

Greenburgh Firefighter Spared Jail for Abusing Girlfriend Former Yorktown Teacher Gets 4 Years for Child Porn



Joseph Apostoli



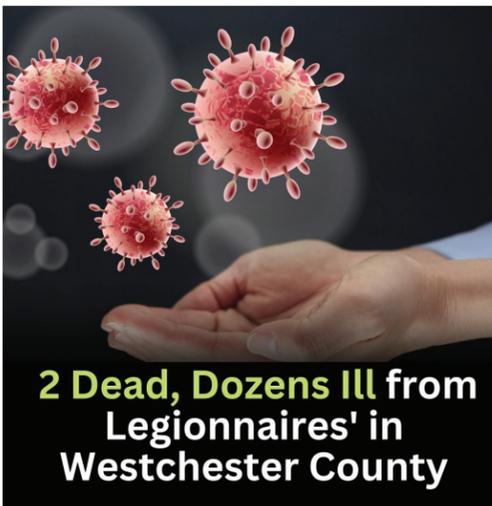
Giuseppe Micciari

By Dan Murphy

First, let us say that we have noticed an effort by Westchester District Attorney Susan Cacace's prosecutors to seek stiffer sentences on criminal cases that deserve it. The case of Greenburgh Firefighter Joseph Apostoli is one example. Apostoli was charged by the DA in a domestic violence incident with his then girlfriend in 2024. The DA recently announced that "a Greenburgh firefighter was sentenced Monday to three years of probation with domestic violence conditions for attacking his former girlfriend inside their shared apartment.

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2 Dead, 38 Cases of Legionnaires Disease in Westchester



2 Dead, Dozens Ill from Legionnaires' in Westchester County

By Dan Murphy
On September 9, we received the following release concerning incidents of Legionnaires' disease cases in Westchester. However, the release did not originate from Westchester County or the Department of Health; it came from attorney Ron Katter, also known as "The Legionnaires' Lawyer."

"Why the Silence?" Legionnaires' Lawyer Demands Answers After Westchester Officials Delay Outbreak Announcement was the headline.

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453 Million Reasons to Check to See if You Have Unclaimed Funds



GVC CEO Michael LaValli

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli are urging residents to check if they have lost money owed to them. Westchester County residents, businesses, nonprofits, religious institutions and others have about \$453 million waiting to be claimed.

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If You Have Nothing Nice to Say....



Carla Pugliese



Tanisha Blanche

By Dan Murphy

I would argue that many of our readers have not watched a video of Charlie Kirk until he was killed last week. On September 10, 2025, Kirk was shot and killed while speaking at a TPUSA public debate event on the Utah

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Westchester Says Goodbye to Charlie Kirk Vigils Held in White Plains and Somers



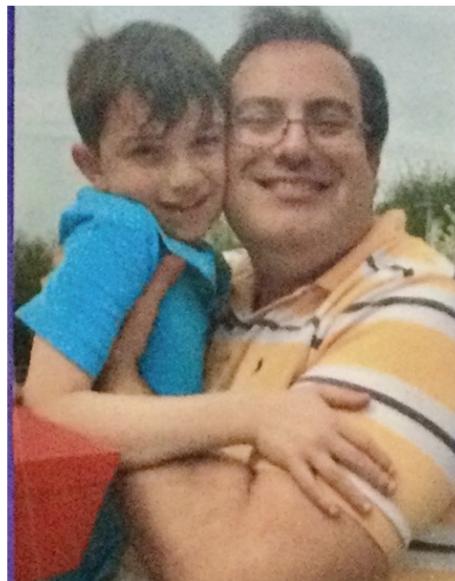
By Dan Murphy

On September 14, two vigils were held in Westchester to remember Charlie Kirk. One in White Plains, organized by County Legislator James Nolan, and one in Somers, organized by Gina Arena.

Nolan said on Facebook, "I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended the candlelight vigil on Sunday for Charlie Kirk and to those who helped plan this meaningful event. Together, we gathered peacefully to honor a remarkable patriot, father, husband, son, and human being who lost his life for his beliefs. The cycle of violence must end, and it was inspiring to see people from all parties unite in prayer for peace, for Charlie,

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Disabled Father Marc Fishman Sentenced to 45 Days in Jail Amid Ongoing Custody Battle



Marc Fishman

Marc Fishman, a Bronx father of four and disability rights advocate, has been sentenced to 45 days in jail, effective Tuesday, September 17, following a ruling in Westchester County Supreme Court and a contentious trial hearing.

The sentencing, nearly a decade after the incident, stems from police arresting Mr. Fishman during his court-ordered, bi-monthly supervised visitation on December 15, 2018 — a visit fully prepaid and supported by a 22-page visitation order granting access to his autistic son from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A court-approved supervisor and disability aide were both present, and the supervisor had confirmed the visitation in writing earlier that day.

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Overwhelming Support at Final Public Hearing on MGM Proposal for Full Gaming Casino at Empire City Yonkers

Jay Z's Bid for Manhattan Casino Rejected



The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for MGM Resorts' application for Empire City Casino to secure one of three available commercial casino licenses held its second and final public hearing on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at Yonkers Montessori Academy. The speakers' list was dominated by local residents, Empire City employees, union members, and several area business owners. Nearly one hundred speakers delivered remarks. Nearly eighty percent of participants spoke in favor of the project, with seventeen percent opposed and four percent neutral. The hearing, slated for 6-10 PM wrapped about an hour early once the list of speakers was exhausted.

The tone of testimony was notably personal rather than scripted. One Yonkers resident and Empire City employee said his job at Empire City allowed him to stop juggling multiple jobs and purchase a home in Yonkers. He described jobs at MGM Resorts as ones that "catapult many families into the middle class."

Another employee, a single mother and Yonkers resident, credited MGM's mentorship and professional development opportunities for helping her advance her career while remaining present for her children. She noted that she was able to afford a house and purchased one next to the casino to allow for easy proximity to her children and work. Others highlighted participation in MGM's Corporate Responsibility Council, pointing to philanthropy and volunteerism as part of the company's footprint. Union members emphasized they live in Yonkers and backed the project "as neighbors as much as union workers," a refrain that drew applause without dominating the proceedings.

Local elected officials also signaled support early in the hearing, with Mayor Mike Spano and City Council Majority Leader John Rubbo offering favorable remarks. A handful of area businesses, some long-time partners with the casino and others with no direct ties, spoke to anticipated spillover benefits for hotels, restaurants, and suppliers. A minority of speakers urged caution or said they saw tremendous benefits from the project but still held concerns about the impact on the community.

The CAC announced that it will convene to vote on Thursday, Sept. 25 at 10 a.m. The vote will be public and streamed, but there will be no public comment at that session. A two-thirds CAC vote is required for any proposal to advance to the Gaming Facility Location Board for consideration, and all committees must complete their work by Sept. 30, 2025, under the downstate licensing timeline.

Manhattan bids voted down on Wednesday

In a consequential turn for the statewide race, two of the three remaining Manhattan proposals were rejected by their CACs on Wednesday: the Caesars Palace Times Square plan, backed by SL Green and Roc Nation, failed on a 4-2 vote, and The Avenir, near the Javits Center, led by Silverstein Properties, was also voted down on a 4-2 vote.

What's next

If the Yonkers CAC delivers the required two-thirds approval on Sept. 25, the bid moves forward in the downstate licensing process; without it, the application cannot advance. Dates are still being set by the CACs for the other projects to cast their votes.

The Sharing Shelf Distributes Record Number of Backpacks to Westchester Students in Need



Quality-checking the backpacks at The Sharing Shelf. Photo from The Sharing Shelf.

The Sharing Shelf, the nonprofit Clothing Bank serving Westchester County, announced today the record-setting results of its 15th annual "Backpacks to School" initiative. Through that initiative, hundreds of volunteers joined together to assemble, fill, and distribute – free of charge – backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies for Westchester students in need. The number of backpacks filled and distributed was 1,976 – 30 more than last year's record.

The distribution of filled backpacks to students from pre-K through 12th grade began on August 19. The backpacks were distributed by The Sharing Shelf based on requests from 28 nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and public schools – benefiting students in 35 school districts in Westchester. The communities that received the most backpacks are the following: One-third of the filled backpacks (33.21%) were distributed to students in Yonkers; 15.09% went to students in Port Chester; 14.87% went to students in Mt. Vernon; 11.14% went to students in New Rochelle.

The record demand for backpacks is not surprising, as applications for clothing received by The Sharing Shelf have nearly quadrupled over the last six years: from 1,863 in 2018 to 6,764 in 2024. While Westchester is among the nation's wealthiest counties, its poverty rate for children under five was 11.1% in 2023, according to Westchester Children's Association. More than 67,000 children and teens live in poverty or a low-income home in Westchester.

"Backpacks and school supplies are essential to any student's preparation for school – and to educational success," said Deborah Blatt, Founder and Executive Director of The Sharing Shelf. "We are enormously grateful to the many businesses, community organizations, and individuals who have provided in-kind or financial support to make this record-setting outcome possible."

The Sharing Shelf is a nonprofit clothing bank serving Westchester County, NY. Founded in 2009, it operates a warehouse in Port Chester, where new and gently used clothes are collected, volunteers screen the clothes for quality, and the clothes are distributed for free to low-income children and teens through social-service agencies, schools, and other nonprofits. The Sharing Shelf also opened in 2024 (adjacent to the warehouse) a Teen Boutique, where teens in financial need, referred by schools and nonprofit organizations, can select their own clothing at no cost in a private and dignified setting that has the look and feel of a real boutique. In every case, the ultimate recipient is a child or teen in need – from newborn to age 19. The clothing is both age- and season-appropriate, fits properly, and boosts the individual's esteem and confidence.

