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## No Excuses Not to Vote –Order Your Absentee Ballot Now or Vote Early



By Dan Murphy

Last week, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed laws which will make it easier for New Yorkers to vote this fall. Voters will now be able to request an absentee ballot due to risk or fear of COVID-19. Absentee ballots that are postmarked on or before Election Day or received by the Board of Elections without a postmark on the day after the Election will be counted. Ballots with a postmark demonstrating that they were mailed on or before Election Day will be counted if received by November 10.

“The federal administration has ordered an unprecedented attack on the U.S. Postal Service and with COVID-19 threatening our ability to have safe, in-person voting, these measures are critical to ensuring a successful and fair election at one of the most important moments in our nation’s history,” Governor Cuomo said. “These actions will further break down barriers to democracy and will make it easier for all New Yorkers to exercise their right to vote this November.”

If you were a voter concerned about having to wait too long to request and receive an absentee ballot, you can now request your ballot immediately. NY voters will no longer have to wait until Oct 3, or 30 Days prior to the election, to request their absentee ballot.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, “Voting access is one of the core foundations of our democracy. With the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we must ensure that no New Yorkers feel pressured to put their health and well-being at risk to exercise their Constitutional right to vote. I thank the bill sponsors for advancing this legislation, and my Senate Democratic Majority colleagues for their ongoing commitment to empower New York voters and Governor Cuomo for signing these bills.”

In an attempt to reduce the number of absentee ballots that are disquali-

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## Harcckham Endorses Serratore for Democratic County Chair

### Astorino Creates Another Party...Again



Bill Serratore, left, pictured with Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul, middle & St. Senator Shelley Mayer, is seeking to become County Democratic Chair

By Dan Murphy

Westchester Democrats will be voting next month to select their county chairman, and decide whether to re-elect long serving County Dem Chair Reginald LaFayette, or choose between one of two candidates: Greenburgh Democratic Chair Suzanne Berger, or Mt. Kisco Chair Bill Serratore.

Berger got out of the gate early, but recently Serratore has been collecting endorsements, including most of the Northern Westchester Democratic Committees that join together to form a coalition to make sure their interests are heard.

Serratore recently received the endorsement from State Senator Peter Harckham. “I hope you will join me in supporting Bill Serratore. As a tactician, Bill understands the importance of combining the activist progressive movement with sound financial resources. Sometimes local committees need support from the county committee, and as an executive Bill understands accountability and transparency are important.

“Bill understand the great diversity of Westchester and he is committed to nurturing talent so we put forth candidates that Westchester really looks like,” said Senator Harckham.

Sen. Harckham is in the toughest election of his career this November, facing off against republican Rob Astorino, the former Westchester County

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## AOC & Tucker Carlson Squabble Over Her Yorktown Roots



Fox News Host Tucker Carlson, and Rep. AOC, have begun a war of words which suits both sides of our political divide

By Dan Murphy

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez represents the 14th Congressional District of NY, which includes parts of the Bronx and Queens. Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, (aka AOC), represents one of the poorest and most diverse districts in the county, with her constituents representing more than 150 different ethnic groups.

The AOC that progressive Americans have grown to know and love are accustomed to the narrative that fits her title as the voice of young liberalism in the Democratic Party. She was a bartender in Queens before defeating a long term democratic incumbent in 2018 to become the youngest female congresswoman in history.

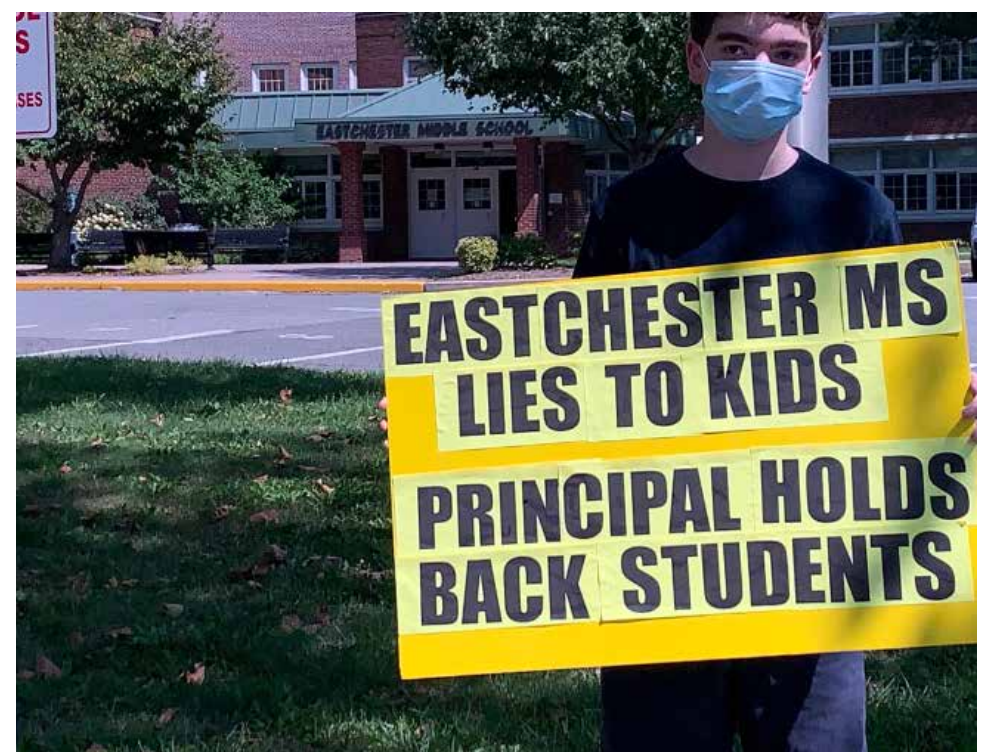
But before she was AOC, she was Sandy Cortez, a student at Yorktown High School here in Westchester, where she graduated in 2007. She rarely talks about her time in Yorktown, where her family pooled their money and bought a small home so that she could attend and get educated in a good Westchester school district.

