

## Far Left Protestors Disrupt Latimer Event in Scarsdale; Does Bowman Want a Rematch?



By Dan Murphy

Last month, Congressman George Latimer's address to the League of Women Voters in Scarsdale was disrupted when a group of protestors from Climate Defiance showed up to annoy, harass, and send a message to the freshman Congressman that the far left is not happy with his performance, just four months into the job.

Westchester's other Congressman, Rep. Mike Lawler, has faced a number of these types of protests at his events and town halls, but this is the first we have heard about the progressive wing of the democratic party going after "one of their own."

After the disturbance, Climate Defiance posted, "On Friday, May 9th, US Representative George Latimer's address to the League of Women Voters at the Scarsdale Golf Club didn't go as expected. We disrupted George Latimer, AIPAC's number-one man in Washington. Latimer doesn't win elections; he buys them on behalf of Israel." *continued on pg 15-*

## Peekskill Sub-Teacher from Yorktown Arrested for Felony Possession of Child Porn



On May 30, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a teacher from the Peekskill school district was arrested by the DA's Office today and charged with promoting and possessing child sexual abuse material. This represents the third such case under DA Cacace to hold individuals in a position of public trust accountable for their alleged conduct towards children.

Brian Mishk, 28 years old of Yorktown Heights, was charged with Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class D felony and Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class E felony. He was arraigned by Judge Livia Rodriguez in the Town of Cortlandt Court and was held on bail. He is due in Yorktown Justice Court on June 5.

DA Cacace said: "This is yet another sad example of a person entrusted with safeguarding" *continued on pg 11-*

## Former Mt. Vernon Mayor Thomas Speaks Truth on Arrest of Coach for Sexual Conduct with Minor



*"This Doesn't Just Look Bad, It Feels Like a Coverup" Mayor Richard Thomas, left*

By Dan Murphy

Former Mt. Vernon Mayor Richard Thomas posted a video about the recent arrest of Mt. Vernon Sports Coach Dwayne Murray. Thomas expressed his concerns as a parent and echoed the sentiment of many Westchester parents after Murray, another coach in Eastchester and a substitute teacher were arrested for possession of child porn or sexual conduct with underage students. Thomas posted on Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/p/DJw8X7-x68G/>)

"Hi, I'm Richard Thomas. I'm going to speak as a Father, not yet as a former mayor, but as a father. My 12-year-old son plays in that program, the Mount Vernon basketball program, that's now at the center of an unspeakable tragedy.

"Like many of you, I'm shocked, I'm fu" *continued on pg 7-*

## Who Wrecked the Historic Tarrytown Lighthouse? Police Search for Young Suspects Caught on Video



*Surveillance video of four young males suspected of trashing the Tarrytown lighthouse*

**100,000 in Damage -Help Police Catch the Perpetrators Voice Tip Line: (800)898-TIPS (8477)-tips@wccops.com.**

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Police are investigating an arson fire and vandalism spree that caused significant damage over the weekend to the historic Tarrytown Lighthouse in Sleepy Hollow.

The damage to the Hudson River lighthouse was discovered about 9:40 a.m. Saturday by a Westchester County Parks employee. Upon arriving at the lighthouse, the employee observed a smoke condition, broken windows and other" *continued on pg 14-*

## Remembering Income Tax Fighter Tony Futia



*Veteran & North Castle Water Superintendent Passed Away at 89*

By Dan Murphy

On May 31, friends and family of Anthony "Tony" J. Futia, remembered his life at the Armonk Alliance Church. Futia passed away on April 25 after a brief illness.

Many of you may know Futia from the many articles and advertisements he ran in our newspapers and online. Futia was a strong believer that the Federal Income Tax was voluntary for most Americans.

His obituary reads: Born in White Plains, NY, Tony was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his children; Kim Longo (Richard), Sharon Grahame, Karen Futia, and Tony Futia, III (Doreene), grandchildren; Matthew Longo (Nikki), Andrea Longo, Kristi Grahame (Tom Sikes), Kathleen Grahame, Brittany Grahame, Tara Mazzini (Raymond), and Neena Faucher, and sister; Virginiann Spellman. He is predeceased by his loving wife of more than 50 years; Martha "Martye" Futia, parents; Frances M. Futia (Gambino) and Anthony J. Futia, Sr., and son-in-law; John Grahame.

Tony was Superintendent of the Town of North Castle's Sewer and Water Department, retiring in 2011 after nearly 45 years of service. A US Navy Veteran, he" *continued on pg 12-*

## Freedom Chapel's Opening June 8- in Jefferson Valley



At a time when many are searching for connection and hope, a powerful movement is happening in northern Westchester. It's called Freedom Chapel and it's not your average church experience. This is raw worship and transfor" *continued on page 10-*

## Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins Honors 2025 Veterans HOF Inductee Sgt. Randy Jurgensen



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New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins proudly inducted U.S. Army Sgt. Randy Jurgensen, of Dobbs Ferry, into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2025 on Tuesday, May 27 in Albany. This induction honors Jurgensen’s extraordinary service to his country during the Korean War and his exceptional contributions to law enforcement, literature, and the film industry.

The New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame is an annual event that honors individuals from each State Senate District who have served our nation in uniform and continue to serve their communities across New York. Thursday’s induction ceremony took place at the State Capitol in Albany, where Jurgensen was celebrated alongside fellow veterans from across the state.

Randy’s advocacy on behalf of New York’s Korean War veterans was crucial to the establishment of Korean War Veterans Remembrance Day in Albany beginning in 2023, ensuring that the sacrifices of Korean War veterans are never forgotten.

Said Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins: “Randy Jurgensen’s induction into the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2025 is a well-deserved recognition of his unparalleled service and contributions. From his heroic actions in the Korean War, to his distinguished career in law enforcement and his influential work in the film industry, Randy’s legacy is one of courage, dedication, and excellence. His passionate voice on behalf of Korean War veterans which helped lead to our founding Korean War Veterans Remembrance Day, ensuring veterans of that conflict are properly honored throughout our great state. It is my privilege to induct him as the honoree for Senate District 35.”

Said 2025 Veterans Hall of Fame inductee Sgt. Randy Jurgensen: “I know this is a well-used term, but as I sat there amongst my fellow veterans who are considered heroes, we were thinking about the ones who didn’t make it home: they’re our true heroes. It was a real honor to be amongst my fellow veterans, and it was a very emotional event, which brings back so many memories for all of us. I truly thank Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, for working with me to recognize those who served and died in the Korean War by establishing the annual Korean War Veterans Remembrance Day in Albany, and for thinking of me this way with this honor today.”

Born in Harlem in 1933, Randy Jurgensen started his military career as a Paratrooper in the Korean War. He fought bravely in the Battle of Pork Chop Hill and earned three Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart for his heroism. His helmet, a symbol of his bravery, is on display at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After the war, Jurgensen joined the NYPD in 1958 and became one of the department’s most respected homicide detectives. He led many important investigations, including the 1972 Harlem Mosque incident, where Officer Phil Cardillo was killed. Jurgensen’s 2006 book, Circle of Six, re-opened this case and kept Patrolman Cardillo’s memory alive.

Randy’s courage and dedication have earned him many awards, including the NYPD Combat Cross, the Medal of Valor from the Honor Legion, and the Isaac Bell Medal for Bravery. His work has greatly impacted law enforcement and public safety. Besides his police work, Jurgensen has contributed to over 50 films, including “The French Connection,” “Donnie Brasco,” and “Cruising.” His upcoming documentary, “Reel Cop,” will share his incredible life story.

## Rep. George Latimer, State Lawmakers Rally for Action on Soaring Energy Bills



Advocates call for passage of NY HEAT Act before legislative session ends

Dozens of Westchester residents rallied alongside Rep. George Latimer, State Assemblymember Amy Paulin and State Senator Shelley Mayer in Scarsdale today to call for passage of the NY HEAT Act — a critical affordability and clean energy bill that is a leading priority for grassroots and environmental groups across New York State.

With utility costs straining household budgets across the state and Con Edison bills continuing to rise, the NY HEAT Act offers bold, commonsense solutions — ending wasteful subsidies for gas expansion and giving New Yorkers a path to cleaner, more affordable energy.

The event comes as pressure builds on Assembly leadership to bring the bill to a vote before the legislative session ends in June. The NY HEAT Act has passed the Senate in previous years and has widespread support in the Assembly.

“The battle against high gas and electric bills and steep price increases has been ongoing. Regardless of how many Westchester residents contact Con Edison, how many times we question utility companies, or how many times we plead for change, Con Edison continues to ignore our concerns and prioritize profits over people,” said Senator Shelley B. Mayer. “As the weather begins to warm up, our constituents can’t wait any longer for action. The New York State Legislature is committed to this fight, and I share the frustration of tens of thousands of people in Westchester. We must pass the NY Heat Act immediately. I want to thank Senator Liz Krueger for championing this bill in the Senate, and I look forward to seeing it come to the floor for a vote.”

“I want to thank Deborah Porder, Indivisible Scarsdale, and the many advocates across the state who have fought so hard for this bill,” said Assemblymember Amy Paulin. The significant provisions in this bill, the elimination of the 100-foot rule and the obligation to serve, are a critical step towards stabilizing energy bills and will protect New Yorkers from the skyrocketing costs of gas infrastructure.”

“With energy bills reaching unsustainable levels, New Yorkers need bold action from Albany,” said Emily Skydel, New York Senior Organizer at Food & Water Watch. “Too many families are struggling to keep up, while our reliance on outdated, expensive fossil fuel infrastructure continues to drive costs higher. The NY HEAT Act is a chance to put working people first and deliver the relief they need. Lawmakers must seize this opportunity to pass the bill before the end of session.”

“The NY Heat Act is a win-win bill. It will lower our outrageously high gas bills and make clean sources of energy more competitive. New Yorkers shouldn’t have to subsidize gas companies for laying and maintaining gas lines. To help consumers, the legislature needs to pass the bill,” said Deborah Porder, Lead Organizer of Indivisible Scarsdale.

“The federal government is destroying any chance to address the climate crisis that has wreaked havoc on communities. We see a very dismal future for

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# 40 Larceny Arrests and Your Busted Again!



