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## Mobile Crisis Response Teams Created from Local Police Departments in Case of Emergency



County Executive George Latimer with members of Westchester law enforcement

Together with advocates and stakeholders from the Greenburgh, Mount Kisco, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester and Yonkers communities, County Executive George Latimer announced seven Mobile Crisis Response Teams (MCRT) in Westchester. The teams, which are co-located with the local police departments, have the responsibility of providing 24-hour mobile behavioral health crisis support when responding to emergencies. The MCRT program was a recommendation of Project Alliance, a task force created by Latimer in 2021 to help re-imagine policing in Westchester. Law enforcement training to help police effectively deescalate situations involving people with behavioral health challenges was determined a top priority, and as a result the MCRT program was formed. Now, the MCRT program is being implemented throughout the County with the Port Chester Police Department serving as the first host site.

Latimer said: "Every emergency, every 911 call, is different. When our police respond to an emergency and it is clear that someone is struggling with a mental health issue, we want them to be armed with the tools that they need to prevent a serious crisis before it occurs. The Mobile Crisis Response Teams are designed to provide 24-hour, seven-day a week support to every community in Westchester, to make sure that police, EMTs and dispatchers have the appropriate resources to help people. Whenever possible, a mental health crisis should receive a mental health response, and that is exactly what the MCRT program does."

Under Latimer's leadership, the Westchester County Departments of Community Mental Health, Public Safety, Emergency Services and Social Services are instituting the recommendations of Project Alliance to help people manage behavioral health issues in the community. Through seven host police departments, teams are providing mental health crisis coverage to the following Westchester County communities:

Greenburgh PD Host Site Covers: Ardsley Police Department, Dobbs Ferry Police Department, Elmsford Police Department, Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department, Irvington Police Department, Tarrytown Police Department, White Plains Police Department. Agency: MHA of Westchester

Mount Kisco Host Site Covers: Westchester County Police, Bedford Hills Police Department, Lewisboro Police Department, New Castle Police Department, North Castle Police Department, North Salem Police Department, Pound Ridge Police Department, Somers Police Department, NY State Police Agency: MHA of Westchester

New Rochelle Host Site Covers: Bronxville Police Department, Eastchester Police Department, Mount Vernon Police Department, Pelham Police Department, Scarsdale Police Department, Tuckahoe Police Department. Agency: The Guidance Center of Westchester/Expanded team

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## Campaign Against Antisemitism Reports on Graffiti in Yorktown



Graffiti at Yorktown highway underpass photo from Campaign Against Anti-Semitism

A worldwide organization aimed at exposing and countering antisemitism through education and zero-tolerance enforcement of the law reported on an incident in Yorktown, where Yorktown Police found several antisemitic slurs spray-painted on an underpass for the Taconic State Parkway in a rural part of the town near the Croton Reservoir.

According to the Campaign Against Anti-Semitism, antisemitism.org, the graffiti was reported to have contained the work "Kike" and references to killing Jews in gas chambers. Yorktown police covered up the slurs with black spray paint, as can be seen in the photo above.

Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater said, "We will not let this disgusting and ignorant language define us. Hate has no home here and we will continue to stamp it out whenever it raises its wicked head."

Yorktown for Justice, (YFJ), commented on the incident, stating "Amidst the latest wave of racist and anti-semitic hatred in our community, Yorktown for Justice calls for the formation of a non-partisan task force to address racism and other forms of intolerance in order to create a Yorktown where hate truly has no home... This incident is the latest in which our town has been pushed into the public spotlight for racist and prejudiced acts."

YFJ suggested "first steps can include a visible mural promoting promoting these values (tolerance acceptance and community) in downtown Yorktown."

A spokesperson for Campaign Against Antisemitism said: "This grotesque graffiti, revelling in the Nazi genocide of millions of Jewish people, is a reminder to us all that antisemitic hatred endures. Everyone has a responsibility to be vigilant and combat anti-Jewish racism whenever it arises. We applaud the police for quickly covering up the inciting language, and trust that they will undertake a thorough investigation to identify the culprits and bring them to justice."

## Gashi & Catherine Parker to Challenge Bowman for Congress in 16th District



Democratic Westchester County Legislators Catherine Parker & Vedat Gashi by Dan Murphy

Westchester County now has two members of Congress representing them, now that the new district lines have been established after much confusion. The 16th District, currently represented by Rep. Jamaal Bowman, and the 17th District currently represented by Rep. Mondaire Jones.

This story will focus on the 16th District, which now includes all of lower to mid-Westchester, including Yonkers, Mt. Vernon, White Plains, all of the sound shore communities, Greenburgh, Harrison, Eastchester, Scarsdale and Port Chester.

County Legislator Vedat Gashi announced his candidacy earlier this year, to challenge Bowman. Gashi, who lives in Yorktown and represents northern Westchester on the county board, no longer resides in the district but is still running.

After reviewing the final maps with my family and team, I'm even more excited about the campaign to win the primary election for New York's 16th Congressional District on August 23. The district lines have changed, but my reason for running has not. We're focused on bringing our country together to deliver actual progress for everyday New Yorkers. During the redistricting process I've met with a wide variety of supporters, and we've picked up a number of important endorsements which will be announced soon.