One of AOC’s nemesis’, Fox News host Tucker Carlson, recently commented on her hidden history. “Here’s something you probably didn’t know. Democratic Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, the voice of the streets, actually grew up in an idyllic little town 45 miles north of New York City. It’s called Yorktown Heights.

“You would never know it from listening to her recent race-baiting, but the population of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s hometown is over 90%

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## Demotivating Students in the Middle of a Pandemic?



Jackson Young, protesting in front of Eastchester MS

*Editor’s Note: We received the following letter to the Editor.*

“Earlier this year my son’s math teacher told him if he scored over 90 in math, he would qualify for Algebra 1 (advanced math). He scored over the required mark. When we approached the principal, he said the policy had been changed and my son no longer qualified. My son says this is another example of school administrators lying to students. The principal said this is the new policy and it doesn’t matter that my son met the requirements, the answer is no.

“This is Unacceptable, Demotivating, and an insult. Why should our children follow the rules, only to be told that there are now new rules. Why were the goalposts moved? Eastchester Middle School should stand by its word. If they don’t, students will lose faith in the system, it’s teachers, and administrators. I call upon the principal to play by the rules and reverse his unfair and arbitrary decision,” writes Mark Young, the father of student Jackson Westerner, who was so disappointed in the decision that he protested outside of Eastchester Middle School, where he is pictured above.

Here’s our two cents on this issue. As we all sit through another day, week and month of our COVID pandemic, to see a student who is so enthusiastic about taking a difficult course, and is willing to go to extreme lengths just to have the opportunity to take an advanced Math class is encouraging, and why we put Jackson on our front page.

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# Save the Post Office Rallies Abound Across Westchester



Save Our Post Office rally in Hastings, photo by Jim Metzger

By Dan Murphy

On Saturday August 22, Americans at over 1,000 post offices across the nation held Save Our Post Office Day rallies. Here in Westchester, several rallies took place in Yonkers, Hastings, White Plains, Ardsley and Peekskill.

“At 11:00 today at over 1,000 post offices across the nation including a half dozen in Westchester and one in Yonkers where I was, citizens stepped forward to demand that this fundamental institution be protected - so important that on July 26, 1775, the U.S. postal system was established by the Second Continental Congress, with Benjamin Franklin as its first postmaster general,” said former Yonkers City Council President Chuck Lesnick.

The rallies, organized by MoveOn, Indivisible and other progressive organizations, called on Postmaster General Louis DeJoy to resign in the wake of mail slowdowns and on Congress to “protect and save the post office from Donald Trump.”

In White Plains, congressional candidate Mondaire Jones said that he had joined a lawsuit to sue President Donald Trump for the recent cuts and changes to the Post Office. “In the midst of a global pandemic requiring more Americans to vote by mail than ever before, the USPS provides a public service that is essential to free and fair elections this November. The actions of the President and Postmaster General to undermine the USPS are a deliberate assault on our democracy,” said Jones. “I will not stand idly by while Trump makes his latest interference in our electoral process. This isn’t just an attack against the fabric of our democracy — it’s a personal attack against each and every American citizen.”

In addition to concerns about the Post Office handling the millions of absentee ballots in November, other concerns about recent changes to slower service and Post Office cuts include Veterans receiving their medication on time, and seniors receiving their Social Security checks in a timely manner.

The financial troubles at the Post Office were exasperated during the Coronavirus, when Americans mailed fewer and fewer pieces of mail. The result from those who want to save the USPS was to have every American buy a book (or more) of stamps. Whether or not that will help bail out the Post Office is unclear, but it can’t hurt.



Another rallying call for the Post Office --buy more Stamps! photo by Jim Metzger

# County Police Crack Down on Boating While Intoxicated



## An intoxicated speedboat driver crashed into this sailboat on the Hudson River

The Westchester County Police Marine Unit charged an Ossining man with Boating While Intoxicated last month after the speedboat he was operating slammed into an anchored sailboat in the Hudson River.

Mark See, 38, of Highland Avenue was charged with BWI, a misdemeanor, following the incident, which occurred off the town of Ossining about a mile south of Teller’s Point. He was booked at County Police headquarters in Hawthorne and released pending a future appearance in Ossining Town Court. Two people aboard the sailboat, residents of Delaware and upstate New York, were not injured.

The crash occurred about 9:45 p.m. when a Crown Line speedboat traveling south on the Hudson struck the sailboat, which was anchored and had its anchor light on and visible. A man on the sailboat jumped into the river as the speedboat approached; the woman ducked down on the deck. The powerboat slammed into the rear of the sailboat and traveled upward, narrowly missing the woman who had ducked for cover.

“This incident could have been extremely tragic for the two people on board the sailboat,” Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason said. “It is also provides a stark reminder of the danger of operating a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.” The County Police were assisted at the scene by the Ossining Police Department Marine Unit and Ossining Volunteer Ambulance Corps.

Since that incident, the Westchester County Police Marine Unit recently conducted increased enforcement on the Hudson River adjacent to Croton Point Park in response to unsafe activity by operators of Jet-Skis and other personal watercraft.

Multiple summonses were issued for violations of navigation law, including operating recklessly near swimmers or boats; operating in excess of 5 mph within 100 feet of the shore or anchored vessels; and operating a personal watercraft (PWC) after dusk. The increased enforcement will continue through Labor Day weekend and beyond.

