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Black & Blue Lives Matter: Westchester Divided



Back the Blue rally in Mamaroneck

By Camryn Sanchez

Both 'back the blue' and 'Black Lives Matter' rallies occurred in a divided Westchester this week where organizers and speakers agreed that policing should be reformed and not defunded.

Both movements have had several rallies in the county over the past few months, and both have future rallies planned. Police Officer Robert Miceli organized the back the blue rally in Mamaroneck on Saturday with more than 150 attendees from neighboring cities, and activist Kelli Scott organized a Black Lives Matter rally with around 100 attendees in Irvington on Sunday.

In terms of demands, speakers from each event inadvertently echoed one another time and time again. For example on commending the release of body cam footage which Black lives Matter speakers believe will hold police accountable. Back the blue attendee Chris Daniello supports body cameras for a different reason: "There are a lot of different indicators that the common citizen doesn't understand that police are trained for." He says that longer videos from body cameras help to contextualize police actions.

Speakers at both events also called for: holding police accountable for committing crimes, participating in peaceful protests, and increasing diversity training for police officers. "They [police officers] should be

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Astorino & Harckham Slug It Out in Westchester's Biggest 2020 Election



Rob Astorino, left and Sen. Peter Harckham, right

By Dan Murphy

The hottest election race in Westchester County for 2020 is the State Senate contest between former County Executive Rob Astorino and State Senator Peter Harckham. The two are competing to represent the residents of the 40th Senate District (which includes most of Northern Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties) for the next two years.

Both have flooded the voters with cable TV ads and enough mailings that might help the Post Office get out of its deficit. Harckham is using the same playbook that County Executive George Latimer used to beat Astorino in 2017, which is to tie Astorino to President Donald Trump as closely as possible.

Astorino is trying to label Sen. Harckham as too progressive for the district, calling attention to Bail Reform, which Harckham co-authored, a plan to raise taxes on New Yorkers, and most recently some comments that Harckham made about opposition to BLM.

While in Peekskill for a rally, Harckham said "There are places in my district; there would be angry counter protesters across the street and muscle cars would be driving by revving their engines, vulgar slogans, signs we have people who would call these fine young men anarchists," said Harckham, who was referring to the opposition that some have to BLM and their support for police.

"Peter Harckham seems to believe that his constituents are bigots, and,

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Gullotta House Provides 100,000 Meals Donations During COVID



(L-R): Gullotta House President Matt Gullotta and two Gullotta House Volunteers hand out meals in Ossining

On October 16, Gullotta House supplied 1,500 meals in Ossining, to those in need dealing with food insecurities. This marked the organization's 100,000th meal donation.

Gullotta House has simultaneously supported local businesses in need by partnering with many local restaurants in which Gullotta House would purchase the meals from donations received from the community. "We are grateful to our donors for making this all possible. Please patronize these restaurants who are stepping up to the plate in this moment of need," said founder and President of Gullotta House, Matthew Gullotta.

"It has been an honor, with the help of the community, to serve 100,000 meals to those struggling," said Matthew Gullotta. In response to COVID-19, Gullotta House has been serving and delivering meals since March – a whopping 12,500 meals every month. Gullotta House's milestone is further motivation to continue its eight-month charitable work to help Westchester County families in need.

To learn more about Gullotta House, please visit www.gullottahouse.org or visit www.facebook.com/gullottahouse to learn more about the restaurants that partner with Gullotta House.

For more information about the meal donations, please contact Matthew Gullotta, (914) 525-0744, GullottaHouse@gmail.com.

Gov. Cuomo Challenges COVID Nursing Home 'Blame Game'



By Dan Murphy

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has been praised for his handling of the Coronavirus in the Empire State, but he has also been criticized for the fact that 6,600 seniors in Nursing Homes in NY have died from COVID.

Last week, Cuomo appeared on MSNBC's Morning Joe to promote his new book "American Crisis: Leadership Lessons from the COVID-19 Pandemic." During the interview, Morning Joe commentator Willie Geist challenged Cuomo for his handling of COVID concerning nursing homes, asking "Was it a mistake to send those COVID positive patients back into nursing homes?"

Cuomo responded "Here's the first lesson for this lesson, Willie," he said. "How did you not know the virus was coming to the United States? They call it the China virus. It wasn't the China virus. It was the European virus."-- He argued that the reason the numbers of COVID cases in New York was so high because the virus moved for months undetected, and the president didn't have a plan."

Geist followed up, asking about his administration's order to send COVID-positive seniors back into the state's nursing homes. "There was never a directive that said: 'We will send COVID-positive people back to nursing homes. The directive, which was modeled on the federal directive, said that you cannot discriminate' against someone who had COVID-19," said Cuomo,

"One of the things I find reprehensible about it, Willie, is the president

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When Will the Sprain Reservoir Have Water in It?



Editor's Note: Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner wrote the following, which relates in Yonkers. A photo of the still empty Sprain Lake reservoir above.

Wouldn't it be great if non motorized boating would be allowed on the Sprain when the reservoir has water in it?

Many residents have asked --when will Sprain Reservoir be filled with water? Six months ago WCBS TV took some video of the drained reservoir which is located off of Jackson Ave in Greenburgh and continues along the Sprain Parkway to Tuckahoe Road. It's a beautiful lake but it's not so beautiful when it is drained. Repairs are being made at the lake and by next year the lake will once again be a great community asset.

I contacted the office of the Yonkers Mayor and received an almost immediate response. Paul Summerfield indicated that "4 sluice Gates for the gate house were delivered by tractor trailer last week. These will be installed over the next month. There is one remaining, the lowest one which is larger. The plan is to tackle that when the four upper ones are installed. We are looking to complete that by the end of the year. Once that is done we can close the valve and begin to fill reservoir. That will spend on how much rain we get."