*Curtis Moore, left and below caught in the act of stealing a printer*



From the Yonkers Police Department: Say hello to Curtis Moore- the printer bandit from La Pinata Bakery earlier this week. Curtis walked out of the bakery at 118 New Main Street with a box containing a new printer early Tuesday morning. Once it was reported to us by the owner, Detectives in our Crime Control Strategies Unit were on the case. They soon identified Curtis, and he was apprehended earlier today with the assistance of the Pattern Crimes Unit.

Keeping with the printer theme- Curtis's rap sheet was so long (70 pages) that it overheated our own printer. Even though he just turned 40 this month, he has racked up over 40 total career arrests- mostly for thefts and other charges related to taking things that don't belong to him. Curtis was charged with (yet another) Petit Larceny in relation to this week's theft.

We'd like to stress to all businesses that if a theft occurs at your establishment, the best course of action is to call us RIGHT AWAY. Delays in reporting the crime to us usually mean delays in catching the bad guy. And if you don't report it at all, then you're just not helping anyone...

# Westchester & Putnam Counties Named by US DHS as Sanctuary Counties

*By Dan Murphy*

Last week, the US Department of Homeland Security issued a list of counties that were "deliberately obstructing the enforcement of federal immigration laws and endangering American citizens." Included on that list were Westchester County and Putnam County.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne both disagreed with the inclusion on the list.

"Westchester County was erroneously listed in the recent Department of Homeland Security listing of 'sanctuary municipalities.' The federal website went up Thursday evening and was taken down over the weekend because of the high number of mistakes," said Jenkins.

"Westchester County has never identified as a 'sanctuary county' and fully complies with federal law. To be clear, there is no legally recognized definition of a 'sanctuary jurisdiction.' Unfortunately, the federal government has used this term as a political sword—wielding it to strike fear, promote division, and engage in fear-mongering rather than addressing real issues with facts and fairness.

"In response to these reckless lists, threats, and rhetoric, earlier today, we asked the Board of Legislators to authorize legal steps. Westchester County is taking action. With that authorization in hand, I will direct the Westchester County Attorney to explore legal action against anyone attempting to threaten Westchester's federal funding.

"Let's be clear: this is about protecting Westchester. We refuse to sit back while partisan actors play political games that could cost us millions in critical federal funding. We're fighting back—because our residents shouldn't have to pay the price for someone else's political agenda.

"Section 8 of Westchester County's Immigrant Protection Act specifically provides that it does not prevent County agencies, law enforcement authorities, or employees from complying with 8 U.S.C. § 1373 and that it does not govern the sending or receiving of information regarding the citizenship or immigration status—lawful or unlawful—of any individual.

"Additionally, the County County does not willfully fail to comply with federal immigration laws. No federal civil immigration laws require the County County to enforce them. Any such enforcement is voluntary—something the US Attorney General has acknowledged multiple times.

"Further, the County's Immigrant Protection Act explicitly authorizes County law enforcement agencies to communicate with federal law enforcement authorities on investigations of non-immigration-related crimes. The Act does not create a sanctuary for anyone involved in criminal conduct.

"Unlike the Federal government, Westchester County follows Judicial Orders – and we will not break laws. We are not scared of being on a 'list,' and words do not threaten us."

Republican Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne said, "Let's set the record straight: Putnam County is NOT a sanctuary county and never will be on my watch as county executive. When I took office in 2023, New York City was sending its illegal migrants all over the suburbs, attempting to house them in hotels and even schools and attempting to shift the cost of this burden onto local taxpayers forced to pay for failed immigration policies."

Most New York Counties made the DHS list, as did the cities of Albany, Beacon, East Hampton, Hudson, Ithaca, Kingston, New Paltz, New York City, Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, Rochester, and Syracuse.

"Sanctuary cities protect dangerous criminal illegal aliens from facing consequences and put law enforcement in grave danger. This action follows the signing of an Executive Order by President Donald J. Trump on April 28, 2025. The order directs the Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem and the Attorney General Pam Bondi to identify and publicly highlight jurisdictions that refuse to cooperate with federal immigration authorities," wrote the DHS.

"These sanctuary city politicians are endangering Americans and our law enforcement to protect violent criminal illegal aliens," said DHS Secretary Kristi Noem. "We are exposing these sanctuary politicians who harbor criminal illegal aliens and defy federal law. President Trump and I will always prioritize the safety of the American people. Sanctuary politicians are on notice: comply with federal law."

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## Westchester County Youth Poet Laureate Shares at Playland Opening Ceremony

## Irvington Theater to Host Sports Trivia -June 12



Harmony Hopwood left

In a very personal celebration of the opening of Playland Amusement Park for the 2025 season, Westchester County's Youth Poet Laureate, Harmony Hopwood, pictured above, composed an original poem just for the occasion. The poem, "Homegrown Wonder," evokes all the magic and excitement of a visit to the iconic amusement park through the eyes of this New Rochelle student and artist who grew up with Playland in her backyard.

### "Homegrown Wonder" by Harmony Hopwood

*Here, in this place, where we all become children, engulfed by a wonder that could swallow us whole.*

*What an incredible thing, to be swallowed by this moment.*

*To wait in lines for the chance to fly. To graze the sun. To sit atop the world*

*Watching all the moments below, where children smile, high off the joys of entropy.*

*Where flowers bloom, under sunlight smothering fears.*

*Where strangers share laughter and life lived.*

*Where somewhere, if you look closely, two people are falling in love.*

*On the outskirts of this fantasy is truth.*

*In between frivolity and hesitance, just outside, in the parking lot of our hearts*

*Fireworks bursting colors across the sky. As they burn vibrance into the night above, they will you to return again to this homegrown wonder.*

Hopwood is an honor roll student at New Rochelle High School, currently in her junior year. In her freshman year, she was selected by the Westchester County Youth Bureau as a Youth Poet Laureate of Westchester County, and appointed by the County Executive. At the age of 13, she was the County's youngest Youth Poet Laureate. Her creative journey continued as she took on the role of President of the New Rochelle High School Poetry Club, where she aims to inspire fellow students to find their voice through the power of words. Harmony's poetry has earned her recognition as a three-time Gold Medalist in the NAACP ACT-SO (Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics), a competition that honors excellence among African-American high school students across various disciplines. Beyond her academic and artistic pursuits, Harmony is deeply rooted in her community and actively serves on the New Rochelle Council on the Arts to promote cultural enrichment in her hometown. She is also a member of the NAACP Youth Council and the Westchester County Youth Board.

In 2019, Westchester County officially established the position of Youth Poet Laureate, under the direction of the Youth Bureau. The Youth Poet Laureate works with the Youth Bureau by creating opportunities that encourage children and youth to engage in a variety of activities including creative writing, spoken word poetry, playwriting and film making. The Youth Poet Laureate collaborates with educational institutions such as schools and colleges, local libraries and after-school programs, and in partnership with the adult Westchester County Poet Laureate.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Harmony is a County treasure and an inspiration to all. Her beautiful words took Playland's opening ceremony to the next level. We were so lucky for this opportunity to experience her talent and hear her articulate all the wonderful feelings and memories that we share about Playland."

Westchester County Youth Bureau Executive Director Ernest McFadden said: "As I listened to Harmony, our Youth Poet Laureate, I truly felt the depth of an old soul and the fire of youth in her words —reminding us that poetry is not just art, but a call to action, reflection and hope. I am pleased that the Youth Bureau has had an instrumental role in establishing and selecting a Youth Poet Laureate, who serves as a voice for young people throughout the County."



On June 12, Irvington Theater hosts Sports Trivia, in partnership with Chuck Sports, an Irvington-based startup

On June 12, Irvington Theater welcomes sports fans to throw their hat in the ring for a sports-themed trivia event (in partnership with Chuck Sports, founded by Irvington's David Arnett).

Chuck Sports is a mobile app that combines curated sports content with private social networking and a suite of sports trivia and picks-based games.

For the June 12 sports trivia event, attendees will compete in teams of one to four players, and the highest-scoring teams will advance to the Final Four competition for real prizes. A "Rookie Prize" will be awarded to the highest-scoring team whose players are 18 years old or younger.

Prizes were donated by the Francie Malina Team, a local real estate firm, which is sponsoring the event.

"We are excited to launch a trivia series at Irvington Theater," says Shana Liebman, co-chair of the Irvington Theater Commission. "And this is a perfect theme for our first event. Irvington is a sporty town, and we welcome all sports enthusiasts, young and old, to join in the fun and walk away with great prizes."

"Chuck was built around the idea that sports are better together. Sports connect fans across generations and are the glue in millions of friendships," said David Arnett, Co-Founder & CEO of Chuck, and an Irvington parent. "I can't think of a better way to exemplify that than by bringing sports fans of all ages together in our own local community for a night of good-natured competition around our shared nostalgia for and love of sports."

This event takes place on Thursday, June 12 at 7pm. Tickets are \$15 and on sale now at [www.irvingtontheater.com/events/sportstrivia](http://www.irvingtontheater.com/events/sportstrivia)

Irvington Theater is home to a diverse range of innovative programming that entertains, enlightens, and inspires, establishing itself over its 123-year history as the cultural heart of the Rivertowns. The theater produces original programming and, in collaboration with its Arts Partners, curates high-quality theater, music, film, comedy, and dance for the greater New York metropolitan area.

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## Guiding Eyes for the Blind Breaks Ground on New Wellness and Training Center



The groundbreaking ceremony at Guiding Eyes for the Blind's new training center in Yorktown on May 29, 2025. Photo courtesy of the Town of Yorktown.

Yorktown officials attended a groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday for Guiding Eyes for the Blind's new Wellness & Training Center.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind provides guide dogs to people with vision loss. The new location at 2501 Mohansic Avenue in Yorktown Heights will enable Guiding Eyes to increase capacity and broaden access to more students, all while prioritizing the health and happiness of the dogs and fostering an exceptional working environment for its dedicated staff and volunteers.

"The new facility marks a vital step forward, expanding our ability to bring joy, connection, and independence to people living with vision loss across the country. We've proudly been part of the Town of Yorktown since 1954, and with this new facility just two miles from our headquarters, we're investing in the future—right here in the community we call home," said Guiding Eyes President and CEO Eduardo Andrade.

