

## What Happened to Lizzie Weinstein?



By Dan Murphy  
The death of Elizabeth Harding Weinstein, a mother of three who raised her family in Briarcliff Manor, on July 6, has rekindled her case and travels through the courts of Westchester County.

Lizzie, as she was known by many, was found dead in her hotel room in Danbury, CT. Police arrived and found no foul play. An autopsy will take several weeks to determine the cause of her death. The case of Lizzie Weinstein is a sad tale of how a broken marriage can end up ugly and, in the courts, with little or no thought of how it affects the children involved.

One of the best accounts of Lizzie Weinstein's journey that we read is from Frank Parlato, who granted us permission to reprint his story, (frankreport.com/2025/07/16/elizabeth-harding-weinstein-at-center-of-contentious-divorce-and-mental-health-disputes-)at-53/

Elizabeth Harding Weinstein, at Center of Contentious Divorce and Mental Health Dispute, Dies at 53

By Frank Parlato

Someone sent this: "Lizzie Harding Weinstein was just found dead in a hotel room. Now there's an investigation. It's suspicious. The courts took her kids, her freedom, her driving license. All her money. She was wealthy and they put her under guardianship..."

Elizabeth "Lizzie" Harding Weinstein, a former nurse, mother of three, and

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## Giving Tattoo Artists a Bad Name:

Hartsdale Couple & Nanny Charged with Brutal Kidnapping Assault



Wayne Barnes

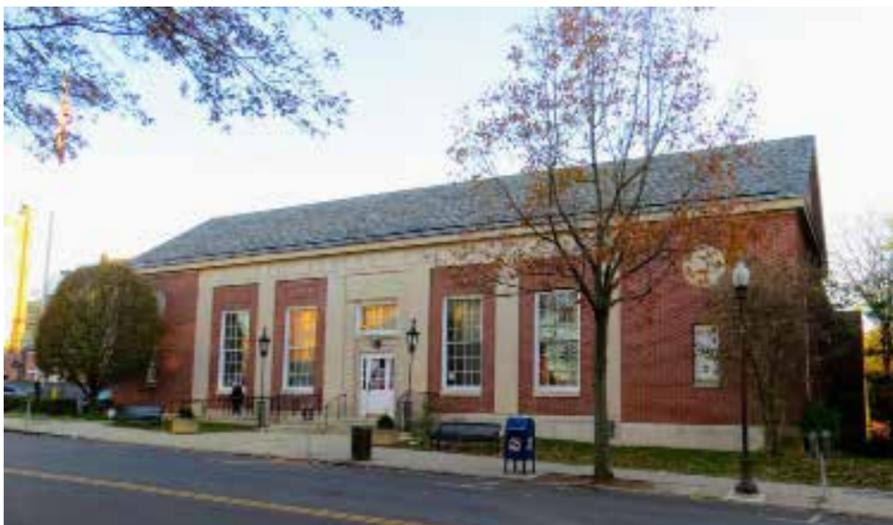
Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced the indictments and arrests of a married Hartsdale couple and their nanny who were charged in connection with the kidnapping and assault of a 19-year old Queens woman.

All three defendants were arraigned by Judge Susan Capeci on July 10th. The details regarding the defendants and their charges are as follows: Wayne Barnes, 44-years old of Hartsdale was charged with Kidnapping in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, two counts of Assault in the Second Degree and three counts of Assault in the Third Degree. He was released on \$300,000 bond.

Jasmine Barnes, 42-years old of Hartsdale, wife of Wayne Barnes, was

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## Bronxville Post Office Closes and Congressman Latimer Wants Answers



The Bronxville Post Office

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## County Executive Jenkins: Sculti Has Facts Wrong on Immigrant Protection Act and ICE



By Dan Murphy

Last week, we reported on a press conference held by Christine Sculti, the republican candidate for Westchester County Executive in the upcoming election this November. At that press conference, Sculti claimed that Westchester had become a "magnet for violent, criminal illegal aliens," as a result of the Westchester Immigrant Protection Act, IPA, passed in 2018.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins told Rising Media Group that Sculti, "has her facts wrong on the IPA," and referred us to a recent meeting of the Board of Legis-

lators where Westchester County Corrections Commissioner Joseph Spano appeared before the Westchester Board of Legislators Public Safety Committee.

At that meeting, Legislator Ben Boykin asked Spano, "I was Chairman of the Board in 2018 when we passed the Immigrant Protection Act. How is that working?"

Spano said, "It's working fine. In fact, over the last two weeks ICE has logged 2 judicial warrants and it worked just fine." The fact that Westchester Corrections has only 2 requests for an ICE detention request after a warrant belies Sculti's claim that

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## Good News: Tax Cap Remains at 2% for 2025 and 2026



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## Bad News: A Public Pension of \$503,000 Paid for by Taxpayers is Outrageous; 11 Westchester Public Retirees Receiving \$200k or More



By Dan Murphy

Meet Kara Bennorth-Hubertus, left, a retired employee of Westchester Health Care Corp., who, according to the Empire Center(empirecenter.org), is the highest pensioner from Westchester County.

According to new data posted on SeeThroughNY.net, the Empire Center's government transparency website, Bennorth-Hubertus, is receiving a pension of \$ 503,128.

Thanks to the good work of EmpireCenter.org, for highlighting the fact that 97 new retirees to the NYS Local Retirement System are eligible for pensions of \$200,000 or more. And Out of those 97 retirees, 11 are from Westchester.

"The 480,393 pensioners of the state's retirement system were eli-

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## New York City Council Rejects Bronx Casino Zoning; Spotlight Turns to Yonkers' Empire City Bid



Dr. Lawrence Neshiwat, right with Dr. Patrick Neshiwat

By Dan Murphy

In a decisive move earlier this week, the New York City Council voted down zoning changes critical to the proposed Bally's casino project at Ferry Point in the Bronx, effectively stalling the controversial bid unless Mayor Eric Adams exercises a rare veto. The decision, led by Council Member Kristy Marmorato, whose district encompasses the proposed site, underscored significant community resistance and raises new questions about where the Bronx's economic future lies in the state's fiercely competitive commercial casino race.

Despite lobbying muscle and high-profile backers, Bally's failed to generate meaningful local support. In fact, Bronx Community Board 10, which represents residents closest to the Ferry Point golf course site, repeatedly voted against the proposal. Local demonstrations, public testimony, and organized opposition suggest that far from welcoming the project, nearby communities view it as an imposition, one that doesn't reflect their vision for economic development.

Council Member Marmorato was blunt in her opposition, stating, "This is not housing, a hospital or community improvements. It's a casino."

Meanwhile, just over the Bronx border, less than two miles from the proposed Bally's site sits Empire City Casino, which has quietly become a cornerstone of regional employment and economic impact, particularly for Bronx residents. With a Bronx population roughly seven times that of Yonkers, it's no surprise that Empire City has long drawn a portion of its workforce from the borough. As Empire City seeks one of the state's three commercial casino licenses, it projects creating 2,000 permanent jobs, many of which may be filled by Bronxites.

The economic link between the Bronx and Empire City runs deep. Bronx-based businesses are known to benefit from the tens of millions of dollars the casino spends annually with local vendors and service contracts. Empire City's philanthropic arm has consistently stretched beyond Yonkers and supported Bronx nonprofits and community programs, with that support growing noticeably in recent years since MGM Resorts acquired the operation.

Well before Bally's entered the picture, Bronx leaders were already aligning themselves with Empire City's vision. A third-party alliance formed to support the Yonkers-based bid was co-chaired by Bronx Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Sorin and then BOEDC President Marlene Cintron, citing the existing economic benefits to the Bronx as a rationale for further investment.

Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson, who issued a statement condemning the Council's vote against Bally's, has also publicly supported Empire City's bid, along with a number of Bronx elected officials who recognize the strong economic and workforce pipeline that already exists.

As the state's Gaming Facility Location Board moves closer to selecting license recipients, scoring criteria will emphasize community support, project readiness, and the ability to return the current gaming and entertainment dollars currently flowing from New Yorkers, and its more than 60 million tourists to casinos in neighboring states of Connecticut, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Given the clear opposition Bally's has faced, its uncertain land use standing and the competitive landscape, many observers suggest it faces an uphill battle, especially when compared to Empire City's shovel-ready plans and existing infrastructure.

The New York City mayor's potential veto might momentarily resuscitate the Bronx bid, but critics argue it would do little to change the facts on the ground: strong community resistance, limited public benefit, and a more viable alternative next door.

In the high-stakes game for downstate casino licenses, it appears the Bronx may not need to gamble on Bally's at all. With Empire City already delivering tangible benefits, and poised to do even more with a full license, many in the Bronx may find that the safest bet is the one they've already made.

## Westchester Medical Center Physicians Union Take on New CEO, Win Strong Deal



As New Interns Start, About 500 Doctors at Pivotal Hospital Ratify New Contract

After about seven months of negotiations, resident physicians and fellows at Westchester Medical Center (WMC), unionized with the Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR/SEIU), officially ratified their new contract Thursday night with Westchester Medical Center management, helmed by new CEO Dr. David Lubarsky. While WMC negotiators were slow to address the physicians' concerns, after months of consistent collective action—including a petition delivery and headline-making rally—the new contract includes the doctors' central demand for wage equity with nearby peers. The deal comes as hundreds of new interns are starting their residency at WMC this summer.

The CIR members say their union actions forced hospital leadership to address their urgent needs, resulting in a contract that will support their well-being and significantly impact WMC's ability to keep attracting talented doctors. Along with wage increases that will put them on par with their peers in the region by 2026—with 22 percent in total wage increases over the five-year life of the contract—the final deal includes demands at the center of the doctors' fight, like reimbursement for parking costs for off-site rotations.

"This new contract is a huge victory, because the truth is, we were really struggling just to pay our rent and for things like childcare—with some of us even taking on second jobs to pay the bills," said Dr. Daniel Bassily. "I hope this shows Dr. Lubarsky that we are entering a new era at WMC—that we know our worth and that we will always fight for ourselves, our patients, and future doctors."

Over the course of their negotiations, the doctors took more action than they have in years, marching on the CEO to deliver a petition, rallying outside the hospital with the support of their union siblings and elected officials, and mass-calling Dr. Lubarsky.

A spokesperson for WMC Health said, "Westchester Medical Center has secured a transformative five-year collective bargaining agreement with the Committee of Interns and Residents (CIR)—a milestone that reaffirms our unwavering commitment to the physicians who are the backbone of care, innovation, and healing across our network. This agreement isn't just a contract—it's a bold investment in the future of medicine and a testament to what's possible when mission-driven professionals come together with purpose. It delivers the stability our institution needs and sends a clear message: when we support our people, we unlock the full potential of patient care."