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Report from Albany: An Update from NYS Senator Shelley Mayer



2025 Achievements, Impact of Recent Federal Legislation, Looking Ahead

By Linnet Tse

NY State Senator Shelley Mayer kicked off the Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit's 2025-26 program on September 9th. She shared the legislature's key recent accomplishments, then turned her attention to the likely impact the recent federal legislation signed on July 4, 2025 and referred to as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act" will have on NYS and on our community.

Key 2025 Legislative Achievements

As the longstanding chair of the Senate Education Committee, one of the Senator's top priorities continues to be fighting for adequate funding for public schools. Westchester County schools recently saw increases in State Aid due to updates to the Foundation Aid formula. These updates incorporate more current data and better reflect the actual costs of educating students in the County. Additional education wins included the statewide "bell to bell" ban of cell phones in public schools and universal free breakfast and lunch for all students, both of which Mayer noted have the added benefit of "encouraging social interaction." Funding to BOCES was also increased as was capital funding to SUNY and CUNY schools.

In the area of healthcare, the State increased Medicaid reimbursement rates for hospitals, nursing homes, and assisted living facilities. In the area of reproductive and maternal healthcare, funding for abortion training for physicians was increased, and the telemedicine shield law, which the Senator sponsored, was strengthened.

Small businesses were assisted by the State paying back its \$8 billion federal unemployment insurance debt, relieving them of related extra charges, and by a reduction of the MTA payroll tax for smaller businesses.

Other key initiatives included increasing childcare subsidies by \$440 million, adding money for road repairs, and providing a \$1 billion Sustainable Futures Fund to be used for environmental projects such as Clean Green Schools.

On the local front, together with NYS Legislator Steve Otis, the Senator has worked to address flooding issues by having Albany invest more in the Army Corps project, and by helping Larchmont and Mamaroneck obtain additional grant money to address flooding. Mayer has also secured numerous local grants for schools, libraries, and social service providers and is leading the fight against the highly contested Con Edison rate increases.

Impact of Federal Policy Changes

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Yorktown GOP Meeting with New Exec. Board



The Yorktown Republican Town Committee recently held its reorganization meeting and swore in the committee's Executive Board for the next two years. Pictured left to right is Secretary Marianne Violante, Co-Chairman Matt Slater, Co-Chairman Kevin Byrnes, Vice Chairman Terrence Murphy, and Treasurer Jeanmarie Klaus.

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Over 1,000 New Yorkers Pledge Not to Vote for Hochul if she does Trump's bidding on Gas Pipeline

Pace U. Panel Explores the Ethical Frontier of AI



Photo by Ken Schles

The pledge quickly garnered supporters as Hochul considers approving a thrice rejected fracked gas pipeline that would raise utility bills and add pollution to New York

Over 1,000 New Yorkers have signed a pledge that they will not vote for Governor Hochul in the upcoming primary if she sides with President Trump by approving permits for the massive Williams NESE fracked gas pipeline project. The pledge was quickly created and released as the Governor attempted to fast-track approval of the pipeline, which would raise utility bills and super-pollute.

"If Governor Hochul decides to hand over New York state policy to Trump, she's going to lose a lot of votes," said Santosh Nandabalan, Senior Climate Campaigner at New York Communities for Change, a community organization. "It took less than a week to gather over 1,000 pledges because New Yorkers are alarmed. Hochul should stand up to Trump, not raise our bills and pollute the air and water by approving the Williams NESE fracked gas pipeline project for him."

Hochul has been fast-tracking the permitting process for the pipeline, including by limiting the public comment period to just 45 days and holding no public hearings, in a seeming attempt to quickly and quietly approve the pipeline before New Yorkers mobilize to stop her. Yet the attempt appears to be backfiring, with widespread opposition rapidly growing, including:

- Over 13,000 New Yorkers filing comments against the pipeline

- Over 500 New Yorkers marching over the Brooklyn Bridge in protest

Over 130 elected officials opposing it, including Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado, Assembly member Zohran Mamdani, Republican Staten Island Borough President Vito Fossella, Congressmembers Hakeem Jeffries and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, and the Adams Administration all voicing opposition to the potential deal to approve the pipeline, which Trump claims to have secured with Hochul.

Now, New Yorkers are telling Hochul she can forget their votes in the primary if she approves the pipeline. Pledges were gathered by NYCC online and in person last week.

The decision rests with Governor Hochul, who controls the critical state permits to enable the project. New York state has previously rejected this exact proposal 3 times, and no meaningful details have changed since state regulators concluded after extensive previous reviews that the project would pollute excessively. Trump is also pushing other massive pipeline projects, including the Williams Constitution and the expansion of Enbridge's Algonquin pipeline (formerly known as "Project Maple") and the voter pledge released today applies to those projects as well, which have not formally applied for state permits as those companies presumably track Hochul's posture on Williams NESE.



Panelists at *Governing the Future: The Ethical Frontier of AI Regulations and Policy* at Pace U. on Sept. 8, 2025. Photo courtesy of the BCW

The Business Council of Westchester (BCW) hosted a dynamic panel discussion on Monday at Pace University, bringing together a diverse group of experts to explore the critical issue of establishing ethical standards and regulations for artificial intelligence.

Governing the Future: The Ethical Frontier of AI Regulations and Policy was part of the BCW's AI Alliance 360 series. The panelists, including legal and educational experts from both the private and public sectors, grappled with the challenge of a rapidly evolving technology that is outpacing the guidelines intended to promote its responsible use. BCW President and CEO Marsha Gordon moderated the conversation.

"It's an incredibly timely conversation that's reshaping policy, practice and innovation across industries," said Gordon, who began the event with a "coffee chat" with IBM Consulting's Senior Counsel, Chrystal P. Mauro.

Mauro highlighted IBM's commitment to transparency and testing in its AI products. "We have put out literature and studies on the five pillars of trust of ethical AI: fairness, robustness, explainability, privacy and transparency," said Mauro. "Fairness is what are you using for your models? What are you training your models on? Is that data filled with biases and what kind of outcomes are you getting?"

Pace University Philosophy Professor James Brusseau PhD drew a distinction between the approaches to AI regulation in the United States and Europe. "The U.S. uses acceleration ethics. Europe uses precautionary ethics," said Brusseau. "What (Americans) do is we roll out innovation, and then innovation creates benefits, but also creates risks or problems like privacy risks. Then we try to use a next step of innovation to solve that problem." He noted that "Team Europe... is a more centralized system, and what they want to do is foresee possible ethical risks."

Amy B. Goldsmith, Chair of Cybersecurity, Data Management and Privacy practice at Tarter Krinsky & Drogin, cautioned attendees against using public AI tools like ChatGPT for sensitive tasks. She shared an anecdote about an individual who was uploading contracts into a public language model, unaware of the potential for a breach. "If he's uploading contracts into ChatGPT 4, which is a public language model, he is already breaching a contract because he's violating the confidentiality clause, and God knows what other private information might be in that contract," said Goldsmith.

Mairead Jones-Kennelly, Senior Counsel, The State University of New York and the AI Legal Institute at SUNY (ALIS), announced that ALIS will soon make a public repository of AI usage available. "That playbook has policies and guidance documents, general use principles, ethical guidelines and data governance for anybody to access," said Jones-Kennelly.

Hannah Hage, Assistant Counsel, The State University of New York and the AI Legal Institute at SUNY (ALIS), addressed the challenge of applying existing state laws to AI. She noted that state law requires human oversight when AI makes decisions that affect people, such as medical diagnoses or financial aid. However, she pointed out the lack of clarity in the law. "There is a lack of guidance on what human oversight means. How do we comply with that? What does it look like?" Hage said. "Another thing is an appeals process. Once a decision gets made about an individual, is there an ability for that individual to appeal that decision and have access to the information that the AI tool used?"

On the topic of educating students, Keith Landa, Director of the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center at Purchase College, said that the decision to use AI in the classroom is up to individual educators. "What we want is AI in the classroom to support student learning and attainment of the learning outcomes, and not short circuit that learning," said Landa, emphasizing the importance of preparing students for an "AI-powered world."

David Sachs Ed.D., a Professor at the Seidenberg School of CSIS at Pace University, recommended that everyone, not just students, use platforms that provide transparency, such as Perplexity. "I use it because it gives you references for everything that that it does. It gives you the hyperlinks down at the bottom, and you can click and verify," said Sachs.

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Ella Enchanted Author Gail Carson Speaks to Maria Regina High School Students



Author Gail Carson Levine recently spoke about her best-known fantasy book, the Newbery Award-winning *Ella Enchanted*, with members of the freshman class (2029) at Maria Regina, the renowned all-girls Catholic high school in Hartsdale, NY.

The incoming freshmen read *Ella Enchanted* as part of their summer reading and invited Ms. Levine for the rare opportunity to hear from the author herself. The prolific author of 26 books including her latest, *Sparrows in the Wind*--a retelling of the myth of the Trojan War--also shared with the students her personal journey in becoming a writer.

Following the presentation with the assembled class, Levine led a small workshop when students met with her one-on-one to discuss *Ella Enchanted* further and to have their personal copies of the book autographed.

