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NY Cannabis Director Visits Westchester, Says No Legal Pot for Sale Until 2023



NY Cannabis Management Director Chris Alexander, with an licensed pot farmer upstate; below the sign you will see in legal pot stores in 2023

By Dan Murphy

Chris Alexander, Executive Director of New York State's Office of Cannabis Management, came to Westchester on Aug. 25 to discuss the progress being made towards licensing individuals and businesses to both grow and sell marijuana legally in the Empire State.

Alexander and staff from the NYS OCM gave a presentation at the Will Library in Yonkers on the same day that applications for a license to sell marijuana opened online.

On March 31, 2021, the NY legislature passed and then Gov. Cuomo signed into law the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act, (MRTA), which permitted new Yorkers to possess up to 3 ounces of pot legally.



But as Alexander and other staff members explained, there are currently no approved licenses to sell marijuana in NY. So, any storefronts or trucks selling pot in Manhattan are not legal.

New Yorkers can smoke marijuana anywhere that they are permitted to smoke cigarettes, but anyone who wants to grow marijuana in their home must technically wait for 18 months, to give time for the farmers and small businesses to grow and sell pot on the market and be able to turn a profit.

August 25 was the first day that the office of cannabis management opened and launched its Conditional Adult-Use Retail Dispensary (CAURD) program for New Yorkers to apply for a license to sell marijuana and to secure the first licenses to open dispensaries, or pot stores across the state.

The application process is lengthy and requires a \$2,000 application fee. The first round of licenses will be given to those New Yorkers who have been convicted of a marijuana related offense, and who have operated a small business.

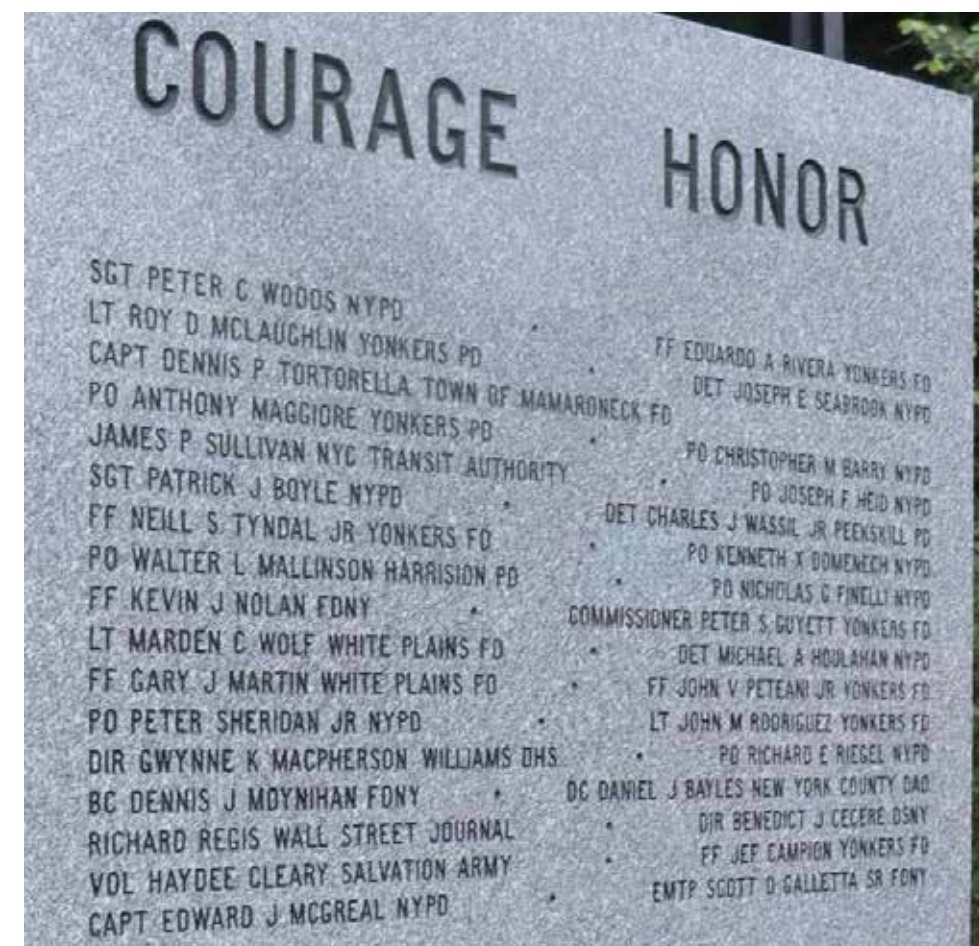
New York State has expunged some 400,000 marijuana related convictions of residents, and it will be those same residents who will be encouraged to apply for a license to sell pot. The deadline to complete a CAURD license application is Sept. 26.

Alexander made some news at the Yonkers event by predicting that no licenses

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Westchester Remembers 9/11 Heroes Who Died Years After



By Dan Murphy

On September 11, 2021, Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "we have had 21 years of commemorations--its hard to say something that somebody hasn't said before. there's a theme on 9/11 that focuses on our first responders, and the bravery and the sacrifice of those who died, and the bravery of those that survived the day, but didn't survive the days that followed.

"in respect of that we put up the wall of remembrance, understanding that the people who died that day we mourn, but the people who sacrificed thereafter we morun as well, and the family members today realize that west takes that sacrifice to heart," said Latimer. The Westchester County 9/11 First Responders Memorial is located next to The Rising memorial at Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

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Why Did a Harrison Cop, Making \$242k, and Caught for Stealing a \$535 Light, Retire?



Former Harrison Police officer Sokol Biberaj, left, and a version of the skylight he stole in Greenburgh which resulted in his retirement.

By Dan Murphy

On August 5, Harrison Police officer Sokol Biberaj stole a Velux deck-mounted laminated skylight worth from a loading dock in Greenburgh. Biberaj, was later caught on video driving off with the light, valued at \$550, and was arrested by Greenburgh police on August 19 and charged with Petty Larceny, a misdemeanor.

On August 25, Biberaj wrote to Harrison Police Chief John Vasta announcing his retirement, effective Sept. 8. Biberaj served for 15 years with the Harrison Police Department, and seven years with the NYPD prior to his service in Harrison, giving him the 20 years for a pension.

According to Govsalaries.com Biberaj earned a salary of \$226,253 in 2020. Other reports had his current salary at \$243,000. That salary would include a massive amount of overtime, according to sources in Harrison we spoke to.

People in Harrison, and in the law enforcement community in Westchester, are shocked at Biberaj's behavior for several reasons. First and foremost, why did he decide to steal a light from a warehouse that he should have known had video security.

"Why risk your career and do such a stupid thing? When we see cases like this, is the reward worth the risk?" said one Westchester official.

The second question that we are trying to find an answer to is why did Biberaj retire? The reason is that you cannot be convicted of a crime and keep your job on the Harrison Police Department. But that policy doesn't jive with the criminal record of another Harrison Police officer who remains on the force.

In May we wrote about Officer Frank Corvino, who landed on the front page of the Journal News for a two-year old domestic violence incident. In April 2021, Corvino pled guilty to second degree harassment, with no jail time and anger management and parenting classes required. But Corvino remains on the force on desk duty.

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No Sympathy for Sobbing Attorney Who Stole \$3.7 M From Disabled



Laurianne Delitta, left, was sentenced to 1-3 years in jail for stealing \$3.7 Million from trust funds for disabled --

The Westchester DA's office, and Judge Minihan, wanted a tougher sentence, and so did the victims

By Dan Murphy

A disgraced attorney, who was raised, lives and works here in Westchester, was sentenced to 1-3 years in jail for stealing more than \$3.7 Million from eight different clients. Westchester DA Mimi Rocah's office made the announcement about the sentencing of Laurianne DeLitta, 51, who lives in Briarcliff and had a law office in Armonk, and who attended the New Rochelle

DeLitta stole from the estates of families who were using their funds to pay for nursing home care for some and for the care of several disabled children, including adults with Cerebral Palsy.

