

Senate Candidate Gina Arena: New Yorkers Worked 682 Million Hours to Pay Migrant Housing Costs



Gina Arena

Harckham and Arena Exchange Views at LWV Debate

By Dan Murphy

New Yorkers had to work approximately 682 million hours to raise enough state tax revenue just to cover the cost of migrant housing to date. In fact, the total annual state personal income tax yield from more than 328,000 New Yorkers would be required to foot the bill for the \$2.3 billion spent on New York migrant housing thus far. That's more people than live in the entire 40th Senate District, State Senate candidate Gina Arena today noted. New York is now seeking an additional 14,000 hotel rooms.

Ms. Arena, who opposes Sanctuary State policies, made these back-of-an-apkin calculations to offer a reality check of just how much tax revenue New York is spending on the self-inflicted migrant crisis. Ms. Arena noted that funding for migrant services comes from multiple sources so there's no simple apples-to-apples calculation, but with all tax dollars being fungible, these calculations roughly capture how many hours New Yorkers need to work to raise \$2.3 billion in state personal income tax revenue. The figure was calculated based on a \$7,000 average annual state income tax bill and a 40-hour work week (40 hours per week multiplied by 52 weeks equals 2,080 work hours per year per worker. \$2.3 billion divided by \$7,000 equals 328,571 individual taxpayers. 328,000 taxpayers multiplied by 2,080 annual work hours comes to 682 million work hours. The average New York State Senate district has around 320,000 people. A lower average annual tax payment would require

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Latimer: Crime is Down in Westchester-Again

Crime rates in Westchester County have once again declined, according to the latest data from the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services. Westchester County Executive George Latimer attributed this encouraging trend to the tireless efforts of law enforcement and the strong collaboration with community partners.

The report highlights significant progress in three key areas: shootings, murders, and overall crime—all of which have seen positive decreases. These improvements reflect the County's ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents.

Shootings: Source: DCJS, data through September 30, 2024

Year to date shootings are down 34.5%, from 29 shootings in January to September 2023 to 19 shootings in January to September 2024.

With 2.1 shootings per month, Westchester in 2024 has the second lowest number of shootings on record. Only 2019 was better with 1.9 shootings per month. Since the pandemic spike, shootings are down by about 50%.

Murders: DCJS, data through May 31, 2024

Murders were down 57% year over year, from 7 murders in January to May 2023 to 3 murders in January to May 2024. *continued on pg 7-*

Branda: Crime is Up in Westchester Again

Somers Republican Dan Branda, who ran for Westchester County Board last year, issued a release about recent crime data in Westchester.

"A year after Westchester County Executive George Latimer and BOL Chairman Vedat Gashi lied about government data demonstrating clear and undeniable growth in Westchester's crime rates, Dan Branda today provided an alarming update on Westchester's crime rates.

"Crime in Westchester continues to rise, now up 30 percent post-pandemic, while the administration of County Executive George Latimer and Board of Legislators Chairman Vedat Gashi fail to take meaningful action—or even acknowledge the problem.

"While the administration of County Executive George Latimer and Chairman Vedat Gashi continues to evade responsibility, I am here to demand answers and ask concrete questions toward addressing Westchester's rising crime" Branda asked. "With no accountability from our elected leaders, crime is up 30 percent in Westchester with only thoughts and prayers to curtail it. The problem is, once you misrepresent crime data to help win an election, creating a false sense of

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Missing: Anthony Frascone, Congressional Candidate -NY-17 Last Seen, June 25, 2024



Have you seen Congressional candidate Anthony Frascone?

Latest poll

Lawler-45%
Jones-44%
Frascone-?%

By Dan Murphy

With Republicans currently holding an ultra-slim, 5-person majority in the House of Representatives, every competitive House race across the country could determine which party holds the majority in 2025. Among the most competitive, and closely watched is here in Westchester, in the 17th Congressional district, with Congressman Mike Lawler being challenged by former Congressman Mondaire Jones.

Lawler was elected in 2022 by 1780 votes, less than .5%. Jones was elected in this district in 2020, but was forced out during redistricting, ran for Congress in NYC in 22' and lost. Lawler and Jones now face off for the first time in 2024, a Presidential election year, in a district that President Biden won by 10 in 2020, where every vote counts.

Enter the Working Families Party into this election. Earlier this year, in Westchester's other Congressional race, in NY-16, in the democratic primary between George Latimer and Congressman Jamaal Bowman, Mondaire Jones endorsed Latimer.

Jones' endorsement enraged progressive democrats, most of who were supporting Bowman. So much so that the NY-Working Families Party withdrew their support and funding for Jones, but they never rescinded their endorsement.

Enter into the confusion Anthony Frascone, a registered WFP member who

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Increase in Available Listings in Markets North of NYC Offers Much-Needed Relief for Buyers



274 Broadview Avenue, New Rochelle

Q3 Report Sees Notable Shift Toward Greater Inventory

In the third quarter of 2024, the real estate market north of New York City experienced its first notable shift in over three years. After an extended period of dwindling inventory due to high demand, there is an increase in available listings across most markets surveyed, offering much-needed relief to buyers, according to the Houlihan Lawrence Westchester-Putnam-Dutchess Q3 Market Report released today.

According to the report, Westchester County has seen an uptick in inventory, with listings increasing by an average of 3% year-over-year. Some areas have experienced inventory rises as high as 22%. The median sale price in Westchester has continued to rise, driven by a resilient buyer pool. The average sale price rose 7% to \$1,323,585, and the median sale price reached \$999,000, up 8% from the previous year. This demonstrates that demand remains strong even as more options become available.

Putnam County saw an overall increase in inventory of 5%. The median sale price rose significantly to \$580,000, a 14% increase, reflecting sustained demand. In contrast, Dutchess County continues to face inventory constraints, although overall sales and prices have risen. The average sale price in Dutchess climbed 15% to \$588,319, indicating continued buyer interest despite lower inventory levels.

The luxury market has also shown strong growth, with Westchester County reporting a 24% increase in transactions over \$2 million, and Putnam and Dutchess Counties experiencing surges well above 30%. These figures underscore the continued attractiveness of high-end properties in the region, even amidst broader market shifts.

“These developments, coupled with indications from the Federal Reserve regarding potential rate cuts, may encourage sellers hesitant to enter the market to reconsider. The opportunity to capitalize on increased inventory and sustained buyer demand could prompt more movement among homeowners, particularly those looking to trade up or down, said Liz Nunan, President and CEO of Houlihan Lawrence.

“Overall, the trends observed in the third quarter of 2024 suggest meaningful changes in the market, marking a shift in a landscape that has remained relatively flat for years. As we move forward, the sustained resilience of the buyer pool, coupled with increasing inventory levels, points towards a dynamic and evolving market environment,” Nunan added.

Q3 MARKETS AT A GLANCE (Q3 2024 vs Q3 2023)
 WESTCHESTER COUNTY
 Homes Sold: Down 5.1%
 Median Sale Price: Up 8%

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Latimer and County Health Commissioner Encourage all Residents to Get Their Flu Shot



Westchester County Executive George Latimer, above, rolled up his sleeve for his annual flu shot at the Westchester County Department of Health Clinic in White Plains. Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler administered Latimer’s vaccine at the clinic.

Urging Westchester County residents to do the same, Latimer said: “Book a flu shot today, for your children and yourself. That yearly flu vaccine is the best way to avoid being sidelined by influenza, and one vaccine provides protection through the spring.”

Vaccines are available at Westchester County Health Department Clinics by appointment; call 914-995-5800 weekdays before 4:30 p.m. to discuss eligibility. Flu shots are also available for a fee from many area pharmacists and medical offices. To find a vaccine near you, go to <https://www.vaccines.gov>. Vaccines are also available for uninsured and underinsured adults and children covered through the Vaccines for Adults and Vaccines for Children programs. To reach residents who have difficulty accessing flu shots, the Health Department is also holding clinics at some soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

Amler said: “I urge residents to get a flu shot for every member of their family six months and older, and the sooner the better. With new variants circulating, it is also a good idea to get the latest COVID-19 vaccine for your whole family. Vaccination protects you and it protects those around you who are more vulnerable to complications, such as infants too young to be vaccinated, seniors and people with chronic health conditions.”

In the U.S., there are usually more flu cases between December and February, but flu can linger into May. One flu vaccine now provides protection all season long and can prevent illness or reduce the severity of flu symptoms. The vaccine becomes fully effective after about two weeks. Amler said that anyone who does get a respiratory infection should consider COVID/influenza testing.

Residents can once again order free at-home COVID-19 tests from the federal government to have on hand ahead of the upcoming respiratory virus season. Every household is eligible to receive four tests, which will be shipped free by USPS. Testing can help you determine if you have COVID-19 so you can decide what to do next, like getting treatment to reduce your risk of severe illness and taking steps to lower your chances of spreading the virus to others.