Most of Levine's books are fantasies, but she's also written historical fiction, poetry, nonfiction, and picture books. The manuscript for her next book, *The Unusuals*, a historical medieval murder mystery that takes place in Winchester, England, in 1277, is on her editor's desk now. She and her husband David and their Airedale Tess live in Brewster.

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Fourth Precinct Community Council Meeting

The Fourth Precinct's Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, Sep 21, 2025, in the meeting room at the Fourth Police Precinct at 53 Shonnard Terrace. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the Fourth Police Precinct is welcome to attend. All elected officials are also welcome. Captain Jeremiah Foley, Precinct Commander, and Lieutenant Robert Varley will be available to discuss your issues and matters of interest.

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ArtsWestchester Awards \$1.3 Million in Grants to Local Arts Groups



The 2022 Wakanda Celebration, which received a grant from ArtsWestchester. Photo by Solwazi Afi Olusola

ArtsWestchester has awarded \$1.3 million in grants provided by Westchester County government to local cultural organizations.

This significant investment will support a wide range of artistic and cultural programs that serve residents across the region. So far in 2025, ArtsWestchester has awarded funding that includes \$52,000 for projects that support access to arts programming in Yonkers and \$54,000 to support Juneteenth events throughout the county held earlier this year.

Cultural institutions receiving awards include: the Caramoor Center for Music and the Arts in Katonah (\$40,000); the River's Edge Theatre Company in Ardsley (\$3,000); and MorDance in Yonkers (\$3,500).

A complete list of recent ArtsWestchester grant recipients is available on its website. <https://artswestchester.org/grants/recent-grant-recipients/>

"The continued partnership from the County Executive and Board of Legislators underscores their appreciation of the arts as a dynamic force enriching Westchester County's culture and fueling its growth," says ArtsWestchester CEO Kathleen Reckling. "On behalf of ArtsWestchester, we extend our congratulations and gratitude to all the grantees. Their programs and services enrich our communities and solidify Westchester's reputation as a thriving center for artistic innovation and cultural vitality."

County Executive Ken Jenkins explains, "Westchester County is proud to partner with ArtsWestchester in making these critical investments in our local cultural institutions. The arts are not only a source of inspiration and creativity, but also a powerful driver of community connection and economic vitality. By supporting these organizations, we are ensuring that residents in every corner of the County have access to diverse and meaningful cultural experiences."

Westchester County's cultural grants help the creative community through various funding categories:

Basic Program Support: Provides essential funding to organizations offering year-round programs and services.

Arts for People with Special Needs: Supports organizations that provide arts-based services to people with disabilities.

Project Support: Supports small and mid-sized cultural organizations with grants for specific public programming, such as film series, concert series, or education-based workshops.

Mount Vernon and Yonkers Arts Initiatives: Support community-based cultural organizations in providing programs and services, while also revitalizing neighborhoods, facilities, and city parks where these events take place.

Juneteenth Celebration Grants: Juneteenth Grants support community-based arts Juneteenth celebrations. Activities in all arts disciplines are eligible for support and may include but are not limited to art-making workshop series, performances, festivals, screenings, and readings.

Additionally, The Art\$WChallenge matching grant, open now, provides one-for-one matching funds to eligible organizations in Westchester County. Every new dollar donated (up to a maximum amount set forth in our guidelines per organization) between Friday, August 15, 2025 through Monday, December 15, 2025, is eligible to be matched by ArtsWestchester with the support of Westchester County Government. For the 2025 Challenge, approximately 175 eligible organizations of all sizes and disciplines are participating to meet the match, over \$400K is available.

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

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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.

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1) Bid No. RFB-7530 – Opening date: 10/03/2025: One-time purchase of cleaning chemicals used district-wide for Yonkers Public Schools (FB).

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3) Bid No. RFB-7511A – Opening Date: 10/03/2025: Purchase of 1-10 Buick Envista Sport Touring Model (or Yonkers approved equal) (MM).

INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB 2025-01
FOR ELECTRICAL ON-CALL SERVICES AT PROPERTIES OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (“MHACY”) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms for Electrical On-Call Services at various MHACY sites as specified in this Invitation for Bids (“IFB”).

This IFB package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This IFB is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter “Responders” or “Respondents”) and is available online starting September 26, 2025, at www.mhacy.org.

There will be a site tour for interested parties on October 15, 2025. Time and location to be determined. The IFB questions deadline is October 22, 2025, at 3:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any and all questions must be emailed to procurement@mhacy.org by the deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted.

Proposals must reach MHACY no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on November 5, 2025. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B.

Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria stated in the IFB. Negotiations may be conducted with contractors who have a reasonable chance of being selected for the award. After evaluation of the proposal revision, if any, the contract will be awarded to the responsible firm(s) whose qualifications, price and other factors are considered to be the most advantageous to MHACY.

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Letter: SCHOOL MOMENT OF SILENCE

Seventeen American States require their schools, at the beginning of the day, to provide one minute of silence. Its purpose is to cause students to silently contemplate the day and how to improve it

In NYS, the silent minute is permitted, but not mandatory under NYS Education law 3029-A. The School district of Yonkers approved it in 2021 as a result of my recommending it for two years. I am available to speak to other school boards to recommend it for their students.

Another project I am promoting is installation of motivational signs for schools, parks, nurseries etc. I am actively asking the Yonkers Board to approve motivational signs for its schools. They are designed to inspire the sign readers and to make them feel and act better. Queens Daughters Nursery in Yonkers received their sign July 2025 from Yonkers Lions club, of which I am member. Lions Club of Yonkers will pay for a motivational sign to benefit a school, nursery etc.

Norman Hauptman Yonkers

Letter: For Whom the Bells Did Not Toll at St. Mary's -Why?

On the day Monsignor Corrigan was laid to rest, silence filled the air where the toll of bells should have been. For centuries, funeral bells have served as both a summons and a farewell, a final embrace of the faithful for one of their own. Their absence that day was more than an omission; it was a wound.

In Catholic tradition, bells are not mere sounds but symbols. They announce joy at weddings, reverence at Mass, and sorrow at funerals. When a priest is buried, the tolling honors his life of service and unites the community in mourning. To hear them is to know that the Church itself shares in the loss. To hear nothing is to feel that loss doubly.

Monsignor Corrigan was no ordinary priest. For decades, he guided his parish with steadiness and compassion. He baptized children, counseled couples, comforted the grieving, and stood at countless bedsides. He was a fixture not only at the altar but in the fabric of the neighborhood, present at graduations, hospital rooms, and living rooms. His life's work was measured not only in sacraments but in relationships, in the quiet faith he nurtured among ordinary people.

That is why the silence was so striking. Those who gathered at his funeral expected the solemn toll of bells to carry their grief heavenward. Instead, they found themselves confronted with stillness. For some, it was a shock; for others, a disappointment. For all, it was a reminder that ritual, once broken, leaves a void that words alone cannot fill.

Yet silence speaks in its own way. In the absence of bells, the people became the sound. They carried Monsignor Corrigan forward in memory, in prayer, and in the shared stories that followed the service. The tribute denied in ritual was restored in community. If the bells did not toll, hearts did — and perhaps more powerfully.

A funeral is more than the end of a life; it is a statement of what that life meant. The silence that surrounded Monsignor Corrigan's farewell became its own form of testimony. It underscored how much people had come to expect his presence, his leadership, and his care. His legacy did not depend on bronze and rope, but on the lives he touched, the faith he modeled, and the compassion he gave so freely.

In the end, the question remains: for whom do the bells toll? At Monsignor Corrigan's funeral, they did not toll at all. And in that silence, perhaps we heard something deeper — the enduring resonance of a life lived in service, echoing not from towers, but from the grateful hearts of those he served.

Name Withheld

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In the release, Ketter asked why there was a “disturbing delay” in notifying the public about a Legionnaires’ disease outbreak that had killed two Westchester residents and infected 35 others this summer.

Katter added that Westchester residents deserve to know why the public wasn't informed sooner—and what officials are doing to prevent future cases. “Two people died and 35 were sickened—and yet the public is just hearing about this now,” Katter said. “Where is the transparency? Where is the urgency? The Westchester County government has kept its citizens in the dark, and that’s unacceptable.”

On that same day, the Westchester County Health Department announced that two Westchester residents, one from White Plains and one from New Rochelle, had died, but did not specify when or where the outbreak occurred, nor have they identified the likely source of the Legionella bacteria.

Legionnaires’ disease is a serious, often deadly form of pneumonia. It is caused by inhaling water vapor that’s been contaminated with Legionella bacteria. The bacteria thrive in HVAC cooling towers, particularly during warmer months. According to the CDC, most outbreaks are entirely preventable through routine maintenance and monitoring.

On September 10, we received the following from the Westchester Department of Health.

The Westchester County Department of Health is advising the public after a recent uptick in Legionnaires’ disease cases was observed locally, consistent with a similar trend reported in New York City.

Legionnaires’ disease is a type of pneumonia caused by bacteria that can grow in building water systems, such as cooling towers. While cases of Legionnaires’ disease are diagnosed every year, this recent increase prompted Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler to join a public briefing to provide important information and guidance to Westchester County residents.

Amler said: “While it is not unusual for us to see cases of Legionnaires’ disease in Westchester, especially during the warmer months, the County Health Department is closely monitoring the situation and taking extra precautions as needed. What is important for residents to know is that the Health Department has long-standing protocols in place to respond quickly, work with building owners, and ensure water towers are properly disinfected to protect public health.”