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## Why Westchester's Office Market Feels Tighter Than You Think

*Op-Ed By Howard E. Greenberg President, Howard Properties, Ltd.*

Every week, I hear the same thing from prospective office tenants: "Vacancy rates are high. We'll get a steal." Many assume landlords are desperate, and that rents must be at historic lows. But here's the reality: despite widespread reports of empty office space, Westchester's office market is much tighter than people realize.

As someone who's worked in commercial real estate in this region for nearly 40 years, representing tenants and buyers, I see this firsthand every day. I speak regularly with landlords, brokers, and other professionals. The narrative you're reading in national headlines doesn't reflect what's happening here in Westchester.

Let's look at the facts.

Westchester's total office inventory has shrunk by approximately 25% since I started in the industry, dropping from around 32 million square feet to roughly 25 million. That number is still declining as obsolete properties are demolished, converted to residential or medical uses, or repurposed in other ways.

With almost no new office construction on the horizon, a result of high financing costs and weak speculative demand, our existing stock is aging fast. Most of the county's office buildings were constructed during the boom between the mid-1970s and mid-1980s. That means they're now over 40 years old and, in many cases, functionally outdated.

While demand for space is down, it's not as simple as "high vacancy = cheap rents."

Landlords today face soaring expenses. The cost to build or renovate office space has doubled in the past five years. Let's say a tenant wants to lease Class B space for \$27 per square foot. If the landlord needs to spend \$80 per square foot to build out that space, which is standard in today's market, that's already the equivalent of three years' gross rent.

But it doesn't stop there. Landlords also absorb operating costs, roughly \$15 per square foot, which covers heat, air conditioning, maintenance, snow removal, insurance, and taxes. That leaves a net income of just \$12 per square foot. Out of that, they must pay mortgage debt, finance tenant improvements, pay legal and brokerage fees, and still try to generate value for their building.

The result? Landlords can't afford to do deals shorter than seven years unless no renovations are required. And even then, many simply don't have the capital to fund buildouts. Some can only offer cosmetic refreshes, such as paint and carpet, which today costs over \$10 per square foot.

Demand isn't dead, it's just different. Most of Westchester's active demand comes from small and mid-sized businesses seeking spaces under 10,000 square feet. But much of our remaining vacant inventory is in large blocks, often 50,000 square feet or more. These deep floorplates, designed for corporate tenants of the past, are tough to divide and reconfigure for smaller users.

At the same time, the shift to hybrid work means office space must now offer more than just desks and walls—it needs to attract employees back in. Tenants are demanding bright, modern, amenity-rich environments that align with today's flexible workstyles. And many older buildings simply don't meet the mark.

Because so few landlords have the financial capacity to do deals, the number of available, transactable office spaces is far lower than it appears. On paper, vacancy may seem high, but functional, well-located, move-in-ready options are increasingly scarce.

Buildings are being repurposed or removed from the market entirely. And those that remain face rising costs, tighter financing, and increased tenant expectations.

So don't let headlines mislead you. Westchester's office market isn't oversupplied, it's just evolving. And tenants looking for great space at rock-bottom prices may be surprised to find the pickings are slimmer than they thought.

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## Hot Topics!



*By Eric Wolf Schoen*

Middle of summer? Can you believe August 1 is next week! Though many folks are on holiday, plenty of people are in town absorbing what is going on. Perfect time to give you my take on what's happening on hot topics next door and in our part of the world.

The report on financier and child sex offender Jeffrey Epstein should have been released by now. What was Donald Trump's involvement with Epstein. Were Hillary and Bill Clinton in his circle of friends? the American people need to know if all is Kosher in Epstein land!

Sad to see the Late Show, a franchise popularized by David Letterman leave the air next May. Was it political pressure from Donald Trump and Company or a true economic decision? This is the beginning of a shakeup of late night television, though Colbert is so good I am sure he will land on his feet.

Andrew Cuomo is a bright politician but he is not the only person who can lead New York City. His deal making to get the Mayoral nomination is classic Cuomo. It's time for a change as the population of New York City changes, but don't count out Curtis Sliwa. He's a guy who knows and can solve the problems of our neighbor to the south!

One person unhappy with the sad goings on at Playland is the wife of former County Executive and now Congressman George Latimer. I was at a press opening at Playland several years ago and learned how fond Robin Latimer, wife of the Congressman is of the Dragon Coaster. She was first on line, happy as a kid with a new pair of shoes. Sad that our leaders could not find someone to take over this gem!

We just ended school several weeks ago in most of Westchester and back to school sales are going strong. And before you know it it will begin to look a lot like Christmas and Chanukah!

Tasted the most delicious high protein, low sugar ice cream this week. Very impressed with Protein Pints. On the other hand have you tried to find salt free potato chips or pretzels. Non existent even at Whole Foods!

We say goodbye to Heavy Metal king Ozzy Osbourne he of Black Sabbath fame. Malcolm Jamal Warner holds a special place in hearts of those of a certain age who adored him in the Cosby Show. Terrible how he died so young.

Just a reminder at this time of year when we are all in the water to be careful when you're swimming and don't swim in water that is above your ability!

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## NYPD Officer Charged with Stealing \$87,000 from Wells Fargo Client Accounts



*Yeison Rodriguez Acosta, 27, left, is charged in a 30-count complaint with spending stolen funds on BMW payments, a trip to Aruba and a glute-building workout program called 'Booty By Jacks'*

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a New York City Police Department officer was arrested Wednesday and charged with numerous felonies in relation to his alleged theft of client funds during his employment with Wells Fargo and continuing into his employment with the NYPD.

Yeison Rodriguez Acosta, 27, of Manhattan, was arraigned in Rye City Court Thursday morning on a 30-count felony complaint. Judge Valerie Livingston released the defendant on the condition that he surrender his passport and call the court every day until his next court date, which is Sept. 30. None of the charges is bail-eligible. Judge Livingston further provided a temporary order of protection for the victims.

The felony complaint charges Rodriguez Acosta with the following offenses:

Grand Larceny in the Third Degree (D felony, 9 counts), Identity Theft in the First Degree (D felony, 9 counts), Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree (E felony, 2 counts), Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree (E felony, 1 count)

Identity Theft in the Second Degree (E felony, 4 counts), Petit Larceny (A misdemeanor, 4 counts), Identity Theft in the Third Degree (A misdemeanor, 1 count)

DA Cacace said: "The defendant's brazen conduct, as alleged, does a disservice to his colleagues in law enforcement, who wear the badge honorably and took the same oath to protect and serve.

"My administration will work to ensure that Mr. Rodriguez Acosta is held accountable for his alleged crimes and that the victims in this case are made whole."

Rye Public Safety Commissioner Michael Kopy said: "I commend the outstanding work of the Rye Police Department detectives, working in close coordination with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. Results such as today's arraignment help keep communities safe and, in this case, remove an individual who is charged with scheming to defraud numerous individuals, not only in Rye but in the greater Westchester County area.

"We urge anyone who may feel that they have been victimized to reach out to our department or the Westchester County District Attorney's Office."

On various dates between May 2024 and June 2025, Rodriguez Acosta used banking information he had gleaned while employed as a branch operations coordinator for a Wells Fargo branch in Rye Brook, N.Y., to steal \$87,243.81 from 14 customer accounts, according to the felony complaint.

Rodriguez Acosta was employed as a Wells Fargo branch operations coordinator from March 2024 to September 2024. It is further alleged that these thefts continued to occur after Rodriguez Acosta entered the NYPD's Police Academy in October 2024 and following his graduation in May 2025, when he was assigned to the 48th Precinct for field training.

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## Bronxville Post Office Closed Congressman Latimer Wants Answers



*Bronxville Post Office*

*By Dan Murphy*

It is strange to this reporter that the US Post Office in one of the most expensive addresses in Westchester closed last week. The Bronxville Post office closed its doors due to serious maintenance issues.

Rep. Latimer Demands Answers from Postmaster General About Bronxville Post Office Closure, Working Conditions

On July 23, U.S. Representative George Latimer (NY-16) sent a letter to Postmaster General David Steiner about the closure of the Bronxville Post Office and reports of unsafe working conditions for employees. The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) closed the Bronxville Post Office on July 17th and have been unable to commit to a re-opening date.

In the letter Congressman Latimer said, "Some of my constituents have been unable to receive important parcels, including medications, posing an immediate and unacceptable risk to their health. When my constituents inquired about this issue, they received a response that the Bronxville Post Office is closed and that the timeline for reopening is unknown... Furthermore, my office has received constituent reports about the possible presence of mold and maintenance issues with the boiler at the Bronxville Post Office. USPS has an obligation to ensure that it provides employees with a safe and healthy work environment as well as prompt, reliable, and efficient services for patrons."

Congressman Latimer requested USPS respond to him about a re-opening date and efforts to make the office safer for workers and patrons by August 5th.

The full letter can be found here and below:

"Postmaster General Steiner:

I write to you with serious concerns regarding the closure of the Bronxville Post Office, as well as several other issues pertaining to poor conditions that have been reported at this location. I respectfully request that you provide answers to the questions below and urge you to take immediate action to remedy these issues that are affecting my constituents.

My office first received reports from constituents on July 17, 2025 that the Bronxville Post Office was closed with no explanation to residents or the Village of Bronxville. As a result, some of my constituents have been unable to receive important parcels, including medications, posing an immediate and unacceptable risk to their health. When my constituents inquired about this issue, they received a response that the Bronxville Post Office is closed and that the timeline for reopening is unknown.

I have also received reports regarding poor conditions at this location, posing risks to both USPS staff and patrons. At present, USPS staff and patrons must rely on two small portable fans to cool the front office and lobby areas. This temporary solution is inadequate during the hot summer months, when indoor temperatures rise to uncomfortable and potentially dangerous levels. The current conditions not

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## Westchester County, Save the Sound Reach Agreement to end Clean Water Act Lawsuit

County Board of Legislators authorized settlement on June 30

After nearly a decade of legal proceedings, Westchester County and Save the Sound have reached a landmark collaborative agreement that strengthens the County's commitment to protecting water quality and upholding the Clean Water Act.

The settlement was approved by the County Board of Legislators on June 30 and has been submitted to the federal district court and to the U.S. Department of Justice and Environmental Protection Agency for review. The final settlement is expected to become effective later this summer, 45 days after being submitted to the federal agencies.