Link from story earlier this year about the reservoir
<https://newyork.cbslocal.com/video/4452551-where-is-the-water-in-nyonkers-grassy-sprain-reservoir/>

I continue to hope that one day non motorized rowing will be allowed on Sprain Lake. Sprain Lake, once it has water in it, would be an ideal location for rowing, canoeing and kayaking with the supervision of safety launches. It's my hope that Westchester County, the town of Greenburgh and City of Yonkers can figure out a way to make this happen. We have talked about this but so far no successful outcome. It's such a missed opportunity. We need more quality recreation opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy. There are numerous college scholarships awarded to those who excel in athletic rowing. If area high schools offered the sport to students it would provide students with more opportunities to learn another sport that can help them get into great colleges. And, there are rowing sports advocates that are willing to make this happen without taxpayer dollars. All they need is approvals.
<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/athletic/rowing-scholarships>
 PAUL FEINER
 Greenburgh Town Supervisor

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Jo Jorgensen 5
Howie Hawkins 2
Not sure 5

Zogby Analytics online poll of 833 US likely voters conducted 09/25/20 - 09/27/20 margin of error +/- 3.3 percentage points.



By Dan Murphy

As I watched the first Presidential debate on September 29 between President Donald Trump and former Vice-President Joe Biden, it finalized my decision not to vote for either of the two and to seek another party to cast my vote.

A recent poll by John Zogby finds that I am not alone. Instead of most Presidential polls, which find voters forced to choose between the democrat and the republican, Zogby's poll offered voters a true choice, including the Libertarian and Green Party candidates. And when those two candidates are added to the poll, the race between Trump and Biden tightens.

"Zogby Analytics will always include third parties in our polls. It's a shame when you have a respected, intelligent woman as a party nominee, and the mainstream media is pretending she doesn't exist. Now who is sexist? Don't give us that business that "voting for a third party is a vote for Trump or Biden!" So, if you don't fall in line with the duopoly you don't have a voice? That's not what the founders of our republic and constitution ever intended to happen. Everyone has a voice: Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, and Greens etc," writes Zogby.

"The race is close and is a far better representation when you include third parties, who historically receive nearly 5%, or sometimes more, in presidential elections. The contest is also close in battleground states (likely voters who resided in Arizona, Florida, Georgia, and North Carolina), with Trump narrowly losing against Biden 46% to 43%, while Jorgensen received 7% and Hawkins 1%.

"Biden is making things tough for Trump with older voters aged 65+ (Biden leads Trump 58% to 38%), but Trump is winning big with voters aged 30-49 (Trump leads Biden 51% to 38%, Jorgensen 4%, Hawkins 1%) and Generation X (Trump leads Biden 50% to 42%, Jorgensen 2%, Hawkins 1%). The President is also coming back with Independents (Biden leads Trump 39% to 34%, Jorgensen 10%, Hawkins 4%, 13% not sure).

"The other areas Biden should be concerned about are Millennials (Trump leads Biden 46% to 40%, Jorgensen 7%, Hawkins 1%) and large city voters (Trump leads Biden 49% to 46%, Jorgensen 3%, and Hawkins 0%). Trump is beating Biden among both groups, who historically lean Democrat," writes Zogby.

One question that I like to ask friends and voters is, have our leaders in Washington proven themselves worthy of re-election? We just found out that this year's deficit will be \$3 TRILLION dollars, the highest deficit since 1945, at the end of World War II.

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Ossining Police Continue to Search for Hate Speech Vandal



Ossining Police continue to search for the person who wrote the words “N---- lives don’t matter” across the pavement on Emwilton Place on October 9. “The message appears directed at a particular home, but it is also directly across from Ossining High School,” Ossining Police Department said on social media earlier this month.

The OPD also said that a witness saw someone described as a “white male, thin build, wearing a blue hooded sweatshirt, blue jeans, and a mask holding chalk and possibly writing on the roadway,” on the morning of the incident.

“This department and this community will never stand for hate, intimidation, or an attempt to instill fear in our neighbors. We will always be here to protect our community and ensure that everyone has an opportunity to live with a sense of safety and security,” the department shared on Twitter.

Ossining Police Chief Kevin Sylvester also shared this message, adding: “Hate will never have a home in Ossining.”

Detectives continue their investigation and ask anyone with information to call them at 914-941-4099 and ask for detectives. All calls can be kept anonymous.

The incident occurred in front of Ossining High School and also in front of Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg’s home. “As much as I was disturbed and horrified by this hateful language in front of my home, it’s nothing compared to the atrocities black people have suffered and continue to suffer at the hands of white people,” Levenberg commented to Black Westchester. “I will not stop sharing love instead of hate and remaining committed to upend racism in our world.”

State Senator David Carlucci, who represents Ossining, said, “The racial slur found in front of Town Supervisor Dana Levenberg’s home and Ossining High School was a disgusting act, appearing to incite fear. Racism and hate are cancers perpetuated by intolerant and emboldened individuals. I am saddened this happened in our community where Town Supervisor Levenberg uses her voice to bring people of all backgrounds together. I encourage anyone with information to come forward and speak with police.”

Religious leaders and leaders from Ossining United spoke out against the message. “The perpetrators have provided us with new evidence that systematic racism is alive in Ossining,” said Bishop Joan Whittaker, House of Refuge Apostolic Church (HORAC Ministries) to Black Westchester.

The response from the entire Ossining community was that this incident will not impede the progress being made to overcome racism.

Speed, School Bus Cameras Yes Reusable Bags No!



By Eric W. Schoen

BULLETIN: As we go to press an announcement that Showcase Cinemas De Luxe movie theaters will reopen Friday, October 23 at Yonkers Cross County and White Plains City Center! Let’s all go to the movies!

Readers of this column know I am no fan of Red Light Cameras that exist in New York and throughout our country. They simply cheat people out of their hard earned money. There is no check on traffic lights to make sure they are working properly allowing proper timing between red, yellow and green lights that I have seen!