“We want to ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for people on the river whether they are boating, operating PWCs, swimming or fishing,” Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason said. “Our enforcement on the Hudson was in response to community complaints as well as an observed increase in unsafe activity by our Marine Unit officers.”

The Marine Unit reminds PWC operators that navigation law also prohibits weaving through congested marine traffic, jumping the wake of another vessel and “playing chicken.” County Police will also continue to encourage social distancing on and along the river, including on boats that have tied up together in a group.

“We have received complaints that some people aboard these boats are moving back and forth among vessels without wearing masks or maintaining social distancing,” the commissioner said. “We remind everyone that the governor’s executive order remains in effect and it requires people to maintain social distancing or wear a mask if they cannot.”

Navigation law requires that all persons operating personal watercraft must have completed a boater safety course and carry legally required equipment.

### Required Equipment

- Life Jacket (required to be worn by all persons)
- Engine Cut-off Lanyard
- Sound Producing Device
- Visual Distress Signal
- Backfire Flame Arrestor
- Fire Extinguisher (on waters under U.S. Coast Guard jurisdiction, which includes the Hudson River and Long Island Sound)

### Operating Restrictions

- Operator must have completed a boating safety course.
- The minimum operator age is 14.
- Operation is prohibited between sunset and sunrise.
- Reckless Operation is prohibited, including weaving through congested marine traffic, jumping the wake of another vessel and “playing chicken.”
- PWC are prohibited within 500 feet of a bathing beach/swimming area.

# Beware of Scams!

Please be on the alert for a potential scam aimed at senior citizens. The document, which looks like an official notice from Westchester County, threatens a levy against Social Security benefits to satisfy a tax liability. It is believed that it is part of an attempted fraud perpetrated against residents of the County who may have tax liens on file with the County Clerk’s office. If you receive this type of notice, do not respond to it.

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## BCW Survey Shows Westchester Businesses Expect a Slow Recovery



Westchester businesses from across all sectors of the county's economy said they are slowly recovering from the pandemic but expect to struggle for some time, according to a survey released today by the Business Council of Westchester's Economic Recovery Task Force.

The survey asked BCW members to answer 20 questions assessing their status and ongoing needs.

Some findings of the survey included:

Forty-four percent of businesses predicted that they would remain open but would continue to struggle over the next three months, with 17 percent saying they would thrive and 25 percent saying they would break even. Only 1 percent anticipated closing.

About 53 percent of those surveyed said that business was down or significantly down compared with last year at this time, with 6 percent saying it was the same and 6 percent saying it was up. Thirty-five percent said it was not applicable or they didn't respond.

Forty-three percent of those surveyed said they were essential businesses and had never closed; 36 percent said they had reopened in phases 1-4. Only 3 businesses said they had not yet reopened.

When asked what type of support would be most important, most businesses said obtaining grants and personal protective equipment, followed by marketing support.

When asked if they needed PPE, a majority said they did with the most needed items being sanitizer and masks.

Those businesses sectors responding to the survey included Education, Energy, Health and Wellness (fitness, beauty salons etc.), Manufacturing, Not-for-Profit, Professional Services (PR/media, accounting, legal, finance), Real Estate/Construction, Retail, Technology, Transportation, Hospitality and Restaurants and Bars.

The survey is the latest communication from the Economic Recovery Task Force, a 47-member group of business leaders from across all sectors of Westchester's economy. The Task Force recently released its second report to Governor Andrew Cuomo and County Executive George Latimer. The group's findings are designed to provide guidance to state and county officials as they work to reopen New York's economy from the pandemic.

"In addition to the two reports that the Task Force has issued since our formation in April, we will be providing officials with the results of this survey to help them better understand the state of Westchester business across many sectors and their continuing needs," said Marsha Gordon, President and CEO of the Business Council of Westchester. "We hope this information will give our elected officials a glimpse into how our recovery is proceeding and what more they can do to assist the business community."

The reports and the latest survey results are available online at thebcw.org.

## No More Blowing Out Candles on the Birthday Cake



By Eric W. Schoen

So what's the 'New Norm?' This is a question many are asking as we wait for a vaccine for Covid-19 to be available not only in this country but in the world. Is it safe to blow out the candles on a birthday cake anymore? How can we perform this function safely?

Buying one of those little battery operated beach fans and using the device to extinguish the candles? Taking a piece of heavy paper and waving it back and forth until the candles are out. Will we have to use candles that do not burn. Or will a person's age simply be written in frosting on the cake as everyone sings the Happy Birthday song?

Buying a bathing suit. That's a challenge for many women out there. I went with a friend to Lord and Taylor's recently as they we're having their big 40% off swimsuit sale. Only problem was the fitting rooms were closed. So how is one to try on a swimming suit (unless one has a perfect body) with a closed fitting room.

With men trying on a shirt you can kind of sneak in a corner, take your shirt off and try on the shirt. If you are smart and shopping for anything other than a t-shirt you will wear a light cotton t-shirt on your shopping trip so you can throw the shirt you are considering over it and make your decision.

Not so easy with a woman's bathing suit. It is a garment that needs to be tried on and compared for proper sizing. My friend wanted several suits and ended up taking home 9 garments, \$1000 retail, \$600 at 40% off to try on simply because the fitting room was closed.

Now let's take a look at this scenario. If the garments were tried on in a fitting room after selection they would be packed up and brought home. Years ago, bathing suits for men and women were not allowed to be returned after purchase.

