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Feds Charge Westchester Resident, Ex-NYPD Cop with Assisting "Shooting Boys" Gang



The US Attorney has charged Gina Mestre, left, of Mohegan Lake, with leaking the identify of a witness and assisting a gang leader from fleeing the US after committing a murder

By Dan Murphy

On Aug. 17, SDNY US Attorney Damian Williams announced the indictment against Gina Mestre, who lives in Mohegan Lake in Northern Westchester.

Mestre is charged with providing confidential information to the Shooting Boys Gang about a Federal Grand Jury Investigation, Leaked the Identity of a Witness to Gang Members, and Assisted a Gang Leader in Fleeing from the U.S. after Committing a Murder

Mestre, who worked for the NYPD in the 52nd Precinct, was arrested last week for her participation in a racketeering conspiracy with members of the Shooting Boys gang, including her involvement in obstructing a federal grand jury investigation into the Shooting Boys gang and serving as an accessory after the fact to a murder committed by the Shooting Boys gang.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "As alleged, Gina Mestre shamelessly exploited her position of public trust to assist gang members in her own NYPD precinct that were terrorizing the Bronx by committing robberies, murders, drug trafficking, and other acts of violence. The Indictment unsealed today alleges that the defendant abused her position as an NYPD police officer by, among other things, obstructing a federal grand jury investigation into the gang and assisting the gang's leader in evading capture for a cold-blooded murder committed in broad daylight. The defendant's alleged conduct violates the oath she swore to protect the public – as well as her fellow NYPD officers – from the type of criminal activity she helped the gang commit. This Indictment makes clear that my Office and our law enforcement partners will remain vigilant in fighting all forms of police corruption."

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Westchester's "Upon Request" Law for Single Use Foodware Takes Effect Sept. 2

UPON REQUEST

WESTCHESTER'S NEW GUIDELINES TO REDUCE SINGLE-USE WASTE

To reduce waste, including plastic waste, Westchester now requires consumers to **ask for the single-use foodware items** they need. This includes when ordering in person, online or through a food delivery app.

Customers may request single-use foodware items or condiments individually

Reducing waste can help lower business and consumer costs and improve our environment

Businesses may not provide bundled single-use items or items by default

Plastic beverage stirrers or splash sticks are no longer permitted

No food service establishment will provide single-use foodware or condiment packets to any dine-in or take-away customer unless specifically requested. Items include forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks, cup sleeves, beverage lids and condiment packets or cups.

For more information, contact the Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5425.

In a significant step towards environmental sustainability, Westchester County is reminding residents and business owners of its "Upon Request" single-use foodware law, which will take effect on September 2. This legislation aims to reduce the consumption of single-use plastics by promoting a more mindful approach to their usage within food service establishments by limiting the use of single-use foodware products to only when specifically requested by the customer.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer was joined by the Westchester County Legislators Vice-Chair Nancy Barr, Legislator Erika Pierce, DoH and DEF as they outline the key tenets of this new law. The Board of Legislators took up this effort and passed legislation spearheaded by Barr and Pierce and signed by Latimer.

Latimer said: "Westchester County is once again taking steps to lessen the waste we put back into the waste stream. From large scale measures to simple changes in our daily behavior, every little bit counts toward our goal of leaving a cleaner planet for future generations."

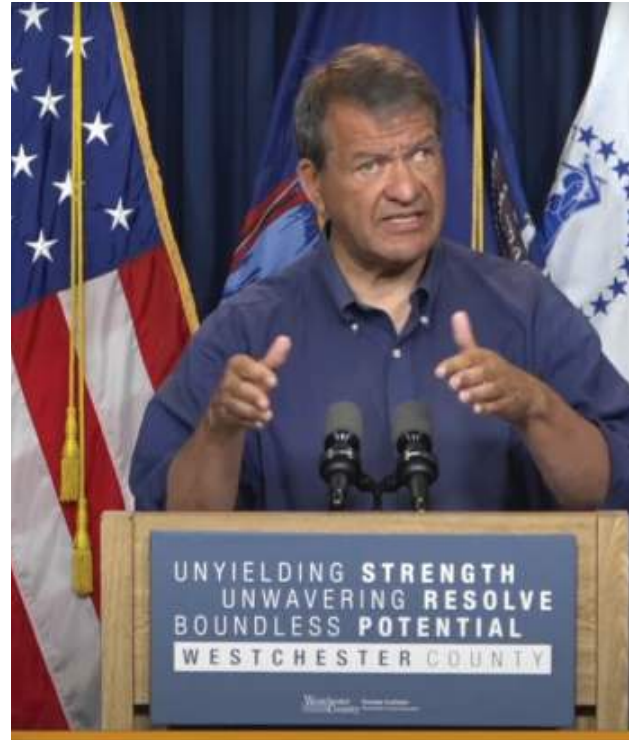
Effective September 2, no food service establishment within Westchester County may provide single-use foodware or condiment packets to dine-in or take-away customers unless expressly requested. This pertains to items such as forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks, cup sleeves, beverage lids and condiment packets.

Upon customer request, single-use foodware items or condiment packets must be

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Latimer: No Crime in Westchester From Migrants, NYC Paying the Cost, Migrants Here Legally

County Exec. Says Neighboring Counties that Tried to Keep Immigrants Out Had No Effect



"People have the right to express their view... but not to drive across your point of view to make people have a sense of fear ...we are trying to address the reality of things that are actually happening on the ground."

-Westchester County Executive George Latimer

By Dan Murphy

On Aug. 28, County Executive George Latimer held a press conference to update residents on the 400 migrants currently living at three locations, (Ardsley, White Plains and Yonkers) in motels-hotels, and to point to the facts that no crimes have been committed at either location; that the cost of the migrants are being entirely paid by New York City, and not the taxpayers of Westchester; and that the migrants are here legally awaiting a decision on their asylum applications.

Latimer said that a majority of the 400 migrants in Westchester are adults, but 125 are under the age of 18, and those individuals are eligible to attend school in each of the 3 communities they currently reside. NY Attorney General Letita James and Education Commissioner Betty Rosa, issued a statement affirming that every student between the ages of 5 and 21 has the right to a free public education in New York, regardless of the student's nationality or immigration status. "The law is clear: every New Yorker is entitled to a free public education, and anyone who lives in our state is a New Yorker," said Attorney General James.

Latimer added that Westhab is contracted with NYC to assist migrants at the Ramada Inn on Tuckahoe Road in Yonkers, and that DocGo has been contracted by NYC to assist migrants in Ardsley Acres Hotel and the White Plains. Several complaints have been made about the food service to migrants by DocGo.

Latimer underscored three points in his video press conference.

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Yorktown's Trash Problem Explodes!



Competitive Carting Has Trucks Repossessed Check to Solid Waste Commission Bounces!