The Westchester County Health Department works year-round with building managers and organizations to test and disinfect cooling towers, as well as to ensure compliance with state and local regulations. This proactive approach helps limit the spread of Legionella bacteria and reduce the risk of exposure.

The Health Department encourages anyone experiencing symptoms of pneumonia—such as cough, fever, chills, or shortness of breath—to seek medical care immediately. Legionnaires’ disease is treatable with antibiotics; however, early diagnosis is crucial.

The 38 cases represent a 50% increase compared to last year.

“The new information was not a cause for undue alarm. But it is a reminder and does stress the importance of public awareness,” said Westchester Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler during a September 15 press conference.

The NYS Health Department has identified a possible small cluster of Legionella in Yonkers. Five of the 38 cases identified so far are also in Yonkers.

Apartment building cooling towers are a likely source of the cluster, and a 2-mile radius in Yonkers is the area where Westchester County health workers are collecting samples.

Building owners are required to test their HVAC systems and cooling towers for Legionella bacteria every 90 days and report the findings to the county.

Legionnaires’ disease is a type of pneumonia caused by bacteria that can grow in building water systems, such as cooling towers. It thrives in heat and humidity, and cannot be spread from person to person.

It grows in hot water, and the mist from the water can contain bacteria found in Legionnaires’ disease.

A cluster was found in NYC in August.

The disease caused by the Legionella bacteria cannot be spread person to person.

In some cases, it may take up to 2 weeks for symptoms to appear. At-risk persons include smokers, older adults, and immunocompromised persons.

People may think they have the flu or COVID-19 because the symptoms are similar to those of Legionnaires’ disease, including cough, fever, chills, muscle aches, headaches, fatigue, loss of appetite, and diarrhea.

In most people, antibiotics can be used to treat Legionnaires’ disease. 10% of those who contract it, the result may be fatal.

Hot tubs and home water faucets can carry Legionnaires ‘ disease, but only in a small number of cases.

Katter told us that the CDC states that more than 3 cases are an indication of an outbreak. “Why did they (County) use the patients as their alarm system? They are doing this backward, and the public should have been informed as soon as possible. Every summer, there is an outbreak in the NYC area.

“I have a client where the mother thought that he was drunk, but was suffering from Legionnaires ‘ disease. If the maintenance is done properly by the building management, it can be prevented. You can’t see the bacteria; it has to be inhaled deeply in the lungs.”

Mr. Katter is available for interviews on this matter. For more information, call (212) 809-4293 or visit www.katterlaw.com.

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Set sail with the smooth sounds of Yacht Lobsters at Irvington Theater September 26



It's sure to be smooth sailing on September 26 when Yacht Lobsters dock at Irvington Theater for a one-night-only concert featuring the groovy and nostalgic sounds of 70s and 80s soft rock.

Founded by the visionary team behind Brother Josphus and the Love Revolution, Yacht Lobsters features some of New York City's finest professional musicians who have played together for decades. Their big sound recreates — and at times reimagines — the studio mastery of retro-rock icons like Steely Dan, The Doobie Brothers, Hall & Oates, Toto, and more. There's even a tasteful smattering of original music that sounds like it stepped right out of 1978!

Whether you're a yacht rock newbie or an unabashed fan of the genre, you can expect a breezy, soulful vibe fused with stellar vocals, a full horn section, and unique elements of NOLA funk, classic rock, and jazz improvisation to keep things bouncy, set your mood to festive, and ensure your boat's a-rockin'.

"We are thrilled to host one of the country's most popular yacht rock bands — and we owe our good fortune to the fact that their keyboard player lives in Irvington!" said Irvington Theater Commission Co-Chair Shana Liebman. "The Lobsters play nightly to sold-out crowds. They are masters of the genre and bring joyful vibes and a rocking good time wherever they go."

Grab your captain's hat, make that piña colada a double, and climb aboard! Yacht Lobsters takes the stage at Irvington Theater on September 26 at 8pm. All tickets are just \$33 (plus fees) and available for purchase at <https://www.irvingtontheater.com/events/yachtlobsters>.

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.

Sleepy Hollow Schools Complete \$350,000 Renovation Funded by Maj. Leader Stewart-Cousins



The Sleepy Hollow school community celebrated the completion of a capital project at Sleepy Hollow Middle and High Schools funded with \$350,000 of state aid delivered by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

The renovation of the courtyard, which serves as an outdoor classroom space, was made possible through state funding secured by Senator Stewart-Cousins in 2024. The project has transformed the courtyard into a safe and functional outdoor classroom designed to foster a love for learning.

"Investing in our schools is not just a financial commitment; it's an investment in the future of our children," said Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins. "I am proud to have supported this project, which will enhance the educational experience for students at Sleepy Hollow Middle and High Schools. This courtyard will serve as a dynamic space for learning, collaboration, and growth."

The project was completed in time for the start of the new school year, providing students with a modern and inspiring learning environment. The space will be used for various educational activities, from science experiments to art projects, allowing students to engage with their curriculum in a unique and interactive way.

"Our newly renovated outdoor space has transformed into a vibrant extension of the classroom — where students can explore, and connect with one another in an inspiring environment. It not only enhances learning but also strengthens our sense of community," said Public Schools of the Tarrytowns Superintendent Dr. Raymond Sanchez. "This project could not have been completed without the funding provided by Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and we thank her for her unwavering commitment to the students and families of the Public Schools of the Tarrytowns."

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins joined Sleepy Hollow students, faculty, and administration, for a ribbon cutting and to tour the newly renovated space and celebrate this achievement.

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Town of Eastchester September 11 Ceremony



The Town of Eastchester and Supervisor Tony Colavita hosted their annual September 11th Ceremony outside of Town Hall. Nine Eastchester residents lost their lives 24 years ago that day.

Below: Yonkers Finest stand at attention at 911 Ceremony

The Town of Eastchester shall forever remember the following individuals who perished on September 11th, 2001:

Ronald Bucca	Michael McHugh	Edward Ryan
Mary Caulfield	Dennis Moroney	Thomas Shubert
Thomas Fitzpatrick	Diana O'Connor	Jeffrey Walz

This memorial is dedicated to each of them, their families and friends.

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Valley University campus, in front of 3,000 people, including his wife and two young children.

He co-founded the conservative organization Turning Point USA (TPUSA) in 2012 and was its executive director.

Kirk was a champion of the First Amendment, Freedom of Speech, and his Christian beliefs. And he made a name for himself by going onto these liberal colleges and universities and having conversations with students, most of whom did not agree at all with his views. And that is the way he wanted it. If you disagree with me, come to the front of the line, he would say.

His work in 2024 to register young people and get them to vote was part of the reason President Donald Trump was reelected.

While some of us mourn Kirk's death, we must also respect the First Amendment rights of those who disagreed with him and can't understand why he has become a beloved figure in American history.

But Kirk's death has affected so many Americans, dare I say the majority of Americans, that some are pushing back at the outrageous comments and posts that some are making about a young man who just died in front of the world for expressing his views.

And in today's social media age, the urge to post whatever comes to mind takes over for some. However, there are limits to free Speech if you are a public servant. The public you serve is watching you and reading your comments. And if those comments are deemed over the top and inconsiderate, you are called out in the same public square that killed Charles Kirk.

Why did the New York Yankees and most of the NFL Football teams hold a moment of silence for Charlie Kirk? The response to his death has been so great that those who can't understand it should take the time to learn why.

Two examples in Westchester warrant being called out for their insensitivity.

Most of you may have already read about Somers High School resource officer Tanisha Blanche, who posted after Kirk's death, "Why yall don't have that same energy for the school shooting that took place yesterday, but yall crying over the man that was OK with gun violence" and "well that white sniper was over qualified when he put that hole in your neck hunni bunni."

Somers Schools Superintendent correctly called out Blanche, stating, "The nature of the posts glorifies violence, which is completely unacceptable for someone entrusted with the safety of students and staff members," adding, "school safety is our most sacred and important obligation. The Westchester County Police Department has affirmed that another SRO will be assigned to our schools, and I am in touch directly with the police to ensure the safety and continuity of our SRO program going forward."

Blanche will not be fired for her comments, but was moved to desk duty at the County Police Headquarters in Hawthorne.

School Resource Officers (SROs) were formed in the aftermath of the school shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, and are under the authority and supervision of the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

The second outrageous comment about Charlie Kirk has not been highlighted or discussed yet. This takes us to Rye, and the Rye Town Tax Receiver Carla Pugliese.

After Kirk's killing, Pugliese posted, "The fact that Trump is putting the flag at half staff for a white supremacist and never once lowered it for murdered school children tells you everything you need to know."

Several Rye Town residents questioned Pugliese's comments. One post said, "How does the tax receiver for the village of Port Chester think it's OK to post this vile statement? Again, another hateful, vile post against a man of God. When does the hate end? How many people have to be assassinated? How do you hold a position of trust in our government and post this crap?"

Resident Linda Turturino said, "I have strong feelings about the difference between freedom of speech and hate speech. And as a Town official, you are held to a higher standard. If you have those feelings, you shouldn't post them; you should keep them to yourself."

Resident Bart Didden said, "That person is in an appointed position and needs to go. As a taxpayer, how do you make the jump from an assassination to then talk about Trump?"

"There is a double standard. If Kirk were out there being a liberal activist, there would be rioting in the streets. We are just mourning. She (Pugliese) is on the ballot in November. She should be removed from her position at the meeting this week. I think public officials have a higher standard to meet. When you are a public official, you don't have a private page."