The 'New Norm?' My friend knew approximately what size she was, each brand fitting differently. At that price and with Lord and Taylor quality, she brought home 9 pieces to try on. \$1000 worth of suits, \$600 at 40% off. It ended up that 2 suits fit so she had to return 7 pieces, approximately \$850 retail to the store. Those 7 pieces sat 'quarantined' for 3 days until they were returned to the selling floor, unable to be purchased by another shopper.

Is this nuts? No, the lady in the bathing suit department said this was common, with woman buying dressy gowns taking even more home to try on. Does it make any sense. Those garments are wrapped up, put in a bag, leave the store, may sit in someone's home for several days (possibly 2 weeks as is their return policy on bathing suits) and who knows what they are exposed to. They are returned, hung on a rack marked, quarantined with a date before they are put back on the floor for sale.

Grandma had it right. She would never allow us to wear our shoes in the house, keeping them outside the apartment door on a tray. Who knows what was picked up outside during our walk. When we went to leave it was the old slip your foot back into the shoe routine fixing the socks and laces when we got back to the car.

The Governor made some announcements what we can and can't do during the pandemic. I love karaoke and watching others step up to the mic some singing perfectly and some, well they weren't in Luciano Pavarotti's class. Just the fun of listening to our friend's sing, a couple of drinks under the belt quite often bought smiles to everyone's faces. No more karaoke!

You don't see it around these parts a lot but the game of darts is out. This one for the life of me I don't get. How can the game of darts spread coronavirus? Now I must admit I haven't played darts that many times in my life, but you throw the dart, it hits the bullseye or the area around it or drops to the group with points being scored where ever the darts land.

Dancing in a bar and comedy shows are all illegal. Dancing cheek to cheek I can understand, but comedy shows? Why can't we put up a piece of plexiglass in front of the comedian with a microphone, sterilized between each use like the cleaning of a microphone, headset and table are in the radio studio at WVOX 1460 A.M. where I broadcast from.

Corn hole can not be played. What prey tell is corn hole.? Corn hole is a lawn game in which players take turns throwing 16 ounce bags of corn kernels at a raised platform with a hole in the far end. A bag in the hole scores 3 points, while one on the board scores 1 point. Guess it must be popular somewhere in New York State.

Halloween is a holiday no more. Children will be lucky if they can gather with small groups of friends to celebrate. Big family gatherings. You have to check to see what state every one is coming from to see if quarantining is necessary. Can the older folks mingle with the young ones. Better keep the mask on just to be sure!

So what will the 'NEW NORMAL' be like? Basically it's a game of common sense. Stay tuned. In the interim be careful. One day this will all be over and we will be back to normal, we pray.

**HOT TOPICS: ABSENTEE VOTING:** Governor Cuomo is letting all voters vote by absentee Ballot. He is directing all Boards of Elections to notify voters of the dates to apply for absentee ballots, registration and post-

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# Yonkers Police to Begin Body Camera Pilot Program



Two members of the Yonkers Police Department wearing Body Cameras that will be used in a pilot program. Photo by Maurice Mercado

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Yonkers Police Commissioner John Mueller today announced the launch of the Yonkers Police Department's new police body-worn camera pilot program. Starting August 20, 16 members of the Yonkers Police will wear body-worn cameras during their patrol tours during a free three-month trial.

"Since 2012, our Yonkers Police Department has enacted over 100 reforms in the effort to reimagine how local law enforcement agencies interact with its communities," said Mayor Spano. "The implementation of a police body camera program is something we've long pursued, and now I am proud we've come to agreements with our police unions and City Council in sanctioning a program that will better serve and provide even more transparency for our residents and police officers."

Commissioner John J. Mueller stated, "I am both excited and hopeful for the upcoming body-worn camera program. I believe that this program is yet another of many steps, initiatives, and innovations that will further move us toward increased transparency with how the YPD interacts with residents. The implementation of body-worn cameras was at the top of the list of community input with regard to police reform and Mayor Spano's administration moved quickly and decisively to make the pilot program happen. We will be carefully assessing all aspects of the body-worn camera usage during the pilot program phase with the ultimate goal of implementing a protocol that protects both our officers and the residents we serve."

The City of Yonkers agreed to a free three-month pilot program with Axon, which includes the use and training for 16 cameras. Select members of the Yonkers Police Department in the Third and Fourth Precincts will transmit high definition video and audio when activated by the officer and will be uploaded after each tour to a secure cloud system at evidence.com. After the 90-day trial, the City will release a Request for Proposal (RFP) in order to purchase approximately 400 body-worn cameras for long-term use. The initial cost of the system is estimated to be \$1.7 million, and \$1.2 million each subsequent year. Axon currently provides service and cameras to the police departments in New York City, White Plains, NY and Westchester County.

"I am looking forward to the implementation of this three month pilot body camera program. When I first introduced this back in 2015, I understood then the importance of body cameras and what it meant for our community. Body cameras would mean added trust between our community and law enforcement, but it would also mean transparency and protections for those on our police force," stated Yonkers City Council Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac. "In the wake of recent events taking place throughout our country, the time to move forward with body cameras is even more pressing. Body cameras would not only hold our police officers accountable when on patrol, but they would protect them as well from potentially frivolous complaints lodged against them. It's a win-win for the police department as well as for the residents of our City".

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mark dates for the absentee ballots. Why not do what he did in the primary? Include an absentee ballot application in the mailing With postage on it. This makes it easier for the voters to do due their civic duty in the middle of a pandemic. You are not getting an absentee ballot automatically you must who must apply for one and it is sent to you.

I don't think Donald Trump would have a problem with that process. We want to keep our Board of Elections Staffers and voters safe and sound!