By Dan Murphy

The decision by the Town of Yorktown, led by Supervisor Tom Diana, to continue to give the contracted garbage company, Competitive Carting, CC, too many chances to fix their problems has now exploded, with CC having 5 of its trucks repossessed for lack of payment.

Seven trucks are needed to remove the trash and recycling for the 10,000 homes in Yorktown. CC currently has 2 trucks to do the job.

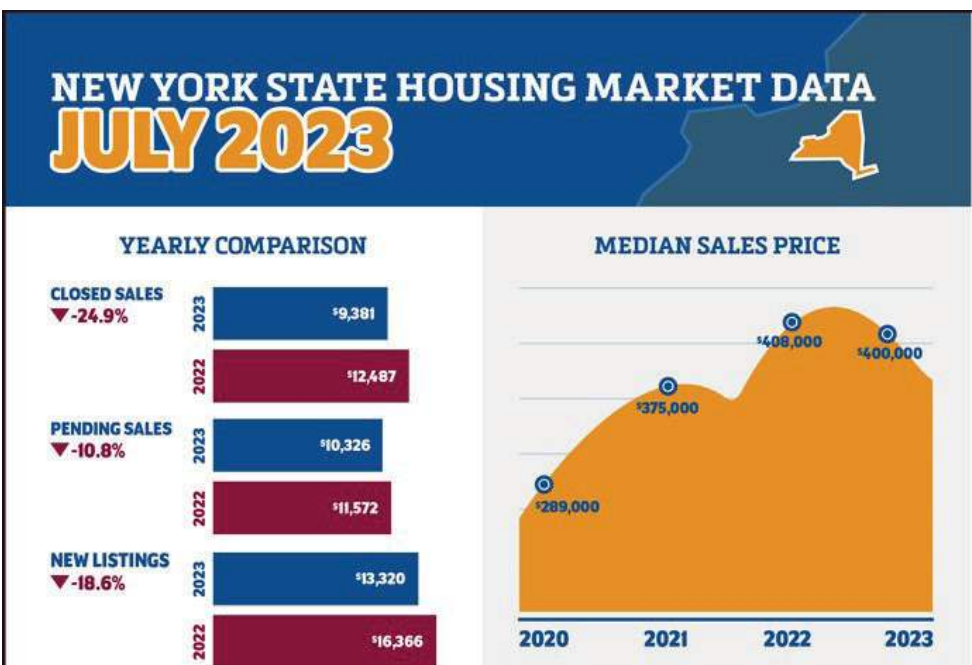
And with the upcoming Labor Day weekend, things will only get worse for the residents and taxpayers of Yorktown, including this reporter's family. Monday, Sept. 4 is Labor Day, so no trash removal until Tuesday Sept. 5. That is when the trash will hit the fan.

Several months ago, AAA Carting, the previous trash hauler for the town, offered to come in and fix the problem. Instead, the Town Board held a meeting on Aug. 28 in which they backed CC one last time, by offering financial incentives in the form of returning some of the fines the town issued CC, if they could fix their problems.

Documents posted on the Yorktown Trash Talk Facebook page from the Westchester Solid Waste Commission give us some of the bad business details of Competitive Carting and owner Brian Amico.

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Real Estate Sales & Inventory Drop Amidst Escalating Mortgage Rates



Mortgage rates continued to climb in August, nearing seven percent, while the inventory of homes across New York State continued to drop to near record lows, according to the housing report released by the New York State Association of REALTORS®.

Interest rates continued their upward trajectory in August, according to Freddie Mac. The monthly average on a 30-year fixed rate mortgage jumped up from 6.71 percent in June 2023 to an average of 6.84 percent last month. A year ago, at this time, the average monthly rate was 5.41 percent.

Inventory of homes for sale across the Empire State fell from 38,969 homes in July 2022 to just 27,911 units last month, representing a 28.4 percent decline. This marks 45 consecutive months that the number of homes available has fallen in year-over-year comparisons.

Closed sales fell 24.9 percent – from 12,487 in July 2022 to just 9,381 homes in July 2023. Pending sales were also down, falling to 10,326 units. This marks a 10.8 percent drop from the 11,572 pending sales in July 2022 in year-over-year comparisons. New listings also declined, dipping 18.6 percent from 16,366 listings in July 2022 to only 13,320 homes on the market last month.

Median sales prices remained comparable to 2022, falling two percent from \$408,000 last July to \$400,000 in July 2023. Additional data is available at <http://www.nysar.com/industry-resources/market-data>.

Bear Attack in North Castle Leaves 7-Year Old Injured; Police Kill Bear After it Doesn't Leave

Letter to the Editor Claims Story Exaggerated and Incomplete



A neighbors photo of large brown bear that injured a young boy in North Castle before Police Euthanize Brown Bear After it Doesn't Retreat

On Aug. 22, At 11:16 am, the North Castle Police Department received an E-911 call from a resident of 75 Hickory Kingdom Road who reported that a bear had just attacked their child on their property. Westchester County Department of Emergency Services was contacted who dispatched EMS from Banksville Fire Department, Armonk Fire Department, and a WEMS Paramedic. North Castle Police Officers and Animal Control also responded.

The child was treated by EMS and transported to a local hospital. Police Officers on scene observed the bear remaining in the rear yard, where the attack had occurred. The bear continued to present a danger to first responders and area residents.

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation was notified. The bear was euthanized by Officers on scene. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation responded to 75 Hickory Kingdom Road, took possession of the bear, and transported it to the Westchester County Department of Health for testing. Preliminary evaluation of the child's condition did not indicate that the injuries were life threatening.

The Westchester County Department of Health has confirmed on Aug. 23 that the bear that attacked a child in Bedford as he played in his backyard on Tuesday has tested negative for rabies.

Residents should never approach or have contact with a stray or wild animal. Residents who see a stray or wild animal acting strangely should alert local authorities to avoid possible exposure to rabies. Residents can also help by keeping their trashcan lids securely sealed, removing wild bird feeders, and avoid leaving pet food outdoors.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "If you see an animal that is acting aggressively, stay away from it and contact local police immediately."

In a letter to the Editor Christina D from New Rochelle writes, "As soon as I heard the report about a bear attacking a boy, I suspected the incident was exaggerated; and that is indeed the case. A baby bear, not yet fearful of humans, and a seven year old who should not have been left unattended in an area that is habitat to wildlife, unfortunately cross paths - and the young bear is shot to death by trigger happy responders; the kid was scratched. What precipitated the encounter? Was the bear being fed, or trash cans left out? Humans are the danger, not wild creatures in what is their home."

