

Lawler is More Popular than Trump in NY-17



By Dan Murphy

President Donald Trump is coming to Rockland County this week and waiting to greet him will be Westchester Congressman Mike Lawler. Lawler has represented mid-northern Westchester, Rockland, Putnam and Dutchess counties since 2022. Most believe that this upcoming reelection will be his toughest race yet.

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Eastchester and Mt. Vernon Voters Reject School



By Dan Murphy

Only two of fifty-three school districts in Westchester County voted against the proposed budgets for the 2026-27 school year. The no votes won the day in Eastchester and Mt. Vernon.

In Eastchester, a \$116.85 Million spending plan which would have raised property taxes by 6.31% was rejected by a vote of 1385-no to 1196-yes. The budget, because it proposed raising property taxes above the tax cap of 2%, required a 60% approval for passage. Instead 54% of the voters said no. This may simply be a result of too large of a spending and tax increase for the voters in the Eastchester School District. Also interesting to note that the Bronxville and Tuckahoe school budgets, both in the Town of Eastchester did pass.

Comments on the Eastchester budget varied with supporters urging a yes vote, I know there has been a lot of discussion about the Eastchester budget vote. Our superintendent heard that 7.31 was too high. She cut down to 6.3. You may not like where we are right now, but here we are. Any further cuts will tremendously deplete our staff which means larger class sizes, loss of program, cuts to athletics and the need to possibly bust the cap again next

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With Cannabis Legal in NY for 5 Years, can Local Governments Ban Smoking in Public?



By Dan Murphy

Five years after marijuana was legalized in New York State, some local communities are considering passing laws that ban the smell of Pot smoke on their streets.

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\$800 Million is Not Enough to Settle NY Archdiocese Sex Abuse Cases: Will Your Parish Be Asked to Pay?



Emergency Meeting Held at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers

What it means for St. Mary's Church in Yonkers

By Dan Murphy

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Putnam County Man Charged with Child Pornography Involving An Infant



Cory Matthews left

By Dan Murphy

Tim Tebow and his foundation have been working to try to rescue children who are being sexually abused and trafficked. Part of Tebow's work includes highlighting the fact that more than one half million unique IP addresses are actively trading child sex abuse material.

But Tebow shares another uncomfortable fact on his website, timtebowfoundation.org.

"The images and videos of children under 12 being abused, raped, and tortured. The majority of those

offenders are also committing hands-on offenses against children in their own homes and their own communities. These offenders have an average of 13 victims each. That's hundreds of thousands of little boys and girls who are in despair."

Here in our area, one of those sharing videos of an INFANT was arrested and charged by US Attorney Jay Clayton.

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Jay Clayton, announced the arrest of CORY MATTHEWS, and the Indictment, on April 29th, of BETH SAIERS, a/k/a "Beth Young." MATTHEWS and SAIERS are

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What Memorial Day is All About



By Dan Murphy

Yonkers resident Bob Abate has made it his mission to interview as many of our Veterans from World War II before its too late.

Bob has penned a few stories for us which can be found on our

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Senator Pete Harckham Names Cynthia B. Knox, Esq. 2026 Woman of Distinction



State Senator Pete Harckham recently announced his selection of Cynthia Knox as a 2026 Woman of Distinction.

Cynthia B. Knox, Esq., is the Chief Executive Officer of Caring for the Hungry and Homeless of Peekskill (CHHOP). CHHOP works to alleviate hunger and homelessness in Peekskill, New York and its surrounding areas.

As CHHOP's leader, Ms. Knox successfully increased the organization's revenue by over 225%, private revenue by over 17%, and program staffing by 280% within five years. She has also developed additional programs in response to community needs, including a collaborative RISE Program for domestic violence survivors and a short-term rental and utility arrears program, Tierra Solida/Solid Ground. Ms. Knox has transformed CHHOP's food pantry into a "farm to pantry" model with a rigorous focus on health equity.

Ms. Knox's social justice work spans more than three decades, with 20-plus years of nonprofit executive experience working on behalf of low-income individuals. She has developed programs and funding for specialized populations, advanced strategic partnerships, and led performance management processes in her leadership roles.

Ms. Knox's leadership has garnered recognition for her dedication to helping those in need, including from The Loft, which recognized her as an LGBTQ+ Trailblazer, and from the City of Peekskill, which named her as an LGBTQ+ leader in the community, both in 2024. Additional accolades include the 914 Inc. Women in Business Leaders in 2023, Crain's 2023 New York Notable LGBTQIA+ Leaders, the 2022 New York State Empire Award, the 2022 Peekskill NAACP Distinguished Service Award, and the 2022 Feeding Westchester Neighbor Service Award.

She has served on numerous boards, committees, and commissions. Currently, Ms. Knox serves on the Executive Committee of the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce and the Westchester County Community Development Advisory Group. She is a member of the Policy Advisory Committee for "Welcome Home Westchester!" and is on the New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital Community Advisory Board.

Ms. Knox holds a Juris Doctor from CUNY Law School and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from Sarah Lawrence College.

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"He stole our sense of security"- Repeat Offender Gets 20 Years for Ossining Home Invasion



Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Lorenzo Chambers, 35, of the Bronx, was sentenced to 20 years to life in state prison by Judge Robert Prisco.

In March, Chambers was convicted at trial of Burglary in the Second Degree, a class C felony, and a related misdemeanor for committing a home-invasion burglary in February 2025.

DA Cacace said: "Crimes of this nature have profound, long-lasting effects on the victims. Sadly, the impact of incidents like these will be felt long after the jail cell doors are closed on the defendant. This severe sentence sends a strong message to our community that this type of criminal behavior will not be tolerated."

On Feb. 12, 2025, the defendant broke into a home on S. Highland Ave., in Ossining, while the homeowners were present. He stole a silver necklace, silver bracelet, sunglasses, a snap-on socket and a jar full of coins.

After fleeing the premises, he was apprehended by members of the Ossining Police Department while en route to the nearby Metro-North train station.

In a victim's impact statement, which was read in court by Assistant District Attorney Marissa Morra-Wynn, the homeowner stated the following: "The fact that someone broke into our personal space—a place we had always considered safe—has created a constant sense of fear and insecurity. Since that day, we no longer feel at peace in our own home. Everyday activities such as sleeping, being alone, or simply hearing a noise have become sources of anxiety."

The investigation was conducted by the Ossining Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Marissa Morra-Wynn and Victoria Clarkson.

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SV Summit: Shaping our Communities: Fresh Perspectives on Local Land Use



left to right: Bob Galvin, Chance Mullen, and John Verni.