I have tried numerous times to see the so called ‘review’ process where the tickets are, before they are sent out ‘supposedly’ reviewed by law enforcement officials to make sure there truly was a violation. Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano’s administration has continuously refused my request.

If someone was actually reviewing the tickets I would think City Hall would want me to see it. Leads me to believe that no one is reviewing the tickets. Two things you should know. If the bright flashing lights that go on when pictures of license plates are being taken are interrupting your household living, you have the right to request a review and have the flashing lights cut back. Yonkers has done this at locations throughout the city. If the pictures and video you get from the city are dark and grainy that is probably what has occurred.

If you go to www.yonkersny.gov/live/parking-transportation/parking-violations-bureau/red-light-cameras-how-it-works-locations you can get a complete list of the locations where Red Light Cameras exist. Print it out, give it to your friends and neighbors. Let’s all be extra careful going through Red Light Camera locations to decrease the revenue they bring in. Make our City Fathers who supported them happy!

There are fewer cars on the road due to COVID-19 and the many people who are working from home. This has given those who drive license to speed way over the posted speed limits. Earlier this week I was going through the traffic light on Rumsey Road to enter the Saw Mill briefly to go to the Cross County Parkway and motorcycles were passing me on my right and left, the left cycle going against traffic. Dangerous and scary.


I notice the livery and for hire cars and the Lyft and Uber cars driving particularly fast. Many of these cars are programmed using fancy systems to get to and from their locations as quickly as possible to make the car owners more money and the customers happy. That’s no excuse for not following the speed limits.

Have you seen the large increase of kids and adults driving motor cycle type vehicles, some with and some without license plates in groups just for fun on the streets of Yonkers, New York City and other communities in Westchester?

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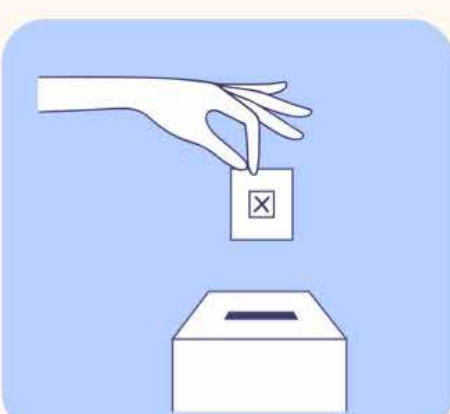
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Manhattanville College Announces Spring Semester 2021 Plans

Early Voting Begins October 24



Manhattanville College has announced plans for its Spring semester, saying it will continue to conduct a mix of in-person and remote learning classes beginning February 1. The Interim Provost of the college announced the plans last week in an announcement sent to the Manhattanville community.

“As we approach the midpoint of the Fall semester and look toward the Thanksgiving holiday, I wanted to tell you how very grateful I am for the dedication and hard work shown by our students, staff, and faculty since the campus reopened, adhering to safety guidelines and offering support to one another,” said Interim Provost Christine Dehne, M.F.A. “We expect to begin instruction for the Spring semester on Monday, February 1. Classes will begin remotely for two weeks with the first day of in-person instruction planned for Monday, February 15.”

Dehne also announced that there will be no Spring Break this academic year. This is part of an effort to reduce traveling outside the area and therefore potentially reducing the risk of exposure to coronavirus. In lieu of Spring Break, the college will schedule two “Valiant Days” with no classes when students will be encouraged to get out and enjoy the outdoors.

Residential students will move in the weekend of February 13 and 14. All residential students will be tested upon returning to campus and will be randomly tested throughout the semester. The semester will end on Friday, May 14.

“We want to assure everyone that when we return to campus in the Spring we will continue to follow all the safety protocols we developed with New York State and CDC guidance. These include social distancing, face coverings, testing, contact tracing, symptom monitoring and reporting, and for the residence halls – isolation and quarantine practices as necessary,” said Dehne. “We will continue to keep everyone informed about any changes to the calendar or other details that might impact our community this year, which could include new directives or limitations from the State of New York.”

A complete outline of the college’s safety protocols is available on the Manhattanville web site.

Early voting dates and locations in Westchester County are listed below:

Saturday, October 24: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 25: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Monday, October 26: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Tuesday, October 27: 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wednesday, October 28: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Thursday, October 29: 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, October 30: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday, October 31: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, November 1: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Early voting locations in Westchester are listed below. Registered voters in Westchester can vote at any of the early voting locations listed below. You do not have to vote early in your home town or city.

Other options include voting on Election Day, November 3, and voting by absentee ballot. For more information, visit