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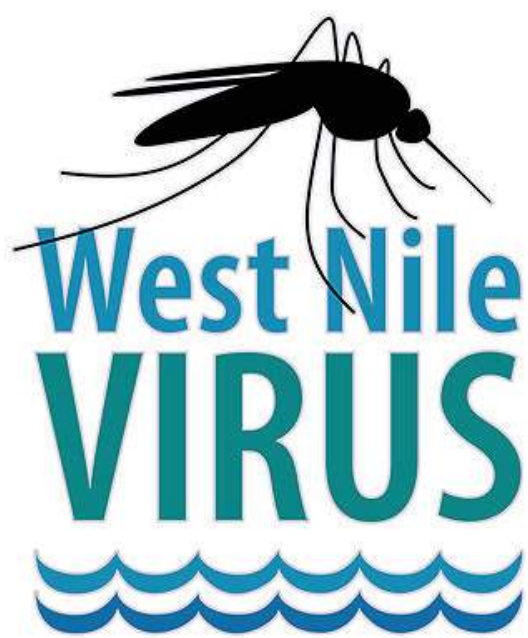
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Mosquitoes with West Nile Virus Found in Westchester; in Rye and Mamaroneck



The Westchester County Health Department announced that this season's first two batches of mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus in Westchester were found in Rye and Mamaroneck. The Health Department will inspect areas surrounding the positive mosquito batches and if needed, treat any nearby catch basins that hold standing water to protect against further mosquito breeding nearby.

To date, these are the first positives out of 108 batches of mosquitos collected by the County Health Department from 11 locations throughout Westchester that were tested for West Nile Virus by the New York State Department of Health. Last year, 11 Westchester batches of mosquitoes had West Nile Virus out of 151 submitted for testing, with the virus first detected in mosquitoes collected August 4.

Commissioner of Health Sherlita Amler, MD said: "As you spend more time outdoors, protect yourself and your family by using repellents, especially from dawn to dusk, when many mosquitoes are active. Apply sunscreen first, and repellent second."

The Health Department reminds residents about mosquito safety through news releases, social media and our website, where a report on mosquito control and surveillance can be found on the West Nile Virus page. Throughout the season, the Department also traps and tests mosquitoes to track the presence of mosquito-borne viruses.

Symptoms of West Nile include fever, headache, body aches and joint pain, but can be more serious for people 60 and older, and those with underlying medical conditions.

Tips to avoid West Nile:

Avoid the outdoors in the late afternoon and early evening when mosquitoes are active and feeding, or use insect repellents.

Adults can use insect repellents with up to 30 percent DEET on infants over two months of age by applying the product to their own hands and then rubbing it onto their children, avoiding their children's hands, eyes, and mouth.

Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and socks when outdoors, especially in areas where mosquitoes are active and feeding.

Check around your property for anything that can hold water, and pour it out or put it away.

Check and remove standing water from children's toys and play houses left outside.

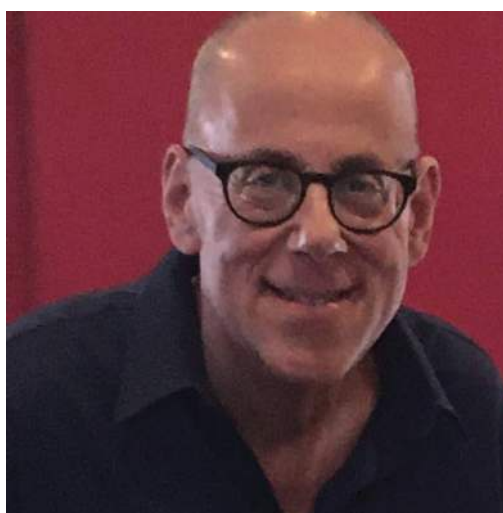
Remove discarded tires and Drill holes in the bottoms of all recycling containers that are left outdoors. Turn over plastic wading pools, buckets and wheelbarrows when not in use.

Change the water in birdbaths, and Keep storm drains and gutters clear of leaves and debris.

Continue to chlorinate swimming pools, outdoor spas and hot tubs until properly winterized or drained for the season.

Residents who notice large areas of standing water on public property should report them to the Westchester County Department of Health at (914) 813-5000.

I Ate the Time of My Life



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Labor Day is here and with it comes the end of another summer. Summer is my favorite time of year as we would spend time as a family swimming, barbecuing, playing sports and having a grand old time enjoying the weather.

As I discussed in a previous column, the last week of summer through Labor Day my family would spend at the one of the big hotels in the Catskills Mountains aka Borscht Belt, a place where many Jews would go for entertainment and relaxation as they were not welcome in the early part of the century at hotels that catered to non-Jews. If you saw the movie Dirty Dancin' you Know what I am talking about. Dad and I would play paddleball and handball while mom and my sister would watch makeup displays and work so very hard at trivia games to win a little bottle of champagne to drink with dinner.

Around 5:30 p.m. mom, dad, my sister and I would go to our room and shower up and prepare for the evening. Dad liked to bake in the sun, not realizing how bad it was for his skin. He would be the last one to shower and change for dinner.

The hotels whether it be the Concord, Grossingers, Nevele, Browns, or Brickman, our hotel of choice were known not only for extensive activity schedules but also for their delectable cuisine. The day would start off at 6:30 a.m. with Golfers Breakfast, coffee and little pastries for those headed out for an early tee time.

Seated breakfast would start around 8:30 depending on the hotel and finish up at 10 a.m. or 10:30. The meal would start with a big plate of danish and crumb cakes to enjoy while you selected your morning choices. Just in case you would get hungry later, your waiter would bring you napkins to fill with danish to take out of the dining room, also know as 'Filata' danish (for later danish.) Appetizers available everyday included herring, pickled salmon and a host of other fishes including Nova Scotia Salmon which you would put on a toasted bagel with onions, lettuce and tomatoes and capers.

Mind you this was all you can eat. You want 5 bagels you could have 5 bagels or 10 danish you could indulge. 13 varieties of Cold cereal would be served as well as 3 hot cereals. I liked my oatmeal with a touch of sugar piping hot even on the warmest day. Five varieties of eggs were served with Baco Chips, little chips that taste like bacon but were not as the dining room was kosher. Pancakes, French Toast and Cinnamon Sugar toast accompanied beverages such a postum, a powdered roasted grain beverage popular as a coffee substitute. The caffeine-free beverage was created by Post Cereal Company founder C. W. Post in 1895 and marketed as a healthier alternative to coffee. Sanka, also caffeine free was another popular beverage but people still liked their coffee.

You could imagine how filling that breakfast was and until the mid-70's, early 80's, a dairy, lunch would be served following breakfast at 1:00 p.m. The dairy lunch would features blintzes, crepes filled with cheese and fruit toppings, fish prepared numerous ways and other non-meat dishes. Hotel operators got smart and cut out the dairy lunch so patrons would not have to run to the dining room from the pool or tennis court or interrupt their day. Let's face it, after that big breakfast finishing at 10:30 a.m. was there a need for a whole other meal 2 1/2 hours later.? It gave the staff a nice break too, and guests could relax and enjoy all the facilities the hotels had to offer.

Let's not forget that most patrons had their little napkins filled with 'filata' danish and if that didn't cut the gefilte fish most of the hotels had coffee shops. No one truly was starving.

