

Law Enforcement Makes the Case for License Plate Readers



Putnam County Law Enforcement to Residents: Our License Plate Readers Are Not Flock. Your Data Stays Here, Under Local Control.

Sheriff and police chiefs issue joint statement answering questions raised by national reporting on commercial camera networks.

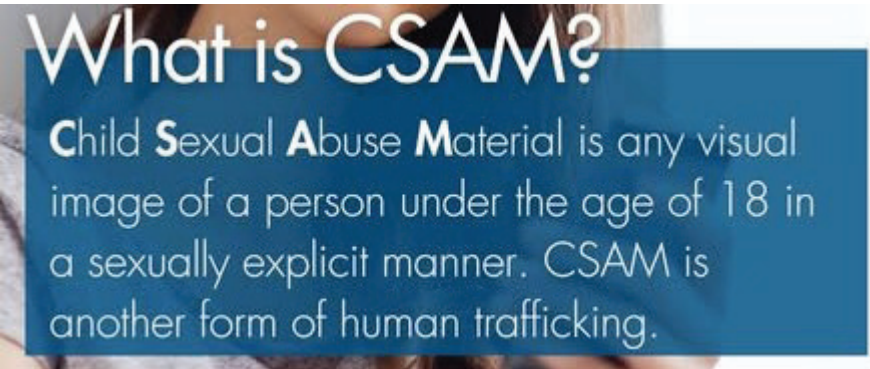
In response to growing national questions about license plate reader (LPR) technology, and in particular about the Flock Safety camera network in use in many communities across the country, the law enforcement agencies of Putnam County are speaking with one voice to explain how our county's system works, how it is different, and what it has done to keep Putnam residents safe.

Recent national reporting has raised serious concerns about commercially operated camera networks: data stored on a private company's cloud, footage searchable by thousands of agencies nationwide, and searches conducted for purposes residents never agreed to. Those concerns deserve straight answers. In Putnam County, the answer is simple: that is not our system.

"When residents read those stories, they deserve to know exactly how our program compares, and the answer is that it does not," said Sheriff Brian Hess. "Putnam County deliberately chose not to join any commercial camera network. Our data sits on a government server controlled by law enforcement, right here in the region. It is never sold, never shared with private companies, and never available to some

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Lakeland Middle School Employee Charged with Promoting, Possessing Child Sex Abuse Material



On Aug. 13, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a Shrub Oak man was arrested and charged with promoting and possessing child sexual abuse material online. The defendant, Francis John Teeling, 69, was arrested Tuesday by the Westchester

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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Needs Support from Westchester residents to expand



By Dan Murphy

As we all admire the outpouring of love for Dolly Parton, one of her greatest achievements outside her singing and acting career was creating Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

Dolly's father could not read or write, which drove her to give every child the opportunity to grow up surrounded by books. Dolly

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Lawler's Greatest Accomplishment: SALT Tax Deduction for Westchester Residents



New Mike Lawler TV ad

By Dan Murphy

Congressman Mike Lawler's campaign committee has begun its \$5 Million TV ad buy in NY-17 with an ad focusing on Lawler's ability to help force the inclusion of an increase in the tax deduction for state and local taxes, (SALT).

First, we wonder how many people know and understand what SALT is, and how Lawler helped increase the SALT tax deduction from \$10,000 to \$40,000.

Why is this so critical for Westchester residents? Any Westchester homeowner can now deduct ALL of their property taxes up to \$40,000.

The ad specifically features Hudson Valley residents talking about tax savings, including a family identified as the Foxes, who say they received a \$4,000 tax cut after the SALT cap was increased. It also

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Eastchester September 11th, 25th Anniversary Memorial Ceremony-Town Hall-830AM



Bobcat Sightings in Rye



From the Rye Police Department:

The Rye Police Department has recently received reports of bobcat sightings in the area. Bobcats are native to New York and, while generally secretive and seldom seen, can occasionally be observed in suburban areas.

If you encounter a bobcat, wildlife officials recommend:

- Keep your distance and do not approach or attempt to feed the animal.
- Make noise and slowly back away, giving the bobcat plenty of space to leave the area.
- Keep small pets indoors or

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New Rochelle Library Challenges Community
to Sign Up for 700 New Library Cards This September



New Rochelle residents can stop into the library with identification and proof of New Rochelle residency, and in just a few minutes, leave with a New Rochelle Public Library Card, or apply online or at outreach events and pick up their card at the Library

This September, the New Rochelle Public Library (NRPL) is challenging the community to help reach an ambitious goal: 700 new library card sign-ups during Library Card Sign-Up Month!

A library card is your ticket to a world of free resources, experiences and opportunities—and there’s never been a better time to get one. Whether you’re looking for your next great read, exploring a new hobby, preparing for an exam, searching for a job or simply looking for something fun to do, NRPL has something for everyone.

“Today’s library card is so much more than a card for checking out books,” said Eugenia Schatoff, Executive Director of the New Rochelle Public Library. “It opens the door to resources, experiences and opportunities for everyone—from eBooks and technology to programs, learning and cultural experiences. We’re excited to challenge New Rochelle to help us welcome 700 new cardholders this September and discover all that the New Rochelle Public Library has to offer.”