By Rina Beder

As Westchester communities look toward the future, questions surrounding housing, redevelopment, downtown vitality, and community character are becoming increasingly important. The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit's May 12th program brought together experienced leaders in planning, government, and development to explore what thoughtful growth could and should look like in the years ahead. Drawing on decades of professional experience, the panelists discussed practical strategies, emerging opportunities, and a broader vision for how communities such as Larchmont and Mamaroneck can evolve while preserving the qualities that residents value most.

Panelists included Chance Mullen, Mayor of the Village of Pelham and Executive Director of the Municipal Officials Association of New York; planner Bob Galvin, who has served as planner for numerous New York municipalities, including Mamaroneck, and is a board member of the Washingtonville Housing Alliance; and John Verni, a developer and attorney specializing in real estate and land use and former Chair of the Mamaroneck Planning Board. Together, they explored how Westchester communities can address changing housing needs, strengthen downtowns, encourage thoughtful redevelopment, and create opportunities for residents at every stage of life while maintaining the character and sense of place that define the region.

A central theme of the discussion was that many local municipalities are already largely built out, leaving little undeveloped land for major expansion. As a result, future growth is likely to come through redevelopment, adaptive reuse, transit-oriented development, and smaller incremental projects rather than large-scale new construction.

"Everything that we're doing is redeveloping items that already had something," Mullen explained, describing Pelham as "99 percent built out." Many recent redevelopment projects, he noted, involved former gas station sites that no longer fit the needs of the community.

Mullen emphasized the value of creative public-private partnerships that combine housing, commercial uses, municipal facilities, parking, and open space within a single project. He highlighted Pelham's recently completed municipal center project, where the village sold publicly owned land to a developer in exchange for a new municipal complex housing the fire department, police department, village hall, and public parking within a residential development.

The arrangement, Mullen said, allowed the village to modernize aging public facilities without significant tax increases.

Panelists also stressed that communities must think strategically about the types of housing they lack. Mullen noted that housing needs have changed significantly over time. Rather than remaining in one home for life, many residents now move through multiple stages of housing as their needs evolve.

Communities, he argued, need a broader range of housing options — from apartments for young adults starting careers, to homes for growing families, to downsized housing for seniors hoping to remain in the community.

"If we're going to be communities where people actually stick around for a while, then we have to have options for people," Mullen said.

Verni focused on preserving vibrant downtowns and neighborhood character while accommodating growth. He discussed the role of "incremental housing" and adaptive reuse projects in meeting housing needs without dramatically changing the scale of local communities.

"There are incremental things we can do," Verni said. "You don't have to just wait for one big project to solve all of our housing problems."

He pointed to projects converting former churches, office buildings, and underutilized properties into housing, including affordable housing. Verni also highlighted the growing movement toward transit-oriented development and walkable downtowns, themes promoted by the Congress for the New Urbanism.

Verni noted that villages such as Larchmont and Mamaroneck are fortunate to have strong downtowns, small businesses, walkability, and historic character — qualities residents strongly value. At the same time, he cautioned against creating places where

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New Rochelle Police Searching for Missing 11-Year-Old King Richards

NAME: KING RICHARDS
AGE: 11
DOB: 06/15/2014
HEIGHT: 5'00"
WEIGHT: 125 LBS
HAIR: BLACK
EYES: BROWN
RACE: BLACK

King is believed to be with his father, Dwight Richards, who is pictured on the right. Has ties to New Rochelle Mt. Vernon and Yonkers.

NAME: DWIGHT RICHARDS
HEIGHT: 6'02"
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HAIR: BALD
EYES: BROWN
RACE: BLACK

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From the New Rochelle Police Department

King Richards/Dwight Richards Sr. Media Statement

The New Rochelle Police Department is seeking the public's help in locating 11-year-old King Richards. He has been missing since March 2025, when his father, Dwight Richards Sr, took him during a custodial proceeding.

King's father failed to return to court with him for a court proceeding and King's mother has since been granted full custody.

King Richards was last seen with his father Dwight Richards, but their exact whereabouts remain unknown.

Dwight Richards Sr. has an active warrant for his arrest. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of King Richards or Dwight Richards Sr are asked to contact the New Rochelle Police Department at (914)654-2300.

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SUNY WCC Student Awarded Prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship up to \$55K per year



Ashley Cozayatl of Harrison, with SUNY WCC President Belinda Miles. Photo by SUNY Westchester Community College

Ashley Cozayatl, a student at SUNY Westchester Community College, is one of 60 high-achieving community college students selected to receive the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The highly competitive national scholarship aims for Cooke Scholars to complete their undergraduate education with as little debt as possible. The award, which is last dollar funding after all institutional aid, can provide Ashley with as much as \$55,000 a year to complete a bachelor's degree.

Ashley is a first-generation Peruvian and Mexican-American student who will be graduating from SUNY WCC's Honors College, where she managed her academics while working two jobs. She also served in leadership roles in several on-campus organizations. In addition to being awarded the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, she received the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Student Excellence and was named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-New York Academic Team. In the fall, Ashley will attend New York University on a pre-law track, with plans to attend law school and pursue a career in law.

"I am extremely grateful to the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation for this amazing, life-changing scholarship," said Ashley Cozayatl. "I attended SUNY WCC in large part due to its low tuition and the support of the Honors College. The opportunities and experiences I had at SUNY WCC helped me grow academically, professionally and personally. I am leaving with far more than a degree. I am leaving with growth, experiences, and memories that I will carry with me long after graduation."

"SUNY Westchester students continue to demonstrate extraordinary talent, determination, and leadership," said Dr. Belinda S. Miles, President of SUNY Westchester Community College. "Ashley's achievements reflect her remarkable work ethic, resilience, and commitment to excellence. We are incredibly proud of all she has accomplished and excited to see the impact she will make in the future."

The Cooke Foundation is committed to expanding access to high-quality, debt-free pathways for high-achieving students with financial need. While nearly 80% of community college students aspire to earn a bachelor's degree, only 16% reach that goal within six years. The Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship aims to help more students persist and complete their degrees by reducing financial barriers and providing the academic and advising support needed to navigate the transfer process.

Westchester County Celebrates the Opening of the New Glen Island Bridge



Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins joined County officials, project engineers and members of the community to celebrate the opening of the newly rehabilitated Glen Island Bridge, six months ahead of schedule.

The milestone marks a major step forward in the County's ongoing rehabilitation of the historic Glen Island Bridge, originally constructed in 1930 and serving as the only access point for entering Glen Island Park. The transition restores traffic to the permanent structure, while final construction and restoration work continues through the remainder of the year.