Antiviral medication is available by prescription for those who test positive with COVID or the flu, but it is most effective if started early in the illness, so contact your physician immediately. To avoid spreading germs to others, the CDC recommends residents wear a mask, cough or sneeze into their elbow and wash their hands frequently with soap and water. Those with flu should stay home for 24 hours after their fever subsides. Those who test positive for COVID should stay home to avoid spreading germs. They can resume activities when, for at least 24 hours, their symptoms are improving and they are fever-free without taking fever-reducing medication. Because they can still spread the virus, they should wear a mask in public for another five days, and clean surfaces they touch frequently.

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Westchester County Honors Local Heroes for Their Life-Saving Actions



L-R-County Executive George Latimer, Paul Mullin, Joseph Abreau, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins

Westchester County Executive George Latimer, Emergency Services Commissioner Richard Wishnie, and Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler are proud to honor Joseph Abreau and Paul Mullin of the Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps (OVAC) for their heroic actions during a life-threatening emergency. Their quick thinking and decisive response saved a woman's life and prevented a potentially catastrophic house fire.

In mid-September, Abreau and Mullin were dispatched to a residence in the Town of Ossining for a report of a woman who had fainted. Upon arrival, they were met with dark smoke pouring from the house and a victim lying on the floor. Mullin quickly attended to the victim while Abreau communicated with dispatch for additional support from the Ossining Fire Department. Abreau extinguished an active fire on the stove by smothering it with a blanket from the stretcher, thereby averting what could have been a devastating blaze.

The patient was subsequently treated at Phelps Hospital in the hyperbaric chamber to prevent long-term impacts from carbon monoxide poisoning.

Latimer said: "Thanks to their swift actions, the victim received the necessary medical attention, and the fire was extinguished before it could spread. Joseph and Paul exemplify the spirit of service that our emergency responders embody, and we are grateful for their dedication to our community."

Wishnie said: "Their heroism serves as a reminder of the vital role our first responders play. They put their lives on the line every day to keep our residents safe, and we commend their extraordinary efforts."

Amler said: "The swift actions of Joseph and Paul not only saved a life but also averted a significant fire hazard. We are incredibly fortunate to have Phelps Hospital in our community, with its state-of-the-art hyperbaric chamber. This invaluable resource is essential in effectively preventing long-term effects from carbon monoxide poisoning, ensuring the best possible outcomes for patients like this woman."

In recognition of their heroic actions, Abreau and Mullin received proclamations from Westchester County officials, acknowledging their bravery and commitment to the community.

Eat Pizza and Vote on Election Day



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Hard to believe that summer ended so abruptly and all of a sudden we are wearing our winter coats and hats. We can change a lot of things but you can't change the weather. I am sure many of you like the colorful leaves and even more colorful trees, but there are many of us that would like summer all year long. Yes we should move to Florida but no, we like the seasons.

The candidates for President this year sadly don't excite us and many people say they are not going to vote. Don't do it! It is critical that you vote. If you don't like a Republican or Democratic candidate, vote for one of the candidates on the other party lines. With so many choices you should read up on them because you don't want to vote for someone just because you don't like the major candidates. There has to be one candidate on the Ballot You can support. Remember that unless a miracle happens the Democrat will win New York,

New York now lets people register to vote online making the whole process simple. The important date to remember is October 26. You have to register online, in person, or have your mail in registration form at the Board of Elections by that date. Early voting runs from October 26 to November 3rd. Don't just go to the polling site you always go to. Find out where the early voting site is before you go. You should receive a card from the Board of Elections that tells you where to go.

To qualify for voter registration in New York State, you must be a United States Citizen; be 18 years old (you may pre-register at 16 or 17 but cannot vote until you are 18); not be in prison for a felony conviction, not be adjudged mentally incompetent by a court and not claim the right to vote elsewhere.

The big day this year is November 5. Polling locations are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. You should receive a card with all the details as to where you should go.

If you get to the polling place and they don't have your card, don't leave. Demand a paper ballot. If you feel strongly that you registered there are usually Supreme Court Justices at the Board of Elections and at locations throughout the county. The phone number for the WESTCHESTER County Board of Elections is 914-995-5700.

It's a long day but the Board of Elections always needs people to work the polls. Call the number above if you are available. You get to meet your neighbors and quite often the candidates. During the quiet time you can read, knit a scarf for me (no wool please) and if you are a student the polls will leave you time to do your homework.

So where does the pizza come in. It doesn't have to be pizza it can be any food that brings you comfort and joy. After this political season all of us are due for a treat on Election Day for putting up with a race that for many of us started early this year.

Now I like my pizza the normal way with mozzarella and tomato sauce. I wouldn't step on vegetable pizza or pizza with pineapple. When the local daily paper talks about pizza, they always focus on the newest shops selling funky pizza. Like a clam pie. We are so blessed in Yonkers to have many small shops that

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Controller Of Family-Owned Westchester Businesses Pleads Guilty To Embezzling \$3.4M

Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that JOHN HICKEY, the former controller and Director of Quality Assurance for a family-owned business in Armonk, New York, pled guilty to one count of wire fraud in connection with his embezzlement of more than \$3.4 million from the business.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "John Hickey embezzled over \$3.4 million from a family-owned business, exploiting his position of trust for personal gain. Today's guilty plea holds Hickey accountable for his illegal conduct and demonstrates our unwavering commitment to pursuing justice for victims of fraud."

According to the allegations contained in the Information:[1]

HICKEY was a member of the family that owned the group of victim corporations and held minority ownership interest in some of the corporations. The victim corporations manufactured flame retardant fabrics. HICKEY began to work at the victim corporations while he was in college and became the Director of Quality Assurance in or about 2012. HICKEY also served as the controller of some of the victim corporations.

From February 2018 to November 2023, HICKEY embezzled \$3,461,292.69 from the victim corporations. He created false invoices that appeared to be from entities with which the victim corporations did business. He then forged signatures that supposedly approved payment of those invoices and caused the victims' accounting system to print checks payable to him in the amount of the invoices. Once a check was printed, HICKEY changed the payee on the check to match the name on the corresponding false invoice. He used a rubber signature stamp to sign the checks. HICKEY used the proceeds of the above scheme to gamble on sporting events, to attend concerts and sporting events, to improve and repair his home and to go on vacations.

HICKEY, 34, of Feasterville-Treose, PA, pleaded guilty to one count of wire fraud, which carries a maximum sentence of twenty years in prison. The maximum potential sentence is prescribed by Congress and is provided here for informational purposes only, as the sentence will be determined by the court.

Mr. Williams praised the outstanding investigative work of the Special Agents of the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York.

This case is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant United States Attorney James McMahon is in charge of the prosecution.

The name of the company Hickey embezzled was The Tapis Corporation.

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi

Applauds Court Decision on Even-Year Election Bill



Mt. Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi

State Supreme Court Judge Gerard Neri recently ruled that a new state law that would have moved many local elections to line up with state and federal elections in even-numbered years violates the state Constitution. "Be it in the local paper, television, radio, online, or one's mailbox, the competition for a voter's attention is fierce. New York and the Plaintiff Counties are home to some of the most competitive House of Representative Races, and with that competition comes massive spending on advertising. There is simply no way local races can compete and obtain media attention, paid or earned, in that maelstrom," Neri wrote. "Voters participate when they are aware, informed, and believe their vote matters. There is simply no state interest in the timing and changing of terms of local office."

State Senator James Skoufis, a sponsor of the Even-Number Election Year Bill, said the state will appeal. "This case was always going to be appealed and I fully expect a more objective panel of judges to rule in favor of the law's constitutionality."

Mount Pleasant Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi praised the Onondaga Supreme Court's recent ruling that declared the "Even-Year Election Bill" adopted by New York in 2023 unconstitutional.

The decision affirmed that the bill violated Article IX of the New York State Constitution, which protects the home-rule authority of local governments.

"We are pleased with the court's ruling, which upholds the principle that local governments should decide their election dates. This is a matter of local concern, and it is essential that each community has the flexibility to choose the timing that best suits its needs. Forcing local elections to align with state and federal races undermines the focus on local issues, and we are glad that the court upheld our home-rule authority," said Supervisor Fulgenzi.

The Even-Year Election Bill, passed last year, aimed to shift the timing of local elections for certain county and town officials to coincide with state and federal elections in even-numbered years, with the intent of increasing voter turnout and reducing voter confusion. However, many counties and towns, including Mount Pleasant, filed lawsuits challenging the bill, arguing that it infringed on local control.