The 30,000-square-foot Wellness & Training Center sits on a 12-acre property that has received necessary construction approvals from the Town of Yorktown. The site preparation has already begun.

"This new Wellness & Training Center is a tremendous asset for countless individuals with vision loss who will benefit from the incredible work done by Guiding Eyes for the Blind," said Yorktown Supervisor Ed Lachterman. "Their dedication to fostering independence and enhancing lives is truly inspiring, and we're proud to support their continued growth right here in our community."

Since 1954, Guiding Eyes has assembled a loyal team of generous supporters, passionate staff and dedicated volunteers who help meet the growing needs of the diverse community of people with vision loss. Guiding Eyes has graduated more than 10,000 guide dog teams that bring meaningful change to the lives of people facing vision loss.

## Civil Rights Attorney Demands Federal Monitors Oversee Elections in Mount Vernon



*Amid Allegations of Political Corruption, Voter Suppression*

*Also Calls on State, Federal Agencies to Investigate City's Financials*

*Lauren Raysor, left*

With just weeks before Mount Vernon's critical municipal election, prominent civil rights attorney Lauren P. Raysor is calling on the U.S. Department of Justice to deploy federal election monitors, citing what she describes as a "coordinated campaign to undermine the democratic process."

Raysor, who has a long history of fighting for voter protection and civil rights, warns of systemic abuses ahead of the June 24 election for City Council, City Court Judge, and City Comptroller.

"This is not politics as usual — this is a full-scale effort to manipulate an election using public funds, intimidation, and deceptive campaigning," said Raysor. "Without federal oversight, voters in Mount Vernon cannot have confidence in a fair and transparent election."

Allegations Include:

**Untraceable Political Spending:** A group known as Rise Up Mount Vernon — which claims to be an independent expenditure committee — is promoting a full slate of candidates closely aligned with the Mayor. Despite its "independent" label, the group appears to operate as an unofficial arm of the Mayor's political machine, complete with coordinated messaging, graphics, and campaign slogans.

Public filings show its sole \$25,000 donation came from Rella Fogliano, CEO of MacQuesten Development, a developer with multimillion-dollar interests in city projects. The company has been the subject of investigative reports regarding political contributions in Westchester.

**Misuse of Public Resources:** City employees, taxpayer-funded facilities, and municipal funds have allegedly been used for partisan purposes — a direct violation of city law (Mount Vernon Code §24-4), which prohibits city workers from engaging in political activity while on duty or with public resources.

**Conflict of Interest and Abuse of Office:** The Mayor is accused of actively campaigning for favored candidates while using her official capacity to host forums, attend fundraisers with city-funded security, and certify petitions — including for candidates she personally endorsed.

**Fraudulent Election Materials:** Flyers labeled as "Official Sample Ballots" — omitting opposing candidates — were distributed through Rise Up Mount Vernon and local religious networks, misleading voters and potentially suppressing turnout.

**Partisan Activity by Religious Organizations:** Multiple 501(c)(3) religious institutions allegedly endorsed candidates and distributed campaign materials, violating IRS nonprofit regulations and New York State nonprofit law.

**Election Security Concerns:** Questions have been raised over the integrity of Mount Vernon's voting machines, with no clear plan for independent oversight.

**Intimidation and Voter Suppression:** Opponents of the current political establishment report harassment, public defamation, and even the theft and vandalism of campaign materials. One example includes a city official allegedly launching a website to smear rival candidates — a matter now under appeal with the State Education Department.

Raysor is urging the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division to launch an immediate investigation and station federal monitors in Mount Vernon throughout the election process — from ballot preparation and staffing to vote tabulation.

In addition, Raysor is asking the U.S. and New York Attorney General's Offices and the New York State Comptroller's Office to investigate the Mayor's office for misuse of taxpayer funds, not only during this campaign, but during the Mayor's tenure in office. "We are witnessing a coordinated effort to rig this election from the inside," said Raysor. "It's not just unethical — it may be illegal. Without intervention, this election will not reflect the will of the people."

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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 Bridgeway Physical Therapy, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC, 50 Clinton Place PH5, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Provide Physical Therapy Care

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## NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF THE RESIDENTIAL CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES TRUST VIII-A, Plaintiff, vs. PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF BETTIE A. LAMBTON, ET AL., Defendant(s).

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on April 18, 2025, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Westchester County Courthouse, Lobby, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, NY 10601 on June 23, 2025 at 9:30 a.m., premises known as 500 High Point Drive a/k/a 500 Highpoint Drive, Unit 5506, Hartsdale, NY 10530. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Greenburgh, County of Westchester and State of New York, Section 8.80, Block 50-1 and Lot 0.5506 together with an undivided 0.403 percent interest in the Common Elements. Approximate amount of judgment is \$205,373.34 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #59828/2022.

Julie C. Curley, Esq., Referee

Friedman Vartolo LLP, 85 Broad Street, Suite 501, New York, New York 10004, Attorneys for Plaintiff. Firm File No.: 230321-1.

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.

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.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

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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. 7442A – Opening date: 06/20/2025: Furnish and deliver Autel Robotics drones & accessories. (VB)

2. Bid No. 7452A – Opening date: 06/27/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the purchase of Philips Hadco roadway luminaires and Sun-Tech, or Yonkers approved equal, photo electric controls, as needed. (KAS)

3. Bid No. 7476 – Opening date: 06/20/2025: Purchase various sports uniforms for YPS, for the 2025-2026 school year. (FB)

4. Bid No. 7478 – Opening date: 06/20/2025: Furnish and deliver Hewlett Packard Aruba, WiFi Access Points or Yonkers approved equal. (NG)

5. Bid No. 7479 – Opening date: 06/27/2025: Twelve-month contract to purchase Marcal P600N, or Yonkers Approved equal, paper towels as needed for all City Departments. (TN)

6. Bid No. 7480 – Opening date: 06/20/2025: Purchase of ten (10) Zoll AED 3's and one (1) AED 3 Travel Trainer. (VB)

7. Bid No. 7481 – Opening date: 06/20/2025: Furnish & deliver Cisco DUO, or Yonkers approved equal, multifactor authorization products and 36-month subscription. (NG)

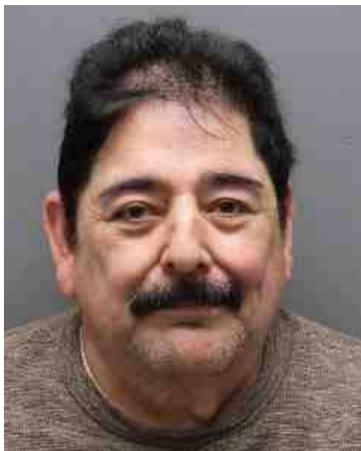
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Notice of formation of Great Livinggs, LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the NY department of state on 03/25/2025 Office Location: Bronx. UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY, 11228, USA, designated as agent of 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.

Notice of formation of ARTEYA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/19/2025. Office Location: Westchester. ZENBUSINESSINC, 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207, designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to ZENBUSINESSINC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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## Man Pleads Guilty to Defrauding Vulnerable Westchester Immigrants-Stole \$80,000



Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Juan Cedillo, 70, of Olympia, Wash., pleaded guilty on June 2 to one count of Scheme to Defraud in the First Degree, a class E felony, for bilking immigrant families of thousands of dollars with false promises of legal residency.

Cedillo traveled from Washington State to New York for the purpose of meeting with immigrant families, which included undocumented immigrants, in order to implement his scheme.

DA Cacace said: "This defendant's traveling circus of fraud comes to an end, today. Mr. Cedillo took advantage of an extremely vulnerable population and ensnared them in his financial trap. This conduct is morally reprehensible, and I am grateful that my office was able to put a stop to his conduct, for good, with this guilty plea."

Between Nov. 2013 and Feb. 2019, in the City of Yonkers, Cedillo met with immigrants and immigrant families in order to recruit them into his organization, which served as a vehicle for his fraudulent scheme.

Cedillo falsely told these families that they were eligible for U Visas (and potentially legal permanent resident cards) and conditioned his assistance on their membership in his organization, which cost up to \$8,000 per family. He further told them that they had to "recruit" other immigrants into his organization.

Despite Cedillo's promises, the prospect of legal status was completely illusory, as U Visas are reserved for victims of crime, and he was never authorized to certify such visas.

As part of his guilty plea, Cedillo was promised by the court a sentence of 1 to 3 years in state prison, and he will further have to reimburse his victims up to a total dollar amount of \$80,000.

The investigation was conducted by the Yonkers Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Emily Rowe-Smith and Investigations Division Chief John O'Rourke.

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rious, and I'm grieving because someone we all trusted, someone we trust without kids, Coach Dwayne Murray, reportedly admitted to sexually abusing a child under the age of 13. This man, who encouraged me to enroll my own daughter in his program, is now accused of violating the very trust that parents and children put in him when he was supposed to protect God and uplift.

"And that betrayal, that violation of innocence, it cuts deep. Because it didn't just happen to one child. It happened to all of us. It happened to the teammates, the parents, the children who look up to him like a big brother or a father figure. And now they're left feeling confused, ashamed, and scared, wondering if the trust they placed in the adults running the program means anything at all.

"We need space to grieve. We need space to process the pain. We need to talk about it. And I'm inviting everyone —every parent, every caregiver, every faith leader, every coach, every educator —to join a real conversation.

"Because we need to come together, not just in outreach, but for healing. We need to help our kids find the right words to express their feelings while also teaching them how to defend themselves in situations that are obviously beyond their control. I mean, that's what the parents are supposed to do.

"That's what the people who run these programs are supposed to do. And we need to make sure that the child who is harmed receives the support and protection they deserve because the scars from abuse last a lifetime.

"We owe it to them to show up, to listen and believe. But it doesn't stop there. It doesn't stop there because it's a part of this story that takes a more troubling turn. "

Thomas then points his thoughts towards the current administration in Mt. Vernon City Hall. "And it involves the actions or inactions of Mayor Sean Patterson Howard. According to Murray himself, in a video he posted on May 8th, it was the Mayor who called him and told him the jig was up. Now ask yourself, why would she call him if she didn't know who the cryptic text message was about?

"They didn't refer anybody. She claims that she got a vague text about a child being harmed. But if that text didn't name names, how did she know it was Murray?

