

Cait Conley for Congress Full Speed Ahead



L-R-State Senator Shelley Mayer, Cait Conley, State Senator Pete Harchham, Westchester Democratic Chair Suzanne Berger

By Dan Murphy

The campaign of Cait Conley, the democratic nominee for Congress in NY-17, has already begun its outreach and volunteer operation. After a kick-off from the Westchester County Democratic Committee last month, Conley and her team began their door knocking and sign hanging earlier than usual. Normally, Labor Day is the official kick-off for the November election, but this race in NY17, between Conley and republican Congressman Mike Lawler, will be one of a handful of races across the country that will determine which party has a majority in the House of Representatives.

Conley recently accepted the endorsement from the NYS Working Families Party. "This year, over 60k residents in New York's 17th congressional district will lose

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Latimer: Close All Detention Facilities Operated by ICE



Rep. George Latimer

By Dan Murphy

On August 4, Congressmen Ritchie Torres (NY-15) and George Latimer (NY-16) conducted a Congressional oversight visit at the Delaney Hall Immigration Detention Center in Newark, New Jersey. Delaney Hall is the largest immigration detention facility on the East Coast. The facility, which is privately owned and operated by the GEO Group, currently holds hundreds of detainees. In reaction to the visit, Rep. Torres said:

"The vast majority of detainees at Delaney Hall have no criminal history. There has been virtually no criminal activity on the part of the detainees. They should not be here. The Trump administration is wasting \$1 billion on a facility that should not

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NY's SAFE Act for kids requires social media companies to confirm users' age to restrict personalized feeds and nighttime notifications



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Retired Cop Shoots, Kills Mans Best Friend



left, Luke, above Robert Molloy

On August 5, Yorktown resident James Molloy shot and killed a beloved dog, Luke, along Route 118 in the middle of town. Apparently, Molloy's dog and Luke were fighting, so Molloy, a retired NYPD Lt., took out his gun and shot and killed Luke.

Many of us in Yorktown and the surrounding communities know Luke and Matt Steele, who are experiencing homelessness. Both Matt and Luke stayed behind the empty supermarket along Route 118.

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Mount Vernon Public Library 1st in Westchester to Offer Free Bike Borrowing for Card Holders



State Senator Jamaal Bailey, left, and Assemblymember Gary Pretlow, right, help celebrate the Mt. Vernon Public Library's Bike Borrow Program kickoff

The Mount Vernon Public Library is excited to announce the official kickoff of its Bike Borrow Program, making history as the first public library in Westchester County to offer free bicycle borrowing to library cardholders.

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Man Charged With Shining A Laser On A Westchester County PD Helicopter



Faces felony charges in connection to the incident

A 41-year-old Ossining man has been charged with shining a green laser at a Westchester County Police helicopter on Friday night as it traveled along the Hudson River shoreline in Ossining.

At 9:56 p.m., the Aviation Unit crew reported that someone had aimed a laser into the cockpit, temporarily blinding the pilot and a tactical flight officer

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On August 4, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Jamie McDonald, announced that PERRY FREEMAN was sentenced to 292 months in prison by U.S. District Judge Kenneth M. Karas for distributing fentanyl that resulted in the death of a Westchester County resident, conspiring to distribute crack cocaine, and illegally possessing ammunition. On February 11, 2026, FREEMAN pled guilty before U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrew E. Krause.

“Perry Freeman, a recidivist drug dealer, sold fentanyl to a victim who died shortly after taking the drugs,” said U.S. Attorney Jamie McDonald. “This Office will not rest until the public is safe and that those who peddle this poison have been brought to justice, as Perry Freeman now has.”

According to the charging documents and statements made in public filings and public court proceedings:

On or about November 10, 2021, FREEMAN sold fentanyl to his victim, a 37-year-old man.

Shortly thereafter, the police responded to a report of a burning car in a parking lot in the Town of Mohegan Lake, New York, approximately a three-minute drive from FREEMAN's apartment building. They found a Ford Focus on fire; the victim was in the driver's seat with his foot on the accelerator pedal. After the fire department put the fire out, the victim—who was dead—was pulled out. Investigators determined that the car had caught fire after overheating while the accelerator pedal was depressed for an excessive period of time while the car was in park, i.e., while the victim was passed out in the driver's seat with his foot on the pedal.

The Westchester County Medical Examiner's Office, which is part of the Westchester Department of Laboratories and Research, performed an autopsy on the victim. The victim had lethal levels of both fentanyl and norfentanyl (a metabolite of fentanyl) in his blood, and there was some darkening of the victim's lungs, which indicated smoke inhalation before his death. The victim's cause of death was certified as both acute fentanyl intoxication and accident.

In addition, FREEMAN conspired to distribute crack cocaine over a period of years and possessed five shotgun shells in his apartment despite being prohibited from doing so due to multiple prior felony convictions, including convictions for narcotics offenses in 2008, 2012, 2016, and 2022.

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Mosquitoes with West Nile Virus Found in Westchester

County Health Department Reminds Residents to Remove Standing Water and Use Repellents

The Westchester County Health Department announced that this season's first batches of mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus in Westchester were found in Rye. These are the first positives out of 61 batches of mosquitos collected by the County Health Department from 30 traps throughout Westchester. The mosquitoes were tested for West Nile Virus by the New York State Department of Health.

Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said: “This is a seasonal reminder that mosquitos thrive in hot water, especially at sunrise and sunset, so be sure to protect yourself and your family by using repellents, especially when many mosquitoes are active. Apply sunscreen first, and repellent second, and wash them both off before bed.”

Watch this video for tips on how to reduce the mosquito population near you and to learn more about the Health Department's role in mosquito monitoring. More information also can be found on the [West Nile Virus](#) page. Throughout the season, the Department also traps and tests mosquitoes to track the presence of mosquito-borne viruses.

Symptoms of West Nile include fever, headache, body aches and joint pain, but can be more serious for people 60 and older, and those with underlying medical conditions.

Tips to Avoid West Nile:

- Avoid the outdoors at dusk, when mosquitoes are active and feeding. Use insect repellents and follow the label instructions.
- Adults can use insect repellents with up to 30 percent DEET on infants over two months of age by applying the product to their own hands and then rubbing it onto their children, avoiding their children's hands, eyes and mouth.
- Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and socks when outdoors, especially in areas where mosquitoes are active and feeding.
- Check around your property for anything that can hold water, and pour it out or put it away. Mosquitos do not travel far from a water source.
- Check and remove standing water from children's toys and play houses left outside.
- Remove discarded tires.
- Drill holes in the bottoms of all recycling containers that are left outdoors.
- Turn over plastic wading pools, buckets and wheelbarrows when not in use.
- Change the water in birdbaths at least twice weekly.
- Keep storm drains and gutters clear of leaves and debris.
- Continue to chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor spas and hot tubs until properly winterized or drained for the season. Also, if not chlorinated, drain any water that collects on their covers.

