

Finally Justice! Former Teacher Gets 25 Years for Sexploitation of 16-Year Old Student



Sandy Carazas-Pinez

United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, Jay Clayton, announce that SANDY CARAZAS-PINEZ was sentenced to 25 years in prison for enticing a minor to engage in illegal sexual activity. CARAZAS-PINEZ's sentence was imposed by U.S. District Judge John P. Cronan, who also presided over her guilty plea. "Sexual exploitation by teachers offends every New Yorker," said U.S. Attorney Jay Clayton. "Sandy Carazas-Pinez betrayed her role and, through explicit texts and other means, coerced a 16-year-old into a sexual relationship. Actions of this type by anyone, particularly a teacher or other person of trust, will not be tolerated."

According to the court documents and statement made during court proceedings: CARAZAS-PINEZ was a high school teacher at a school for kindergarten through 12th grade students located in Yonkers, New York ("School-1"). From in or around November 2022 through February 2023, CARAZAS-PINEZ abused her position as a teacher at School-1 by inducing and attempting to induce a student ("Minor Victim-1") at School-1 into a sexual relationship with CARAZAS-PINEZ. Minor Victim-1 was 16 years old at the time of the abuse.

CARAZAS-PINEZ singled out Minor Victim-1 for personal attention at School-1. In addition, CARAZAS-PINEZ induced Minor Victim-1 to engage in sexual activity with her by leading Minor Victim-1 to believe that they were in a romantic relationship.

CARAZAS-PINEZ used her personal cellphone to call, text, and video call Minor Victim-1 to arrange sexual encounters and to repeatedly induce Minor Victim-1 to engage in live-streamed sexually explicit conduct while on video calls with CARAZAS-PINEZ. In text messages with Minor Victim-1, CARAZAS-PINEZ referred to her sexual encounters with Minor Victim-1 and the live

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County Exec. Jenkins Opposes Reopening of Indian Point; Buy Why Are Utility Bills Sky High?



protests have already begun against even the idea of reopening Indian Point

But Why Are Our Energy Bills Going Up 18%?

By Dan Murphy

A reboot of Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant is not welcome in Westchester County. Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins has requested that the Westchester County Board of Legislators adopt an act declaring the County's strong opposition to the reopening of the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant in Buchanan.

Jenkins said: "Opening this plant again is a hard

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Rev. Fest 250 This Weekend at Croton Point Park-Free!



Enjoy the Westchester County festival commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution. and Westchester County's role in the birth of our nation on Saturday and Sunday at Croton point park , September 27th and 28th, 11:00am to 5:00pm. The event is FREE! Learn about the history of Westchester, and enjoy food music and here from figures like General Benedict Arnold and his wife Peggy about why he conspired with the enemy through engaging performances,exhibitors, and more. Don't miss your chance to be a part of history

Freedom of Speech Debate Roars in Westchester

Croton Village Accused of Conspiring Against Veterans

First Amendment Right to Display Trump Flag

By Dan Murphy

The debate over an American citizen's First Amendment right to Free Speech has appeared in several cases in Westchester County. Last week, we reported on two instances where public employees, civil servants, made what many thought



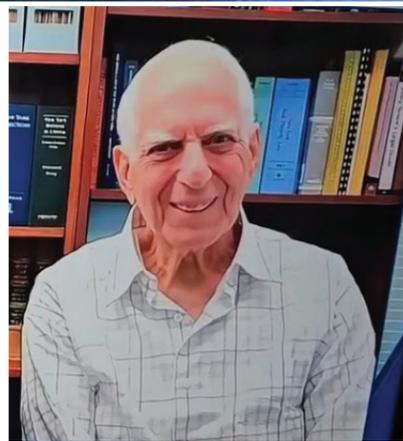
were inappropriate comments about the death of Charles Kirk.

This week takes us to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson to highlight a First Amendment case that has now received national attention.

Lenny Amicola is a long-time resident of Croton. For some time, he has hung a flag on his property that reads, "TRUMP IS MY PRESIDENT."

The Village of Croton recently issued an appearance ticket to Amicola for violating the Zoning Code.

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"You Can't Fire a Cop for Free Speech"

Sculti & Slater Blast Jenkins for SRO's Kirk Comments



Left: County Exec. candidate Christine Sculti, outside the county office building with Assemblman Matt Slater and Somers Supervisor Robert Scorrano

By Dan Murphy

Last week, we highlighted two cases that we believed were inappropriate comments made by public servants in Westchester. And in the Chappaqua

, an employee was suspended for their comments on social media about the killing of Charlie Kirk. However, in that case, we do not know who the person is or what their comment was, as the Chappaqua School District kept it a confidential personnel matter.

Christine Sculti, the Republican candidate for Westchester County Executive, highlighted one of the county employees we wrote about at a press conference outside the county building in White Plains last week. Sculti, who was joined by Assemblyman Matt Slater and Somers Supervisor Robert Scorrano, called for an investigation into the training practices of school resource officers in

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Westchester Mom Starts Up-Van Go Art Adventures, That Gives Back



Meet Kelly Fitzpatrick, and her new idea Van-Go Wagon Co.

"I've spent years building community through family-focused programs and events. Together with my sister, Rachel Lennon, we are launching a new business designed to meet children where they are.

"Van-Go is a mobile creative studio for kids. On the surface, it looks like a bright van full of art supplies, imaginative fun, and playful energy popping up at birthday parties, festivals, and

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A Walk of Faith. A Leap of Hope.



By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

Twenty-two years ago, Betty Whitehead's life was changed forever. Her son, Kenneth "Kenny" "Guess" Whitehead, was killed in an act of violence, leaving her with a grief both profound and life-defining.

"I wanted to do something in memory of him," she once said. "I don't want his death to be in vain."

On Saturday, September 20, 2025, Mrs. Whitehead once again turned her loss into a mission of remembrance and healing through the annual "Walk Everywhere With Jesus." Organized by the Missionary Ministry of Messiah Baptist Church in Yonkers, this year marked the 22nd walk.

The walk began at Messiah Baptist Church on Warburton Avenue and unfolded as both a spiritual journey and a communal act of solidarity. Some participants joined the church in Yonkers, while others walked wherever they were, each step honoring loved ones lost too soon.

The theme was rooted in Scripture: "And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us" (Ephesians 5:2). For many, the verse reflected both the pain of loss and the sustaining power of faith.

"The mothers who lost their children to violence should know to hold on," Mrs. Whitehead reminded. "Not to change. The love is going to always be there."

The day stood as an expression of faith, service, and outreach. Rev. Frank E. Coleman Jr., pastor of Messiah Baptist Church, led his congregation in ensuring that the walk remained a space for healing and unity.

For Mrs. Whitehead, the event was about more than memory. It was about presence — ensuring that Kenny's name, and the names of others taken too soon, remain part of Yonkers' collective conscience.

"This is why I'm bringing people together," she said. "So we can remember all the young people that we lost in the city of Yonkers."

The message, like the walk itself, was simple yet powerful: to rise, to remember, and to keep moving forward, step by step, in faith and in love.

Dennis Richmond, Jr. (@NewYorkStakz) is a journalist, historian, and educator from Yonkers, NY. He writes to uplift unheard voices, honor history, and inspire change.

Two Lakeland HS Seniors Named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists

Top 1% of US HS Seniors



Justine Tang, left, and Sean Kowatch, right with Lakeland HS Principal Cummings

Congratulations to Lakeland High School seniors Justine Tang and Sean Kowatch, who have been named Semifinalists in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship Program!

This recognition places Justine and Sean among the top high school students in the nation based on their outstanding academic achievement and performance on the PSAT/NMSQT. They now have the opportunity to continue in the competition for National Merit Scholarships in 2026.

"We are incredibly proud of Justine and Sean," said Principal Chris Cummings. "Their dedication, hard work, and commitment to excellence exemplify the values of Lakeland. We're excited to see all that they will accomplish in the future."

The Lakeland Central School District celebrates this significant achievement and is proud of all our students' accomplishments. We look forward to supporting Justine and Sean as they advance in the competition and to continuing to highlight the outstanding work happening across our schools.

To The Editor:

Thank you for printing the two articles about Charlie Kirk's passing. I never heard him speak and knew nothing about him except that he was a law abiding, popular conservative esp with young people; but the comments I saw in the general media after his assassination were mindboggling in their cruelty and ignorance. Seeing your decent, compassionate articles was appreciated.