"Attorneys should be held to the highest standards of ethics and integrity," DA Rocah said. "Ms. DeLitta violated her oath and professional duties in every way when she broke the law and stole from her clients. My Office has no tolerance for such conduct."

Westchester County Court Judge Barry Warhit agreed to the sentencing of 1-3 years for DeLitta's crimes, but good reporting from Robert Cox, editor of talkofthesound.com, tells us there is more to this story.

"After the sentencing, Assistant District Attorney Cooper Gorrie, the prosecutor in the case, told the families that Delitta would have to serve the first year but might then be paroled for the remainder of her sentence. He explained that under New York State law one year is counted as 7/8th of a year, so 319 days or about 10.5 months," writes Cox, (<https://talkofthesound.com/2022/09/06/laurianne-delitta-disbarred-attorney-who-stole-from-children-with-cerebral-palsy-and-the-elderly-sentenced-to-prison/>)

Not only were the families who were victims of DeLitta's crimes not happy with the sentencing, but ADA Gorrie and County Court Judge Anne Minihan, who imposed the agreed upon sentence, wanted a longer jail sentence, with Cox writing, "over what ADA Gorrie told Judge Minihan were the strenuous objections of the People," and "When Delitta was put in handcuffs shortly at about 11:30 a.m. and remanded to state prison, Minihan looked at the victims and said, "I'm sorry", in reference to the light sentence."

While some believe that Judge Warhit gave DeLitta "a light sentence" because she was an attorney, others had just the opposite view. "She should have known better because she was an attorney, and a woman who lived a life

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Westchester County and all American taxpayers must demand that Congress show the American people the law that the personal income tax is mandatory not voluntary before our elected representatives spend one dollar of the American taxpayers voluntary taxes to hire 87,000 additional IRS agents.

*** The only interview in 38 years of asking government officials to answer our questions was by retired IRS commissioner Sheldon Cohen. Author/Tax code. Should you follow him?**

Exhibit 48A – DVD – *America, Freedom to Pay Taxes*
Documentary Release Date: July 28, 2022

Exhibit 48B – Excerpt from *America, Freedom to Pay Taxes*, Aaron Russo interview with Sheldon Cohen, Former Commissioner, Author/Tax Code – See below.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JHh4tUJfUj8> (Interview begins: 30min 36seconds)
Aaron Russo, *We The People for Constitutional Education* Inc.

Introduction : (28min, 30sec) Aaron Russo : I really wanted the IRS's point of view, because to get the true story, it was imperative I hear both sides. I kept wishing Anthony Burke would call me back, he seemed like an honest man. I then proceeded to call my message machine.

Anthony Burke (answering machine voice) : "Hi, this message is for Aaron Russo, this is Anthony Burke at the Internal Revenue Service. Let me suggest some people that you might wanna talk about talking to: one would be Don Alexander, who's the former commissioner who's here in town in Westington, and another would be Sheldon Cohen who's both a former commissioner and former chief counsel. Aftchose guys, I think can answer your questions about where in the tax law it says you'll have to pay taxes."

Aaron Russo : "Wow, good news I thought! So I called Sheldon Cohen because he used to be the IRS commissioner, he wrote the tax code, and he was also general counsel to the IRS. He is a true expert, and I couldn't find a better person to answer my questions. He graciously agreed to my interview."

Exhibit 48B (Interview with Sheldon Cohen) (30min)

Aaron Russo, (To Sheldon Cohen) : The reason I'm doing this documentary is because there are many people in America today who believe that there is no law that requires them to pay an income tax or file a 1040 and there are many people going to jail for it, fighting over it...

Sheldon Cohen, Former Commissioner, Author/Tax Code : The internal revenue code is authorized by the 16th Amendment.

Russo : I think it should be clarified. I think government should be transparent to the people. Why doesn't the IRS Commissioner sit down with them and just explain it in clear English?

Cohen : I don't think they really care. I think they're just playing word games.

Russo : You don't think they're sincere people?

Cohen : No, I don't think they're sincere people.

Russo : What does voluntary compliance mean?

Russo, (Narrative) : ... And why does the IRS code say it's voluntary to comply, not mandatory?

SCREEN IMAGE : 26 CFR CH 1 (41-83 Stat) (g) The purpose of publishing revenue ratings and even procedures in the Internal Revenue Bulletin is to promote correct and uniform application of the laws by Internal Revenue Service employees and to assist taxpayers in obtaining maximum voluntary compliance by informing Service personnel and the public of National OIR interpretations of the internal-revenue laws, related statutes, treaties, regulations, and statements of Service personnel affecting the rights and duties of taxpayers.

Cohen : That's a euphemism we use. We use voluntary compliance when we talk about traffic signals. Most people, at five o'clock in the morning, do you stop at a red light?

Russo : Yeah.

Cohen : Is there a cop there?

Russo : [laughing] Well, sometimes I don't.

Cohen : Well, I do, I do. And most of us do, most of us do. But that's voluntary compliance.

Russo, (Narrative) : That was a complete perversion of logic. Traffic laws state that it is mandatory to stop at a red light. The IRS code says it's voluntary to comply.

SCREEN IMAGE (1) : voluntary adj. 1. An action undertaken of one's own free will.

Russo, (Narrative cont.) : Mandatory and voluntary are the complete opposite of each other, y' know wants us to believe that they mean the same thing.

SCREEN IMAGE (2) : mandatory adj. 1. Commanded by authority.

SCREEN IMAGE (3) : "Your income tax is a 100% voluntary tax, and your liquor tax is a 100% enforced tax. The situation is as different as night and day." - Dwight E. Avis, Head of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division-Bureau of Internal Revenue

Russo, (To Cohen) : So, can the government criminally prosecute somebody if information put on their 1040?

Cohen : Yes.

Russo : Right, so doesn't that violate the 5th Amendment?

Cohen : No.

Russo : But the 5th Amendment says I don't have to do anything that incriminates myself.

Cohen : Well, it doesn't incriminate you to put your income down.

Russo : But you said before, I can be put in jail for it.

Russo, (Narrative) : The commissioner wants us to believe that although the IRS demands that you *file* the 1040 and you can go to jail for it, that they are not violating your Fifth Amendment rights of self-incrimination. That is absurd.

Russo, (To Cohen) : Isn't it true that the word 'income' is not defined anywhere in the Internal Revenue code?

Cohen : [long pause] The law says that the government has a right to tax income from any source derived.

Russo : But the word 'income' is not defined in the code, it just says 'income' without a definition of what 'income' is.

Cohen : That's right, that's right.

Russo : Correct?

Cohen : Yeah.

Russo : But there are many different kinds of taxes. Well, then how can an American citizen know what income is, if the code doesn't define it?

Cohen : Because the courts have all defined it.

Russo, (Narrative) : Do you remember what constitutional Attorney Oliver Wendell Holmes said?

John Wick, Prof. Constitutional Law : The definition of income in the Constitution was given in the *Blanchard versus Macomber* (202 U.S. 189 (1906)) case and it turns on gains or profits that are made from some activity.

Russo, (Narrative) : So The Supreme Court has ruled income is not wages. It's not labor. It's gained from corporate activity.

Russo, (To Cohen) : I believe that a man's labor is his private property.

Cohen : That's your view, but it's not the law.

Peter Gibbons, Tax Attorney : The Supreme Court has even said your labor is your private property. When I go to work for somebody, it's a trade. It's an even exchange. I do some work, you give me some money.

SCREEN IMAGE (4) : "Over among such contracts is that of personal employment by which labor and other services are EXCHANGED for money or other forms of property." - Coppage v. Kansas, 236 U.S. 1, 13 (1915)

Russo, (To Cohen) : In 1915 we had the *Brushaber* case and the *Blanchard* case, the *Brushaber* and the *Blanchard* cases said that the Sixteenth Amendment gave the government no new taxing power.

Cohen : I'm not gonna argue the niceties of that with you.