Police helicopter, continued from pg 1-

on board. The pilot was able to maintain control of the aircraft and change course to avoid being blinded by the laser. The Aviation crew radioed that the suspect involved was on a man on a bicycle in Snowden Park.

Ossining Police Department officers responded and took Anthony Lopez, 41, of Main Street into custody and confiscated a green laser. He was turned over to County Police. Lopez was transported to County Police headquarters in Hawthorne and booked on charges of Directing a Laser at an Aircraft 1st Degree and Assault 2nd Degree, felonies. He was held overnight for arraignment in Ossining Town Court.

Public Safety Commissioner Terrance Raynor said, “Shining a laser at a police helicopter, or at any aircraft, is a serious crime that endangers the pilot, other persons on board and the public in the event a crash results. I applaud our Aviation Unit crew for their skill in maintaining control of the aircraft despite being temporarily blinded and experiencing eye pain from the laser assault. I am grateful to the Ossining Police Department for its immediate response and for taking this suspect into custody.”

Lopez was arraigned Saturday in Ossining Town Court and remanded to the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla. A criminal complaint is merely an accusation, and a defendant should be presumed innocent until found guilty in court.

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Food Prices Are Up, Inflation Is Eating Our Wallets and Instead of Helping, The President Is Trying to Subvert Another Election

By Michael Gold

The price of apples is up fifty cents a pound at my local discount supermarket. Ground beef prices are up almost 13 percent from last year, the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis states. Food price inflation is up three percent over the last 12 months, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

And I don't need to tell you that gas prices are climbing.

So, what is the President of the United States doing about all the inflation wrecking consumers' wallets?

He's started a war with Iran that doesn't look like it will end any time soon. In fact, it looks like the Iranians don't want to end it, unless we hand them the Strait of Hormuz on a platter.

And he's relentlessly attacking our right to vote.

Trump keeps haranguing Congress to pass the entirely mis-named SAVE America Act, which would require every voter to produce documents proving they're citizens, such as a birth certificate and government identification card. It isn't difficult to see that this bill, if it becomes law, would prevent a lot of people from voting, which is pretty much the unspoken idea.

This bill is based on a lie. Voter fraud is not a wide-scale problem in this country, despite all the Republican screaming and whining about it. A lot of the GOP's energy on this issue comes from Trump's entirely false claim that the 2020 presidential election was stolen from him.

Let's explore 2020 a little bit. Trump was the President at the time. Yet he says that through some magical foreign interference from Venezuela, China or three-headed space aliens living on Pluto, the Democrats somehow managed to switch millions of votes from Trump to Biden.

This is a complete fiction, a fabrication, invented in the fever dreams of Trump, who has subverted our system of democracy pretty much every day, a big lie picked up by his all-too-compliant party and spread throughout the land.

Also, Trump's Department of Justice is now in the process of attempting to get ahold of state voter records in order to pressure states to conduct illegal voter purges, which will serve to further suppress the vote.

Trump has gotten several red states to gerrymander their Congressional districts this year, which contravenes the traditional ten-year requirement to redistrict only after the U.S. Census results are compiled and published. That alone means that about twelve seats that were competitive before are now going to go Republican, according to the Cook Political Report, a nonpartisan newsletter.

On some level, I think Trump knows his policies are unpopular. His tariffs have acted as a drag on the economy. The Iran war has pumped up gas prices. The oil companies are doing very well, thank you very much. But the regular working people on the street are not.

Of course nobody should want Iran to get a nuclear weapon in its hands. The Iranian regime is one of the biggest sources of religious terror and tyranny in the world. They have sought to dominate the Middle East through terror proxies in Lebanon, Gaza, Syria and Yemen. They're fanatically intent on turning one country into nothing but ashes – Israel.

The Iranian government executes their own people in public, to intimidate the population and to ruthlessly keep themselves in power. They killed between 7,000 to 30,000 people in the wake of street protests starting in December of last year, then extending into January. In Iran, if you're a woman, if you don't dress according to the regime's dictates, you can be thrown in prison.

We should all be happy if the Iranian government fell and was replaced by a democratic republic. But this doesn't seem to be happening any time soon. To say that the Administration has made a complete mess of this war is to insult messes.

The Iranian regime was doing pretty badly, before Trump decided to attack them without consulting anybody. Unbelievably, Trump has made the Iranians stronger as a result of the war. He had no strategy going in and he has no strategy to fight the war now. Iran has effectively choked off most shipping traffic in the Strait of Hormuz to shipping traffic, including oil tankers. This affects the price of oil here in the U.S., of course.

His tariffs are raising prices across the board. The average American household has seen a \$900 increase in costs this year, according to the nonpartisan Tax Foundation, which provides the public with a tariff tracker on its website.

He's insanely threatening Canada, traditionally our greatest and closest friend, with 50 percent tariffs, because of their terrible wildfires. But climate change isn't real, the Administration says. Canada must be setting these forest fires on purpose, just to maliciously upset the President. Don't even think about buying a hockey stick now.

Of course, Trump believes foreign countries will pay for the tariffs. This is obviously untrue. We pay. He's veering pretty far from the principles of capitalism, which believes in free markets. Where are the Republicans who should be howling about that?

The Administration has thrown sand in the wheels of our economy with the tariffs and the war. Trump's response is unfortunately predictable.

He thinks of himself first. I'm not even going to get into his use of the highest office in the nation to enrich himself and his family, through his cryptocurrency, real estate and other business ventures.

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Governor Hochul Announces Cybersecurity Grants for Five Westchester Water Systems

Governor Hochul Announces More Than \$9 Million in Cybersecurity Grants to Help Protect 153 Water Systems Statewide

Governor Kathy Hochul announced more than \$9 million in grants awarded to 153 local government projects statewide through the Strengthening Essential Cybersecurity for Utilities and Resiliency Enhancements (SECURE) grant program. This funding will support communities in their efforts to bolster their cybersecurity posture against increasingly sophisticated and dangerous cyber threats while strengthening services that millions of New Yorkers rely on every day.

"New York is taking action to protect our critical water infrastructure from cyberattacks that could disrupt services and threaten public health and safety," Governor Hochul said. "As we have seen with recent malicious cyberattacks on water systems across multiple states, these threats are real and escalating. These investments give local governments the tools they need to strengthen their defenses, safeguard essential services, and keep delivering safe, reliable water to New Yorkers."

SECURE grants and no-cost technical assistance from the Environmental Facilities Corporation will help local governments implement the State's new minimum cybersecurity standards for drinking water and sewer systems. The grants will fund local cybersecurity assessments and implementation, helping water systems build stronger, more secure operations.

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New York’s Electricity Prices Climb to Third Highest in the U.S.

Empire Center’s Energy Data Bulletin shows New York households paid the third-highest residential electricity prices in the country in May 2026, trailing only Hawaii and California. The latest U.S. Energy Information Administration data put New York’s residential electricity prices at 29.93 cents per kilowatt-hour in May 2026.