www.ny.gov/early-voting-and-absentee-voting-mail-or-dropbox

TOWN/CITY	EARLY VOTING LOCATION	ADDRESS	TOWN/CITY, STATE, ZIP
BEDFORD	MT KISCO TOWN HALL	104 MAIN ST	MOUNT KISCO, NY 10549
CORTLANDT	PEEKSKILL CITY HALL	840 MAIN ST	PEEKSKILL, NY 10566
EASTCHESTER	EASTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY	11 OAKRIDGE PLACE	EASTCHESTER, NY 10709
GREENBURGH	DOBBS FERRY VILLAGE HALL	112 MAIN ST	DOBBS FERRY, NY 10522
	GREENBURGH TOWN HALL	177 HILLSIDE AVE	WHITE PLAINS, NY 10607
HARRISON	HARRISON VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING	210 HALSTEAD AVE	HARRISON, NY 10528
LEWISBORO	POUND RIDGE TOWN HOUSE	179 WESTCHESTER AVE	POUND RIDGE, NY 10576
MAMARONECK	MAMARONECK TOWN CENTER	740 W BOSTON POST RD	MAMARONECK, NY 10543
MT KISCO	MT KISCO TOWN HALL	104 MAIN ST	MOUNT KISCO, NY 10549
MT PLEASANT	MT PLEASANT COMMUNITY CENTER	125 LOZZA DR	VALHALLA, NY 10595
NEW CASTLE	MT KISCO TOWN HALL	104 MAIN ST	MOUNT KISCO, NY 10549
NORTH CASTLE	MT PLEASANT COMMUNITY CENTER	125 LOZZA DR	VALHALLA, NY 10595
NORTH SALEM	SOMERS TOWN HOUSE	335 ROUTE 202	SOMERS, NY 10589
OSSINING	OSSINING COMMUNITY CENTER	95 BROADWAY	OSSINING, NY 10562
PELHAM	NEW ROCHELLE CITY HALL ANNEX -90 BEAUFORT PL	90 BEAUFORT PL	NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10801
POUND RIDGE	POUND RIDGE TOWN HOUSE	179 WESTCHESTER AVE	POUND RIDGE, NY 10576
RYE TOWN	HARRISON VETERANS MEMORIAL BUILDING	210 HALSTEAD AVE	HARRISON, NY 10528
SCARSDALE	EASTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY	11 OAKRIDGE PLACE	EASTCHESTER, NY 10709
SOMERS	SOMERS TOWN HOUSE	335 ROUTE 202	SOMERS, NY 10589
YORKTOWN	JEFFERSON VILLAGE	3480 HILL BLVD	YORKTOWN HTS, NY 10598
MT VERNON	MT VERNON CITY HALL	1 ROOSEVELT SQ	MT VERNON, NY 10550
NEW ROCHELLE	NEW ROCHELLE CITY HALL ANNEX -90 BEAUFORT PL	90 BEAUFORT PL	NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10801
PEEKSKILL	PEEKSKILL CITY HALL	840 MAIN ST	PEEKSKILL, NY 10566
RYE CITY	MAMARONECK TOWN CENTER	740 W BOSTON POST RD	MAMARONECK, NY 10543
WHITE PLAINS	WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS	25 QUARROPAS ST	WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601
YONKERS	GRINTON I. WILL LIBRARY	1500 CENTRAL PARK AVE	YONKERS, NY 10710
	RIVERFRONT BRANCH: YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY	1 LARKIN CENTER	YONKERS, NY 10701

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Cuomo, nursing home deaths, continued from pg 1-

did create that impression, which is cruel,” said Cuomo, adding “It’s cruel to say to the families who lost people in nursing homes, ‘Well, this could have been prevented by a different government policy.’ It makes their pain worse. It is not true. If you want to rewind all the tape, we should have been testing staff before they walked into a nursing home. That is true. And that’s back in March when we didn’t have any tests. We were told asymptomatic spread was impossible, that you had to have a symptom. So, the nursing home workers without symptoms were allowed in.

“That was bad information that we received. That’s how you would have really prevented it. Our health dept would have not in hindsight followed the federal directive—knowing the political issue it was going to create,” said Cuomo.

Geist followed up, asking, “I mean, your Department of Health wrote the March 25 advisory, to just to put a fine point on it, do you take any responsibility for the 6,600 deaths in nursing homes in the state of New York?”

“Look, I take responsibility for every death in the State of New York. I don’t care, frankly, if — if it’s my fault, not my fault, if it’s the federal government, if it’s God that did it. I’m responsible, I’m in charge and I’ve never run away from that. But I also want to make sure we have facts here,”

Arrest Made for Drag Racing

Some Westchester Communities Look to Take Forfeiture of Cars



Last week, Westchester County Police arrested a New York City man this morning after observing an illegal speed contest occurring on the Saw Mill River Parkway in Yonkers.

In addition, as part of an ongoing crackdown on drag racing and noise caused by vehicles with loud mufflers, County Police wrote 17 summonses in the early morning hours for violations such as speeding, inadequate exhaust systems and other equipment violations.

"Drag racing poses a danger to the motoring public. In addition, the noise coming from vehicles associated with this activity is a significant quality-of-life issue for residents who live along our parkways," Public Safety Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason said. "The Westchester County Police continue to address this issue in a variety of ways, including conducting targeted enforcement on our parkways and participating in a task force with other law enforcement agencies in southern Westchester."

The arrest this morning came as two County officers assigned to watch for illegal speed contests observed two cars racing just after midnight on the southbound Saw Mill River Parkway near Palmer Road. The two speeding vehicles weaved in and out of traffic, putting other drivers on the road at risk.

Officers pursued the vehicles and were able to bring one of them to a stop near McLean Avenue. Joshua Cabrera, 19, of East 129th Street, Manhattan, was taken into custody and his vehicle, a 2018 Nissan Altima, was impounded. He was booked at County Police headquarters in Hawthorne and charged with Unauthorized Speed Contest, a misdemeanor, and Speeding, Unsafe Lane Change and Insufficient Tail Lamps, violations.

He was released on a desk appearance ticket and is due in Yonkers City Court on Oct. 29. Gleason said that the County Police will continue this targeted enforcement on the Saw Mill River Parkway and Bronx River Parkway and will continue to participate in a multi-agency task with the Yonkers, Greenburgh and New York State Police departments.

He noted that on one single summer weekend, the task force issued almost 150 summonses on and around the Saw Mill River Parkway, Bronx River Parkway, Sprain Brook Parkway and New York State Thruway. Arrests, summonses and impounds continue to occur to deter drag racing and loud noise by cars and motorcycles.

In Greenburgh, Supervisor Paul Feiner supports legislation to authorize the town to forfeiture vehicles of cars operated by motorists convicted of unlawful drag racing, speed contests. "We have received numerous complaints about this dangerous practice from residents --especially those who live on Central Avenue. The city of White Plains and Yonkers have previously approved a similar law," said Feiner.

The Town Board is considering a Local Law which would amend Chapter 460 of the Code of the Town of Greenburgh entitled "Vehicles and Traffic" to create a new subsection authorizing the forfeiture of vehicles operated by persons while engaged in unlawful speed contests or races.