"As of date we've raised over \$600,000, maintained a cash-on-hand advantage against the competition and are on track for an even stronger fund-raising total by the end of this quarter. Meanwhile, I've actively continued serving my constituents across Westchester as county legislator by lowering taxes, improving infrastructure, securing gasoline tax relief, supporting the Reproductive Health Care Facilities Access Act, approving a measure to combat gender and race-based workplace pay inequality and combating gun violence by requiring warning labels to be posted wherever firearms are sold. My campaign is about ensuring that everyone has a shot at the American dream. My family came to the United States as refugees, and I grew up in the Bronx before moving to Westchester to raise my family.

"This country gave me a chance, so I will fight to protect working families and expand the middle class. This district deserves a representative who supports President Biden's agenda, will put progress before posturing and will work hard to get things done. I look forward to continuing my dialogue with residents of the district to learn more about their concerns and share my vision of how we can strengthen

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## Zeldin Attempts to Rewrite History



By Dan Murphy

Congressman Lee Zeldin, the NYS GOP's endorsed candidate for Governor, is trying to dig out of his past associations with former NY Governor, democrat Andrew Cuomo. More than a decade ago, Zeldin was closely aligned with Cuomo, and his three republican opponents for Governor, Rob Astorino, Andrew Giuliani and Harry Wilson, have highlighted Zeldin's comments from the past, most notable that "Cuomo would make a great President."

Instead of explaining his evolution as a moderate republican into the conservative republican he is today, Zeldin has attacked his opponents for bringing up the legitimate issue of his past public comments.

Zeldin's explanation included the following, from his communications spokesperson Katie Vincentz, who told the NY Post, "Congressman Zeldin then endorsed and campaigned with the Republican candidates for Governor against Cuomo in 2014 and 2018."

The republican candidate for NY Governor in 2014 was Rob Astorino. And Bill O'Reilly, who worked on the Astorino campaign then and today, said "Lee had no involvement in our 2014 campaign. To suggest otherwise is not truthful. I'm frankly surprised that they brought it up."

The re-hashing of the 2014 campaign for NY Governor also brings up a sad time for the NYGOP, who was in bed with then Governor Andrew Cuomo, cutting deals to ensure easy re-election for Republican Long Island State Senators, including State Senator Lee Zeldin.

That is why Zeldin is photographed with Cuomo saying he would make a great president back then. This backroom Albany deal also extended to the national stage, where NJ Governor Chris Christie used his political friendship with NY Gov. Cuomo to put the screws to Astorino in his 2014 campaign.

Christie, who was head of the National Republican Governor's Association, said in 2014, that he doesn't invest in "lost causes," when asked about Astorino's NY campaign for Governor. Not only did Christie not endorse Astorino, but his comment hurt Astorino's fundraising efforts and derailed his campaign before it

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## Yes, Times are Tough, But Don't Take it Out on Your Animals!



On May 24, SPCA Westchester announced that their Humane Law Enforcement Unit, under the direction of Ernest Lungaro, along with Yonkers Police Officer Thomas Jackson in a joint investigation arrested and charged Carletta Jenkins, 43 with animal cruelty. Jenkins is being charged with not providing adequate food, water and veterinary care for an extended period to her young pit bull.

On April 19, 2022, the Yonkers Fire responded to a kitchen fire at 13 River-view Pl, Yonkers. A young, emaciated dog named Mad Dog was discovered in the apartment. The young pit bull was in an advanced state of emaciation, dehydration, and extreme neglect. He was removed and transported to the Yonkers Animal Shelter for medical attention.

After a thorough examination, it was found that Mad Dog's state of emaciation was consistent with starvation. His ribs, hip and pelvic bones were visibly prominent. Mad Dog was denied necessary food and water resulting in the loss of his body weight.

"We will never understand how someone could treat a helpless animal like this and deprive them of such basic necessities," says Shannon Laukhuf, SPCA Westchester's Executive Director. "We are just so grateful Mad Dog was rescued before it was too late."

If you suspect animal cruelty or neglect, call SPCA Westchester's Confidential Animal Cruelty Hotline at 914-941-7797.

SPCA Westchester's Humane Law Enforcement Unit does not receive any government funding and is run solely on donations from the public. To support the SPCA's HLE Unit, please visit [spcawestchester.org](http://spcawestchester.org).

Last week we reported on the arrest of a Mt. Vernon man for animal cruelty, and hitting an 8 week old kitten with a broom stick. Last month we reported on arrest of Elmsford Veterinarian Javier Diaz, the owner of Main Street Animal Hospital, with six counts of animal cruelty and 3rd degree assault. Stop abusing animals!

## Westchester County ESU Police Save Man About to Jump from Cuomo Bridge



On May 27, Emergency Service Unit officers from the Westchester County Police rescued a man who was threatening to jump from the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge. About 9:45 a.m., New York State Thruway Authority personnel reported that a man had climbed over a barricade and was standing on a narrow ledge above the Hudson River in an apparent suicide attempt. WCPD officers responded, utilized their crisis intervention training and de-escalation skills, calmed the man and earned his trust. WCPD ESU Officers deployed rescue ropes and PO Tyler Hinkley went over the barricade, dangling 130 feet above the river as he placed the man in a rescue harness. He was assisted by other ESU members and state troopers in



getting the man back to safety. The WCPD Marine Unit also responded in the event it was necessary to lower the man and PO Hinkley to safety.

The man was turned over to NYSP troopers who were ensuring he would get the care he needs. "There was great teamwork among our ESU personnel, state troopers, the fire service and NYS Thruway Authority personnel to bring this incident to a safe conclusion for all," Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason said. "I commend our ESU officers for their skillful actions that resulted in saving a life."