“Third highest in the nation is not where New York should want to be on electricity prices,” said Zilvinas Silenas, president of the Empire Center. “If this is affordability, New Yorkers cannot afford it.”

New York’s prices rose 12 percent from a year earlier, twice the rate of increase for the U.S. average.

New York’s prices are 62 percent higher than the national average, nearly double Florida’s and more than 80 percent higher than Texas’s. Households in neighboring New Jersey and Pennsylvania paid lower prices, at 23.27 cents/kWh and 21.55 cents/kWh, respectively.

“New York’s energy policy is contributing to the higher costs we have warned about for years,” said Silenas.

New York’s average residential natural gas prices were 15 percent above the national average and ranked 19th highest in the U.S.

Read the August release of the Energy Data Bulletin here.

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Letter Opinion-

Stop the NYSDEC Pheasant Hunt

The NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation (DEC) runs a yearly ‘Pheasant Hunt’ – which in fact consists of the DEC stocking non-native baby birds specifically to be released ‘good training tools’ for hunters to kill. One hunter happily refers to them as birds “planted here’ for hunters. Another stated, “It’s unrealistic for an aspiring hunter in the East to plan a trip to South Dakota to hunt wild pheasants on public ground. But if they can find a place near home to chase some planted birds and get an idea of what pheasant hunting is like, well, maybe they’ll eventually grow into a dedicated bird hunter one day.”

The facts are each year the DEC places orders for thousands of non-native baby birds raised in confinement, dependent on humans for everything, including food, water, and shelter. They are then shipped to unfamiliar surroundings with none of the necessary survival skills to find their own food, escape predators, avoid cars etc....and are released to be shot by hunters as a bizarre, cruel ‘target practice.’ The DEC justifies this pitiful slaughter as “offering a highly accessible gateway to the outdoors and an ideal introduction for hunters from non-traditional pathways.’ In meetings with DEC officials, we pointed out that an activity like skeet shooting would do the same, and no animals would have to die; this suggestion was ignored. The DEC admits this program is losing participants – but their response is to expand kill sites instead.

No living beings should be used as target practice for hunters. This unconscionable project was began by the NYS Conservation Fund Advisory Board, a DEC openly discriminatory division that deliberately excludes non-hunters from serving on its advisory board.

The DEC calls the slaughter of these birds ‘good training tools.’

It’s an election year. Please ask Governor Hochul to help terminate this program, which is a disgrace for NYS. Shooting stocked pheasants, dependant on humans for survival, isn’t hunting – it’s killing. Neither our wildlife, nor any living beings, are “training tools.”

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Animal Defenders of Westchester
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In Loving Memory of Vincent Pastore



L-R-Louis Spotorno, Vincent Pastore, Frank Spotorno, 2016

By Frank Spotorno

In 2016, when I was running for Congress for Joe Crowley’s seat, I personally asked Vincent to play at my one and only campaign fundraiser at Russo’s on the Bay in Howard Beach. He didn’t hesitate for a second — he said yes immediately. His band, The Gangster Squad brought the house down that night.

Although we didn’t win the race, that night was a win because of Vincent. All my family and friends were there, some of whom have since passed on themselves. I still remember my mom saying, “He really sings good,” and how much she enjoyed his music.

Today, we pause to honor and remember Vincent Pastori, whose passing leaves a deep void in the hearts of all who knew him. Vincent brought so much light, warmth, and life into the world, and his memory will forever remain a cherished blessing to his family, friends, and community.

In times of profound loss, we turn to prayer for comfort and hope.

Heavenly Father,

We gently place Vincent into Your loving hands. Grant him eternal rest, Lord, and wrap his soul in Your everlasting light and peace. May he rest in comfort, free from pain, fully embraced by Your grace.

We pray for the Pastori family during this painful season of grief. Bring them solace in their sorrow, strength in their togetherness, and comfort in the enduring legacy of Vincent’s love. Amen.

To the entire Pastori family, please accept our deepest and most heartfelt condolences. May you find strength in the support of those around you and comfort in the beautiful memories you shared with Vincent.

You remain in our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers.

Rest in peace , Vincent. You will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.

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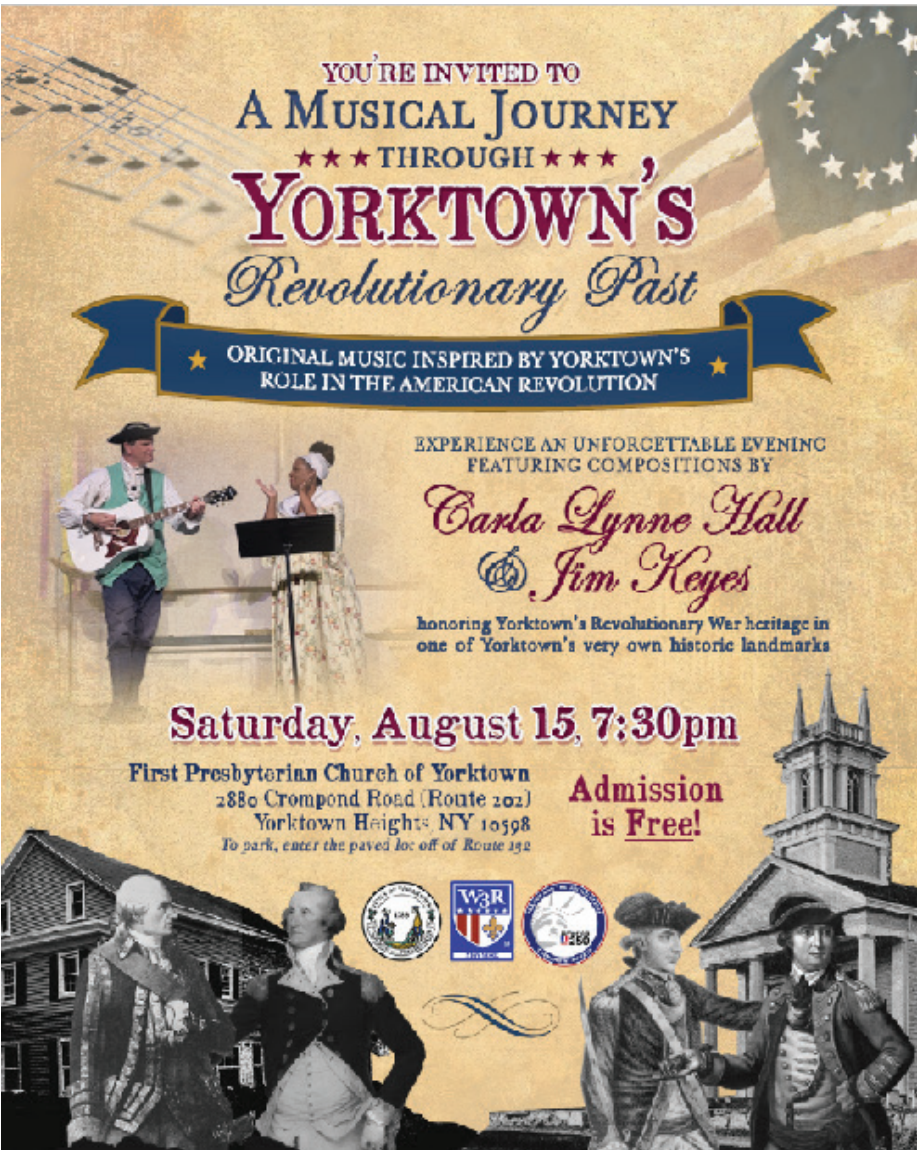
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A Musical Journey Through Yorktown’s Revolutionary Past



The event takes place on Saturday, August 15, at 7:30 p.m. inside the historic First Presbyterian Church of Yorktown, located at 2880 Crompond Road (Route 202).