The Town Board will also consider a Local Law amending Chapter 380, "Noise," of the Code of the Town of Greenburgh listing the noise created due to an unlawful speed contest as an enumerated restricted offense.

Mt. Vernon Police Make Arrest in Vehicular Homicide

On October 1, 2020, at approx. 10:48pm members of the Mt. Vernon Police Department responded to the area of 47 Grove St on a report of two gunshot victims. Upon arrival, officers observed two individuals who appeared to have been run over by a vehicle.

One victim, who was later identified as Romo Jeffress (43-year-old Mount Vernon resident) was pronounced dead on arrival by paramedics. The other victim, a 35-year-old Mount Vernon resident, suffered non-fatal injuries to his leg and shoulder. At the time of the incident, there were no suspects on the scene.

After long work hours and the combined efforts of multiple units, the Mount Vernon Police Department Detective Division was able to identify the driver of the vehicle as Jalen Marin. Marin is a 26-year-old Mount Vernon resident. On Wednesday, October 14, 2020, Marin turned himself into the Major Case detectives accompanied by his attorney, Alix Duroseaul Jr, Esq.

Marin has been arrested and charged with Manslaughter in the First Degree and Assault in the First Degree. Marin has no prior criminal history. The men and women of the Mount Vernon Police Department extend our heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones of both victims. Even though an arrest was made this is an open and ongoing investigation and anyone who has any information regarding this homicide, or any past homicide is encouraged to contact the Major Case Unit at 914-668-6841.

Toll Increases on Cuomo TZ Bridge Under Review

State Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Westchester) addressed the New York State Thruway Authority at their first of three public hearings to address toll increases on the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge.

Senator Carlucci has strongly been against toll hikes and has called for years for a toll discount for Rockland and Westchester residents. The Thruway Authority has proposed a toll freeze of \$4.75 for Rockland and Westchester E-ZPass holders through 2022; however, the Senator asked the Thruway to consider extending the freeze to residents who are not E-ZPass holders. In 2021, residents who do not have an E-ZPass could face a toll of \$6.83, plus a \$2 administrative surcharge per billing statement, and in 2022 a toll of \$7.48.

"Right now, it's a quarter difference for drivers without an E-ZPass, and beginning in 2021 they are looking at a significant increase," said Senator David Carlucci. "Drivers without an E-ZPass will also be hit with a \$2 surcharge, which the Thruway should wave. Many seniors and residents on a fixed income are not E-ZPass holders, and we need to make sure they are not driven into debt by tolls."

Carlucci worries during the pandemic that fewer people will go to E-ZPass retail locations to get an E-ZPass, seniors may have trouble with the online process, and individuals on fixed incomes may prefer Toll By Mail. Carlucci noted many residents who have called his office have run into issues with Tolls By Mail because they do not have an E-ZPass, and with these increases, the problems will only be exacerbated. Carlucci helped a frontline nurse who did not have an E-ZPass and owed \$160 in tolls on the new bridge, but due to fees the Thruway Authority wanted \$3,260.

"We have seen so many people come into my office literally in tears because of cashless tolling fees. Toll Revenue has been quite profitable for the Thruway Authority, and these profits should not be made on the backs of residents who do not have an E-ZPass," said Carlucci.

In 2017, the Thruway Authority made about \$731.5 million in toll revenue, about \$736 million in 2018, and about \$739 million in 2019. While unpaid tolls reached an all-time low in 2019, at about \$475,000 worth.

At the hearing, Carlucci also encouraged the Thruway Authority to have their Toll Advisory Panel meet more regularly to hear from community members and make their contract with Conduent, their cashless tolling operator, more transparent to the public

United Way to Hold Webinar for Front Line Workers

United Way's Hudson Valley 2-1-1 helpline has been helping people in crisis since 2006 and has become a key resource during the COVID-19 pandemic.

To amplify its mission, Hudson Valley 2-1-1 will hold a free webinar on October 27 at 10 a.m. to help front line workers such as childcare workers, social workers, counselors, teachers, human resource professionals and others in the helping professions learn how use this valuable resource. Sign up at uwwp.org/211webinar.

"Our call center specialists have a wealth of resources at their fingertips," said The United Way of Westchester and Putnam President and CEO Tom Gabriel. "Using the resources available through the 2-1-1 helpline many organizations can more effectively connect their clients to the services that they need. We hope everyone will join us for this free, instructional program."

United Way's 2-1-1 Referral Line handles an average of more than 80,000 calls a year from residents from Long Island to the Adirondacks. United Way's 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, multilingual information (over 200 languages) and referral helpline open 365 days a year. Nationally certified call specialists are trained to answer questions and provide referrals. In 2018, 2-1-1 added text messaging to its services

As COVID-19 continues to unfold, 2-1-1 will be here for residents of the Hudson Valley, Long Island and upstate New York, answering questions about food assistance, housing and shelters, utilities, abuse prevention, suicide, foster parenting, medical help and more. Please call 2-1-1 or visit online at UWWP.org

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Never saw these types of vehicles prior to the pandemic. Now they rev up their engines and speed, darting in and out of traffic. Very dangerous. And I don't see law enforcement doing anything to stop the dangers they are causing. Maybe law enforcement can't legally do anything.

Bottom line is that because fewer vehicles are on the road, speeding has gotten out of control. Everyone's honking their horns for the car in front of them to go faster. If it happens to you just slow down And make the speeder wait.

All of this calls for speed cameras on our area roadways. A calibrated fee schedule based on how many miles over the speed limit a car is going. With municipal budgets in crisis they should find this as a much needed revenue source. Maybe with these cameras people will slow down. Something has to be done before accidents happen and lives are lost.