Under the agreement, the County would:

Take "reasonable measures" to enforce the County Sewer Act within four sanitary sewer districts: New Rochelle, Mamaroneck, Blind Brook, and Port Chester;

Conduct a round of flow monitoring no earlier than 2037 to determine compliance with the Flow Limit within the four districts;

Provide materials to support the municipalities' sewage management efforts;

Spend \$475,000 on future environmentally beneficial projects, such as green infrastructure installation, inland wetland remediation, and riparian buffer restorations, with specific projects to be identified by the County and Save the Sound in the coming two years.

"Once finalized and approved by the court, this agreement will complete a series of ongoing repairs and maintenance put in place by agreements with all of the municipalities and the County. Municipalities are responsible for maintaining and repairing their sewer systems but the County is responsible for continuing oversight as it is their plants that are impacted," said Roger Reynolds, senior legal director for Save the Sound. "When finalized, this agreement and others with municipalities will address the problem of ongoing sewage spills Save the Sound encountered when we opened our Westchester office more than 10 years ago. This will result in a cleaner, healthier Long Island Sound with less sewage pollution, and fewer beach closures and swimming days lost."

Save the Sound is represented by Super Law Group. "After nearly a decade of legal proceedings, we are pleased to reach a collaborative agreement with Save the Sound that allows us to turn the page and move forward together," said Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins. "This resolution puts the missteps of past administrations behind us and reflects our renewed commitment to protecting water quality and upholding the Clean Water Act. I want to thank the Westchester County Board of Legislators for their support, as well as the U.S. Department of Justice, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the federal district court. Together, we are taking important steps to protect and preserve Westchester County's waterways for generations to come."

Prior to reaching the agreement with Westchester County, Save the Sound had settlements in place with the 11 municipalities named in the lawsuit: the Town/Village of Harrison, Village of Larchmont, Town of Mamaroneck, Village of Mamaroneck, City of New Rochelle, Village of Pelham Manor, Village of Port Chester, City of Rye, Village of Rye Brook, Village of Scarsdale, and City of White Plains.

Collectively, the settlements will have resulted in more than \$100 million invested to study and repair more than 600 miles of sewer pipe and fix more than 64,000 identified defects, as well as more than \$1.75 million in funding for projects that will restore and protect Long Island Sound and local waterbodies. In addition, each municipality has developed comprehensive plans for effective management of each of their sewer systems into the future.

The case originated when Save the Sound became aware through local pollution watchdog reports and alerts from New York's Sewage Pollution Right to Know Act of the frequency and magnitude of raw sewage overflows throughout Westchester County, degrading the water quality of Long Island Sound and the waterways that feed into it. Much of that pollution resulted from poorly maintained and deteriorating municipal sanitary sewer pipes carrying wastewater

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## DiNapoli:

## Tax Cap in New York Remains at 2% for 2026

The 2026 property tax levy growth will be capped at 2% for local governments that operate on a calendar-based fiscal year, according to data released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. This figure affects tax cap calculations for all counties, towns, and fire districts, as well as 44 cities and 13 villages.

"Allowable tax levy growth will be limited to 2% for a fifth consecutive year," DiNapoli said. "The challenge for local governments will be maintaining essential local services within this cap, while still dealing with higher prices for commodities and services and the potential impact of policy choices at the federal level."

In accordance with state law, DiNapoli's office calculated the 2026 inflation factor at 2.64% for those local governments with a calendar fiscal year, above the 2% allowable levy increase.

The tax cap, which first applied to local governments (excluding New York City) and school districts in 2012, limits annual tax levy increases to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 2% with certain exceptions. The law also includes a provision that allows municipalities to override the cap.

Editor's Note: The NYS property tax cap was passed under former Governor Andrew Cuomo. In our view, it was his greatest achievement.

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**Rye, Wells Fargo Theft by NYPD Officer, continued from pg 4-**

As outlined in the felony complaint, the defendant is accused of using these funds to pay for his own and/or others' credit card bills; to make payments for a BMW vehicle; to purchase a subscription to "Booty By Jacks," which, according to its website, describes itself as "the world's best glute building program;" to pay for a trip to Aruba; to pay for an Airbnb; to pay for meals at various restaurants; and to pay for GEICO insurance, among other transactions.

DA Cacace commends the City of Rye Police Department for its investigatory work on this case.

Notice of formation of Great Livinggs , LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the NY department of state on 03/25/2025 Office Location: Bronx. UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC.7014 13TH AVENUE , SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY, 11228, USA, designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to 228 PARK AVE S #948027 NEW YORK, NY 10003. Purpose : Any lawful activity.

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

Notice of formation of Offlo LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/23/2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1112 Wilmot Rd, STE 91H, Scarsdale NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

Notice of formation of LCS Advisers LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/11/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 260 Garth Road, Apt. 2d4, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: any lawful activity

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

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4. Bid No. RFB-7498 – Opening Date: 8/15/2025: Hiring of Unarmed Security Services at Riverfront and Will Libraries (KAS).

Notice of Formation of FUSE WORKS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/11/2025. Office location: Westchester County, NY. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 54 Brosnan Pl, Tuckahoe, NY 10707. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Beautifully Hauled LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/15/2025. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC 28 Chestnut Street, Yonkers NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Name of formation of THEOAK LLC. Date of filing Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 6/14/24. The LLC is located in Westchester County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served is to the principal business location at c/o 669 Main Street, Unit 605, New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

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

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

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## Letter: Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill One of the Most Harmful in History

Dear Editor at Rising Media Group,

I'm deeply disappointed in every legislator who voted for one of the most harmful bills in history, Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill."

Many people in our state and nationwide likely don't understand what this legislation means for our families and communities. Here's a breakdown of how some parts of this bill will directly affect us:

Phase out tax credits for wind and solar power, which will drive up our energy costs and reduce sustainability.

Withdraw aid for agencies like FEMA that monitor extreme weather, leaving communities vulnerable to climate disaster.

Throws millions of children, seniors, and families off Medicaid and food assistance.

And all of this damage is funded by huge, unwarranted, undeserved, and unnecessary tax cuts for large corporations and the wealthiest 1% and 0.1% of individuals.

Republicans cheered about taking away healthcare, gutting clean energy programs, selling public lands, and giving massive tax breaks to billionaires. Policies reflect values, and I am horrified by the values represented in this bill and by every legislator who voted for it. We won't forget this.

We must fight back by advocating for policies and by voting for politicians who will protect people and the planet over corporate polluters.

*Sincerely, Tom Yarnall, White Plains.*

### Jenkins, Sculti is Wrong, continued from pg 1-

Westchester is a magnet for illegal criminals.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer signed the Immigrant Protection Act into law on March 20, 2018. The measure, which passed the Board of Legislators by a vote of 11-3 on March 12, prevents Westchester County from using any of its resources to assist in federal investigations based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity or national origin. In general, the Immigrant Protection Act outlines what information county law enforcement will require from those with whom they interact and how this information is shared with all levels of law enforcement.

County Executive Ken Jenkins commented on Sculti's claims to Rising Media. "In criminal cases, law-enforcement always speaks to each other. And the Immigrant Protection Act explicitly allows for those communications to happen in criminal matters. No law enforcement is calling DOC about a criminal investigation. The state has a list of all incarcerated individuals that law enforcement has access to."

Jenkins recently appeared on CBS NY news with Marcia Kramer. Kramer asked Jenkins about the fact that the Trump administration had labeled Westchester County a "Sanctuary County."

"It's not accurate," said Jenkins. "We have an Immigrant Protection Act that was formulated in 2018 and has been through 2 Trump administrations. It is clear and it states in its definition that it doesn't make us a sanctuary county. It doesn't deal with any civil immigration matters, but law enforcement works with law enforcement all the time on criminal matters and that is not prohibited in our Immigrant Protection Act."

Jenkins added that the IPA provides that local law enforcement "doesn't do the federal governments job. If someone comes in with a judicial warrant, we honor that warrant and follow the law. That is why the Trump administration removed Westchester from their database," which claimed Westchester was a Sanctuary County.

"In any criminal matter, we will follow up with our law enforcement to make sure that people are held accountable for any crimes they may have committed," said Jenkins.

Karin Anderson Ponzer, Director of Neighbors Link Community Law Practice, said, "The Westchester County Immigrant Protection Act (IPA) has been critically important in building trust between local residents and county law enforcement by outlining what information county law enforcement will require from those they interact with and how this information is shared with federal law enforcement."

"Trust between local police and the people they protect and serve is critical for the integrity of our criminal justice system. Police depend on the cooperation of all residents, including immigrants, in solving crimes and maintaining public order. If immigrants are afraid that police are doing the work of federal immigration authorities, many victims or witnesses of crimes simply will not come forward."

"The Immigrant Protection Act is clear in stating that it does not does not shield anyone involved in criminal conduct. The IPA has been an important step in ensuring public safety for all Westchester residents."

## SUNY Westchester Community College Launches Business Management Weekend Series in Peekskill

SUNY Westchester Community College is launching a Business Management Weekend Series designed to help busy non-traditional learners achieve academic and career advancement.

This innovative weekend format, offered through SUNY WCC's Peekskill Center, allows students to earn up to 12 college credits while balancing work, family, and other commitments. Courses are offered in a hybrid asynchronous format, which means that students can do the work flexibly on the weekend with reduced seat time. This allows them to do half their in-course requirements online.

The series includes six courses held on Saturdays and Sundays, aligning with the first semester of SUNY WCC's program in Business Management and earning credits towards an Associate of Science degree.

"This series is ideal for people who have difficulty finding time to pursue their own educational advancement due to too many demands on their time," said Dr. Sherry Mayo, Director of the SUNY WCC

Peekskill Center. "This series is perfect for those looking to start their pursuit of a college degree or wish to accelerate their progress."

The courses offered are: Writing & Research, Business Organization & Management, Computer Information Systems, Statistics, Marketing, and Macroeconomics. Courses begin September 23, 2025.

For more information about the Business Management Weekend Series, please visit [www.sunywcc.edu/weekend-business](http://www.sunywcc.edu/weekend-business).