The evening will feature original compositions created and performed by musicians Carla Lynne Hall and Jim Keyes. Their music draws direct inspiration from local Revolutionary War heritage, offering attendees a unique auditory experience inside one of Yorktown’s authentic historic landmarks.

The performance is presented in connection with the Town of Yorktown, the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail (W3R-US), and the America 250 initiative, honoring the nation’s ongoing semiquincentennial commemorations.

Admission to the concert is free. Attendees arriving by car are advised to enter the church’s paved parking lot via Route 132.

Yorktown rezones “Dying” Jefferson Valley Mall for breweries, trampoline parks, and indoor recreation



In an effort to revitalize commercial spaces and adapt to shifting retail landscapes, the Town Board has approved a zoning amendment expanding the permitted uses at the Jefferson Valley Mall.

Under the newly updated zoning rules, the mall complex can now welcome craft breweries, amusement centers, and indoor recreation facilities.

The expanded zoning scope is designed to facilitate growing interest from entrepreneurs looking to establish modern experience-driven businesses at the mall. Among the floated commercial uses are indoor trampoline parks and golf simulators.

“This zoning change allows us to adapt to modern commercial trends and keep our primary retail corridors vibrant,” said Supervisor Ed Lachterman.

The updated permitted uses at Jefferson Valley Mall reflect a nationwide transformation of suburban shopping centers. As traditional department store anchors and legacy brick-and-mortar retailers vacate large square footage, mall operators across the country are increasingly turning to experiential entertainment, fitness centers, and family play hubs as anchor tenants to drive foot traffic.

The Lower Hudson Valley has seen a steady rise in these experiential spaces. Earlier this year, Cloudbound opened a major family play facility in New Rochelle featuring trampolines, obstacle courses, and active play zones, underscoring the strong regional demand for year-round indoor recreation.

With the new zoning rules in place, Yorktown officials expect prospective recreation and entertainment tenants to finalize lease agreements, bringing fresh economic activity to the Jefferson Valley shopping corridor.



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Youth Mental Health First Aid Training at MHS



Teachers and student support staff from Mamaroneck High School recently completed a full-day Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) training, becoming certified Youth Mental Health First Aiders. The training was led by LM Lions President Lina Pasquale, a Larchmont/Mamaroneck resident, community champion for youth, and nationally certified Youth Mental Health First Aid instructor. YMHFA equips participants with the skills to recognize, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges in young people. The program is part of a broader community effort to strengthen support for youth wellbeing throughout the Larchmont/Mamaroneck community.

This training was inspired by Mamaroneck High School students Gray Hackett and Zakir Strugatskiy, whose multi-year OCRA (Original Civic Research and Action) project focused on advancing youth wellbeing. Through their advocacy, they championed the idea of having MHS teachers and staff trained and certified in this nationally recognized model. Working alongside Lina Pasquale as their mentor and advisor, along with other supportive adults, including MHS team members Helene Fremdner and Joseph Liberti and Mamaroneck School District administrators, Gray and Zakir helped turn their vision into reality.

They researched and assessed key factors that promote youth wellbeing and resilience while exploring the barriers to accessing needed mental health supports in the MHS population of students. They created microlearning and engagement sessions based on their research findings and developed peer-led mental health and wellbeing groups for students at the high school. Their leadership has already made a meaningful impact, and is just the beginning of the ripple effects their efforts will have in strengthening support for young people in Larchmont and Mamaroneck.

For more information: <http://www.lmlionsclub.org/>

Council President Collins-Bellamy and Yonkers Knockouts Double Sponsor Double Dutch Contest

A vibrant, circular poster for the "4TH ANNUAL DOUBLE DUTCH CONTEST". The central text, in large yellow and white letters, reads "4TH ANNUAL DOUBLE DUTCH CONTEST" with "RESTORING THE ART" below it. Above this, it says "ALL ACCESS BROTHER 2 BROTHER 914 YONKERS KNOCKOUTS & CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LAKISHA COLLINS BELLAMY". The date "16 AUGUST 2026" is in a blue circle, and the time "3PM TO 6PM" is in a yellow circle. The location "Cerrato Park Riverdale Ave Yonkers NY 10701" is in a blue circle. A central image shows people performing double dutch in a park. At the bottom, it says "A Day Full of Fun" and lists sponsors: "Come out and play with us at our 4th Annual Restoring the Art of Double Dutch community event hosted by ALL Access, Brother 2 Brother 914, Yonkers Knockouts, Sponsor by City Council President Lakisha Collins Bellamy". Logos for "ALL ACCESS YONKERS, INC.", "YONKERS KNOCKOUTS BOXING STUDIO", and "MISC B JERICKO" are also present.

A close-up photograph of a female doctor with blonde hair, wearing a white lab coat, smiling warmly at an elderly woman with short, curly white hair. The woman is also smiling and looking up at the doctor. The doctor's name tag reads "Ana Androne, MD Primary Care - Internal Medicine".

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“The New York Working Families Party is committed to beating Mike Lawler in November and sending Cait Conley to Washington D.C. to fight for Working Families.

“This year, over 60k residents in New York’s 17th congressional district will lose SNAP benefits and over 30k will lose healthcare. While New Yorkers are struggling, Mike Lawler and Donald Trump are spending billions on unnecessary wars overseas and giving tax cuts to billionaires.

“The people of NY-17 deserve a leader who will actually fight for them, and Cait Conley is ready to step up and serve her community,” said Jasmine Gripper, Director of the New York Working Families Party (NYWFP)

“I’m excited to be working alongside the New York Working Families Party to make NY-17 more affordable for us all,” said Cait Conley. “Across the Hudson Valley, everyday Americans and middle-class families are struggling to make ends meet. From the healthcare cuts to the soaring utility bills that our own congress-man, Mike Lawler, has enabled, it’s more important than ever to come together to fight for the better, more affordable future that our communities need and deserve.”

One comment explains the rationale for the WFP endorsement. “Our choice this November is between democracy and Trump. It really is that simple. If you are progressive but are troubled by the Democratic Party establishment, for whatever reason, there is a simple solution. Vote for Cait Conley on the Working Families Party line.