More Than Books

- A New Rochelle Public Library card opens the door to an extraordinary range of resources and services, including:
- Download eBooks and audiobooks through Libby and enjoy your next read wherever you are.
 - Borrow technology, including Chromebooks, iPads and WiFi hotspots—perfect for staying connected at home, at school or on the go.
 - Visit museums for free or at a discount through NRPL’s Museum Pass Program, made possible by the generosity of the New Rochelle Public Library Foundation.
 - Learn a new language with Mango, offering self-paced instruction in more than 70 languages.
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Letter to the Editor:
Thanks to Mr. Jackson for His Story on Frank Serpico

I wanted to express my gratitude to both your publications and Mr. Clifford Jackson for his recent story on Frank Serpico.

My grandfather served in the NYPD when Serpico was also an officer, and continued to serve during and after Serpico’s testimony before the Knapp Commission.

Like Serpico, my grandfather was unwilling to join with the many, many officers at the time in the NYPD who were taking money to look the other way for drug dealers. Because of this and like Serpico, my grandfather was ostracized in the NYPD, and was unable to find a partner for several years.

Mr. Jackson wrote, “Frank Serpico faced hatred, isolation from his fellow officers and essentially became a pariah within the NYPD. He was shot in the face in 1971 responding to a robbery that he and others suspect was a set up by higher ups within the nypd.

“Frank Serpico because of all of his revelations about systemic corruption within the nypd was force to retire in 1972. He has continued to speak out against the “ blue wall of science” that has protected police officers when they have engaged in corruption and police brutality , lecturing around the country.”

Like Serpico, my grandfather refused to take a bribe. He once returned a bowling bag filled with \$125,000 to the Precinct and was asked why he was returning it?

My grandfather was one of the first in the NYPD to receive a bullet-proof vest in the 1970’s. Shortly after that, he was shot and the vest saved his life. I hope that someone comes forward to write about my grandfather, and the courage he displayed in many ways.

And I thank Mr. Jackson for reminding all of us that ineed, a “Hippie Cop” like Serpico and my grandfather were among the most honest and courageous of all.

Katie Murphy, Mahopac

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features retirees discussing the new senior deduction and people discussing deductions for tips and overtime.The ad also addresses the issue central to democrats successes in November, affordability. Many residents in NY-17 have seen larger tax refunds of between \$3,000-\$5,000 on average, from the increased SALT deduction. And for those residents in NY-17 who do not own a home, your recent tax return included more savings, or a refund, thanks to the budget bill, infamously known as the big beautiful bill.

The ad also shows Lawler’s independent streak. He was one of a few republicans hold outs who insisted on a change to the SALT deduction law.

In the ad, President Trump is quoted from a stump speech where he called Lawler “A pain in the ass,” for his insistence on SALT changes.

The ad also alleges that his opponent, Cait Conley, “opposed increasing SALT.”

We will delve more into that allegation next week.

So we ask our fellow residents of NY-17 how many times have you seen this commercial

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2476813722829130>

I have seen it at least 50 times on YouTube.

But it’s not even Labor Day yet, so these ads, and mailings will continue until November, and Republicans have substantially more television advertising reserved in the district than Democrats at this point.

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properly restrained, particularly when wildlife has been observed nearby.

- Never attempt to capture, handle, or corner a bobcat.
- Bobcat attacks on people are extremely rare, and sightings alone are generally not a cause for alarm.

Residents who observe a bobcat are encouraged to report the sighting to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). Sightings help wildlife biologists monitor bobcat distribution and populations throughout New York.

For additional information about bobcats, to report a sighting, and to view New York State’s Bobcat Management Plan, visit:

NYSDEC – Bobcat
dec.ny.gov/nature/animals-fish-plants/bobcat

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Social Security Is Becoming Not So Secure



By Michael Gold

How can we save Social Security?

The question becomes more urgent each day. The Social Security trust fund will run out of its cash reserve in six years. (The Medicare trust fund suffers a similar problem – it’s anticipated that Medicare will run through its reserve by 2033.)

Social Security’s Old Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund will still collect income because of payroll taxes, but it won’t be enough to cover every beneficiary’s checks. The government will only be able to pay beneficiaries about 78 percent of the money due them each month, according to the U.S. Social Security Administration (SSA).

It’s difficult to appreciate the scale of this problem. The trust fund holds about \$2.56 trillion in investments in U.S. Treasury securities, or bonds. In other words, the trust fund loans money to the Federal government, which the government then pays out in benefits.

Assets of \$2.56 trillion sounds like a lot of money. But not when it’s applied to the number of people collecting benefits every month, which includes me, officially a senior citizen.

The Disability Insurance Trust Fund (DI) holds about \$230 billion, but its solvency is not in question until the year 2100. About eight million citizens receive checks from the DI.

The number of recipients collecting income from the Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund is much bigger – about 68 million people. There are approximately 325 million American citizens living in the country. So, we’re talking about twenty percent of the population that is supported by Social Security.