"And if she truly suspected something this serious, this significant, why didn't she call the police there under her command? That's what any leader or parent would do.

"You go to the police. Instead, she claimed she went to the Westchester DA. But the Westchester DA, in her official statement, suggests otherwise.

"This inconsistency raises serious red flags, But it doesn't stop there. It gets much worse. Murray's fiancé works for the administration of the Mount Vernon Police Department. She's also running for school board, which is just absurd.

"But that alone raises questions about potential interference or influence. But it doesn't stop there.

"Murray himself also hired the Mayor's husband to photograph every single child in the basketball program. Let that sink in: a man six foot four, virtually probably 300 pounds, now accused of sexually abusing a child under the age of 13 years old with close ties to the Mayor who was entrusted with photographing all of our children in the program.

"What happened to the photos? Where are the photos? We need to know. As parents, this doesn't just look bad. It feels like a coverup.

"When I was Mayor, we made protecting our children a top priority. I put school resource officers into the schools, trained and trusted people that wanted to be there to build relationships with everyone. Because we understand how important it is to establish a relationship with authority in the face of active shooters and the pressures of social media, it really matters.

"But that program was dismantled. It was eradicated by Mayor Sean Patterson. It wasn't a money problem. It was a priority problem for her.

"And today, when you look at dismissal, going down the business district in downtown Mount Vernon, it a disaster. You got kids fighting and McDonald's shutting down because kids are using it as a space to fight—meanwhile, the police department's right across the street.

"The decision to remove that program put our community and our kids in danger, plain and simple. And even now, seeing that the officers that would have been in there are not there place our kids in even more danger.

"But what we also did that has not been continued, which really makes me upset, is we monitored for registered sex offenders every week, and we made clear to them that we were watching because we wanted to ensure that they knew that we were going to protect our kids and our community.

"That's leadership. That's prevention. But under this administration, we've seen denial. We've seen disconnection and possibly deception.

"So I'm calling on the Westchester DA to not only pursue justice in this case, the child, but also fully investigate how the Mayor handled the situation. Because there are too many inconsistencies and too many red flags raised. Mount Vernon deserves the truth and deserves answers, not spin.

"The victim deserves protection, not politics, and our children deserve a lot better than this, not broken trust. The time to act is now, and I can't thank you enough for watching this video and sharing this video, but more importantly, I hope you stand with me to not only push for accountability but to achieve healing. Thank you," said Thomas.

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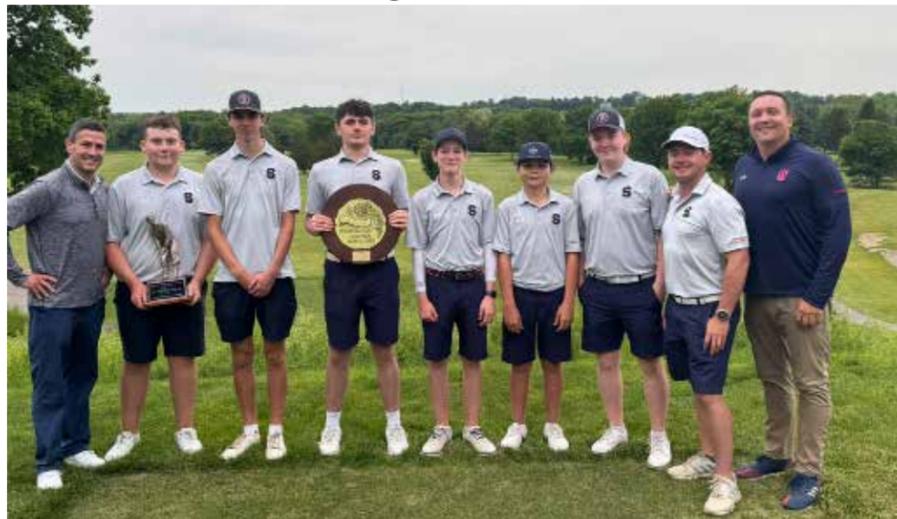
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## Stepinac Golf Wins First Championship Since 2016 in Thrilling Overtime Finish



Archbishop Stepinac High School captured its first golf championship since 2016 in dramatic fashion, edging out rival Fordham Prep 3-2 in an overtime thriller that displayed the poise, depth, and resilience of a team nine years in the making.

The match, played under clear skies at James Baird State Park, saw the #2-seeded Crusaders deliver clutch performances across the lineup. Sebastian Riendeau '26 of New Rochelle (#2) anchored the early momentum, battling back on the 18th hole to clinch his match after surrendering a three-hole lead. Captain Quinn Egan '27 of White Plains (#1) engaged in a hard-fought match but fell 2 Down against Fordham's top golfer, Cormac Smith. In the third slot, David Simms '25 of Yonkers was bested by Nico Conte, whose chip-in sealed a 4 & 2 victory for Fordham Prep.

With the match tied and all eyes turning to the final pairings, Stepinac's Kian Murphy '28 of Yorktown Heights (#4) and Doug Wallace '27 of Peekskill (#5) stepped into the spotlight. Murphy, who had been up by three, was pushed to a playoff after Fordham's Matt Cipriani won the 17th and 18th holes. Meanwhile, Wallace and Fordham's Eddie Rice went putt-for-putt, tying their match to force a double playoff.

Needing three full match victories to claim the championship, Stepinac returned to the course for extra holes. Wallace and Murphy got the job done. After Fordham misfired on their approach shots, the underclassmen capitalized and secured the title on the first playoff hole—with Quinn Egan '27 and alternate Kellan Higgins '25 of Yonkers on the bag for support.

"It's been nine years since the last time Stepinac won a championship," said Head Coach Matt Hogan, now in his 14th year. "Today showed the character of our kids. We had success in the regular season, so everyone had a chance to step up. Today there were two young guys, but this was a team win. We all won this together."

When asked about Wallace and Murphy's heroics, Hogan added: "Not sure if they fully understood the magnitude of the moment, but they were stone cold. After having chances to win it in regulation, they went right back out and won it in the playoff."

"This is definitely one of the best teams in the 14 years I've been coach," Hogan continued. "We did not fly under the radar this year, and the kids delivered. They carved their own legacies."

Assistant Coach Casey Helber shared similar praise: "I'm incredibly proud of the dedication these boys showed. From early mornings in the simulator at Stepinac to after-school sessions, focusing on their mental game and remaining open to coaching. They worked hard, and we feel fortunate to be part of their journey."

Sebastian Riendeau '26 summed up the experience simply: "This feels amazing. It doesn't matter how good you are or how bad you are, it just matters in the moment how we play. Now, we're the champions."

Captain Quinn Egan '27, who has been a steady presence in the lineup, praised the team's unity: "Everybody must buy in for us to win. I'm happy for Doug and Kian and how they managed themselves in their first seasons in the lineup. We're excited to bring the title back to Stepinac."

**Results:**

- #1 Quinn Egan (Stepinac) vs. Cormac Smith (Fordham Prep) – Lost 2 Down
- #2 Sebastian Riendeau (Stepinac) vs. Julio Rodas-Rhim (Fordham Prep) – Won on 18
- #3 David Simms (Stepinac) vs. Nico Conte (Fordham Prep) – Lost 4 & 2
- #4 Kian Murphy (Stepinac) vs. Matt Cipriani (Fordham Prep) – Won in playoff
- #5 Doug Wallace (Stepinac) vs. Eddie Rice (Fordham Prep) – Won in playoff

## WCT Presents Stand-Up Comedy Night on Friday, June 13



On Friday, June 13, Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) will present the latest in its series of highly acclaimed Comedy Nights, featuring three NYC-based stand-up comedians known nationwide through their many TV and film appearances.

Making a special return appearance and headlining an outstanding evening will be veteran comic Leighann Lord. Leighann is a seasoned, NYC-based stand-up comedian who has been seen on Comedy Central, HBO, The View, and in the Netflix Def Comedy Jam 25th Anniversary Special. She's performed for the troops in the Middle East, in all 50 states, 20 countries, six continents, and Guam.



Leighann Lord

Leighann was named one of the 35 Most Hilarious Comedians of Diversity, was a national finalist in the American Black Film Festival-HBO Comedy Wings Competition, and received the NYC Comedy Award for the Most Thought-Provoking Black Female Comic. Leighann can be seen in Showtime's Even More Funny Women of a Certain Age and her Dry Bar Comedy special, I Mean Business, has had over one million views.

The featured comic will be Joe Conte. Joe is a stand-up comedian known for his sharp wit and humorous insights into everyday life. He co-hosts popular podcasts like "The Conte and Kenny Show" and "The Honeymooners Podcast" where he discusses among fans of comedic storytelling, and an irresistibly charismatic comedian.

The show begins at 8:00 pm at 23 Water Street in Ossining. Tickets are \$30; Purchase tickets online at: <https://WCTStand-UpComedyNight.eventbrite.com>

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The Hudson River Antique Riders has adopted East Main Street in Shrub Oak as part of a community cleanup effort.

The motorcycle club joined Yorktown's Adopt-A-Road program by committing to cleaning up a stretch of East Main Street between Old Yorktown Road and Stony Street. Ken Geiger of the Hudson River Antique Riders said that the club chose East Main Street because of its location.

"We have our bike meetups on the second Sunday morning of the month at the Lakeland Deli. We found out what the process was, and we rolled with it," said Geiger, who helped to unveil a new Adopt-A-Road sign on Tuesday near the deli.

Any community group or business can participate in Yorktown's Adopt-A-Road program. Groups must clean their road six times a year with a two-year commitment. The Town provides garbage bags, letter grabbers and safety vests for the cleanups.

"I want to thank the Hudson River Antique Riders because you have chosen to beautify the Town of Yorktown," said Supervisor Ed Lachterman. "It's an important part of Yorktown. It's historic; it's one of our most beautiful and scenic roads; and it's also named after one of Shrub Oaks' favorite sons, (former Supervisor) Tom Diana. So, this road really means a lot, and your care for Yorktown also comes through."

To join the Adopt-A-Road program, call the Refuse and Recycling department 914-245-4438.