Lester Ross, Tax Honesty : And it came up again, in a case called *Pech versus Low*, where the Supreme Court said the Sixteenth Amendment did not extend Congress' taxing power to any not or accepted subjects. In other words, if you weren't taxable before the Sixteenth, you were taxable after the Sixteenth.

Russo, (To Cohen) : Today I interviewed a juror who sat on a case, and they found it perverse not guilty for lack of filing, okay? And I asked her why they found him not guilty and she said, 'Because the IRS couldn't show us the law that made him liable to file 1040.'

Marcelle Brooks, Juror (35:00) : All they need to do, if there is a law, is to show us the law. As much of course they never did.

Russo, (To Brooks) : And the reason they didn't do it was why?

Brooks : Because there is no law.

Cohen : Title 26 requires you to file a return.

Russo, (To Cohen) : But doesn't Title 26 have to be in compliance with the Supreme Court decisions?

Cohen : You're gonna take a 1929 case and superimpose it on the whole internal revenue code which was written after it? No, that's not -

Russo, (Narrative) : - I can't believe what I just heard. Rewind.

Cohen : You're gonna take a 1929 case and superimpose it on the whole internal revenue code which was written after it? No, that's not -

Russo, (Narrative) : - Remember he said earlier the Internal Revenue Code was authorized by the Sixteenth Amendment?

Cohen : The internal revenue code is authorized by the 16th Amendment.

Russo, (Narrative) : - Remember, The Supreme Court said the Sixteenth Amendment did not give the government any new taxing power. These statutes have never been overturned. Let's just follow.

Russo, (To Cohen) : Can the lower courts override The Supreme Court?

Cohen : No.

Russo, (Narrative) : How are they putting people in jail today for not paying a tax on their tax when the Supreme Court said they shouldn't have to?



Interview: Karen Russo

Russo: (To Cohen) : Doesn't the IRS Code have to be in compliance with The Supreme Court? That's my big question.

Cohen : Karen, this is a waste of time because whatever I say, you're not gonna believe -

Russo: (Narrator) : He's right, I don't believe him. And neither should you. He wants us to believe we should obey the IRS code which is being enforced in violation of the many Supreme Court decisions.

Russo: (To Cohen) : If The Supreme Court made a decision -

Cohen : No no, Thank you. Thank you, Karen. I think we're finished.

Russo : I'm sorry Mr. Cohen you're doing that.

Cohen : Well, I'm sorry that you constantly misargue the point. You're liable because the law says that you're liable, and the courts say the law says you're liable, and that's why you're liable.

Russo: (Narrator) : You see, he's talking about the lower courts, who are not in compliance with The Supreme Court as they have to be.

Russo: (To Cohen) : Doesn't the court have to be in compliance with The Supreme Court?

Cohen : The Supreme Court has no faith.

Russo : Where?

Cohen : You caught me unprepared.

Russo : I'll come back.

Cohen : No, I don't want to do that.

Russo : Let me ask a hypothetical question.

Cohen : No. You're making silly arguments here.

Russo : Why is The Supreme Court decision a silly argument?

Cohen : Well, because it's impossible.

Russo: (Narrator) : That made my heart stop. He just said Supreme Court decisions do not apply to the IRS. That's the behavior you would expect from a totalitarian country, maybe China, or Russia, or Cuba, not from America. They're just making up the law as they go along. Now, I know the Tax Ministry movement was right. The IRS abuses an interpretation and law, not by law. It's no different than a criminal/protection racket, using force to extract your money from you. They're better IRS Commissioners, now working at a prestigious Washington law firm, threaten no touch.

Cohen : Aaron, you understand Yiddish; Gornikah Hoff.

Russo: (Narrator) : For those of you who don't understand Yiddish, that means, nothing will help you."


Russo: (Narrator, cont) : Now it all became clear. I understood why the IRS wouldn't go on camera and talk about where the law was. I understood why all the senators I called refused to be interviewed.

(OH SCREEN, Related interviews : Sen. Hillary Clinton (D) New York; Sen. P. James Scarborough (R) Michigan; Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D) W. Virginia; Sen. John McCain (R) Arizona; Sen. Harry Reid (D) Nevada; Sen. John Ensign (R) Nevada; Sen. John Cornyn (D) New Jersey; Sen. Chuck Grassley (R) Iowa; Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D) California; Sen. Chris Hatch (R) Utah; Sen. Charles Schumer (D) New York; Sen. Robert Menendez (D) Utah.)

Russo: (Narrator, cont) : There is no law. And now you know what our political leaders and the courts have known for decades and have tried to cover up. The United States Constitution strictly forbids a direct unapportioned tax on the wages and salaries of American citizens. The United States Supreme Court has consistently ruled that the income tax is a tax on profits and gains, not on labor and wages. On behalf of the American people, I challenge the IRS to show me a statute that allows a direct, unapportioned tax on the wages and salaries of the American people. And if I'm wrong, I will give my most humble apologies to the IRS. If the IRS is wrong, and there is no law, then every person who has been jailed should be let out of jail immediately, and any assets seized should be returned to their rightful owners. If this is a nation of law and a free country, then the IRS should show the law to the American people.



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The Taxpayer Bill of Rights

1. The Right to Be Informed
 Taxpayers are entitled to receive information on the complex rules that govern the tax system, including, but not limited to, the Internal Revenue Code, the Internal Revenue Manual, and the Internal Revenue Bulletin. Taxpayers are entitled to receive information on the rights and responsibilities of taxpayers.

2. The Right to Quality Service
 Taxpayers are entitled to receive quality service from the IRS. This includes, but is not limited to, the IRS providing timely and accurate information, and providing assistance to taxpayers who are having difficulty understanding the tax system.

3. The Right to Pay No More than the Current Amount of Tax
 Taxpayers are entitled to pay no more than the current amount of tax. This includes, but is not limited to, the IRS providing information on the current amount of tax, and providing assistance to taxpayers who are having difficulty understanding the tax system.

4. The Right to Challenge the IRS's Position and Its Burden
 Taxpayers are entitled to challenge the IRS's position and its burden. This includes, but is not limited to, the IRS providing information on the IRS's position and its burden, and providing assistance to taxpayers who are having difficulty understanding the tax system.

5. The Right to Appeal an IRS Decision in an Independent Forum
 Taxpayers are entitled to appeal an IRS decision in an independent forum. This includes, but is not limited to, the IRS providing information on the independent forum, and providing assistance to taxpayers who are having difficulty understanding the tax system.

6. The Right to Privacy
 Taxpayers are entitled to privacy. This includes, but is not limited to, the IRS providing information on the right to privacy, and providing assistance to taxpayers who are having difficulty understanding the tax system.

7. The Right to Hear
 Taxpayers are entitled to hear. This includes, but is not limited to, the IRS providing information on the right to hear, and providing assistance to taxpayers who are having difficulty understanding the tax system.

8. The Right to Confidentiality
 Taxpayers are entitled to confidentiality. This includes, but is not limited to, the IRS providing information on the right to confidentiality, and providing assistance to taxpayers who are having difficulty understanding the tax system.

9. The Right to Retain Representation
 Taxpayers are entitled to retain representation. This includes, but is not limited to, the IRS providing information on the right to retain representation, and providing assistance to taxpayers who are having difficulty understanding the tax system.