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## Westchester Legislator Pierce Presents \$20,000 to The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry



above: Westchester County Legislator Erika L. Pierce (D- Bedford, Lewisboro, Mount Kisco, North Salem, Pound Ridge, Somers) presented \$20,000 in funding to The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry to aid in the fight against local food insecurity. Pierce delivered a “big check” earlier this month on behalf of the Board of Legislators, which remains committed to fighting food

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## County Legislator Tubiolo Presents \$30,000 Check to Aisling Center in Yonkers



County Legislator David Tubiolo recently present a \$30,000 check to the Aisling Irish Cultural & Community Center. The funding will support the Center’s community programs, including arts, music, language, dance, and its homebound meal delivery service for seniors. Located on McLean Avenue (The Emerald Mile) in Yonkers, the Aisling Center serves as a hub for preserving and promoting Irish culture while providing a gathering space for the community. Beyond its cultural mission, the Center offers resources for mental health, employment, and housing assistance.

## LM Lions Present Scholarships to HS Seniors



**2025 Scholarship winners Katherine Orchanian and Joseph Saldiveri with LM Lions Kate Bialo, President Lina Pasquale and Elaine Chapnick**

Mamaroneck High School senior Katherine Orchanian, and Rye Neck High School senior Joseph Saldiveri were the winners of the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions 2025 essay contest and were presented with a \$1,000 award towards college expenses.

Applicants submitted a short essay describing their charitable work, its impact on the local community and how community service has made an impact on them. Lina Pasquale, LM Lions President, served as Committee Chair. In addition to Lina, other reviewers included Marie Moreno, Nancy Joselson, Elaine Chapnick and Kate Bialo, also LM Lions Club members. All essays were rated based on the applicant’s breadth and depth of service and how that service embodied the Lions’ motto “We Serve.”

In May, the Lions Club Community Service Award was presented to Christian Garcia by the Carver Center at the 2025 Carver Scholarship Awards Ceremony. LM Lions President Lina Pasquale attended the event.

In reflecting on the winners, Lina said “In the spirit of “We Serve”, the Lions Club knows that the future rests in the hands of today’s youth. When young people engage in community service, they become powerful agents of change, fostering bridges of compassion, leadership, and hope. Youth involvement in service uplifts those in need and nurtures empathy, resilience, and a lifelong commitment to making a difference. I applaud Katherine, Joseph and Christian for exemplifying the Lions’ mission in action through their dedication to community engagement”.

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## State Senator Mayer Welcomes 2025 Summer Interns



State Senator Shelley B. Mayer is delighted to welcome six student interns to her district office this summer. The interns are assisting Senator Mayer and her staff with constituent concerns and community events.

Mayer's internships offer local high school and college students hands-on experience with the operations of a state government office. The interns also provide valuable insight into the day-to-day lives of young people in our community. Each intern works directly with Director of Constituent Services and Community Affairs, Christine Fils-Aimé and Constituent Services and Community Affairs Associate, Luis Ochoa.

In the fall, the interns will continue their academic studies at their respective schools – Noah Adler, of Mamaroneck, attends the Masters School (High School); Tamar Brumberg, of White Plains, attends the University of Maryland; Matthew Loew, of West Harrison, attends George Washington University; Stacey Marcelin, of White Plains, attends Westchester Community College; Astrid Rodrigues, of Port Chester, attends Mercy University; and Isabel Xie, of Scarsdale, attends Scarsdale High School.

Senator Shelley Mayer said, "I am so pleased to welcome these fantastic young people to intern in my office this summer. They are hard-working and eager to assist our constituents, and they bring insights and new ideas to our office through their connections with the wider community. They are full of hope, enthusiasm and ideas. I look forward to continuing to work with them."

## IMNF Launches Intergenerational Ukulele Club with Joyful Performance & Donation of Ukuleles



Wartburg and IMNF staff and students join Vania, Jason and David Blake to launch new Ukulele program

The Institute for Music and Neurologic Function (IMNF) is proud to announce the launch of its Intergenerational Ukulele Club, a new initiative designed to bring people of all ages together through the power of music. The club's inaugural event was marked by a live ukulele and hula performance on May 15th at the Berkemeier Building's Creative Aging Room on the Wartburg Senior Campus, in Mount Vernon, NY.

The event featured talented performers Jason and Vania, who led residents, family members, and community friends in a spirited celebration of music and movement. In addition to the performance, participants enjoyed a hands-on ukulele workshop, highlighting the accessibility and joy of playing music together.

A special highlight of the launch is the generous donation from The Kanikapila Project of 10 Kana brand ukuleles, ensuring that the IMNF Ukulele Club will continue to bring music to life for years to come.

"The ukulele is a wonderful way to foster connection and creativity," said Dr. Concetta Tomaino, Executive Director and co-founder of the IMNF. "We're excited to offer this program as a way to engage older adults and the broader community in the healing and joyful benefits of making music together."

"We believe music should be a shared experience—one that connects people across generations and backgrounds," said David Blake, founder of The Kanikapila Project. "It's an honor to support IMNF's vision with these instruments and help bring the joy of ukulele playing to such a vibrant, inclusive community."

The IMNF Ukulele Club will meet regularly, providing a space for intergenerational engagement, skill-building, and fun. All are welcome, from seasoned players to those picking up an instrument for the first time. For more information or to join the IMNF Ukulele Club, please visit [www.imnf.org](http://www.imnf.org)



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*Lizzie Weinstein, continued from pg 1-*

ex-wife of a prominent New York attorney, died at 53 in Danbury, CT, in a hotel room. Her death ends a five-year battle with her husband.

They were raising three teenage children, ages 17, nearly 16, and 13, in Westchester County. She was a former nurse, and at the time the fight began, a stay-at-home mother.

Her husband, Brian Stryker Weinstein, was a senior litigation partner at Davis Polk & Wardwell. His clients included Morgan Stanley, JPMorgan Chase, BT Group, and E\*Trade. He sat on the board of the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University.

On May 20, 2020, Lizzie said she made a “discovery.”

She told him to leave the house. He did.

She texted him after he drove away.

“We have all acknowledged that you have been indoctrinated into the practice of pedophilia.”

He was a lawyer. He replied, “I want the indoctrination of pedophilia to stop.”

Was this an admission? Or a clumsy, placating reply to a woman coming undone?

In context, it’s clear: he was not agreeing with her. He was trying to de-escalate.

At the time of the split, the couple’s three children were teenagers—old enough to have memories, perceptions, and opinions. There is no record that any of the children ever affirmed their mother’s story.

Brian was out of the house. The children were with her.

He did what he knew: he used the courts.

He filed an emergency custody petition, 150 pages long, claiming Lizzie was suffering from untreated mental disorder and submitted evidence of disturbing instability.

On June 5, 2020—Judge Arlene Katz issued an ex parte Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against Harding. The order barred her from contacting her husband, her three children, or living at the family residence.

Police removed her from the home. Weinstein moved back in with full physical custody of his children and exclusive control of the home.

The TRO was issued without Harding’s presence or input.

The following day, June 6, Harding filed for divorce. She alleged the children had been subjected to sexual abuse and the reason why they did not remember being abused by her husband was repressed memory.

On December 4, 2020, Judge Nancy Quinn-Koba signed a second ex parte temporary restraining order against Elizabeth Harding, prohibiting contact with her children and access to the family home.

While shut out at court, Lizzie told her story online. She posted frequently on Facebook, accusing Weinstein of abuse, and coordinated legal and psychiatric sabotage. She claimed the reason the teenage children did not support her pedophilia accusations is that her husband had brainwashed them.

Her public accusations had the potential to destroy her husband’s career, which would also financially impact her children. Lizzie did not work. Her posts named her husband, his parents, and a broad group of alleged enablers of molestation, gaslighting, and mind control.

The FOIL Incident and Arrest

On January 4, 2021, Elizabeth Harding entered the Clerk’s Office in Briarcliff Manor to submit a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request and deliver a written complaint concerning Village Justice Howard T. Code, alleging denial of due process in prior proceedings.

Staff refused to accept her documents because Harding was not wearing a face mask, in violation of the Village’s COVID-19 protocols. Harding declined to wear a mask, citing a medical exemption. Village Manager Philip Zegarelli and Clerk Donna Zirman summoned the Briarcliff Manor Police Department.

Elizabeth Harding Weinstein arrested in Westchester NY

Responding officers directed Harding to leave the premises. Harding recorded the encounter and stated her intention to post the footage online. Chief Buetti permitted her to submit the paperwork. However, he then allegedly shut the door on her, knocked her phone from her hand, physically restrained her against the wall, and placed her under arrest.

She was initially charged with disorderly conduct. The charges were later amended to obstruction of governmental administration and resisting arrest. Following the arrest, Harding was held in custody for several hours, during which she alleges she was shackled, subjected to a strip search, denied access to legal counsel, placed in solitary confinement, and held under suicide watch.

On January 5, 2021, during a virtual arraignment, Village Justice Howard T. Code ordered a psychiatric evaluation. Harding refused to participate.

On January 8, a court-appointed psychologist, Dr. Jerome Norton, attempted to conduct the evaluation. Harding again declined to consent to the assessment.

Civil Lawsuit, Involuntary Hospitalization, and TROs

February 17, 2021

Elizabeth Harding filed a civil lawsuit in New York State Supreme Court naming multiple defendants, including her husband Brian Weinstein, municipal officials from the Village of Briarcliff Manor, local police officers, prosecutors, and members of the judiciary. The complaint alleged that Weinstein exploited his professional and judicial connections in Westchester County to discredit her, suppress her legal actions, and conceal alleged domestic violence and abuses of process.

March 9, 2021

Harding was involuntarily admitted to St. Vincent’s Hospital in Westchester County for psychiatric evaluation and treatment. She declined medication and requested a judicial hearing pursuant to New York Mental Hygiene Law §9.31. The hearing was postponed for approximately two weeks. Subsequently, Judge Anne E. Minihan ordered that Harding comply with a prescribed psychiatric medication regimen as a condition of release.

March 17, 2021

While Harding remained hospitalized, her state court civil action was dismissed on the grounds that it was “frivolous.” The court further initiated a mental health inquiry and raised the possibility of appointing a guardian ad litem to represent her legal interests in future proceedings.

April 2, 2021

Harding was released from involuntary hospitalization at St. Vincent’s.

April 16, 2021

Judge Nancy Quinn-Koba issued an ex parte Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against Harding. Within minutes, Harding was stopped by Briarcliff Manor police and taken into custody. Officers claimed she had violated a prior TRO between April 5 and April 7, despite Harding’s contention that no such order had been entered or served during that period.

She was charged with misdemeanor violations, allegedly for posting a photograph of her minor children online. Later that day, Village Justice Halper issued a new ex parte TRO prohibiting Harding from coming within 1,500 feet of her home or her children.

Lizzie Is Relentless

June 1, 2021

Harding doubled down. She continued to publish allegations against her husband on Facebook, alleging he had committed acts of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and coercive control. She accused him of alienating their children through psychological manipulation and drugging.