WHERE IS YPIE? Yonkers will not have enough computers for all students to distance learn come September. The district claims it will have xeroxed materials for those without computers. New York City got a half million iPads to students in a month. Where is YPIE, an organization set up to provide the district with things it cannot afford above and beyond what government can provide in this crisis? Yes, they do good work in college preparation. The president of the Yonkers Board of Education told me YPIE changed their organizational mission from when they were created. They should be using the thousands of dollars they raise for more computers for needy Yonkers Public School Students, and their leadership, some of the top leaders in the corporate world should be breaking down corporate doors to get computers so our kids can learn. How can you go to college if you can't finish your studies cause you don't have a computer?

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# DA Scarpino: Ayala Parole "A Travesty of Justice"



A recent mugshot of Samuel Ayala, about to be released next month

By Dan Murphy

Last week, our story on the recent parole granted to Samuel Ayala, for the murder of Bonnie Minter and Sheila Watson in South Salem in 1977, drew a lot of interest and responses from our readers.

The headline of our story was "Is 42 Years in Prison Enough for any Crime?" The answer to our headline from our readers was a resounding NO.

One letter reads, "Mr. Murphy, I appreciated your story on the parole of Mr. Ayala. I do not think he should be granted parole. The comments of Jason Minter explained how Mr. Ayala showed no remorse and would have killed the children if he still had bullets left to do so on that day.

"Sadly, I believe that Ayala would have been granted parole with or without the in person testimony of Mr. Minter. This is because of the current trend towards no bail and releasing as many prisoners as possible.

"I am proud of the Minter's decision to support the parole of the driver who was not involved in the rape or the shooting. This shows that he is able to differentiate between who should be freed and who should stay behind bars.

"Like you, Mr. Murphy, I lived nearby in Katonah at the time of these murders in 1977, and like your Mom, I was horrified that this type of brutal crime could happen in such a quiet, sleepy town like South Salem. I pray for Mr. Minter and his family," writes Beth Woodson from Mt. Pleasant.

Westchester District Attorney Anthony Scarpino also wrote to the NYS Parole Board in opposition to Ayala's release. "The recent decision by the NYS Parole Board to release murderer Samuel Ayala, found guilty of the 1977 rape and murder of two westchester women in their home while children were in the same home, is a travesty of justice. The recent hearing was held without the input of this office and leaves surviving victims concerned with their welfare at the release of the prisoner.

"Early in the process, the Westchester County District Attorney's office made it clear that following their sentences, the defendants should be deemed unfit for parole consideration until 2027, 50 years after the crimes. The position of the DA's office has not changed. The rape and murder of these two westchester women, Bonnie Minter and Sheila Watson, were heinous crimes that not only left them dead but left the children in the home that day to continue to be victims of those brutal acts.

"We do not believe parole decisions should be made without full acknowledgement of local impact," wrote DA Scarpino.

At the sentencing in 1978, Westchester Judge Richard Daronco said, "Two innocent women's lives were cruelly and wantonly taken by the Defendants in this case. All three Defendants share in the guilt in that none of them tried to stop or in any way curtail the activities of the others. The brutality shown was incredible. These were acts of terror, not only against these two unarmed, defenseless, helpless women, but at times in the presence of four very young children. These were acts of prolonged and deliberate violence. Two lives have been taken and, in addition, four young lives have been permanently, emotionally scarred. My only regret is that there is not a more severe sentence allowable which I might impose because I, without hesitation, would do so."

Judge Daronco later became a Federal Judge and in 1986 was assassinated at his home in Pelham, by the father of a plaintiff whose lawsuit Daronco has dismissed. The Westchester County Courthouse and the Pelham Town House were both renamed in his honor.

State Senator Peter Harckham also challenged the decision of the Parole Board. "Constituents in my district are concerned that someone guilty of such violent crimes would be released from prison. Many of the same residents, friends and family members of the victims still live in the region and are concerned not only for their welfare but the negative psychological impacts that the release of Mr. Ayala would cause. It does not seem in the best interest of the community to grant parole to this individual.

"Additionally, Covid-19 and the subsequent restrictions on a courtroom presence for this hearing did not allow for these same family members and friends of the victims to present their concerns in person. I understand the need to maintain social distance and a reduced density, but that in a case of this nature accommodations were not made for them to present their concerns directly to the Board of Parole as they have done in the past is entirely dismaying," stated Harckham.

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## One Step Closer to Eagle Scout



### Boy Scout Samuel Sola, with a sanitizing station he made for his Eagle Scout project

Life Rank Boy Scout, Samuel A. Sola, with the assistance of 15 volunteers, built hand sanitizing stations for Sacred Heart High and Grade Schools for his Eagle Project. Sanitizing stations are a vital part of the schools' re-opening plan for September and Sola's project fulfilled their need. The project involved constructing 16 stands out of plywood and painting them. This is the final step for Sola to complete to receive the highly coveted rank of Eagle Scout.

Samuel Sola, a resident of Yonkers, is the son of Samuel and Ssive Sola. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 12 Yonkers and a rising senior at Fordham Preparatory School, Bronx, New York. Sola expects to receive his new rank of Eagle in the Fall.

The fact that a scout earns the rank of Eagle has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also for the young man as he enters higher education, business, and community service. Only about four percent of all Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

Boy Scout Troop 12 is an active, scout led troop that meets on Tuesday nights September to June in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. The troop camps and hikes monthly.

To learn more about scouting and Troop 12 email Troop12Yonkers@gmail.com or call 914-374-3320.

## Shortage of Laptops, Tablets Make Online Learning More Difficult



By Dan Murphy

As almost every student in Westchester County prepares for some sort of remote-online learning, one of the essential tools for students to learn, and interact with their teachers while learning from home, is a laptop computer or tablet. But with the recent news that there is now a national shortage of laptops, tablets and chromebooks, school districts are scrambling to make sure all students have a way to connect next month.