A big part of the problem is that more workers are retiring and collecting benefits. Baby boomers are leaving the workforce in record numbers every year.

There are less people in the workforce who are paying Social Security taxes to support them. We have about three people working for every person collecting benefits from the Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund. Families are having less children who will grow up and work. And the current Administration has largely cut off immigration, which could provide many more workers to pay into the Social Security system and help shore up its financial reserves.

Another factor in the funding problem is the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) the government applies to every Social Security check each year.

In 2026 the COLA was 2.8 percent. The COLA for 2027 could be an additional 3.5 percent. Every beneficiary will get a 3.5 percent increase in their monthly payment, because of inflation. So, the COLA accelerates the draw-down on the trust fund reserves.

Katherine Anne Edwards, an economist and Bloomberg opinion writer, proposes two solutions. First, she says, “scrap the cap” on Social Security taxes. Employees and employers split a 12.4 percent contribution to Social Security for every paycheck, until the employee reaches

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Putnam County Conservatives have now endorsed Tatiana Brahimi for County Executive? Have we completely lost our minds?

By Kim Zamparelli-Letter to the Editor:

We spend plenty of time talking about the far-left radicals in Putnam County. We all know who they are. But if we’re going to call out extremism, poor judgment, and questionable behavior on the left, then we better be willing to hold people on the right to the exact same standard.

I have some serious questions for the Putnam County Conservative leadership about this endorsement.

A County Executive is responsible for helping oversee the finances, budgeting, planning, and operations of an entire county. Yet there are public court records that, according to my review, show eviction proceedings in Dutchess County as well as debt-collection lawsuits involving Tanya. So I genuinely ask the board: What due diligence did you do before making this endorsement? And how do you reconcile those financial issues with entrusting someone to oversee the finances of an entire county?

Then there is the Carmel holiday parade.

I would also like to ask the board what they think about the allegations surrounding Tanya’s presence among the bystanders who booed while the SEPTO group—children and their parents—walked in the parade. I know the response will probably be, “I wasn’t there.” But multiple people say they witnessed what happened. If there is video or other documentation, the Conservative leadership should review it themselves before dismissing the concern.

And let’s not forget the Carmel school board meeting where she was removed. I actually agreed with some of the points she was making that night. But agreeing politically with someone doesn’t mean giving them a pass for their behavior. Any respect I had for the message disappeared when I watched the confrontation with law enforcement as she was being removed.

This isn’t about Republican versus Democrat. It’s about standards.

If conservatives are going to demand fiscal responsibility, accountability, professionalism, respect for law enforcement, and responsible leadership from everyone else, then those standards need to apply to the candidates we endorse too.

I strongly suggest that the Putnam County Conservative leadership look into the court records, videos, and other documentation for themselves before putting their name and credibility behind anyone.

Don’t take my word for it. Do your own homework. Look at the records. Look at the evidence. Ask questions.

An endorsement shouldn’t be handed out simply because someone has the right letter next to their name or says the right things politically.

Putnam County deserves someone capable of representing and managing the entire county, not just the loudest faction of it.

So, Putnam County Conservatives, I’m genuinely asking:

What exactly did you look into before making this endorsement?

Are you purposely throwing away your pro-ported stances and morals, worse The People, under the bus for this?



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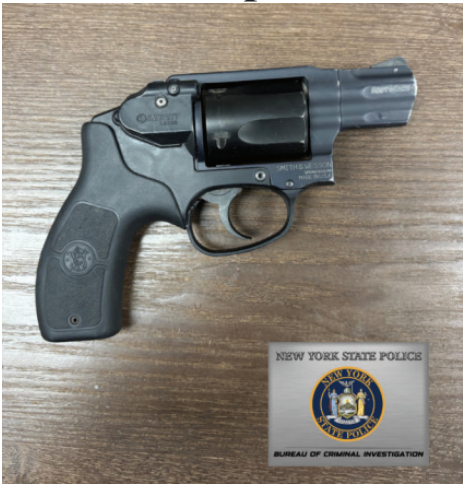
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State Police Arrest Three for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in Peekskill



On August 16, 2026, at approximately 1:31 a.m., New York State Police in Cortlandt conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle traveling on Main Street in the City of Peekskill for violations of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

The operator was identified as Antonio Stewart, 40, of Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. The passengers were identified as Khwan Wooden, 41, and Brant Schepper, 36, both of Peekskill, New York.

During an inventory of the vehicle prior to it being impounded, Troopers located a loaded Smith & Wesson handgun.

Stewart, Wooden, and Schepper were arrested and charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a class C felony.

All three were arraigned in Westchester County Court and remanded to the Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 cash bail, \$20,000 bond, or a \$30,000 partially secured bond. They are scheduled to appear in the City of Peekskill Court on August 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Note: Why were all three charged with the possession of one weapon? Perhaps because nobody would admit that the gun was there own, so everyone takes the hit.