But I am afraid of retribution from the haters, so please withhold me name. I also read the Halston Media papers and I wanted to thank Editor Brett Freeman for his editorial and coverage of the response to Charlie Kirk in Somers.

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DA Cacace Named Grand Marshal of 50th Eastchester Columbus Day Parade-Oct.10



Westchester District Attorney Janet DiFiore

Meet the 2025 Honorees: Honorable Susan Cacace - Grand Marshal 2025 Columbus Day Parade

The Honorable Susan Cacace serves as the District Attorney of Westchester County, where her leadership is defined by her unwavering commitment to justice, public safety and community well-being. With over 30 years of experience spanning roles as a prosecutor, defense attorney and judge, she brings an unparalleled depth of expertise to her position.

Judge Cacace began her distinguished legal career as an Assistant District Attorney in Westchester County. In this role, she managed numerous felony trials and secured indictments in over 500 cases. She also made history by leading Westchester's first dedicated animal cruelty unit, advocating for the welfare of voiceless victims and setting a precedent for innovative prosecution methods.

Following nearly 15 years as a prosecutor, Judge Cacace transitioned briefly into private practice alongside her husband before being elected as a Westchester County Court Judge in 2005. Over nearly two decades on the bench, she presided over significant felony cases and established herself as a leader in the specialized courts. Notably, she presided over the county's first Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) part and became the longest-serving presiding judge of the Sex Offense part in Westchester County history.

As District Attorney, Judge Cacace continues to shape the legal landscape of Westchester County with a focus on accountability, fairness and reform. She has successfully advocated for changes to New York's discovery laws to ensure a more level playing field for both victims and defendants.

Deeply inspired by her late father, the Honorable Robert W. Cacace—name-sake of the Yonkers courthouse—Judge Cacace honors his legacy through her tireless dedication to public service. A devoted wife and mother of three daughters, she balances her professional achievements with personal passions and civic involvement. Additionally, she supports community initiatives through her involvement with the Yonkers Lions Club and the Enrico Fermi Scholarship Fund.

Other honorees include: The Michael Provenzale Community Service Award Recipients: Wilmont Pharmacy- Joseph & Helen Dibbini along with Jackie & Frank Di Marco; The Monsignor Anthony Maltese Humanitarian Award Recipient: Mario R. Dell'Aera Jr; Donna De Marco - The David R. DiRubba Community Service Award Recipient.

The Eastchester Columbus Day Parade and Carnival will take place at Lake Isle Country Club on Friday, October 7th-Monday, October 10th.

Visit <https://eastchestercolumbusday.org/> for more information.

Another New Year is Over

By Eric Wolf Schoen



As the summer sun sets, there is a chill in the air and we have eaten the last piece of Raisin Challah bread for this Rosh Hashanah, we start to think about all the change in our selves that we reflected upon during Services. All the things we would like to correct before again, we appear to atone for another year of sins and celebrate the new year.

The question as to whether or not the holidays were on time this year has not come up. mid-September is always perfect-in that we can still enjoy the outdoors and all the beauty it has to offer before the leaves on the trees turn and the last bee buzzes away..

We know it is not easy with everything that surrounds us to avoid the goodies that put on those extra calories, but we are not dummies and the government makes manufacturers put strict information on pints of Haagan Daz ever changing flavors that go on sale in the supermarket and hardly makes it home. Yes, the pint is 4 servings not one, though many will indulge it in one seating.

That shot the doctor wants to give us to prevent something from happening to us. We know the shot is important to us though it leaves its mark on our arm.

That new gown we bought which looks just great. But do we really need a new gown or suit when the one sitting in the closet is fine

We know that many of us will be here to reflect on next year

Diet is one of the major habits we have to change. The pint of Haagan Daz sure goes down nice smooth, but it sits where we don't want it to,

I wish you and your family a very happy and healthy new year in a world of Shalom, Peace.

Correction: in last week's column I mentioned my sister not knowing the dosage of medication she should take. In fact it was the medical professionals who did not know.

Socialist Takes Manhattan

'New York, New York, a hellava town, the ice cream's pink and the Pizza is brown'! Remember when I told you several weeks ago to consider Curtis Sliwa for Mayor and tell all your friends to do likewise. Curtis, You laughed. The beret toting guy with a matching jacket. Friends it might be too late. We have a Socialist taking over Manhattan. Scary. We will talk about it in the coming weeks.

Reach Eric Schoen at

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Fugitive Pleads Guilty to 2008 Rape of 13 Year Old in Westchester

Justice has no expiration date. The defendant's horrendous conduct, as alleged in the indictment, is no less shocking nearly two decades later. I am grateful to our law enforcement partners in Mexico and the U.S. who brought Mr. Herrera to answer for these charges. This multi-jurisdictional effort exemplifies my commitment to working with any and all agency partners in furtherance of community safety.

— District Attorney Susan Cacace



Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a fugitive from justice who absconded to Mexico after raping a young child over a decade ago has admitted to his criminal conduct.

Galo Herrera, 53, pleaded guilty yesterday to one count of Rape in the First Degree, a class B felony, before Judge Maurice Dean Williams.

DA Cacace said: "The defendant's cowardly scheme to evade accountability, nearly 20 years in the making, could not outrun the long arm of the justice system. In the intervening years, this office never ceased working to secure his return to the United States. I am hopeful this guilty plea will provide the victim with the closure she has long deserved."

Between December 2006 and January 2007, the defendant forcibly raped a young child who was under the age of 13 years old at the time. Herrera fled the jurisdiction before he could be apprehended on these charges.

In 2008, Herrera was indicted on one count of Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child, a class A-II felony, two counts of Rape in the First Degree, a class B felony, and three counts of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor.

He was extradited to Westchester earlier this year.

The case was investigated by the Mount Vernon Police Department, the Westchester DA's Office and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Westchester County Department of Labs and Research and the New York State Police Crime Lab were utilized in the course of the investigation.

The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Charlotte Gudis.

Assemblywoman Paulin Introduces Bill to Protect New Yorkers Access to Vaccines



Assemblywoman Amy Paulin

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, Chair of the Assembly Health Committee, has introduced the Vaccine Integrity Act (A.9060/S.8496), legislation that would allow continued access to vaccines and ensure insurance coverage for vaccinations. Her bill, which authorizes various healthcare practitioners to administer immunizations recommended by existing New York State immunization advisory bodies, is in response to recent federal actions which have disrupted New York's longstanding, reliable vaccine distribution system. "New Yorkers should be able to get vaccines easily and safely at their local pharmacies," said Assemblywoman Amy Paulin. "The newly imposed federal barriers and the spread of vaccine skepticism put New Yorkers' health at risk. My bill would ensure that New York State can continue to allow vaccines to be readily accessible to all New Yorkers at pharmacies without unnecessary obstacles."

Most New Yorkers over the age of eighteen get their vaccines at local pharmacies, where they can simply walk in and receive an immunization. This approach has made vaccination convenient and accessible. Recent federal actions however have made it harder for people to get vaccinated in New York State. Under current NYS law, pharmacies can only provide vaccinations without an individual prescription if those vaccines have been recommended by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). ACIP has historically provided guidance that New York and other states rely on to shape public health policy, vaccine schedules and insurance coverage.

The September 19th recommendation by ACIP that individuals should receive the COVID vaccine only after consulting a healthcare provider means barriers will exist.

Governor Hochul's September 5 Executive Order expands COVID vaccine access in the short term, allowing pharmacists to administer vaccines to children as young as three. However, the Executive Order is valid for only 30 days, would need to be continually renewed monthly to maintain access, and only applies to the COVID vaccine.

The Vaccine Integrity Act creates a permanent legal framework which would allow New York State to rely on guidance from the New York State Immunization Advisory Council (IAC), the 21st Century Workgroup for Disease Elimination and Reduction (WDER), and any regional advisory body that New York joins, such as the Northeast Public Health Collaborative that New York State jointly established along with eight states in the region (Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, and Delaware) on September 15, in addition to ACIP. This would provide New Yorkers with reliable access to vaccines, even if federal guidance is disruptive or delayed.

Importantly, Paulin's bill would require health insurance providers to cover any vaccines recommended by these state or regional committees, just as they currently cover ACIP-approved vaccines. This guarantees that residents can get the vaccines they need without facing financial barriers.

"My legislation provides a permanent solution that protects vaccine access, ensures insurance coverage, and maintains the convenience that pharmacies have provided for decades," said Assemblywoman Amy Paulin. "Vaccine policies must be based on science, not misinformation, and they must expand access, not create barriers, in order to safeguard the health of New Yorkers."