Gleason said ESU members train regularly to respond to a wide range of emergencies and utilized that training today in today's incident. The commissioner commended Chief Inspector James Luciano, Sgts. Isai Moreira and Jeff Slotoroff, and Police Officers Tyler Hinkley, Nicholas Zerbrowski and Joseph Kraus for a job well done this morning. Agencies that also responded were the Tarrytown Fire Department, Central Nyack Fire Departments, marine units and divers from the Nyack, Thiells and Piermont Fire Departments, Rockland County Sheriff marine units, Tarrytown and Nyack EMS, and a Town of Greenburgh police medic.

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## Westchester Loses A Media Giant, William O'Shaughnessy



"Bill O'Shaughnessy was a giant in Westchester. He single handedly kept WVOX as the last local media voice.... he was the chronicler and compadre of the famous in this County. He knew them all, interviewed them all. He waxed poetically about them all. He reported on their comings and going's, and especially their final departures. And now, he is with those he knew so well, hoisting a beverage in remembrance of a Westchester now gone, but not yet forgotten. Rest In Peace, Bill."

-Westchester County Executive George Latimer

William O'Shaughnessy died Saturday, May 28th at his home in Litchfield, Ct. He was 84. He was born April 7, 1938 to William Mac O'Shaughnessy of Elmira and Catherine Pauline Tucker of Waverly.

One of America's best known and most beloved community broadcasters, he was revered for his editorials, commentaries, appreciations, elegies, and character portraits, which inspired The New York Times to declare that "Bill O'Shaughnessy's commentaries make his New York TV counterparts look like so much mish-mash."

As President and Editorial Director, he presided for 67 years over WVOX and WVIP radio stations, venerated by the Wall Street Journal as "America's Quintessential Community Stations."

He began his career in 1957 at the original WVIP in Northern Westchester, a fabled suburban station owned by Martin Stone, producer of Howdy Doody and Author Meets Critic. He was the station's top advertising salesman at the age of 21. From there he moved to the iconic WNEW in New York as executive assistant to that station's legendary general manager John Van Buren Sullivan. At WNEW, he developed a great friendship with the disc jockey William B. Williams, host of The Make Believe Ballroom, whom he eulogized in Variety.

He served "overseas" in the Army at Fort Wadsworth in Staten Island, where he was bartender in the Officer's Club, the Post Commander's driver, and editor of the Harbor Watch Post newspaper. (He said they were the "best" three jobs on the Army Base).

He was married twice, first to Ann Wharton Thayer with whom he had three children: Matthew Thayer O'Shaughnessy, David Tucker O'Shaughnessy and Kate O'Shaughnessy Nulty, and five grandchildren: Tucker Thomas Nulty, Flynn Thayer Nulty, Amelia Jane Nulty, Isabel Grace O'Shaughnessy, and Lily Anna O'Shaughnessy. He later married Nancy Ellen Curry, which ended in divorce.

In recent years, he lived with his "compadre" and companion Gregorio Alvarez in Connecticut, where he was a father to three cockapoo dogs, Coco, Jack, Stella Bella, and the late Lacey.

A "Vivid Man About Town" who frequented Le Cirque, "21," and The Four Seasons when they were around, O'Shaughnessy always wore blazers on an airplane, and Belgian loafers, and he could signal ships and stop traffic with his Yankees World Series ring, a gift to him from George M. Steinbrenner, who admired a commentary he had written about Wellington Mara.

His Irish charm and eagerness to know, understand, and engage with everyone was anchored by philanthropy and humanitarianism that defined and ennobled his passions and pursuits as "a journalist, commentator, connoisseur, a strong political presence, and a forceful advocate of great causes," in the words of Governor Mario Cuomo, whom he had a 38-year friendship with.

A self-styled "Rockefeller Republican," O'Shaughnessy traveled with the former Governor and Vice President Nelson in his Gulfstream and golf carts. Rockefeller even commandeered a WVOX mobile unit on one of his last nights on the campaign trail. Nelson, who called WVOX "my hometown station," gave WVOX his last question of his final Albany press conference: "Of all your predecessors looking down on us ... who was your favorite?" NAR replied: "Teddy Roosevelt!"

Active in the presidential and gubernatorial campaigns of Rockefeller, he also chaired Republicans for Mario Cuomo during three successful statewide campaigns, and aided campaigns for Senator Jacob Javits and Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, Governor Malcolm Wilson, Ogden Rogers Reid, Nita Lowey, and hundreds of local Westchester and New York State politicians.

One of his great passions was the First Amendment, "that nearly sacred guarantee of our unique American freedom of speech and expression" as described by Governor Cuomo, who pronounced O'Shaughnessy "one of the few respected authorities on the subject" ... whose speech "Obsequious Acquiescence" has been admired by some of the best legal minds in America.

O'Shaughnessy's interviews over the decades with distinguished figures were legendary for elevating the Q&A format to the rarefied level of masterful conversations with those who catalyzed the evolution of politics, government, world affairs, business, industry, fashion, religion, and our communities, where he amplified the voices of those he labeled "Townies" with great respect and affection.

A famous example was O'Shaughnessy's conversation with former Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson following his release after being held hostage for 2,454 days by Islamist militants in Lebanon. "Did you ever get mad at God?" O'Shaughnessy asked. "No," Anderson said, after O'Shaughnessy allowed a long pause to let drama build in the airwaves: "I'm a Catholic. It goes with the territory ..."