Revolutionary Westchester 250 (RW250) and Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site invite the public to experience "Meet the Women of Revolutionary Westchester," a free, family-friendly living history event on Saturday June 28, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 5 p.m., at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site (29 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, NY). The site will come alive with historical interpreters, performances with music, craft demonstrations, games and more, all that emphasize the essential role of women in the Revolutionary War. Revolutionary Westchester 250 is a charitable not-for-profit corporation organized to provide for the observance and commemoration of the pivotal role of Westchester in the American Revolution, the founding of the United States and related events. RW250 was created to further the purpose of the national Semiquincentennial Commission, established by Congress in 2016 to commemorate and celebrate the coming 250th Anniversary of the founding of the United States, 1776-2026. More information about RW250 is available at [www.rw250.org](http://www.rw250.org).

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mational teaching. And it's clear this community wants something life-altering on Sunday mornings.

Launching its grand opening on Sunday, June 8th at Jefferson on the Lake, 489 E. Main St., Jefferson Valley, with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony at 12:00pm, Freedom Chapel invites the community into something deeper. Services begin at 10am and include inspiring worship, a powerful message, and a community where longtime believers, the newly searching, and the quietly curious can all find true freedom in Christ.

"Freedom Chapel is not just a church, it's a movement" says Pastor Julio Vazquez. "Here, people can create a deeply personal relationship with God and embrace the freedom, healing, and belonging they're yearning for."

**What Makes Freedom Chapel Different**

· **Worship Without Walls:** Services are and presence-filled—chains break, hearts heal, and freedom flows. Here, you're free to praise, pray, cry out, and encounter God without limits.

· **Freedom Starts with Truth:** We don't shy away from the hard truths. Through biblical teachings and real conversations, we confront life's struggles with grace, power, and redemptive truth that sets us free.

· **Discipleship with Purpose:** We don't just lead people to Christ—we raise up disciples. Every person is equipped to grow, empowered to lead, and unleashed to serve in their God-given calling.

· **Mission that Moves:** This church doesn't sit still – whether it's our neighbor next door or a nation across the sea, we go with bold love to serve, restore, and share Jesus.

· **Many Ministries:** From Freedom Kids to Daughters of Freedom, and Kingsmen Ministry to global missions, we're activating all generations to know Jesus deeply—and make Him known boldly.

**Community Impact Rooted in the Great Commission**

Freedom Chapel takes Jesus' words in Matthew 28:19–20 seriously: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you..." "This is not a suggestion—it's our mission," says Pastor Julio, "We're building more than a church—what God is doing here is eternal."

Since its first service in March, Freedom Chapel has already put faith into action fulfilling the Great Commission by serving the Westchester and Putnam communities in life-changing ways:

· **Honoring Local Heroes:** In April, Freedom Chapel hosted a special outreach at the Mahopac VFW, serving over 50 veterans with a warm meal to honor their sacrifice and remind them they're not forgotten.

· **Partnering with Christian Education:** As a proud gold sponsor of the Hudson Valley Christian Academy 2025 Golf Tournament, Freedom Chapel is sowing into our next generation of faith-filled leaders, ensuring students receive a Christ-centered education.

· **Standing with the Vulnerable:** Plans are underway for a community blood drive to be hosted right in the church parking lot to give life to neighbors in medical crisis.

· **Serving the Elderly:** With homemade blankets, heartfelt prayer and worship, our monthly visits to the residents of Holy Comforter Nursing Home remind them they are seen, valued, and held in our hearts.

· **Fighting Hunger in Westchester:** Freedom Chapel is taking aim at food insecurity—actively exploring partnerships that will provide nourishment to families in need in the area.

· **Showing Up Where It Counts:** Whether it's helping families move, delivering meals to the sick, or standing in prayer with the brokenhearted—Freedom Chapel believes in serving others.

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Stirred by a prophetic word — "do what you have been called to do"— Pastor Julio Vazquez founded Freedom Chapel by answering with unwavering obedience. His vision is both simple and profound: to see everyone who enters these doors encounter the love and transformative power of God, igniting a journey that forever changes their story.

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## Wellness Series Kicks Off at Kensico Dam Plaza on June 10, Featuring Zumba & Yoga Classes

Get moving this summer at Kensico Dam Plaza with free weekly fitness classes. Zumba returns on Tuesdays starting June 10, and new this year, yoga will be offered on Thursdays beginning June 19. Both are part of the Westchester County Parks Department's new Wellness Series.

The Zumba classes will be Tuesdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on June 10, 17 and 24; July 1, 15, 22 and 29; and Aug. 5, 12, 19 and 26. The class time changes to 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. for Sept. classes, which will take place on Sept. 2, 9 and 16. Thursday yoga classes from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on June 19 and 26; July 17, 24 and 31; and Aug. 7, 14, 21 and 28. Bring your own mat.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "We're excited to bring two types of exercise classes to Kensico. Zumba is a fun and effective way to boost your cardiovascular health while burning countless calories, and yoga is a tranquil and soothing means to improve your flexibility, strength and balance."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said: "The benefits of being outdoors are endless and participants can enjoy these instructional classes while increasing vitamin D intake, breathing fresh air and developing a deeper connection with nature."

Kensico Dam Plaza is at the north end of the Bronx River Parkway in Valhalla. For more information, call (914) 231-4500 or visit [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com).

## NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER DECLARES BLOOD EMERGENCY, SHARP DECLINE IN LOCAL DONATIONS

Hundreds of units sent from other states as NY faces widening and dangerous donor gap heading into summer trauma season

New York Blood Center (NYBC) has declared a blood emergency following a sharp and sustained drop in local blood donations. To meet hospital demand amid this decline, NYBC has had to depend on blood donations from other parts of the country – an unsustainable fix for a state with some of the busiest hospitals in the nation.

Despite a population of approximately 19.5 million, only 2% of New Yorkers donate blood, compared to the national average of 3%. To reliably meet patient needs, at least 4% of the population, about 780,000 active donors, is needed in New York. Right now, the state is short by nearly 390,000 donors.

"If just 1% more New Yorkers stepped up to give blood – about 195,000 new donors – we could cut the shortfall in half and bring real stability to our blood supply, especially as we prepare for emergencies and trauma season," said Andrea Cefarelli, Senior Vice President at New York Blood Center. "We urgently need the community's help to rebuild the blood supply and prevent this situation from becoming more dire. Donating blood is one of the most direct and impactful ways to support our healthcare system and save lives."

**'Trauma Season' Poses Additional Critical Risk to New York's Blood Supply**

This blood emergency is being declared due to less than a 1–2 day supply of critical blood types across the region. This puts patients at risk — from trauma victims and surgery patients to those undergoing cancer treatment or facing life-threatening complications.

"As blood donations continue to decline across the state, I urge all eligible New Yorkers to rise to the occasion and give the gift of life," State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said. "Each pint of blood is more than just a donation—it's a lifeline to someone battling illness, undergoing surgery, or recovering from trauma. Your act of generosity today holds the power to save a life tomorrow."

Warmer months bring an increase in accidents and trauma-related injuries. Known as "trauma season," late spring and summer see a rise in emergency room visits and transfusion needs. At the same time, blood donations typically decline due to travel, school breaks, and holiday schedules, creating a perfect storm for shortages.

**Community Support Urgently Needed**

Compounding the crisis, 50% of New York's blood supply depends on community-based blood drives hosted by schools, businesses, religious groups, and civic organizations. But June projections show that 5,000 additional donations are urgently needed, requiring more than 100 new blood drives to be scheduled in the coming weeks.

**How New Yorkers can help:**

Schedule an appointment to donate blood or platelets as soon as possible, and consider becoming an All Seasons Donor – donating once per season each year.

Schedule a blood drive at your school, place of worship, business, or community organization. Learn more here.

Spread the word. Invite a friend to donate with you and amplify this need on social media and in your respective circles.

Blood donors can give every 56 days, and platelet donors can give twice per month. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently lifted several blood donor eligibility restrictions. To view current eligibility guidelines, visit [nybc.org](http://nybc.org) or call 800.688.0900. To make an appointment, donors can call 1-800-933-2566 or visit [nybc.org](http://nybc.org).

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Sanctuary Counties, *continued from pg 3-*

“DHS demands these jurisdictions immediately review their policies to align with federal immigration laws and renew their obligation to protect American citizens, not dangerous illegal aliens.”

After removing the list from the DHS website, Homeland Security Secretary Kristi Noem said, “Some of the cities have pushed back. They think because they don’t have one law or another on the books that they don’t qualify, but they do qualify.”

At issue is Federal funding for communities that have been identified as Sanctuary municipalities. The threat from the Trump administration of holding back Federal funds to Sanctuary communities has caused concern for local governments at losing hundreds of millions of federal dollars.

The Westchester Board of Legislators quickly approved Jenkins’s request to grant the County Attorney authorization to explore legal actions in response to the erroneous inclusion of Westchester County on a “sanctuary municipalities” list that threatens the County’s federal funding.

BOL Chair Vedat Gashi said, “We follow the law, not political theater. While Washington plays games with made-up lists, we’re taking urgent action to protect our residents from losing millions in federal funding they deserve.”

The BOL vote was 15-1, with legislator James Nolan casting the lone dissenting vote. “Last night, my colleagues from the Westchester County Board of Legislators made the misguided and poor decision to approve a vote to take legal action against Homeland Security for designating us as a Sanctuary County in the United States. I stood alone in voting against this measure in a 15-1 vote, and I want to make it clear why: it is an irresponsible use of taxpayer dollars, especially when we have pressing budgetary issues at hand. Furthermore, our law enforcement and corrections departments are bound by the Immigration Protection Act, which hampers our ability to cooperate with ICE when it comes to apprehending violent criminals unless a judicial warrant is issued.

“I have been raising concerns to my colleagues about the dire consequences of not collaborating with the federal government. Ignoring this issue could lead to the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars from our budget, which our county and residents depend on. It was evident last night that many legislators chose to grandstand and attack the President and the administration in Washington, prioritizing political posturing over the safety of our community and the integrity of our budget.

“I will relentlessly advocate for the safety of all Westchester County residents. It’s imperative that we take a stand against violent criminals, safeguard taxpayer money, and support those who wish to come here to be productive, law-abiding citizens. Enough is enough; we must prioritize what truly matters,” said Nolan.