10. The Right to a Fair and Just Tax System
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Westchester Will Never Forget



Tribute Lights at Eastchester Town Hall, above, and the Rising memorial at Kensico Dam Park, Valhalla, left

Names read of those lost to 9/11 Related Illnesses: Firefighter Gary S. Allo, White Plains Fire Department, Police Officer Christopher M. Barry, NYPD, Deputy Chief Daniel J. Bayles, New York County District Attorney's Office, Sergeant Patrick J. Boyle, NYPD, Battalion Chief Kevin R. Byrnes, FDNY, Firefighter Jef Campion, Yonkers Fire Department, Director Benedict J. Cecere, DSNY, Foreman Dennis E. Ciallela, Mount Vernon Department of Public Works, Volunteer Haydee Cleary, Salvation Army, Sergeant Patrick T. Coyne, NYPD, John M. Cozza, Construction Industry, Police Officer George F. Darini, NYPD, Emergency Medical Technican, Louis de Pena Jr., FDNY, Correction Officer Scott W. Delfa, Westchester County Department of Correction, Environmental Health and Safety Engineering Manager Gerard J. Derosa, Con Edison, Police Officer Kenneth X. Domenech, NYPD, Lieutenant Clark W. Douglass, White Plains Fire Department, Captain James A. Drohan Sr., Ossining Fire Department, Police Officer Nicholas G. Finelli, NYPD, Carpenter Seamus G. Finnerty, NYCDOE, Firefighter Daniel R. Foley, FDNY, Detective Mark S. Gado, New Rochelle Police Department, Paramedic Scott D. Galletta Sr., FDNY, Richard A. Grace, Construction Industry, Commissioner Peter S. Guyett, Yonkers Fire Department, Firefighter Herbert D. Harriott, Rye Fire Department, Police Officer Joseph F. Heid, NYPD, Executive Director Stephan Hittmann, FDNY, Police Officer John G. Horan, NYPD, Detective Michael A. Houlahan, NYPD, Police Officer Stanley J. Kasper, Yonkers Police Department, John A. LoBianco, Construction Industry, Director Gwynne K. MacPherson-Williams, DHS, Police Officer Anthony Maggiore, Yonkers Police Department, Police Officer Walter L. Mallinson, Harrison Police Department, Firefighter Gary J. Martin, White Plains Fire Department, Captain Edward J. McGreal, NYPD, Lieutenant Roy D. McLaughlin, Yonkers Police Department, Firefighter Robert A. Mentrasti, Fairview Fire Department, Detective James W. Monahan, NYPD, Lieutenant John W. Moran, FDNY, Battalion Chief Dennis J. Moynihan, FDNY, Firefighter Kevin J. Nolan, FDNY, Police Officer Kathleen O'Connor-Funigiello, New Rochelle Police Department, Firefighter Michael R. O'Hanlon, FDNY, Captain Ronald G. Peifer Sr., NYPD, Firefighter John V. Peteani Jr., Yonkers Fire Department, Captain Philip A. Pinto Jr., Eastchester Fire Department, Richard Regis, Wall Street Journal, Police Officer Richard E. Riegel, NYPD, Firefighter Eduardo A. Rivera, Yonkers Fire Department, Supervisor Phillip M. Rizzuto, DSNY, Lieutenant John M. Rodriguez, Yonkers Fire Department, Detective Joseph E. Seabrook, NYPD, Police Officer Peter Sheridan Jr., NYPD, Captain Robert J. Spatta, Croton-on-Hudson Fire Department, Deputy Chief Frank G. Strollo, New Rochelle Fire Department, James P. Sullivan, NYC Transit Authority, Captain Dennis P. Tortorella, Town of Mamaroneck Fire Department, Firefighter Neill S. Tyndal Jr., Yonkers Fire Department, Lieutenant John Veteri, Larchmont Fire Department, Assistant Chief Roger Vitolo, Yonkers Fire Department, Firefighter Joseph A. Walsh, FDNY, Detective Charles J. Wassil Jr., Peekskill Police Department, Lieutenant Marden C. Wolf, White Plains Fire Department, Sergeant Peter C. Woods, NYPD. And another name will be added to the First Responders Memorial. "I am proud to announce that retired, and now deceased Correction Officer Scott Delfa's name will be added to Westchester County's 9/11 Related Illnesses Memorial adjacent to The Rising at Kensico Dam. The Memorial is designed to remember, in a special way, the men and women who in the immediate aftermath of the 9/11 attacks were present at Ground Zero. Now as many of them are becoming sick and dying, it is important to remember and recognize their sacrifice. I want to thank Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Matt McCauley, from the Related Illnesses Memorial Committee, for making this possible." said Neil Pellone, WCOBA President.

The Town of Eastchester, displayed its September 11th Tribute Lights through Sunday evening at Eastchester Town Hall. "These towers of light represent many things to each of us. They represent our connection to those who perished that day and thereafter resting in the heavens above us. They serve as beacons of freedom and resilience. They serve as a reminder of the need for constant vigilance. They represent our continued support for our troops, police officers, firefighters, EMT's and all other first responders" said Eastchester Town Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita.

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Westchester County Health Department to Offer New COVID-19 Bivalent Vaccine Booster



WESTCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO OFFER NEW COVID-19 BIVALENT VACCINE BOOSTER
Bivalent Booster designed to better protect against Omicron and Delta Subvariants of COVID

Beginning this Friday, September 16, the Westchester County Health Department will be offering the bivalent COVID-19 vaccine booster. The new bivalent vaccine, which contains pieces of both the Delta and Omicron strands of COVID-19, is designed to provide better protection than previous boosters against the virus.

The Health Department will have the Pfizer Bivalent Booster (12 and older) and the Moderna Bivalent Booster (18 and older) available. The Health Department has been directed by the FDA to no longer provide the monovalent booster, however all other vaccines for all other age groups will still be available.

The bivalent vaccine is only approved as a booster shot, and can only be administered two months after your previous booster or your original series of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The bivalent booster will be available at the Westchester County Health Department Clinic, 134 Court St, White Plains, NY 10601.

Vaccine clinics are held on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Friday, September 16, the bivalent booster will be available from 1 to 3 p.m.

Appointments are required, and walk-ins will not be accepted.

For more information or to make an appointment, visit the Westchester County Health Department Website at

<https://health.westchestergov.com/vaccine-information>.

First Positive West Nile Virus Case in Westchester in 2022

Westchester County has learned of its first human case of West Nile Virus this year, which was confirmed in an Elmsford resident with multiple underlying medical conditions, who is recovering at home. Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "This first case of West Nile Virus should remind us all to take precautions against mosquito bites by removing standing water from our property, especially after recent heavy rain and flooding, and using repellents when we spend time outdoors, especially from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active."

West Nile Virus infection most often causes a mild or moderate flu-like illness, but can be more serious particularly for people 60 and older, and those with other health complications. In 2021 and 2020, three people were diagnosed with West Nile Virus, and in 2019, one Westchester County resident had the virus.

The Westchester County Department of Health evaluated standing water around the resident's home and nearby catch basins, and treated those with larvicide as needed. Residents should inspect their property and remove any standing water to prevent mosquitoes from breeding. Residents who notice large areas of standing water on public property should report them to the Westchester County Department of Health at (914) 813-5000. For more ideas on how to reduce the mosquito population near your home, go to <https://health.westchestergov.com/west-nile-virus>.

This and That

By Eric Wolf Schoen



I happen to like the theater in London. So it's no surprise that the queen has been preparing for her funeral for so many years and what we are witnessing is like a Broadway show. Should we have what's going on in the UK when one of our leaders die? Though there certainly have been differences in the Royal family it's nice to see everyone come together to salute a 96 year old woman who though she has limited and more ceremonial powers means so much to her people and the world.

Would I stand on a line for 30 hours to pay my respects? Some may stay for days to personally view the grand mum. I think I would be happy watching the Queen's casket pass by on the street and get a glimpse of the vehicle set with glass with her body in it covered by the flags of the lands she represents.

A funny story about my first visit to London and the English countryside. I was on a tour and we kept passing homes with 'Thatched Roofs.' It was the time when Margaret Thatcher was prime Minister, so I thought the 'thatched' roofs had something to do with Prime Minister Thatcher. I told the tour guide and she laughed telling me thatched roofs had nothing to do with Margaret Thatcher. They are a type of construction in the U.K.

Let's hope the wonderful Relationship between the U.K. and the United States continues to prosper under King Charles.