After a long day of play and entertainment, 6:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. brought on dinner. The dinner meal was for the most part meat and in keeping kosher no milk was served. Even the coffee and tea was served with a fake milk, butter was margarine and all the pastries served for dessert contained no milk or milk products.

You were full if you ate just breakfast and dinner but truly stuffed if you added lunch on the menu. Cutting out lunch also enabled hotel operators to lower prices for overnight stays, something no one complained about.

Sadly, all the hotels with these feasts have closed, burned down or were knocked down. You must admit the menu was lavish and extensive, and to this day I wonder how I could have eaten everything on the menu, washed down for breakfast and lunch with a glass of chocolate milk.

So, Labor Day is here. I will always have fond memories of my Catskills hotel experiences. And the food. I truly 'Ate the Time of My Life.'

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Letter: The Unquenchable MAGA Thirst

Many may have thought Governor Ron DeSantis' "Let me out do Trump" strategy was just an easy way to get votes. They may have been partially right.

Republican candidate Vivek Ramaswamy's doubling down -- going further right than both Trump and DeSantis -- on his "I'm best to lead that 'America First' agenda" is gaining considerable momentum.

His rocket ascension among the remaining Republican presidential candidates, as a first-time politician, reveals an unquenchable thirst for this ideology among a certain group of voters in America.

It could also explain why six of the current Republican contenders were tripping over themselves in the first debate to support Donald Trump if he were to win the Republican primary.

What's worrisome, however, is despite Trump's current legal woes, an August Marist College poll shows him in a statistical tie (47%/46%) Biden/Trump split for the 2024 general election.

The question is, given President Biden's progress on the economy (unemployment at a low of 3.5%, nationwide infrastructure investments; American manufacturing has ticked up), is the Democratic political strategy working?

By Derickson K. Lawrence

A resident of the City of Mount Vernon

Music in the Park Returns to Lasdon Park in September

Mark your calendar for three fantastic music shows on Sundays in September at Lasdon Park and Arboretum in Katonah! Grab your blanket or lawn chairs, nab a good spot on the grass and listen to music from Dan Zlotnick, Deni Bonet & Chris Flynn, and Back to the Garden 1969.

September 10, Dan Zlotnick: With a contemporary Americana flair, Dan's music reflects his love of classic rock and blues. His evocative lyrics, captivating melodies and energetic performances exude his passion for creating and sharing his music with everyone around him.

September 17, Deni Bonet & Chris Flynn: Bonet and Flynn's voices, accompanied by her violin and his guitar, have echoed through the United Nations and Lincoln Center. Their lively and humorous shows are full of self-penned songs, instrumentals and their warm banter.

September 24, Back to the Garden 1969: Far out, man! The band recreates the classic sounds associated with the performers who made Woodstock so groovy, such as Jimi Hendrix, Jefferson Airplane, Santana, Joe Cocker, Janis Joplin, The Band, CCR, Canned Heat, The Who, Mountain, Richie Havens, Melanie, Arlo Guthrie and The Grateful Dead.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Music is a universal language. People of all ages will enjoy the different genres and songs that these accomplished entertainers offer. We look forward to welcoming all back to Lasdon Park."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor said, "Our fantastic lineup of performers is sure to please a variety of musical tastes. There are few better places in Westchester to listen to them than at Lasdon Park and Arboretum."

Admission to each concert is \$10. Gates open at 1 p.m.; the performances are from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Learn more at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/events/>. Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial is a Westchester County Park on Route 35 in Somers.

Unite NY Poll: Nearly 80% of Independent Voters Think New York is Moving in Wrong Direction

Strong Demand for Reforms Such as Term Limits

Nearly 80 percent of unaffiliated voters in New York think the state is moving in the wrong direction and the desire for reforms, especially in New York City suburbs, is sky high according to the latest research from the independent organization Unite NY. For the past 18 months Unite has been measuring voter sentiment towards reform via the organization's Voter Empowerment Index (VEI). The latest VEI surveyed 800 New Yorkers this summer and found 78% of independent and nonpartisan voters think the state is headed in the wrong direction, which is 25 points higher than the overall electorate, which found 53% of all voters think the state is headed in the wrong direction. Overall, 40% of voters say they are considering leaving the state. The poll found New Yorkers have consistently supported key reforms which will give more power to voters. Support for these reforms include term limits for Governor (80% support), term limits for the State Legislature (80% support) citizen ballot initiatives (72% support) open primaries (58% support).

Unite NY Executive Director Tim Dunn said, "Independent and unaffiliated New Yorkers are clearly frustrated with the state of democracy in New York and the path to winning back these voters lies in enacting reforms that have overwhelming, bipartisan support."

Other key findings in the VEI included bad news for Governor Hochul, whose approval rating is underwater, with 40% holding a favorable opinion, versus 46% who do not. Meanwhile the New York State legislature's approval rating is abysmal, with just 27% of voters holding a positive opinion of the state's lawmakers, contrasted with 49% who disapprove of the job that is being done.

While the findings are tough, the good news is that 37% of respondents believe that politics in New York are fixable and 54% of participants said they would attend a cross-partisan event to talk about issues with those who have different opinions. The entire survey is available on the Unite NY website at: <https://unite.ny.org/voter-index/>

Broad Coalition Urges Supreme Court to Protect Westchester Sidewalk Counselor

Submitted by The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty and Becket Law

A coalition of states, legal experts, sidewalk counselors, pregnancy resource centers, pro-life feminist groups, and more filed friend-of-the-court briefs in Vitagliano v. County of Westchester, urging the Supreme Court to restore sidewalk counselors' ability to offer compassionate support to women outside abortion clinics. Last month, Catholic sidewalk counselor Debra Vitagliano asked the Court to reconsider its heavily criticized decision in Hill v. Colorado, which allowed states and local governments to ban peaceful, life-affirming conversation on public sidewalks outside abortion clinics.

"I want to offer abortion-vulnerable women a message of hope and compassion, letting them know that they are loved and can keep their babies," said Debra Vitagliano, a sidewalk counselor and resident of Westchester County. "I am thankful for this outpouring of support for my ministry and sidewalk counselors across the country, and I pray that the Justices will take my case and vindicate my First Amendment rights."

Motivated by her Catholic faith and experience as an occupational therapist for special-needs children, Debra Vitagliano felt called to offer compassionate, face-to-face support to women considering abortion. Debra desires to help these women in the most critical moment—when they are approaching the abortion clinic. But last year, Westchester County, New York, passed a law restricting discussions about abortion, its alternatives, and resources available to abortion-vulnerable women on public sidewalks outside abortion clinics. The law established a 100-foot zone around abortion clinics—including public sidewalks—preventing anyone from approaching within eight feet of another person in that zone unless given explicit consent. Such bans on sidewalk counseling deprive abortion-vulnerable women of a final opportunity to receive help and learn about additional resources before potentially making a life-altering choice.