F.C.A. §§ 617; CPLR 315, 316
FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF RENSSELAER

In the Matter of an Article 6 Termination of Parental Rights Proceeding

File#: 42277
Docket #:
B-02144-26
B-02145-2
B-01628-26

Rensselaer County Department of Social Services (Petitioner)

SUMMONS

Darryl J. Marshall (Respondent)
(Publication)

Kai’Cere S.
Mercedes S.
Jamari S.

To: Darryl J. Marshall

A petition under Article 6 of the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court requesting the following relief: Termination of Parental Rights.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear IN PERSON before this Court on:

Date/Time: October 1, 2026 at 11:00 AM in Part 2
Purposes: Inquest
Presiding: Hon. Jill Kehn
Location: Courthouse, 1504 Fifth Avenue, Troy, NY 12180-4107
Room: 204

to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act.

Please bring this notice with you and check in with the Court Officer in the Part.

If you fail to appear as directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

Dated: August 20, 2026 Lawrencia Colon, Chief Clerk

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Jill Kehn of the Family Court, Rensselaer County, dated and filed with the petition and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of the Family Court, Rensselaer County.

Take the Senior Survey on Westchester Transportation



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 - Ways transportation services can be improved for older adults

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Your feedback will help shape recommendations to improve mobility and independence for seniors across Westchester County.

We Want to Hear from You!

Westchester County is conducting the *Improving Senior Transportation for the Aging Population* survey to better understand the transportation needs of older adults throughout the county.

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The survey will be open through October 5, 2026



Questions?
Jonathan Joseph, Associate Transportation Planner
jjjp@westchestercountyny.gov

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As children across Westchester County's 40 school districts return to school, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace is reminding students, parents, educators, and community members that the DA's Office offers FREE safety presentations addressing important issues affecting young people today.

DA Cacace said: "As the new school year begins, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office is here to help keep our children safe – not only by prosecuting crime, but by working with our educators, families, and communities to prevent it. Our expert prosecutors and criminal investigators provide free presentations to schools on important issues impacting young people today. As a mother of three daughters and your District Attorney, I know a new school year brings excitement, but it can also bring challenges and risks that you should be prepared for. Education is one of our most powerful tools for prevention, and we're here to help whenever you need us."

Our office's experienced prosecutors and criminal investigators visit schools, youth programs, community organizations, and other local settings year-round to provide engaging and informative presentations for students, parents, and educators.

These presentations provide valuable information and resources to help young people and the adults who support them navigate critical safety issues, including:

Social Media Safety
School Threats
Sextortion
Cyberbullying
Healthy Relationships
Teen Dating Violence
Hate Crimes & Bias
Distracted Driving
Prom Safety
Substance Abuse
And More

So far in 2026, our office has delivered more than 100 free presentations, reaching children and teens throughout the county while strengthening partnerships with local schools, law enforcement agencies, and community organizations.

In October 2025, our office launched its first-ever school safety symposium, bringing together our experts and local and federal law enforcement to provide educators with information on current and emerging safety concerns, as well as strategies to help identify, prevent, and respond to potential threats.

We have since hosted and co-hosted two additional school safety symposiums this year and plan to continue organizing these important events in the future.

For more information or to schedule a FREE safety presentation, call the DA's Community Affairs Office at (914) 995-3317.

From all of us at the District Attorney's Office, we wish you a safe and successful school year.

\$1 Billion for New York State; Meta Reaches

New York Attorney General Letitia James and a bipartisan coalition of 50 other attorneys general secured up to \$17.1 billion from social media giant Meta, along with transformative changes to Facebook and Instagram to stop addictive and harmful social media use among young people. In 2023, Attorney General James and a coalition of 32 other attorneys general sued Meta for designing and implementing features that it knew to be harmful to children and teens in order to maximize their time on its social media platforms. Under a landmark settlement with Attorney General James and the coalition, subject to court approval, Meta will pay up to \$17.1 billion to the states. This is the largest settlement reached with a single company in the history of the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). The funds are intended to support mental health services, education programs, and other efforts to repair and reduce the harm caused by unhealthy social media use among young people.

Meta must also take steps to verify the ages of its users and restrict the time minors can spend on its platforms to a maximum of two hours per day. In addition, Meta will restrict minors from accessing its platforms at night and prevent notifications from being sent to minors during school hours and in the evening. Children and their parents will have the option to opt out of addictive algorithmic feeds, and Meta will implement other features to prevent unhealthy social media use. The settlement establishes a transformative framework for repairing the harms of addictive social media and will enact stricter restrictions if other social media companies reach similar settlements in future cases, such as Attorney General James' ongoing lawsuit against TikTok.

“Children in New York and nationwide are suffering while companies like Meta reap immense profits by intentionally addicting them to their social media platforms,” said Attorney General James. “We cannot allow social media companies to continue fueling the growing rates of low self-esteem, isolation, and depression among our youth. With significant new resources for our communities and comprehensive restrictions on Meta’s platforms for young people, we are taking a major step towards breaking the cycle of social media addiction. This groundbreaking plan sets a standard of reforms for all social media platforms, and I will continue to work to extend these protections across the industry.”