Speed Cameras in New York City in school zones have been very successful in stopping cars from speeding. Yonkers and other municipalities in Westchester can certainly use School Speed Zone cameras, but we need to have these cameras on roads where large numbers of people speed, at least through this pandemic which many feel has given them the right to go charging through our streets.

A proposal for School Bus cameras in Yonkers is before the City Council. I support it. We need a major campaign to inform the public what the rules are regarding passing a stopped school bus. In New York City you can make a full stop and slowly go around a stopped school bus lights flashing and stop signs extended. You can't do that in Yonkers or anywhere in Westchester.

Lights flashing, signs extended in Yonkers and Westchester you must stop until the signs come down and the warning lights are off. New York City folks come up to Westchester and honk their horns as cars are stopped the way they are supposed to. Don't break the law. You know what it is.

We are fortunate in Yonkers that we have very few accidents involving our precious school children. Yet we all see cars illegally and dangerously passing stopped school buses. This must be stopped. The drivers must be fined. And the bus drivers can't drive their whole shift with lights flashing. Yes, I've seen it happen if not for the whole shift but for long stretches of time where no pickups are taking place. That's why education is so important.

Now be honest friends, did you ever think you would see me supporting these types of ticketing programs. They are for safety. Red Light Camera programs are quick money grabbers. I still think the Red Light Cameras should be eliminated until someone shows me where the law enforcement review process is taking place and that all lights in Yonkers are properly calibrated. The calibration must come from an unbiased source.

Whenever if ever that happens I'll take a second look at the Yonkers Red Light Camera program!

Briefs: Early Voting in New York Starts Saturday October 24. In Yonkers it takes place at the Will and Riverfront branches of the Yonkers Public Library. The Board of Elections website lists all the early voting locations in Westchester. You can drop off your absentee ballot in a locked box at the early voting locations. No waiting in line.

The Board of Elections needs poll workers. They have increased the salary but with COVID-19 there are risks to the job. Check the Board of Elections website. If it is not late to request an absentee ballot do so. Why put your health and the health of others in jeopardy. Make your voice heard. Vote!

Enforcement of the Reusable Bag Campaign took place on Monday. I saw a sign at Stop and Shop that said their staff will not pack groceries in the reusable bags you bring from home. I agree. Who knows when the bag was washed or what has been put in it. Though I still haven't seen plastic bags in Yonkers trees, the state could have waited until the current pandemic is over to introduce a reusable bag program.

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

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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 Virtual Public Hearing on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 5:15pm, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, ENTITLED 'VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' IN REGARD TO AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE CITY OF YONKERS TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM IMPOSING MONETARY LIABILITY FOR FAILURE OF A VEHICLE OPERATOR TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS DISPLAYING A RED VISUAL SIGNAL AND STOP-ARM

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.

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frankly, I find that outrageous,” Mr. Astorino said. “I’ve spent my entire life in this area and I’m genuinely perplexed: the people and families I’ve encountered are good, hard-working, and kind. Exactly which parts of this district are you talking about, Mr. Harckham? That’s the question he now needs to answer.”

Astorino continues to contrast his views on law enforcement to those of Harckham’s. “Peter Harckham wrote the ‘No Cash Bail’ law that is wreaking havoc in our communities and causing crime to spike. Under Harckham’s radical law, individuals arrested for crimes such as manslaughter, assault, stalking, arson, torturing animals, domestic violence, and child pornography are quickly released with no cash bail and no guarantee they’ll ever return for trial. I’ve been endorsed by over 30 police unions because I will fight to repeal this dangerous law and because I’ll work to invest in our police and not defund them.”

Astorino is also trying to use higher taxes as a campaign issue, much in the same way he used it to be elected twice as Westchester County Executive. “Any guess where New York landed on this ranking of the best states for the middle class? DEAD LAST. It’s why our families and neighbors have been fleeing the state in record numbers for the past decade. And that exodus will accelerate if we do what my opponent Peter Harckham wants to do - raise taxes. My opponent also voted to eliminate the property tax rebate checks. Talk about sticking it to the middle class. As State Senator, I’ll fight for the middle class by restoring the property tax rebate checks, by giving parents more choice and control over their child’s education and by cutting taxes (not raising them) and regulations to jumpstart our economy.”

Harckham has been just as tough on Astorino, claiming that he has been silent on denouncing white supremacists, (just like Trump was accused of), asking Astorino to release his tax returns, (just like Trump has been asked to do), showing up for a News 12 debate that Astorino skipped, and criticizing Astorino’s ties to the NRA in mailings, and his pro-life views.

“Americans were recommitted to protecting reproductive rights after the recent passing of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. And they should be. Reproductive rights and access to healthcare are under fire due to the possible appointment of a conservative justice. In New York, the legislature has taken enormous steps to protect someone’s right to choose. My opponent wants to roll many of these measures back. It’s imperative to vote blue across the board to ensure these rights are not lost,” said Harckham.

On gun control, Harckham said, “As a gun owner myself, I understand the balance of gun ownership, while keeping families and children safe. I’m proud to have passed common sense gun laws in my time as a Senator. These laws will proactively prevent senseless gun violence that has plagued the country, but they don’t infringe on people’s Second Amendment rights.”

The Harckham campaign also featured an endorsement from a Putnam County republican that was supporting his campaign. “As a Freshman Senator, Harckham got \$6 Million for the Mahopac schools, money that they had owed the state. Without his help, you and I would have had to pay it. Yes, I support Senator Harckham, and I have supported republicans over the years. But in this one case Sen. Harckham delivers.” said Robert Buckley a former member of the Putnam County Republican Committee.

While the 40th Senate district has a slightly republican tilt which voted for President Trump in 2016, it has a democratic Senator in Harckham. Four years after Trump won the district, and two years after Harckham narrowly defeated former Senator Terrence Murphy, the question now becomes, will Trump win the district again, and will those same Trump voters also vote for Astorino?