The legislation is sponsored in the State Senate by State Senator Michelle Hinchey.

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Real Estate Agent Pleads Guilty to Deed Theft

NYAG James Secures First Criminal Conviction Under Home Equity Theft Protection Act

New York Attorney General Letitia James today secured the guilty plea of former Rockland County real estate agent Oscar Dais for forging the signature of a homeowner to steal her property without her knowledge. In August 2021, Dais forged the signature of Monique Hill on a deed to take ownership of a Rockland County home while the home was in foreclosure. Dais pleaded guilty today in Rockland County Court to forgery and violation of the Home Equity Theft Protection Act (HETPA). This is the first conviction of a crime under HETPA, which helps protect New Yorkers from being taken advantage of when selling their home in foreclosure. Attorney General James worked to expand HETPA in 2023 as part of her ongoing efforts to prevent deed theft and protect New York homeowners.

"Oscar Dais took advantage of a homeowner who was dealing with a foreclosure and stole her property without her knowledge," said Attorney General James. "No New Yorker should have to fear that the home they own will be stolen from them. I will continue to use every tool at my disposal to fight deed theft throughout our state and bring scammers like Oscar Dais to justice."

In 2016, Hill's mortgage lender began foreclosure proceedings after she and her husband defaulted on their mortgage. In August 2021, Dais created a copy of Hill's deed with a signature line for "Monique Clark" – Hill's former married name which she did not use. Dais then forged Hill's signature on the deed and had it falsely notarized. Dais filed the forged deed with the Rockland County Clerk's Office, transferring ownership of the property to a company he controlled. At the time that this deed was forged, notarized, and filed, Hill was in the Dominican Republic and had no knowledge of the forged deed.

In October 2021, Hill reported the fraudulent deed to the Office of the Attorney General (OAG). She then filed a civil suit against Dais, which is still pending. As a result of his conviction, Dais will pay restitution to Hill and the fraudulent deed will be voided, restoring Hill's ownership of her share of the property.

The HETPA is a New York state law that protects homeowners selling a home in foreclosure or default to a buyer who wants to purchase the home as an investment. The HETPA requires complete contracts that sellers have a right to cancel, and the law prevents buyers from deceiving or misleading sellers. In 2023, Attorney General James advanced legislation to expand HETPA to also protect homeowners with active utility liens on their homes.

This is the latest example of Attorney General James taking action to protect New Yorkers from deed theft. In August, Attorney General James charged two people for stealing the home of an elderly woman in Queens. In February, Attorney General James announced charges against a woman in Queens for stealing the home and funds of her elderly neighbor. In October 2024, Attorney General James and Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark announced the arrests of three real estate scammers for stealing over \$250,000 from New Yorkers and for their roles in a deed theft scheme to steal the childhood home of a Bronx resident. In April 2023, Attorney General James announced two pieces of legislation to strengthen protections and remedies for victims of deed theft, both of which have been signed into law.

New Yorkers who believe they are a victim of deed theft are encouraged to contact OAG by calling 1(800) 771-7755, emailing deedtheft@ag.ny.gov, or filing a confidential complaint.

The OAG thanks the New York State Police for the criminal referral and its assistance with this investigation and prosecution. The OAG also thanks the City of Pooler, Georgia Police Department and the Harford County, Maryland Sheriff's Office for their assistance in this investigation.

Scared by the Sound Returns to Playland Oct 10



More screams, more scares and more shadows lurking in the dark!

Playland Park is set to transform once again into Westchester's ultimate haunted destination as Scared by the Sound returns Friday, Oct. 10. Guests can expect terrifying thrills, haunted walkthroughs, and spooky surprises as the region's premier Halloween attraction makes its highly anticipated comeback.

The 12,000 square feet of pure, nightmare fuel, featuring a cast of ghouls around every corner, will be open Fridays through Sundays in October, with the final three days of the season taking place Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 30 through Nov. 1. For families and younger guests who prefer a less frightening visit, a special matinee showing will be offered on Sunday, October 19, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., with toned-down scares and more lighthearted Halloween fun. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased for specific time slot.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Playland Park is synonymous with summer, but this year, I'm excited to welcome back Scared by the Sound, and give thrill-seekers across Westchester the chance to experience spine-chilling scares and unforgettable Halloween fun. After a few years away, it's thrilling to see this iconic event return to its rightful home."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner, Kathy O'Connor said: "Playland has long been a cornerstone of the Westchester County Parks Department, offering memorable experiences that bring the community together. Special events like Scared by the Sound show how the park continues to create unique experiences while honoring its rich traditions."

Scared by the Sound Creator, Pat Costello said: "We're both thrilled and excited that Scared by the Sound is back at Playland Park where it all started in 2000. We have a lot of scary surprises in store this Halloween season, so purchase your tickets today so you don't miss out!"

Tickets range from \$29 per person to \$40 per person. Parking is \$10 per car. Playland Park is located at 1 Playland Parkway in Rye.

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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.

Notice of formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. 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 Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. 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, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of JUST SHIPSHAPE LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on [07/17/2025]. Office location: Westchester county. ENTITY PROTECT REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES LLC is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. ENTITY PROTECT REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES LLC shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1 ALEXANDER STREET APT 314, Yonkers, New York, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 155 ROUTE 202 LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/10/2025. 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, 401 Broadway, Suit 1111, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Create With Vero LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/06/2025. 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, 16 Forster Ave, Mt. Vernon, NY 10552. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of PRINCE & BROADWAY PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/22/25. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 172 Rockne Road, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. 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, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Super Smart Future LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/20/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Super Smart Future LLC, 58 Valley Rd, Katonah, NY 10536. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of IT TAKES ALL KINDS PICTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/21/2025. 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, Republic Registered Agent Services Inc. 54 State Street Suite 804 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful

Notice of Formation of SteenShots LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/2025. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 343 South 3rd Avenue, Mt. Venron NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of 1M Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of FUSE WORKS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/11/2025. Office location: Westchester County, NY. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 54 Brosnan Pl, Tuckahoe, NY 10707. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Math Power LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY On 07/12/2025. 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, 35 Florence St, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of BLUEPRINTS AND BEYOND LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 4th, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: 70 Ashburton Avenue, Apt. 7H, Yonkers, New York, 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Marayjay, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/04/2025. 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 Entity Protect Registered Agent Services LLC, 447 Broadway 2nd Fl. - #3000, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Sprites' Hollow LLC, formerly What Are We Making LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/2021. 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, 88 Colgate Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS
PUBLIC HEARING
AMENDMENT TO 2025/2026 CAPITAL BUDGET

I, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, City Council President of the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the 2025/2026 Capital Budget of the City of Yonkers as follows:

7th day, October, 2025
City Council Chambers
City Hall
40 South Broadway – 4th Floor
Yonkers, New York
6:00 p.m.

The proposed amendment to the Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026, increasing the estimated total authorization set forth in said Capital Budget by TWENTY-EIGHT MILLION ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$28,100,000) Dollars, from ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY NINE MILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND AND TWELVE (\$129,985,012) Dollars, to ONE-HUNDRED FIFTY EIGHT MILLION EIGHTY FIVE THOUSAND AND TWELVE (\$158,085,012) Dollars, to fund various energy efficiency measures in and for the City of Yonkers.

Anyone wishing to speak may sign up on the night of the hearing at the hearing site. Each speaker shall be permitted three minutes and speakers shall be called in the order in which they have signed up.

LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

September 24, 2025
CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 at 5:00 PM, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 101 WOODLAND AVENUE

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO
Mayor
Date: September 18, 2025

Notice of Formation of Elsie Legacy Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/26/2025. 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, 41 Woodland Road, Bedford Hills, NY 10507. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation Hinman Hall, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/08/2025. 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, 9 Landing Drive, Dobbs Ferry NY 10522 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Publication of 275 VICTORY BLVD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/29/2025. Office: WESTCHESTER CO. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail process to copy to the LLC 7014 13th Ave, #202, Bklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Sen. Harckham

Announce State Funding for Affordable Housing in Peekskill



L - R - Sen. Harckham, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Children's Village CEO Jeremy Kohomban, Peekskill Mayor Vivian McKenzie

New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and State Senator Pete Harckham announced Sept. 19 that \$1 million in State Senate funding has been secured for a mixed-use, mixed-income development sponsored by Children's Village in downtown Peekskill.

A press conference for the announcement was held at the site of the development, formerly the New York State Workers' Compensation building, at 41 N. Division Street, Peekskill, NY. Joining the state legislators at the event were Peekskill Mayor Vivian McKenzie and Children's Village President and CEO Jeremy Kohomban.