The Onondaga Supreme Court consolidated these lawsuits and ruled that the state lacked the authority to impose the changes without a constitutional amendment or home rule message from the affected municipalities.

The court's decision highlighted several key factors, including data showing a higher rate of voter drop-off and blank votes for local offices when elections occur simultaneously with state and federal elections. This supported the argument that combining elections could detract from local candidates and issues, further bolstering the case for local autonomy.

"The timing of local elections is not a matter of state concern, and we appreciate that the court recognized this," Fulgenzi added. "Our residents deserve to have their voices heard on the issues that affect their daily lives without competing with the noise of national elections."

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Playland to Host Halloween Costume Parades for Canines and Kids on Oct 20 & Oct 27

Monster Mash-Up: Playland to Host Halloween Costume Parades for Canines and Kids During the Last Two Sundays of October for a Spooktacular Time

On Sunday, October 20, from 12 noon to 2 p.m., guests are invited to dress up their pets in their Halloween best for a paws-ively adorable Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade on Playland's boardwalk and beach.

On Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 p.m., the Kiddyland Fall Fun October Weekends will celebrate a festive finale with the Halloween Costume Parade, welcoming kids to show off their ghoulish getups for the spooky season.

As Playland has officially welcomed back four-legged friends to the historic waterfront and Playland Beach for another season of canine-loving fun, visitors are invited to celebrate the spooky season at the Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade on Sunday, October 20 from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. at Playland's boardwalk and beach.

Guests can also get into the Halloween spirit with their pets and show off their creative costumes during the pet parade, with the procession officially kicking off at 1:00 p.m. The top three winners will be awarded all-access Playland season passes for the 2025 season. In addition to the parade, the Westchester Humane Society will be on-site with an information table and Walter's Hot Dog Truck will also be parked on the boardwalk.

The following weekend on Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 p.m., Playland Amusement Park will celebrate the final day of Kiddyland Fall Fun October Weekends with a festive Halloween Costume Parade. Kids are encouraged to wear their favorite costumes on the Kiddyland stage and showcase their "spooktacular" outfits down the runway. Select food vendors will be open and there will be a 360-photo booth where guests can capture their creative costumes and purchase a digital photo for \$10. In addition and throughout the day, there will be face painting with Halloween and Oktoberfest designs, a whimsical bubble cart, and craft tables that will offer opportunities for mask-making and pumpkin decorating. Kiddyland shows will also entertain audiences with performances by "Ol' Gus Shivers" at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5 p.m.

Playland is located at 1 Playland Pkwy, Rye, NY 10580

The Howl-O-Ween Pet Parade will take place on Sunday, October 20 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m., with the Pet parade procession beginning at 1pm.

The Kiddyland Halloween Costume Parade will take place on Sunday, October 27 at 2:00 p.m..

For more information and a calendar of events, visit www.playland.com.

Antonio Mignone Honored with DAR Good Citizen Award



Antonio Mignone

The Hudson River Patriots Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are proud to announce that Antonio Mignone has been awarded the prestigious DAR Good Citizen Award. This honor recognizes young people who demonstrate outstanding qualities of leadership, service, and patriotism in their communities.

Antonio has shown exemplary dedication to his peers and community through various volunteer initiatives and leadership roles. His commitment to community service and education reflects the core values of the DAR.

Antonio's Eagle Scout project involved designing and planting a pollinator garden at Kittrell Park in White Plains, which is making a lasting impact on the community. This project highlighted his leadership abilities and demonstrated his commitment to improving the environment for all to enjoy.

In May 2024 Antonio graduated from Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains and is now a freshman at Samford University in Birmingham, AL where he is majoring in Political Science.

"The DAR Good Citizen Award highlights the importance of civic responsibility," said Philomena Dunn, Regent, Hudson River Patriots Chapter of the DAR. "Antonio embodies these ideals, and we are thrilled to celebrate his accomplishments."

The award was presented at a ceremony on October 13, 2024, in the Sacred Heart Church Hall, Yonkers.

If you are interested in learning more about this topic or DAR membership, visit [Facebook.com/HRPCDAR](https://www.facebook.com/HRPCDAR)

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PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO 2024/2025 CAPITAL BUDGET

I, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, City Council President of the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the 2024/2025 Capital Budget of the City of Yonkers as follows:

22nd day October, 2024
City Council Chambers City Hall 40 South Broadway – 4th Floor
Yonkers, New York
7:00 p.m.

The proposed amendment to the Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, increasing the estimated total authorization set forth in said Capital Budget by an amount not to exceed Three Million (\$3,000,000) Dollar, from Sixty-Eight Million Five Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Eighty-Six (\$68,583,086) Dollars, to an amount not to exceed Seventy-One Million Five Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Eighty-Six (\$71,583,086) Dollars, to fund capital projects in and for the City of Yonkers.

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

LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
October 8, 2024

CORPORATION NOTICE
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 22 at 6:45 PM in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following resolution, to wit:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE YONKERS CITY COUNCIL TO HONOR THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY'S REQUEST TO HONORARILY RENAME HALLEY STREET BETWEEN MILE SQUARE ROAD AND CRESCENT PLACE "PATRICK QUINN WAY"

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

VINCENT SPANO, City Clerk
October 8, 2024

Notice of formation of Hampton Estate Care LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/17/2024. 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, 35 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Letter to the Editor:
Subject: Lawler is Complicit

Everyone is familiar with the sin of not speaking up about injustices that are happening under your very nose. It's a sin because when you don't speak up you are condoning these injustices.

Lawler is complicit by not speaking up about his leaders' constant stream of injustices.

Lawler didn't speak up for the disabled when Trump demeaned them. Nor did Lawler speak up for veterans who were killed or captured. Nor did he speak up for an entire class of immigrants who were wrongly accused of crimes, especially when it's been proven year after year how American citizens commit more crimes per capita than immigrants. Lawler hasn't even spoken up for the press. In fact, he's barred the press from his Town Halls and mobile office hours.

One method to help understand this behavior is the philosopher J.L. Austin's concept of a "speech act". The premise is very familiar: Words convey information, and words can actually result in action. "When a male manager says something misogynistic, he diminishes the status of female colleagues and makes their opinions count for less. When people do things with words, the way others react can either counter or reinforce this," according to Austin.

Lawler, by speaking up instead of staying silent, could help negate Trump's and Vance's hateful rhetoric. Lawler can speak up when Trump and Vance repeatedly speak out viciously against women and minorities. They have no moral compass and Lawler demonstrates his support for their hate every day by not speaking up.

Lawler's silence on these human rights issues proves time and time again that he endorses hateful Trump's speech acts. Lawler's silence allows things to happen that he could easily take action to stop. Lawler is a coward for not being bipartisan, as he promotes himself to be. Being bipartisan means standing up for everyone.

Lawler is complicit and not qualified to serve the public whom he won't protect.

Mark A. Lieberman
Yorktown Heights

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get missed. Right off the parkways on Spruce Street is Carlito's where \$5 buys a slice of pizza and a soda. \$4 for children. Luigi's on Bronx River Road makes a mean white slice and great cheese and tomato sauce pizza. South Broadway has Gino's, always a favorite going back to the days of the Park Hill Movie Theater.

You might want to do bagels and lox and my friends at GOLDBERG'S across from Cross County Center have what I consider the best bagels in Yonkers. Crispy on the outside, soft and fluffy inside. They make bagel twists but you better get there early to get one. GOLDBERG'S has a full appetizing counter with cream cheeses low and full fat. High Ridge Bagels on Central Park Avenue is like all good bagel shops; boils the bagels first than bakes them in the oven. Don't buy a bagel unless it is boiled than baked.

This week a Paris Baguette opened in the High Ridge Shopping Center. Add delicious cakes and pastries to fresh breads and you can be in Yonkers and feel like you are in Paris. A place some of you may go to if you are not happy with the election results.

So make sure you vote and then splurge on some pizza or fresh bagels or whatever floats your fancy.

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com, or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!

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Letters to the Editor:

Dear editor,

As the election draws closer, we cannot ignore the growing impact of climate change on our communities. Hurricane Helene and now Hurricane Milton, along with dozens of wildfires this past summer — they're all clear warning signs of a very real climate crisis.

This issue deserves more attention than it's received so far this election cycle. During the presidential debate, only one brief question was asked about climate at the very end.

The fact is, the climate crisis impacts us all, no matter where we live or how much money we make. Americans are being told to flee their homes and risk losing everything. Meanwhile, Big Oil continues to put profits over people by prioritizing fossil fuels that continue to destroy our environment.

We cannot afford to lose any more time in the fight against the climate crisis. We need leaders — at the federal, state, and local level — who believe in the science of climate change and are willing or can be convinced to take bold action before it's too late. So I urge everyone: When you cast your ballot this November, think of our planet and the people that call it home.