In October 2023, Attorney General James and 32 other attorneys general sued Meta for building its social media business by intentionally exploiting young people with features that its employees and executives knew to be addictive and harmful. The lawsuit alleged that Meta designed algorithms meant to recommend content that would keep users on its platform for as long as possible and deployed features like “infinite scroll” and incessant notifications to make it harder for young users to disengage. The lawsuit also alleged that Meta’s social media platforms can have disastrous effects on young people’s mental health by steering young people towards dangerous content, including posts promoting eating disorders and self-harm. Meta then deceptively claimed that its features were not manipulative and that its platforms were safe, causing further damage.

Payments to States: Meta will pay at least \$12.1 billion to the coalition states. If other major social media companies reach similar settlements with states, this amount will increase to \$17.1 billion. New York will receive at least \$819 million and up to \$1.15 billion. The funds are intended for a variety of educational and mental health services for young people to repair the harms of unhealthy social media use and prevent future damage. Initiatives that could receive funds include grants to schools to implement phone-free classrooms, training for mental health professionals to serve students, after-school or summer programming for young people, and public health programs.

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Bath Remodel

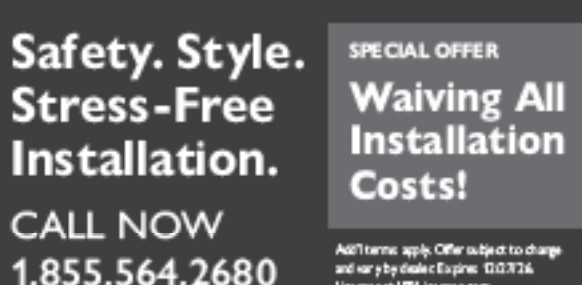
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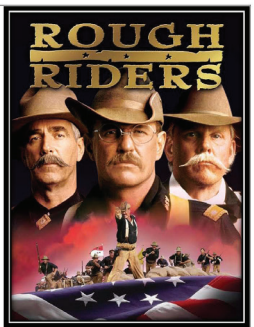


Patrick Falci

Join us at the Lincoln Depot Museum with special guest Pat Falci – best known to many as General A.P. Hill in the 1993 TNT film *Gettysburg*. While recounting the real history of Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War, Pat will fill us in on what really went on behind-the-scenes in the making of this classic television mini-series, in which he also appears.

BULLY! ... Theodore Roosevelt

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Hospice of Westchester Receives Donation
from The Scarsdale Woman’s Club



L-R: Holly K. Benedict, Director of Development and Public Affairs, Hospice of Westchester; Mary Ann Alling, The Scarsdale Woman’s Club; Mary K. Spengler, RN, MS, LNHA, CEO of Hospice of Westchester

Hospice of Westchester (HOW) recently received a \$1,500 donation from The Scarsdale Woman’s Club. The funds will support the organization’s work providing compassionate end-of-life care to Westchester County residents diagnosed with any life-limiting illness.
“The Scarsdale Woman’s Club has been a strong supporter of our organization for years, and we are grateful for their unwavering generosity,” said Mary K. Spengler, RN, MS, LNHA, CEO of Hospice of Westchester. “With this donation, we can continue to provide quality and compassionate services and programs to our patients, their families, and the wider Westchester community.”
About Hospice of Westchester:
Hospice of Westchester (HOW) is a private, not-for-profit health-care agency that provides skilled, compassionate and comprehensive end-of-life home care to patients diagnosed with any serious or life-limiting illness and gives support to their families and loved ones. Hospice of Westchester is located at 1025 Westchester Avenue, Suite 200, White Plains, NY. For additional information, visit www.hospiceofwestchester.com or call (914) 682-1484. For the latest news and updates, find HOW on Facebook.

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#4 Choking.....	5,529 deaths
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The Rotary Club of Yonkers, in response to this, secured funding from Westchester County through County Legislator James Nolan to purchase 50 LifeVac, anti-choking kits.

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Ukrainian Independence Day Celebrated at Yonkers City Hall



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On Aug. 24, members of the Ukrainian community in Yonkers gathered at City Hall with Mayor Mike Spano and Councilman John Rubbo to raise the Ukrainian flag above City Hall in celebration of the 35th year of Ukrainian independence. Mayor Spano said “We raised the Ukrainian flag at Yonkers City Hall in recognition of Ukraine’s Independence Day. As Ukraine continues to endure war, we stand with the Ukrainian people and pray for peace, safety and strength for families who remain vulnerable,” said Mayor Spano.

Council Majority Leader John Rubbo said, “Yesterday, we proudly raised the Ukrainian flag at Yonkers City Hall to mark 35 years of Ukraine’s independence as a sovereign nation. Now more than ever, it is important that we stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and reaffirm our support for their freedom, sovereignty, and





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\$184,500 in income. Whatever an employee makes over that amount is not taxed for Social Security contributions.

This upsets a lot of middle class and poor Americans. There's a basic issue of fairness involved. Why do people who make all this income get a free ride while the rest of us have to pay into the Social Security Trust Fund?

Edwards' other big idea is to invest part of the trust fund in stocks and bonds. This is much trickier. It means creating a government department that will pick which corporations to invest in to make a profit.