ICE, Immigration and Customs Enforcement has recently made arrests and apprehensions in Westchester, including Ossining, Sleepy Hollow, Peekskill, and New Rochelle.

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#### LEGAL NOTICE

The ordinance, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on May 28, 2025, and approved by the Mayor on June 3, 2025, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such ordinance may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the CITY OF YONKERS, in the County of Westchester, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Vincent E. Spano, City Clerk City of Yonkers, New York

#### SPECIAL ORDINANCE 27-2025

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE SCHOOLS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AS AMENDED; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$17,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$17,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

The bonds are authorized to finance various capital projects included in the School Facilities Management Plan for the Board of Education, as amended.

The amount of obligations to be issued is not to exceed \$17,000,000.

The period of usefulness associated with the construction of improvements to various school buildings and the sites thereof, is thirty (30) years.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Special Local Finance and Budget Act of the City of Yonkers, constituting Chapters 488 and 489 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York (herein called the “Act”), the City is authorized and directed to include the pledge and agreement of the State of New York (herein called the “State”) contained in said Section 17 of the Act, in the ordinance, and the Act provides that upon payment for the bonds or notes by the original and all subsequent holders thereof the inclusion of such pledge and agreement shall be deemed conclusive evidence of valuable consideration received by the State and City for such pledge and agreement and of reliance upon such pledge and agreement by any holder and that any action by the State contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of such pledge and agreement shall be void.

A complete copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York 10701.

DATED: June 3, 2025  
Yonkers, New York

*Peekskill Teacher Arrested, continued from pg 1-*

our children violating that trust in the worst way. In this case, Mr. Mishk was allegedly in possession of, and promoting, child sexual abuse material. What makes this even more unnerving is that as a school teacher, he was in constant contact with children.”

This case is the latest in a recent string of cases being handled by the Westchester County DA’s Office where people put in positions as stewards of our youth have allegedly abused the responsibility entrusted to them. Some of those cases include the following:

- Thomas Puccini, an Eastchester school official and football coach, who was arrested by the Westchester DA’s Office last year in a “sextortion” case. Further investigation of this case resulted in federal charges of sexual exploitation of a child and possession of child pornography being brought against Puccini on May 21.

- Dwayne Murray, a prominent youth basketball coach in Mount Vernon, was arrested by the DA’s Office on May 14 and charged with Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree, a class B violent felony.

DA Cacace continued: “I am grateful for the dedication and steadfastness of the investigators and prosecutors in our office. These types of cases can be incredibly taxing on those responsible for delivering justice. I thank all involved for their commitment and sacrifice.”

Anyone who has information regarding any of these cases should contact the DA’s Office at (914) 995-TIPS (8477).

This case is being investigated by the Westchester County DA’s Office’s High Technology Crime Squad and is being prosecuted by Cyber Crimes Bureau Chief Michael Delohery.

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Vincent E. Spano, City Clerk City of Yonkers, New York

#### SPECIAL ORDINANCE 28-2025

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE CITY’S 2025-2026 CAPITAL BUDGET, AS AMENDED; STATING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$105,685,012; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$105,685,012 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

The bonds are authorized to finance various capital projects included in the City’s 2025-2026 Capital Budget, as amended.

The amount of obligations to be issued is \$105,685,012.

The periods of usefulness are various periods from 3 to 40 years.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Special Local Finance and Budget Act of the City of Yonkers, constituting Chapters 488 and 489 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York (herein called the “Act”), the City is authorized and directed to include the pledge and agreement of the State of New York (herein called the “State”) contained in said Section 17 of the Act, in the ordinance, and the Act provides that upon payment for the bonds or notes by the original and all subsequent holders thereof the inclusion of such pledge and agreement shall be deemed conclusive evidence of valuable consideration received by the State and City for such pledge and agreement and of reliance upon such pledge and agreement by any holder and that any action by the State contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of such pledge and agreement shall be void.

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## New CJCC Ad Campaign Demands Action from Governor Hochul on Behalf of Child Sex Abuse Survivors

The Coalition for Just & Compassionate Compensation (CJCC) today launched a powerful new television and digital advertising campaign calling on Governor Kathy Hochul to enforce the Child Victims Act (CVA) and hold insurance companies accountable for the thousands of unsettled claims filed by survivors of child sex abuse.

The ad, titled "JUSTICE," began airing this week in Albany and Buffalo on cable television and digital platforms and will run through the end of New York's legislative session. It highlights the continued failure of the Hochul administration to ensure fair compensation for more than 14,000 survivors who filed lawsuits under the CVA—legislation passed six years ago to deliver justice for victims of childhood sexual abuse.

"Six years ago, survivors were promised that the Child Victims Act would hold abusers and enablers accountable," said Steve Jimenez, a survivor and CJCC trustee. "Instead, we're still waiting—while Governor Hochul cashes checks from big insurance. Enforce the law, Governor. Do your job."

The campaign cites financial records from Open Secrets showing that since 2021, Governor Hochul has accepted more than \$578,000 in campaign contributions from the insurance industry, while her administration refuses to honor the CVA and compel insurers to honor their obligations to survivors. Thousands upon thousands of claims remain stalled or dismissed, and essential institutions—including schools, churches, and child care providers—are bearing the financial burden.

Despite guidance issued by the Department of Financial Services (DFS) in 2019 instructing insurers to act in "utmost good faith," there is no public record of DFS enforcement actions on behalf of survivors. A recent Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request by CJCC seeking DFS communications regarding CVA claims returned zero documents.

"DFS has done nothing to enforce its own guidance," said David Catalfamo, CJCC Trustee and Executive Director. "Meanwhile, survivors are dying without justice and communities are being forced to pay for the failures of the insurance industry."

The ad urges New Yorkers to call Governor Hochul at 518-474-8390 and demand she enforce the law and compel insurers to compensate survivors—not the institutions or taxpayers left holding the bag.

"The promises made when the CVA passed are being broken every day this administration fails to act," said Gary Greenberg, CVA advocate and founder of the Fighting for Children PAC. "Governor Hochul has a responsibility to protect survivors—not the insurance companies trying to run out the clock."

CJCC's board includes survivors, attorneys, and advocates fighting for full accountability and timely resolution of CVA claims across New York State.

Watch the ad at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=QN0wY6IHstc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QN0wY6IHstc)

### Rally to Pass HEAT ACT, continued from pg 2-

our children and grandchildren unless we quickly transition from fossil fuels, including fracked gas infrastructure, to renewable energy. Westchester for Change strongly supports the NY HEAT Act," said co-organizer Susan Van Dolsen of Westchester for Change,"and expects New York to pass this long overdue bill before the legislative session ends in June."

"The NY HEAT Act isn't just good climate policy — it's a practical solution for impacted communities facing huge energy bills, like ours in Peekskill. We've got to replace outdated, costly gas infrastructure, and create a future with cheaper, cleaner, and much fairer renewable sources. Pass the NY HEAT Act to cut costs, cut emissions, improve our communities, and put people over pipelines," said Tina Volz-Bongar of United For Clean Energy.

"In an era of climate destruction, not one rational argument can be made for compelling NYS residents to subsidize the expansion and maintenance of gas lines, which we do by paying ever-higher utility bills," said Natalie Polvere, Environment Committee Co-Chair of NYCD16/15 Indivisible. "The NY HEAT Act is not a ban on gas: it's a means of capping those bills and allowing providers to turn to cleaner, renewable sources of energy. Not only would that comply with NY's Climate Law, but with our human need for health and well-being. Now that's a rational argument!"

The NY HEAT Act would:

End the "100-foot rule," a subsidy that wastes \$200 million a year expanding gas pipelines

Eliminate the obligation to serve, which forces utilities to hook up new gas customers at ratepayer expense

Support clean energy upgrades and reduce dependence on volatile fossil fuel prices

Today's event was organized by Food & Water Watch and cosponsored by Indivisible Scarsdale, NYCD16/15 Indivisible, Westchester for Change, Mothers Out Front, United for Clean Energy, and others.

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### Tony Futia, continued from pg 1-

dedicated his life to community service and the principles of liberty and justice. He stood up for what he believed in and led by example, encouraging engagement in the democratic process. Over the years, he held numerous volunteer positions for local organizations, including North White Plains Fire Company No. 1, the Valhalla Union Free School District, American Legion Post 1097, and the Armonk Lion's Club.

Donations may be made to American Legion Post 1097, 35 Bedford Road, Armonk, NY 10504 or We The People Congress (Protecting Freedom through the First Amendment Right to Petition) via their website, [wethepeoplecongress.us](http://wethepeoplecongress.us), end of obituary.

Over the last few years of his life, this reporter got to know Tony Futia from our frequent interactions concerning his lawsuits against the IRS and Uncle Sam.

Futia's central argument was that "the 16th Amendment to the US Constitution, which reads, "The Congress shall have the power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration," does not require all Americans to pay a Federal Income tax. Only Federal employees are required to pay an income tax and no law says every other American has to pay a Federal income tax."

Futia's other argument was that "when taxpayers fill out and sign a W-4 form, they voluntarily agree to pay a Federal Income tax. "They can't show me the law that requires all Americans to pay an income tax because one does not exist. And that is my argument, which I want to be heard by a jury of my peers. "

"The Government cannot afford to lose this case because our Federal government is already \$32 Trillion in debt. They need the money they take in from the illegal income tax. Martha Stewart, Pete Rose, and Joe Louis are some of the more famous Americans that the IRS went after. I'm just a regular Navy Veteran who is taking a stand against tyranny. We should not be afraid of our government."

"The following New Yorkers are not required to pay a personal income tax. All New York State police officials and officers; All New York State village, town, city, county, and state employees, and most Citizen residents of New York State.

"The New York State Comptroller will not show me the law that requires and makes me liable for the tax. That is because no law says most Americans must pay a Federal income tax. I have submitted to the Greene County Sheriff documents and video exhibits of IRS fraud and corruption for safekeeping and investigation in case of my death and for possible charges filed with his department against the state comptroller," said Futia, who refused to pay his income taxes over a 10-year period.

Eventually, he had a lien placed on his New York State (NYS) pension (which he also believed was illegal and subsequently sued the NYS Comptroller over) to cover some of the taxes the IRS claimed he owed.

Futia's lawsuit eventually made it to the US Supreme Court, who refused to hear his case last year.