Plans for the historic Workers' Compensation building include 22 apartments, 10 of which will be set aside for young adults between 18 and 25 years old who have aged out of foster care.

"It is my pleasure to deliver \$1 million in state funding to support Children's Village's vision to create 22 affordable units here in northern Westchester, several of which will support young adults under 25," said Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins. "Today's announcement is made possible by the success of the public-private partnership, fostered by Children's Village and supported by officials including myself, my friend and colleague Sen. Pete Harckham, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and Mayor Vivian McKenzie of the City of Peekskill. As leaders, we understand that affordability in housing is the key. It's where you launch your dreams, have your stability and safety, and it's where we as a community live and grow. I can't wait to see this amazing project completed and serving our community here in Peekskill."

"The project is coming to fruition because of Children's Village President and CEO Jeremy Kohomban and his focus on helping to meet the housing needs of young people aging out of foster care, and because Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins recognized the importance of creating this housing and eagerly supported it," said Senator Pete Harckham. "The City of Peekskill is a perfect municipal partner—Mayor Vivian McKenzie knows that this project will enhance the fabric of her community and serve as a model of inclusive care for underserved and at-risk young people."

Harckham added, "I was humbled to be a part of this brilliant collaboration. By bringing together public investments from Westchester and New York State with private investments, Children's Village will be providing housing that is

SafetySticks Installed at Bus Stop Locations



From the Yonkers Police Department: You may have seen these around...

They are called "SafetySticks" and this is the first full week of a no-cost pilot program that Yonkers PD has embarked on in partnership with the City of Yonkers, Parking Violations Bureau, and Municipal Parking Services (MPS). It's the latest initiative to combat congestion on our roadways by ensuring that bus stops are clear so that buses can pull completely out of the lane of traffic and don't block the roadway, allowing other traffic to move freely.

The MPS SafetyStick is a smart, solar-powered device designed to keep our streets safer and more accessible. They can be installed near fire hydrants, bus stops, and other restricted areas to automatically detect when a vehicle is parked illegally and record the violation. This technology helps ensure that critical spaces remain clear for emergency services, public transit, and pedestrians—improving safety, accessibility, and fairness for everyone in the community.

There are currently 7 devices deployed:

- (3) Central Park Avenue bus stop (by the entrance to MGM Empire City)
- (2) 15 Palisade Avenue bus stop
- (1) 10 N Broadway bus stop- (1) Doyle Park bus stop (274 Ashburton Avenue)

In other areas of the country, these devices can send automated tickets to car owners. Currently, these are just being used in a data-gathering pilot program to help address illegal parking, and there is NO ENFORCEMENT action being taken by these sticks.

We repeat- you will NOT receive an automated ticket if you trigger one of these devices. You may, however, receive a ticket from a Police Officer or Parking Enforcement Officer who is in the area.

We're still testing how these devices look and operate, so for now, we're just using these devices to help allocate enforcement resources to certain problem areas. If we ever move to an enforcement period with these devices, we'll be sure to update our whole community and have conspicuous signage in the areas where they are being used.

We know traffic congestion is annoying- illegal parking is a big contributor to it. We appreciate our community understanding that we're always exploring new ways to keep our streets safe!

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY A/K/A M&T, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff -against- MICHAEL FRITH, LAURA DESHON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 5, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on October 27, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sunny Way, where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot Nos. 266 and 267 on Map No. 6584; being a plot 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet.

ALSO, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 on the above mentioned map where the same is intersected by the northerly line of Lot 267 as shown on Map entitled, as filed Map No. 6584 and which point is distant 99.58 feet southerly as measured along said dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 from the southerly boundary of Red Oak Lane as same is shown on Filed Map No. 25985; RUNNING THENCE South East, 24.00 feet; South West, 89.53 feet; South West 13.64 feet; THENCE North East, 100.00 feet. Section: 34.17 Block: 1 and Lot: 14

Said premises known as 10 SUNNY WAY, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567

Approximate amount of lien \$432,385.27 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 53628/2017.

STUART I. BALL, ESQ., Referee

David A. Gallo & Associates LLP

Attorney(s) for Plaintiff

47 Hillside Avenue, 2nd Floor, Manhasset, NY 11030

File # 7777.122

WESTCHESTER POWER COMMUNITY ENERGY PROGRAM

Westchester Power is a Community Choice Aggregation program administered by local non-profit Sustainable Westchester on behalf of participating communities. Westchester Power is the municipally selected default electricity supply option for these communities. It offers competitive, fixed rates for clean and renewable electricity as an alternative to variably-priced and fossil-fuel-based supply of the local utility.

Westchester Power is an "opt-out" program, meaning eligible participants must elect to opt out of enrollment into the program if they do not want to participate. Customers always retain the ability to select between our offered renewable energy choices, opt out, or opt back in at any point without fees or penalties.

To ensure the availability of a reliable fixed rate option for clean energy in these uncertain times, program electric supply for the next term has been bid out and awarded. Opt out letters will be mailed out in October.

Rates for 24-Month Term Starting December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2027

Residential & Small Commercial	Rate
50% Renewable	12.040 c/kWh
100% Renewable	12.520 c/kWh

The Con Edison posted trailing 12-month average for 07/2024 through 06/2025 is 10.888 ¢/kWh for residential and 10.336 ¢/kWh for small commercial rate classes. This is not indicative of utility pricing moving forward as utility rates vary month-to-month

- The program supplier is Direct Energy
- The default product for the City of Yonkers is the 50% Renewable option
- Customers will pay a premium for renewable supply services, though they will be contributing to NYS clean energy goals
- The new contract opt-out period in Yonkers will be from 10/18/2025 to 11/17/2025
- To opt in/out or change supply, visit sustainablewestchester.org/wp/energy-choices, email us wp@sustainablewestchester.org or call 914-242-4725

Visit sustainablewestchester.org/wp/yonkers for more information about the program!



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This October marks seven years of The Fuller Center of Greater New York City, whose volunteers work throughout the year to restore affected neighborhoods and homes throughout our area.

Visit <https://app.eventcaddy.com/events/fuller-center-for-housing-of-greater-nyc-24th-annual-golf-outing> find numerous sponsorship and player registration opportunities.

Our friend Jim Killoran --is the CEO of FullerCenter for Housing greater-NYC, where the mission continues, simple decent homes..

If you have the resources, personally, or in your business, this would be a great cause to support.

Enjoy Family Fun Day
at Untermyer Gardens Conservancy Oct. 5



Family Fun Day

at Untermyer Gardens
Sunday, October 5, 2025
12:00 noon to 4:00 PM



TICKETS: \$20 adults, \$10 children 12 and under, children 2 and under FREE

- 12:00 Noon: Bring a picnic lunch for the once-a-year chance to eat inside the Walled Garden
- 1:00 PM: Flavors of Magic presents MYSTIQUE in the Amphitheater
- 2:00-4:00 PM: Meet Animal Ambassadors from the Nature Center at Greenburgh
- 2:00-4:00 PM: Be a Magician! Learn magic you can do with everyday stuff
- 2:00-4:00 PM: Create Your Own Recycled Art
- 2:00-4:00 PM: Story Time
- 2:00-4:00 PM: Sea Creature Temporary Tattoos
- 2:00-4:00 PM: Scavenger Hunt




Untermyer Gardens, 945 N. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701 www.untermyergardens.org

Latest St. John's Riverside Hospital's Riverside Reflections Focuses on National Recovery Month



Suffering or know someone suffering from substance use disorder? St. John's Riverside Hospital's Behavioral Health Services (BHS) department offers state-of-the-art treatment to help individuals achieve sobriety and to teach self-care practices that promote a healthy and satisfying lifestyle to those affected by addiction and other mental health struggles. We have multiple comprehensive programs throughout Westchester. Learn more from a live conversation with Sherlon Quarless, MPA, LMSW, CASAC-M. Click the YouTube link here and below- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PZmQ044HC04>

Visit our Behavioral Health Services: <https://riversidehealth.org/specialty-services/behavioral-health-services/>

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Attention Comic Lovers! Big Shows in Mt. Vernon and Yonkers This Weekend-Both Free

GRAMMY Winner Sharon Isbin to Appear with the Pacifica Quartet Oct. 5 Sleepy Hollow



Multiple Grammy Award-winning guitarist Sharon Isbin, left, recognized as the 2020 Instrumentalist of the Year by Musical America, will appear on the Friends of Music Concert Series in Sleepy Hollow with the Pacifica Quartet on Oct 5 at Sleepy Hollow High School's Kusel Auditorium, 210 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, NY, 10591 at 3pm. Tickets are \$40 and guests under 18 are free. Isbin, who received the 2023 Guitar Foundation of America Hall of Fame Artistic Achievement Award will perform selections from her Souvenirs of Spain & Italy recording with the Pacifica Quartet which debuted at #1 on Amazon and #2 on Billboard, including Vivaldi's Concerto in D

Major for Guitar and Strings, RV 93, and Boccherini's Guitar Quintet No. 4 in D Major, G.448, "Fandango".