Westchester County's law was modeled after and virtually identical to the Colorado law that the Supreme Court upheld in Hill v. Colorado. But legal scholars and judges have long criticized Hill, and last year, five Justices of the Supreme Court stated that Hill was a major departure from our nation's protections of free speech. Debra's case presents an ideal opportunity for the Supreme Court to right Hill's wrong and protect all those who want to serve abortion-vulnerable women.

Highlights from the friend-of-the-court filings in Vitagliano v. County Westchester include:

First Amendment experts Eugene Volokh (of UCLA School of Law), Richard W. Garnett (of Notre Dame Law School), and Michael Stokes Paulsen (of the University of St. Thomas Law School) highlighted the widespread disagreement with Hill by pro-choice and pro-life scholars alike, as well as the ACLU.

Fourteen States argued that continued reliance on Hill curtails free-speech rights and explained how governments can protect public safety outside abortion clinics without Hill.

Life-affirming feminist organizations argued that Hill reflects a "paternalistic belief" "rooted in the sexist assumption that women are too fragile to hear alternative viewpoints."

Sidewalk counselor Jeannie Hill—the plaintiff in Hill itself—highlighted Hill's departure from pre-existing First Amendment jurisprudence and destabilizing effect on the rule of law.

Alliance Defending Freedom argued that recent "hostility toward the pro-life community has exacerbated the need for an end to Hill."

Pregnancy resource centers explained how they offer tangible help to expectant and new mothers, with testimonials from women who benefitted from such help.

"Governments should not try to outlaw peaceful conversations on public sidewalks, and they certainly shouldn't make it harder for women to get complete information," said Mark Rienzi, president and CEO at Becket, attorneys for Vitagliano. "As this wave of support shows, it's time for the Court to fix the mistake in Hill and make clear that the law protects people like Debra Vitagliano who want to offer help to women in need." A response from Westchester County is due to the Supreme Court by September 25.

Editor's Note: On Aug. 7, by a 13-3 vote, the Westchester County Board of Legislators repealed a portion of the Reproductive Health Care Facilities Act, passed by the BOL in 2022, and signed into law by County Executive George Latimer, after the US Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. Legislators removed requiring pro-life advocates to stay 8 feet away persons entering and leaving health care facilities in Westchester that offer abortion services. Attorneys following this case believe that the change by the BOL was too late to impact a decision by the USSC. What also is unknown is whether the Reproductive Health Care Facilities Act and the buffer zone warrants damages paid to the protestors who had their rights violated. But the fact that there is a damages claim begs the question-if Westchester rescinded the bubble zone why is Westchester still in Court?

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Greenburgh Resident Killed by Car Sitting on Park Bench; Yorktown Resident Hit by ATV



Stephanie Kavourias, left, was killed by a car while sitting on a park bench on East Hartsdale Ave. The driver fled the scene but was later arrested

On August 26, Stephanie Kavourias, passed away after being struck by a hit and run driver near her home in Greenburgh. She was sitting on a park bench on East Hartsdale Ave. Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner highlighted the community service that Kavourias gave to the Town. “The town of Greenburgh mourns the passing of Stephanie Kavourias who was a prominent leader in Greenburgh –especially Hartsdale. Stephanie was highly respected in the community for her service as former Manager of the Hartsdale Parking Authority. Stephanie served as the leader of her co-op in Hartsdale and was a former member of the Greenburgh Planning Board.

“Prior to her appointment as Manager of the Parking Authority she was a dedicated employee -working for the town of Greenburgh. Over the years Stephanie worked hard --advocating for residents who live on E Hartsdale Ave. She pushed for the beautification of the Ave, more attractive storefronts. And she expressed her views -pushing for sound planning decisions. Her passing is an enormous loss to the town and to the Avenue. She will be missed but her contributions will always be remembered and appreciated,” said Feiner, who added on WVOX Radio, “She was sitting on a park bench, by a car driven by a driver high on narcotics. She wasn’t doing anything that should have resulted in her death. The driver was a fugitive who was high and speeding. He went off the road onto the sidewalk and killed her.”

One day after Kavourias’ death, Greenburgh Police announced the arrest of Antonio Sanchez Robles of Brooklyn who left the scene of the accident resulting in death. Mr. Robles was charged with criminal possession controlled substance 7th, leaving the scene of an accident, operating a motor vehicle impaired by drugs and driving while intoxicated. He was arraigned by Greenburgh Town Judge Brathwaite, and was remanded to Westchester County Jail.

Yorktown Resident Hit by ATV After Trying to Get Drivers Off Town Ball Field

On Sunday, August 27, a resident was struck by an all-terrain vehicle (ATV) at a baseball field at Lakeside Park while he was allegedly attempting to stop several ATV and dirt bike riders from damaging the field’s grounds with their vehicles. At 2:43 PM officers from the Yorktown Police Department were dispatched to the Hunterbrook Ballfield located at 2406 Hunterbrook Road to investigate a male struck by an ATV and was reported to be unconscious. PO Vuoso and PO Houlihan were dispatched to investigate. Upon arrival a male was observed with a severe leg injury as well as injuries to his head and chest. PO Houlihan and a member of the Lake Mohegan Fire Department applied a tourniquet to the male’s leg and rendered aid. The male was transported to the Westchester Medical Center by Advanced Life Support.

An investigation was conducted at the scene and it is alleged that the defendant did operate an ATV on Hunterbrook Ball Field and did intentionally drive the ATV into the male victim at a high rate of speed causing serious physical injuries to the male victim. It is further alleged that the defendant did flee the scene and was located at a Yorktown residence off of Route 202. The Yorktown Police Department conducted an investigation and on Aug. 28, Yorktown resident Kyle Frankild, 21, was arrested for First Degree Assault. More on this next week.

Latimer, Mirigrants, continued from pg 1-

I- “There have been no crimes committed in the locations where there are migrants.

II- “There have been no issues of outbreaks of communicable disease. Each of the migrants has been examined for vaccination status.

III- The cost for the migrants. “The room and food are contracted with NYC, and with these three hotel-motels. It is a legal transaction.” Westchester County has had no direct costs for the migrants. Some costs in the Westchester Department of Health and the County police have been absorbed --“there are no additional costs.”

Although Westchester County government does have direct responsibility for the homeless population, and thus the migrants, Latimer added, “there is nothing that we can do. I have asked for the Federal Government to open an immigration court in White Plains, but they haven’t acted yet. I hope they do.”

We are just trying to manage the matter the best that we can.

Latimer also reiterated a point that has also been made by Westchester Congressman Jamaal Bowman. That the migrants are now here legally. “Those individual who cross the border into the US go to immigration officials and ask for asylum. Once they file, they are awaiting adjudication -they are here legally. They are not illegals.