The largest computer companies, Lenovo, HP and Dell, are unable to fill all of the orders, with 5 million devices requested than they have. The computer companies explain that the US Government is to blame because it has banned a computer part made in China from being sent to the USA.

Also, the US Department of Commerce recently imposed sanctions on 11 Chinese companies including Lenovo, and school districts are now asking that those sanctions be lifted, but it may already be too late for the first day of school.

But the backlog in computer orders come from the spring, when the disruption of the supply chain from China began. Then with the Coronavirus pandemic intensifying in the US, high demand began with school districts and homes ordering more Chromebooks and other low-cost tablets and laptops.

In July, the Trump administration targeted Chinese companies that it claims were using forced labor and other human rights abuses to make products that are sold in the US. The slave labor camps involved the Uighurs, a minority Muslim population of 1 million in China.

One of the companies accused of using forced labor was the manufacturer of Lenovo laptops. This has resulted in Lenovo telling all of its customers that have already purchased laptops that it will take an additional several weeks to complete existing orders.

In February and March computer factories shut down for COVID-19 precautions. After that, new orders came in huge numbers from companies and governments looking to order computers for their employees, and from employees working at home. School districts were the next to begin to order large quantities of tablets and Chromebooks.

But some school districts did not anticipate in May that they would require thousands of new devices in the fall, resulting in orders not being placed until June and July.

Supplies have not kept up with demand, and the result is that many school districts, and students, will not have a new device when school begins on September 8.

In Westchester, high need school districts have the greatest need. In Yonkers for example, the district had 4,500 laptops and tablets to loan out to 27,000 students. The Yonkers City Council allocated another \$1 Million in June to purchase another 4,500. But will 9,000 total devices be enough for 27,000 students? How many students already have a device and what students or families don't have internet or Wi-Fi? Many other Westchester school districts are asking the same questions.

The shortage of laptops and tablets has underscored concerns from many of a growing "educational inequality" with online learning.

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What would the harm be in allowing Jackson to take Alg-1, Advanced Math? If he were unable to achieve in that class, couldn't they just move him down into another class?

Jackson seems very determined to take this class, and during COVID, the school district should be encouraging this type of enthusiasm. Why does Jackson want to take this class?

"He is anxious to get into Algebra, because if he doesn't, he can't do calculus in 12th grade and that is a prerequisite for many science classes. I suggested to the principal that they give my son a month or two in algebra to see how he does—and drop him back if he doesn't get the marks. No go. Not interested said the principal. Said his original decision stands," said Mark Young.

Mr. Young received the following email from the Eastchester School District. "Thank you for reaching out to Dr. Glass with your concern regarding your son's math placement for this upcoming school year. I am sorry that you are disappointed with our decision to make this change in placement criteria for students. Throughout the second half of the school year, Mr. Elder and Mr. Blair (K-12 Supervisor of STEM) discussed the appropriate placement of students based on the extreme circumstances of the COVID closure and the best means by which students would be served during the 2020-2021 school year. The decision to place students accordingly was made with the best interest of students at heart and with sound educational backing. Mr. Elder made the decision clear in his April 22nd correspondence with parents. I do not believe that he has lied or misled any students or parents in this matter. As a former math teacher and department chairperson, I fully support his decision in the placement of students in this manner given the current circumstances," wrote Scott Wynne, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction.

We will keep our readers updated on this case. Perhaps one of our readers can help the Young family. Email me at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com if you can.

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This property is located at 397 Columbus Avenue, Tuckahoe NY, and is also known as Section 46 Block 5 Lot 4.

The nature of the application is for Asphalt Cement Gravel parking lot and install fence.

All interested parties are urged to attend this public hearing at which time they will be afforded the opportunity to express their views and or submit communications to the Village Clerk or The Planning Board, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe NY 10707.

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This property is located at 56 Underhill Street, Tuckahoe NY, and is also known as Section 29 Block 6 Lot 8.

The nature of the application is to repair front porch, proposed laundry room and new exterior basement entry stair with roof, replace rear yard concrete stair, remove existing stone veneer facade.

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This property is located at 160 Dante Avenue, Tuckahoe NY, and is also known as Section 38 Block 5 Lot 101.

The nature of the application is for Site Plan Approval.

All interested parties are urged to attend this public hearing at which time they will be afforded the opportunity to express their views and or submit communications to the Village Clerk or The Planning Board, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe NY 10707.

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Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Tuckahoe will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM on September 9, 2020, at the Village Hall, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe, NY, to consider the application of:

Mr. John Ulmer residing at 160 Dante Avenue, Tuckahoe, NY who appeals the decision of the Building Inspector, who denied the issuance of a building permit to construct a terrace upon existing building footprint at the rear of the dwelling.

This property is located at 160 Dante Avenue, Tuckahoe NY, and is also known as Section 38 Block 5 Lot 101.

The nature of the application is for the following relief: To enlarge/extend/increase the non-conformity of a pre-existing legally non conforming dwelling.

All interested parties are urged to attend this public hearing at which time they will be afforded the opportunity to express their views and or submit communications to the Village Clerk or The Zoning Board of Appeals, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe NY 10707.

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Notice of formation of Bess Boys Apparel, LLC filed with the SSNY on 08/04/2020. 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, 448 South 7th Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of Floss, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/29/2020. 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, 520 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Notice of formation of Enticing Entities, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on July 22, 2020. 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, 300 Gramatan Ave, Ste G81, Mt. Vernon, NY 10552. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.09/04

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Notice of formation of Floss, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 4/29/2020. 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, 520 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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Notice of formation of Pete's Brush & Hammer, LLC filed with the SSNY on 06/15/2020. 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 Pete's Brush & Hammer, 3 Hillside Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Joyce Tutors Math, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 6/29/20. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 20 7th Street, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose:Any lawful purpose.

