223	5%
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## Budget Update Paints Less Alarming Picture of Federal Health Cuts

By **Bill Hammond, EmpireCenter.org**

<https://www.empirecenter.org/publications/budget-update-paints-less-alarming-picture>

A new fiscal report from the state Budget Division suggests federal funding cuts will hit New York's health-care budget less severely than officials have previously warned.

A financial plan update released last week estimates that Washington's tax and spending package, signed by President Trump this summer, will add \$2.6 billion to the state's health costs in fiscal 2027, rising to \$3.6 billion in 2028 and 2029.

However, most of those costs could be avoided if the state wins approval to reconfigure its Essential Plan, as proposed to federal regulators in September.

Meanwhile, the Budget Division has increased – not decreased – its projections of how federal Medicaid funding the state will receive in years ahead. Compared to figures it published in May, the division anticipates an additional \$444 million in federal Medicaid support in fiscal 2027, \$2.8 billion in 2028 and \$2.6 billion in 2029.

The division also estimates that enrollment in the three state-run health plans – Medicaid, the Essential Plan and Child Health Plus – will rise rather than fall over the next three years.

The report warns that a newly imposed tax on managed care organizations, designed to draw an extra \$4 billion in Medicaid funding over three years, is at risk due to policy changes in Washington. Yet the state's projected revenue from the levy is unchanged as officials wait for clarity on when those federal policies will take effect.

These forecasts are surprisingly stable given that the federal legislation cut almost \$1 trillion from Medicaid over the next 10 years, and New York's version of the safety-net health plan has the highest per capita spending in the U.S.

The outlook stands in contrast with comments from other state officials and industry representatives, who have said the impact of health cutbacks in Washington would be "devastating" and "catastrophic."

Governor Hochul has said "draconian" cuts in the federal legislation – known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act or H.R. 1 – would cost the state's health care system \$13 billion annually and cause 1.5 million New Yorkers to lose insurance coverage.

"I've been very clear: no state can fully undo the damage in this bill or backfill cuts of this scale," Hochul said in a July press release.

The \$13 billion figure was based in part on double-counting: It was the sum of \$10 billion in lost federal aid and \$3 billion in increased costs to the state. That equates to a net reduction in health funding of \$7 billion, which – if cut immediately – would still have left hospitals and other providers with more money than they had in 2025.

Hochul's estimate of coverage losses was based on two provisions of the federal legislation: a "community engagement" rule requiring that non-disabled adults demonstrate 80 hours per month of work, education or volunteering to stay on Medicaid, and a ban on using most federal health funds for legally present immigrants.

The latter requirement was especially disruptive for the state's Essential Plan – and accounts for the bulk of the fiscal impact on New York.

Created under a little-used clause of the Affordable Care Act, the Essential Plan covers residents just above the income eligibility threshold for Medicaid, from 138 percent to 250 percent of the federal poverty level. Its \$14 billion in federal funding is based on the tax credits that its 1.7 million enrollees would have received if they had purchased commercial coverage through an insurance exchange – an amount that has been more than enough to cover the program's entire budget.

Until now, legally present immigrants have been a revenue generator for the program, accounting for 55 percent of its funding or about \$7.6 billion per year. With immigrants losing eligibility, the state faced the loss of that revenue and – under a 2001 court ruling known as *Aliessa v. Novello* – an obligation to provide Medicaid coverage for 500,000 of the immigrants at state expense. That tab of about \$3 billion per year represented the bulk of the federal legislation's projected impact for fiscal 2027.

In September, however, officials announced a plan to keep the *Aliessa* population in the Essential Plan and finance their coverage with surplus money that had accumulated in a trust fund. This maneuver involved rolling back a 2024 expansion, which would bump out some 460,000 enrollees above 200 percent of the poverty level. The state's application to the federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) was submitted in October.

The Budget Division's fiscal update alludes to this plan, which is due to take effect in July 2026, but does not provide the financial details. Nor does it explain the financial implications of continuing the program under its current structure for citizens only.