Latimer also challenged the decision by other neighboring county governments to issue executive orders banning Migrants from their county. “Some of my colleagues issued executive orders and many of you applauded it. They have no effect. In Dutchess and Orange Counties, they have had migrant placements anyway, and the courts have ruled against them”

However, in Putnam County, County Executive Kevin Byrne explained that, “On July 26th, the lawsuit from the city of New York against Putnam County was dismissed in its entirety after our emergency action expired and was formally rescinded. All of Putnam County’s actions, including the passage of a local law pertaining to outside municipalities and homeless shelters which also took effect on July 26th, are Constitutional and consistent with Putnam County’s authority granted to it by Municipal Home Rule Law, allowing it to adopt and amend local laws related to the government, protection, order, conduct, safety, health and well-being of persons or property therein”

The Putnam County law requires “No municipality outside of Putnam County, or agent thereof, may offer or provide temporary housing within Putnam County, thereby creating a homeless shelter as defined above, without first entering into a shared services agreement with Putnam County to provide said service”

Latimer concluded, stating “since placements will come in the county without our knowledge, we will manage them in an intelligent way and will try to do in a humane way but protecting public safety. That is exactly what we have done.”

Formation of TRUIH LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/15/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Lawrence Rebbecca, 550 Green Dolphin Dr., Placida, FL 33946. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Bermudair Launches Flights from Westchester Airport to Bermuda



BermudAir’s Embraer E175 Aircraft will have seats with window & aisle access

On Aug. 24, BermudAir announced direct flights from Westchestser County Airport. The new boutique airline will begin flights starting Aug. 31, directly to Bermuda.

BermudAir offers a fleet of Embraer E175 aircraft with a standard 88-seat configuration. Only 44 seats will be sold for each flight – all with both window and aisle access and plenty of space for carry-on bags – ensuring a comfortable and spacious in-flight experience for travellers.

These new direct services offer travellers from these popular East Coast cities and surrounding areas greater access to Bermuda, providing a premium travel option with average flight times of around two hours.

“We are excited to launch BermudAir as Bermuda’s first carrier, maintaining our commitment to start filling seasonal service gaps and establish frequency of service to and from the island this fall,” said BermudAir Founder and CEO Adam Scott. “Our mission to elevate the travel experience for everyone and provide well-timed, traveller-centric, stress-free flights on these new routes is just the beginning. Establishing this year-round service is a first step in our journey to redefine the travel experience and we look forward to rolling out our phased introduction of BermudAir’s Aisle Class.”

All flights include free Wi-Fi and entertainment, and at least one complimentary checked bag (or more, depending on fare). BermudAir will provide a distinguished level of onboard service, offering travellers freshly prepared light meals and beverage selections from local partners on the island. The exceptional onboard experience and attentive service will be a signature BermudAir offering.

Following delivery of highly customized and game-changing seating suites on November 1, 2023, a first for a short-haul airline, BermudAir will usher in a new era of business class air travel with the introduction of Aisle Class, a seating concept that eliminates the aisle vs. window seat dilemma. From November, BermudAir’s E175s will be configured with just 30 seats to feature unmatched privacy and ample workspace, with only two spacious seats across from each other in each row. Travellers will be able to take advantage of under-seat stowage for a carry-on and personal item, in-seat power, plus free Wi-Fi, including Wi-Fi powered entertainment and messaging. The Aisle Class cabin, designed without the need for overhead bins, offers a light and spacious ambiance, facilitating a convenient and quick boarding and deplaning experience.

BermudAir is additionally committed to the local community through its dedication to sourcing services and partnerships within Bermuda, including the hiring of local crew, collaborating with Bermuda service providers for onboard food and beverage services, and sourcing local ingredients. The goal is to ensure the inflight experience reflects the island’s renowned hospitality with premium on-board menu offerings and attentive, friendly cabin crew.

“We are very happy to welcome BermudAir as Bermuda’s first carrier, as they work toward setting a new standard for travel,” said Wayne Furbert, JP, MP, Minister of Transport. “This partnership represents an exciting milestone for our island, as it enhances connectivity and strengthens our position as a premier destination. With BermudAir’s commitment to providing convenient connections, we anticipate a significant boost to our tourism market.”

“With the launch of a new airline in Bermuda, there’s a sense of anticipation and opportunity in the air. The increased air capacity aims to enhance the island’s connectivity and aligns with the National Tourism Plan’s “Year-Round” objective. By providing year-round flights, BermudAir offers new opportunities for us on the U.S. East Coast, paving the way for potential partnerships and market growth. It’s an exciting step towards sustained growth for Tourism in Bermuda,” said Tracy Berkeley, CEO of Bermuda Tourism Authority.

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Notice of formation of My Mind Is Magic, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/14/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 20 South Broadway Suite 420, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of LIVE LONG LIVE STRONG FITNESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/07/22. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 33 Sherwood Ave, apt. 3w, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Formation of LIMESMASHER LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/2/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Michael Lime-killer, 938 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of True to Life Counseling Psychotherapy Services, LCSW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/26/2023 Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the PLLC at 50 Riverdale Avenue Suite 15J, Yonkers, Ny 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of 54 TOWER PLACE LLC of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/10/2023. Office: Westchester County. RAED MALAMMARI designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 54 TOWER PLACE YONKERS, NY 10703 Purpose: Real Estate.

Formation of OFF THE MILL LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Desmond Clarke, 1271 Saw Mill River Rd., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON, Plaintiff AGAINST MAXINE LANSKY-TEJADA, ALEJANDRO TEJADA, ET AL., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered June 16, 2023, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Lobby of Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, NY on September 11, 2023 at 10:30AM, premises known as 94 Jervis Road, Yonkers, NY 10705. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, in the County of Westchester, State of New York, Section 1, Block 73, Lot 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$234,256.25 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #59161/2021. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the WESTCHESTER County COVID-19 mitigation protocols and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Syma Funt, Esq., Referee Gross Polowy, LLC 1775 Wehrle Drive Williamsville, NY 14221 20-001206 77099

Notice of formation of JJMB PROPERTIES LLC. Art. of Org. filed with the Sec of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/27/2023. Office location, County of Westchester. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: c/o InCorp Services, Inc - 99 Washington Ave., Suite 805-A, Albany, NY 12210. Purpose: any lawful act.

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 SCHOOL TAXES

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TO AVOID PENALTY, the first half must be received by Sept. 30, 2023. The second half school taxes are payable by January 31, 2024.