We found Futia's arguments compelling enough to write about and share with our readers. We thought that he deserved his day in court before a Judge and a Jury. He never got that, but this we can say with certainty; he enjoyed the last few years of his life fighting for a cause he believed in and we were happy to state his case.

We believe that Futia, and others whose stories and letters we print, that you may disagree with, have the right to be heard. That is the primary reason we published Futia's letters and ads, because nobody else would, and we thought that his argument had enough merit to be discussed.

We also respected his service to our country and his years of service to the Town of North Castle. We covered many Town Board meetings in North Castle when Futia and former Supervisor Jack Lombardi would go at it.

May God Bless Tony Futia.

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### SATURDAY, JUNE 7

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Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268  
History and Highlights of Lasdon Tour, 10 a.m. - 11 p.m. A certified urban naturalist leads this walking tour. Stops include examining the William and Mildred Memorial Garden, the magnolia trees, lilacs, conifers and azalea garden. Visitors also learn about the history of Lasdon's main house. Pre-registration required: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/history-and-lasdon-highlights-tour/>

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050  
Playland Park Job Fair, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Apply to a variety of summer jobs at Playland Park including Park Management (Operations), Ride Operators, Ride Attendants, Lifeguards, Cashiers, Custodial and Painters. The first 100 applicants will have the chance to interview on-the-spot! Bring your Social Security card and valid photo I.D. Applicants ages 16 and 17 who plan to complete their application at the fair must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and bring working papers. Eligible applicants that may wish to enroll in Westchester County Payroll Direct Deposit as their form of payment, must bring with them, either a blank voided check or a bank issued Direct Deposit Set Up Form, which includes their routing number and account number printed on the document. Details: <https://countycenter.biz/event/playland-park-job-fair/>

Willson's Woods Park, Mount Vernon: (914) 813-6990  
Mount Vernon Bird Day, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Learn about the neighborhood birds with a nature scavenger hunt, bird walks by the river, various hands-on activity stations and a live bird demonstration by the Nature Center at Greenburgh from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Rain or shine.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268  
Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every Saturday through November and for those age 14 and older, 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. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-06-07/>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050  
Animal Meet & Greet, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. See Hilltop's animals up close! Join one of our educators to learn more about our cows and goats, how we care for them and their purpose on the farm! \$15. Register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-meet-greet-tickets-1124513212289?aff=oddtcreator>

Playland Amusement Park, Rye: (914) 813-7010  
Playland Park Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Open Saturday and Sunday. Several rides in Kiddyland and throughout the big park will be open. Refreshments will be available for purchase from local food trucks. \$15 rides; \$10 parking. Children ages two and under are free. Get details: <https://playlandpark.org/>

Glen Island Park, New Rochelle: (914) 813-6720  
Beach Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. The beach will be open weekends and June 19 through Sunday, June 22. Open daily from Friday, June 27, through Monday, Sept. 1; weather permitting. No admittance after 6 p.m. Parking and beach admission fees apply. Westchester County residency is required for admission, with a County Park Pass, a valid New York State driver's license or a valid New York State ID with a Westchester County address. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/swim>

Playland Beach, Rye: (914) 813-7010  
Beach Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. The beach will be open weekends and June 19 through Sunday, June 22. Open daily from Friday, June 27, through Monday, Sept. 1; weather permitting. No admittance after 6 p.m. Parking and beach admission fees apply. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/swim>

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290  
Beach Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. The beach will be open weekends through Monday, Sept. 1; weather permitting. No admittance after 6 p.m. Parking and beach admission fees apply. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/swim>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050  
Old Time Music Jam, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event is a monthly gathering of local, acoustic musicians who play traditional Appalachian fiddle music. Play or just listen, and enjoy the community that music can create! Musicians of all levels are welcome.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851  
Pollinator Habitats, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Join us in our beautiful butterfly garden to learn about our pollinators, their habitat needs and the role of native vs. non-native plants.

### SUNDAY, JUNE 8

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 for the exclusive use of non-motorized bicycles, in-line skates and e-bikes (class 1 only), plus walking and jogging. Many points of entry and exit are along the way. Also: June 15, 22, June 29 (8 a.m. - noon); July 13, 20, 27 (8 a.m. to noon); Sept. 7, 14, 21 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.); Oct. 5 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). Get details: <https://www.thewp.org/bicycle-sundays>

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property damage.

The Sleepy Hollow police and fire departments responded and put out a small fire with fire extinguishers. Westchester County Police patrol officers also responded and subsequently turned the investigation over to detectives from the General Investigations Unit.

"The Tarrytown Lighthouse is one of our County's most iconic and cherished landmarks," County Executive Ken Jenkins said. "This was a truly despicable act, and we will do everything we can to identify those responsible and bring them to justice."

Destruction at the lighthouse, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, included:

- Significant fire damage to the flooring on the first floor;
- Multiple broken windows on the first and second floors;
- Multiple items destroyed, including valuable antiques, other furniture and items of historical significance;
- Damage to about 35 antique books that were removed from shelves and strewn about the floor.

The crime scene was processed by the Westchester County Police Forensic Investigation Unit and the Cause & Origin Team from the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services.

The Westchester County Parks Department is working to complete a detailed damage assessment. A preliminary estimate places damages at about \$100,000, though that figure is subject to change. The Parks Department has also suspended all scheduled public tours of the lighthouse at this time.

Detectives from the General Investigations Unit are asking anyone with information to contact County Police, which maintains a variety of telephone and electronic tip lines. Calls, e-mails and text messages to these tips lines are confidential. Tipsters can remain anonymous if they chose.

- Voice Tip Line: (800)898-TIPS (8477).
- Electronic Tips: Send email, text messages and small video clips to tips@wccops.com.
- Via Mobile App: The WCPD Mobile App contains a home screen Submit a Tip button to enable tips to be sent confidentially or anonymously. It is available for Apple and Android phones. Enter Westchester County PD in the app store search bar to locate and download it.

A few days after receiving video surveillance of the area surrounding the lighthouse, the Westchester County Police posted, See anyone you know?

Posted here are photos of four persons of interest in our investigation into the Tarrytown Lighthouse arson fire and vandalism that occurred this weekend in Sleepy Hollow.

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Vincent E. Spano City Clerk  
City of Yonkers, New York

#### SPECIAL ORDINANCE 26-2025

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF BOOKS AND EQUIPMENT FOR USE BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$7,300,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED

#### \$7,300,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

The bonds are authorized to finance the acquisition of books and equipment for use by the Board of Education.

The amount of obligations to be issued is not to exceed \$7,300,000.

The period of probable usefulness of the acquisition of books, software and equipment for use by the Board of Education, is five (5) years.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Special Local Finance and Budget Act of the City of Yonkers, constituting Chapters 488 and 489 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York (herein called the "Act"), the City is authorized and directed to include the pledge and agreement of the State of New York (herein called the "State") contained in said Section 17 of the Act, in the ordinance, and the Act provides that upon payment for the bonds or notes by the original and all subsequent holders thereof the inclusion of such pledge and agreement shall be deemed conclusive evidence of valuable consideration received by the State and City for such pledge and agreement and of reliance upon such pledge and agreement by any holder and that any action by the State contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of such pledge and agreement shall be void.

A complete copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York 10701.

DATED: June 3, 2025 Yonkers, New York

## A Note From Eric Schoen...I'll Be Back!



Dear Readers,

These past four months have been quite difficult for me with complex surgery and much discomfort. I look forward to joining you again quite soon where we can discuss the issues of the day and what we can look forward to tomorrow and the months ahead. -Eric Wolf Schoen

#### Weekend County Parks Events, continued from pg 13-

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268  
Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. \$25. Also: June 15, 22, 29. Pre-registration required: [www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens-2/2025-06-08/](http://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens-2/2025-06-08/)

Alfred B. DeBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (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 and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7263 Gardening Sundays and Tuesdays, Weekly, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. 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! Also: Tuesday, June 10. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-06-08/>

Alfred B. DeBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282  
Animal Interactions, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 8 and up can enter one of the enclosures, where they will see, touch and learn more about an animal of the farmer's choice! \$25 for two people. Get details and pre-register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-interactions-tickets-1264390709649?aff=ebdsoporgpr> or file

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005  
Fantastic Frogs, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Let's dive into the world of frogs to explore their habitat during this moderate hike; hiking shoes are recommended.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720  
Coyote Creature Feature, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The naturalist will teach you how to ID them, where to find them and how they hunt for food.

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*Latimer protest, continued from pg 1-*

“Latimer prioritizes the Israel lobby over the most disadvantaged in his district... Literally, he has only gone into Co-op City for photo ops.

“George Latimer primaryed anti-genocide Congressman Jamaal Bowman in what became the most expensive house primary in history. He won in a landslide due to aggressive smear campaigns against the sitting Congressman. Pro-Israel groups injected nearly all of the \$14,000,000 spent to unseat Bowman.

“On behalf of all New Yorkers, f\*&%\$ you, George Latimer.”

At the event, protestors held banners and chanted, “You’re not bold, you’re not bright, you’re just a Dem who doesn’t fight.”

The progressive news site Newroarnews.org wrote, “The country in this moment of crisis needs bold, energetic leadership; that is simply not George Latimer. Latimer is not a progressive and was never going to leave a transformative legacy.

“At a time when other elected officials are confronting ICE agents, demanding answers from administration officials about illegal actions, holding open forums to hear real-life examples of how the current administration is impacting communities, what the constituents of Congressional District 16 get, for a fee, is a well-crafted speech at the Scarsdale Golf Club.”

At the event, protestors confronted Latimer with “Your cozying up to republicans. You love Elon Musk and Donald Trump.”

The Musk and Trump analogy is often used against Republicans like Lawler, but is ludicrous in the case of Rep. Latimer, in our view.

We have listened to and printed Latimer’s topic of the week, in which he takes to the house floor to criticize President Trump and his policies. Primarily, Latimer’s attacks against Trump have been concerning the Big Beautiful budget bill, which has not yet been passed into law.