In 2024, the WFP candidate, Anthony Frascone, got 2% of the vote, and in a razor-tight election expected in NY-17 on November 3, Conley could use the WFP as the margin of victory.

The other argument to Conley accepting the WFP line comes from the Lawler campaign narrative and the republican argument this fall: That the democratic party has shifted too far to the left.

“Cait Conley spent the primary telling Hudson Valley voters she was a moderate and normal, and certainly not radical, and she has spent the weeks since being unable to crack 50% of the vote collecting public praise from AOC and now the endorsement of the party of defund the police, abolish ICE, and tax everything that moves,” said Lawler for Congress spokesman Ciro Riccardi. “The Working Families Party has decided Cait Conley is one of their own, and Cait responded by saying she’s ‘excited to be working alongside’ them.”

One good summary for the Democrats’ argument for Cait Conley came from Croton Mayor Brian Pugh, who said, “Cait Conley embodies the American Dream. The daughter of a Peekskill postal clerk and a union construction worker, Cait went on to graduate from West Point, MIT, and Harvard, eventually serving our country at the highest levels of government. Now, our Dream is under attack by special interests who want to shut the door on opportunity and leave regular Americans fighting for scraps. We need leaders like Cait who have lived this dream to stand up and fight back.”

Mayor Spano Calls Out State Legislators After Shooting

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano challenged the state legislature in Albany to modify their laws on cash bail and raise the age during a press conference after the shooting of four by a 15-year old

“The incident took all of maybe five seconds, and we have five people shot and one person dead,” said Spano

“Even one crime, even one shooting, is too much for any one of us to bear—especially the family of that 20-year-old who is dealing with the loss of their child today.”

People want to know who to blame—go to the state Legislature,” Spano said. “They have succeeded in taking the handcuffs off the bad guys and putting them on law enforcement and the judges. And we can blame the democrats at home, we can blame the Republicans in Washington for their inability to do the things that will allow law enforcement to take illegal guns off the streets. How does a 15-year-old end up with a gun like that?”

Spano said the Yonkers Police Department had moved a mobile command unit from the Third Precinct to Elm Street and increased both uniformed and plain-clothes patrols in the area.

“We’re taking our streets back,” he said. “We’re not going to let the bad guys think they somehow have control of Elm Street. They don’t. We have cameras, uniformed officers, plainclothes officers and all kinds of police activity here. So, for those who might be thinking about retaliation, they may want to think again.”

“Look, I’ve been mayor now for 15 years, and I spent 20 years in the state Legislature, so I get it,” Spano said. “We do things like Raise the Age, and there were a lot of positives to raising the age. There were reasons for cash bail reform. But there was never a look back to say, ‘You know what? Where did we go too far? How can we change these laws so we’re not handcuffing law enforcement and we’re not handcuffing our judges?’ That’s what I’m concerned about.”

“On one hand, we are being weak on people who commit crimes with guns. On the other hand, look at Congress and its inability to keep guns from being trafficked into our communities,” he said. “You also have to blame Congress because they will not address the issue. If they don’t address it, we will continue to see carnage like this in our communities.”

“One murder is too many,” Spano said. “We have a family that is going to mourn the loss of a 20-year-old because some 15-year-old got his hands on a gun.”

Spano also called on state lawmakers to seek greater input from mayors, police officials and prosecutors before enacting major criminal justice changes.

“New York State has got to start listening to the mayors,” he said. “The mayors are the generals on the front lines of the wars over things like this that are happening in our communities. When they make changes—whether at the federal or state level—they usually do so without consulting us or talking to us about it.”

Nursing school, continued from pg 3-

tient scenarios.

“So our first-year students get a low-fidelity respiratory simulation. In our final semester, students who are doing a lot of cardiac and neuro will get maybe a patient who has an arrhythmia or is having a myocardial infarction, and they’ll be taking care of that patient in the SIM lab.”

This experience prepares students for interactions with real patients and helps build confidence.

“This is where they learn the first steps of teamwork,” says Dr. Davé. “You get to see who the leader is in the room, who’s delegating, who’s just standing in a corner, who needs to be coaxed out of their shell a little bit. There’s progression as they go through the curriculum, so you get to see the students develop more. And that translates to what the instructors see on the floor. They get to see that confidence.”

As students train in the lab, Dr. Davé continues to work to increase enrollment and attract new students to Cochran. Scholarships are available, and she continues to seek additional funding from local foundations to make nursing education more accessible.

“We have set up some fantastic scholarships for our students,” says Dr. Davé. “We have at least four students who pretty much get a full ride because of the generosity of some of our donors. We also have donations earmarked for some physical and capital improvements.”

Dr Davé hopes not only to bring more students to the school but also to attract more people to the field of nursing.

“I think people should study nursing and come to Cochran, because it provides such a foundational experience for the rest of your life,” she explains. “You know, if you can look after people, that means you can certainly look after yourself and your own family. You can build on that foundation to take you anywhere that you want to go. If you want to be an ICU nurse, it’s going to prepare you for that. If you want to look after pediatric patients, it will prepare you for that. If you want to be a school nurse, it will prepare you for that. If you want a career that you can really apply your focus to and that has ever-expanding opportunities, nursing is there for you.”

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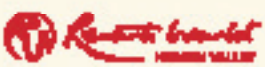
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Nation-Leading SAFE for Kids Act Protects Children’s Mental Health by Limiting Addictive Social Media Features Known to Cause Depression and Anxiety
Final Rules Outline How Social Media Companies Should Confirm Users’ Age to Stop Addictive Feeds and Nighttime Notifications for Children

New York Attorney General Letitia James today released final rules on how social media companies must restrict addictive features on their platforms to comply with the Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation (SAFE) for Kids Act and protect children’s mental health. The SAFE for Kids Act, championed by Attorney General James, sponsored by Senator Andrew Gounardes and Assemblymember Nily Rozic, and signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul, requires social media companies to restrict algorithmically personalized feeds and nighttime notifications for users under the age of 18 unless they obtain parental consent. Algorithmic feeds and nighttime notifications are tied to depression, anxiety, eating and sleep disorders, and other mental health issues among children and teenagers. The rules released today establish criteria to determine which companies must comply with the law and outline standards to determine users’ age and obtain parental consent.

“The SAFE for Kids Act leads the nation in keeping our children safe online and protecting youth from the devastating effects of unchecked social media,” said Attorney General James. “These rules set standards for age verification and parental control to ensure tech companies are doing their part to keep kids safe on their platforms. Young people are particularly vulnerable to addictive social media features, and my office is committed to protecting all New Yorkers from potentially harmful technologies and companies that try to take advantage of them.”

“When I came into office, our children were in the throes of a full-blown mental health crisis, and as New York’s first mom Governor, I felt a moral imperative to act,” said Governor Hochul. “Today, we’re sending a clear message: our kids’ mental health isn’t for sale. We promised action and the SAFE For Kids Act is delivering by ensuring that any platform that targets our children with addictive feeds will face legal consequences. Instead of clicking and scrolling, our kids will be learning and growing.”