O'Shaughnessy is the author of "AirWAVES" (1999) ... "It All Comes Back to Me Now" (2001) ... "More Riffs, Rants and Raves" (2004) ... and "VOX POPULI: The O'Shaughnessy Files," released in January, 2011. And "Mario Cuomo: Remembrances of a Remarkable Man," a tribute to his late friend Governor Mario M. Cuomo. His newest book RADIOactive for Fordham University Press, another anthology with interviews, commentaries, speeches and tributes WVOX\_logo\_final, was published in 2019.

Bill and the O'Shaughnessy Family will be grateful for contributions to the Broadcasters Foundation of America. The William O'Shaughnessy Memorial Tribute Fund c/o Broadcasters Foundation of America, 125 West 55th Street, New York, NY 10019 c/o Tim McCarthy and Jim Thompson, co-presidents, 212-373-8250. <http://broadcastersfoundation.org/donate/>.

## "The Boss" Has Passed, His Melody Will Linger On! The Passing of William O'Shaghnessy



By Eric W. Schoen

I never called him Bill. I never called him Mr. O'Shaughnessy. I always called him 'The Boss.' Tears came to my eyes when I heard of the passing of, as so many of the online obituaries referred to him as 'Radio's William O'Shaughnessy,' the owner and President of Whitney Communications.

A loss for radio. A loss for ethical journalism. A loss of a fierce protector of the 1st Amendment. A quick reminder:

'Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.'

Whitney Communications is owner of radio stations WVOX 1460 AM and WVIP 93.5, two small but giant radio stations. WVOX is the only radio station 'broadcasting Westchester' since the demise of WFAS. WVOX 1460 AM, WVOX.COM, WVOX app for download free from the App Store is where I broadcast the Westchester Rising Radio Show so many of you listen every other Thursday morning from 10-11 a.m.

Let's not forget WVIP. WVIP features a Caribbean music format airing programming for the Afro-Caribbean community. Its studios are in New Rochelle, and its transmitter is located yes, in Yonkers.

I always wanted to have a radio show since I was a kid. Mom and dad always had the radio on, mom a 1010 WINS listener except when it snowed and we would find out if schools were closed on WVOX or WFAS. Knowing my interest in radio, Dan Murphy, the hardworking Editor of these newspapers asked me one day if I would share broadcasting duties with him on the The Westchester Rising Radio Show. In a Yonkers minute I said yes.

Had I heard radio growing up all my life? Yes. Did I know how to host a radio show? Not a clue. But Dan said don't worry, it's easy. You simply speak what's on your mind. just like I do every week in these newspapers. Some people agree with you, some people don't. Dan said both of these types of people will call to make their voices heard. Some callers keep it short. Others could go on for the full hour. You just have to know when the time comes to say thanks for calling, have a great day!

So I walked into the station, put the headset on, cued the microphone, took a picture in front of the microphone, learned the basics from Cracker Jack Engineer Debbi Shecter and away I went. At first I would spend the whole day before getting ready for the show. Now I jot down the topics I want to talk about the night before, look for hot topics in the morning papers, jot down some notes from my weekly columns and away I go.

No one tells me what I can and cannot say on the radio. Freedom of Speech is a hallmark of William O'Shaughnessy. Do I talk about current events. Of Course. The latest movies I have seen. Folks love my bargain segments, particularly in light of the prices of everything going up in the current economy. Does one ever know what I will be talking about? Nope. As one caller said, 'Your radio show is different from so many of the other shows on this and other stations.' I take that as a compliment.

Tune on the other radio stations. Trump. Clinton. Biden. Harris. The all news stations and the talk stations give you the same thing with different spins. I believe the listener wants something else. That's what I try to offer. And I thank 'The Boss' for giving me the opportunity to share what's in my mind with you. I do hope you enjoy it, and if you do or don't you will call me or email me at [thistoosyonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistoosyonkers@aol.com) with your thoughts.

Several times a year, I publicly thank 'The Boss' for allowing me to occupy the airwaves for my hour every other week. William O'Shaughnessy made my dream come true. I will forever be grateful!

WVOX is affiliated with Music of Your Life, which airs overnights, weekends, and in time slots not occupied by a local show. Sinatra Programming, golden oldies, smooth music, sometimes a man broadcasting on his boat tunes from a time where crooners made music for people to enjoy and relax. Yes friend, WO, 'The Boss' has passed, but his Melody and the wonderful talk and music you hear on his stations will, God willing Linger on!

### Senseless Shootings

Man shot on the subway. People shot at a Grocery Store in Buffalo. Children Shot at school in Uvalde, Texas. When is this craziness going to stop?

Who is in charge here? Washington and Albany? I don't know, do you? We have got to get guns out of the hands of bad people. We have to stop this crazy New York bail reform which is a revolving door for criminals. We need, particularly in light of the pandemic more mental health services available to those who need them. And when a red flag pops up, we have to get the gun out of the hands of the person who has it.

Who is to blame? Democrats and Republicans in Washington can't reach consensus on anything. A tragic event occurs, everyone is in an uproar, and no changes are made. It's a vicious cycle that just goes on and on. Look at what happened at Sandy Hook. Wasn't everything supposed to change after that. Did it? Nope!

Everyone placing the blame on someone else. But how many tragedies are we going to have to go through before something is done?