We leave you with two thoughts. From Journalist Mark Halperin. "It's hard to think of anyone 31 years old in the United States who's had the kind of meaningful achievement that Charlie Kirk had, of getting young people in particular into the political system."

"First of all, they don't understand what Charlie achieved. Even now, even as it's been covered since his murder, they still don't get it. They still don't understand what made him so different. And I think it's so important that the left understand."

"They need to appreciate why people on the right are so upset. The only reason Charlie succeeded at nearly everything he tried was due to his extraordinary gifts, determination, and faith. They don't see Charlie as anything but some Trump flunky. They do not see what he achieved, nor do they see the symbolism."

But I ask again for people on the left to understand what the death, the murder, the assassination of Charlie Kirk means, not just to prominent Republicans, but to rank-and-file people around the country. It's not just the loss of a leader, a friend, or someone with a degree of success. It's the elimination of someone who demonstrated not just that he could overcome all these biases, but that he could thrive and start to change the system to set an example.

As I traveled around the country in 2024, going to Trump events and meeting people

who supported President Trump, often events that Charlie was at or his organization, Turning Point, was involved in. I saw a different kind of young conservative than I'd seen during my career. Not shy, not afraid, willing to go publicly to a rally, to be on social media, to be visible on campus.

Charlie said, "I'm going to come to your campus. I'm going to take on all comers. I'm going to take questions. I am going to celebrate the free exchange of ideas."

In some ways, there couldn't be anybody worse to have assassinated, truly, because he was killed doing the thing that was the most resonant, the most symbolically resonant for young people.

And I ask people on the left, take a moment and think about why this means so much to people on the right. Please take a moment to understand the murder of Charlie Kirk and how it is seen and felt. And with the rise of digital technology and with the rise of the grassroots MAGA movement and with the advent as a miracle of the singular soul of Charlie Kirk, this is a big moment in American history, where someone who did what should have been impossible, made it possible, was killed,

At Kirk's memorial, Robert F. Kennedy Jr said, "My 17-year-old niece left for Europe to go to college, my daughter-in-law noticed that she had put a Bible in her suitcase. And she was curious about it. And she asked her, and Zoe said to her, "I want to live like Charlie Kirk."

There are millions and millions of kids around the country who he inspired who now want to live like Charlie Kirk, and that's a great thing for our country.

He ended up being the primary architect of my unification with President Trump. However, the overarching mission of Charlie Kirk was Jesus, but also free Speech, and he saw them as intertwined. He believed that conversation was the only way to heal our country. That

We had to learn to talk to each other without vitriol, without poison, without anger. We had to be able to listen to ideas. We had to be able to say what we meant without being mean and to communicate with each other across this divide. It's the only way to end the polarization that's driven now by these algorithms and by all these other forces in our society.

And Charlie, more than any figure in our country, led the resistance that has restored freedom of Speech to this country. His love of family, his love of God, his love of freedom of Speech, his reverence for this country, and his belief that we are an exemplary nation. "

The civilized way for our elected officials to react to Kirk's death, who didn't agree with him, can be found in Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, who said, "Violence has no place in our Democracy, and we must stand united in condemning political violence wherever it occurs. No one should ever be targeted for their beliefs or for participating in public discourse. My thoughts are with the Kirk family and all those grieving."

Congressman George Latimer said, Political violence has no place in our country, and we must all unequivocally condemn the killing of Charlie Kirk. Our thoughts are with his loved ones and friends."

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said, "This is not OK. This is what our Democracy is all about-Freedom of Speech. This is not a Republican issue or a Democratic issue; it is a national issue. This is not about partisan politics. This is about the fundamentals of our republic. We need to be able to have public discourse without fear of reprisal."

Christine Sculti, the republican candidate for County Executive in November, posted, "Ken Jenkins has to answer for this." We don't agree.

And the quote, "If you don't have anything nice to say," is attributed to Alice Roosevelt, daughter of Teddy Roosevelt. She said, "If you don't have anything nice to say, come sit next to me."

The Disney movie Bambi made the phrase, "If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything, famous."

And one more movie reference that is appropriate. In Star Wars, Obi-Wan Kenobi said, "If you strike me down, I shall become more powerful than you can possibly imagine."

Amen and God Bless Charlie Kirk.

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for his family, and for our nation. Over 250 people joined us on Sunday, creating an incredibly touching atmosphere.

“As I mentioned during the vigil, we must come together to forge a brighter future for all, and it is imperative that this violence ends. There is much work ahead, and I trust that many will rise to the occasion. Charlie’s mission continues through each of us; we are now entrusted to create a better, safer world. Rest easy, brother—we’ve got this from here!”

Town of Mt. Pleasant Trustee, Laurie Rogers Smalley, said, “I attended the vigil for Charlie Kirk this evening on the steps of a building where I often visited in my professional and political roles. The steps were different this evening. Front and center was a photo of a young man I had never met. A young man I never knew. A young man I respect and revere for living by the courage of his convictions. A young man who died for those convictions.

“In a society that didn’t accept him as the “norm,” he stood tall in his beliefs and reached out to the youth of our nation. He embraced them, he listened to them, he talked to them. Mostly, he taught them. Through him, they learned that loving God, loving family, and loving country was the “norm”. He taught them to be proud of their faith and their patriotism. He stood up for his beliefs, and for that, he gave his life.

“Well, it’s our turn to stand up for him and for every young person throughout our great country. We the “old”. We need to work together to keep his message alive and help it grow even stronger.

“Tonight I witnessed the “best” of my fellow Westchester residents. We came together: Old and Young, Black and White, Hispanic and Asian, Male and Female, all there with one common mission. To honor and grieve a young man taken way too soon. Led by a young politician who knows the sting of losing a beloved brother and enhanced by an impromptu chorus of patriotic songs and chants, we were there to be seen and to be heard. Later on, a beautiful young woman led her fellow church members in songs of praise. She went on to read to us from Scripture and was so moved that tears streamed down her face and those of many of us in the crowd. In her, we saw the anguish we all feel for the loss of this young man.

“Charlie Kirk can not return to us in the flesh, but he can return to us in spirit. In fact, he already has. Let us keep his light alive and help our country to heal and move forward. May God Bless the family of Charlie Kirk. May he rest in eternal peace.”

In Somers, Assemblyman Matt Slater said, “Charlie Kirk’s life was taken by hatred, but his legacy calls us to something higher. As a father myself, I cannot help but think of Charlie’s wife and young children. At Sunday’s vigil in Somers, we asked God to comfort them in their grief, to give them strength in the days ahead, and to surround them with love and support from this great community and from a nation mourning with them.

“Political violence, no matter who it targets or where it comes from, has no place in America. We must reject hatred and choose civility. We can argue fiercely about ideas, but we must never lose sight of the dignity of the person across from us. If we do that, Charlie’s death will not be in vain, and we will leave our children a nation worthy of their hopes and dreams.”

Congressman Mike Lawler, commenting on Kirk’s death, said, “Charlie Kirk was a champion of free speech who engaged in conversation with anyone regardless of their viewpoint. If someone agreed or disagreed with him, he would take the time to listen and debate, as we all should.

His life was cut horrifically short today when he was assassinated at one of those very events he was so well-known for. But what was most important in his life was being a loving husband and caring father to his young family.

As the father of two young kids myself, my heart is incredibly heavy for Charlie’s wife and children tonight. May we all uplift them in prayer and hold them in our hearts.

Charlie dedicated his life to engaging young Americans and fostering open and honest dialogue—the very values our country was built on—especially with those who disagreed with him. Political violence has no place in America. We must stand united against hate and ensure justice is served. My prayers are with Erika, his family, and all those mourning this tragic loss.”

Journalist Selina Zito wrote, “If you were looking for young people distraught over the brutal assassination of Charlie Kirk in the streets, you were looking in the wrong place. They were in church.”

Church attendance was said to have increased drastically upon Kirk’s death. And interest in groups wanting to start a Turning Point chapter in their community or school has increased tenfold in recent days.

Charlie Kirk embodied the American Dream. Born with nothing, he outworked his political opponents and built something outside of the mainstream media.

And he was a Christian, and an unabashed believer in Jesus Christ. Nobody should die for that.

Obituary-Richard “Dick” Forliano



Richard Forliano

Richard Forliano, beloved father, grandfather, teacher and friend died peacefully on September 14, 2025, surrounded by his loving family.

Born on January 18, 1945, Dick attended Pelham Memorial High School in Pelham, New York, and attended Muhlenberg College, graduating in 1966 with a degree in history. He later earned his master’s degree from Iona College.

For over 30 years, Dick taught social studies at Eastchester Junior/Senior High School. His numerous accomplishments included co-chairperson of the Town of Eastchester Bill of Rights Bicentennial Committee from 1988-1991, Eastchester Town Historian from 1988-present, conducting numerous tours of Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville, while wearing his iconic white wig and historical costumes, Professor of Education at Concordia College and Chairman of the Board in charge of guiding Saint Paul’s Church and National Historic Site where Eastchester was founded in 1664. Richard fostered the Lower Westchester Historian’s Roundtable of Westchester and was honored by NYS for Excellence in Promoting Local History.

Dick authored articles on local history, including a column in the Eastchester Town Report titled, “Historically Speaking”, and a chapter in the book, “Out of the Wilderness”. He also chaired the Education Committee for the 350th Anniversary of the Town, successfully engaging over 1,000 students to participate in exhibits, digital media, film, fine arts and performing arts performances.