She claimed to have suffered false arrests, poisoning, and the deletion of her social media accounts. Harding alleged that courts at the state, appellate, and federal levels refused to hear her claims. She concluded by stating, “I WILL NOT STOP SPEAKING THE TRUTH.”

June 11, 2021

Harding posted again on Facebook, stating she had been barred from attending her son Max’s graduation. She reiterated her accusations against Weinstein and stated, “SHAME FALLS SQUARELY ON PEDOPHILE BRIAN STRYKER WEINSTEIN.”

June 12, 2021

Harding posted a photograph of Weinstein alongside his parents, Richard and Alice Weinstein, and accused the family of condoning and enabling child sexual abuse. She alleged that family members dismissed reports of abuse as “unfortunate” and stated her children were afraid of their grandfather. She referred to Weinstein as “100x worse than the slimiest parasite” and claimed he engaged in a campaign of psychological indoctrination targeting their son Max.

Guardian Hearings

June 24 and June 30, 2021

Following Harding’s public social media posts, Weinstein petitioned the Westchester County Supreme Court for the appointment of a guardian. According to reports, Weinstein submitted affidavits alleging that Harding suffered from schizophrenia and narcissistic and bipolar personality disorders. These allegations referenced her public accusations of pedophilia, all without evidence and cited online behavior he characterized as erratic, defamatory and harmful to the children. All three children rejected their mother’s claims about their father.

Judge Janet C. Malone conducted two ex parte hearings to evaluate Harding’s competency, pursuant to Article 81 of the New York Mental Hygiene Law.

August 2, 2021

Judge Malone issued an order adjudicating Elizabeth Harding mentally incapacitated under MHL §81.02. She appointed attorney Kenneth L. Bunting as Guardian of the Property, with legal authority over Harding’s civil litigation, financial affairs, and access to the courts.

Immediately following his appointment, Bunting moved to terminate Harding’s pending lawsuits. He informed relevant courts that no future filings were authorized unless issued directly from his office.

Harding later alleged that Bunting exceeded his mandate by liquidating or freezing personal assets, closing financial accounts, withholding spousal support, and discontinuing critical services, such as automobile insurance. She contends these actions deprived her of resources necessary for food, shelter, and legal representation.

August 11, 2021

Harding posted on Twitter: “I will never stop fighting for my children... These pedophiles desecrate our societies—NOT ON MY WATCH.” At the time of the post, she had not seen her children for approximately 19 months.

With the guardianship order in effect, the court dismissed Harding’s pending divorce case for failure to prosecute. Weinstein refiled for divorce in his own name and was granted dissolution of the marriage by default, and consequently kept the entirety of the marital assets, as well as full legal and physical custody of the children.

The guardian prevented Harding from contesting or participating in her own divorce.

The Battle Is Over

Nothing changed during the last four years of her life.

In her videos, she’s the last honest woman in a world of liars. To the court, she was a mother declared unfit.

The kids, now all over the age of 18, remain close to their father. The funeral was Monday. Her ex-husband and three children attended.

This is a cautionary tale for the age of accusation.

She had lost her children. Her legal standing. Her money, her freedom. And in the end, her life.

She also nearly cost her family everything. Their reputation. Their father. Their peace.

The obituary reads:

Elizabeth “Lizzie” Harding Weinstein, a registered nurse, mother of three, and former Westchester resident, studied early childhood education at Boston University before earning her nursing degree from Columbia University. She is survived by her three children, Max, Ella, and Jack; her parents; and extended family.

She was 53.

What it did not say was that she was homeless for five years, starting about two weeks after she began accusing her lawyer husband of pedophilia.

Harding lost custody of her children, access to her home, control over her finances, and ultimately her legal standing—without ever having a full evidentiary hearing on the truth of her claims.

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Lizzie Weinstein, continued from pg 10-

However, Harding's allegations were unsupported by their three teenagers, third-party witnesses, forensic evidence, or law enforcement corroboration.

The legal system never said Harding was lying. It ruled that she was not credible enough to be heard.

Her husband used TROs, psychiatric evaluations, and guardianship law to sideline an inconvenient, volatile and possibly delusional voice.

She never provided forensic evidence, eyewitness corroboration, or proof of a criminal inquiry in all her videos and posts.

Had Harding's allegations been believed and acted upon, Weinstein would have faced professional ruin, disbarment, and criminal charges.

The damage would not stop with him. The children would become known as the offspring of a molester. Their schooling, relationships, and mental health could suffer. If the allegations were untrue, or driven by illness, the harm would be irreversible.

#### Mental Illness Cannot Be Ignored

Harding's conduct was not helpful to her credibility. She live-streamed videos, made accusations on social media, and described coordinated conspiracies. She refused psychiatric evaluation, refused medication when committed, and rejected the authority of multiple courts. Over time, while some of the public may have believed her, judges reached a shared conclusion: she was mentally unstable.

#### Elizabeth Harding Weinstein

Whether or not that diagnosis was correct, her behavior gave the court justification to take precautionary steps. From their perspective, this was not silencing. It was containment.

"What if she was right?" is a question weighed against "What if she was severely ill?"

And when one party appears unstable—especially if they are publicly attacking judges, guardians, and therapists—the courts will protect the calmer, more institutionally compliant party.

If Elizabeth Harding was wrong, her accusations were reckless, damaging, and cruel. If she was mentally ill, she was treated as a legal liability rather than a health emergency. And if she was right—if there was any truth to what she alleged—then the law turned its back on a woman who tried to speak out.

Still, Harding accused Weinstein of serious crimes but offered no evidence. Where were the children's statements? The school reports? The disclosures? She posted online, named therapists as "handlers," and accused his entire family of "grooming." She tried to crash graduation ceremonies, filmed her own arrest, defied court orders, and posted daily videos on Facebook.

So her husband, a lawyer, retaliated with filings. He asked judges to protect his children, to secure their futures, to limit what Elizabeth kept igniting.

The law was used not just to silence her—but to survive her.

She gambled the family's future on a theory she couldn't prove. He gambled too. Because if she wasn't stopped, her narrative could destroy his children, his career, and everything he had built.

If she wasn't mentally ill, she was reckless. And while her case shows the built-in injustices in family court, it also illustrates the harm that can be done by false allegations and how the court for all its imperfections may have delivered justice.

Where this case is distinguished from many other cases where the court is used as a weapon by the wealthier parent is that the pivotal, deciding factor was the children. If they said it had happened, it would not have ended this way.

But they said it did not happen and, in the end, in this case – and in perhaps most cases – we ought to believe the children – then and now as young adults. They knew their mother was delusional and wished, as they had said, she could have been treated. She wasn't. It can't be helped now.

May Lizzie Harding rest in peace," end of story, by Frank Parlato. After watching several YouTube videos and speaking with some of the people who interviewed Lizzie, we found Parlato's story to be inclusive and sympathetic to Lizzie.

This story was published on Parlato's website, <https://frankreport.com/?s=Elizabeth+Harding+Weinstein>, two weeks ago.

In 2022, Parlato wrote three other stories about Lizzie's case. One of those stories tells a different story about Parlato's interaction with Lizzie. We will publish that story next week.

#### SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER.

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWMBS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2005-15, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-15, Plaintiff -against- HANNA P. WAGNER; ERIC WAGNER AS EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF DAVID WAGNER, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale dated April 15, 2025 and entered on April 16, 2025, and an Amended Judgement of Foreclosure and Sale dated May 21, 2025 and entered on May 22, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on August 12, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Eastchester, County of Westchester and State of New York, known and designated as SBL# 66-1-260 Said premises known as 70 HOWARD AVENUE, EASTCHESTER, NY 10709

Approximate amount of lien \$986,012.00 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

Index Number 64049/2021.

ANTHONY S. COLAVITA, ESQ., Referee

Pincus Law Group, PLLC

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556

## As Floods Devastate NY, Advocates Push Governor

### Hochul to Sign Bill Repealing 100-Foot Rule ASAP

Today, as floods continue to devastate the tri-state area, advocates across New York State launched a push urging Governor Hochul to sign legislation to repeal the expensive and outdated "100-foot rule," a hidden energy charge that forces working class families to pay for expanded fracked gas pipelines and corporate utility profits. The 100-foot rule is a relic of the past, and ending it is a common sense way to save New Yorkers money while helping transition us away from the fossil fuels that are supercharging deadly storms, flooding, and heat waves across the state. The Senate and Assembly delivered – now, the Governor must finish the job and sign the bill into law before this year's Climate Week.

"Ending the 100-foot rule is a simple way for the Governor to address skyrocketing energy bills and climate disasters that are getting worse every year. This bill is a first step to ending the mandate that forces families to pay for the expansion of dirty, fracked gas pipelines we don't need. With roads washed away and water flooding our subways, the least the Governor can do is sign this bill into law as soon as possible," said Jessica Azulay, Executive Director of Alliance for a Green Economy.

Repealing this outdated mandate is the only significant legislation passed this year to address New York's climate and energy affordability crises. The 100-foot rule is a hidden tax that forces families to pay for the cost of new hookups to the gas system, driving up energy bills and propping up the expansion of New York's dirty fracked gas infrastructure. By signing this legislation, Governor Hochul can end that mandate, saving New Yorkers an estimated \$200 million every year and enabling the state to transition to a cleaner, more affordable energy future.

New Yorkers cannot wait any longer. As New Yorkers face another summer of extreme, climate change-fueled weather that includes dangerous heat waves and historic floods, repealing the 100-foot rule is more urgent than ever. Between now and September 21st, the beginning of Climate Week NYC 2025, advocates and lawmakers will rally across the state to pressure Governor Hochul to side with working people who cannot afford continued inaction.

"Last winter, more than a million utility customers in New York were behind at least two months on their bills and nearly \$2 billion in arrears, while more than 400,000 received shut off notices. That's why legislation repealing the onerous and outdated ratepayer subsidy known as the "100-foot rule" is so important. It will save current customers more than \$200 million and also serve as an incentive for new customers to seek cheaper clean energy alternatives," said Senator Pete Harkham.

"People who have natural gas in their homes can see in their utility bills that gas is incredibly expensive. For the health of our planet and our pocketbooks, we must transition away from using gas as quickly as we possibly can. Ending the 100-foot rule is a small but important step in the right direction, as it will enable utility companies to stop forcing all ratepayers to subsidize the continued expansion of the gas network. I urge the Governor to sign this bill into law as soon as possible," said Assemblymember Dana Levenberg.