I see this as a huge minefield for the country. What if the stocks and bonds the government invests in lose money in any given year? The trust fund will suffer. The government could be pressed by Social Security recipients to make up for the trust fund's losses. The media will not take this event lightly, to say the least.

When the government takes shares in a private corporation, it had better be an emergency. This is what happened in 2008/2009, when the Treasury Department took control of General Motors and Chrysler, because the auto industry was about to collapse. When the crisis passed, the government sold its shares. The Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) worked.

The Obama Administration loaned \$535 million in 2009 to Solyndra, a California-based solar manufacturer, and the company ended up going bankrupt. This made headlines all over the country and embarrassed the Obama Administration.

Now, the Trump Administration has taken stakes in Intel, U.S. Steel, Westinghouse and a spectrum of other companies in quantum computing, nuclear power, semiconductors and other businesses.

The Cato Institute, the ultimate advocate of free markets, has condemned these moves, with good reason. The U.S. government should not be picking economic winners and losers in the private sector.

Corporations must contend with the free market every day to provide the discipline they need to compete effectively for sales and earnings. Government stakes distort the market, and they open up government officials to conflicts of interest, as Cato has pointed out. The government can't afford to further betray our trust. The public's faith in the Feds is already pretty low.

With these investments in the private sector, "The federal government is now acting as regulator, customer, financier, and shareholder," Cato stated in a July 30, 2026 article on its website.

So, the idea of investing Social Security reserves in the stock market looks like an idea that would be rife with financial pitfalls that the U.S. government couldn't avoid.

The peril facing the Social Security Trust Fund is rising with each passing day. The national debt will pass the \$40 trillion mark very soon. We are spending money like a drunk bachelor party dude in Las Vegas, who's determined to lay down more bets on his credit card because he's having such a great time. It's irresponsible and dangerous.

"If something cannot go on forever, it will stop," said Herbert Stein, an economist and senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

There is no question that America will either have to stop spending so much on Social Security or somehow expand its funding. The issue is how and when this will occur.

We can plan for it right now and help ease the onset of this crisis. Or we can let things slide until there's national chaos.

In the Bible, Joseph advised the Pharaoh to plan for the seven years of drought by storing twenty percent of the grain during the seven years of robust harvests, so the population wouldn't starve when famine came. The Pharaoh listened to Joseph, the country saved its grain for the future lean times, and Egypt endured the famine quite well.

Joseph's actions, as highlighted by the Bible, illustrate the benefits of prudence and conservative action – the ability to think and plan ahead because the future is capable of throwing lots of weird and terrible things at us.

Americans today are not prepared for this kind of crisis. We're generally fat and happy and we don't see anything but the next store or pretzel shop during our shopping trip to the mall.

We need a great leader like Joseph today.

Saving the trust fund and putting it on a more stable foundation is not glamorous work. It will probably not get a politician more views and "likes" on social media. It will not necessarily help our Representatives, Senators and Presidents advance their careers.

What it will do is help the American people – not only seniors but all working adults and their children who are not fabulously wealthy – anyone who needs a minimal old age safety net in our fiercely competitive capitalist society.

That's what we elected them to do. They should get to it.

Michael Gold is a columnist for The Yonkers Times. His work has been published in The New York Daily News, The Albany Times-Union, The Hartford Courant and other newspapers. He's a volunteer trustee with the Putnam County Land Trust.

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Join the 700-Card Challenge

New Rochelle residents, including children of all ages, can get a library card by visiting the New Rochelle Public Library's Main Library or Huguenot Children's Library with identification and proof of New Rochelle residency. Those who work or attend school in New Rochelle are also eligible for an NRPL card. Applications can also be completed online at bit.ly/NRPL_LibraryCard.

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County District Attorney's Office and arraigned before Judge Gary J. Raniolo in Yorktown Town Court. He was charged via felony complaint with Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child and Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, both felonies. Teeling pleaded not guilty and is currently being held on bail, which was set at \$10,000 cash, \$25,000 bond, and \$50,000 partially secured bond. He is due back in court on Sept. 22, 2026.

DA Cacace said: "Those who possess or share child sexual abuse material should be under no illusion that their depraved conduct is hidden from law enforcement. Through our strong partnerships with the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the New York Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, my office is committed to exposing online predators and preventing further abuse and exploitation of children. With the school year about to begin, I urge parents to stay vigilant and monitor their children's social media and internet activity. Make sure your children understand the dangers of sharing explicit images online, especially with people they do not know."

On two occasions between April and August 2026, it is alleged that the defendant, an employee of Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School in Yorktown Heights, shared a digital file of an approximately 7-to-10-year-old female child engaged in sexual conduct to Microsoft Bing, and was in possession of a digital file of an approximately 5-to-8-year-old female child engaged in sexual conduct.