*Sincerely,
Leah Hallow
Yonkers*

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This level of murders is the lowest number of murders of any Jan-May period since 1990.

Crime: DCJS, data through May 31, 2024

Crime is down 10% year over year. Westchester has currently 53% less crime than in 2000 and 33% less crime than in 2010. Crime is lower than 2017 and it is only 9% higher than the historic lows of 2018-2019.

Latimer said: "Our commitment to fighting crime in Westchester County is stronger than ever. We've invested in the Westchester County Department of Public Safety at record levels because I am dedicated to keeping this County safe for all of us. This progress is thanks, in large part, to the dedication and bravery of our law enforcement officers."

Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "The collaboration between our law enforcement, community leaders, and residents is key to our success in reducing crime. Westchester is proof that when we work together, we can create safer communities for everyone. This decrease in crime is a direct result of our collective efforts and dedication to public safety."

Westchester County Department of Public Safety Commissioner Terrance Raynor said: "These positive statistics reflect the relentless dedication of our law enforcement officers, who work day in and day out to protect and serve. Their commitment has led to this significant drop in crime, helping to ensure a safer environment and peace of mind for all Westchester residents."

At the press conference held on Oct. 16 to announce the data, both Jenkins and Latimer took aim at those who did not believe the statistics.

"During our polarized political times it is a disservice for anyone to suggest that the real data that is in front of people is just not true...No one should be looking at anything but the reality, the numbers don't lie," said Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins.

County Executive Latimer used a sports analogy to those who dispute the crime data. "I am a Jets fan, but the Jets lost to the Bills. It is a matter of fact that they lost. The next day nobody said the Jets won. Things happen and there is a certain reality to it. The scoreboard didn't lie.

"We cannot tell ourselves a fantasy because it satisfies a narrative or ideology.. If the numbers were going in the other direction we would determine what we can do to turn it around. You can't look at the scoreboard and deny the final score. The scoreboard tells us that law enforcement in Westchester has had a positive result. What we are doing is working," said Latimer.

Westchester League of Women Voters Says Vote Yes on Prop One

October 13, 2024

To the Editor:

In the upcoming election New Yorkers will have the opportunity to vote on an amendment to the New York Constitution: Proposal 1, the Equal Rights Amendment (Prop 1).

You probably think we have a full ERA in the Constitution in New York State, but it only covers discrimination based on race and religion.

Prop 1 adds more protections to the Constitution: against discrimination based on age, disability, ethnicity or national origin, and sex — including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive health care and autonomy. Prop 1 protects abortion rights and access to birth control and IVF.

New York State already has robust civil and human rights laws, but these laws could be changed or overturned, depending on who is in office.

Prop 1 does not change these existing laws; it simply takes the civil and reproductive rights we have under New York State law and makes them permanent in the New York State Constitution.

The League of Women Voters supports Prop 1 and urges a Yes vote on this amendment.

In addition, Westchester residents will be voting on Westchester County Proposition 2024-1:

"Should individuals serving in the position of Westchester County Legislator serve four-year terms instead of two-year terms?" The League has not studied this and has no position, but it has been unanimously approved by Westchester County Democratic, Republican, and Conservative legislators, and would bring Westchester in line with the majority of county boards in the state.

Proposal 1 and Proposition 2024-1 are listed on the back of the ballot. Remember: flip your ballot over and vote on these measures.

Susan Maggiotto

*President, League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns
Hastings-on-Hudson*

NY Libertarian Party Urges No Vote on Prop 1

The Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY) opposes Proposal 1, the so-called "Equal Rights Amendment," on the upcoming general election ballot. After careful review of Assembly Bill A1283, we believe its language poses significant risks to the rights and liberties of New Yorkers, and urge voters to reject it, allowing for a future revision.

If passed, Proposal 1 would add a wide array of new anti-discrimination categories, including ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, and reproductive healthcare. This extensive list goes beyond similar initiatives in other states, most of which are narrowly focused on abortion rights. Notably, New York's proposal avoids using the term "abortion" altogether.

Legal Concerns and Case Precedents

A key concern is the inclusion of "national origin" as a protected class. In 2021, New York City passed a law allowing non-citizens to vote in local elections, enabling approximately 800,000 new voters. This law was struck down in *Fossella v. Adams*, where the court ruled that it was non-compliant with the New York State Constitution. However, if Proposal 1 passes, the protection of national origin could potentially overturn this decision by giving legal standing to non-citizens, thereby allowing them to vote in state and local elections.

Similarly, the inclusion of "age" as a protected class raises concerns about parental rights. The LPNY supports parental authority over minors until emancipation, except in cases where due process dictates otherwise. The broad inclusion of age as a category of non-discrimination could lead to expanded autonomy for minors in areas such as medical decisions, as seen in *Parham v. J.R. (1979)*, where the Supreme Court acknowledged that parents have the primary role in child-rearing, but also opened the door for state intervention in specific cases. Amplifying age protections in the state constitution could further erode parental rights, particularly in areas such as gender identity and vaccination, where legislative battles are ongoing.

Section B of the proposal, which could lead to expanded affirmative action and quota systems in the private sector, also raises legal red flags. This section could be interpreted as enabling new mandates for hiring practices, potentially clashing with previous case law on affirmative action, such as the recent Supreme Court decision in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard (2023)*. In that case, the Court placed limits on race-based affirmative action in university admissions, signaling that such quota-based systems are legally vulnerable under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Section B of Proposal 1 could lead to protracted legal challenges if it attempts to extend similar quota systems to the private sector.

Conclusion

The LPNY sees Proposal 1 as being too risky and imprecise, and it will open the door to unintended legal consequences if passed. We urge voters to vote NO on Proposal 1 and to stay vigilant as legislators work on revising the language for future consideration.

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The Sharing Shelf Distributes Record Number of Backpacks to Westchester Students in Need



Volunteers filling backpacks at The Sharing Shelf in Port Chester.

The Sharing Shelf, the nonprofit clothing bank serving Westchester County, announced today the record-setting results of its 14th annual “Backpacks to School” initiative. Through that initiative, which ran for six weeks ending on September 20, hundreds of volunteers joined together to assemble, fill, and distribute – free of charge – backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies for Westchester students in need.

The number of backpacks filled and distributed was 1,926 – 52 more than last year’s record. The backpacks were filled with grade-appropriate school supplies. They were distributed by The Sharing Shelf through 40 nonprofit organizations and public schools benefiting children from pre-K through high school in more than 40 school districts in Westchester.

The record demand for backpacks is not surprising, as applications for clothing received by The Sharing Shelf have nearly tripled over the last five years: from 1,863 in 2018 to 5,579 in 2023. While Westchester is among the nation’s wealthiest counties, its poverty rate for children under five grew from 9.5% to 11.7% from 2021 to 2022, according to Westchester Children’s Association, and over 67,000 children and teens live in poverty or a low-income home.

“Backpacks and school supplies are a vital part of any student’s preparation for school,” said Deborah Blatt, Founder and Executive Director of The Sharing Shelf. “It’s crucial that every student has access to those tools for their educational success. We are enormously grateful to the many businesses, community organizations, and individuals who have provided in-kind or financial support to make this record-setting outcome possible.”

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1:00 – 2:00 PM: Lauren Aliza Green, Crystal Hana Kim, Kirsten Miller, Amy Neff, and Diane Parrish

2:15 – 3:15 PM: Elizabeth Birkelund, Janis R. Daly, Lauren Grodstein, Kelsey James, and Laura Spence-Ash

3:30 – 4:00 PM: Barbara Heller

4:15 – 5:15 PM: Julia Dahl, Lisa Denig, Thaddeus Ruthowski, Julie Satow, and Marianne Thompson

Speakers include

Elizabeth Birkelund ~ A Northern Light in Provence (Literary Fiction & Contemporary Romance)

Julia Dahl ~ I Dream of Falling (Psychological Thriller)

Janis R. Daly ~ The Path Beneath Her Feet (Historical Fiction)

Lisa Denig ~ Trial and Error (Young Adult Contemporary Fiction)

Lauren Aliza Green ~ The World After Alice (Family Life & Literary Fiction)

Laura Grodstein ~ We Must Not Think of Ourselves (Family Life & Literary Fiction; A Read with Jenna Pick)

Barbara Heller ~ Anne of Green Gables – Curated Edition

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Kirsten Miller ~ Lula Dean’s Library of Banned Books (Contemporary Fiction; Censorship & Politics)

Amy Neff ~ The Days I Love You Most (Family Life Fiction)

Diane Parrish ~ Something Better (Family Life Fiction)

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- Nader Sayegh

SAFER COMMUNITIES

Nader Sayegh strengthened penalties for organized shoplifting and gave judges more discretion to hold dangerous criminals accountable for their actions. He also brought back more funding for local police departments and will work with the federal government on common sense solutions to the immigration crisis. Sayegh is endorsed by Yonkers, County, NYC, and State police.