IMPORTANT: Official U.S. Postal Service postmarks are accepted to secure a penalty-free payment if postmarked on or before the due date. FedEx UPS, and DHL mailed to 40 Mill Road, Eastchester can also be accepted as timely if showing a mailing on or before the due date. However, metered mail postmarks (such as Pitney-Bowes or Quadiant/Neopost, for example) are NOT acceptable for this purpose under the NYS Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), and neither are foreign postmarks. An envelope without any postmark-- or an illegible postmark-- is deemed under the law to have been made on the date of delivery to the collecting officer. If the due date is not met, the following Penalties prescribed by tax law for deferred payment apply:

Rates of Penalties
 SECTION 550-A WESTCHESTER COUNTY
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| During OCTOBER | 2 Percent | |
| During NOVEMBER | 5 Percent | - |
| During DECEMBER and JANUARY | 7 Percent | |
| During FEBRUARY and MARCH | 10 Percent | 10 Percent |
| During APRIL | 12 Percent | 12 Percent |
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July 1st-2024, Delinquent taxes will be filed with the Westchester County Clerk’s Office.

In addition, 1% per month thereafter until completion of IN-REM foreclosure.

ROCCO N. CACCIOLA
 RECEIVER OF TAXES
 Dated August 22, 2023

Notice of Real Estate Auction

By Order of the City of New Rochelle

Notice is hereby given by the City of New Rochelle (the “City”) of the public auction of the surplus City property listed below, which is in New Rochelle, NY.

The public auction will take place September 14, 2023, beginning at 11:00 AM online only at www.auctionnetwork.com.

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Ex-NYPD Cop from Westchester Arrested, continued from pg 1-

NYPD Commissioner Edward A. Caban said: “There is no place for corruption of any kind in the NYPD. The arrest today of a former police officer is built upon the steadfast work of our Internal Affairs Bureau, a team driven to root out such betrayals of public trust. I thank IAB, all of our partners, and everyone from the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of New York for their sustained collaboration in this important case.”

As alleged in the Indictment: The Shooting Boys gang is a criminal organization based in the University Heights section of the Bronx. Since at least 2017, gang members sold drugs, used guns, and committed numerous acts of violence against members of rival gangs. The gang’s territory and base of operations fell within the jurisdiction of the NYPD’s 52nd Precinct. The recognized leader of the Shooting Boys was Andrew Done, a/k/a “Caballo.”

MESTRE was an NYPD police officer from July 2013 to May 2022 assigned to the 52nd Precinct’s Public Safety Unit. In the summer of 2020, a major focus of the precinct and the Public Safety Unit was the reduction of gun violence, much of which was attributed to members of the Shooting Boys.

In or about June 2020, MESTRE began communicating with Done through secret social media accounts and phone numbers. MESTRE and Done began an intimate relationship, during which MESTRE provided Done and other gang members with confidential non-public law enforcement information about the federal grand jury investigation into the Shooting Boys. For example, MESTRE warned Done, and other gang members, that federal investigators were preparing to bring a federal indictment against the Shooting Boys. MESTRE also warned Done about impending law enforcement operations, enabling Done and other gang members to conceal their criminal activity. In addition, MESTRE disclosed the identity of a witness cooperating with law enforcement and providing information about the gang, which allowed Done and other Shooting Boys to assault and intimidate the witness in an effort to prevent the witness from further cooperation.

On or about November 5, 2020, Done shot and killed a rival gang member (“Victim-1”) as Victim-1 sat in his car on Cromwell Avenue in the Bronx. NYPD Detectives investigating the murder recovered security camera video (the “Video”) capturing Done’s commission of the murder. Several members of the 52nd Precinct were called upon to assist in the identification of the person captured on the Video. MESTRE was one of several officers who identified Done as the perpetrator.

During the manhunt to apprehend Done, of which MESTRE was a part, MESTRE sent Done a copy of the Video to his phone and secretly communicated with Done the day of the murder and in the weeks afterwards. MESTRE warned Done about law enforcement’s efforts to capture him, allowing Done to eventually flee from the United States.

In March 2022, 10 members of the Shooting Boys were charged in a 15-count indictment with various federal crimes, including racketeering conspiracy and murder. Done was charged with the murder of Victim-1 and was apprehended in the Dominican Republic several months later.

On November 17, 2022, Done pled guilty to racketeering conspiracy and admitted to his role in the murder of Victim-1. On February 22, 2023, Done was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

MESTRE, 33, of Mohegan Lake, New York, and a mother of two, is charged with one count of racketeering conspiracy, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison; one count of conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; and one count of accessory after the fact to murder in aid of racketeering, which carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison.

Yorktown Trash, continued from pg 1-

In Dec. 2022, Brian Amico, the owner of CC, entered into a 5 year agreement with the town.

On Dec. 13, Amico sold 60% of the company to William Boyer Sr.

On Feb. 8, CC was fined for 11 violations by the Solid Waste Commission and fined \$22,000.

On April 13, William Boyer Jr. told the Solid Waste Commission that he was a manger for CC

On April 13, Boyer Jr, gave the Solid Waste Commission a check for \$22,000 to pay for the fines. THAT CHECK BOUNCED!

What the timeline shows is that Boyer Sr. has owned Competitive Carting since Dec. 2022. Since he took ownership, the problems continued in collective the garbage and recycling for Yorktown homeowners in a reliable and consistent manner.

There has been no improvement in the garbage collection since Boyer Sr. became principal owner, yet the Town Board has put their trust in CC once again, as recently as Aug. 29.

Questions from residents include:

-How is the garbage going to get picked up after Labor Day?

-Why does the town continue to hope for the best with CC? Some believe it may have to do with two former elected officials. One is a former elected official in Yorktown; the other is a former Putnam County law enforcement and elected official.

-But as the many residents on Yorktown Trash Talk continue to complain, right now, “I just want my garbage and recycling picked up,” is the common refrain. The political blame game will occur in November.

Let us also remember that the decision to hire a new garbage company came under the leadership of former Supervisor Matt Slater, now Assemblyman Matt Slater. Slater has been publicly silent on the issue of garbage removal in Yorktown, but as a homeowner, he must be dealing with the same issues.

But the political decision to continue to stay with CC rests with Supervisor Diana, and the Town Board. And with an election upcoming in November for Supervisor and two seats on the board, residents are shocked that “officials with reelections in November would let this continue.”

The Town of Yorktown fines against CC are: \$59,000 for one set of violations for not removing the garbage per the terms of the contract/ and \$80,000 for a second set of violations.

That \$139,000 in fines has been taken out the check paid to CC and Amico by the Town. So Amico has had to meet his payroll, and pay for gas and repairs for the trucks, etc. with less every month.

CC and Amico are losing money, but now they have a new owner in Bill Boyer Sr. Why did Boyer decide to buy 60% of a company that is losing money?

The Town Board needs to terminate the contract with CC, and re-hire AAA Carting, in time for pickups after Labor Day. Or the Solid Waste Commission needs to take action. Someone on Trash Talk called this Garbage Gate 2023.

Note: On Aug. 30, Supervisor Diana issued the following statement:

“The garbage debacle continues. Hello Yorktown, Late last night, I was notified by the Yorktown Police Department that five of our garbage carrier’s trucks were repossessed. We had no warning whatsoever that this could possibly ever happen. Clearly, we are at a breaking point. We are actively exploring all options and are working to correct the situation immediately. If your garbage and recyclables have not been picked up today, they will be picked up make no mistake. Please leave your garbage and or recyclables out. As you can imagine, this is an intolerable situation, and the public has every right to be fed up, as I am along with the entire Town Board. I am committed to keeping you informed about the situation and will have further updates as they become available.