Algorithmically personalized feeds, or addictive feeds, recommend or personalize content for users in an endless stream based on data that the platform gathers about the user. They are designed to encourage a user to continue to use and return to a platform. Content displayed in addictive feeds is often from accounts that a user does not follow and is often displayed out of chronological order.

Addictive feeds are known to drive unhealthy levels of social media use in minors that can affect their mental health. Research shows that children as young as 10 to 14 years old experience addictive use of social media, and the more time children spend on social media, the more likely they are to experience negative mental health outcomes such as depression, anxiety, and eating and sleep disorders.

The SAFE for Kids Act addresses these mental health concerns for children by requiring social media companies to restrict addictive feeds for users under 18. Instead of the default algorithmically personalized feeds designed to keep young people on the platform, users under 18 will only be shown content from other accounts they follow or otherwise select in a set sequence, such as chronological order, unless they get parental consent for an addictive feed. Users cannot be cut off from the platform simply because they either do not want or do not have parental consent for an addictive feed. Instead, all users will still be able to access all the same content they can access now. The law also prohibits social media platforms from sending notifications to users under 18 from 12 a.m. to 6 a.m. without parental consent.

Signed into law by Governor Hochul in June 2024, the SAFE for Kids Act authorized the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to promulgate rules on how companies should comply with the law before the statute goes into effect, including rules that set industry standards for determining a user’s age and securing parental consent. The OAG issued an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking on August 1, 2024, and provided the public with a 60-day period to submit comments. The proposed rules were made public for review on September 15, 2025. The OAG incorporated public input, industry research, and its significant experience to inform the proposed and final rules.

Age Assurance

For users above the age of 17, social media companies must determine that the user is an adult before allowing them to access algorithmic feeds and/or nighttime notifications. Companies may confirm a user’s age using any existing method, as long as the methods are shown to meet accuracy benchmarks and protect users’ data. Companies can use options such as:

- Requesting an uploaded image or video; or
- Verifying a user’s email address or phone number to cross-check other information that reflects a user’s age.

Social media companies must offer at least one alternative method for age assurance besides providing a government-issued ID.

Any information used to determine age or obtain parental consent must not be used for any other purpose and must be deleted or de-identified immediately after its intended use. Social media companies must use only the minimum amount of data necessary to confirm a user’s age.

Minor users must have an option to update their age status on the platform when they turn 18.

Social media companies must choose an age assurance method with a high accuracy rate, conduct annual testing, and retain the results of the testing for a minimum of five years.

Parental Consent

Minors must affirmatively seek access to prohibited features and must consent to their parent being notified. Any parent who wants to grant consent must go through age assurance. The platform may not block a minor user from generally accessing the platform or its content through, for example, searches, simply because they or their parent has refused to consent.

The platform is not required to show parents the user’s search history or topics of interest to obtain parental consent. Parents and minors must also have the option to withdraw their consent at any time.

The SAFE for Kids Act goes into effect on January 25, 2027.

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The American people are a distant second in Trump’s mind. He must be right and everybody else is wrong. So, the best thing for him to do is to shrink the amount of people who can vote, so the Dems don’t win the House or the Senate in November.

The prospect of Democratic control of either chamber scares him so much he’s trying to suppress the vote. The media has been awash with all kinds of rumors, that Trump will call out ICE or the National Guard to police our polling places, the purpose of which is to intimidate citizens to turn away from the voting booth.

The other idea I’ve heard is that the President will declare a national emergency and suspend the election. That’s a tough one. It’s a wild thought, but a President who organized a massive riot at the Capitol to try to overturn the 2020 election results is capable of doing things to change the November 2026 outcome that might well be unimaginable to us today.

A likely scenario is that if the Dems win the House, Trump will claim that they cheated, then challenge the outcome in the courts, a fight that could drag on for months.

The Dems are not certainly no white knights. I’m not particularly fond of some of their candidates in New York and Michigan, who have produced some very undemocratic ideas. One of their Senate candidates in Michigan, Abdul El-Sayed, threatened recently to put political opponents’ heads on a pike. Hopefully, he’ll lose his August 4th primary to Haley Stevens. I’m not optimistic on that one, though.

Despite these flaws, the Dems represent our best hope for putting a check on an Administration that ignores the welfare of the citizenry, enriches itself handsomely and targets anyone who disagrees with their point of view, by either suing or arresting them. The last thing Trump wants is to be accountable for anything he’s done. The Dems in Congress will call him to account.

No political party is perfect. The Republicans certainly have their share of obnoxious bomb throwers, from Jim Jordan to Ted Cruz and Rand Paul.

One of the biggest reasons the Democrats need to win at least the House is that they still believe the American people have the right to choose their leaders, that we have a say in how the government will be run and how we conduct our lives. I can’t say the same about the Republican Party today.

Trump sees every encounter as a zero-sum game. He must win. And if he subverts the election in November we lose.

To help keep our system of elections safe, make sure every eligible citizen can vote and stop election interference, consider contributing to <https://www.democracycledefendersfund.org>.

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.

BID ADVERTISEMENT LEGAL NOTICE

Town of Eastchester will receive sealed bids for Caterer Congregate and Home Delivered Meals for Senior Nutrition Program, Eastchester, New York 10709, in accordance with the related documents.

Bid documents will be made available at 9:00 AM on August 10, 2026 and may be obtained at no charge online at the Town Clerks page on the Eastchester website (www.eastchester.gov) OR bids can be picked-up at the Office of the Town Clerk.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the site on August 17, 2026 at 10:00 AM local time. Please call ahead the Senior Nutrition Center main office number, 914-337-0390, Press 1.

Any request for information or technical questions should be directed to Sally, sveltidi@eastchester.gov or (914) 771-3313 and shall be made by 3:00pm local time on August 21st, 2026.

Proposals will be received until 11:00 AM local time on August 24, 2026 at the Office of The Town Clerk, Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid.

Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain Insurance and Bonds required for the Work.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total Contract Amount.

All bids shall be submitted in an opaque, sealed envelope clearly marked for “Caterer Congregate and Home Delivered Meals for Senior Nutrition Program”, addressed to: Town Clerk, Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709. Unless otherwise permitted by law, no bids may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the date of the bid opening.

The Town of Eastchester reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any or all bids.

LATE BIDS - All bids received after the deadline date and time stated above will not be considered and will be returned to the bidder unopened. The bidder assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of the mail by Owner’s employees or volunteers. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the bidder assumes all responsibility for having the bid deposited on time at the place specified.

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Letter: North Westchester vs Southern Westchester: Two Views on ICE

Mr. Murphy, I was interested to read two different stories from you about the actions taken by Westchester residents regarding ICE.

In your Yonkers paper, you highlighted how the City of Yonkers, and its large Latino population, is opposed to ICE in their neighborhoods.

In your Westchester paper, you highlighted the Gorman family in Yorktown, and a number of republican candidates supporting ICE.