INFLATION RELIEF

Nader Sayegh is working to provide relief for residents and businesses struggling with inflation. He voted to raise the state's minimum wage, speed up middle-class tax cuts, expand child care assistance, and help first-time homebuyers.

BETTER SCHOOLS

Nader Sayegh secured a record increase in state funding for Yonkers public schools, which helped restore extracurricular activities like sports, music, art, library, and support services.

PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS

Nader Sayegh will defend a woman's right to choose. He voted to strengthen protections for reproductive freedom, and can be counted on to stand up to conservative attempts to roll back the clock and take away our hard-won individual rights and freedoms.



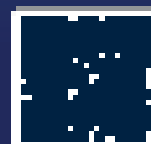
A family man, Nader Sayegh has always called Yonkers home, growing up in Southwest Yonkers with his seven siblings. He and his wife, Sana, built their life together here, raising their five daughters, all who attended Yonkers public schools, achieving successful careers.



After working his way through college and law school, Nader dedicated his life to public service. He served for over 40 years as a teacher, principal, college professor and President of the Yonkers Board of Education. Nader worked hard to better

our education system by helping increase graduation rates and expanding after-school programs. He also served as a captain in the New York Guard.

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Weekend Events at Westchester Parks

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

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

Book Buddies, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come into one of our animal enclosures and encourage your child to read in a unique atmosphere. Bring your favorite books or pick from our collection! Also: Nov. 9, 23; Dec. 21.

Get details and register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-buddies-program-at-muscote-farm-tickets-1009763037427?aff=ebsoporgprofile>

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

Ecotherapy: The Benefits of Nature, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Also called nature therapy, ecotherapy focuses on improving mental and physical well-being through outdoor activities. Free. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/ecotherapy-the-benefits-of-nature-2/2024-10-19/>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Moths of Marshlands, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Many moth species live at Marshlands. But because they're mostly nocturnal, we can't appreciate them as much as we do the daytime butterflies. Discover their ecological importance and natural beauty.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every Saturday through November. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad/2024-10-19/>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Farming & Witchcraft, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Explore the ties between witchcraft and agriculture as you make your own folk medicine out of ingredients harvested on the farm. Register and pay <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/farming-witchcraft-tickets-1037091467497?aff=oddtcreator>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Boo-ti-ful Halloween Wreath for Kids, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Children ages 5 through 7 will make a wreath and decorate frightfully delicious Halloween cookies. \$15 per child. Register and pay <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/boo-ti-ful-halloween-wreath-for-kids/>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. All Creatures Small, All Trees Tall, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Now that autumn is in full swing, see the change of the guard through the tree leaves and their surroundings. Hand lenses will be provided.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Hawk Day, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Join us at the nature center for a live birds-of-prey show with master falconer James Eyring; outdoors and for all ages.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. The Making of a Scarecrow, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Ages 6 and older can craft mini scarecrows for their home or yard as they learn about the history and uses of scarecrows on the farm. Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-making-of-a-scarecrow-tickets-1038033635547?aff=oddtcreator>

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. A gentle discovery of the amazing benefits of a yoga practice. \$25 to \$180. Also: Oct. 27; Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens/2024-10-20/>

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

Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Our market, which supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, features more than 25 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 17. Get details <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/farmers-market-information.html>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-10-20/>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Walking Tour of Late-Season Blooms, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Join a walking tour to see late-flowering perennials and plants that will add interest to an autumn garden. Meet at the green entrance gate just off of the upper-level parking lot.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Trick or Treat at the Farm, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. Put on your best costume and visit our animals to see what treats await (treats available while supplies last).

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Fall Foliage Hike, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Observe the changing leaves from a great vantage point at the top of the quarry. Hiking shoes are recommended for this trek that's about 2 miles.

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Voices Amplified: Social Media's Role
in the LGBTQ+ Community

From Left to Right, Nekia Zulu and Cienna Rosalina, from Yonkers.

By Dennis Richmond Jr.

In today's digital age, platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter) are revolutionizing how LGBTQ+ voices are heard and amplified. These spaces are not just for selfies and memes; they are vital tools for education, community building, and activism, transforming the landscape for marginalized groups in unprecedented ways.

TikTok has become a beacon for LGBTQ+ youth, allowing creators to share their journeys with a global audience through engaging short-form videos. Whether it's coming-out stories, discussions about gender identity, or humorous takes on queer life, users are discovering community and representation like never before. Hashtags like #LGBTQ, #TransJoy, and #NonBinaryVisibility connect millions, fostering a sense of belonging among young people navigating their identities.

Cienna Rosalina, a Yonkers native approaching nearly a quarter million followers on TikTok, highlights this shift: "Social media has significantly broadened the audience that LGBTQ+ activists can reach compared to the past. Activism used to be confined to protests and local events, but now it has a global stage." Cienna points out that for those in isolated or non-affirming environments, these platforms provide essential connections, offering support and validation that can be life changing.

Instagram plays a crucial role in visual storytelling for advocacy. Activists and organizations use its capabilities to spotlight pressing issues facing the LGBTQ+ community, from anti-trans legislation to mental health awareness. The platform's Stories and Reels features allow for quick dissemination of information and organization of events, while profile pronouns promote inclusivity.

Twitter, known for its immediacy, serves as a rallying point for LGBTQ+ activism. Users can quickly spotlight breaking news and engage in real-time discussions about crucial issues. Campaigns like #BlackTransLivesMatter gained traction here, highlighting the intersections of race and gender identity. Twitter fosters solidarity, enabling users to support one another and mobilize around urgent causes.

Despite its power, the digital landscape is not without challenges. Many LGBTQ+ creators face harassment and algorithmic bias, and censorship remains a threat. Yet, the potential for social media to amplify marginalized voices is undeniable. As these platforms evolve, so too will the ways in which queer individuals advocate for acceptance, equality, and joy.

Nekia Zulu, another prominent voice in the community, emphasizes the transformative impact of social media. "It's pivotal in bringing the LGBTQIA+ community out of the shadows of taboo," she says. "Now, you can find stylists, artists, and advocates who have always been part of this world but were hidden away." Social media allows these individuals to be recognized for their talents, from fashion to music, and shine a light on injustices faced by the community.

As we navigate the complexities of the digital age, social media remains a lifeline for the LGBTQ+ community, facilitating connection, education, and activism. While the journey has its hurdles, the collective strength and resilience displayed online is a powerful testament to the community's ongoing fight for equality. For many, social media isn't just a platform; it's a home.

Dennis Richmond, Jr., an educator, historian, and writer, illuminates the experiences of Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ communities in Yonkers and NYC through his journalism. Stay connected with him by following @NewYorkStakz on social media.

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Former Children's Village Employee Convicted of Having Sex with Teen at Dobbs Ferry Campus

A former employee of Children's Village, a New juvenile center that provides programs and services for at-risk youth, was sentenced on Oct. 14 to a 10-year prison term after being convicted of engaging in sexual intercourse with a teenage resident in 2021 at the Westchester County campus.

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah said: "Thanks to our partners at the NYC Department of Investigation and the Justice Center, we are holding this defendant accountable for an egregious breach of trust and ensuring she is removed from working with and being near minors."

Following her guilty plea in June, the defendant, Rebecca Jean-Baptiste, 28 of Yonkers, was sentenced, for the charge of rape in the third degree, to a 10-year mandatory period of probation with sex offender conditions and a permanent order of protection in favor of the victim. By law, her conviction also mandates that she register as a sex offender.

Among the terms of sex offender conditioned probation, the defendant is required to attend sex offender treatment and is prohibited from going to places where children may frequent, and from residing and working with any minors.

New York City Department of Investigation Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber said: "Rebecca Jean-Baptiste was responsible for the well-being of the teenagers in her care. Instead, she engaged in a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old, who by law is incapable of consent. I thank the Westchester County District Attorney's Office and the Justice Center for their partnership on this important investigation."

Acting Executive Director Maria Lisi-Murray, Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs said: "Ms. Jean-Baptiste's crime is a gross exploitation of power and a violation of her moral responsibility to keep those in her care safe. Let this sentence send a message to abusers of vulnerable individuals."

In late 2021, the defendant illegally engaged in sexual intercourse with a 16-year-old resident at the Dobbs Ferry campus of Children's Village. Among the approximately 10,000 children served by Children's Village, more than 400 are housed at the Dobbs Ferry residential facility, where the victim lived.