"The 100-foot rule requires all ratepayers to pay for a natural gas hookup in new construction rather than the individual customer choosing gas. Utility rates have skyrocketed, driven by maintaining the existing gas system. Our state energy policy goals prioritize the use of renewable energy. Ratepayers who already pay to maintain the gas system should not have to also pay for new gas hookups. The cost of those connections should be borne by the customer choosing the new gas service line, not ratepayers. For these reasons, this bill has passed both houses of the legislature and is to be considered by the Governor," said Assemblyman Steve Otis.

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**\$200,000+ Pensions, continued from pg 1-**

gible to receive \$15.6 billion in pensions during the fiscal year 2025, up twenty-five percent since 2020 (\$12.6 billion). Of these pensioners, 11,384 were eligible to receive more than \$100,000 – a ten percent increase from the previous year.

“Like the previous year, the largest eligible pension went to Kara Bennorth, a former communications executive at the Westchester Health Care Corporation, who was eligible to collect \$503,128 – more than half of which came from an excess benefit plan. Bennorth is the first person to be eligible for a pension above \$500,000 since the Empire Center started collecting the data in 2008.

“Of the 12,928 newly retired full-career members—defined as those with at least 20 years of service—1,272 were police officers and firefighters in New York’s Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS), who were eligible for an average pension of \$98,011. In contrast, the rest of the 11,875 new retirees from the state’s Employees Retirement System (ERS) averaged less than half the PFRS amount, at \$46,796. More than fifty percent of the new retirees eligible to receive six-figure pensions were from PFRS, although they represent less than ten percent of the most recent cohort of NYSLRS pensioners. The full data set can be found on SeeThroughNY.net, and the new data includes names and allowable pension amounts for 480,393 retirees from state agencies, public authorities and local governments as well as non-teaching school district positions. The amounts, which are exempt from state income tax, show what retirees were eligible to collect during the plan’s 2025 fiscal year, which ended March 31,” writes EmpireCenter.org.

The other 10 Westchester retirees with a pension of more than \$200,000 per year are.

Patricia Ariel, Westchester Health Care Corp \$233,057  
David Billig, Westchester Health Care Corp. \$ \$227,045  
Edward Stolzenberg, Westchester Health Care Corp. \$ \$225,941  
John Folkerts, City of Yonkers, \$213,595  
Charles Mulcahey, City of Yonkers, \$ 210,168  
Brian Menton, City of Yonkers, \$209,377  
Frank Cariello, City of Yonkers, \$209, 274  
Kallid Nassar, City of Yonkers, \$206, 838  
Ed Leahy, City of Yonkers, \$201,314  
Thomas Wood, Town of Cortlandt, \$200,046  
Ronald Romano, City of Yonkers, \$200,005.

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

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

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

1. Bid No. 7390A – Opening date: 6/27/2025: 12 Month Contract with two additional 12-month options to renew, to Provide Maintenance and Repairs of Windows, as needed, for Yonkers Public Schools (KS)

2. Bid No. RFB-7439A – Opening date: 6/27/2025: Purchase of Skydio, or Yonkers approved equal, drones, software, and related services (CA).

3. Bid No. 7483 – Opening date: 6/27/2025: 12 Month Contract with two additional 12-month options to renew, to Provide Plumbing Maintenance & Repair Services, as needed, for Yonkers Public School District (KS)

4. Bid No. 7485– Opening date: 6/27/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to repair/rebuild car and light truck transmissions as-needed (FB).

5. Bid No. 7486 – Opening Date: 7/11/2025: 12 Month Contract with two additional 12-month options to renew for Maintenance, Service and Repairs of Emergency Power Systems for YPS (KS).

6. Bid No. 7487 – Opening Date: 7/11/2025: 12 Month Contract with two additional 12-month options to renew for Inspection, Testing and Maintenance of Fuel Oil Tanks and Cathodic Protection Systems for YPS (CA).

7. Bid No. 7477 – Opening Date: 6/27/2025: Purchase of Supplies for the Halmi Academy of Film and Television through the YPS Foundations for Education (CA).

**"The key to the future of the world**

**is finding the optimistic stories**

**and letting them be known."**

**-Pete Seeger-**

## Putnam County’s State-of-the-Art Fire Training Center Opens



On July 11, Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne, along with local officials, first responders, and community leaders, celebrated the official ribbon cutting and grand opening of the new Lt. Michael Neuner Fire & EMS Training Center in the Town of Kent. The state-of-the-art facility is designed to provide a modern, safe, and comprehensive environment for local first responders to hone their skills and prepare for emergency situations.

“This project is not just about a building; it’s about investing in the future of our first responders and ensuring they have the best resources to keep our community safe,” said Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne. “This facility will serve not only Putnam County but also the surrounding region, providing critical training opportunities for years to come.”

The previous Fire Training Center had been significantly underutilized for years, with the training tower deemed unsafe over a decade ago. The burn facility was closed repeatedly due to costly repairs, forcing many first responders to travel outside the county for necessary training. Now, with the new facility open and operational, first responders can benefit from a fully functional space to improve their skills without leaving the county.

“A lot of effort went into making this project happen. I want to thank the County Executive for having the vision and leadership to make this a priority, and I thank the Fire Advisory Board and the committee that helped design it,”

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1. Bid No. IFB-7484 - Opening date: 7/25/2025: 2025-2026 Highway Improvements Contract (KS)

2. Bid No. RFB-7440A – Opening Date: 7/25/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide Kia vehicle repair parts and repair services as needed (FB).

3. Bid. No. RFB-7480A – Opening Date: 7/25/2025: Purchase of ten (10) Zoll AED 3’s and one (1) AED 3 Travel Trainer or Yonkers Approved Equal (VB).

4. Bid No. RFB-7462A – Opening date: 7/25/2025: Purchase of various pool chemicals for the Yonkers Public School District (NG)

5. Bid No. RFB-7489 – Opening date 7/25/2025: Purchase of dog and cat food, cat litter, and pads as needed for the Yonkers Animal Shelter (NG)

6. Bid No. IFB-7490 – Opening Date 8/1/2025; Asbestos removal and disposal at 141 McLean Avenue Yonkers, NY 10705 (MM)

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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, JULY 26

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

Sweet Farm-to-Table, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.. Craving something sweet? Adults and kids 8 and older can join us to harvest and make dessert fresh from the farm. \$20 class fee. Also: Aug. 30; Sept. 27. Get details and pre-register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sweet-farm-to-table-tickets-1374766406329?aff=oddtcreator>

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

Beach Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Weekends through Monday, Sept. 1; weather permitting. No admittance after 6 p.m. Parking and admission fees apply. Westchester County residency is not required for admission. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/swim>

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

Art Exhibit: Color Touches the Soul, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. This is a lyrical invitation into the emotional world of Westchester resident Gabriel Ceslov. It suggests beauty, vulnerability and the moving resonance of abstraction. Final day of this exhibit is Sunday, July 27. Get details: <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/event/2025/07/26/1753549200/july-art-show/527727>

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

Family Fun Day, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Join us for a day with music, games and more for the entire family. Participation is free; admission and parking fees apply; weather permitting. Rain date: Sunday, July 27. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/family-fun-days>

Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Savory Farm-to-Table, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Let's review sustainable methods of harvesting and kitchen skills related to the recipe, and then enjoy what we make together. \$20 class fee. Also: Aug. 30; Sept. 27. Get details and pre-register: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event/2025/07/26/1753552800/savory-farm-to-table/525865>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

The Civil War For Children, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Children ages seven and older will experience what it was like to be a Civil War soldier by being inducted into the army, learning a drill, hand-sewing a Civil War haversack to wear and handling several authentic Civil War artifacts. \$10 per child. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/the-civil-war-for-children/>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Lasdon Green Squad, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Every Saturday from April to November join the Lasdon Green Squad to keep Lasdon, Westchester's Public Garden looking beautiful. Volunteers will work with Lasdon staff on tasks such as invasive species removal, planting, watering, weeding, trail maintenance, mulching, trash clean up, and other tasks. For those age 14 and older. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-07-26/>

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla: (914) 231-4033

Screenings Under The Stars, 5 p.m. "Inside Out 2" (2024, rated PG). Go along for the ride as Riley tries to adapt to her teenage years. Pre-movie entertainment begins at 5 p.m.; movies start at sundown. Event is rain or shine. Moviegoers should bring blankets, folding chairs and a picnic. Refreshments will be available for sale. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/movie-under-the-stars>

SUNDAY, JULY 27

The Bronx River Parkway

Bicycle Sunday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. A 13.1-mile loop from Westchester County Center south to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers is closed to cars. Open to non-motorized bicyclists, scooters and in-line skaters, e-bike class 1 only, plus walkers and joggers. Many points of entry and exit are along the way. Admission is free. Also: Sept. 7, 14, 21 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.); Oct. 5 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/bicycle-sundays>

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

Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 30 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 16. Get details: <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Museum, Katonah: (914) 864-7263

Gardening Sundays and Tuesdays, Weekly, 10 a.m. - noon Enhance your gardening skills and plant knowledge by working side by side with the gardeners at Lasdon Park. Tasks include planting, watering, weeding, pruning, staking, deadheading, potting up and more! Through November. Also: Tuesday, July 29. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-07-27/>

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

The Remarkable World of Ravens, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. These corvids have superb survival strategies. Learn about their behavioral, foraging, habitat adaptations, and predator and reproductive strategies.

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from homes and businesses to County-owned treatment facilities, where pollutants are supposed to be removed so that the water is safe to be discharged into the environment. The aging and unmaintained municipal wastewater infrastructure makes the system vulnerable to stormwater overwhelming the leaky sewer pipes during rain events, which have grown more frequent and severe over the years due to climate change. The increased volume of water in the pipes causes sanitary sewage overflows and discharges of untreated sewage into the Sound both from the pipes themselves and from the treatment plants that can't handle that volume of water. This sewage pollution contributes to periodic beach closures, the closure of shellfish beds, depletion of certain fish stocks, fish consumption advisories, and restrictions placed on certain recreational activities.

Save the Sound filed a formal legal complaint in 2015, claiming that Westchester County and the 11 municipalities were discharging partially treated sewage in violation of the Clean Water Act, causing a public nuisance, and failing to enforce the County Sewer Act to limit illegal levels of flow from municipalities to the treatment plants.

Save the Sound will continue to monitor and enforce the implementation of repairs, management of the sewer system, and progress of each environmentally beneficial project and to safeguard water quality around the whole Long Island Sound region.