One HealthIT LLC. Filed with the SSNY on 8/20/2020. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail copy to 62 Congress St. New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of Formation of Eva Phillips-Rogers LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/14/20. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Eva Phillips-Rogers, 16 Lehman Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 09/11



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fied, ballots that are postmarked on the day of the election, November 3 will be counted. Also ballots delivered to the Board of Elections without a postmark, but stamped as received by the Board of Elections will be counted.

State Senator Alessandra Biaggi said, "COVID has upended every aspect of our lives -- but we cannot allow it to undermine our democracy and New Yorkers' sacred right to vote. I introduced S8015D to ensure that no New Yorker will have to choose between their health and fulfilling their civic responsibility. Unfortunately, during the June election too many New Yorkers had to make that very choice because they did not receive their ballots on time. I want to thank Governor Cuomo for signing my bill to provide every New Yorker with the assurance that they can vote via absentee ballot come November and to give the Board of Elections the time they need to prepare. I also want to extend my gratitude to Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and my colleagues in the Legislature for their partnership and commitment to protecting our democracy."

New Yorkers will still be required to request an absentee ballot in order to receive one in the mail. After filling out a request for an absentee ballot, the Board of Elections will mail your ballot to your home. Voters will then have to fill out the ballot, sign and seal it, and get your ballot to the Board of Elections in a few different ways.

You can, of course, mail your ballot through the Post Office. For those who have had substandard postal delivery in their communities, you can mail in your ballot up to 30 days before Election Day.

Or, you can deliver your ballot to the Board of Elections in White Plains at any time before Election Day, November 3. Or, if you can't get to the BOE, you can have a friend or family member deliver your sealed ballot to the BOE.

Several elected officials in Westchester have called for "Ballot Boxes" to be installed at locations throughout the county, making it easier for voters to drop off their sealed ballots.

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner wrote, "Many of my constituents have asked why New York State or the Board of Elections still has not authorized the placement of secure voting boxes to be placed at municipal buildings so people don't have to rely on the postal service for delivery. I have been pushing for this for about a month and am disappointed that so far NYS has not taken any action. Voters are very worried that the postal service won't deliver their ballots in time.

New York State allows voters to drop off their ballots at early voting locations but some voters (during COVID-19)--especially those with compromised immune systems- don't want to go inside a polling place and risk getting sick. Having voting boxes outside municipal buildings will enable concerned voters to avoid contact with others," wrote Feiner, who received a response from the NYS BOE which explained that voters will be able to drop off their absentee ballots at Early Voting locations in Westchester County.

Early voting will start on October 24 to November 1. We will highlight those locations in this paper.

The Westchester County Board of Legislators have asked State lawmakers to pass a law allowing drop-boxes for voters to use in casting absentee ballots this fall. This would give the Westchester Board of Elections the power to set up boxes across the county where voters can return absentee ballots until the close of voting on Election Day.

Establishing drop-boxes was one of the recommendations for improving voting this fall included in a report from the Board of Legislators' Election Information Gathering Task Force issued earlier this month.

Board Chairman Ben Boykin said, "In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, we must do everything we can to make sure voters can safely and securely cast ballots. Recent State legislation to give everyone concerned about COVID-19 the option of voting absentee is a hugely important step. Also allowing voters the option of dropping off their ballots in conveniently located boxes would be an enormous benefit to those concerned about whether their absentee ballots will be delivered and counted. I'm pleased that all the County Legislators feel the same way and we urge our colleagues in Albany to act swiftly on this measure."

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**AOC-Yorktown, continued from pg 1-**

cent white. The median family income there is more than double the national average. Real estate listing show million dollar homes on big pieces of gated property.

"It is not Queens. It is a very nice place. This is the "hood" that spawned Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, one of the country's most privileged revolutionaries. She called herself Sandy Cortez back then. She imagined that every place could be just like Yorktown Heights, if only we got rid of the police, and apparently she still believes that," said Carlson.

AOC is then quoted in the TV spot saying, "It's funny because when people ask me, what does a world where we defund the police -- where, you know, defunding police looks like? I tell them, it looks like a suburb."

Carlson continues, "Unfortunately, not everyone lives in a suburb as placid and protected as the one Sandy Cortez grew up in, with all the bake sales and pool parties. Cities like St. Louis and Baltimore are more violent than El Salvador, and they're getting more dangerous by the day. In Milwaukee, homicides have risen nearly 40 percent just this year.

"Killings there could soon break the city's all-time record. That's likely to happen soon in Chicago and Kansas City. Just this weekend in the City of Chicago, 64 people were shot and 11 murdered -- 11 corpses in one weekend.

"None of those people died because there were too many cops on the street, they died because, thanks in part to sloganeering from pampered dilettantes like Sandy Cortez, there were too few cops. Less law enforcement in dangerous places means more killings. There's not much debate about that, at least not among adults.

"New York City disbanded its plainclothes police unit and cut funding for the NYPD by a billion dollars. The result? Shootings in New York are up more than 200 percent compared to this time just last year. Murders are up 21 percent. Burglaries have risen 30 percent.

"It is the most dangerous time to live in New York City in a quarter-century. Just one day ago, on Sunday night, an infant was shot to death while sleeping in a stroller at a cookout in Brooklyn. Mayor Bill de Blasio, who has almost single-handedly destroyed that city, described the child's murder as so painful.