Throughout his years, Dick was an avid lover of sports and exercise. In his youth, he enjoyed playing basketball competitively and later on, became passionate about tennis. For many years he managed multiple tennis leagues, forming many valuable friendships.

Dick will be remembered for his commitment to both civic services as Rotary member and for his deep commitment to education including his tireless efforts to connect us to our historical past. Rich He was an inspiration to all who had the privilege of learning from him.

Dick is predeceased by his wife, Faith. He is survived by his children, Kathy (Marc) Gerber, Thomas (Denise Giannasca) and Joseph (Naomi Torres), along with grandchildren Ryan, Justin, Alexa and Tommy.

Visitation Friday 3:00-7:00 at Westchester Funeral Home.

Please join us in celebrating his life on Saturday, Sept. 20 at 1:00 p.m. at Village Lutheran Church.

Donations may be made to:

The Eastchester Historical Society at Eastchester Historical Society or mailed to St. Paul’s Church National Historic Site, 897 S. Columbus Avenue, MT. Vernon, New York 10550.

From the Board of Trustees of the Eastchester Historical Society:

Richard Forliano Tribute

It is with the utmost sadness that the Eastchester Historical Society announces the passing of our beloved Richard “Dick” Forliano. Dick was the living embodiment of Eastchester history and was its foremost scholar, teacher, and ardent promoter since 1968. It is likely that no one has ever dedicated so much of their time and talent to Eastchester’s history as Dick. He possessed a once-in-a-generation passion and intellect for history that is irreplaceable to the community—so much so that, to many, local history and Dick are synonymous.

Dick wasn’t just an astute historian; he was also a devoted family man. He is predeceased by his beloved wife, Faith, and leaves behind cherished children and grandchildren. We offer the Forliano family our deepest condolences and want them to know the entire community joins them in their grief for Dick, who gave the very best of himself to Eastchester and the wider community.

Dick first became a history teacher in 1968 and taught hundreds, if not thousands, of students at Eastchester High School during his 37-year career. Many people consider themselves “Forliano Alumni” because they were infused with his same passion and curiosity through their encounters with him. Dick became the Eastchester Town Historian in 1988 and, over the course of his prolific tenure, wrote hundreds of articles, gave hundreds of lectures and presentations, helped coordinate the Eastchester 350th celebration and book, and worked with other community groups to preserve and promote the history of our region and nation.

Dick had the mind of a scholar and the heart of a mentor. His accomplishments are too numerous to list. Since he had a tenacious sense of duty to share what he learned, he may have even humbly lost sight of how much he accomplished. But this year, around the time of his 80th birthday, his ongoing contributions were recognized when he received the NY State Historian of the Year Award. He was without equal.

It will be the mission of the Eastchester Historical Society to carry his legacy forward in all we do.

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Optimum Honors Hispanic Heritage Month by Launching its Annual Student Essay Contest

Optimum's long-running essay challenge invites students from across the country to reflect on and express their unique views about Hispanic heritage

Optimum, the leading provider of fiber internet, mobile, and TV services, is proud to announce the start of its annual Hispanic Heritage essay contest across its service area. In honor of National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is observed each year from September 15 to October 15, the essay contest recognizes and celebrates the diverse histories, cultures, and contributions of generations of Hispanic Americans across the country.

Available to all middle and high school students across Optimum's footprint, the essay contest will run through Friday, October 31 and boasts a total of four Grand Prize scholarships of \$3,000 as well as Honorable Mention prizes. This year's prompt is:

In Hispanic culture, traditions such as dance, food or historical and family celebrations are important ways people connect and reflect on heritage. People also connect to Hispanic culture through media and entertainment, events or relationships with individuals in their community. In 500 words or less, choose a person, cultural experience, celebration or tradition that has helped you connect to Hispanic culture and explain what that means to you.

Additionally, Optimum will recognize the educators who encouraged their students to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by submitting an essay. Special gifts will be awarded to educators who sponsor the highest number of essay submissions from their students.

"Optimum is honored to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month through this meaningful essay contest, now in its 18th year," said Jen Ostrager, Senior Vice President of Community Affairs at Optimum. "As a company committed to supporting education, this contest provides students the opportunity to share how Hispanic culture shapes their lives and communities. Year after year, we are inspired by the passion and creativity expressed in these essays, and we look forward to reading the stories students will share this season."

Eligibility Requirements

Participants must be a student in grades 6-12 and attend a school in the Optimum service area;

Participants from all ethnic and cultural backgrounds are welcome to submit an essay;

Essay submissions must be written in English;

All essay submissions must be received by 11:59 pm EST on October 31, 2025. For more on Optimum's Hispanic Heritage essay contest, including submission requirements, information on prizes, and how to submit essays, visit optimum.com/hhm.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) # 2025 – 01**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR****ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES****THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS, NY**

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers, NY (the Authority) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications and Proposals from architectural firms interested in providing professional architectural design, engineering, and construction administration services for work under an IDIQ (Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity) contract with the Authority for a three (3)-year term.

This RFQ is the only information provided to prospective respondents and contains submission requirements, terms, conditions, and other pertinent information for submitting a responsive proposal. The RFQ will be available online starting September 22, 2025, at www.mhacy.org.

There will be a pre-submission conference for interested parties on October 1, 2025. Time and zoom link to be determined. The deadline for questions prospective respondents may have is October 8, 2025, at 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). All questions must be emailed to procurement@mhacy.org prior to the questions deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted.

Proposals must reach the Authority no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on October 22, 2025. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B.

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Every day the State Comptroller returns more than \$2 million to New Yorkers, and today reconnected nearly \$12,000 in unclaimed funds to local organizations, including \$5,781 for the White Plains City School District, \$3,695 for the Business Council of Westchester, \$2,175 for My Sisters Place and \$330 for the Plumbers and Steamfitters Local 21.

County Executive Jenkins said: "Too often, people don't realize they're owed money—and the truth is, you could be one of them. Westchester residents work hard for every dollar they earn, and we want to make sure they get back what's rightfully theirs. It only takes a minute to check the State Comptroller's website and see if you or a loved one is owed unclaimed funds. Don't leave your money behind."

State Comptroller DiNapoli said: "We're returning more than \$2 million a day to New Yorkers, and my office is working to make it easier than ever to reclaim lost money, including mailing some checks directly to their rightful owners. If you get a check, cash it. There are \$453 million reasons why people living in Westchester should visit our website to search for their names, check for family members and reclaim their money."

Unclaimed funds occur when people lose track of their money or an account and can come from utility deposits, trust funds, old bank accounts, uncashed checks or unused gift cards. These funds never expire, and its quick and easy to check the website: <https://www.osc.ny.gov/unclaimed-funds>.

There are currently over 648,000 accounts with addresses in Westchester County.

In an effort to speed up returns, the State Comptroller's Office of Unclaimed Funds (OUF) began mailing checks for newly reported accounts of \$250 or less to eligible individuals in January. About 73,000 checks have been sent out, valued at \$5.5 million as of August.

Residents who need assistance with the search process can attend an in-person event held by DiNapoli's office or call OUF at (800) 221-9311, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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The DA's Office had requested the additional imposition of shock probation, a small period of incarceration that forms part of the probationary sentence, but Judge James McCarty, who issued the sentence, denied this request.

At a bench trial in June, Judge McCarty convicted Joseph Apostoli, 46, a firefighter with the Fairview Fire Department, in Greenburgh, of two counts of Third-Degree Assault, a class A misdemeanor.

However, Judge McCarty acquitted Apostoli of Second-Degree Assault, a felony, and Second-Degree Unlawful Imprisonment and Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation, both misdemeanors.

Apostoli will further have to perform 100 hours of community service and provide approximately \$1,600 in restitution to the victim for her medical expenses. A permanent order of protection was also issued on behalf of the victim.

DA Cacace said: "Domestic violence is a scourge that affects everyone, no matter their circumstance or lot in life. Working to eradicate domestic violence by prosecuting abusers and empowering survivors is and will remain the guiding principle for my administration."

On April 11, 2024, during a domestic dispute inside their Dobbs Ferry apartment, Apostoli slammed the victim, his partner at the time, to the floor of their bedroom. He then carried her to the living room and threw her to the floor, again, and struck her about her head.

The victim — who is 4'10" weighing barely 100 pounds against the defendant's 6'2", nearly 300-pound frame — sustained serious injuries following this attack, including a rib fracture, partially collapsed lung and bruising to the body and face.

At sentencing, a statement authored by the victim was read aloud to the court, stating, "Although I work diligently to reclaim my life, the memories of that night constantly haunt me, triggered by the simplest reminders... I find myself questioning: 'Why did this happen to me? What did I do to deserve this suffering?'"

"I wish for understanding, but the answer is, I may never know."

In another Westchester case, this one in Federal Court, Giuseppe Micciari was sentenced to four years in prison for possession of child pornography. Micciari, 29, and a former coach and teacher's aide in the Yorktown schools, was sentenced by US District Court Judge Philip Halpern on Sept. 16.

Micciari was arrested in 2023 and charged after a Homeland Security agent, acting undercover on a site called Telegram, found buyers and sellers of videos of children under the age of 12. The trail eventually led to a Paypal account, bank account and phone number of Micciari..

On August 9, 2023, Micciari arrived at JFK Airport on a flight from Italy, where Customs agents seized his devices. After a Judge signed a warrant to look in the devices, 32 images and videos of underage children were found engaging in sexual conduct with an adult, and Micciari's Telegram account was also found with messages back and forth to purchase same content.