For a breakdown of the work detailed in each municipal agreement, as well as the environmentally beneficial projects (listed chronologically by original agreement date), visit [Yonkerstimes.com](http://Yonkerstimes.com)

### *Kidnapping & Assault, continued from pg 1-*

charged with Kidnapping in the Second Degree, Menacing in the Second Degree, two counts of Assault in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree. She was released on bail.

Lizbeth Cerrato-Sanchez, 19-years old of Yonkers, was charged with Assault in the Second Degree and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree. She was released on \$10,000 bond.

The allegations are as follows. On May 16, 2025, Wayne Barnes, the owner of Sons of Ink tattoo parlor in the Bronx, offered a ride home to the 19-year old female victim, an employee of Barnes. Barnes, who is married to co-defendant Jasmine Barnes, had become romantically involved with the victim. On the drive to the victim's home in Queens, Barnes got into a heated argument with the victim at which time he forced her out of the car along the Grand Central Parkway in Queens. After allowing the victim back in the car he allegedly assaulted her, striking her numerous times with an expandable metal baton.

After receiving a phone call from his wife, co-defendant Jasmine Barnes, Wayne Barnes then drove back to the Bronx to pick up his wife, repeatedly striking the victim with the metal baton along the way. Jasmine Barnes, who was allegedly wearing black gloves and was also armed with a metal baton, then joined her husband and the victim and began to drive to their home in Hartsdale.

Upon arrival to their home in Hartsdale, Wayne and Jasmine Barnes dragged the victim into their home where Jasmine Barnes allegedly pushed the victim down a flight of stairs, dragged her by the hair and struck her with the metal baton. Lizbeth Cerrato-Sanchez, nanny for the Barnes family, was at the Hartsdale home tending to the Barnes children at the time of this incident. At one point, Cerrato-Sanchez also assaulted the victim, allegedly punching her in the face while Barnes continued to strike the victim with the baton. After allowing Cerrato-Sanchez to go home, Wayne and Jasmine Barnes continued to argue with and threaten the 19-year old female victim.

The victim was eventually able to convince Jasmine Barnes to give her cell phone back to her and was allowed to change out of her bloody clothes into clean clothes. The victim was then allowed to leave the house and go home in an Uber. The next day she was treated at a local hospital for her injuries and then reported the incident to the Greenburgh Police Department. After a swift investigation, Greenburgh PD placed the three defendants under arrest on May 20, 2025.

Wayne and Jasmine Barnes are due back in court in Westchester on July 29, 2025. Lizbeth Cerrato-Sanchez is due back in court on August 7, 2025.

Jasmine Barnes also faces the following charges in the Bronx: Attempted Assault in the First Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, Attempted Assault in the Second Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment in the First Degree Menacing in the Second Degree, Assault in the Third Degree, Unlawful Imprisonment in the Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree and Harassment in the Second Degree.

DA Cacace said: "The level of depravity shown by the defendants in this case is astonishing. Incidents like this underscore the importance of multiple jurisdictions being able to work together to swiftly deliver justice. I commend all of the agencies involved in this important case."

This multi-jurisdictional case is being handled by the Greenburgh Police Department, Assistant District Attorneys Mollie O'Rourke and Sarah Gewirtz of the Special Prosecutions Division of the Westchester County DA's Office, the NYPD, Bronx DA's Office and the Nassau County DA's Office.

## Coping With Stress Related Disorders



**Dr. Daren Wu Chief  
Medical Officer at  
Open Door Family  
Medical Center ,**

While the stress of everyday life – including work, relationships, housing issues, caregiving responsibilities, and financial concerns – can impact your health, it is important to remember that developing strong stress management skills can help you navigate the difficulties and thrive.

According to the American Psychological Association, about three in four adults in the U.S. have experienced health impacts due to stress in the past month. Stress can contribute to a wide range of physical and mental health problems.

"Frequent headaches, body aches (especially back and neck pains), abdominal symptoms (often associated with IBS, or irritable bowel syndrome), heart racing or palpitations, chest tightness, and flare ups of eczema or psoriasis, or changes in appetite are all common symptoms of stress," said Dr. Daren Wu, Chief Medical Officer at Open Door Family Medical Center, providing affordable, quality health care services in Westchester and Putnam counties.

"If you're experiencing these symptoms, it's important to see a health care provider and be open to making beneficial lifestyle changes. This might include getting regular exercise, improving your sleep habits, eating a healthier diet, and building stronger social connections."

Dr. Wu offers answers to these commonly asked questions about stress-related disorders:

1. What specific disorders are you seeing that are stress-related, and are you seeing more of this now than in the past?

Stress contributes to many of the chronic and acute conditions we treat in primary care. At Open Door, we see even higher rates of stress-related health issues because our patients face significant social and economic challenges or what we call "social determinants of health." We see a lot of high blood pressure, diabetes, insomnia, anxiety, depression, migraines, abdominal symptoms, autoimmune disorders (like lupus and psoriasis), and chronic pain—all of these have clear links to chronic stress. The number has gone up significantly in the last few years, with added financial strain, housing insecurity, and caregiving burdens.

2. From a physical perspective, how does stress cause these health conditions?

Chronic stress activates the body's "fight or flight" response, raising cortisol and adrenaline levels. In today's world, with always-on, always-present stressors, big and small, the body is frequently in this ready-to-fight-or-run mode. Over time, this dysregulates blood pressure, blood sugar, immune response, and gut health, leading to the many real acute and chronic illnesses that we see today.

3. How do you know these disorders are stress-related and not simply physical in nature without a stress component?

Symptoms often worsen during stressful periods. You might notice physical changes when you're stressed—like before public speaking, taking a test, facing a competition, or dealing with difficult news. Common stress responses include chest tightness, a racing heart, digestive upset, sudden bathroom urgency, neck and shoulder tension, or headaches. These symptoms typically fade once the stressful situation passes. Effective treatment often involves not just managing symptoms with medication, but also addressing the underlying stressors and providing additional support.

4. Is it the amount of stress, or is it the way the stress is managed that causes health issues? The chronic stress that leads to health issues develops in two ways: unrelenting pressure builds up over time, and people lack adequate coping resources like time, support, therapy, or rest.

Many people feel they don't have space to decompress or heal, which transforms temporary stress into ongoing health problems. Others simply don't know effective stress management techniques.

This explains why some people remain resilient under extreme pressure while others feel overwhelmed by situations that wouldn't bother most people. The good news is that everyone can improve their stress management skills. Effective techniques include deep breathing, connecting with loved ones, finding purpose and meaning, developing spirituality (which doesn't require organized religion), and spending time in nature. These approaches reduce stress and build long-term resilience.

5. Do you see a direct correlation between certain adverse events in one's life (e.g. divorce, death or sickness of loved one, loss of job) and illness?

Absolutely, and many people recall certain life events or experiences that preceded an illness. Autoimmune conditions, dramatic weight increases (which by itself also drives higher probability of other illnesses), sleeping problems, diabetes, high blood pressure, depression and anxiety are all more common after major stressors.

6. Once a patient has a stress-related disorder is it only the physical problem itself that is treated?

No, effective treatment addresses both physical symptoms and underlying stress. While medications can be very helpful for managing symptoms, comprehensive care includes many non-medication approaches: improving sleep and exercise habits, trying yoga or meditation, strengthening social connections, exploring spirituality, pursuing hobbies, and connecting with behavioral health specialists. Sometimes addressing basic needs like food security or stable housing becomes the first step in the healing process. The goal is treating the whole person, not just isolated symptoms.

7. What can be done proactively to reduce the likelihood of getting a stress-induced illness? Prevention is always more effective than treatment. The same strategies that help manage existing conditions—prioritizing sleep, exercise, social connections, and stress management techniques—work even better when practiced before problems develop. Building these habits now creates resilience that protects against future health issues.

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insufficiency throughout the County.

The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry has served Northern Westchester for 34 years, working to eradicate food insecurity as the region’s only weekly choice food pantry. The pantry serves 21 communities, including all six in Legislative District 2. In 2024, the organization fed over 118,282 people—nearly a third children and more than 10 percent seniors—with an average of 714 households visiting weekly. The pantry is located at the United Methodist Church of Mount Kisco at 300 East Main Street.

For 2025, The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry received \$20,000 in Community Based Organization (CBO) funding through Legislator Pierce’s advocacy. Through this partnership with The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry, Legislator Pierce and the Board of Legislators are supporting community members who are struggling to put food on their tables.

“As food costs have continued to rise and public support for both food pantries and those facing food insecurity is being reduced, our pantries are facing increasingly empty shelves while our families are increasingly facing empty stomachs,” said Legislator Erika Pierce. “Supporting our pantries, including The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry, as they lift up our families by alleviating food insecurity, could not be more important.”

Executive Director Trina Ward Fontaine said, “We are very grateful to our County Legislator, Erika Pierce, who not only volunteers at the pantry but also advocates for those experiencing food insecurity on a county level. Her ability to obtain this funding means that we can continue to distribute high-quality, nutritious food including fresh produce on a weekly basis, despite paying higher food costs due to federal cuts in funding to our local food bank. We are lucky to have such strong partners in our county government.”

To learn about volunteering with The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry, visit [mountkiscofoodpantry.org/volunteer](http://mountkiscofoodpantry.org/volunteer)

**Putnam Fire Training Center, continued from pg 12-**

said Commissioner Robert Lipton of the Bureau of Emergency Services.

Funding for the \$1.6 million project came from a combination of sources, including over \$1 million in repurposed American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars, \$200,000 from the County’s capital projects fund, and direct funding from the Bureau of Emergency Services budget. State Senator Pete Harckham played a key role in securing \$250,000 in state grants to support the project.

“Our first responders sacrifice so much for us each and every day. They put their lives on the line and sometimes put their family second to protect this community,” said Senator Harckham. “We owe them everything we can do to keep them safe, and safety comes from training and repetition. By having this local facility, we can enable more consistent training and better outcomes.”

Putnam County has also worked to support its volunteer first responders by providing a property tax exemption for those who serve. Last month the County Legislature passed legislation to expand that property tax credit, which was made possible by actions of the New York State Legislature. “Thanks to the hard work of Senator Harckham and Assemblyman Slater soon we will be able to expand the 10% property tax exemption to volunteers who serve in Putnam County,” said Byrne. “This is a win for our community and helps ensure that more people will be encouraged to serve as first responders.”

“Putnam’s first responders deserve a facility right here in Putnam County that is worthy of their commitment,” said Assemblyman Matt Slater. “We have worked to pass legislation to help recruit more first responders which are desperately needed.”