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## Virtual Program Looks at Impact of Alzheimer's on African American Community

According to the Alzheimer's Association's 2022 Facts & Figures Report, Black Americans are twice as likely to develop Alzheimer's or another dementia as their white counterparts, but less likely to receive a diagnosis. During Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month, the Alzheimer's Association will host a virtual program from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15, featuring three experts who will address this issue and explore important dementia related topics such as risk factors, the importance of getting a diagnosis, research and more.

"We are pleased to be able to bring together these three accomplished experts to help spread awareness and understanding of Alzheimer's and dementia in the Black community. Hopefully it will help change the disparities that exist when it comes to how this heartbreaking disease affects families," said Meg Boyce, Vice President of Programs and Services for the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter, which helped organize the event.

Speakers participating in "Twice the Risk: Dementia's Impact on Communities of Color" will include Dr. Goldie Byrd, professor of public health sciences and Director of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity at Wake Forest School of Medicine; Dr. Carl V. Hill, Ph.D., MPH, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion officer for the Alzheimer's Association; and Dr. Dozene Guishard, Director of Health and Wellness Initiatives at the Carter Burden Network.

Dr. Goldie Byrd is a former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Chair of Biology and the Nathan F. Simms Endowed Distinguished Professor of Biology at North Carolina State University. She conducts research on the genetics of Alzheimer's disease in African Americans, to understand genetic variants that might attribute to the increased burden of Alzheimer's disease in this population.

Dr. Carl Hill, Ph.D, MPH, overseas initiatives to strengthen the Association's outreach to all populations, and providing communities with resources and support to address the Alzheimer's crisis. He is responsible for developing partnerships with organizations to advance diversity, equity and inclusion. Through his leadership, the Association has broadened its reach into diverse communities. Dr. Dozene Guishard has extensive experience in the nonprofit, government, public health, again services and corporate sectors. She currently serves on the National Alzheimer's Association Board and previously served as Board Chair of the Hudson Valley Chapter.

To learn more and register, visit [alz.org/newyork](http://alz.org/newyork) or call the Alzheimer's Association's 24/7 Helpline at 800.272.3900. The first 100 people to register for and attend this event will receive an #ENDALZ thank you package by mail, including resources for caregivers.

Visit [alz.org](http://alz.org) or call 800.272.3900. or visit [alz.org/hudsonvalley](http://alz.org/hudsonvalley), for more information.

### Law Enforcement Crisis Team, continued from pg 1-

Ossining PD Host Site Covers: Mount Pleasant Police Department, Pleasantville Police Department, Sleepy Hollow Police Department, Briarcliff Manor Police Department. Agency: Family Services of Westchester

Peekskill PD Host Site Covers: Buchanan Police Department, Cortlandt Police Department, Croton on Hudson Police Department, Yorktown Police Department, Westchester County Police Department, NY State Police. Agency: Westchester Jewish Community Services

Port Chester PD Host Site Covers: Harrison Police Department, Larchmont Police Department, Rye Police Department, Rye Brook Police Department, Village of Mamaroneck Police Department, Town of Mamaroneck Police Department, SUNY Purchase Police Department. Agency: Family Services of Westchester

Yonkers PD Host Site and Expanded Team. Agency: PEOPLE USA Inc.

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health Michael Orth said: "This is a significant success in County Executive Latimer's Project Alliance Initiative. Our local police departments now have direct access to MCRT to respond immediately to residents experiencing a behavioral health crisis. The Mobile Crisis Response Teams will help to engage individuals, address their needs, and connect them to appropriate services and supports. We are greatly appreciative of the County Departments of Public Safety and Emergency Services, local municipalities and law enforcement, and our community partners for their collaboration in developing a crisis system that will provide the right level of service for any person experiencing crisis in the most expeditious way possible."

Public Safety Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason said: "The ability to have mental health professionals respond with police officers will help ensure the best and safest outcome when someone is in crisis."

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Social Services Leonard Townes said: "Project Alliance partnerships like these are essential to the safety and well-being of Westchester residents, and draw upon the expertise of public and private agencies including Mental Health, Emergency Services, County and local law enforcement, Social Services, and community providers to respond to the needs of residents and collaborate on necessary services."

Port Chester Police Chief Charles Nielsen said: "Port Chester PD is excited to be able to host this very important program. With this added level of support when responding to a person in crisis, our officers will be able to use both their training and the training of the MCRT to get the person the treatment that is warranted. This program is another tool to use in this ever-challenging world we live in, and it's the Department's hope that there will be many success stories through the MCRT program."

Executive Vice President of Clinical Services for Family Services of Westchester Karen Fink said: "Family Services of Westchester is very excited to be a part of this innovative initiative that will help individuals experiencing a mental health and/or substance use crisis get the proper support and treatment they need. This model will significantly add to our ability to reach those in crisis, and our team of mental health clinicians and peers, as first responders, will help de-escalate and build rapport so that individuals can be connected to appropriate services to ensure they receive the best possible care."

## Plans Cancelled to Use Empty St. Ann's School for Migrant Kids in Yonkers

By Dan Murphy

A plan to use the vacant St. Ann's School on 40 Brewster Avenue for migrant teens during weekday hours has been rejected, by St. Ann's Pastor Stephen Norton, and the Archdiocese of New York. The school, which has been closed since 2019, due to budget cuts in the Archdiocese, was said to preparing for a staff of 100 and for 200 mostly male migrant children to attend the school during the week arriving by bus in the morning and leaving at the end of the day.