Significant work has already been completed as part of the rehabilitation project, including the repair of steel girders, installation of the bridge floor beams, concrete bridge deck, movable span grid deck, pedestrian railings, the bridge's electrical and mechanical systems, bridge and approach sidewalks, and traffic and pedestrian railing ahead of the traffic shift. Additional work currently underway includes testing of the mechanical and electrical systems ahead of the scheduled reopening of the navigation channel on May 22.

Jenkins said: "Today marks another important milestone in this project and in our continued investment in Westchester County's infrastructure. Glen Island Park is one of the County's most treasured public spaces, and restoring traffic to the permanent bridge ahead of the busy summer season reflects the tremendous work completed by our County teams, engineers and contractors. This project has always been about balancing preservation, safety and access while ensuring this historic bridge continues serving residents and visitors for generations to come."

Westchester County Legislator Terry Clements said: "As the County Legislator representing this community, I know how much Glen Island Park means to residents throughout New Rochelle and beyond. The reopening of the permanent bridge ahead of schedule is tremendous news and reflects the hard work and coordination that went into this project. I'm proud to see this important investment in infrastructure and public access move forward."

Following the traffic shift, demolition of the temporary bridge and removal of temporary piles will continue through late June. Restoration of roadway approaches and landscaping is expected to continue through December 2026.

The full rehabilitation project includes structural steel repairs, masonry restoration, upgraded sidewalks and railings, lighting improvements and extensive electrical and mechanical upgrades designed to preserve the bridge's historic integrity, while modernizing its operations for decades to come.

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Westchester County Beaches Open Memorial Day Weekend, Pools to Follow June 26



Mark the unofficial start of summer outdoors!

Grab your towels and sunscreen and hit the beach Memorial Day Weekend as Croton Point Beach in Croton-on-Hudson, Glen Island Beach in New Rochelle and Playland Beach in Yonkers will open on a pre-season basis, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 23, 24 and 25, with weather permitting.

The beaches will be open weekends and holidays only through Sunday, June 21, then Glen Island and Playland Beaches will open beginning Friday, June 26 and Croton Point Beach will be open Saturdays, Sundays and holidays through Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., with last entry at 6 p.m.; proof of Westchester County residency is required at Glen Island. Entry and parking fees apply.

On Friday, June 26, all five County-owned pools – Playland in Rye, Saxon Woods in White Plains, Willson’s Waves in Mount Vernon, and Sprain Ridge and The Brook at Tibbetts in Yonkers – will open daily through Labor Day, from 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., with the last entry at 6 p.m.; entry fees apply at all facilities, and parking fees apply at Playland and Tibbetts Brook Park. Proof of Westchester residency is required at all pools except Playland.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “Westchester’s beaches and pools are true gems in our community. They’re ideal locations to relax, enjoy the sunshine, and spend meaningful time with family and friends. Whether you’re swimming in the water or stretching out on the sand, there’s something for everyone. I’m excited to welcome residents and visitors back for another great season.”

Proof of Westchester County residency must be presented at Glen Island Park, Saxon Woods Pool, Sprain Ridge Pool, The Brook at Tibbetts and Willson’s Waves Pool using a Westchester County Park Pass or a New York State driver’s license with a valid Westchester County address. Admission fees apply at every beach and pool facility, and parking fees apply at Croton Point, Glen Island, Playland and Tibbetts Brook Park. Park Passes also offer discounted admission and parking at a variety of locations.

The Sand Art Competition at Glen Island, and Family Fun Days and DJ Days at multiple pools and beaches will also return; dates to be announced. Participation is free; admission and parking rules apply.

County Executive Jenkins Signs Two Landmark Pieces of Labor Legislation



Focusing on labor and workers, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins signed two landmark pieces of legislation aimed at strengthening protections, wages and workforce opportunities for workers across Westchester County.

Jenkins said: “These are the kinds of protections and workforce investments I have advocated for and fought to advance for decades. I am proud to see the Board of Legislators take meaningful action to support working men and women across Westchester and ensure County projects create good-paying jobs, strong labor standards and real pathways to opportunity.”

Recently passed by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, the “Westchester County Lessor Prevailing Wage Act” ensures that construction workers on County-leased properties receive the same standard union wages and benefits they would earn on County-owned job sites. “The Mandating Apprenticeships in County Projects Act” requires contractors bidding on large County construction projects to provide hands-on, industry-aligned apprenticeship training and workforce development opportunities for workers entering the trades.

Westchester County Board of Legislators Chairman Vedat Gashi said: “Today marks a milestone for workers across Westchester County. Together, these two laws close a loophole that left construction workers without fair pay protections and open doors for the next generation of tradespeople. When Westchester builds, everyone on that job deserves fair wages and a real path forward in their career. Thanks to County Executive Jenkins for signing these bills into law, to our labor partners for bringing these issues to our attention and staying at the table, and to my colleagues on the Board whose dedication made this moment possible. Westchester is proving that when we invest in infrastructure, we can also invest in the people who build it.”

Hudson Valley Carpenters Business Manager Scott Smith said: “Carpenters Local 279 would like to thank the Westchester County Board of Legislators and County Executive Ken Jenkins for passing the Westchester County Lessor Prevailing Wage Act. This legislation represents an important step toward protecting good-paying union jobs, raising labor standards, and ensuring that public investments support fair wages for working families across Westchester County.”

The “Westchester County Lessor Prevailing Wage Act” guarantees construction workers on County leased properties must receive the same standard union wages they would earn on County owned properties.

Under current law, construction projects on privately owned properties leased by the County — even when those projects directly support County services and operations — may not qualify as “public work,” meaning workers are not always guaranteed prevailing wage protections.

Jenkins said this is about closing a gap in state labor law to better protect workers. The legislation applies to lease agreements lasting 10 years or longer, and to construction projects valued at more than \$250,000 that are performed on behalf of the County. Under the new law, contractors and subcontractors working on those projects must pay prevailing wages and submit certified payroll records to ensure compliance.

The Mandating Apprenticeships in County Projects legislation strengthens workforce development by requiring contractors seeking County construction contracts valued at more than \$250,000 to provide workers with hands-on training and career development opportunities through New York State-registered apprenticeship programs in the building trades.

Jenkins said: “This measure is about creating opportunity, strengthening our workforce and making sure County projects are built by skilled professionals right here in Westchester. Expanding apprenticeship programs helps open doors for the next generation of tradespeople while supporting high-quality work on critical infrastructure projects.”

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Westchester BOL Celebrates Asian American & Pacific Heritage Month

Maria Regina High School's National Honor Society Host First Ponytail Drive



Madison Terrizzi, Yonkers (shown in photo above) was among a group comprising five Maria Regina High School students and a parent who participated in the school's first Ponytail Drive, hosted by the National Honor Society.