The Putnam County Legislature, including Chairwoman Amy Sayegh and former Physical Services Committee Chair Bill Gouldman, also played an instrumental role in supporting the funding for this project.

“I thank and congratulate everyone who was part of making this project happen,” said Chairwoman Sayegh. “I also want to thank our emergency service volunteers who put themselves on the frontlines without hesitation.”

“I am incredibly proud of the work we’ve done to support our first responders, they are the backbone of our community,” said Legislator Gouldman. “This new facility and the expanded tax exemption are long-needed investments in our community and our safety.”

“I think it’s really important this building is finally up and running,” said Legislator Erin Crowley. “Obviously firefighter and first responder recruitment and retention has been a huge issue for us here and across the country, but we are constantly looking for way to help with that. Making training opportunities easier to access is definitely part of that effort.”

The Lt. Michael Neuner Fire & EMS Training Center is named after Michael Neuner of the Brewster Volunteer Fire Department who was killed in the line of duty fighting a house fire in 1997.

“Everyday we honor the legacy of Lt. Michael Neuner through continuous trainings who this facility is named after,” said Brewster Volunteer Fire Chief Mike Miller. “This building stands a testament to our commitment to learn and grow.”

“Places like this are so important because I myself, have made mistakes here, and learned to navigate them so I don’t make mistakes in the field,” said Brewster Volunteer Fire Department President Tommy Regan. “Going through consistent trainings at places like this will help prevent another tragedy like we had all those years ago.”

The renovated campus is a critical step forward for Putnam County, ensuring that first responders are well-equipped to face any emergency situation. With the new facility in place and the expanded tax exemption for volunteers, County Executive Kevin Byrne emphasized the county’s commitment to supporting first responders and keeping them in Putnam County.

“This new center, along with the expanded tax exemption, helps ensure that our first responders have the tools they need to stay here and continue protecting our community,” said Byrne. “We are investing in our future, and I look forward to seeing the impact this project will have on our community for many years to come.”

only compromise employee well-being but also create an unpleasant environment for the many residents who rely on postal services daily.

Additionally, one of the exterior light fixtures at the main entrance has been non-functional for over a year. As a result, the steps and entryway remain poorly lit during the late afternoon and evening hours, posing a safety concern. The only working fixture remains continuously on, suggesting there may be a broader malfunction in the lighting system.

Furthermore, my office has received constituent reports about the possible presence of mold and maintenance issues with the boiler at the Bronxville Post Office. USPS has an obligation to ensure that it provides employees with a safe and healthy work environment as well as prompt, reliable, and efficient services for patrons.

Given the concerns shared above, I request answers to the following questions:

- What is the reason for the closure of the Bronxville Post Office?
- Is mail delivery for patrons of the Bronxville Post Office still being conducted?
- How can residents and business owners access their post office boxes?
- Will another local post office receive and distribute mail on behalf of the Bronxville Post Office during its closure?

Some reports have indicated that mail to Post Office Boxes in the Bronxville location was redirected to the Yonkers Main Post Office. Can you confirm this report, and if so, explain how and when customers were made aware?

When will the Bronxville Post Office reopen?

What is being done to ensure that the temperature at the Bronxville Post Office is not resulting in uncomfortable and potentially hazardous conditions for USPS staff and patrons?

What is being done to ensure that the exterior light fixtures at the main entrance of the Bronxville Post Office are not posing a safety risk to USPS staff and patrons?

Has mold been detected at the Bronxville Post office?

When was the last time that the vents at the Bronxville Post Office were thoroughly cleaned to prevent mold and how regularly is this done?

If there is mold present at the Bronxville Post Office, what actions are you taking to remediate this?

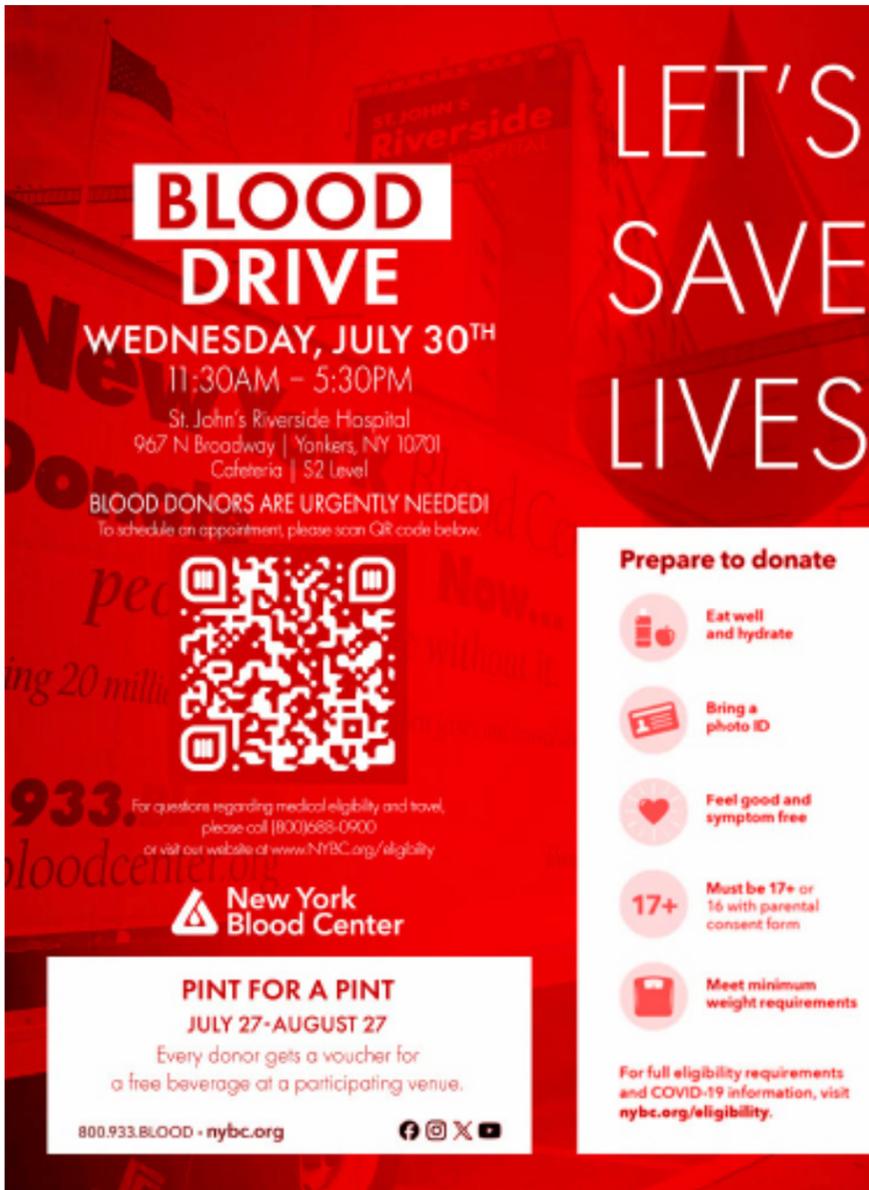
I look forward to receiving a response in a timely manner and will follow up no later than August 5, 2025 if I have not received a response at that time. Thank you for your attention to these issues.

*Sincerely, George Latimer, Member of Congress*

While there are some smaller Post Offices in Northern Westchester that may need to be open to the concept of consolidating their operations with a neighboring post office, overall, the operations of the USPS are critical to the well-being of the American people. If a few billion dollars in tax dollars is needed to keep the post office open, then so be it.

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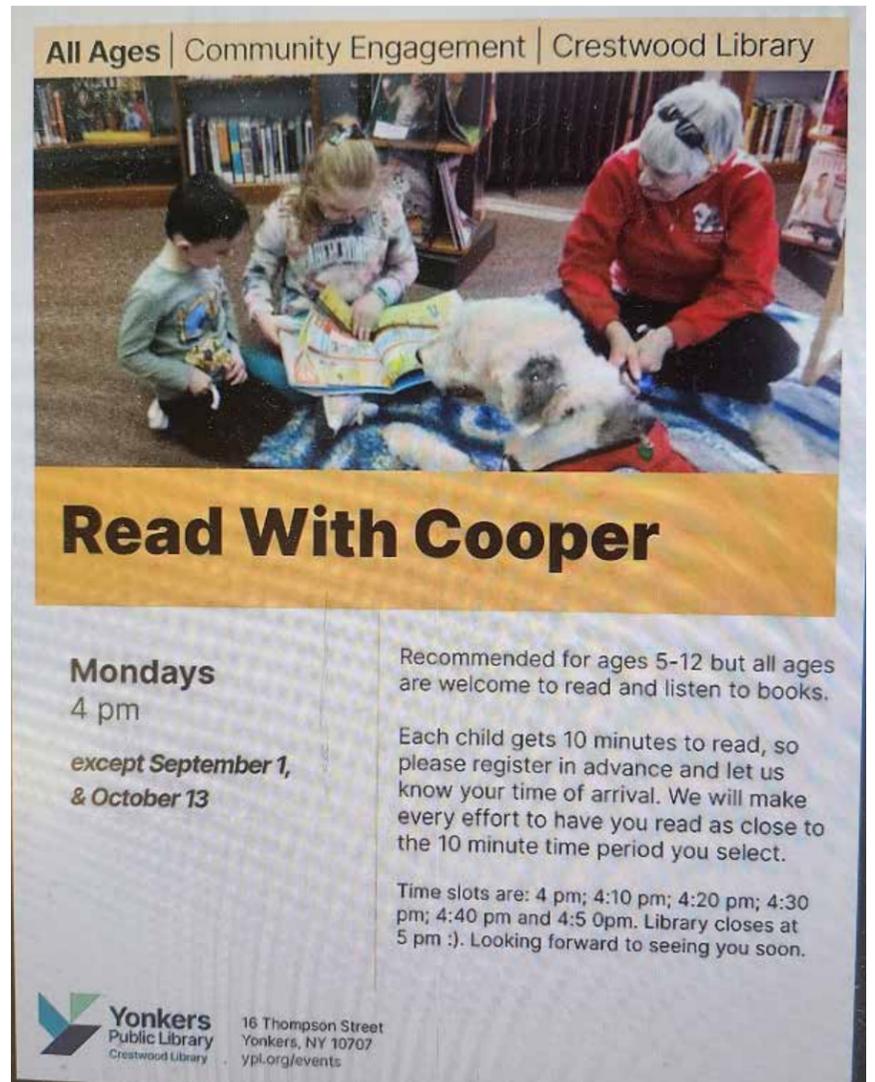
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