This contest, perhaps like the Presidential race on election night, may be too close to call and may require the counting of absentee ballots is the days after Nov. 3. This senate race may also be the most expensive in Westchester state senate history. The state senate race between democrat Senator George Latimer and republican challenger Bob Cohen cost both campaigns and their parties, \$5 Million.

Two Local School District Computers Hacked

The Yorktown and Croton-Harmon school districts in Westchester County recently had their computer systems hacked by a cyber security attack coming from someone seeking to get a payment to remove the ransomware that froze both systems.

The Yorktown schools were forced to temporarily shifted from a hybrid learning model to all-remote lessons after its district shared news of a cyberattack on Oct. 12.

The ransomware attack encrypted data on the Yorktown Central School District’s networks, forcing officials to restore servers from backups and go room-to-room to reimage devices, Superintendent Ron Hattar said in an email to parents Thursday viewed by WSJ Pro Cybersecurity. The superintendent’s office didn’t respond to requests for comment.

Two Westchester school districts were targeted by a cyber security attack on school-based desktops and laptops that kept students learning at home.

The Yorktown and Croton-Harmon districts both fell victim to a security breach on Monday that took days to iron out.

In a communication to district families, Croton-Harmon Superintendent Deborah O’Connell said the incident was a ransomware attack. This kind of data breach keeps an organization from accessing its data in order to solicit a ransom to get the data back.

This was never considered by our district, as [we] were able to restore our systems from previous data backups,” O’Connell said.

Yorktown Superintendent Ron Hattar did not specify the kind of cyber attack his district faced in communications to the community, but said the district’s response was difficult.

The impact of this attack on our systems is requiring an extraordinary amount of time to restore servers and devices,” Hattar said in a Wednesday email.

Both superintendents told their communities there was no evidence that any personal data was compromised. Only laptops and computer workstations were affected, not Chromebooks and iPads.

Ransomware attacks are an increasingly common kind of cybersecurity breach facing school districts.

“Unfortunately, education is a ripe target for this kind of thing,” said Brian Howard, communications director for Southern Westchester BOCES. “It requires constant vigilance.”

New York-Presbyterian Launches Dalio Center for Health Justice

Funded by a \$50 million gift from Dalio Philanthropies

New York-Presbyterian today launched the Dalio Center for Health Justice, dedicated to understanding and improving health equity, addressing health justice, and driving action that results in measurable improvements in health outcomes for all.

The Dalio Center for Health Justice is the result of a \$50 million grant from Dalio Philanthropies, whose founder Ray Dalio is a New York-Presbyterian Trustee and an important thought partner behind the center. Among the center’s priorities will be reducing health disparities that disproportionately affect communities of color.

“Our goal is to contribute to equal healthcare and equal education because we believe that these are the most fundamental building blocks of equal opportunity and a just society,” said Ray Dalio, founder of Dalio Philanthropies and New York-Presbyterian Trustee. “We know that these don’t adequately exist, and we are excited to have a great partner in New York-Presbyterian, who we are confident will find ways to achieve more health justice.”

“The Dalio Center for Health Justice reflects our shared commitment to proactively addressing health disparities and the systemic inequities that create conditions for poor health,” said Jerry I. Speyer, chair of the New York-Presbyterian Board of Trustees. “We are grateful to Ray Dalio for his extraordinary leadership in the fight for health justice and his support as we strive to deliver the highest quality care to every patient and improve the health of all the communities we serve.”

“We are living in a profound time where social, economic and health crises are converging at once, and we recognize our country must address longstanding health disparities due to race, socioeconomic differences, access to care, and other complex factors that impact the well-being of our communities disproportionately,” said Dr. Steven J. Corwin, president and CEO of New York-Presbyterian. “New York-Presbyterian hopes to be a leader in health justice and developing programs to help solve these issues and improve the lives of our patients and our communities.”

The Dalio Center for Health Justice will be a convener, collaborator and grantor, bringing together renowned experts in diverse fields to fuel change and support health justice among New York-Presbyterian team members, our patients and communities, and ultimately local and national policy. The center will be led by Dr. Julia Iyasere, who brings significant experience in medicine and has championed diversity and inclusion throughout her career.

“The COVID-19 pandemic exposed enduring health inequities in a new and alarming way, and the importance of health justice has never been clearer,” said Dr. Julia Iyasere, head of the Dalio Center for Health Justice at New York-Presbyterian. “We are committed to improving the health and well-being of our patients and communities through research, dialogue and education, equity in our clinical operations, investment in our communities and advocacy for national change.”

The center will promote health justice and address the health disparities of our employees, patients and communities through research, health education and programs that foster equity in clinical operations and enhance the culturally sensitive care provided by New York-Presbyterian. It will focus on comprehensive analysis to understand more fully social determinants of health, creating a robust and diverse health equity database to inform the center’s work in developing community-based initiatives, advocating locally and nationally for change, seeking grants, and producing an institutional equity report. It will also focus on examining and addressing unconscious bias in medicine and clinical trials. The center will inaugurate a Diversity, Inclusion and Health Equity Symposium to encourage discussions across the organization, highlight faculty research and innovations, and provide a career development forum for underrepresented minority fellows and residents, with the goal of producing tangible solutions to health disparities.

The Dalio Center for Health Justice will serve as a central resource for health justice, health equity and community-based work, focused on institutional alignment and the achievement of measurable and consequential outcomes. To foster innovations in research and care delivery, the center will convene local and national groups and become a sponsor for grant funding.

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A BLM rally in Irvington

better on that.”

Most importantly however, each rally affirmed that the lives of police officers matter. State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins stated at the Black Lives Matter Rally: “They’re trying to tell you that if you think black lives matter that you don’t think blue lives matter. That is false.”