The District Attorney's High Technology Crime Squad conducted the investigation following a referral from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) and the New York State Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The Yorktown Police Department assisted with the arrest. The case is being prosecuted by Cyber Crimes Bureau Chief Michael Delohery. Teeling worked as an itinerant substitute Food Service employee, according to the Lakeland Central School District.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF EASTCHESTER ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Architectural Review Board of the Town of Eastchester will hold a public hearing on:

ThursdaySeptember, 3rd2026at 7:00 p.m.
(day of week)(month and date)(year)(time)

at the Town of Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York, in the Court Room/Auditorium on the application of:

Linda Ferrentino
(name of applicant/applicant)

for:

Architectural Review Board approval
(area variance(s), use variance, interpretation, site plan, subdivision, architectural review and/or special permit approval)

related to: As-built alterations to an existing single-family residence, including a revised front porch, all four building facades, and a rear patio
(describe the proposed project)

affecting the premises identified as the following Section(s), Block(s) and Lot(s) on the Tax Map of the Town of Eastchester:

Section 56, Block 5, Lot 28

and located at the following address:

144 Locust Ave Scarsdale, NY 10583
(street address)

Notes:

1. Visit the town's website (www.eastchester.org) to access the most current agenda prior to each meeting. If you have any questions regarding the Public Hearing or any of the agenda items, you can contact the Planning Department at (914) 771-3319. Applications are available for review electronically by clicking the link at the top of the agenda and physically in the Planning Department.

2. The purpose of this Notice is to notify you of the Public Hearing for the referenced project in case you would like to attend and/or participate in the meeting and/or comment on the application. However, you are not required to attend the meeting or to respond to this notice.

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September 29, 2025

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EASTCHESTER/TUCKAHOE
SCHOOL TAXES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I HAVE THIS DAY
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SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

TO AVOID PENALTY, the first half must be received by Sept. 30, 2026. The second half school taxes are payable by January 31, 2027.

IMPORTANT: Official U.S. Postal Service postmarks are accepted to secure a penalty-free payment if postmarked on or before the due date. FedEx UPS, and DHL mailed to 40 Mill Road, Eastchester can also be accepted as timely if showing a mailing on or before the due date. However, metered mail postmarks (such as Pitney-Bowes or Quadient/Neopost, for example) are NOT acceptable for this purpose under the NYS Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), and neither are foreign postmarks. An envelope without any postmark-- or an illegible postmark-- is deemed under the law to have been made on the date of delivery to the collecting officer. If the due date is not met, the following Penalties prescribed by tax law for deferred payment apply:

Rates of Penalties
SECTION 550-A WESTCHESTER COUNTY
TAX LAW PENATLY SCHEDULE

	First Half Due Sept 1st	Second Half Due Jan 1st
During SEPTEMBER (Taxes payable without penalty on or before September 30, 2026)	NONE	-
During OCTOBER	2 Percent	-
During NOVEMBER	5 Percent	-
During DECEMBER and JANUARY	7 Percent	-
During FEBRUARY and MARCH	10 Percent	10 Percent
During APRIL	12 Percent	12 Percent
During MAY	13 Percent	13 Percent
During JUNE	14 Percent	14 Percent

July 1st-2027, Delinquent taxes will be filed with the Westchester County Clerk’s Office.
In addition, 1% per month thereafter until completion of IN-REM foreclosure.

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RECEIVER OF TAXES

Dated August 20, 2026

Changes to Meta Platforms

To help alleviate the youth mental health crisis fueled by its social media platforms, Meta will make significant changes to limit the time that users under the age of 18 can spend on its platforms, the content they see, and the addictive features to which they are exposed. Meta will take steps to verify the ages of its users to identify those under 18, using a process similar to New York’s nation-leading Safe for Kids Act, which was advanced by Attorney General James and signed into law by Governor Hochul in 2024.

Meta will also impose strict time limits on all users under 18, limiting them to two hours of time per day across Facebook and Instagram, with exceptions for messaging features. Users under 18 will also not be able to access these platforms between midnight and 6 a.m. or receive push notifications between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. In addition, Meta will limit notifications during school hours. To encourage young people to break the cycle of endless scrolling and take breaks, Meta will pause content and send mindfulness reminders to users under 18 after 60 and 90 minutes of cumulative use every day.

Meta must also take a variety of steps to prevent minors from being shown inappropriate and unhealthy content on its platforms. Users under 18 will be given the option to select non-algorithmic feeds, showing content only from accounts that the user has followed in chronological order. Parents will have the ability to enable a non-algorithmic feed as the default for their children if they are using Meta’s Parental Supervision feature.

Users must have a parent’s explicit permission to disable these time and content restrictions. The restrictions will last at least five years on Meta’s platforms and will strengthen if other major social media platforms reach similar settlements with states.

State Senator Shelley Mayer said, “The landmark settlement with Meta is an important step in protecting young people from the harmful and addictive features of social media. Here in New York, we have already taken action to protect children and teens online, but the risks they face remain substantial – from exposure to inappropriate and harmful content, to unrealistic standards that can negatively affect developing minds, to addictive features that interfere with sleep, learning, and healthy development. I applaud Attorney General Letitia James and the coalition of attorneys general for putting the health and well-being of our children first.”