During hair styling sessions, they donated a portion of their hair to Children With Hair Loss, a nonprofit that provides human hair replacements to children and young adults facing medically-related hair loss due to cancer treatments, burns, alopecia, among other causes.

Joining Madison in the drive were classmates Sophia Smith, Bronx; Calli Kazorck, Yonkers; Leah Croce, Dobbs Ferry and Sofia Kosmangiannis, Yonkers. A parent, Mrs. Shilaku, Shrub Oak, also donated to help the organization fulfill its mission, aptly described in the tagline, "Covering Young Heads to Heal Young Hearts." Held on the campus of the renowned all-female Catholic high school, Hair By Val K provided styling of the participants' hair. To learn more, visit www.mariaregina.org

top left Dr. Vikas Agrawal, 2nd right, with Legislator David Imamura, 2nd left, and BOL Chair Gashi

2nd left: L-R- Legislator Emiljana Ulaj, honoree Keiko Niccolini, BOL Chair Vedat Gashi



The Westchester County Board of Legislators celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month on May 15 with a ceremony to honor Keiko Niccolini, an environmental justice change-maker and sustainability expert who has spearheaded recycling and climate smart programs in Croton-on-Hudson, and Dr. Vikas Agrawal, a neurologist, Ardsley School Board Trustee, and community volunteer.

Chairman Vedat Gashi (D–New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) who convened the ceremony, said, "Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is an opportunity to recognize the generations of Asian Americans whose leadership, service, and perseverance have strengthened Westchester County's communities and our nation as a whole. This year, we are proud to honor Keiko Niccolini and Dr. Vikas Agrawal, two individuals whose work reflects a firm commitment to public service and dedication to improving the lives of others. Through their leadership in environmental justice and sustainability, and medicine and education, they embody the spirit of this year's theme for AAPI Heritage Month, 'Power in Unity,' which reminds us of the importance of working collaboratively to create a more inclusive future. The Board is proud to celebrate their achievements."

Legislator Emiljana Ulaj (D–Cortlandt, Ossining, Croton, Briarcliff, Buchanan) said, "It is a privilege to celebrate Keiko Niccolini, who is quite literally a force of nature in our community. We honor Keiko for her advocacy and her proven ability to unite people for the sake of our planet. From her hands-on stewardship of residential food scrap recycling programs to her work advising government officials, she has dedicated her life to ensuring a greener future for all. Keiko's heritage of activism is a powerful reminder of how Asian American leaders are shaping a greener and more inclusive Westchester."

Legislator David T. Imamura (D–Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Edgemont, Hartsdale, Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington) said, "Dr. Agrawal exemplifies what we mean when we talk about community ethos. Whether saving lives through his neurology practice or improving his friends' and neighbors' quality of life by being a force on the Ardsley School Board and in volunteerism that touches all aspects of cultural and recreational life, he has led by an example that all County residents can follow, but has in particular been a guiding light for the Rivertowns' growing South Asian population. Thank you, Dr. Agrawal, for all you do and will continue to do."

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Fashion Show at Unterymyer Gardens for Yonkers Arts Weekend



One of the more popular events at Yonkers Arts Weekend is the Fashion show, which takes place at Unterymyer Gardens every year. This year did not disappoint.

Below: One of the many works of art enjoyed by thousands at Yonkers Arts Weekend. This piece can be found at YOHO studios. We publish with the Knicks on our mind.



Lakeland HS Athletes, continued from pg 12-

Skylah Anton, cheerleading at Western Connecticut State University; Jack Doherty, football at Wilkes University; Matt Garcia, baseball at Farmingdale State College; Jonathan Guglielmo, football at Misericordia University; Sylvia Hernandez, cheerleading at Western Connecticut State University; Sam Lange, baseball at University of Massachusetts Boston; Jake Malfant, baseball at University of Connecticut; and Winfred Wright, football at Alvernia University.

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St. John's Riverside Hospital Golf Classic Celebrates Another Record-Breaking Year

June 16-Ardsley Country Club

On Tuesday, June 16th, 2026, St. John's Riverside Hospital will host The Marty & Iris Walshin Memorial Golf Classic at Ardsley Country Club in Ardsley, NY. As the hospital enters the final weeks leading up to this year's outing, community support has already surpassed last year's record-breaking fundraising total, highlighting the continued generosity and commitment of sponsors, donors and participants throughout the region.

This year's event will also introduce pickleball for the first time, expanding the day's activities and offering guests an exciting new way to participate in support of St. John's Riverside Hospital. Golfers and pickleball participants alike will enjoy a day of friendly competition, including the opportunity for golfers to win a new car in the Hole-in-One contest sponsored by Ray Catena Lexus of Larchmont.

Following the day's activities, attendees will gather for an evening cocktail reception, dinner, silent auction, raffles and an awards presentation recognizing tournament winners. Proceeds from this year's Golf Classic will benefit St. John's Riverside Hospital's cardiac services, helping to advance lifesaving cardiovascular care and enhance services for patients throughout the community.

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Pot Smoking, continued from pg 1-

of Mamaroneck considered a law

The proposed law sought to criminalize “the possession and inhaling of any heated cannabis or marijuana...” with penalties up to a \$250 fine and 15 days imprisonment. According to the Larchmont Loop, the item was under consideration by the Mamaroneck Village Board, but was withdrawn after it was reported on by media outlets. Mamaroneck would have been the first Westchester community to consider such a law. Some Westchester residents have complained about the smell, or odors, from pot smoke along many streets.

The Town of Glen Cove on Long Island passed a ban on smoking in public spaces in December 2025. The law prohibits marijuana smoking on sidewalks, in parks, public squares, beaches and any other public area. Fines for the first offense in Glen Cove \$100 and increases to \$250 for subsequent violations.

Others believe that “people should be able to have the freedom of doing what they want without hurting others,” she said. In New York State, you can generally smoke or vape cannabis anywhere it is legal to smoke tobacco. However, state and local regulations strictly prohibit smoking pot in motor vehicles, on federal property, in schools, and in most indoor or outdoor public spaces like restaurants, building lobbies, and public parks.