Recent highlights include a 21-city Guitar Passions tour with jazz greats Stanley Jordan and Romero Lubambo, tours with India's legendary Amjad Ali Khan, a collaboration with Sting, triumphant performances with the Detroit, Montreal and National Symphonies, as well as sold-out concerts at the Kennedy Center, Kimmel Center, and Carnegie Hall.

Hailed as "one of the best guitarists in the world" (Boston Globe) and celebrated as "the pre-eminent guitarist of our time," Sharon Isbin has been soloist with over 200 orchestras, premiered nearly 100 works written for her by some of the world's finest composers, and has given sold-out performances in celebrated halls across 40 countries.

Isbin was the 2023 cover story of Acoustic Guitar magazine – the only classical guitarist ever featured on the publication's cover in their 33-year history.

Her catalogue of over 40 albums, which has sold over a million copies and streamed more than 30 million times, reflects her remarkable versatility. Highlights include her Grammy-winning Journey to the New World which spent 63 consecutive weeks on top Billboard charts, and her Latin Grammy-nominated Rodrigo Aranjuez with the New York Philharmonic, the orchestra's only recording with guitar.

To purchase tickets visit <https://friendsofmusicconcerts.org/pacificawithisbin2025/>

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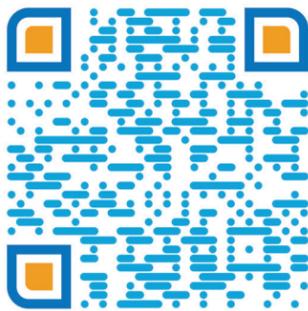
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Indian Point, continued from pg 1-

New York State has access to low-cost, environmentally conscious energy alternatives including solar, wind, geothermal and hydropower – we don't need or want Indian Point Back. The health and safety of millions of residents in the Hudson Valley is worth more than any power plant. That is why I support Governor Kathy Hochul's initiative that supports nuclear power plants in New York, but excludes New York City, Long Island and the Hudson Valley in that plan."

Indian Point, which operated since 1962, closed on April 30, 2021, following decades of public concern about the environmental and public safety risks posed by the plant. Under the terms of the 2021 Joint Proposal on Indian Point's decommissioning, Holtec International, the company responsible for decommissioning, agreed not to propose the siting of new nuclear reactors at the site without the explicit support of local government entities, including Westchester County, and the State.

Jenkins said: "Even years after its closure, inspections have identified radiological substances in the Hudson River and cesium isotopes in surface soil, highlighting the ongoing environmental hazards of this site. We have been through this once and we still are feeling the impacts, and we are not doing it again. We absolutely do not support reactivating a facility that continues to pose a threat to our community and our environment."

Jenkins made his comments after some media outlets tossed out the idea of a reopened Indian Point. And Holtec, the owner of Indian Point, has stated, through its spokesman Pat O'Brien, "The question we have been asked the most, since we began the historical restart of Palisades, is 'can IPEC (Indian Point Energy Center) return to service? We wanted to answer that question once and for all that right now it can be, should there be political will, and that it would take four years and \$8-\$10 billion."

"We are not actively looking to restart, just letting people know if the energy need, and political will exist, we would work with the stakeholders," said O'Brien to LoHud.com.

Anyone who wants to have a discussion about reopening Indian Point must first acknowledge that almost every county and state legislator opposes the idea, and worked hard for years to get it closed.

And while Governor Hochul is moving forward with plans for more nuclear plants in New York, they are all planned for upstate. If Hochul were ever to come forward with her support for a reopened Indian Point, she would be met with a room full of Westchester democrats telling her no.

Jenkins said, "New York State has access to low-cost, environmentally conscious energy alternatives including solar, wind, geothermal and hydropower." While this may be true, the cost of those energy sources, and the overall cost of energy for those of us in Westchester and Putnam counties, has gone through the roof, with a proposed 12% increase from Con Edison, and NYSEG proposing a rate increases of 23% for electricity and 33% for gas.

And while I understand that all of our elected officials in Westchester are opposed to the proposed energy bill increases, we are now in a situation where, for the foreseeable future we will see continued increases in our energy bills.

My question is why is that happening? Is it because Indian Point closed, and all of the energy they were supplying, mostly to NYC, is now gone, and as a result of supply and demand, the cost of the remaining available energy has risen significantly?

We asked a group called NYenergyalliance.org for some answers. We received the following response from Alex Panagiotopoulos, co-founder of New York Energy Alliance.

The Walls Are Closing In: Westchester's Energy Reality After Indian Point

When Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins complains about Con Ed rate hikes, he's not wrong that families are squeezed. But he is catastrophically wrong about the source of the problem, and his reflexive opposition to nuclear power shows why the walls are closing in on New York's energy planners.

Jenkins vs. Jenkins

On the one hand, Jenkins rails against Con Edison's requests for higher rates, blaming the utility for pushing residents "to the breaking point." On the other, he proudly proclaims his opposition to reopening Indian Point, the single largest source of reliable, carbon-free electricity in the region until 2021. In other words, he blames the doctor while demanding the patient be deprived of medicine.

The CLCPA's Impossible Math

The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) mandates 70% renewables by 2030 and 100% "carbon free" by 2040. Sounds nice. But the numbers simply don't work:

1) Indian Point's output was roughly 2,000 megawatts, running nearly 24/7.

2) To match that with solar, you'd need tens of square miles of panels in perpetually scarce downstate land.

3) To actually firm that power into 24/7 electricity, you'd need dozens of grid-scale battery farms the size of the blocked 95-acre, 116 MW Somers/Mahopac project.

Westchester residents just rose up to kill one such battery plant, citing fire risk, lack of transparency, and zero community benefit. Imagine telling those same residents that to replace Indian Point you'd need the equivalent of fifty to a hundred Mahopac-sized battery facilities scattered across the Hudson Valley.

Solar Panels on Land They Don't Control

Indian Point-killing Democrats like State Senator Pete Harckham love to wave their hands about the "massive renewable buildout." But where, exactly? Westchester is not Nevada. Every acre of flat land here is contested: homes, schools, woods, reservoirs, wetlands. Residents who won't accept a single BESS battery site are hardly going to accept thousands of acres of solar fields and new high-voltage lines slicing through their neighborhoods. Even the emissionless Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) line, buried under the Hudson River, has met fierce resistance.

Scapegoating the Utilities

Utilities like Con Ed and Central Hudson are caught in the middle. They don't write the CLCPA mandates; they're forced to comply with them. Then, when bills spike to pay for this impossible "transition," politicians like Jenkins turn around and point the finger at the very utilities saddled with carrying Albany's dead weight. It's political scapegoating at its most cynical.

The Reckoning

Here's the hard truth Westchester residents need to hear:

You cannot power a modern county with intermittent solar panels on borrowed land.

You cannot ask families to accept dozens of dangerous battery installations in their backyards.

You cannot demonize nuclear energy as "unsafe" while claiming climate change is an existential threat.

Jenkins wants to have it both ways: cheap, abundant energy with no rate hikes, while taking the largest source of safe, affordable baseload power off the table. Sustainable Westchester, which boasts County Executive Jenkins as a board member, infamously has rates for 100% renewable energy that are higher than the regular rates.

The Way Forward

The only realistic path for Westchester is the same one New York is slowly waking up to statewide: return to the vision of firm, carbon-free nuclear power. Governor Hochul's tentative embrace, in the tradition of President John. F. Kennedy and former New York State Senator Robert Kennedy Sr., of new NYPA-backed reactors is a start. But it's time for Westchester leaders to stop pretending we can survive on weather-dependent power patched together with unpopular batteries.

Shutting down Indian Point was a generational mistake. There was never a justification for imposing the CLCPA's trillion-dollar burden on working families. The walls are closing in on the political class that sold Westchester a fantasy," writes Panagiotopoulos.

And who was our Governor when The Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA) became law? Andrew Cuomo, who is now running for Mayor of New York City.