We appreciate your patience and understanding. Thank you, Supervisor Tom Diana.”

A response to Supervisor Diana on behalf of the 1,265 members of Yorktown Trash Talk, most of whom are Yorktown residents, taxpayers and voters. First, you have never taken the time to address the community on this Facebook page, while others, including Town Councilman Sergio Esposito at least engaged in dialogue. We have only heard you complain about the Facebook page.

You start your statement with “The garbage debacle continues,” but it continues because of your unwillingness to admit the mistake made by you and former Supervisor Matt Slater and the Town Board last year in selecting CC without vetting the owners and their past incompetence in the garbage business.

You end your statement with, “We appreciate your patience and understanding.” This is another tone-deaf comment. Most of the homeowners in Yorktown have NO PATIENCE with your waiting, and waiting, to act. Your lack of terminating the contract points to one of two things, according to your own residents: Incompetent leadership, or another reason to make a change for reasons that **none of us know.**

A comment under your statement reads, “Can we just go back to AAA already??? You or your team clearly didn’t vet the “winning bidder” well enough which led to this situation. Walk it back already. Hopefully, the garbage will be picked up on September 5.

Single use foodware, continued from pg 1-

provided individually, rather than in packages containing multiple items. This initiative is aimed at curbing unnecessary plastic waste and promoting a more sustainable approach to dining.

The law applies across various ordering methods, including in-person, online and through food delivery apps. Customers are encouraged to ask for single-use items only when needed, fostering responsible consumption.

Single-use plastic beverage stirrers and “splash sticks” will no longer be permitted within food service establishments. Retail stores may still offer these items for sale to their customers.

The legislation upholds existing protocols for utensil storage within food service establishments, maintaining standards of cleanliness and sanitation. Utensils available in self-service containers for consumers must be individually wrapped or placed face-down, with single-item dispensers recommended.

All DoH requirements for health and safety remain in full effect, ensuring that the well-being of patrons is not compromised.

DEF and DoH Inspectors will collaboratively work to ensure the proper implementation and adherence to the new regulations, promoting a seamless transition for both establishments and customers.

Food service establishments are required to prominently display a clearly legible sign informing customers that plastic utensils, condiments, and straws are available only upon request. This sign, provided by the County, will serve to increase awareness and encourage responsible plastic use.

DoH Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said: “The Westchester County Department of Health is proud to support this new law. Protecting the environment and reducing waste is the cornerstone of Environmental Health. We know that this is an important step in helping to maintain a healthy environment for our residents”

DEF Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone said: “Billions of single-use plastic items end up in our waste stream every year. Due to the small size and narrow shape of these materials, they are not easily recyclable. Fortunately, County Executive Latimer and the Board of Legislators have taken decisive action to significantly reduce the amount of single-use plastic items in our waste with the enactment of this legislation. The Department of Environmental Facilities looks forward to working with the Department of Health to educate residents and food service establishments on the new requirements and to ensure compliance.”

As noted by the owners of LMNOP Bakery in Katonah and Rye Ridge Deli in Rye Brook in the video HERE, this change not only lessens the waste we all put into the waste stream, but also will provide significant cost savings to small business owners.

Barr said: “This legislation is a win-win, as it will help protect our environment by decreasing items in the waste stream, while at the same time lowering costs for businesses, who will no longer provide items which go straight into the garbage. Equally important is the fact that consumers will get accustomed to making a conscious choice about what they actually need.

I hope Westchester residents and businesses will join with us to help spread the word, and that we will all do our part to comply to reduce waste.”

Pierce said: “I began working on this last fall, and I am so very thrilled to see it take effect. Up until now, businesses have often automatically provided people with single use items, many of which were unneeded and went straight into the trash. Through a simple behavior change – asking for the items we need - we can reduce waste, help the environment and save local businesses money. A win for everyone.”

As we collectively strive towards a greener and more sustainable future, Westchester County’s “Upon Request” single-use foodware law sets a precedent for responsible consumption and environmental stewardship within the food service industry.

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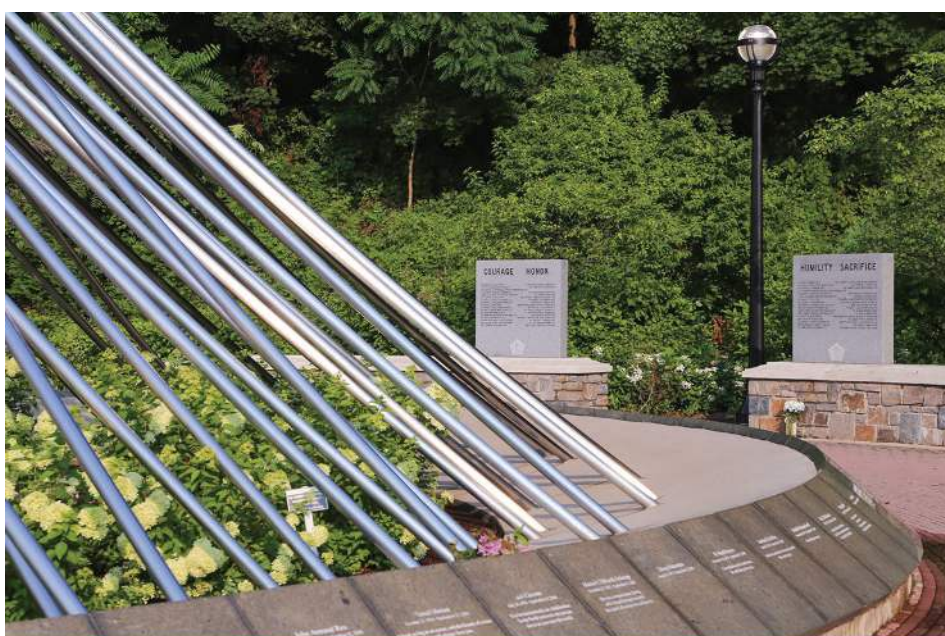
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Westchester County

Eastchester: The Town of Eastchester's Annual September 11th Memorial Service will be held on Monday, September 11th, 2023 beginning at 8:35am in front of the Eastchester Town Hall located at 40 Mill Road. In the event of rain, the ceremony will be moved inside and capacity will be limited.

Mamaroneck: The Town of Mamaroneck, along with the Village of Mamaroneck and the Village of Larchmont, is planning to hold the annual September 11th Memorial Ceremony on Monday, September 11, 2023 at 5:00 PM. The ceremony will be held at "Girl Scout Rock" in Memorial Park on Myrtle Boulevard between Chatsworth Avenue and Baldwin Avenue.

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