The defendant was employed as a Limited Secure Placement Specialist responsible for the direct care of youths, and later as a Control Room Specialist monitoring cameras throughout the campus.

In May 2022, facility staff reported the incident to the Justice Center, which oversees incidents of abuse and neglect in state-licensed juvenile centers and schools. The incident was immediately referred to the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), which began working with the Westchester DA's Office.

The DOI investigation was conducted by Assistant Inspector General Octavia Hill and supervised by Deputy Inspector General Harlyn Griffenberg, Inspector General Laura Millendorf, Deputy Commissioner of Strategic Initiatives Christopher Ryan and Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Dominick Zarrella. The District Attorney, DOI Commissioner and Acting Executive Director thanked the Ardsley and Dobbs Ferry police departments.

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Westchester County Early Voting Locations Starting October 26

Early Voting in New York State will begin prior to the November 5th General Election. The early voting period will be from Saturday, October 26, 2024 through Sunday, November 3, 2024. Days and Hours as follows:

Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Sunday, October 27, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Monday, October 28, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 31, 2024 from 12 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Friday, November 1, 2024 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

You can vote at any of the twenty-five (25) designated Westchester County Early Voting Centers listed below:

Croton Municipal Building, 1 Van Wyck Street, Croton on Hudson, NY
Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester, NY 10709
Greenburgh Town Hall, 177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains, NY 10607
Hastings-on-Hudson Public Library, 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson,
St. Gregory The Great Church, 215 Halstead Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528
Mamaroneck Town Center, 740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY
Mt. Kisco Public Library, 100 E. Main Street, Mt. Kisco, NY 10549
Mt. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla, NY 10595
Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562
Pound Ridge Town House, 179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, NY
Rye Brook Firehouse, 940 King Street, Rye Brook, NY 10573
Somers Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, NY 10589
Jefferson Village Annex, 3500 Hill Boulevard, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
Yorktown Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce Street, Yorktown Heights, NY
Doles Center, 250 S. 6th Avenue, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
Mt. Vernon City Hall, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550
New Rochelle City Hall Annex – 90 Beaufort Place, New Rochelle
New Rochelle United Methodist Church, 1200 North Avenue, New Rochelle
Peekskill Lincoln Depot Museum, 10 S. Water Street, Peekskill, NY 10566
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Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710
Nodine Hill Community Center, 140 Fillmore Street, Yonkers, NY 10701
Riverfront Library, One Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701

NONPARTISAN COALITION TO PROTECT KIDS-NY ANNOUNCES

“WALK OFF FOR FAIRNESS DAY”

Statewide Sports #GirlCott October 24

New York State high school athletes are being urged to walk off playing fields on Thursday, October 24th — “Walk Off for Fairness Day” — to protest the continuing efforts to end girls-only sports in New York, the nonpartisan ballot issue committee, Coalition to Protect Kids - NY, which is organizing the #GirlCott, today announced.

The Coalition is urging female athletes, and males who want to stand with them, to skip practices and games that day to raise awareness about two separate and imminent threats to Girls and Women’s Sports in New York: the ongoing effort by the State Board of Regents to combine Girls and Boys High School Sports, and Prop 1, a 2024 statewide Constitutional ballot amendment that would almost certainly lay the groundwork for biological males gaining a permanent right to compete on girls teams, despite their clear physical advantages.

“Girls are being systematically canceled in this state, and ‘Walk Off for Fairness Day’ will give them a safe opportunity to make their voices heard,” said Coalition to Protect Kids - NY spokeswoman Ayesha Kreutz. “So many of these young women are afraid of speaking out, so they’re forced to watch as 50 years of female athletic progress gets washed away by destructive ideologues. Girls are not second class citizens, so why are they being treated that way?”

In April 2024 the NYS Department of Education issued draft guidance allowing boys on Girls Sports teams based on their chosen gender. It also allows boys - regardless of their gender choice - to play on girls’ teams if the school fails to offer a boys’ team in a selected sport. If Prop 1 passes on November 5th, these regulations could likely gain permanent NYS constitutional backing, the Coalition notes.

“New Yorkers know what’s happening to Girls Sports isn’t fair,” said Tamara Marcella of Staying Woman TMM Global, a Coalition partner. “Indeed, 66% recently polled (Siena) want girls-only sports preserved in the state. They aren’t anti-anyone; they’re simply pro-Girl, and that should be enough.”

Visit protectkidsny.com for more information.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ; Index No. 59236/2023 Filed 04/07/2023 Plaintiff

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC VS.

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA; DONNAMARIE DISTASIO, HEIR-AT LAW OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA; RICHARD DISTASIO, HEIR-AT LAW OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; “JOHN DOE #1” through “JOHN DOE #12,” the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint,

PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Amended Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action may answer to appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Amended Complaint.

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proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

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Sending payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

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

To the above named defendants: The foregoing Publication is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. Paul I Marx, J.S.C, a Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of N.Y., dated September 06, 2024 and filed along with the supporting papers in the Westchester County Clerk’s Office. This is an action to foreclose a mortgage on the property located 26 Gail Road, Yonkers, NY 10710 Section: 4 Block: 4863 Lot: 56

Westchester County is designated as the place of

trial based upon the location of the property being foreclosed. Attorneys for

Plaintiff: Stern & Eisenberg, PC, 20 Commerce Drive, Suite 230, Cranford, NJ 07016 T:(516) 630-0288.

even more taxpayers to cover costs.) “New York desperately needs a reality check,” Ms. Arena, a longtime advocate for children and families, said. “When the annual state income tax revenue from an entire state senate district isn’t enough to cover a portion of migrant housing costs, something is seriously wrong with this state. It’s time to wake up to what we’re doing to taxpayers.”

Ms. Arena, who has children with disabilities, has argued throughout her campaign that the State Legislature has forgotten its priorities: “New Yorkers have enormous hearts,” she said, “but we have real needs of our own. Our road infrastructure is a mess, special needs families aren’t getting enough help, senior centers need rebuilding, and vital school projects go unfunded. At the same time, our taxes are through the roof; healthcare, energy, and insurance costs are some of the most expensive in the nation, and the price of everyday goods remains stubbornly high. To New York progressives this is just another \$2.3 billion, but for hundreds of thousands of hardworking New Yorkers it’s the fruit of their annual labor squandered.”

Arena and her opponent, State Senator Pete Harckham recently participated in a League of Women Voters debate held at New Castle Town Hall. And the topic of paying for migrants was discussed. “I’m very concerned about the \$2.5 Billion spent towards illegal immigration. We have New Yorkers who are suffering, and we are not spending even close to that amount on them. We need to get rid of our sanctuary status and help those New Yorkers suffering.

Harckham answered the same question saying, “Where was the outrage when republican governors were illegally sending tens of thousands of people to New York? Where was the outrage when Republicans in the House refused to provide funding to care for people coming into our municipalities?cWhere was the outrage when house republicans refused to pass a bi-partisan plan to solve the immigration problem? As a person of faith, when we have people living in our community, we should take care of them. This problem is completely generated by a broken federal system,” said Harckham. The debate can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jP56cYZYaBY>

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
INDEX NO: 70289/2023
D/O/F: 11/03/2023

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Property Address: 351 South 3rd Avenue a/k/a 351 Third Avenue South a/k/a 351 South 3rd Street, Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the property is situated.

BRITE FAMILY LLC,

Plaintiff,

-against-

BRENDA O. JONES A/K/A BRENDA JONES A/K/A BRENDA A. JONES, if living, and if she be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff;

TEMICKA L. JONES A/K/A TEMICKA JONES A/K/A TENICKA JONES A/K/A TEMICKA C. JONES A//K/A TOMICKA L. JONES, if living, and if she be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff;

DOUGLAS R. DRAYGOH A/K/A DOUGLAS DRAYGOH A/K/A DOUGLAS R. MADDOX, if living, and if he be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;

“JOHN DOES” and “JANE DOES”, said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises,
Defendant(s).

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff’s Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Nancy Quinn Koba, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, entered Sept. 16, 2024 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Westchester County Clerk’s Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Westchester County Clerk’s Office on September 29, 2021 in Control #612713799, covering premises k/a 351 South 3rd Avenue a/k/a 351 Third Avenue South a/k/a 351 South 3rd Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 a/k/a Section 169.31, Block 3115, Lot 24.

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

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

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

The following notice is intended only for the defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.

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11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

TO THE DEFENDANTS, except Brenda O. Jones, Temicka L. Jones, and Douglas Draygoh: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: Brenda O. Jones, Temicka L. Jones, and Douglas Draygoh: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises.

Dated:

Sandy J. Stolar, Esq., Margolin, Weinreb & Nierer, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff
165 Eileen Way, Suite 101, Syosset, New York 11791-516-921-3838--#101810

collected enough signatures from registered WFP members in the district to get on the ballot for a WFP primary with Jones held on June 25.