I look forward to writing more about this topic, in the hopes of finding a solution. And if we can't lower our energy bills, can we at least get our annual increases pegged to the rate of inflation?

Peekskill Housing, continued from pg 7-

100% affordable. But best of all, it creates quality housing that is affordable for young adults who risk homelessness without a place to go."

Jeremy Kohomban, President and CEO of Children's Village, said, "Where you live—and where your children go to school—remains the most reliable predictor of both personal success and second-generation success. We are deeply grateful to the New York State Senate, Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and Senator Harckham for their support to help Children's Village and the City of Peekskill transform this long-vacant but beloved, historically landmarked building into 22 beautiful homes and a hub of commercial activity. Our vision is to create a space that brings the community together in the heart of Peekskill's Restaurant Row. Thank you again to the New York State Senate for your trust in our model of location-specific, beautiful, affordable housing," said Jeremy Kohomban, President and CEO of Children's Village.

The former Workers' Compensation building is a historic property being acquired by Children's Village, thanks to a \$3.4 million bond approved by the Westchester County Legislature. Along with the 22 one-bedroom apartments, plans for the development include 10,000 square feet of commercial space and a rooftop garden. The project is being designed by Joseph Thompson Architect of Peekskill.

The services for the young people coming out of foster care will be provided by our strategic partners Bravehearts M.O.V.E. New York, a youth-led non-profit that empowers young adults by the child welfare system. Children's Village's vision for the Workers' Compensation building is to expand its proof of concept from two already successful projects in New York City and show what can be done on a smaller scale in neighborhoods outside of the city.

Located within the Peekskill Downtown Local Historic District, the development is near essential amenities, such as grocery stores, schools, cafés, and restaurants. Additionally, within walking distance of the site, residents will find convenient access to six different bus routes and the Peekskill Metro North station.

A new report from the Center for Fair Futures shows that hundreds of New York City area young adults in foster care are aging out of their facilities.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Affordable housing is essential to the long-term growth and vitality of our communities in Westchester. I want to commend Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Senator Pete Harckham for securing this critical funding for Children's Village, which will transform a historic site in Peekskill into new housing opportunities for residents, including young adults transitioning out of foster care. This project demonstrates the power of collaboration across levels of government, and I thank our state and local partners for addressing housing needs to help strengthen the foundation of our County.

Children's Village is a nonprofit organization founded in 1851 that helps vulnerable children and families by providing residential treatment, foster care, and community-based programs for mental health, substance abuse, and transitions to adulthood. The organization aims to strengthen families, advocate for human rights, build community partnerships, and offer resources to ensure children become educationally proficient, economically productive, and socially responsible adults. The organization operates a campus in Dobbs Ferry, NY, and provides services across the metropolitan area.

City of Peekskill Mayor Vivian McKenzie said, "Peekskill is excited for the reactivation of 41 No Division, an historic anchor building in the heart of our city. And we are also pleased to weave youth and families into the fabric of our downtown and welcome them with respect and dignity into the City of Peekskill."

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DiNapoli Audit: State Thruway Authority Has Improved the Accuracy of Toll Collections

The state's Thruway Authority (Thruway) generally bills drivers accurately for tolls, according to an audit by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. The audit identified some exceptions and recommended better monitoring and corrective actions.

"The Thruway Authority has come a long way since it first introduced cashless tolls, but some problems remain," DiNapoli said. "Even a smaller percentage of unreadable or inaccurate tolls can mean loss of revenue to the state or aggravation for New Yorkers facing incorrect bills. I appreciate the efforts the Authority has undertaken to fix the issues we identified."

In 2024, Thruway reported \$1 billion in toll and related revenues, up from \$804 million in 2021. E-Z Pass accounts for 95% of all tolls collected in 2024. Comptroller DiNapoli's previous audit from May 2023 found the TA needed to improve its collections process.

The latest audit found improvements but work that still needs to be done. For example, auditors looked at collections over a three week period and found 92,000 tolls couldn't be charged because vehicles' license plates were unreadable. At one exit, interchange 25A near Schenectady, some 36,000 tolls were incorrectly charged and another 8,000 that should have been charged but were not, for an error rate of about 5%.

The audit also found Thruway needed to provide stronger oversight of the more than 12,000 non-revenue E-Z Pass tags that do not get charged, as well as the toll discounts it gives to certain drivers. In looking at a random sample of 75 non-revenue tags, Thruway was unable to provide supporting documentation for the eligibility of 46 (61%) tags, making it unclear whether they were being used by eligible individuals

Thruway created the Office of the Toll Payer Advocate (TPA) in December 2019 to help customers resolve toll-related issues, using guidelines with a set of criteria to address the most common issue, reducing violation fees. Auditors found that Thruway did not always follow its own guidelines. In an examination of 50 cases, 20 were for toll-related issues on the Thruway. Of those, 12 received fee reductions that exceeded the amounts allowed by the criteria. While Thruway has the authority to give reductions over its own guidelines, the audit determined that it should document and explain why it's doing so to ensure a fair and responsive process for everyone.

The Thruway does not have a workable method for dealing with undeliverable mail. Auditors looked at 48 toll bills or past due notices mailed out by the Authority's vendor and found 25 were undeliverable. Of those, 21 were for New York and Massachusetts plates and instead of resolving the problem, the vendor continued to send mail to the undeliverable addresses. For toll payers to be treated fairly, they must be notified of the amount of payment due to enable them to avoid accruing penalties. The audit made nine recommendations for improving toll collections and customer service including a review of collections at Exit 25A to ensure charges are accurate, a periodic review of transactions to identify inaccuracies and their cause to prevent them from recurring, a review of non-revenue and discount tags to ensure eligibility, and documentation of toll settlements that are outside of guidelines. The Thruway generally agreed with the audit findings and said it has already taken steps to implement some of the recommendations.

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.

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Those interested in listening to the Sealed Bids opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

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3) Bid No. RFB-7536 – Opening date: 10/17/2025: 12-month contract to provide Hydro Excavating services as needed (KAS).

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6) Bid No. RFB-7532 – Opening Date: 10/10/2025: One-time Purchase of one 2026 Model Chevy Tahoe PPV with various options and upfit (VB/FB).

7) Bid No. IFB-7432A - Opening Date: 10/24/2025: Furnish and install one modular building per Yonkers specification at 120 Fullerton Avenue, Yonkers, NY (FB/VB).

8) Bid No. RFB-7533 – Opening Date: 10/10/2025: 12-month contract to purchase up to 18 drums of KennelSol 55 gallon for the Animal Shelter (VB).

9) Bid No. RFB-7516A – Opening Date: 10/17/2025: Replace 2 Oil Separators at Murrays Skating Rink (FB).

10) Bid No. IFB-7499A – Opening Date: 10/10/2025: Furnish and Install Glass Curtain Wall and Doors at City Hall (MM).

11) Bid No. RFB-7538 – Opening date: 10/17/2025: 12 Month Contract with 12-Month Option to Extend, To Provide Unarmed Security Guard Services at Untermyer Park (KS).

Westchester.

Somers School Resource Officer Tanisha Blanche posted on Facebook after the death of Charlie Kirk, "Why y'all don't have that same energy for the school shooting that took place yesterday, but y'all 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 bunny."

Sculti said, "Ken Jenkins Ignored Warnings — and Put Children in Harm's Way. The safety of our students is not optional — it's the primary responsibility of the government. Ken Jenkins failed."

"Despite direct warnings from the Somers School District about poor training, broken communication, and safety gaps, Jenkins' Department of Public Safety assigned an officer who later glorified violence after Charlie Kirk's murder."

"This isn't just bad judgment — it's a betrayal of trust and a risk to the lives of children and school staff. I've seen the August 22nd letter from the district. Their worst fears came true — and Jenkins ignored them. This is malfeasance, not mismanagement. And it cannot stand. Our kids deserve qualified, trusted School Resource Officers — not political appointments."

Assemblyman Slater said, "I was the Supervisor in Yorktown and oversaw the expansion of our SRO Program, and I know the important roles these officers play in our community."

"It's not just about protecting our kids, it's also about fostering relationships with the kids so they know they can go and actually have conversations with law enforcement officers, and about being able to harvest information from kids in our schools, that's really important for community safety."

"We had a district that raised concerns citing transparency and preparedness. As a parent and elected official, that is alarming, and people deserve answers."

The letter that Sculti referenced has not been made public, but according to other media reports, it was sent by the Somers School District's emergency office to the county.

Sculti said that the letter is evidence of poor training, broken communication, and safety gaps in the SRO program.