None of his comments on the House floor can be equated with supporting Trump. Latimer blasted Trump’s decision to take a \$400 Million Jet from Qatar, And he called the Trump-Republican budget bill “America’s Worst Budget Ever. It includes cuts to SNAP and Medicaid funding that will harm those who can least afford it while providing tax breaks for those who don’t need them. Also among these tax changes are rollbacks to critical clean energy taxes and credits that were part of the Inflation Reduction Act. These include phasing out clean energy production and investment tax credits, as well as ending long-standing home energy efficiency tax credits. If these aren’t bad enough, they have also added provisions to require the accelerated sale of public lands for oil and gas drilling and to rescind funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that protects Americans from pollution and lowers the cost of energy bills. Climate change is real, and it’s happening now. We must act. These were common-sense initiatives to move us away from complete reliance on fossil fuels and toward a clean energy future.

“Welcome to my world,” Latimer told the crowd at the LWV forum.

One person in attendance told us, “This was not an environmental group. Their purpose is to disrupt and target moderate democrats. I recognized one woman who used to work for Bowman leading the chants. I think that she and most of the protestors are still mad at Latimer for beating Bowman and want revenge.”

This brings us to former Congressman Bowman, who has been active on social media, just as he was when he represented Westchester for 4 years in Washington. Bowman is supporting Zorhan Mamdami for Mayor of NYC.

Bowman also interjected himself into the New Rochelle School Board elections last month, endorsing Dr. Rosa Rivera-McCutchen. Bowman also wrote the foreword to Rivera-McCutchen’s 2021 book, Radical Care: Leading for Justice in Urban Schools.

Her platform prioritized DEI, diversity, equity & inclusion, and she defended her decision for a Gaza ceasefire, posting on Facebook, “I disagree that my support of a permanent ceasefire in Gaza means that I don’t unequivocally demand the release of the hostages taken by Hamas. My positions on this issue do NOT make me antisemitic... I am NOT ‘anti-Israel.’”

After she lost the election, Rivera-McCutchen wrote, “I am angry that some members of the New Rochelle community (and beyond) organized a coordinated attack against my candidacy for a school board because of my support for and relationship with Jamaal Bowman, and my support of human rights in Gaza.”

Some believe that the same progressive ideology that Rivera-McCutchen ran on, with Bowman’s support, will return to Westchester next year when Latimer faces reelection in 2026.

“One thing is for sure: Bowman loves the spotlight. That is clear from his involvement and support for Mamdami in the NYC Mayor’s race and his support for Dr. Rivera-McCutchen in the NR School Board race. But numbers don’t lie. In 2024, Latimer beat Bowman-58%-42%.” said one New Rochelle democrat. “I can’t think of anyone of substance that would run against George. But someone may step forward because he’s not lefty enough for them. But others in the Indivisible movement support Latimer.”

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**CORPORATION NOTICE  
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 17th, 2025 at 6:15 PM in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York for all interested persons to be heard in favor of or in opposition to the proposed resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YONKERS TO RENEW A CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CROWN CASTLE INTERNATIONAL CORP. (“CCIC”) IN THE CITY OF YONKERS.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information may be obtained at the City Clerk’s office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City’s Website.

VINCENT SPANO  
City Clerk  
June 4, 2025

Letter

To the Editor:

Donald Trump is offering a massive public lands giveaway to the fossil fuel industry.

He’s ordered the U.S. to “drill baby drill” on public lands, and he’s fast-tracked new oil and gas projects, bypassing environmental and public review. His allies in Congress are even pushing to open Alaska’s Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling.

If they get their way, the fossil fuel industry will wreck our national landmarks for profit and pump millions more tons of planet-warming pollution into the atmosphere in the process.

So if we don’t want to see drilling rigs the next time we head outdoors, we need to send a clear message: Don’t sell off our public lands to Big Oil!

Sincerely,

Shaeril McBrown  
New Rochelle, NY

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## Forever Families Through Adoption June Events

Tuesday June 17, 2025

Domestic Newborn Adoption Free Zoom Information Session

6:30-7:30pm

This free Zoom event is open to anyone interested in or involved with the adoption process, including community members, expectant parents, adoptive or prospective adoptive parents, and adoptees. Learn about the domestic newborn adoption process and meet some of the staff of Forever Families Through Adoption. Please contact us for pre-registration and meeting information at [adopt@foreverfamiliesthroughadoption.org](mailto:adopt@foreverfamiliesthroughadoption.org) or 914-939-1180.

Wednesday June 18, 2025

Foster 2 Forever Free Zoom Information Session

6:30-7:30pm

This free event is open to anyone interested in adopting waiting children in the foster care system already freed for adoption. Come and join us to learn about the adoption process, waiting children, training requirements, and meet the Foster 2 Forever staff! Please contact us for pre-registration and program information at [adopt@foreverfamiliesthroughadoption.org](mailto:adopt@foreverfamiliesthroughadoption.org) or 914-939-1180.

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Vincent E. Spano City Clerk

City of Yonkers, New York SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 20-2025

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK,

AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF VARIOUS TAX CERTIORARI JUDGMENTS, COMPROMISED CLAIMS AND SETTLED CLAIMS APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL DURING FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$15,000,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

The bonds are authorized to finance various tax certiorari judgments, compromised claims and settled claims against the City.

The period of probable usefulness is a minimum five (5) years and maximum twenty (20) years, dependent on the total amount of tax certiorari claims paid in a single fiscal year.

The amount of obligations to be issued is \$15,000,000.

A complete copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Clerk of the City at City Hall, in Yonkers, New York.

Dated: June 4, 2025  
Yonkers, New York

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## Westchester County Celebrates Pride With LGBTQ+ Flag Raising



On June 1st, around 12:00 PM EST, Westchester County officially launched Pride Month with its annual LGBTQ+ Pride Flag Raising Ceremony in White Plains, NY. The event was hosted by the Westchester County LGBTQ+ Advisory Board in partnership with County Executive Kenneth W. Jenkins and the Westchester County Board of Legislators. Local leaders, advocates, and residents gathered to celebrate and reaffirm their commitment to equality, inclusion, and visibility for the LGBTQ+ community.

Held in front of the Michaelian Office Building, the ceremony was a spirited and heartfelt occasion, reflecting Westchester's values of unity and acceptance. Community members waved rainbow flags, embraced one another, and listened as speakers emphasized the importance of standing strong together in the face of growing national tensions.

Mayor Tom Roach of White Plains, who attended the event, offered a poignant reflection during a personal interview with Yonkers Rising. "Getting to know each other better is an antidote to a lot of the negativity that's out in the world right now," Roach said. His words echoed the theme of the day—connection as a tool for change and progress.

County Executive Kenneth W. Jenkins, a visible and vocal supporter of diversity and equity, stood with pride beside LGBTQ+ leaders and allies. His presence underscored the County's unwavering support for its LGBTQ+ residents, especially during a time when many communities across the nation are facing increased discrimination and division.

"I was proud to join our LGBTQ+ Advisory Board and community members to raise the Progress Pride Flag," Jenkins said in a brief post on Instagram. "After, I stopped by Westchester Pride to stand with thousands who gathered to celebrate the strength, creativity, and love that defines our community."

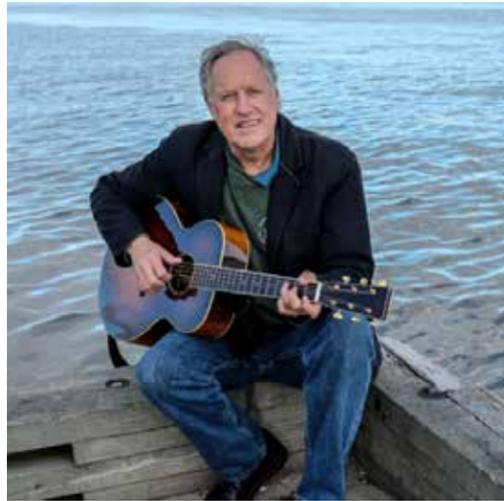
## Hudson River Music Festival, June 14, Croton Point Park: A Celebration of Pete & Toshi Seeger

HUDSON RIVER MUSIC FESTIVAL	
MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE	
SATURDAY, JUNE 14 • 2025	
CROTON POINT PARK, NEW YORK	
6:45PM - 8:45PM	<b>GRAHAME LESH &amp; FRIENDS</b> FT. OTEIL BLURBRIDGE • RICK MITAROTONDA GRIFFIN & TAYLOR GOLDSMITH • ROB BARRACO JENNIFER HARTSWICK
5:25PM - 6:20PM	<b>LUCIUS (ACOUSTIC)</b> FT. GRIFFIN & TAYLOR GOLDSMITH
4:05PM - 5:00PM	<b>MADISON CUNNINGHAM</b>
2:45PM - 3:40PM	<b>PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND</b>
1:35PM - 2:20PM	<b>JORMA KAUKONEN</b> WITH SPECIAL GUEST JOHN HJURLBT
12:30PM - 1:15PM	<b>STEVE EARLE &amp; FRIENDS</b>
11:00AM - 12:00PM	<b>TOM CHAPIN &amp; FRIENDS, DAVID AMRAM, AND THE CHAPIN SISTERS:</b> A CELEBRATION OF PETE & TOSHI SEEGER
10:00AM GATES OPEN	

The Hudson River Music Festival has announced that Grammy Award winning folk musician and activist Tom Chapin and The Chapin Sisters will join the festival lineup set for Saturday, June 14 from 11:00am-9:00pm in Croton Point Park.

Together, they will honor the enduring legacy of Pete and Toshi Seeger through music, community, and shared purpose. The Celebration of the Legacy of Pete & Toshi Seeger will kick off the festival from 11:00AM to 12:00PM, featuring Tom Chapin & Friends alongside The Chapin Sisters.

The prolific three-time Grammy Award-



Tom Chapin

winning folk singer-songwriter is a longtime advocate for environmental causes, and issues surrounding hunger and social justice. In support of Pete and Toshi Seeger's vision for a better world, Tom Chapin has performed at numerous Clearwater events over the years, embodying their ethos of activism through music. Influenced by Pete's music as a child, Chapin grew to consider the Seegers both mentors and friends. He now joins the Hudson River Music Festival in honoring their legacy with his daughters Abigail and Lily (The Chapin Sisters).

To purchase tickets visit [www.hudsonrivermusicfestival.com](http://www.hudsonrivermusicfestival.com).



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