In those messages, Micciari attempted to buy the Snapchat password of a minor girl who was attending a Yorktown school, so that he could hack into the account. Micciari was never charged in that matter.

Micciari worked as a teaching assistant at Brookside Elementary School and then Yorktown High School from 2019-2023. Micciari was also set to coach Yorktown High school's JV football team this year but resigned before. in August.

He was charged with one count of receipt and distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

While Micciari apologized to his victims and to the court, his bail was revoked in March of 2025 when investigators found photos of topless women on his devices. He has been in the Westchester County jail since his recent sentencing.

Micciari will also have to make restitution to some of the minor victims whose images were found on his devices in 2023. Some of the victims were identified by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

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

Wilderness Walks, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Ages 16 and older can join us for a guided outdoor experience on Muscote's scenic hiking trails. Led by our knowledgeable staff, the free walks will connect you with nature, build confidence on the trails and deepen your appreciation for the beauty of the woods. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wilderness-walks-tickets-1395317224379?aff=oddtcreator>

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

Mindful in Field & Woodlands: A Half-Day Nature Retreat for Ease, Abundance & Joy, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. In this restorative program open to new and experienced meditators, we will savor the bounty of September amidst the rolling fields and woodlands of Hilltop Hanover Farm. Attuning to our innate connection to this season of change and abundance, we will explore nature meditation and mindfulness practices that enhance our connection to the earth while offering us support, perspective and peace. \$25. Get details and register: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event/2025/09/20/mindful-in-field-woodlands-a-half-day-nature-retreat-for-ease-abundance-joy/525874>

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

Volunteer Work Project: Clearing the Visual Portals of Invasive Plants, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Help keep the visual portals to the waterways open. Please bring work gloves. All other tools will be provided. Great for service credit hours.

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Volunteer Work Day: Invasive Species Removal, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Join the preserve staff in removing invasive plants to aid in habitat restoration. Please call (914) 428-1005 to register.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Friends of Marshlands Annual Membership Meeting, 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. The Board of the Friends of Marshlands will hold its annual membership meeting today at the nature center building. It's open to all current members and anyone interested in becoming a member. A free, live-animal program will follow the meeting.

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

"The ABCs of Muscote Farm," 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Celebrate Muscote's rich legacy and community spirit. The exhibit is on display in the Main House on weekends in September. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/press-releases/3533-discover-the-abc-s-of-muscote-farm-this-september>

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

Volunteer Work Project: Continuing the Clearance of the Visual Portals, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Let's keep the existing views of the waterway free of unwanted invasive plants. Please bring work gloves. All other tools will be provided. Great for service credit hours.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Awesome Adaptations! Live Animal Program, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Big ears! Sharp claws! Slimy skin! Those are just a few of the adaptations that help animals survive. Wildlife educator Anthony Cogswell talks about all of the incredible ways an animal's adaptations help it survive.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Lenoir History Tour, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. With centuries of interesting owners and various uses of the land, Lenoir's history is fascinating. Join us on a walk around the preserve to learn all about them!

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

Lasdon Green Squad, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Every Saturday from April to November join the Lasdon Green Squad to keep Lasdon, Westchester's Public Garden looking beautiful. Volunteers will work with Lasdon staff on tasks such as invasive species removal, planting, watering, weeding, trail maintenance, mulching, trash clean up, and other tasks. For those age 14 and older. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-09-20/>

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

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

History & Natural History of Croton Point, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Ages 6 and older can join the village historian and the park naturalist on a free walk exploring scenic and fascinating Croton Point Park. Wear sturdy shoes. Meet at the RV Park entrance.

Alfred B. DelBello 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, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. \$25. Pre-registration required: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens/2025-09-21/>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, 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, dead-heading, potting up and more! Through November. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-09-21/>

Miller House, White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Commemorating Constitution Week, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. How the Great American Experiment and Constitution laid the foundation for the birth of a new nation. Each attendee will receive a copy of the US Constitution, followed by a tour of the historic Miller House with "Ann Miller." Presented by Daughters of Liberty's Legacy; light refreshments; free.

Putnam County Executive Byrne Supports MGM-Empire Casino Yonkers Full Gaming License

Op-Ed by Putnam County Executive Kevin M. Byrne

If approved later this year, MGM Empire City's application for one of the three available state commercial casino licenses would be a game-changer for the region. Their plan to expand table gaming and other entertainment opportunities in Yonkers isn't just good for Westchester—it's good for the entire Hudson Valley, including Putnam County.

While Yonkers may not fall within Putnam's borders, our residents are deeply connected to the area. Many commute there for work, entertainment, or to visit family and friends. Believe it or not, some even call parts of Putnam "Yonkers North." What happens in Yonkers has a direct impact on Putnam and the surrounding region, and Empire City's project is no exception.

Prior to becoming County Executive, I had the privilege of representing both Westchester and Putnam in the state assembly. For years, I worked with colleagues from both parties to push for additional downstate commercial casino licenses. We knew what this could mean for jobs, new revenue, and overall economic growth. Now the time has come to deliver on that promise.

Empire City is now the only applicant outside of the five boroughs of New York City. It's been part of our community for decades, has an experienced workforce, and is in the perfect location to serve residents and visitors from across the tri-state area. Just as important, this project is shovel-ready. MGM has stated in its application materials that it can keep its current operations running while construction is underway, ensuring steady revenue and a faster build-out than other competing proposals.

As proposed, this project would also generate gaming revenue to be shared across the region—millions of dollars that could help keep taxes more affordable, improve roads and infrastructure, and expand services like public transportation for seniors and other vulnerable citizens. On top of that, the project will create 2,000 new jobs with average compensation packages of \$150,000, opening doors to good careers for individuals and families across the Hudson Valley.

Approving a license for Empire City means keeping revenue here in New York, creating new opportunities for working families, and strengthening communities beyond the city limits. A 2021 NYS Senate Finance Committee report estimated that downstate casinos could generate over \$1 billion annually in new state revenue, much of which would otherwise flow to neighboring states such as Connecticut.

Thanks to a successful "track" record of job creation and regional economic growth, I believe MGM Empire City casino should receive one of the three commercial casino licenses currently up for grabs.

As the only proposed business model left outside the City of New York, Empire City is the best bet, not only for our region, but our state.

Senator Mayer Update, continued from pg 3-

Mayer expressed deep concern over the recently enacted federal legislation. Of greatest concern:

- Cuts to Medicaid and the related Essential Plan. In the 37th State Senate district alone, there are 30,000 Medicaid recipients, 10,000 of them children. Statewide, an estimated 730,000 New Yorkers could lose their Essential Plan health care coverage beginning in 2026. (The Essential Plan, funded through the Affordable Care Act, provides affordable care health care coverage for low-income residents, including lawfully present immigrants who are not eligible for Medicaid.) The State faces a loss of \$7.5 billion in funding plus \$2.7 billion new costs.

- SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) reductions. Mayer explained that substantial changes in eligibility, stricter eligibility checks, and a shift of costs to the states will hurt families and local businesses while driving up costs for the State.

Additional threats include a phasing out of FEMA, which is particularly troubling for our flood-prone community; new restrictions on Planned Parenthood which will cut off access to basic reproductive healthcare for many women; the elimination of tax incentives for alternative energy sources; and the move to dismantle the Department of Education, which the Senator believes is a particularly disturbing sign.

Key Concerns Looking Ahead

According to Senator Mayer, the financial outlook is unclear. Although the State has some reserves, the State clearly cannot afford to "backfill" all the cuts resulting from the new federal legislation. She anticipates a tough year ahead as hard fiscal decisions will have to be made.

Of great concern to the Senator are immigration enforcement issues. She emphasized the need "to ensure that our neighbors, particularly Latino neighbors, feel secure in our communities, where they have lived and worked for a long time." She is a co-sponsor of the "New York for All Act" designed to strengthen protections for our immigrant communities.

The Senator closed by reaffirming her commitment to the 37th State Senate District and to the democratic process, saying that it is "truly an honor to have this job." She encouraged constituents to continue pressing State leadership on issues of concern, and she urged civility in political dialogue, reminding the audience that "we do not have to agree on everything, we can hold strong views and disagree" and still work together.

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. Our next meeting, on October 14th at 8 am at the Nautilus Diner in Mamaroneck, will discuss "The Impact of Changes in Healthcare Coverage." For more information: <https://www.localsummitlm.org/>. To view recorded programs on LMC Media: <https://lmcmedia.org/>.

AI Panel, continued from pg 4-

Elaine C. Zacharakis, a Health, Privacy, and Technology Consultant/Attorney at Zacharakis Loumbas Law LLC, Associate Professor and HIPAA Compliance Officer, New York Institute of Technology, Adjunct Professor, Pace Law School, spoke about the growing role of AI in healthcare. "The benefits of AI for healthcare are tremendous in terms of analyzing big data, like what cancer therapy works for this type of patient," said Zacharakis, while also acknowledging that "there is also a lot of risk to privacy."

Rep. George Latimer noted that the AI revolution will deliver wrenching change. "Artificial intelligence can go places that I can't even imagine," said Latimer. "There will be dislocation of career paths because of this. How do we anticipate and respond to that? That is an issue for business, ethicists and for government."

Pace University President Marvin Krislov said that AI is a continuing topic at his school's AI Lab. "With so much activity, people around here have started asking, where are we? And are we quietly rebranding as AI University? No. We're not rebranding...but Pace has always been a place that focused on not only giving students a great education but giving them the tools they need to succeed in life and in their careers," said Krislov.