Instead, it shows the Essential Plan's budget declining to one-quarter of its current level in fiscal 2027 and dropping to zero in 2028 and 2029. Those figures seem to imply that the plan will cease operations in July 2026, which is a possibility state officials have not previously raised.

This scenario seems unlikely. If the state's restructuring plan is rejected, in fact, the state is arguably obliged to continue operating under the federal waiver it received in 2024.

In a recent notice, the Health Department said that only enrollees with incomes above 200 percent poverty stood to lose coverage in July.

"Nothing will change for ... enrollees with income up to 200% FPL," the notice said. "New York is committed to preserving coverage for as many New Yorkers as possible and ... minimizing the financial losses to the health care delivery system by retaining most Essential Plan coverage."

Asked to clarify why its report showed the plan's funding ending next year, a Budget Division spokesman said: "The Financial Plan reflects H.R. 1 as currently executed and will be updated as we receive CMS's decision."

The state's overall fiscal outlook has improved somewhat since its first-quarter report in August, but spending is still expected to outstrip revenues over the next three years, the report says. It shows the state facing a \$4.2 billion gap in 2027, down from \$7.5 billion after the first quarter. The combined gaps over the next three years total \$26.8 billion, down from \$34.3 billion in August.

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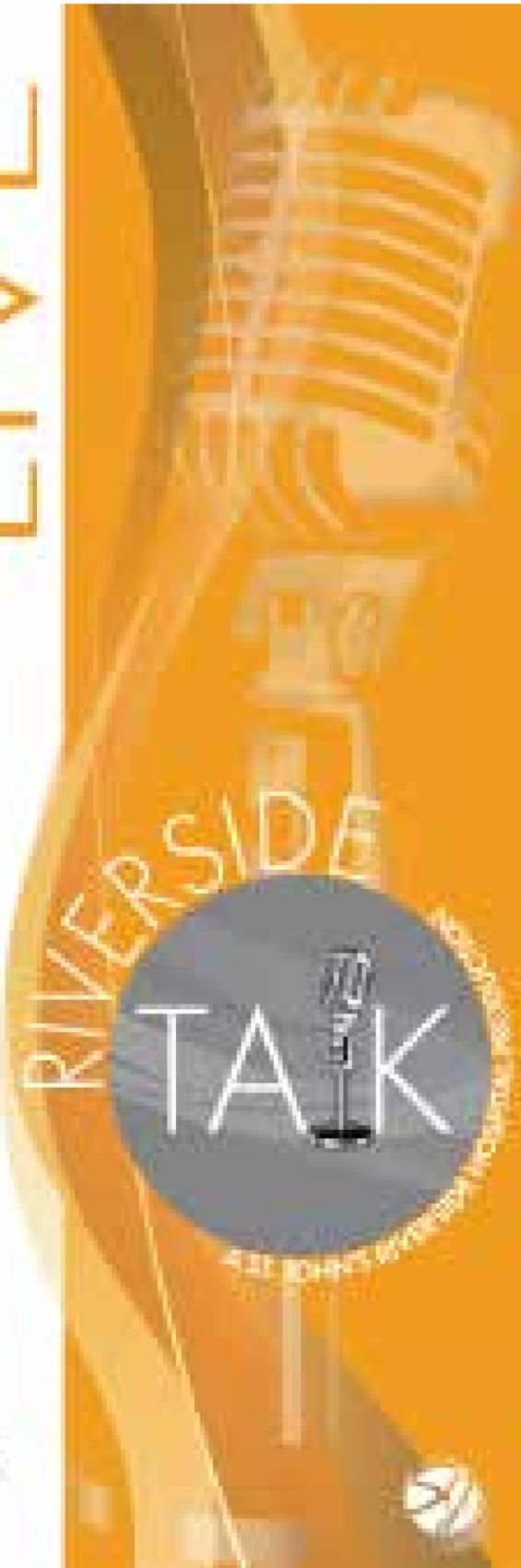
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