I appreciated you writing both sides of the argument; that is certainly the case here in Westchester. And both arguments have merit.

I also support the comments of Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, who has said on more than one occassion that most residents support the apprehension of those illegals who have committed serious crimes, but do not support removing persons who have lived productive lives in our country

-Carol Nelson, Peekskill

Our Youth Keep Killing Each Other

By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

Mothers in America keep burying their sons. New York, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and New Orleans see it. Sons are constantly being buried. Funeral homes keep making money and they barely close. Prisons keep filling up and folks continue to open more. Lawyers continue to take on new clients. Yet somehow, nobody wants to have this conversation.

According to the Violence Policy Center, “Missouri has ranked either first or second in the nation for Black homicide victimization 18 years in a row.” Every summer, more Black teens and young adults are killed, and the outrage fades almost as quickly as the headlines. The same excuses are repeated every time. People blame society. They blame the family, the community, or the government. Folks love to say that a community doesn’t have enough youth programs. Some people even blame music. Everyone points a finger, but the body count keeps rising.

Then comes the aftermath. Families who can barely afford groceries or an electric bill, now have to pay thousands of dollars for a funeral. Not to mention GoFundMe pages pop up too. Social media fills with dove emojis, prayer hand emojis, and “RIP” posts on stories. Candles are placed on sidewalks and sometimes T-shirts are printed.

But then... the tears eventually dry, and the city moves on. The family is left to remember in silence.

This is America folks.

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

SUMMONS–SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER – GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1, Plaintiff, -against- JAMES DUNPHY A/K/A JAY DUNPHY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JON R. WEDEN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, BENEFICIARIES, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT JON R. WEDEN, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants - Index No. 60320/2026. Plaintiff Designates Westchester County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Westchester County. To the above named Defendants– YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon the Plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated July 1, 2026. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME – If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Robert S. Ondrovic, J.S.C. Dated: July 1, 2026 Filed: July 1, 2026. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 92 Pleasant Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Dated: March 26, 2026 Filed: March 27, 2026 Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Jordan J. Manfro, Esq., 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591 Phone: (914) 345-3020

Retired Cop Shoots, Kills Mans Best Friend, continued from pg 1-

Matt and Luke haven’t caused any trouble over the past few years while in Yorktown at three locations.

Several friends of mine in Yorktown have poured out their love for Matt and Luke and helped them stay warm in the winter and well fed.

There are also another hundred or so Yorktown residents who visit Matt and Luke, bring them food, and keep them company.

Matt and Luke are beloved citizens of Yorktown. And both the Town and the Yorktown Police have done their best to try and help Matt and Luke within the law.

Town Supervisor Ed Lachterman said, “There are no laws on any books about being homeless. Matt also stays on private property with the permission of the owner.”

Luke has always been a friendly dog to the many visitors who come by.

It’s within this context that James Molloy comes along, apparently with a loaded weapon, and decides to shoot another dog fighting with his dog. We also wonder how Mr. Molloy, a Yorktown resident, did not know about Matt and Luke. But it’s possible.

Molloy, 61, is charged with aggravated cruelty to animals and reckless endangerment, which requires proving that while shooting in the middle of town, Molloy presented a “grave risk of death to others.

Molloy was within his rights, as a retired law enforcement officer, to carry a firearm. He was released on bail and is due back in Yorktown court on Aug. 11. Because Molloy was arrested for a felony, the case will be transferred to county court.

Town Supervisor Ed Lachterman said, “The disturbing news about a Yorktown resident fatally shooting a husky-shepherd mix named Luke on Route 118 on Wednesday has deeply affected our community. I was not present, and it would be inappropriate to speculate about the precise circumstances surrounding the incident. I did know Luke, having taken him on walks over the years, and I found him to be a curious and friendly dog. My heart goes out to his owner, who is well known in our community, and to everyone who has been impacted by this tragic event.

“The shooter has been charged with two felonies, and the justice system must now be allowed to determine the facts and hold anyone accountable if warranted. This incident also serves as a reminder that the lawful ownership of firearms carries with it a profound responsibility to exercise sound judgment and use deadly force only when it is truly necessary. I hope this case is resolved fairly, based on the evidence, while our community continues to support those affected by this tragedy.”

Matt Steele provided a statement to The Journal News which included “The unnecessary shooting of a dog in a scuffle with another dog is a crime. All dog owners know you don’t shoot a dog because there is a disagreement between dogs or territory,” Steele’s statement said.

Steele’s statement is aligned with most Yorktown residents who did not support Molloy’s decision. Among the Facebook posts were;

“All of these heartfelt posts and replies should be presented in court to prove how loved and gentle Luke was. I can only hope justice will be served.”

“Too many with firearms react too aggressively!”

“No need to shoot to kill - since the other dog was not even injured! Animal cruelty is also a law - discharging firearms also has laws.”

“People have this happen and get the dogs back under control. A gun is not the answer! How outrageous to even suggest that it could be appropriate.”

“My neighbor’s dog was recently bitten on the bike trail... she has a little dog - King Charles Spaniel - no dog was killed!” Both owners worked it out - dogs separated - vet bills, etc. That’s how responsible dog owners behave!!

“Stop focusing on the guy’s homeless situation! It’s irrelevant to his dog being shot dead!! “

“All dog owners should be prepared to handle situations appropriately when their dogs are taken out in public - anything can happen in a split second - that doesn’t give anyone permission to kill - unless their life is in danger! “

Several comments included witnesses to the incident.

This man should not have been carrying a gun while out walking his dog. Had he not been, Luke would still be alive.

The SPCA Police had been called a couple of times by people concerned about the dog. They came up and examined him and found him to be in very good health and very well taken care of.

Luke was not a threat. And as a dog owner, it scares me to the core that a person would pull a gun on one of my dogs and shoot to kill. I walk them daily, and things happen. I had a dog break off a leash at FDR and charge my two dogs and me; never would I have thought to pull a gun on the dog and shoot it. Disproportionate response. There are so many ways to break up a dog fight.”

“I’m a licensed handgun carrier for over 30 years. One of the most basic responsibilities that comes with carrying a firearm is understanding that you are accountable for every single round you fire. You need to know your target, what is around it, and what is beyond it. The fact that you believe you had a reason to shoot at something doesn’t automatically excuse the danger created by discharging that firearm.”

This reporter has had several positive experiences with both Matt and Luke. I do know that in speaking to Matt, he wanted to stay where he was, with his partner Luke. And according to the law, with the owner’s permission, he was entitled to do that.

We are praying for you, Matt.

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Hope to hear from you! Thanks!

Mount Vernon Public Library, continued from pg 1-

The celebratory kickoff event was held on July 29 at the Mount Vernon Public Library, 28 South First Avenue, Mount Vernon.

The innovative Bike Borrow Program expands the library’s mission of providing free access to resources that enrich lives and strengthen the community. Through the program, patrons with a valid Mount Vernon Public Library card will be able to borrow bicycles at no cost, encouraging healthy living, recreation, sustainable transportation, and greater access to the community.