"For many reasons, and after speaking with the Archdioceses, we have decided not to go in that direction," said Father Norton, who had the primary authority to make the decision. "We are looking for a buyer or another renter for the school, but at this point, Rising Ground is not an option."

Rising Ground would have been the operator of the program for the Federal Government. Migrant teens would have been at the school for 90 days and then reunited with their families in the US.

Several meetings were held at St. Ann's with the community to discuss the proposal. Most of the parishioners attending the meetings opposed the plan, despite the \$500,000 in rent that the parish was to receive and is in need of.

"There were so many factors in addition to the opposition from the community. It just wasn't viable at this juncture, and for so many reasons we just had to step away," said Father Norton. The school is located several blocks away from St. Ann's Parish on Midland Avenue.

City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen, who is also running for Assembly in the 90th District, said, "I think this was the right decision for the community. I understand that this was a difficult decision for Father Norton to make, but after sitting through one of the discussions with the community, it was clear that they did not want the school to be used for this purpose. We will find another use for the school."

Father Norton made a compelling case for using the school for this purpose in a letter to Councilman Anthony Merante, who had asked questions and had also opposed the proposed use. "A parish must do more than simply meet the religious worship needs of parishioners; it has an obligation to utilize its resources to meet the charitable, educational needs of its people whenever possible, and the surrounding communities. Our service to those in need is an important tenant of what makes our faith so strong... Most of the children are from Central America and most are Catholic," wrote Father Norton in March.

Father Norton told Yonkers Rising, I hope any person of faith understands the need to help those regardless of race, creed or color. That's our challenge as a Catholic, Christian people."

The issue of flights coming into Westchester Airport late in the night continues to be a politically hot issue. Many Westchester residents have expressed concern about where the migrants getting off the planes are going.

The proposal from Rising Ground to St. Ann's was one answer to that question.

### Zeldin Attempts to rewrite history, continued from pg 1-

could really take off.

In Albany in 2014, Governor Cuomo's republican contact was Republican State Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, from Long Island. Republican Assemblyman Michael Lawler, who represents Rockland County today, was the NY GOP Exec. Director in 2014, and said then, "Dean Skelos clearly was working against Rob's campaign — he and the governor cut a deal,"

That deal was to help Cuomo win re-election in exchange for Cuomo's commitment not to help State Senate democratic candidates in Long Island races. One of those races was Republican State Senator Lee Zeldin, who got a pass from Skelos and Cuomo.

Another apparent lie that the Zeldin campaign has to deal with came when the candidate claimed that he had nothing to do with petition challenges made against two of his fellow republicans; Astorino and Andrew Giuliani.

"Lee Zeldin needs to be truthful about who's orchestrating these bogus and intricate petition challenges," said Astorino last month. "He's told numerous reporters that he has nothing to do with the challenges, and did it with a straight face, just like his mentor, Andrew Cuomo, used to do. Zeldin needs to say whether his campaign is directly or indirectly contributing to the legal challenge and whether he or any members of his campaign team have had any communications with the complainants or attorneys in the case. His answer will speak directly to his integrity."

Giuliani claimed that republican political worker for hire John Haggerty, helped Zeldin to try and throw Giuliani and Astorino off the ballot. Haggerty was convicted of stealing \$750,000 in campaign funds from NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg in one of his re-election campaigns.

Giuliani also went after Zeldin on his abortion stance. "Whether he's claiming to be pro-election integrity while hiring felons to knock his opponents off the ballot, or giving a vague non-answer on abortion, Lyin' Lee can't be trusted," Giuliani said. "I am not afraid to say I'm pro-life. As a father, I must protect all children, born and unborn."

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# Trump to Return to Briarcliff Club

Is He Bringing His Next VP Candidate with Him June 6?



Former President Donald Trump, with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik

By Dan Murphy

Former President Donald Trump will host a GOP fundraiser for Congresswoman Elise Stefanik on June 6 at Trump National Golf Club in Briarcliff Manor. Trump has called Stefanik “a rising star” in the republican party, as she has risen up the ranks of GOP leadership in the House to become republican conference chair, the 3rd ranked position.

The event next month will be the fourth fund raiser that Trump has held for Stefanik, including an event at Mar-a-Lago where Trump predicted that Stefanik could be the republican nominee for President in 2028. “I want to congratulate Elise on her success. Man is she moving fast. That means at this rate she’ll be President in about 6 years,”said Trump in Jan. 2022.

Based on the former President’s political admiration for Stefanik, and the fact that Trump has whispered to his supporters that if he runs again for President in 2024 he should pick a female vice-president, Stefanik’s name is now being circulated as a possible VP pick, and a Trump-Stefanik ticket.

Newsmax owner and friend of Trump Chris Ruddy said, “President Trump thinks very highly of Elise Stefanik. ... She has been talked about in circles close to him as a potential vice presidential. And there’s a feeling among a lot of people on the Republican side that they need to have a woman on the ticket this time.”

Tickets for the Briarcliff event at Trump National Golf Club will be \$1,000 per ticket and \$25,000 for VIP’s.

“I am so proud to join my very good friend, President Trump back in New York to raise millions of dollars to support strong ‘America First’ candidates who are going to fire Nancy Pelosi once and for all this November and save America,” said Rep. Stefanik. “I look forward to a special evening with many supporters from across New York. The energy of New York Republicans is through the roof.”