The letter said how the Somers School District had "deep disappointment with the current process surrounding the assignment of School Resource Officers (SROs) to our schools."

The complaint from Somers was that two prior SROs who worked at Somers HS did their jobs, but the retirement of one SRO and the reassignment of another SRO "left a gap in the process of selecting and preparing their replacements."

Media reports added that Westchester Public Safety Commissioner Raynor wrote back that all of its officers are well-trained. SRO Blanche and SRO Andrew Urizzo were the replacements for Somers

After Blanche's post became public, she was permanently reassigned and no longer works in the Somers schools. Blanche was reassigned within the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

Superintendent Bronstein added, "We appreciate the swift action of the police department to protect our schools."

The problem with Sculti's request that SRO Blanche be fired is that public employees are protected by the same First Amendment rights that all of us have.

And despite the fact that we were offended by her comments about Charlie Kirk, in her role outside of her job as an SRO, she is entitled to the same right to free speech that all of us enjoy.

At the press conference, Sculti and Sorrano intimated that there was already hesitation about Blanche in Somers before her posts became public, despite her having served in the position for only a few weeks.

Perhaps there is more in the letter that the Superintendent shared with the county, but one prominent Westchester attorney we spoke to with experience in law enforcement cases, said, "her comments were outside the role of her job and she is entitled to make them, especially in a case as public as Charlie Kirk. Plus, the county reassigned her from Somers. If she is fired for her comments, she certainly can take legal action."

No comment from the County Executive, who referred the matter back to the County Police Department, who has no additional comment.

We believe that appropriate action was taken against SRO Blanche and that any calls for her termination are not legally sound, and would incur the taxpayers of Westchester with millions of dollars in legal fees and compensation to her, for enjoying her constitutionally protected rights.

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Faithful Son of God Murdered

Letter to the Editor:

What motivated the Judean religious hierarchy to try to kill Jesus Christ numerous times before he knew his hour was come and he surrendered himself to die as the lamb of God?

Envy, lust for power and wealth. The will of the god of this world whom they had sold out to while covering themselves in a veneer of strict adherence to the religion. For the most part, it was the common people who followed Jesus Christ. No, not just “poor” people—the Apostles were small businessmen. They had enough to be able to support their families and take time off to study with him, serve in the ministry, travel and teach. Some of his followers were wealthy, but for the most part they were people outside the corridors of power. These few—Nicodemus, Matthew the tax collector, Joseph of Arimathea—who followed the Messiah and the Word of God, had not been corrupted by the lust for worldly power and position.

Jesus Christ was the son of God, the Messiah the religious leaders claimed to be waiting for. They should have welcomed him with open arms and great joy instead, they tried to assassinate him several times, but he walked away. Then Jesus Christ raised Lazarus from the dead. This was not a new type of miracle—he had raised several people, including Jairus’ daughter, and the son of the widow of Nain. Old Testament prophets had occasionally raised someone.

But now those who pretended to be righteous not only wanted to kill him, they intended to stop the movement. So, they conspired to put together a show trial and, if necessary, coordinate with the Roman government so they could pretend to be free of any responsibility for his murder.

Motives: the very things Satan tempted Jesus Christ with in the wilderness: power, recognition, glory and money and position.

And yet, had those “leaders” followed him, they would have been given power and position—to serve God’s people. But they refused to serve and insisted on ruling. But God resurrected Jesus Christ and the resurrection of those who sleep in Jesus is a day closer than it was yesterday. You have everything to gain and nothing to lose by coming to him.

Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY A/K/A M&T, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff -against- MICHAEL FRITH, LAURA DESHON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 5, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on October 27, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sunny Way, where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot Nos. 266 and 267 on Map No. 6584; being a plot 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet.

ALSO, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 on the above mentioned map where the same is intersected by the northerly line of Lot 267 as shown on Map entitled, as filed Map No. 6584 and which point is distant 99.58 feet southerly as measured along said dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 from the southerly boundary of Red Oak Lane as same is shown on Filed Map No. 25985; RUNNING THENCE South East, 24.00 feet; South West, 89.53 feet; South West 13.64 feet; THENCE North East, 100.00 feet. Section: 34.17 Block: 1 and Lot: 14

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Mortgagee’s attorney.

Index Number 53628/2017.

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Get details and register: <https://www.muscootfarm.org/programs-events/event/2025/09/27/1758981600/book-buddies/528172>

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

Young Children's Story and Craft, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Ages 3 to 5 will participate in the story of Donnie the Lasdon Bunny and Chippie the Chipmunk's Great Adventure, go on a scavenger hunt and make a special bunny craft. \$5 per child.

Register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/young-childrens-story-and-craft>

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

Fireside Nature Storytime, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Enjoy children's stories amongst the trees, with a campfire to keep warm. It requires a one-minute, on-trail walk to the campfire area.

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

The History and Highlights of Lasdon Park, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Urban naturalist Bruce Rosenberg leads a free walking tour that will focus on Lasdon's Arboretum. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/history-and-highlights-of-lasdon-arboretum-2/>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Nature Sketchbook Walk, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Sketching in nature is a great practice for building nature observation skills and can be a wonderful mindfulness practice. In this relaxed and guided program, we will capture a quick representation of natural objects, landscape features and more. Bring a sketchbook and pencil, or borrow one of ours. No previous art training is necessary.

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

Fall Bird Migration Exploration and Observation, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Observe our feathered friends as they prepare to head southward. Please bring binoculars.

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

Sweet Farm-to-Table, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Craving something sweet? Adults and kids 8 and older can join us to harvest and make dessert fresh from the farm. \$20 class fee. Get details and register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sweet-farm-to-table-tickets-1374762163639>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Fall Scavenger Hunt, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Enjoy the beautiful Lenoir Preserve through a self-guided scavenger hunt and activity provided by Preserve staff. Check in at the Nature Center anytime between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for the instructions! All ages.

Alfred B. DeBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

"The ABCs of Muscoot Farm," 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Celebrate Muscoot'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-muscoot-farm-this-september>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Fall Ecosystems Exploration, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Join us as we explore the environments that the Reservation offers.

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

Savory Farm-to-Table, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Let's review sustainable methods of harvesting and kitchen skills related to the recipe, and then enjoy what we make together! For ages 8+; \$20 class fee. Get details and pre-register: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event/2025/07/26/1753552800/savory-farm-to-table/525865>

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

Faerie House Forum, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Children will enjoy this forum that will be active, with the use of natural materials to build houses for these mystical beings.

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-2-2/2025-09-27/>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Stories About Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Westchester County curator Gigi Carnes will show an engaging PowerPoint presentation featuring stories and fun facts about the Reservation in celebration of its 100th anniversary. Register by Sept. 24; call (914) 864-7322.

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050

County Center Comedy Featuring Bob Nelson, 6:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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school events.

But there's more: every booking helps fund free mobile outreach to kids in need, from underserved areas, to those impacted by grief or trauma, or just when a little extra care and comfort is needed.

In 2017, our brother was killed in a catastrophic United States Marine Corps aviation accident that took the lives of 16 service members. In the years since, our family has been on the receiving end of incredible care, the kind of support that shows up quietly and consistently when it's needed most. We know what it feels like to be held by a community, and now we want to pay that forward.

Van-Go Wagon Co. was born from both grief and gratitude. Every step of our journey—personal, professional, and deeply human—has brought us to this moment.

Losing our brother shattered us. But in the wake of that loss, we experienced the kind of care that reminds you the world is still good. It showed us the power of community showing up. And it planted a seed: someday, we would create something that could show up for others in the same way.

As a former NYC public school teacher, I saw how much kids crave connection, especially when traditional resources fall short. Many of my early students had art on a cart because there wasn't a classroom available—but creativity always found a way. And years later when I pulled a wagon full of supplies into public spaces in my new role with Macaroni KID, kids flocked to it. They didn't need instructions. They just needed an invitation.

Meanwhile, my sister was supporting large-scale recovery efforts, helping communities rebuild after disaster. At a rare moment of pause in our lives, we once again experienced community care first hand ourselves, while on a retreat for siblings living through military loss.

On the receiving end of community based care infused with art, things began to click. We began to talk more about what it looks like to help families feel grounded and whole, not just with shelter or food, but with joy, ritual, and moments of laughter and love that reconnect them to themselves and each other.

And now, after years of serving others, healing, giving and dreaming, Van-Go is our way of bringing it all together.

We live in a time when families are more stressed, disconnected, and over-scheduled than ever. Screens dominate our kids' lives. Play is shrinking. And not every family has the time, transportation, or resources to seek out enriching experiences.