I was glad to see that the death of the Queen did not overshadow the 9-11 ceremonies at least in the New York Metropolitan area. My 9-11 story is so vivid in my mind that it needs repeating again. It seems like only yesterday that I was coming out of a Chamber of Commerce Breakfast at the Regency Extended Care when a colleague of mine yelled out that a plane hit the World Trade Center. We ran back to the office not knowing what was going to happen to the 26,000 children and staff. The word quickly got around, and we at the end of the day set into gear a dismissal with a location to bring children whose parents didn't pick them up to a central location.

Fortunately, parents and relatives picked up the students and we did not have to use the emergency facility, loaded with cots and food and staff to take care of the kids whose parents didn't pick them up. At the same time I was coordinating this operation with other administrators I was frantically trying to contact my sister who though far from the World Trade on 74th street had to figure out a way home walking to Grand Central Station and catching Metro-North, the only thing running from Manhattan to Yonkers.

After a long day I got home, my sister got home, and it hit me what had happened when I woke up in tears that next morning. I got to the office, and then Superintendent of Schools Joe Farmer complimented me on what I had done.

Let's never forget what happened on September 11, 2001 and make sure we teach the horrors of that day to our children and their children. May it never ever happen again.

Speaking of education, let's hope that the Board of Regents this week made sure that students who go to private religious schools get the same education as students in public schools. The New York Times ran an article discussing the disparities between the education students are getting in public schools and the education students are getting in private schools. This while the state is paying for a basic sound education. It is terrible the money, our tax dollars that are being spend on religious education for some students who are not getting the education their peers get in Public Schools that would lead them in productive lives. Many of these students end up illiterate.

What floored me is that the State Education Department doesn't know how many private and religious schools there are in New York State. In Yiddish this is called a 'shanda' or disgrace. If the state can't get a count the number of private and religious schools out there the administrators in charge need to find other work.

Horrible story of the mother who drowned her 3 kids in the waters of Coney Island. The woman clearly needed psychiatric care, and we will soon learn if she requested it and got it. Always a reminder that Help is available, and if you don't know the 988 number just dial 911. There is a lot going on in the world between Covid, Monkeypox, the economy and the fragile state of affairs of the nation. Fortunately our government has resources but you have to get to them and know about them to take advantage of them.

And you can be a good neighbor by helping those you see in need get the resources they may not know about. Sadly we all know someone, and we don't want what happened in Coney Island to happen to them.

It's about time that the Thruway Authority crack down on toll invaders by suspending their licenses and registrations. People like us who pay our way have to subsidize those who don't. It just isn't fair, it's been going on for years and hopefully some cars will get booted until their owners pay their fair share. The tolls are too damn high to begin with.

Glad to see there are some rational people out there fighting this absurd congestion pricing. People are not coming into New York City and working from home now. New York wants people to come back to work in the city. If they have to pay \$26 they will work from home. That \$26 hurts the car driver and the guy in the sandwich shop where he works and would pick up lunch.

Columbia University, that magical institution drops in ranking because they incorrectly reported data. Parents spending \$100's of thousands of dollars to send their kids to a school that can't do math. The Democratic Party in New York sends out Absentee ballots with Covid 19 circled as an excuse for needing the absentee ballot.

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Masks No Longer Required on Westchester Bee Line Buses & Metro-North Railroad, Subways

Effective immediately, (Sept. 7), masks will no longer be required on Westchester County Bee-Line Buses, and Bee-Line ParaTransit. Earlier today, New York Governor Kathy Hochul removed the mask requirement on public transportation.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "Largely steady COVID rates are making COVID part of our new reality, but not an illness that should impact our day-to-day life as it did two years ago. As always, those who feel more comfortable wearing a mask should do so, but that is a choice not a mandate."

Latimer is still encouraging those who are eligible to receive the fourth COVID-19 vaccine. New York State still requires masks at health facilities, including nursing homes.

The MTA also announced that the mask requirement on public transit is being lifted. Following guidance from New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett, effective immediately masks are optional on all forms of public transportation, including subways, buses, commuter railroad, paratransit services, and in stations. Free masks will continue to be available at subway station booths upon request as well as on commuter railroad trains. To eliminate confusion for riders, the Authority is rolling out a new campaign throughout stations and on subways, buses, and commuter railroad trains. Digital signage will encourage riders who prefer wearing a mask to continue to do so, while also ensuring awareness that it is now optional for all.

Westchester Board of Legislators Reopens to the Public

The Westchester County Board of Legislators announced it will resume in-person meetings at the Michaelian Office Building, located at 148 Martine Avenue in White Plains, NY, beginning September 12, 2022.

In an effort to maintain compliance with the State's Open Meetings Law, an executive order was issued in March 2020 authorizing virtual access to public meetings due to the coronavirus pandemic. The order has been extended multiple times so Public Bodies may continue to run and function. Virtual access has permitted the Bodies to meet the stipulations of providing viewing access to the public, as well as providing reasonable notice of meetings.

The Board will officially institute a hybrid model requiring participants to register via Webex (an online teleconferencing system) in order to participate remotely and attend via livestream, as well as permitting physical attendance to all of its meetings. Aside from its bi-weekly Board meetings, all County legislative committee meetings are subject to the new model.

"We feel now is the best time to reopen our Chamber to the public because the worst of the pandemic is behind us. COVID helped us evolve as an institution, marrying traditional procedures with modern technology. By making our rules more flexible, we will be more inclusive and transparent, and that is a great thing for democracy," said Chairwoman Catherine Borgia (D - Cortlandt, Croton on Hudson, Ossining, Briarcliff Manor, Peekskill).

The County legislature has provided various methods of access for participation to continue to promote equitable civic involvement throughout the pandemic. Among the aforementioned teleconferencing services, constituents can use telephone devices, and can send written comments to the Clerk at BOLPublicComments@westchesterlegislators.com or by mail to Clerk of the Board of Legislators, 148 Martine Ave., 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601.

Information on how to participate for Public Comment and Public Hearings via video conferencing, telephone, or in person, can be found on the Board's website at westchesterlegislators.com/meetings.

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Others believe there is another reason that Biberaj retired so quickly. "He ran as fast as he could to secure that pension, and the reason is not about stealing a skylight. If he got caught stealing from this warehouse in Greenburgh, how many other times did he steal, or commit other crimes?"

Biberaj lives in Dobbs Ferry, so the theft in Greenburgh was nearby his home. Perhaps he scoped out the business, New Castle Building Products, or drove by it frequently, before committing the crime.

Some are connecting Biberaj's retirement with another former Harrison Police Officer; former Chief Anthony Marraccini. In 2019, Marraccini was sentenced by Federal Judge Kenneth Karas to 18 months in prison for tax evasion.

First it's clear that Marraccini did not pay his taxes, and he has given the J Pirro defense, that his accountant and his wife did the bookkeeping and filed the taxes and he just signed the return. But some close to the Harrison police department tell us that Marraccini was "just trying to expose wrongdoing in the department and ended up getting tied up with the IRS."

Biberaj was also a real estate agent and a landlord, with some estimating his income from real estate to be close to or more than his police salary. Others questioned how he landed the job with the HPD in the first place. The last rumor is that the Department of Justice is investigating things in Harrison.

Connecting the dots to everything going on in the HPD will take some time. Email us if you can help, to dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com.

Nurses Rally Demanding Westchester Medical Center Provide Safe Staffing



On Sept. 8, over a hundred members of the New York State Nurses Association at Westchester Medical Center rallied in front of the hospital today. During the rally, nurses called attention to unsafe working conditions in the hospital as a result of understaffing. Nurses highlighted the need for a fair contract with fair and competitive wages, a real plan to recruit and retain nurses, and improved patient care through safe staffing.

Westchester Medical Center nurses are the backbone of public health in Westchester County and beyond — providing lifesaving care to a six-county area. However, Westchester Medical Center is not retaining frontline nurses. The hospital loses over 20 nurses a month and has failed to hire enough nurses to fill vacant positions to meet patients' needs.

"Our nurses are challenged daily to deliver safe patient care with short staffing," said local bargaining unit president David Long, RN. "Our medical-surgical nurses are taking assignments of as many as 7 or 8 patients with little or no support staff. Unfortunately, many nurses are leaving because they are being overworked. We are losing more than 20 nurses monthly due to resignations and early retirements. We currently have nearly 100 vacant nursing positions."