Security for the event will be tight, as it was in August of last year when Trump came to Briarcliff to host an event for the New York State GOP. “President Trump is proud to host House GOP Conference Chairwoman Elise Stefanik at Trump National Golf Club Westchester to help flip the House in 2022 and Save America. Elise is a well-known fighter for her district and knows how to communicate our America First message on offense and win,” said Trump communications director Taylor Budowich.

Stefanik was one of Trump’s strongest defenders during his impeachment in 2019 and in January 6, 2021 she voted no on certifying the 2020 election results. The other republican female that many conservatives talk about teaming up with Trump is former S. Carolina Governor Nicky Haley.

Protestors at last year’s Trump visit to Briarcliff included supporters and opponents to the former President. Briarcliff Police had their hands full keeping post groups separated from each other. Members of the Proud Boys were in attendance in support of the President, and surely those who support and reject Trump will be there again on June 6.

## Fordham University Accepting Students for Summer Sports Business Institute to be Held in Westchester

Fordham University’s School of Professional and Continuing Studies is pleased to announce it is accepting applications for the summer Sports Business Institute (SBI) on the Westchester campus. The four-day boot camp, June 21-24, offers high school students and recent graduates a chance to learn about the many facets of the business of sports and network with industry leaders.

Fordham is partnering with SBI, an organization of distinguished leaders that works with students and aspiring career professionals to pursue careers in sports. The SBI certificate program runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., June 21-24, on Fordham’s campus at 400 Westchester Ave. in West Harrison, and will cover a range of trending topics, including: Career Exploration and Development; Sports Media and Communications; Sports Marketing; Global Sports Media Development; How Sponsorships Work; Social Media and Sports Marketing; E-Sports; Sports Economics; and Sports Law and Agency.

“Our SBI program offers young people the opportunity to meet some of the sports industry’s leading talent and learn about the vast and impressive array of career opportunities in this \$400-billion-plus market,” Dr. Anthony R. Davidson, dean, Fordham School of Professional and Continuing Studies. “We’re delighted to give students an up-close look at the many aspects of the business of sports from those who know the industry firsthand.”

Registration is open to high school students and recommended for rising high school juniors, seniors, and recent high school graduates. The \$550 tuition includes lunches and snacks. Registration is open through June 15 and Fordham is offering a 10 percent discount for individuals who register by June 10. For more information, call 914-367-3302 or email pcsinfo@fordham.edu.

# Irvington Police Pull Over Car for Running a Red Light; Driver Wanted for Murder of 2 Year Old Son



Irvington Police pulled over a car at 138am on May 28 for running a red light on South Broadway, Route 9. As police checked the driver’s license they found that 29-year old Natalia Suero, left, was wanted for First Degree Murder in the death of her 2-year old son in Charlotte, North Carolina. Suero’s son Jonathan died on March 12 under mysterious circumstances. Members of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department responded to the call that a 2-year old boy was found face up in a pond in NC.

Ambulance crews and first responders could not revive the boy who was pronounced dead. Taken into custody without incident, Ms. Suero was arraigned in Irvington Village Court by Judge Desmond Lyons and was subsequently remanded to the Westchester County Department of Corrections, awaiting extradition back to North Carolina. Natalia Suero gave police vague and inconsistent statements about how her son died, according to media reports, by saying she blacked out during the time of her son’s death and could not provide a timeline.

A search warrant for Suero’s apartment yielded phone records that supported a police theory that the mother was lying about the fact that she found her son lying face up in the water. The CMPD now believe that young Jonathan was murdered, and the prime suspect is his mother, who fled the state.

Suero was charged and remanded to the Westchester County Department of Corrections to await extradition back to North Carolina.

## Art in the Park at Pound Ridge Reservation Wildlife Photography by Dona Tracy June 11-12



Wildlife photography gallery, The Soul of the Species, by photographer Dona Tracy, will be on display at the Gallery in the Park at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River, beginning Saturday, June 11.

The exhibit captures wildlife where and how they are in the world. The opening reception will take place over the course of two days, Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Live music from local band All About the Blues will play Saturday and a wildlife lecture with live animals will take place Sunday. The exhibit will be on display daily, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through Sunday, Aug. 7

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, “Westchester County Parks offers so much more than a natural outdoor experience. Its art displays are truly a wonderful additional perk of our parks system.”

Admission is free; parking is \$5 with Park Pass, \$10 without Park Pass, every day from Memorial Day through Labor Day; weekends only after Labor Day.

Art in the Park features various exhibits that always include a connection to nature. This is demonstrated through different vehicles of art like sculpture, photography, paintings and additional forms of artwork. The program is headquartered at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation. For more information about Art in the Park, call (914) 864-7317. Ward Pound Ridge Reservation is located at the junction of Routes 35 and 121 South in Cross River.

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Notice of formation of Color It Black, LLC. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/28/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the Color It Black LLC, 33 Cliffside Drive, Yonkers, NY 10710 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of LaceMafia LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/20/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228 . Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Articles of Organization (DOM-PROF.LLC). Komosinski Law, PLLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/19/2022. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of DOM-PROF.LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail copy of process to Richard F. Komosinski, Esquire, 30 Emmett Pl., Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: The practice of Law.

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As we go to press, bipartisan working groups are being set up to reach some consensus in Washington. Isn't this the same thing that happens every time we have a tragedy. Our leaders in Washington know what to do. If they don't, they should resign and we have to put someone in charge who does. And tell our friends around the country to do the same thing.

Sadly, eventually this madness is going to hit home. Buffalo is eerily close to us. The subway shooting of a man out for Sunday Brunch and other shootings in our area. Maybe it has already hit home.