Regeneron, Montefiore Einstein, CCLEAN, Dorf Nelson & Zauderer LLP, the Westchester County Office of Economic Development and Verizon sponsored *Governing the Future: The Ethical Frontier of AI Regulations and Policy*.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWMBS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH TRUST 2005-14, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-14, Plaintiff, -against- IRYNA DELAROSA AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF SALVADOR DELAROSA; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF SALVADOR DELAROSA; any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; D.D. AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF SALVADOR DELAROSA c/o IRYNA DELAROSA; CAVALRY SPV I, LLC; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; JOHN DOE, Defendants. INDEX # 68449/2022 Original filed with Clerk 11/22/2022. Plaintiff Designates Westchester County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated Westchester County. Premises: 718 Scarsdale Rd Yonkers, NY 10707. TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); the United States of America may appear or answer within 60 day of service hereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. This supplemental summons and amended complaint are being filed pursuant to court order dated August 27, 2025. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT The OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage recorded on May 17, 2005, at Control No. 451220706, in the Office of the Clerk of Westchester County, New York, covering premises known as 718 Scarsdale Rd, Yonkers, NY 10707. Said mortgage was modified by a Loan Modification Agreement dated September 17, 2019 and recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on December 5, 2019 at Control No. 593363299. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this Summons and Complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF CWMBS, INC., CHL MORTGAGE PASSTHROUGH TRUST 2005-14, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-14 AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. Dated: Uniondale, New York, August 6, 2025. Respectfully submitted, Pincus and Tarab, Attorneys at Law, PLLC. By: George J. Weissinger, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff 425 RXR Plaza Uniondale, NY 11556 516-699-8902.

*Letters to the Editor
Westchester Rising*

Yonkers Casino/Racetrack has asked NYS and the City of Yonkers to grant them licensing to 'expand for various projects' including a 'community center' and 'prettying up the neighborhood.' (Yonkers Times, 8/14) They should first end the horseracing section of the casino completely. In addition to trainers being fined for multiple misdeeds, Yonkers Raceway has the distinction of being found guilty of illegally discharging thousands of gallons of untreated human and horse waste into the Bronx River:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2002/12/07/nyregion/state-lawsuit-says-yonkers-is-polluting-bronx-river.html>

<https://ag.ny.gov/sites/default/files/settlements-agreements/FINALASSURANCE.pdf>

Horse Racing is replete with drugging, cruelty and corruption; Yonkers Raceway is a repeat offender:

Horses have died at Yonkers Racetrack: March 7, 2025 'Tuscan Prince' was killed during a race at Yonkers Raceway; Four Other Equine deaths are listed at this raceway

<https://tinyurl.com/yc5h4ua4>

A horse trainer who raced mainly at Yonkers Raceway was issued a \$343,400 fine and three-year ban after the state Gaming Commission said he is responsible for 1,717 equine drug violations.

<https://www.lohud.com/story/politics-on-the-hudson/2015/04/27/ny-horse-trainer-had-1717-equine-drug-violations-mainly-at-yonkers/26461953/>

Peter Tritton has been fined \$750 and suspended for 15 days as his horse, Sinbad N, was found positive at Yonkers Raceway on March 1, 2024

<https://harnesslink.com/usa/fines-and-suspensions-as-reported-to-the-usta-2/>

In 2023, Travis Alexander was fined and suspended for the presence of PEIMINE and PEIMININE in a post-race sample from a horse he trained at Yonkers Raceway.

[https://paulickreport.com/news/ny-racing-and-wagering-board-hands-out-suspensions-fines-to-16-trainers#:~:text=Sixteen%20trainers%20at%20Yonkers%20Raceway,day%20suspension%20and%20\\$750%20fine](https://paulickreport.com/news/ny-racing-and-wagering-board-hands-out-suspensions-fines-to-16-trainers#:~:text=Sixteen%20trainers%20at%20Yonkers%20Raceway,day%20suspension%20and%20$750%20fine)

<https://ustrottingnews.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Rulings-11082024.pdf>

NYS pays billions of taxpayer dollars in subsidies and bailouts to racetracks

<https://www.timesunion.com/projects/2022/new-york-horse-racing-subsidies/>

<https://nysfocus.com/how-taxpayers-keep-horse-racing-afloat>

THOUSANDS OF HORSES BREAK BONES AND DIE AT U.S. TRACKS EACH YEAR:

<https://www.worldanimalprotection.org.nz/news/five-reasons-why-horse-racing-cruel/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoBG9oRynmE>

Horseracing is statistically on the decline: The same article admits attendance is down 'from horse racing's heyday,' so the tracks need to add 'other' enticements such as community centers, libraries, etc - which are all fine on their own; the racetrack is a blight on all those worthy endeavors. To the members of the Community Advisory Council: The Yonkers Racetrack is a disgrace to this kind, caring community. Racetracks bring greed, corruption and animal cruelty to our beautiful city of Yonkers. The animals can't speak for themselves: Please reject all requests for licensing by Empire Casino and MGM Grand until the racetrack portion of the casino is closed.

As of this writing, fifty nine racehorses have died at NYS tracks this year alone - gentle, noble horses tortured and slaughtered for the pitiful 'sport of kings.' Please don't support this shameful, avoidable tragedy. For more information on the cruelty and decline of horse racing visit:

www.Horseracingwrongs.org

<https://thehumaneleague.org/article/horse-racing-decline>

www.youtube.com/watch?v=doHdUr

Kiley Blackman, Founder, Animal Defenders of Westchester, www.ADOW.org

Disabled Father, continued from pg 1-

In withheld police video and audio — only obtained by Mr. Fishman through his federal lawsuit (19-cv-00265-NSR) — the now-terminated arresting officer, Lane Schlesinger, is heard telling Mr. Fishman's disability aide that "Mr. Fishman had no intent to commit a crime." Nevertheless, Mr. Fishman was arrested at 11:35 a.m., during his prepaid supervised visit, on allegations tied to an unserved order of protection. Neither the jury nor his defense team ever saw this exculpatory evidence.

Fishman, who lives with a traumatic brain injury, tinnitus-related hearing impairment, cognitive occipital neuralgia, and post-concussion memory loss, says Westchester County courts have repeatedly denied him Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)-required accommodations. He also notes that courts with 50 or more employees require an ADA Liaison, which District Attorney Susan Cacace's Office does not. Also, he was wrongfully denied real-time transcription during trial, preventing him from hearing witnesses.

On July 16, 2021, after years of legal battles, a federal appeals court ordered the transcription as an ADA accommodation in case 20-1300 — yet Judge David Zuckerman has refused to grant a retrial despite knowing Mr. Fishman could not fully participate in his own defense.

"This ruling devastates me," Fishman said. "I've fought for years to simply be a father to my kids, but the system continues to punish me instead of protecting my rights. Justice delayed has already taken years of my life — and now, they're taking my freedom."

Advocacy groups, including Disability Rights New York, have warned that Fishman's case highlights systemic failures in ADA compliance and broader issues of police misconduct. His 2018 arrest involved Officer Lane Schlesinger, who was later terminated and cited by the New York State Attorney General's Office for over 40 civilian complaints, including falsified reports — yet this critical evidence was never disclosed to Mr. Fishman's defense.

Supporters are urging Governor Kathy Hochul to transfer Fishman's case to his home county in the Bronx and launch a broader review of judicial practices, ADA violations, and law enforcement misconduct tied to his matter.

"The average misdemeanor in New York is resolved in under six months," Fishman said. "This nightmare has dragged on for over six and a half years — worsened by COVID delays and the DA's persistence in preventing me from ever seeing my four kids again. The DA kept seeking orders of protection for children I wasn't even charged with harming."

Fishman argues that his case exposes a dangerous lack of ADA oversight in state courts: "With judicial immunity, judges in Westchester routinely violate the ADA, and DAs seek convictions at all costs, ignoring the rights of disabled New Yorkers. The NYS Human Rights Commission currently has no jurisdiction over state courts' failure to accommodate disabilities. That must change."

Complaints filed with the Commission on Judicial Conduct have gone unanswered, Fishman says, leaving disabled litigants without recourse when their rights are violated. "It's time for real regulation, accountability, and oversight," he said

Fishman has created a GoFundMe page to help pay his legal bills. Visit NewRochellePoliceAbuse.com to donate and learn more.

SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER – GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1, Plaintiff, -against- HOPE T. COCCHI, ROBERT J. MORZILLO, AND MICHAEL A. MORZILLO, AS HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE DECEDENT ANGIE MORZILLO A/K/A ANGIE K. MORZILLO; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT ANGIE MORZILLO A/K/A ANGIE K. MORZILLO, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants - Index No. 65454/2025 Plaintiff Designates Westchester County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Westchester County. To the above named Defendants— YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated August 27, 2025. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME – If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Robert S. Ondrovic J.S.C. Dated: August 27, 2025 Filed: August 27, 2025. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 40 Newkirk Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. Dated: June 16, 2025 Filed: June 18, 2025 Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Mark R. Knuckles, Esq., 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591 Phone: (914) 345-3020

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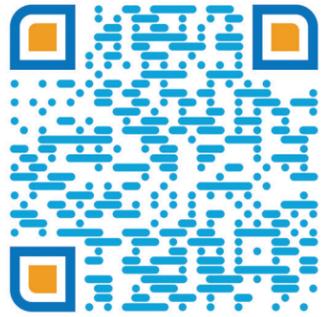
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