You can smoke in private homes, in your backyard, and on public sidewalks (unlike alcohol, open consumption on the street is typically permitted unless specifically banned by your local municipality)

Landlords have the right to ban smoking (both tobacco and cannabis) inside apartments and common areas. Tenants should check their leases to understand the building’s policy

On March 31, 2021, New York legalized the possession of up to 3 ounces of marijuana and up to 24 grams of marijuana concentrate for adults who are at least 21 years old.

webstie, Yonkerstimes.com. We are working on a few more Veterans stories with Abate, and one includes this poem

“I saw a poem on my ship’s bulletin board and I copied it down and kept it all through the war. I still have it today. It was my favorite poem. I didn’t know my Dad very well, he died when I was nine years old. But if he were alive, I think he would have written something just like this to me

... “

DAD TO SON

**I WISH I HAD THE POWER TO WRITE
THE THOUGHTS DEEP IN MY HEART TONIGHT
AS I SIT WATCHING THAT SMALL STAR
AND WONDERING HOW AND WHERE YOU ARE.
YOU KNOW, SON, IT’S A FUNNY THING
HOW CLOSE A WAR CAN ALWAYS BRING
A FAMILY, THAT FOR YEARS, WITH PRIDE
HAS KEPT EMOTION DEEP INSIDE.
I’M SORRY THAT WHEN YOU WERE SMALL
I LET RESERVE BUILD UP A WALL.
I TOLD YOU REAL MEN NEVER CRIED
SO IT WAS MOMS WHO ALWAYS DRIED
YOUR TEARS, AND SMOOTHED HURTS AWAY
AND SENT YOU ROMPING BACK TO PLAY.
NOW SUDDENLY I FIND MY SON
A FULL-GROWN MAN WITH CHILDHOOD DONE.
TONIGHT YOU’RE FAR ACROSS THE SEA
WAGING WAR FOR MEN LIKE ME.
WELL, SOMEHOW, PRIDE AND WHAT IS RIGHT
JUST DO NOT SEEM TO COUNT TONIGHT.
I FIND MY EYES WILL NOT STAY DRY.
I FIND THAT SOMETIMES MEN DO CRY.
AND IF WE STOOD HERE FACE-TO-FACE
I’M SURE I’D FIND THAT MEN EMBRACE.**

**SON, ALL DADS ARE A FUNNY LOT
AND IF I’VE FAILED YOU IN SOME SPOT
IT’S NOT BECAUSE I LOVE YOU LESS
IT’S JUST THIS CUSSED MANLINESS.**

**BUT IF I HAD THE POWER TO WRITE
THE THOUGHTS DEEP IN MY SOUL TONIGHT
THE WORDS WOULD RING OUT CLEAR AND TRUE -
I LOVE YOU, SON - I’M PROUD OF YOU.**

Email Bob Abate at RPabate@gmail.com

NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE BLOOD DONATIONS AS SUMMER “TRAUMA SEASON” BEGINS

Collections down 15% as Memorial Day weekend approaches, raising concerns about regional blood supply levels

New York Blood Center (NYBC) is urgently calling on New Yorkers to donate blood ahead of Memorial Day weekend as the region faces dangerously low blood collections at the start of the summer “trauma season,” one of the most difficult and critical times of year for maintaining the blood supply.

Blood donations are down nearly 15%, representing approximately 4,500 fewer donations than needed to meet hospital demand across the region. The shortfall comes just before Memorial Day weekend, when donations traditionally decline due to travel, vacations, school breaks, and holiday activities. Following a difficult winter season, spring donations have also failed to rebound as expected, and without an immediate increase in donations, the region risks entering blood emergency territory in the weeks ahead.

“This is one of the more challenging starts to summer we’ve seen in recent years,” said Jeannie Mascolino, Vice President of Operations, New York Blood Center. “We are already thousands of donations behind where we would typically like to be heading into Memorial Day weekend, a time when donations often decline further. Continued donor support in the coming weeks will be critical to helping hospitals maintain a stable blood supply for patients who depend on transfusions every day.”

Hospitals typically see a rise in serious injuries and emergency procedures during the summer months due to increased travel, outdoor recreation, and holiday activity. Trauma patients can require dozens, sometimes hundreds, of blood transfusions in a matter of hours.

In New York State alone, more than 56,000 traumatic injuries are reported each year, with many occurring during weekends and throughout the summer months.

To help encourage donations during the holiday week, those who come to donate at any NYBC donor center or blood drive between Wednesday, May 20th and Wednesday, May 27th will receive a packable picnic blanket to celebrate the unofficial start of summer.

Memorial Day weekend also serves as the kickoff to NYBC’s broader “Be the Reason Summer Feels Brighter” initiative, a seasonal effort focused on maintaining a stable blood supply throughout the challenging summer months. Donors can visit nybc.org/reason to view upcoming summer donation opportunities, learn about additional summer donor promotions, and find convenient locations to donate.

In light of updates to FDA guidance, more people than ever may now be eligible to give. Blood donors can give every 56 days, and platelet donors can give twice per month. To view current eligibility guidelines or make an appointment, donors can call 1-800-933-2566 or visit nybc.org.

Can’t donate blood? You can still make a lifesaving impact by supporting NYBC’s mission through financial contributions or volunteering your time. Visit <https://www.nybc.org/support-us/> to learn more.

School budgets, continued from pg 1-

year. We have been depleting reserves over the last few years to keep our taxes down. That was a band aide. Ask questions and demand answers. But vote YES. You are only hurting the students of the district. Hold the board and superintendent accountable. They said next year will be back to normal tax talks.”

But more opponents who wanted, and got, a no vote. “As a taxpayer in this town for over 50 years I see no effort to be fiscally responsible for our money by rubber stamping the past budgets with no appreciation of our contribution. BOE, do your job and earn the respect of your benefactors.”

And “All I would like to see is a reasonable attempt to work with the tax payers by considering the burden we’ve been carrying and not dismissing us as fools.”

Eastchester School Board member Rob Krukowski, who was reelected, said, Thank you, Eastchester.

I am deeply grateful to the community for once again placing your trust in me to serve on the Board of Education. It is an honor to continue this work on behalf of our students, families, educators, and schools.

I also want to be honest: while I am grateful for the election result, I am deeply disappointed that the school budget did not pass.

A budget vote is not politics as usual. It directly impacts the student experience, the programs we can offer, the supports we can provide, and the educators and staff who serve our children every day. Unfortunately, this year’s campaign included a coordinated push for a “No” vote on the budget, and the consequences of that decision are now very real.”

In Mt. Vernon, voters rejected a proposed \$276.2 million budget by a vote of 887-no to 768-yes. Their budget would have raised taxes by 1.99%, barely below the tax cap.

Some of the comments on the Mt. Vernon budget, include, “I didn’t understand the reasoning behind an increase, especially since they’ve closed 3 or 4 schools. That’s why I voted NO.”

And
“The district failed to involve the community and convince them that they were doing the right things and needed more money even though they had just saved 17 million ayear(every year going forward) from closing three schools and had 5 million from the 3% raise so why did they need 22 million more dollars we should’ve been getting Tax decreases not another tax increase.”

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Archdiocese of NY, continued from pg 1-

While the Archdiocese of New York is not currently in bankruptcy, priests were warned at the meeting that if a proposed \$800 MILLION settlement is not agreed to by 1,300 survivors of sexual abuse from Priests from ONLY the Archdiocese of NY, then the archdiocese may have to file for Chapter 11 Bankruptcy protection.