Major mistakes were made in Texas. Those who made the mistakes must be punished and if the mistakes were intentional, prosecuted. There is no room for mistakes or parents being arrested trying to get their children out of a school building under siege.

We talk about the one door in policy in schools. Very few school buildings in this country have every door alarmed so that the central office and security office know when a door is open. Alarming every door in a school building. Not going to happen.

I don't know. Maybe it's me or are we just becoming use to these mass killing in our schools and grocery stores. Every time it happens we vow it will never happen again. And it does. And the situations keep getting worse and worse.

It's been an emotional week. Sorry for being so emotional. I hope next week we will find a course of action to make things better. And somebody will be in charge in Washington and New York State. And tragic episodes in school buildings, grocery stores and on mass transit will stop.

Dream. Sadly, that's all we can do!

**Reach Eric Schoen at [thistooisyonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistooisyonkers@aol.com). Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show alternating Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, WVOX.com click listen or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.**

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Todd Huttunen, Assessor, Town of Eastchester

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our country and create a fairer nation that works for everyone,” said Gashi, in a statement on May 24.

Once the new district lines were announced, County Legislator Catherine Parker, from Rye, announced her campaign to challenge Bowman in a democratic primary. Parker told Black Westchester that her primary issue is the environment and climate change.

“I have always been passionate about our environment; it was one of my biggest motivators for getting into government. I ran for my local City Council to help make sure my kids had a safe environment to grow up in and got hooked on the opportunity for solutions on a more regional level in the County. Now, with so many critical issues of the environment, safety, health and affordability on the debate stage in Washington, I am eager to help move our federal government in the practical progressive direction needed to address these challenges,”

Parker criticized Congressman Bowman for his vote against the infrastructure bill. “The Congressman is an educator. He understands that the purpose of government is to do the greatest amount of good for the greatest amount of people but I believe he failed at that when he voted against funding a litany of projects that will make a difference in the not-so-distant future.”

Some of the confusion among Westchester democrats is that two county legislators are now challenging an incumbent democrat member of Congress. “Catherine is ambitious and is looking to move up,” said a democratic party leader in the district. “She has run for Congress before and can say that she lives in the district and as a woman, may be a more appealing candidate. But if both Parker and Gashi stays in then Bowman wins, and even if one of them gets out, Bowman will probably still win.”

Right now republicans are looking for a candidate in the new NY-16. Somers councilman William Faulkner was the GOP candidate but no longer lives in the district.

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Thanking Our LGBTQ+ Elders**



*Clockwise:  
Cienna Rosalina, Guy Williams, Ali Youssef Mounkary, and TS Candii.*

*By Dennis Richmond Jr.*

Pride Month is celebrated each June in the United States in celebration of the 1969 Stonewall Uprising. As we kick off Pride Month 2022, we look back to move forward. A lot of millennials and I would like to say thank you to all the elder members of the LGBTQ+ community. Most importantly, thank you to those who are no longer with us. The generations before us “gave people like me courage and tenacity,” said Guy Williams, 24, of Yonkers.

Guy Williams, 24, thanks our LGBTQ+ elders for their courage and tenacity. You would have had to be brave to put on makeup as a man in the 1950s or 1960s and not be in Hollywood. Previous LGBTQ+ generations were fearless because they knew who they were and where they were going in a society that told them otherwise. The 1980s saw homophobia and misinformation. Many of our elders passed due to the HIV/AIDS Epidemic. Williams wants our deceased LGBTQ+ elders to know that “HIV is not a death sentence.”

Cienna Rosalina, 21, of Yonkers, thanks our LGBTQ+ elders for their allyship. As a young trans woman, Cienna says, “thank you to the gay men who have fought for us, stood for us, and respected us.” During the 1960s, 1970s, and 1980s, not all gay men have been vocal in the fight for trans liberation. Some gay men still aren’t. We all must stick together in our community. Black trans women face barriers and discrimination in multiple facets of life. Folx in the community with privilege need to stand up and fight for what’s right.

Ali Youssef Mounkary, 21, of Boston, Massachusetts, thanks our LGBTQ+ elders for their framework. “Thank you for setting the framework for us now.” Mounkary describes the folx in our community who came before us as not ancestors but trancers. TS Candii, 28, thanked our trancers for their existence. “Thank you for existing, thank you for being true to thyself, thank you for paving the way,” said the Brooklyn, New York, resident.

Michael Stephens, 60, is a fourth-generation Yonkers resident. Stephens summed up the LGBTQ+ community in just four words. “It’s been a struggle.” A Black LGBTQ+ scholar and gem, Mr. Stephens is a burst of positive energy. “They call me OG now... they call me Pa.” Mr. Stephens offered advice that I cherish. “Education will carry you through.” He also made sure to talk to me about being alert when traveling to other places. “These kids will steal the teeth out your mouth and then help you look for it.” I’m glad to have been able to speak with him and soak up some knowledge.

I want to thank all my LGBTQ+ elders for their authenticity. Folx in my family and families across the world had to be authentic to survive. It’s one thing to live in the closet. To be out and live your truth is the basis of being authentic. Authenticity starts with you, and they all knew that. We all thank you!

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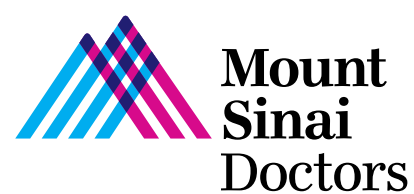
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