Nurses sounded the alarm on poor staffing conditions and about Westchester Medical Center administration's refusal to put the safe staffing ratios they negotiated as part of New York's hospital staffing law into the nurses' union contract. The rally comes after nearly a year of negotiations between NYSNA nurses and management at Westchester Medical Center.

Local bargaining unit second vice president, Mary Lynn Boyts, RN, said, "They refuse to put negotiated and agreed upon safe nurse-to-patient ratios in our contract because it will hold them accountable. Now they are refusing to negotiate a modest salary increase that will help recruit and retain nurses needed to be compliant with New York's staffing laws."

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Westchester Medical Center nurses working on the frontlines have been understaffed and under-resourced. They have not received COVID-19 bonus pay unlike healthcare workers at many other hospitals. Since the COVID-19 pandemic began, Westchester Medical Center Health Network CEO Michael Israel increased his total compensation by 33.5%. In 2021, he made \$3.4 million total compensation, making the CEO of this public hospital among one of the highest paid hospital executives in New York state. [1]

Nurses at Westchester Medical Center also join the over 30,000 NYSNA members who will be bargaining contracts for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. NYSNA nurses are bargaining for improved patient care, including safer staffing levels and better pay and working conditions to recruit and retain nurses. Elected officials from Westchester attending the event included State Senator Shelley Mayor, Assemblyman Tom Abinanti, State Senator Peter Harckham and Assembly candidate Dana Levenberg.

A spokesperson for Westchester Medical Center sent us this comment. "Discussions between our WMCHHealth Network and the New York State Nurses Association (NYSNA) regarding the terms and conditions of a new contract are ongoing. Added talks with NYSNA are scheduled, and we look forward to continuing our collaboration with the union to finalize a fair and equitable agreement reflecting the outstanding care our WMCHHealth nurses provide to our patients each day."

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If people can't circle a reason why they need an absentee ballot on the form requesting one, should they be allowed to fill out the form? Let's be fair here. I can understand if they need help. The Board of Elections Can certainly help them, as can their friends. Food for thought!

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Largest Electric Bus Company in New York Announces Plan for Major Yorktown Facility



Bird Bus Sales & Service, the largest electric bus company in New York, announced its plans for a major Yorktown facility. Bird Bus Sales & Service recently closed on the 2.71-acre property at 3805 Crompond Road, the site of a former Taconic Kia dealership. Founded in 2010, Bird Bus sells, services, and supplies parts of Blue Bird Buses. The company supplies the Blue Bird brand to school districts and contractors locally and nationally.

“With the change to electric, by 2027 all new bus purchases will be 100% electric and by 2035 all school buses on the road are going to be 100% electric. Therefore, moving up to Westchester is a great opportunity for us to work with the towns, to work with the local school districts to help convert all buses, said Robert Reichenbach, president of Bird Bus.

Bird Bus expects to open its facility by the end of the year. It will store 48 new vehicles on the site for its sales operations, and all bus storage will be located on a screen, paved surface. The property will also have 18 customer parking spots and 10 employee spaces.

Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater said that he and the Town Board are focused on securing new uses for empty retail properties. “Bird Bus’s new location is an obvious use for a site that already serviced and stored vehicles,” said Supervisor Slater. “Bird Bus’s reuse of this dealership will return a long-empty property to productive use.”

Bird Bus currently operates in Elmsford, where its lease is expiring with no option for renewal. “We’re always looking for people to come here and invest, but more importantly, we would like those people to be true community partners,” Councilman Sergio Esposito said of his conversation with Bird Bus representatives, who offered electric vehicle charging opportunities for Yorktown residents. “They want to be part of the community.”

As part of their effort to keep Bird Bus local, on August 25 Westchester County officials granted the company financial incentives that included sales tax and mortgage-recording tax exemptions, as well as a Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) agreement.

“It’s going to be a pleasure having something finally occupy this building,” said Councilman Tom Diana. “They’re actually going to be able to convert the diesel buses into EV buses—the cost is still in flux—but it’s a positive thing in terms of emissions.”

Councilman Ed Lachterman said that Bird Bus will help diminish skepticism about the practicality of electric vehicles. “It will be very interesting to be at the forefront of this revolution right here in Yorktown,” said Councilman Lachterman.

Councilwoman Luciana Haughwout linked Bird Bus’s move into Yorktown with the Town’s motto: Progress with Preservation. “Not only do we maintain the fabric of our community, we’re constantly looking to evolve. We’re evolving not only to meet our community’s needs, but to meet the world’s needs,” said Councilwoman Haughwout.

Bird Bus’s move into Yorktown and the payment of back taxes on the property allow Supervisor Slater to create a Taxpayer Protection Fund with the back taxes collected. The fund will offset reduced Town property taxes that the PILOT incentives granted to Bird Bus.

“While it is important to keep companies in Westchester County, we don’t want our homeowners to shoulder the tax burden of these incentives,” said Supervisor Slater.

The reuse of the car dealership is the latest example of repurposed properties to address changing market demands. The former Toys ‘R Us has been converted into a CubeSmart self-storage and a developer has proposed razing the former Kmart at the Yorktown Green Shopping Center and converting the property into mixed-use residential.

It’s Easy to Raise Fund for the Support-A-Walk for Breast and Ovarian Cancer on October 2



Support Connection, Inc., a not-for-profit organization offering free support services to women and their families who are impacted by breast, ovarian, and gynecological cancer, announces there is still time to form a Team for their 2022 Annual Support-A-Walk, scheduled for Sunday, October 2.

The Walk will take place at FDR Park in Yorktown Heights, NY, but just as people nationwide reach out to the organization to utilize their services, people nationwide can be part of the Support-A-Walk. Support Connection invites people to walk at FDR Park, in their own town or city, neighborhood, or even on a treadmill at home.

It’s easy to raise funds for the Support-A-Walk. Participants can collect cash or checks, and they can also create their own online fundraising pages, making it easy to expand their reach and maximize their fundraising potential. Visit <https://supportconnection.org/support-a-walk/> to learn how. Pages can be personalized by the fundraiser, then shared with friends, family, colleagues via email and social media. Donations to these fundraising pages go directly to Support Connection. Fundraising pages remain active after the Walk, through the end of the year. People CAN raise funds without actually walking!

The Support-A-Walk was founded twenty-seven years ago by local residents as a way to focus attention on breast and ovarian cancer, and to raise funds for Support Connection’s free, year-round support services for those living with these diseases. Since the organization was founded in 1996, many thousands of people locally and across the country have received help from Support Connection, turning their fear into hope.

The Support-A-Walk is Support Connection’s most important annual fundraiser. 88¢ of every dollar donated directly funds their free breast and ovarian cancer support services. Support Connection does not receive funds from any national cancer organizations including Relay for Life, Susan G. Komen, or Making Strides.

Direct donations are also accepted from anyone who wishes to help. To learn more about raising funds or to make a donation, visit <https://supportconnection.org/donate-and-fundraise/> or contact Support Connection directly: 914-962-6402, walk@supportconnection.org.

Two Movies Left for Screenings Under the Stars, 2022 Spiderman-No Way Home Sept 17, The Addams Family 2-Oct. 21

White Plains Hospital Screenings Under the Stars presented by Westchester County Parks and Sharc Creative continues with the family comedy, Spider-man: No Way Home (2021-PG13) on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Glen Island Park in New Rochelle.

County Executive George Latimer said, “What better way to end a week back in school then with an outdoor movie with your closest friends and family. Join us for a crisp Saturday night under the stars filled with fantasy, action and adventure!”

Parks Commissioner, Kathleen O’Connor said, “Even though summer is coming to an end, we still have fun-filled fall events planned! Take this opportunity to spend another lovely evening in our parks.”