A tentative agreement has been reached between the victims and the archdiocese to settle the claims under the Child Victims Act to reach the proposed settlement figure, church leaders slashed budgets, laid off staff, and raised funds by selling off the vast majority of its real estate holdings, including its former Manhattan headquarters.

But despite the cost cutting and sell off, a \$300 Million fund raised is well short, and priests were told that local parishes may be asked or forced to pay for the remain HALF A BILLION dollars.

And which parishes will pay for the sex abuse settlements? According to Our Town, one priest at the meeting said, "It is not going to be totally democratic," "They will try to look at the books of each parish," said one source. "It will be a case of 'let us see how much you have in the bank, and we'll tell you how much you have to pay.'"

<https://www.ourtownny.com/news/archdiocese-to-pastors-raise-millions-for-sexual-abuse-victims-or-go-bankrupt-LF5788692>

Archbishop Ronald Hicks, who recently replaced Cardinal Timothy Dolan, was not at the emergency meeting.

Another problem in raising the funds needed to settle the claims is the ongoing legal battle between the Archdiocese and Chubb insurance. Chubb, who covered the archdiocese for decades, claims in legal filings that it should not have to pay for the sex abuse settlements because the archdiocese knew of the widespread abuse for years and covered up the crimes.

Parishioners in Yonkers and Westchester may not hear about the financial troubles when they go to mass. Instead, Pastors will meet with Archdiocese representatives to determine what if anything, each parish can afford to pay.

The bleak financial picture is also bad news for those attempting to save St. Mary's Church in Yonkers, the oldest Catholic church in Westchester's largest City.

In a decision dated March 6, Westchester County Court Judge Melissa Loehr issued an order approving a settlement between the Archdiocese of New York, the City of Yonkers, the Yonkers City Council, and the Yonkers Landmarks Board, which removes the Landmark status of the interiors of St. Mary's Church on South Broadway.

The decision is bad news for those of us who wanted The Friends of St. Mary's to have the opportunity to raise the funds needed to repair the church, which the archdiocese has wanted to close for at least 4 years.

St. Mary's Church (Parish of the Immaculate Conception) was founded in Yonkers in 1848 as the city's first Catholic parish. Mass is presently celebrated in St. Mary's Church for English-speaking and Arabic-speaking Catholics.

On July 16, 2024, when the City Council of Yonkers unanimously approved landmark status. While it did not restore St. Mary's as a parish, it offered hope for the future, as the building would continue to stand.

In 2025, the Archdiocese of NY sued the City of Yonkers to remove St. Mary's from the Landmark Protection status. The archdiocese estimated that \$10 Million in repairs were needed to keep St. Mary's safe and operational.

A group, Friends of St. Mary's (<https://stmarysfriends.org/>), is raising funds and awareness to save the historic church. Some former Parishioners have come forward to offer their expertise in construction and have proposed breaking the \$10 million price tag into separate parts to save the church.

Cardinal Dolan, before stepping down, ordered the consolidation of St. Mary's Church with St. Dennis in Yonkers, but parishioners have complained that the masses are too crowded.

While we disagree with some of our friends of St. Mary's on the ongoing financial troubles in the Archdiocese of NY and its connection to St. Mary's, we believe that the powers that be in NYC want St. Mary's torn down and sold to raise funds to pay for the sex abuse settlements. Or the Archdiocese of NY cannot afford to pay for ONE PENNY of the cost of repairs required to keep this great church open.

Once again, the time for an ANGEL to come forward with the money so that outside lovers of St. Mary's can try to repair and rebuild before it is too late, is NOW.

Between \$5-\$10 Million in repairs is needed for this Yonkers Landmark.

May 27th Zoom Meeting About St. Mary's Future

"At this point St. Mary's can only be saved by the people who care." These are the words of Brody Hale, the attorney who is guiding St. Mary's through the intricacies of Canon Law. Brody will be holding a Zoom meeting at 7:00 PM on May 27, 2026. If you care, please attend. The more who are there, the better the chance that things go well for the church in the future.

Points addressed:

What needs to be done to save St. Mary's from permanent closure.

The canonical appeal.

Actions the Archdiocese of New York may choose to take in the coming weeks.

What parishioners can do to avert the loss of the church if they choose to act.

We know that you have questions about many things. This will be a forum in which all of those questions can be answered.

Here are the particulars:

Topic: *The Future of St. Mary's Church, Yonkers*

Time: *May 27, 2026 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)*

Join Zoom Meeting

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Letters to the Editor:

To the editor: Yonkers Budget

Mayor Spano's budget calling for a tax increase of over 5%, averaging \$551 for homeowners, is a significant amount for many. And a big chunk of this is to pay for rising health insurance costs. Nowhere in the story is there any indication that workers are contributing more. If not, then they should be. And if not this year, then make increasing health care costs part of future contract negotiations. Whether one has insurance through an employer, through Medicare, or is paying out of pocket, the costs go up for individuals each year. Yonkers residents should not also have to pay the 9% health insurance increase for city workers on top of what they already pay for themselves.

John Farrell, Yonkers

To the Editor,

In the Democratic primary to challenge Mike Lawler, the candidates have made two pledges: they will not attack fellow Democrats and will support whoever wins. This is the principled race NY17 deserves.

But it didn't last.

A false accusation began when Mike Lawler targeted Cait Conley and misrepresented her work, claiming with no proof that Cait worked for Palantir. Then Beth Davidson took that accusation and ran with it in mailers and emails, straight to voters. We can assume she broke her pledge because she doesn't think she can win with her own positive message without tearing down other Democrats.

Meanwhile, Cait has run her campaign the way she's spent her life, with integrity and service, focused on the issues that matter most to voters. NY-17 doesn't just need someone with a different party label than Mike Lawler. It needs someone who actually leads differently. Cait Conley has the fight to meet this moment, and the integrity to lead us to a better future.

That's why I'll be voting for Cait Conley in the Democratic Primary on June 23rd.

*Maria Modica-Snow
Peekskill, NY*

Letter to the Editor: Compassionate Language for Animals

I applaud the recent letter from Kiley Blackman, founder of Animal Defenders of Westchester. As a longtime animal advocate, I often cringe when hearing phrases routinely used in the vernacular, usually at the expense of animals - "killing two birds with one stone", "more than one way to skin a cat", "breaking a camel's back" to name just a few. These words are hurtful and hateful and make light of inflicting harm on innocent creatures.

Also, in this age of pronouns, no animal should be referred to as "it" - he, she or they work just as well for non-human animals as well as human. Using "it" is a deliberate attempt to objectify animals as things to be used, abused, and exploited.