"Then, de Blasio moved forward with his plans to disable the NYPD. He canceled the hiring of more than a thousand cops. He announced that police will no longer keep the schools safe.

"How will this end? We know very well how it will end. More poor children will die. That will not affect Bill de Blasio though. His family will remain protected by armed security paid for by taxpayers.

"So, will Sandy Cortez, so will Barack Obama. So will the rest of the politicians calling for taking away your protection. They will never suffer the consequences and that's why they're for it," said Carlson on his weekday night FOX show between 8-9 PM.

Rep. Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez called Fox News' Tucker Carlson a "white supremacist sympathizer" following his commentary.

"I go back and forth on whether to go on Fox News," the congresswoman wrote, quote-tweeting a video of the segment, continuing that the principal reason she does not "is squaring the fact that the ad revenue from it bankrolls a white supremacist sympathizer to broadcast an hour-long production of unmitigated racism, without any accountability whatsoever."

"'Immigrants are dirty' is a lazy, tired, racist trope, she continued. "Secondly, environmental injustice is a major motivation as to why we introduced and wrote the Green New Deal the way we did in the first place," Ocasio-Cortez stated, defending her policy initiative that has also been the focus of many FOX News spots.

We have written about AOC and her Yorktown past, and her time at Yorktown High School. We have recommended that she take another path in explaining where she came from and was educated. Here is our script for AOC.

"I went to a high school in the suburbs that every American child should have the right to attend. That is what I'm fighting for in Congress, educational equality, which we clearly don't have."

"My family saved enough money to buy a small home in northern Westchester. This is the story of hard work and living the American Dream. I am so happy that they sacrificed for me but far too many young americans and people of color have substandard schools and get a substandard education." This is what AOC should have said.

Westchester's two future members of Congress, Democrats Mondaire Jones and Jamaal Bowman, won their respective primaries with the "AOC playbook," of progressive and indivisible views.

The reason that Tucker Carlson, and Sean Hannity and a cast of other characters on Fox mention AOC as often as possible is that she is a lightning rod for conservatives across the country. So much so that two republican opponents to AOC were able to raise more than \$4 Million.

Most of that money has already been spent, and wasted according to many --in a Ponzi Scheme of raising money, hiring consultants and playing the political game. More on that story in the weeks to come.

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In his 2014 race for Governor, Astorino created a new party line to run on. The Stop Common Core Party, was used by Astorino to allow voters to express their dissatisfaction with New York's new state educational tests, but also to give independent and moderate democratic voters a line to vote on if they refused to vote republican or conservative.

This year, Astorino will try the same tactic, and has created the "Rebuild Our State" ballot line. More than 5,000 Westchester, Putnam, and Dutchess County residents -- of all political parties -- signed the petition to create the "Rebuild Our State" line.

"The Rebuild Our State ballot line will let voters deliver a rifle-shot message to Albany politicians in November: Stop chasing families and jobs out of the state with the worst taxes and business regulations in America," the former county executive said. "We have a moral imperative to replace the hundreds of thousands of jobs permanently lost due to Covid, but New York can only achieve that if it gets out of its own way. Clear job-growth policy choices are available, but we must have brave, common-sense legislators in office to drive them through the Albany morass."

Mr. Astorino announced his new ballot line days after New York was ranked the state with the "Worst Economic Outlook in America" by the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Astorino was joined in Northern Westchester by supporters and elected officials including Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, who represents Northern Westchester and Putnam County in the 94th District.

Byrne currently serves as the last republican state representative from Westchester. Astorino hopes to change that, and double the number of republican members of the state delegation, from 1 to 2.

Byrne is being challenged by democrat Stephanie Keegan on November 3. More on this race in the weeks to come.

Notice of formation of OztheBarber LLC filed with the SSNY on 6/17/2020. 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, 15 Verona Ave., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.



# UPAC Presents SAGE, Free Outdoor Concerts at Historic Untermyer Park



**Sage**

The Untermyer Performing Arts Council will present Sage at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 29th, at Untermyer Park.

An all-women's jazz, blues, R&B, and contemporary ensemble, Sage is part contemporary, part sassy, and part nostalgia. These talented ladies deliver what every music audience is looking for, the best in music! Style, musicianship, and beauty are trademarks of this unique group, women with no limits on their vision and repertoire, women who create a sound that transcends time and generation.

Sage has opened for and appeared with Ray Charles, Denzel Washington, Regina Carter, the Duke Ellington Show Choir and performed at jazz festivals around the country. This unique group headlined at both major Inaugural Balls honoring President Obama, Major League Baseball All Stars Games and the World Classic in San Diego.

This definitely is another "don't miss" Untermyer Performing Arts Council World Fest 2020 event in the park!

Although our events are admission free, our audience is limited to fifty people and reservations are mandatory. All audience members must wear masks at all times in the park and bring chairs. Seating is only in designated seating areas. To reserve your spot, call 914-375-3435 after 11 am on Tuesday, August 25th. Please leave your name, phone number and the number of reservations you need to a maximum of four people on the answering machine. Reservations will be allocated in the order received. Only those with a confirmed reservation will be admitted to the park; all attendees will be temperature scanned at check in.

In case of rain, we have no rain site. Please call the Untermyer Performing Arts Council's Arts Line, 914-375-3435, after 1 p.m. the day of the performance to confirm the program will go on.

For further information, please call the Untermyer Performing Arts Council's Arts Line at 914-375-3435. Visit our website [www.untermyer-performingarts.org](http://www.untermyer-performingarts.org), our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/upac1976/>, follow us on Twitter @UntermyerPAC, Instagram, LinkedIn and Pinterest.

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