So we're flipping the script. We're going to them with a van full of color, curiosity, and care. We're building Van-Go to be mobile, inclusive, and restorative.

And we're doing it now because kids don't get this season of childhood back

Together, we're creating something mobile, meaningful, and joy-filled: a VW Vanagon transformed into a mobile art and sensory play studio that meets kids where they are—both literally and emotionally. We've secured the van, mapped the build, welcomed our pilot partners, and are ready to launch. The Kickstarter funds will help cover the van and its' modifications, art supply inventory, launch event costs, marketing and insurance. We'll run private, paid events to support funding crisis-response pop-ups. In fact, we've already been invited to several community events, including two backpack drives, a children's memorial, and a veteran's benefit. We know there is no shortage of need and we can't wait to get our first van ready for the road.

Kelly has created a kickstarter campaign to raise funds for the vans. Go to

<https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/vangowagonco/drive-van-go-forward-art-adventures-that-give-back>, to learn more. They have already raised more than \$25,000.

Below is a flyer with upcoming dates in Westchester to check it out.

Good Luck Kelly, what a wonderful idea! And the VW Vanagon brings back great memories!

depictions of sexually explicit conduct she induced Minor Victim-1 to create as "gifts."

CARAZAS-PINEZ also used her personal cellphone to send Minor Victim-1 sexually suggestive photographs of herself along with sexually explicit text messages. After sending the photographs and messages, CARAZAS-PINEZ instructed Minor Victim-1 to delete them and inquired repeatedly as to whether Minor Victim-1 had done so.

To facilitate their sexual encounters outside the premises of School-1, CARAZAS-PINEZ directed Minor Victim-1 in text messages to obtain day passes from School-1 to be permitted to leave campus. CARAZAS-PINEZ then met Minor Victim-1 at a location near School-1's campus and drove Minor Victim-1 to another location. On multiple occasions, while parked in CARAZAS-PINEZ's car at various locations, including in or around the Bronx, Yonkers, and Staten Island, New York, CARAZAS-PINEZ engaged in sexual intercourse and other sexual acts, and attempted to do so, with Minor Victim-1.

In addition to the prison term, CARAZAS-PINEZ, 36, of Bethel, Connecticut, was sentenced to five years of supervised release.

Mr. Clayton praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the New York City Police Department for their outstanding work in this matter.

The prosecution of this case is being handled by the Office's Civil Rights and Human Trafficking Unit in the Criminal Division. Assistant U.S. Attorney Mitzi S. Steiner is in charge of the prosecution.

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.



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Legendary comedian Bob Nelson is joined by the hilarious Peter Bales and Christopher Roach! A ticket includes a buffet dinner followed by a laugh-out-loud comedy show. Dinner: 6:30; showtime: 8:00. Free parking.

Get tickets: <https://countycenter.biz/event/county-center-comedy/>

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

Glen Island Park, New Rochelle: (914) 813-6720

The Westchester County Car Show, 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Westchester Street Rod Association's show will feature a wide variety of collectible cars, street rods and motorcycles, all carefully restored to mint condition or modified for performance. Registration: 9 to 1; awards: 2:30 p.m.. Free admission for spectators; \$5 parking fee per spectator car. Rain date: Oct. 5. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/car-and-truck-show>

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/2025-09-28/>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot 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.muscootfarm.org/markets/>

The Bronx River Parkway

Bicycle Sunday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. A 13.1-mile loop from Westchester County Center south to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers is closed to cars. Open to non-motorized bicyclists, scooters and in-line skaters, e-bike class 1 only, plus walkers and joggers. Many points of entry and exit are along the way. Admission is free. Also: Oct. 5. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/bicycle-sundays>

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

Lifecycle of a Swallowtail Butterfly, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. We'll cover the four stages of their life cycle, adaptations, defense mechanisms and their environmental importance. Afterward, we'll hike to the meadows.

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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Amicola hired an attorney and planned on fighting the ticket in court. The Village government then caved and withdrew the violation.

However, the Village Government, led by Mayor Brian Hugh, may be in more trouble due to claims by Amicola's attorney that Lenny's First Amendment rights were violated by a democratic-led government that sought to remove a Trump sign.

Another layer to this self-induced soap opera came when the Village Code Enforcement Officer, Thor Snilsberg, wrote a "Whistleblower" letter to the Village, which claimed that he "was asked to enforce the code unjustly" by the Village Manager.

That letter was obtained by the website thecrotonchronicle.com, which has provided excellent coverage on this topic and is worth subscribing to.

After Snilsberg's letter became public, Roseann Schuyler, Amicola's attorney, issued the following statement. "Today's release of a whistleblower complaint proves that the leadership of the Village of Croton on Hudson conspired to force a resident to remove a Trump flag from his property under threat of legal action against him. President Trump is personally involved in the matter; earlier this month, he congratulated resident Leonard Amicola after the Village announced that it was withdrawing its code enforcement case against Mr. Amicola in the village court.

"The whistleblower was Village Code Enforcement Officer Thor Snilsberg, who stated that he "was asked to enforce the code unjustly" by the Village Manager. At risk of his own job, Mr. Snilsberg stood up for free speech, and we admire and thank him for his principled stance against the village's violation of the U.S. Constitution.

"The village's attempt to violate Mr. Amicola's free speech rights also infringed on the rights of seventeen other residents who were subject to code enforcement action as a pretext for the village's targeting of Mr. Amicola's flag. All people's rights are threatened when one person's rights are taken away.

Roseann Schuyler, attorney for Mr. Amicola, stated, "We are reviewing today's disclosure and will be following up with the Department of Justice, which has been monitoring this case."

Roseann Schuyler, Esq

The only comment from the Village government or any of the officials involved was the following statement. "The Village of Croton-on-Hudson has withdrawn the violation and appearance ticket issued for the display of a banner, in violation of the Village's Zoning Code.

"This violation was part of routine, Village-wide code enforcement that identified 17 non-compliant locations. Our code enforcement team worked with each property owner to seek voluntary compliance, successfully resolving most violations without further action.

"Village staff have been falsely accused of engaging in a politically motivated enforcement action. The facts above make it clear that this is categorically false.

"What began as routine code enforcement was transformed into a national spectacle through social media and traditional media coverage before any hearing could take place. This has resulted in abusive messages and threats of violence directed at Village personnel who were simply performing their professional duties. These threats are under law enforcement investigation.

"Further, the US Department of Justice (DOJ) has sent correspondence to the Village regarding this matter. While the DOJ letter drew no conclusions about the claims being made about the Village, the letter stated that the Department has the authority to initiate civil action against local governments. The DOJ encouraged "the Village to review its ordinance and enforcement practices promptly to ensure compliance with constitutional requirements."

"Our village government is not in a position to contend with continuous anonymous abuse of staff, threats to personnel, and a federal intervention regarding a minor civil citation for a non-safety-related provision of the Village Code.

"Given these circumstances, the Village must prioritize the safety of its personnel and the conservation of taxpayer resources. After speaking with the Village Prosecutor, the current case has been withdrawn, and no further enforcement actions will be taken."

Congressman Mike Lawler said, "Selective enforcement erodes trust in government. The Village of Croton can't pick winners and losers when it comes to enforcing the law and protecting free speech. Why are some folks held to the letter of the law while others get a pass? The Village owes residents real answers and a proper investigation.@thejusticedept."

One long time Croton resident commented, "I lived in Croton for years. My husband's family for most of their life their whole life actually. I worked in Croton for 40 years and I graduated from Croton Harmon High School. Over the last couple of weeks I made this Village a better place I helped with other people with a group of us to protect Lenny's First Amendment right. By doing so it protects all of your first amendment rights in this Village of Croton. There's people in this group that don't even want to hear from us they don't like anything we have to say because they don't agree with our politics and our religion. This is not North Korea I can say what I want. The Croton Gestapo can't stop me. That's what I'm going to call you guys now the Croton Gestapo. Have a good day."

Amicola and Schuyler appeared on Newsmax to discuss their case.

Now comes word that the Croton Police Department is investigating a death threat sent to village personnel. The email read, "Mangione targeted the wrong individual. Hopefully, others will get it right. F*\$@ You, Leftists Pieces of Dog S*&%. President Trump 2016-2028!!!"

The threatening email is where we get off the bus. While we agree that Mr. Amicola, a Vietnam Veteran, has every right to fly a Trump Flag, or any flag on his property, we do not condone any threats of violence.

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