Finally, organizations that claim to rescue but then euthanize for arbitrary reasons are slaughterhouses and do not deserve to be called shelters. No Kill shelters are safe havens and all animals deserve to be safe.

Christina De Respiris New Rochelle

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YONKERS MAN CHARGED WITH STALKING, ASSAULTING FORMER GIRLFRIENDS AND RELATED BURGLARIES

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that Jaden Ross, 23, of Yonkers, was charged in a 17-count indictment in connection with his alleged stalking, harassment and assault of multiple former intimate partners and related burglary offenses. Ross was arraigned before Judge Susan Capeci Tuesday on the following charges:

Burglary in the First Degree (B felony, 1 count) Burglary in the Second Degree (C felony, 3 counts) Criminal Obstruction of Breathing of Blood Circulation (A misdemeanor, 1 count) Petit Larceny (A misdemeanor, 1 count) Stalking in the Third Degree (A misdemeanor, 3 counts) Aggravated Harassment in the Second Degree (A misdemeanor, 1 count) Assault in the Third Degree (A misdemeanor, 3 counts) Unlawful Imprisonment in the Second Degree (A misdemeanor, 1 count) Endangering the Welfare of a Child (A misdemeanor, 1 count) Resisting Arrest (A misdemeanor, 1 count) Obstruction of Governmental Administration in the Second Degree (A misdemeanor, 1 count)

Judge Capeci set bail in the amount of \$30,000 cash/\$100,000 bond/\$200,000 partially secured bond. The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Ross is due back in court on June 2. Temporary orders of protection were issued on behalf of both victims.

DA Cacace said: "The serial nature of the defendant's alleged predation is deeply disturbing and is reflected in the breadth of Tuesday's 17-count indictment. My office will continue to advocate for each of the defendant's victims throughout the course of this prosecution and beyond, as we do for all survivors of domestic abuse in this county. With these extremely serious charges, we will seek to ensure this defendant's alleged spree of domestic violence is finally put to an end."

In August 2025, the defendant accosted a former intimate partner (Victim 1) inside the stairwell of her cousin's apartment building, according to a felony complaint filed in the case. Victim 1 told the defendant she didn't want to be in a relationship with the defendant because he had hurt another woman that same day, the felony complaint alleges. Then the defendant is accused of placing his hands around Victim 1's throat, applying pressure until she fell to the ground. He is then accused of stealing her iPhone and running away.

In November 2025, the defendant approached another former intimate partner (Victim 2) inside her apartment building's hallway, according to a felony complaint. The defendant got into a verbal argument with Victim 2 whereupon he pulled her hair and struck her multiple times with a closed fist, the felony complaint alleges. The defendant is then accused of fleeing the scene, returning to cut the screen of Victim 2's bedroom window, forcing his way in and striking Victim 2 multiple times with a closed fist again.

This same month, the defendant allegedly called and sent harassing messages to Victim 2, threatening her life.

In December 2025, the defendant opened Victim 2's bedroom window while standing on the building's fire escape, according to a felony complaint. The defendant refused to leave, stating, in sum and substance, "Do you see how easy it is to get into your apartment" and threatening to hit her, according to the complaint. Victim 2's son was present during this incident.

This case was investigated by the Yonkers Police Department. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Paige Pirtle, of the Special Prosecutions Division.

Lawler Trump, continued from pg 1-

One thing that Lawler has to his credit is his willingness to debate and engage with those who may not agree with him. This week, Lawler appeared on Two-Way with Mark Halperin. "The fact is if the president of the United States wants to come to your district, you welcome the President of the United States. This is a district that Joe Biden won by 10 points back in 2020. Kamala Harris won by half a point in 2024.

Rockland County, where I represent, is the county that moved the furthest to the right in the country in 2024 and President Trump won Rockland County for the first time as a Republican in over two decades. Lifting the cap on SALT (State and Local taxes) had the single biggest impact on my district than just about anywhere else in the country, and my constituents were seeing refunds of anywhere from 5,000 to 20,000 as a result of the tax bill. So, we're going to talk extensively about salt.

"The president has fulfilled his commitment to secure the border. We've had nearly a year straight of net-zero illegal entry into the country. My district was directly impacted by Joe Biden's reckless policies, including the fact that Sheridan Gorman, an 18-year-old student who was killed at Loyola University Chicago just two months ago, is from my district. Her family lives in my district."

"50% of households in my district have a cop, a firefighter, and a veteran living in the household. I have the largest Jewish population of any district in the country. What's happening in the Middle East matters.

"I'm happy to welcome the President, and, as I've always done as a member of Congress, when I agree with the President, I say it. When I disagree with him, I say it. I'm not afraid to do that, and the president certainly respects that. I'm happy to welcome them here.

"The media narrative that he's deeply unpopular or that people don't like him or don't want to come hear him is just not true. I know the people in my district very well. The fact is, the President has always hovered around 45% approval, and that hasn't changed," said Lawler, who was instrumental in getting the SALT cap lifted. Speaker Johnson needed every republican vote to pass the budget and Lawler held out and won.

"The Democrats are going to pour in money into this race, and it will be about a \$60 Million election, among the most expensive in the country. I'm proud of my record. I have a very good record to run on. I've delivered for my district significantly during my three plus years in Congress.

"But the fact is that any of the candidates that come out of it are going to be radically extreme. I mean their whole objective is I hate Trump. and that's not an answer or a solution.

"Part of the reason I've been labeled the most effective member of Congress is because I can work across the aisle. My best friend in Congress is a Democrat, Josh Godheimer. We work together all the time on issues. I've passed numerous pieces of legislation under a Democrat Nobody's ever going to outwork me. So, frankly, I don't care who comes out of their primary. We're going to win in November.

"Here's my fundamental view on this stuff. If the issue of Donald Trump is the biggest issue driving a voter, their hatred of Donald Trump, they're never voting for me," said Lawler.

A recent Politico story about the race in NY-17 included quotes from Democratic leaders in the district who said that "you can't just run against Trump.

"That's the danger," Jennifer Colamonico, chair of the Putnam County Democratic Committee, said of the Republican president. "We absolutely cannot run on (Trump)." It's not enough to just run against Donald Trump," she said. "You have to tell people what you're for and what you'll do for them. We need to have an agenda."

"Our candidates should not focus solely on why Trump is an awful leader for this country, but on what we will do when we take back the reins of power," Westchester County Democratic Committee Chair Suzanne Berger said. "The fact that Trump is terrible gets into the conversation, but it should not be 100% of the conversation."