The gates open at 5:30 p.m. and movies begin at sundown. Event is rain or shine. Admission and parking are free. Moviegoers should bring blankets, folding chairs, and a picnic. Refreshments will be available for sale.

The final movie in the series is The Addams Family 2 (2021-PG) on Friday, Oct. 21, at Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson.

The White Plains Hospital Screenings Under the Stars is presented by Westchester County Parks and Sharc Creative with Westchester Parks Foundation, and support from Westchester Talk Radio, 100.7 WHUD, 107.1 The Peak, Palisades Mazda, The Premier Collection, Look Dine-In Cinemas, Valley Bank, Hamlethub, Robison, LLP, Inspiria Outdoor Advertising, and Westchester Magazine.

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will be given out until “the middle of next year, (2023).”

While Alexander’s announcement was reported on in the marijuana media as a delay, most in attendance accept it, and overall, New Yorkers are willing to wait for the process to be completed properly, regardless of any self-imposed deadlines.

And that was the takeaway of most who listened to Alexander and his staff in Yonkers: That the Office of Cannabis Management is intelligently making the rules and regulations –

But it does mean that you will not see a legal Marijuana store in the State of New York until next summer. Some Indian reservations upstate are already selling pot.

Alexander did explain that a number of conditional licenses were handed out earlier this year to Hemp growers, in order for them to grow pot, and build supply in anticipation of the storefront pot dispensaries -so that they could have legal supply to draw on.

One attendee asked Alexander if she could grow pot in her home, make edibles, and sell those edibles to dispensaries. “You’ll see regulations come out sooner – in the next two months or so – but middle of next year you’ll see those applications open for cultivation, for processing, and to do the activities you just laid out.”

New Yorkers who use marijuana for medical purposes can still purchase weed legally. The NYS Dormitory Authority has been designated to help find suitable spaces across the state for small business owners to open dispensaries.

A family member of a relative that was convicted of a marijuana related offense can also apply and fall under the justice involved requirement. Convictions for marijuana offenses must also be documented and proven by the applicant and must have occurred before 2021.

Qualified business ownership experience for applicants must include a 10% ownership in the prior business experience, and that business must have been profitable for two years. Some non-profits can also apply.

Only one license will be given to applicants, and for those who do not qualify for the first round of licenses, other opportunities will be made available and interested New Yorkers could get involved in the business of weed in New York in a variety of other professions and businesses.

A cannabis fund has also been set up by NY State to help provide small business loans to those who receive a license.

Alexander also explained that there are two tiers of growing licenses; one to cultivate and one to process, and one owner could have both licenses, but they are not yet available. Applications for cultivation and processing are expected to be handed out next year.

The NYS Dormitory Authority has identified and located 150 locations, to provide approved license holders with a retail space, and a lease, to help them get open.

One attendee asked Alexander what will happen in communities on Long Island, (and in parts of Westchester) where most of Nassau and Suffolk Counties have opted out and have refused to permit to have legal marijuana dispensaries. “Yes, we have localities that have opted out, but as we roll out the progress, some of those communities are getting back in. This is an evolving landscape as they see we are building out a quality program.”

Tax benefits for new marijuana owners will also be part of the plan because “it will be expensive to operate in this space. Part of this is to make sure that future entrepreneurs are created.

In attendance at the Yonkers meeting was State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and Senator Shelley Mayer. “This opportunity exists because people who you elected wanted to stop criminalizing marijuana and expunge the records of those in the black and brown and young communities who were arrested. And we wanted to find a way to give back to those communities and the people who were most disproportionately affected. It was not easy to pass, our former Governor wanted the revenues in the general fund, but we held out to build opportunities for the next generation. Chris Alexander has been working to find a way to do all of this and has looked at the way other states are doing this. It’s important to vote because who sits in these seats matter.”

Anticipated state revenues of \$245 Million per year will not be realized until 2024. Most will go into a cannabis tax revenue fund, with 40% going to education and 4% to localities.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 at 8:00 o'clock p.m., to consider the adoption of a Local Law providing for the amendment of LOCAL LAW NO. 11-1985, ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 20, 1985 & LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2018 ADOPTED ON JANUARY 16, 2018, KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER THE VETERANS EXEMPTION REDUCTION OF MAXIMUM EXEMPTION WITHIN the unincorporated Town of Eastchester.

A copy of the proposed local law is available in the Town Clerk’s office. All interested parties are urged to attend this hearing, at which time, they will be given an opportunity to express their opinion for or against the above proposed local law.

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

Notice of Formation of Ari Cleanse and Glow LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/12/2022. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Ari Cleanse and Glow 414 s 3rd Avenue, Mount Vernon NY 10550. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of INNER THEIA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/01/2022. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Inner Theia LLC at 5 Aspen Road, Scarsdale NY 10581. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of Formation of Law Office of Ellen Cho, PLLC (PLLC). Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/17/21. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 50 Lincoln Avenue, Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Halo Consulting Solutions LLC filed with the SSNY on 03/24/22. Office: Westchester County. Registered Agent Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 27 Edgewold Rd. STE100, White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Application for Authority of 17 Valerie Drive, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/8/2022. Formed in FL 8/5/2022. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The principal business loc. and address SSNY shall mail copy of process is 5204 Europa Dr., Apt. L, Boynton Beach, FL 33437. Arts. of Organization filed with the Secy. of State, R.A. Gray Bldg., 500 S. Bronough St., Tallahassee, FL 32399. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Designs by Isa, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/2/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1529 Hanover Street, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice is Hereby Given that a license, Number pending, for Beer, Cider and Wine, has been applied for by the undersigned to sell Beer, Cider and Wine at a Restaurant under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 2620 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers NY 10710, Westchester County, for on-premises consumption Ozerovskys Family enterprise Inc. Db a Ihop.

Notice of Formation of LWL Entertainment LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/17/22. Office location: 11 West Prospect Avenue, Third Floor, Mount Vernon, New York, Westchester County. The Law Offices of Lauren P. Raysor is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 11 West Prospect Avenue, Third Floor, Mount Vernon, New York 10550. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Formation of OSSINING DEV LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/7/2022. Office loc.: Westchester County. The principal business address is 142-144 S. Highland Ave., Ossining, NY 10562. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Ashish Parikh, 301 Rte. 17 N., Ste. 802, Rutherford, NJ 07070. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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The Picture House Screens Free Puppies, and Appearance by Piglet the Pink Puppy, Sept. 18



Sunday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. at Pelham Location

The Picture House Regional Film Center (www.thepicturehouse.org) announced today that on Sunday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m., they will hold a special screening of the documentary *Free Puppies!*, named a New York Times “Noteworthy Film of the Summer.” The film will be accompanied by an appearance from Piglet, the deaf blind pink puppy. In addition to being an Instagram sensation, Piglet is the inspiration for the nonprofit organization Piglet International Inc.

Free Puppies! is the story of rescue dogs from the rural South being transported to new homes, and the grassroots network of rescuers who make it possible. Film subjects Monda Wooten, host of the television show *Around Town*, and veterinarian and Piglet International Inc. founder Melissa Shapiro will appear following the screening for a Q&A.

The Picture House Director of Programming Clayton Bushong said “Screening a documentary like *Free Puppies!* is an essential part of the mission of a nonprofit, independent theater like ours. We’re thrilled to bring this story to our audiences and give them an opportunity to hear from the film’s subjects on the important rescue work they’re doing, and it’s a special treat to have Piglet join us, adding a unique immersive element to a program that we know will be a very special community event.”

Free Puppies! will screen on Sunday, September 18 at 5:00 pm at The Picture House Pelham located at 175 Wolfs Lane.

To learn more and purchase tickets please visit www.thepicturehouse.org, call (914) 738-7337, or email info@thepicturehouse.org.

Picture House Family Day September 24

The Picture House Regional Film Center (www.thepicturehouse.org) announced today that on Saturday, September 24, they will be holding two special events for families, both free to the public.