“This program represents another exciting way the Mount Vernon Public Library continues to redefine what a library can be,” said Dr. Timur Davis, Library Director. “We are proud to be the first library in Westchester County to offer this unique service, providing residents with greater opportunities to stay active, explore their community, and enjoy the many benefits of cycling—all free with a library card.”

The Bike Borrow Program is designed to promote wellness, environmental sustainability, and equitable access to recreation and transportation while continuing the library’s commitment to innovative community programming.

The success of the Bike Borrow Program is made possible through the valued partnership of the Inner City Fund (ICF) and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). Their commitment to expanding equitable transportation opportunities and encouraging active, healthy lifestyles has helped make this groundbreaking initiative a reality. Together, these organizations and the Mount Vernon Public Library are demonstrating how innovative partnerships can create meaningful opportunities that enhance mobility, recreation, and quality of life for residents of all ages.

“I was honored to attend the launch of the Mount Vernon Public Library Bike Borrow Program today. Beyond expanding library services, this initiative opens the doors to free, accessible transportation and recreation for the entire community. By simply using a library card, residents of all ages now have the freedom to commute, stay active, and enjoy local outdoor play. I thank the MV Public Library, NYS Department of Transportation, Danny’s Cycles, and my colleagues in government for working to make bikes available for everyone,” said Senator Jamaal Bailey.

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Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “This was a reckless and destructive attack on one of Westchester County’s most treasured historic landmarks. The guilty pleas send a clear message that those who vandalize and destroy public property will be held accountable. I thank District Attorney Susan Cacace and the investigators whose hard work led to this outcome. The Tarrytown Lighthouse has stood watch over the Hudson River for generations. While it sustained significant damage, the County acted quickly to restore this landmark, and it is once again open to the public. But we will never forget how close we came to losing it. We remain committed to protecting the places that tell the story of Westchester County, preserve our shared history, and belong to every resident.”

On May 31, 2025, a Westchester County Parks employee discovered significant damage to the historic Tarrytown Lighthouse, located in Kingsland Point Park in Sleepy Hollow, including fire damage, multiple broken windows, and the destruction of valuable antiques.

Lighthouse curators estimated the value of the damage at more than \$100,000.

The Tarrytown Lighthouse was originally constructed between 1882 and 1883 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Notice of formation of DVH List Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/05/2026. 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, 69 Johnson Rd, Scarsdale NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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 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 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 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 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 CONNECTED EXPERIENCES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/30/2026. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail copy to LLC at 212 Colabaugh Pond Rd, Croton On Hudson, NY, 10520. Purpose: any lawful act.

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exist.
“When we saw the faces of the detainees, they were visibly traumatized and shocked. I’m concerned about the lack of medical care. There’s only one doctor for 893 detainees, which, to me, is woefully insufficient. I’m deeply concerned about the continued operation of the Delaney Hall detention center, which is part of a larger private-prison mass-deportation complex that is a stain on the soul of America.

“It is a disgrace, and this facility has no business operating.”
Congressman Latimer, in a recent interview with USA today, called for Delaney Hall, and all other detention center used by ICE should be closed.

Rep. Latimer said that Delaney Hall, which houses 835 people, reminded him of “an Amazon distribution warehouse, and instead of boxes, I was looking at human beings. Nothing about it respected the humanity of the individual. This is a different America.”

Located in Newark, New Jersey, Delaney Hall is a detention and correctional facility long operated by the GEO Group, a private prison management company. Positioned adjacent to the Essex County Jail, the site historically functioned as an assessment and treatment center for non-violent offenders, offering transitional services, educational coursework, and substance abuse counseling aimed at reducing recidivism. Over the years, its operational role shifted significantly as federal agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), utilized the facility to hold civil immigration detainees.

The center has frequently drawn intense public scrutiny, local protests, and legal challenges from civil rights advocates. Critics have repeatedly cited concerns regarding living conditions, medical access, and the broader ethics of privatized detention. In response to growing community pressure and state legislative bans against private detention contracts, the facility’s utilization and future have remained a central point of debate within New Jersey’s criminal justice system.

At least three immigrant detainees have died over the past 9 months after being held in federal custody at Delaney Hall in Newark, New Jersey: Edwin Jovanny Lopez-Cornejo (41, El Salvador) – Died on August 1, 2026, after complaining of dizziness and collapsing at the facility. His family stated he had chronic health conditions (diabetes, high blood pressure, and seizures) and was denied required medications while in custody. Jean Wilson Brutus (41, Haiti) – Collapsed and died at the facility in December 2025. The medical examiner attributed his death to natural causes resulting from a lung blockage. Unidentified Male Detainee – Died at University Hospital in Newark in July 2026 after suffering a seizure during intake processing at Delaney Hall. U.S. Representative Rob Menendez disclosed the death, noting that ICE did not publicly report it because the individual was granted a “discretionary release” to the hospital before passing away.

Latimer said that while he understands that his plan to close all detention centers operated by ICE in a republican led congress, he did say that it is important for all members of congress, and candidates, to be on the record about where they stand.

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

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build a 49- foot Communications Pole/Structure at the approx. vicinity of 87 Chestnut Street, Dobbs Ferry, Westchester County, NY 10522. 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, Benjamin Allen, b.allen@trileaf.com, 1775 The Exchange SE, Suite 525, Atlanta, GA 30339, 678-653-8673.

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

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Two Westchester Men Plead Guilty to Arson in 2025 Tarrytown Lighthouse Fire



Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that two Westchester men pleaded guilty to intentionally setting a fire that caused more than \$100,000 in damage to the historic Tarrytown Lighthouse in May 2025.

Elvin Ayavaca, 19, of White Plains, and Richard Joseph Barrero, 20, of Harrison, pleaded guilty on Monday before Judge Erin McGoey to Arson in the Third Degree, a class C felony, and Criminal Mischief in the Fourth Degree, a class A misdemeanor.

Under the terms of the plea agreement, each defendant is required immediately to pay \$50,000 in restitution, complete 150 hours of community service, and must avoid any further arrests. If the defendants successfully comply, they will be permitted to withdraw their guilty pleas to the felony charge in a year and be sentenced to probation on the misdemeanor charge. If either defendant violates the terms of the agreement, he will be sentenced on the felony conviction.

Additionally, a restitution judgment order in the amount of \$80,959.20 will be issued for each defendant.

Two additional defendants, who were under the age of 18 at the time of the offense, were charged as juveniles and prosecuted in Westchester Family Court. Because they are juveniles, their identities and the dispositions of their cases are confidential.

DA Cacace said: “The Tarrytown Lighthouse is a cherished piece of Westchester history, and the reckless and dangerous actions of these young men caused significant damage to an important community landmark. The restitution we secured as part of their plea agreements sends a clear message that acts of vandalism against our community’s historic treasures will not be tolerated.”

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