490 WFP members cast their votes, with 287 votes for Frascione and 197 for Jones. Anthony Frascione won the WFP primary and will appear on the Nov. 5th ballot as the WFP candidate for Congress. Voters in the district will have three choices: Lawler, Jones, and Frascione.

Questions are now being raised about Frascione, why he ran in the WFP, and who was behind it. And the national media, already interested in the Lawler-Jones race, has now taken interest in Frascione, who has ties to the Rockland County republican party, where Lawler calls home.

“Mr. Frascione, a bankrupt construction executive and former registered Republican, does not appear to have run a campaign by any conventional measure himself. He has no political website or social media.

“In early June, Rafi Silberberg, Mr. Lawler’s district director, wrote to a group of several hundred Orthodox Jewish supporters of the congressman, asking anyone who was not already registered to vote to contact him, according to messages reviewed by The New York Times.

“In the weeks that followed, about 200 members of Rockland County’s Orthodox enclave, a generally conservative community that staunchly supports Mr. Lawler, enrolled in the Working Families Party,” writes Nicholas Fandos from the NY Times. (<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/07/05/nyregion/mondaire-jones-bowman-wfp.html>)

“In 2022, Lawrence Garvey, an attorney and the head of the Rockland County Republicans, represented Anthony Frascione when he was sued by the state of New York in Rockland County for allegedly stealing workers’ compensation benefit premiums from two insurance companies. The case was dismissed later that year,” writes Brigid Bergin, from Gothamist

(<https://gothamist.com/news/mondaire-jones-working-families-party-mike-lawler-anthony-frascione>)

Our concern is that Frascione is missing in action for this election. While it is not unusual for minor party candidates not to run active campaigns, this election has serious implications for the country. We wanted to interview Frascione but could not find him. There is no online presence, or website, or anything. He refuses to respond to calls or emails for interviews.

Frascone was a registered republican for years before joining the WFP more than 10 years ago.

A lawsuit has been filed, (not by WFP), to try and remove Frascione from the ballot. But the legal arguments to try and remove Frascione, “The candidate...engaged in subversive practices in bad faith as an attempt to illegitimately influence the outcome of the general election,” do not seem to meet the difficult threshold to remove a candidate from the ballot in New York. The six plaintiffs in the case include the Democratic Party leaders of Westchester and Putnam counties and four voters from New York’s 17th Congressional District — two Republicans, a Democrat, and a Working Families voter.

Instead, the NYWFP has begun an information-education campaign, urging voters to vote for Jones and not Frascione.

Digital ads and a website- <https://www.wfpprotectny17.com/>, give voters some information to use before casting a vote.

“Anthony Frascione never applied for the WFP endorsement. He is a conservative with a checkered personal history who never intended to be a real candidate of the Working Families Party. Unbeknownst to the WFP and Jones’ campaign, Frascione and his associates registered a few hundred Rockland county residents as Working Families Party for the sole purpose of collecting enough petition signatures to put Frascione on the ballot and force a surprise WFP primary for the congressional election,” states the website.

“The NYWFP has gone so far as to urge voters to vote Democrat on Nov. 5, and not on the WFP Line. “The congressional race in CD-17 will be too close. We do not want to allow MAGA to confuse voters into voting for someone who isn’t running to represent the district in Congress. That’s why we’re asking people to keep it simple: If you live in congressional district 17, vote on the Democratic up and down the ballot.

“This congressional race between MAGA Republican Mike Lawler and Democrat Mondaire Jones will be extremely close. The votes cast on the Working Families ballot line could very well be the difference. In 2022, Republican Mike Lawler won by just 1,820 votes (less than 1%). Usually, the Working Families ballot line gets between 4% to 6% of the vote in this district. By stealing the line, Lawler and his MAGA radicals hope to confuse WFP voters and stifle the will of the district. The only way to fight this is to make sure that every voter knows that the candidate appearing on the WFP line is a MAGA spoiler, and not a real candidate for Congress. If you believe that our leaders should prioritize the needs of working families, we urge you to vote on the Democratic line in NY-17 in 2024.”

“Yes. The Working Families Party has had to fight tooth and nail to continue to have a ballot line so that voters can have an opportunity to express their values by voting WFP. Normally, we encourage voters to vote on the Working Families line in every general election. But this year we are asking voters in congressional district 17 to put country above party and vote on the Democratic line instead.

“The website also claims that supporters of Lawler are behind the effort. “Lawler has been enthusiastically cheerleading Frascione’s efforts to confuse voters and steal the line. What evidence do we have? During the June primary, the Lawler campaign sent two mail pieces to WFP registrants, highlighting a political disagreement between the Working Families Party and Mondaire Jones. The attack mail that Lawler’s campaign paid for copied the WFP visual style to imply they were WFP communications. It is extremely unusual for a Republican candidate to spend money sending expensive mailers to Working Families Party registrants. This was done to discourage real WFP voters from voting for Mondaire in the primary. It seems like Lawler’s team is not confident that he can win a fair election, so they’re resorting to dirty tricks to confuse voters!”

We spoke to Ana María Archila, New York Working Families Party Co-Director about the effort. “There’s a lot of confusion, but the basic facts are Frascione and his associates, who we don’t know who they are, registered voters WFP so they could sign petitions to put Frascione as a WFP candidate for congress.

“The way they did it, by turning in registration cards at the last minute, had the intent of hiding what was really happening. It was a dirty trick to siphon votes normally going to the Democratic candidate. We tend to endorse Democrats based on their support of the issues we believe in. They encouraged our voters not to vote for Mondaire,” said Archila.

In order to hold onto their automatic ballot status in New York State, the WFP needs to get at least 2% of the vote for President. By urging progressive democrats not to vote for Frascione and vote for Jones, will that impact their ability to meet that number?

“It is not a given,” said Archila, about WFP getting 2% of the vote on Nov. 5 in NY. “But it is more important not to allow these dirty tricks to impact the outcome. We want to make sure voters aren’t fooled.”

The Lawler campaign relished the confusion, and the attempted lawsuit to remove Frascione from the ballot.

“Mondaire Jones and his allies know he can’t win on the issues, so they’re resorting to dirty tricks to try and kick a primary-winning candidate off the ballot,” said Chris Russell, spokesman for the Lawler campaign. “In this effort, they’ve turned to Democrats on the courts to salvage what has been a train wreck of a campaign.”

“The argument they’re making would have catastrophic impacts on election law for New York State – if the judge rules in Jones’ favor, it will establish that any candidate, at any time, can sue any other candidate that has won a primary to kick them off the ballot,” concluded Russell. “If that’s not election denialism, I don’t know what is.”

Archila added, “I think that voters in the district who were considering voting for Lawler don’t like what they are trying to do here. It’s not too much to ask to respect the votes of democracy.”

Among those voters is this reporter. I live in the district, and I am a registered independent. I don’t want the outcome of my congressional election to be determined by confusion. I want a fair and square election, no games, and no tricks. It’s too important for our country.

Editor’s Note: We were able to find a photo of an Anthony Frascione dating back a few years, taken by a professional photographer at a real estate event in New York City. The nametag of this person says Anthony Frascione Alpha Omega Building. Alpha Omega Building is the name of his company owned by Anthony Frascione, the same person running for Congress. This same Anthony Frascione was indicted by the Rockland County District Attorney in 2022 for “providing false information to acquire legally required workers’ compensation insurance for his employees.

The Rockland DA’s Press Release states, “Anthony Frascione, 51, of Congers, NY and owner of Alpha-Omega, was indicted by a Rockland County Grand Jury for Grand Larceny 1st, Grand Larceny 2nd, and Insurance Fraud 1st. .Anthony P. Frascione, as owner and principal of Alpha-Omega, performed general contracting and multilevel building construction projects in the New York area. As required by law, and to be considered for any construction contract, all contractors are required to carry workers’ compensation insurance for their employees.

“Frascione applied for and received binding coverage from Travelers Insurance Company based upon information he supplied that he was operating a real estate business with a single employee and only \$40,000 in Workers’ Compensation payroll and was given an active workers’ compensation policy with a premium of \$403.

“After a thorough investigation, it was uncovered the true number of employees and payroll records for the time period. It indicated the defendant employed over 90 individuals and had a workers’ compensation payroll in excess of \$8,000,000 for construction, not real estate work as stated on the policy. Based upon the true and accurate rate for the workers compensation policy, the defendant should have properly paid \$1,498,748 in insurance premiums to Travelers Insurance Company during that period.

After having his company’s workers comp insurance canceled by Travelers, Frascione committed the same fraud with The Hartford, according to the DA.