In the morning, the Bronxville theater will host Family Day, offering film-centered activities for families with children in grade 5 and under beginning at 9:30 am. In keeping with The Picture House’s mission of fostering a love for film in people of all ages, this program gives children the opportunity to participate in a hands-on filmmaking workshop and watch a specially curated selection of short films.

In the afternoon, beginning at 4:00 pm, the Pelham location will host Student Showcase, a presentation of the short films made by participants in The Picture House’s school break camps and summer camps, as well as the films made in special workshops held in partnership Boys and Girls Clubs and Girls Inc. The Picture House will roll out the red carpet for these young filmmakers and their families, giving them the opportunity to see their work on the big screen. The screening is also open to the public.

Deputy Director and Director of Education at The Picture House, Francile Albright, said “Free programs like Family Day and Student Showcase give kids experiences that cultivate their creativity and give them a personal connection to film. They’ll exercise their imaginations and learn new skills in the filmmaking workshop, and the shorts program is an entertaining way to expose them to the types of stories that can be told through the art of film. Student Showcase gives campers who have made films through our programs the chance to see their hard work up on the screen. It’s wonderful to see the pride and excitement they take in sharing their films with family and friends. We’re incredibly proud to offer these programs to local families.”

The Family Day filmmaking workshop begins at 9:30 am. It will be capped at 15 students, and registration is required. The short film program is open to all, no registration necessary, and will run from 10:30 to 11:00 am. The Student Showcase begins at 4:00 pm and is open to the public at no cost and with no registration required.

To learn more and register for the free workshop please

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh’s 9-11 Legislation, to Find Forgotten Victims, Gains Momentum



L-R-State Sen. Brian Kavanaugh, Louis Coletti, President- CEO, Building Trades Employers Association (BTEA), Yonkers Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, 9/11 Legal Advocate Michael Barasch, Assemblyman Gary Pretlow

Thousands of civilian employees, including construction workers involved in the massive cleanup of Ground Zero 21 years ago, are eligible for World Trade Center victims’ health coverage but have not registered for essential benefits. Today, New York State Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, Assemblyman J. Gary Pretlow and State Senator Brian P. Kavanaugh joined 9/11 legal advocate Michael Barasch and construction industry leadership to call for public hearings and passage of legislation requiring employers to make their employees aware of their eligibility.

While most uniformed emergency responders have enrolled in the World Trade Center Health Program, it is estimated that only 10 percent of other workers and citizens who would qualify for the coverage have enrolled.

New legislation introduced by Assemblyman Sayegh this session, the “9/11 Notice Act” (A-9715), would require businesses with 50 or more employees that were in operation between September 2001 and May 2002, and within the Lower Manhattan exposure zone, to inform their current and former employees, of their right to register under the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act, which reauthorized the WTC Health Program for 75 years, ending in 2090.

This year marks the 21 st anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack at the World Trade Center. After the collapse of the Twin Towers, an estimated 1.2 million tons of debris, soot, and toxic ash laced with cancer causing carcinogens blanketed lower Manhattan and parts of Brooklyn.

The U.S. Department of Environmental Protection Agency told New Yorkers that the air was safe to breathe and encouraged more than 400,000 people in lower Manhattan to return to work, school and their homes; however, it was not safe. In fact, the air was proven to be deadly and linked to more than 4,610 deaths by 9/11 related illnesses some 20 years later—an ever-growing number that exceeds the 2,966 people who died on the day of the attacks.

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh (D-Yonkers, 90 th AD) who sponsored the 9/11 Notice Act, said: “Not all of our 9/11 heroes wore uniforms. Those who came back to their jobs south of Canal Street and got New York’s economy moving again are also heroes, and they breathed the same toxic air as our first responders.”

He continued, “With the 9/11 Notice Act, we can notify these New Yorkers of their right to healthcare under the World Trade Center Health Program and make sure those facing the prospect of a 9/11 related illness get access to healthcare and avoid costly deductibles. Medical expenses, especially for cancer and respiratory ailments, can be extremely expensive. Patients are often left with huge bills they cannot afford, averaging \$42,000 in the year following a cancer diagnosis. The new legislation is designed to locate lost 9/11 victims, as much as 400,000 people, to let them know they have a lifeline and do not have to drown in debt while gaining access to life-saving treatments on the road to recovery.”

The 9/11 Notice Act would require companies with 50 or more employees that were in Lower Manhattan (South of Canal Street) from 9/11/2001 thru 5/30/2002 or had employees working there to notify – via letter/email/text, etc – their employees, retirees, or former workers that they are eligible to register for the World Trade Center Health Program and how to go about it. By enrolling in the WTC Health Program, all costs related to hospitalizations, treatments, and medications are fully covered.

Attorney sentenced to jail, continued from pg 1-

of privilege-living in Briarcliff. She stole from these families for five years, this wasn’t an accident-she knew what she was doing and should have been punished more,” said one Westchester attorney.

In her statement to the court before sentencing, DeLitta said, “I’m sorry your honor. I just want to say that all of these people who are here today are people who in some capacity or another I care very much for and I am so sorry that I abused their trust and I know it’s inexcusable and there’s no no reason. I. It was just too much responsibility and something happened and everything got out of hand and I would never want to hurt them. I told them lies because I wanted to fix it and I wanted to make it true. As I know that probably nobody believes me. I will spend every waking moment of the rest of my life to make it up to these people the best that I can. And I’m sorry to your honor, to Mr. Corrie and to Mr. Siegel and the Court and my colleagues for embarrassing the profession and I’m sorry to my family.”

Judge Minihan had no sympathy for DeLitta, saying, “Here’s the thing. You can’t do you can’t make it up. Right even if you were to pay back every single cent with interest. You can’t get that back. That’s the thing with trust. ... They went to somebody they trusted to do right by them. ... I would find it very hard to believe that any of those people will ever go to a lawyer and be able to trust that person again. .. So it’s not just you and it’s not just them. It’s the entire profession. It’s built on trust. It’s built on reputation. Once it’s gone, it’s gone. Forever. I mean, when you talk about people who have built a life and saved and saved and saved and in the end, what do they have? They have a house that they’re going to expect that the proceeds from that sale are going to go to their children... They trusted you and you took that money so now it looks like they didn’t take good care of their people... Nothing makes it better.”

Judge Minihan also spoke to the families, “It’s an imperfect system. This was a negotiated disposition. And this is the first that I’m coming into it. And I’m going to impose the sentence that was promised to you but make no mistake, that this is not just... this isn’t money, money is money. And that, you know, this is this is victimization.”

On the date of sentencing, Sept. 6, DeLitta’s attorney was more than one hour late (to add insult to injury). While waiting for her attorney, DeLitta was seen outside the courtroom sobbing and apologizing to the families, who wanted none of it, and did not forgive her.

Cox wrote it correctly when he said that DeLitta “failed to take accountability” for her actions, only explaining that “things got out of control.”

Cuomo Bridge to Turn Purple to Kick Off Local Walk to End Alzheimer’s

Bridge Lighting Watch Party
Wednesday, Sept. 21 | 6-8 p.m.
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Join us as we watch the Mario Cuomo Bridge go purple to help kick off the Walk to End Alzheimer’s in Westchester and Rockland.

Westchester Walk: Sunday, Oct. 2 at Westchester Community College
 Rockland Walk: Sunday, Oct. 16 at Clover Stadium in Pomona

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From 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 20, there will be a Bridge Lighting Watch Party at Horan’s Landing, 57 River St., in Sleepy Hollow. The Alzheimer’s Association Hudson Valley Chapter will light the Mario Cuomo Bridge purple in support of the Walk to End Alzheimer’s in Westchester and Rockland and counties, which are coming up respectively on Sunday, Oct. 2, at Westchester Community College, and Sunday, Oct. 16, at Clover Stadium (Home of the N.Y. Boulders) in Pomona. People are welcome to come to enjoy food, music and watch the bridge turn purple for Alzheimer’s awareness. To RSVP, visit bit.ly.com/HVAlzWalkBridgeLighting. To learn more about the walks, register or make a donation, visit HudsonValleyWalks.org

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