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Parton’s Imagination Library helps make that possible by providing a free, high-quality, age-appropriate book every month to children from birth through age five—regardless of their family’s income.

The books are delivered directly to each child’s home, creating a personal library and encouraging families to read together from an early age.

We learned that while the books are completely free to participating families, the program depends on the generosity of local communities. Local partners raise the funds needed to cover the cost of the books and postage to mail them to children in our community.

In Westchester, only three communities are funded to participate in the program. They are: White Plains, Peekskill, and Port Chester, and are run through the United Way’s United2Read Collaboration, which received a \$49,000 New York State Library grant in 2025,

As of August 2026, nearly 900 Westchester families are enrolled, and interest continues to grow.

But the program does not currently cover all of Westchester County and larger cities like Yonkers and New Rochelle.

We are asking residents, businesses, organizations, and community partners to help us sustain and expand this important literacy program.

Your support will not only provide books, but it will also help build a love of reading, strengthen families, and give our youngest residents a stronger foundation for success.

Please consider donating today. Together, we can ensure that every young child in our community can receive a book every month, at no cost to their family.

Several local upstate communities also participate in the program, but no community in New York State has the resources to fully fund the program.

Ohio has one of the strongest statewide programs. In January 2026, more than 400,000 Ohio children were enrolled, representing about 60% of all eligible children ages 0–5. All 88 counties participate.

We hope some people will step forward to fund Dolly’s vision and get books into the hands of children who want them.

Because they have already established a local program, the United Way of Westchester and Putnam is the best way to reach out. Visit www.uwwp.org/, or call 914-997-6700.

And to learn more about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, visit <https://imaginationlibrary.com/>.

Notice of Formation of FRM Collective LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/06/2026. 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, 669 Main Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Construction Management Consultants, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/29/2026. 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, 325 Hornidge Rd, Mamaroneck NY, 10543. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at a top height of 78 feet on an 80-foot building rooftop at the approx. vicinity of 4784 Boston Post Road, Pelham Manor, Westchester County, NY 10803. In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: Trileaf Corp, Laura Elston, l.elston@trileaf.com, 1775 The Exchange SE, Suite 525, Atlanta, GA 30339, 678-653-8673.

Notice of formation of Frontline Restoration Partners LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on July 7, 2026. Office Location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 333 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 359, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of M.C.K. VENTURES LLC of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/31/2026. 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 MCK VENTURES LLC 465 TUCKAHOE ROAD, #1304 YONKERS, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of Infinity Strategies Group LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on September 1, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 255 Huguenot Street, Apt 913, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of W4J9R1 Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/23/2026. 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, 2 Gedney Park Drive, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of elinfonet.com, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on June 30, 2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Raymond Nardo, P.C., 55 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 205, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Blossom & Spruce, LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/29/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 83 Grandview Ave., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

Notice of formation of Rat Attack Snacks, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/2/2026. 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, 516 Park Avenue Yonkers NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of Moving Minds LCSW PLLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/02/2026. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Nichole Rankin, 8 Oakbrook Road, Ossining, NY 10562. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Laura Lucido Occupational Therapy PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/31/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 153 Fieldpoint Drive, Irvington NY 10533. Purpose: To practice the profession of Occupational Therapy.

Notice of Formation of Cortese Collective LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 1, 2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Cortese Collective LLC, 185 Ashford Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of ANVIL STAFFING LLC . Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/09/2026. 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, 66 Hutchinson Blvd Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Praveka Advisors LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/24/2026. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 70 Beach Ave, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Free Square Dancing Fun Nights is Back



The Friendly Squares Dance Club is having 2 Free Square Dancing Fun Nights on Monday, September 21st and Monday, September 28th from 7:00-8:30pm at Katonah Methodist Church Parish Hall, 44 Edgemont Rd, Katonah, NY. Modern Western Square dancing is a lot of fun, great exercise for both the body and mind and an opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. The attire is casual and no experience is necessary. This event is open to singles, couples and families. Our website is www.friendlysquares.org

AutoNation Associates Support Students with Donation of School Supplies to Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle



AutoNation is helping local students begin the school year ready to succeed. Throughout the summer, AutoNation Associates from the company’s Auto Tech Labs team in White Plains, NY, collected, sorted, and donated more than 420 supplies, including pens, pencils, crayons, notebooks, folders, erasers, backpacks and other essential classroom supplies to benefit youth served by the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle.

This initiative was part of AutoNation’s effort to support back-to-school supply drives across the nation. In total, more than 3,400 school supplies were donated to organizations across the country.

“Our New York Technology team’s school supply drive directly supports children and families at the Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle, right here in Westchester.” said Ian Link, Vice President of Technology, AutoNation. “Having the right tools helps students walk into the classroom feeling confident and ready to learn. We’re proud to support an organization that does so much for our local community and to help give students a strong start to the school year. Every item donated by our team contributed to making this effort a success.”

“We are grateful to AutoNation and its Associates for their generous support of the young people we serve,” said Becky Mazzanobile, CEO of Boys & Girls Club of New Rochelle. “These school supplies will help ensure our students have the tools they need to begin the school year feeling prepared and ready to learn.”



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