“Frascione was arraigned in Rockland County Court by the Honorable Judge Larry J. Schwartz, bail was set at \$10,000 cash/ \$100,000 bond/ \$100,000 partially secured bond at 5%. As further bail conditions, the defendant was required to surrender his passport and will require the court’s permission to leave New York state.”

Hours after posting this photo, we received an email from Frascione’s former attorney, Lawrence Garvey, who claims that the picture we posted of Frascione is “absolutely not the Anthony Frascione that I defended in the criminal case.” Garvey also wanted us to add that under his representation, the charges against Frascione were dismissed.

We have now edited the caption of this photo to ask our readers-is this Congressional candidate Anthony Frascione? You can decide.

We paid for the rights to the photo and have placed it on a milk box carton. Anthony Frascione is missing from the race for Congress in NY-17. Anyone with information can contact us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com, or contact the NY-WFP.

DECLARATION OF LAND PATENT

LAND PATENT #: awarded to Caleb Heathcote, Joseph Theale, John Horton and others, dated the seventeenth day of February, 1701

KNOW ALL MEN AND WOMEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that I, Alena Karakova, BEING FIRST DULY SWORN AN AOTH, deposes and says:

1. That, Alena Karakova, does certify and declare that I am "Assignee" in the LAND PATENT name above; That I have brought up said Land Patent in my name as it pertains to the land described below. The character of said property so claimed by patent, and legally described and referenced under the Patent listed above is:

All that certain plot, place or parcel of land, situate lying and being in the Town of North Castle, County of Westchester, State of New York, designated as Lot 6, as shown on a certain map entitled, "Amended Subdivision of Property prepared for Townsend Estates, LLC". Said map filed in the Westchester County Clerk's Office, Division of Land Records, October 13, 1999 as Map No.26435. Said Lot 6 being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point formed by the intersection of the division line between Lot 5 and Lot 6 and the easterly boundary line of Stony Brook Place;
 THENCE easterly along said division line between Lot 5 and Lot 6, the following three courses and distances:
 South 75 degrees 50 minutes 56 seconds East 94.88 feet;
 North 67 degrees 23 minutes 18 seconds East 291.03 feet;
 North 72 degrees 21 minutes 57 seconds East 240.05 feet to lands now or formerly of Manganiello;
 THENCE southerly generally along the centerline of stone wall and along lands now or formerly of Manganiello, South 10 degrees 09 minutes 30 seconds West 67.00 feet;
 THENCE southerly continuing along said stone wall and along the division line between Lot 6 and Lot 7 as shown on said filed map, South 19 degrees 30 minutes 53 seconds West 392.94 feet to the division line between Lot 5 and Lot 7 as shown on said filed map;
 THENCE westerly along said division line between Lot 6 and 7, North 60 degrees 24 minutes 45 seconds West 532.37 feet;
 THENCE North 31 degrees 44 minutes 18 seconds West 72.41 feet to the easterly boundary line of Stony Brook Place;
 THENCE northerly along said easterly boundary line of Stony Brook Place on a curve bearing to the left having a radius of 55.00 feet and an arc length of 56.55 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

2. That, Alena Karakova, is domiciled at 30-04 14th Street, Astoria, New York Republic USA NON-DOMESTIC. Unless otherwise stated, I have individual knowledge of the matters contained in this Declaration of Land Patent. I am fully competent to testify with respect to these matters.

3. I, Alena Karakova, am an Assignee At Law and acceptor of that certain legally described portion of Land granted under the original certified LAND PATENT, which is duly authorized to be executed in pursuance of the supremacy of treaty law, citation and constitutional mandate, herein referenced, whereupon a duly authenticated true and correct lawful description, together with all hereditament, tenements and pre-emptive rights arising.

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shall be considered henceforth perfected in my name, and all future claims against this land shall be forever waived.

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JURISDICTION

THE RECIPIENT HEREOF IS MANDATED by Article VI, §2 & 3, the 9th and 10th Amendments with reference to the 7th Amendment, enforced under Article III, §3, Clause 1, of the Constitution for the United States of America.

Pursuant to Title 28, USC §1746(1) and executed "without the United States," I affirm under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, to the best of my belief and informed knowledge. And Further deponent saith not, I know affix my signature and official seal to all of the above affirmations with EXPLICIT RESERVATION OF ALL OF MY UNALIENABLE RIGHTS, WITHOUT PREJUDICE to any of those rights pursuant to U.C.C. 1-207 and U.C.C. 1-103.6

Respectfully,

By: [Signature]
 Alena Karakova
 Witness: [Signature]
 Svetlana Eliseicheva
 Witness: [Signature]
 Leni Goga

Notary Public as JURAT CERTIFICATE

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Queens County The
 United States of America

On September 16, 2024 date before me,

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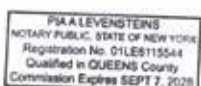
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WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature [Signature]

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Real Estate Market, continued from pg 2-

(Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Pelham and Yonkers)
 Homes Sold: Down 4%-Median Sale Price: Up 11%

Lower Westchester
 (Bronxville, Eastchester, Edgemont, Scarsdale and Tuckahoe)
 Homes Sold: Down 14%-Median Sale Price: Up 27%

Rivertowns(Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, Tarrytown, Briarcliff Manor, Elmsford, Irvington, Ossining and Pocantico Hills)
 Homes Sold: Down 7%
 Median Sale Price: Up 12%

Greater White Plains- (Greenburgh, Valhalla and White Plains)
 Homes Sold: Down 4%
 Median Sale Price: Down 6%

Sound Shore
 (Blind Brook, Harrison, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Rye City and Rye Neck)
 Homes Sold: Up 4%
 Median Sale Price: Up 7%

Northern Westchester
 (Bedford, Byram Hills, Chappaqua, Katonah-Lewisboro, North Salem and Somers)
 Homes Sold: Down 11%
 Median Sale Price: Up 4%

Northwest Westchester
 (Croton-on-Hudson, Hendrick Hudson, Lakeland, Peekskill and Yorktown)
 Homes Sold: Up 2%
 Median Sale Price: Up 12%

PUTNAM COUNTY
 (Brewster, Carmel, Garrison, Haldane, Lakeland, Mahopac and Putnam Valley)
 Homes Sold: Up 1%
 Median Sale Price: Up 14%

Branda, crime is up, continued from pg 1-

security about safety in our community, it becomes damn hard to ask the tough questions and develop real solutions."

"Last year, during Gashi's re-election campaign, Latimer and Gashi held a press conference that falsely asserted "Crime is down in Westchester—Again," said Branda.

Trend Analysis: Crime on the Rise in Post-Pandemic Years

Sourcing his analysis in the public Index Crime statistics, provided by New York State's Division of Criminal Justice Services Uniform Crime Reporting System, Branda pointed out that crime trends have worsened significantly in the two years following the pandemic, with consistent year-to-year increases:

Total Index Crimes: From 2021 to 2023, total crime surged by 30%, from 9,285 to 11,992 incidents, marking a significant rise that the administration has failed to address last year when crime was up only 20 percent year-over-year.

Violent Crime: There has been an 18% increase in violent crime in the same post-pandemic period with consecutive year-over-year increases of 9 percent and 8 percent, including consistent and significant rises in aggravated assaults (including assaults where the victim was shot or stabbed).

Burglary and Larceny: Property crime in Westchester County rose by 29 percent, while burglary increased by 35 percent and motor vehicle theft increased 44 percent.

According to the data, crime is also up 3 percent against Latimer's cherry-picked benchmark year of 2017.

"Latimer and Gashi can't keep pretending everything is fine when the data is screaming otherwise. The time for self-congratulation is over. It's time for real leadership, real answers, and a real plan to confront the rising tide of crime. Westchester needs not just a comprehensive crime reduction plan that addresses the root causes of the current crime trends, but also structural reforms to ensure real accountability," said Branda, who after watching the Latimer press conference, asked why last year Westchester County used comparisons of crime data over a six year period when this year they used data over a five month period.

"This charade is a shameful display of cowardly leadership, refusing to be accountable to taxpayers for our safety. Last year, Mr. Latimer refused to engage in any meaningful data comparison that was not referenced against his cherry-picked year of 2017. Now when that comparison no longer holds against scrutiny and Westchester County is less safe than when he took office, he's trying to cherry-pick partial year data to paint a picture of success.

"What Latimer conveniently ignores is that this so-called positive trend is based on incomplete data, with data missing from multiple police agencies in Westchester County that have not yet reported data to DCJS.

"We deserve to know how any coherent public safety management can justify switching between a 7-year reference point, as they did at last year's self-congratulatory press conference, and the 3-month reference point they are using today. Latimer, Jenkins, and Raynor know they are engaging in "intellectual fraud," said Branda.

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