In a review of Lawler's two election victories, the results are clear on one matter that I didn't consider. Mike Lawler is more popular in NY-17 than Donald Trump. When Trump narrowly lost to Harris in NY-17 in 2024, Lawler won by five. He also won in 2022, when Joe Biden was President and when Biden beat Trump by 10 in NY-17 in 2020.

Several democrats I spoke to in NY-17 acknowledge that Republican Congressman Mike Lawler will be tough to beat in November. "I think that Lawler, even though I voted against him twice, is the best that the NY GOP has to offer," said one NY-17 Dem.

Another fact from Lawler. Almost half of the district has a police officer, firefighter, EMT, or veteran living in the household.

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Notice of formation of Senara & Co, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/29/2026. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served is 455 Tarrytown Road, Suite 1307, White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose/character of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

every downtown begins to look the same.

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs), sometimes called “granny flats” or garage apartments, were discussed as another potential tool for gently increasing housing supply. Galvin explained that while ADUs alone are unlikely to dramatically expand housing availability, zoning changes can make it easier for homeowners to create second units on existing properties.

Adaptive reuse emerged as another major theme. Verni described projects in which former churches were converted into housing while preserving historic architecture and community character. Galvin similarly discussed efforts to repurpose older office buildings and industrial areas for residential and mixed-use development.

Throughout the discussion, panelists returned to the challenge of balancing growth with preservation. While surrounding cities such as New Rochelle, White Plains, and Yonkers are experiencing substantial redevelopment and increasing density, villages like Larchmont and Mamaroneck face the challenge of accommodating change with a paucity of open land while preserving the small-scale character and sense of community residents value.

Participants acknowledged there are no easy solutions. However, they expressed optimism that creative planning, adaptive reuse, zoning flexibility, and incremental development can help communities evolve while protecting the qualities that make them distinctive.

The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit is an informal community council that seeks to make a better life for the community by keeping it informed of major issues of concern. For more information: <https://www.localsummitlm.org/>. To view recorded programs on LMC Media: <https://lmcmedia.org/>.

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LEGAL NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, will hold a public hearing at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York on TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2026 at 7:30 o'clock p.m., of a proposed local law providing for the amendment to Local Law No. 3 - 2000, a local law known as “The Vehicle and Traffic Code of the Town of Eastchester, Article VII: Miscellaneous Provisions §7-2. Parking Fines” within the unincorporated Town of Eastchester. A copy of the proposed local law is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

All interested parties are urged to attend this hearing, at which time, they will be given an opportunity to express their opinion for or against the above proposed local law.

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Notice of formation of W4J9R1 Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/23/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2 Gedney Park Drive, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Rat Attack Snacks, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/2/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 516 Park Avenue Yonkers NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Hardcore In The 914 LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/5/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Hardcore In The 914 8 Arden Drive, Hartsdale New York 10530. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

charged in separate charging instruments with sexual exploitation of an infant and the receipt and distribution of child pornography. MATTHEWS was taken into federal custody yesterday and presented before U.S. Magistrate Judge Andrew E. Krause in White Plains federal court and detained. BETH SAIERS was arrested in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, on April 23, 2026, pursuant to a Complaint that was unsealed on April 23, 2026. A Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York returned an Indictment of SAIERS on April 29, 2026.

“The charges here—sexual exploitation of an infant—allege horrific conduct,” said U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton. “Every New Yorker wants children protected from life-scarring conduct. We know our community wants this conduct investigated and, as appropriate, charged and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The women and men of this Office are dedicated to that mission.”

As alleged in the charging documents and statements made in court:[1]

On or about April 16, 2026, law enforcement executed a search of MATTHEWS's residence in Putnam County pursuant to a New York state search warrant. Among the items seized was MATTHEWS's cellphone.

A search of the phone revealed chats on a social media application between MATTHEWS and SAIERS on April 14, 2026. In the course of the chats, MATTHEWS transmitted an image of an infant (“Victim-1”) to SAIERS, who responded “Put your dick in its face[.]” Thereafter, MATTHEWS transmitted an image in which Victim-1 is visible in the background and a man's erect penis occupies the foreground. MATTHEWS asked, “Now what,” to which SAIERS responded, “Take a pic of my pedo dick in front of the babies face[.]” Thereafter, as MATTHEWS transmitted a series of sexually explicit photos and videos of Victim-1 to SAIERS, SAIERS commented on the images and directed MATTHEWS to engage in sexual acts involving Victim-1.

On or about April 16, 2026, MATTHEWS was arrested and charged in the Town of Kent, New York, with promoting a sexual performance by a child and possessing a sexual performance by a child. On or about April 19, 2026, following the discovery of the photos and videos depicting the sexual abuse of Victim-1, additional charges were added. The charges included, among other things, predatory sex assault against a child and rape in the first degree.

On or about April 23, 2026, SAIERS was arrested in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania, pursuant to a Complaint filed on April 21, 2026, in the Southern District of New York. SAIERS was detained pending her removal to New York. On or about April 29, 2026, a Grand Jury in the Southern District of New York indicted SAIERS for sexual exploitation of a child and receipt and distribution of child pornography.

There may be other victims. If you have information to report, please contact the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324) or <https://tips.fbi.gov>.

MATTHEWS, 38, of Kent, New York, and SAIERS, 41, of Lockhaven, Pennsylvania, are each charged with sexual exploitation of a child, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison and a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison; and receipt and distribution of child pornography, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of five years in prison and a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

The minimum and maximum potential sentences in this case are prescribed by Congress and provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendant will be determined by the judge.

Mr. Clayton praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Putnam County Sheriff's Office, Putnam County District Attorney's Office, Putnam County Child Advocacy Center Team, Putnam County Department of Social Services, New York State Police, Town of Carmel Police Department, Town of Kent Police Department, and the Lock Haven, Pennsylvania Police Department in connection with this investigation.

The prosecution is being handled by the Office's White Plains Division. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Marcia S. Cohen and Jake Sidransky are in charge of the prosecution.

Notice of formation of Pure Body Lab, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/06/2026. With an existence date of 03/27/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2040 White Plains Rd #1082, Bronx NY 10462 USA. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of M.C.K. VENTURES LLC of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/31/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to MCK VENTURES LLC 465 TUCKAHOE ROAD, #1304 YONKERS, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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

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

Notice of formation of 660 SAW MILL LCC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/20/2026. Office: 4 Amawalk Point Road, Amawalk NY 10501 Westchester County. SSNY designated Brian O'Neill as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 4 Amawalk Point Rd, Amawalk NY 10501. Purpose: Real Estate

Notice of formation of METROMEN MUSIC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/26/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Entity Protect Registered Agent Services LLC. 447 Broadway, 2nd Fl. - #3000, New York, NY 10013, the designated registered agent of METROMEN MUSIC LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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