Back the blue speakers advocated for increased law and order, using words like ‘anarchy’ and ‘Marxism’ to describe the Black Lives Matter Movement. In Irvington, Scott stated that law and order is important to her as well, and that believing in the existence of systematic racism is not synonymous with being against law and order. “Order only comes when issues are confronted. We can’t turn a blind eye to issues and then expect law and order.”

Although supporters from each movement did unknowingly agree on many points, they did not agree on everything. Speaker Peter Bernstein stated in his speech in Irvington that it is important to end qualified immunity because without it he believes law enforcement is not being held accountable. Miceli disagreed, saying that ‘bad cops’ should be dealt with by their own departments.

Miceli also believes that the Black Lives Matter movement wants to defund the police, (which Scott emphatically stated it does not.) “We’re not trying to erase police officers so to speak. We’re trying to get rid of the bad ones, so it’s nothing against cops per say,” said Scott.

Miceli’s father Frank expressed concern for police officers like his son who he says are under attack in America. “They have a thankless job and I wouldn’t want their job to be quite honest with you. Every day called names, thrown bricks at, hit in the head, shot at. All to try to protect people.”

This is similar to the fear expressed by the Black Lives Matter movement about people of color who are constantly and consistently attacked by law enforcement every day. “It’s just a matter of time before we see another social media front row seat of some injustice happening to another black man or black woman. It’s just a matter of time. It’s been happening for 400 years,” said speaker Alberta Jarane.

Many of the back the blue speakers and attendees voiced concern that police have become vilified. “The criminals are now heroes and the heroes are now criminals. I mean it’s a complete reversal,” said speaker Sammy Ravelo. There is also frustration that local Mamaroneck government has been unfair to law enforcement supporters and shown favoritism to Black Lives Matter supporters.

No one took the opportunity to attend an opposing rally and engage in a conversation about their intentions.

Back the blue speaker Dr. Darrien Porcher said on Saturday: “All lives matter!” One day later, Black Lives Matter rally speaker Sitara Herur asked: “If all lives matter, then why weren’t you here today? Show up and show us that all lives matter by showing up when we say yes that black lives matter... I’m asking to matter, and if you have a problem with that you’ve got to do some long hard thinking about why you feel so challenged by me saying that I matter too.”

For months attendees from these rallies have shouted ‘blue lives matter’ and ‘black lives matter’ across the county at one another, without either side disavowing the sentiment of the other. Still, the back the blue speakers insist that the Black Lives Matter movement does not stand for the same values as theirs, failing to acknowledge that they are both advocating for similar police reforms.



We Endorse Scott Smith for Congress in the 18th District

One election where we can cast a vote for a third-party candidate with confidence is for Congress in the 18th District of NY. This district has been represented by a republican and a democrat over the past 10 years and includes 30% of the electorate not registered to either major party.

The 18th District includes Northern Westchester and the Hudson Valley and is currently represented by Democrat Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney. His republican opponent this year is Chele Farley.

The third-party candidate in the race is SAM Party candidate Scott Smith. Yes Mr. Smith wants to go to Washington, and we endorse him to do just that.

Smith is a “regular American” that is needed to bring our leaders in Washington DC back to reality. He is a middle school science teacher who has lived in the district all of his life. “If you have been seeking an alternative to the two-party status quo, then I offer you such a choice. With more than one-third of the voters in the district rejecting both major party labels, the time to try something different is now,” said Smith.

We agree with Smith when he says, “In government, politics has become the main event, doing the actual work is a distraction.” The greatest example of this is the lack of ability for both parties and the President to agree to another stimulus package for millions of Americans who can’t find work. “Relief checks to households is the most direct form of assistance, and surveys on how these funds are spent show that most used the money for expenses including food,” said Smith.

Both of the major party candidates, including the current member of Congress in NY-18, seem more concerned about being beholden to their own political party, and in pointing the finger at the other for the problems in our country. The Democrat ties the Republican to President Trump, while the Republican calls the Democrat a socialist. And yes, like Mr. Smith says, after all the nonsense, very little gets done.

There seems to be very little concern for how the decisions we make today will affect our children and grandchildren. One of Scott Smith’s major goals if elected is that he will work to restore trust and integrity to our government and will lead by example.

We endorse Scott Smith for Congress in the 18th District of NY because we are embarrassed by what we see offered by both political parties in the United States of America.

We reject the way in which both parties have governed and do not believe they deserve our vote. We are willing to try something different. Are you?

The Zogby poll identifies 12% of Americans not supporting either candidate for President. And that 12% is just the tip of the iceberg of Americans who are dissatisfied with the job of our elected officials and the choices they are being offered.

Now is the time for all who share that dissatisfaction to speak with one voice, we are many and we span the political spectrum. Together we can begin the work of reclaiming our government. We believe there is no better place to begin that effort than in NY-18 and by electing Scott Smith, the SAM candidate for Congress. Send Mr. Smith to Washington!

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Yonkers Kiwanis Honors Empress Ambulance with Essential Workers Award



On October 6, 2020, the Yonkers Kiwanis Club presented Empress Ambulance Services with the “Honor an Essential Worker” Award, thanking them for their service and dedication to the community during the ongoing Pandemic. This award was presented to Michael Minerva and his staff by Judy Bartunek, president of Yonkers Kiwanis. Other members attending were: Dorothy Burke, Kathleen Ennis, Rocco Riti, John Bartunek and Tom & Genia Flammia.

Yonkers Kiwanis made a donation to the New York District Kiwanis Foundation in the name of Empress Ambulance. Last November, the Club celebrated 90 years of service to children and families in the community.

left, Judy Bartunek, President Yonkers Kiwanis, presents award to Michael Minerva and Empress Ambulance

below: members of Yonkers Kiwanis and Empress Ambulance with awards

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Get Your COVID Mask for Halloween



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Yonkers seamstress Leah Katz, dress designer and owner of LaRobeByLeah at 1254 Central Park Avenue in Yonkers, is seen among her growing collection of Halloween-themed masks that she creates daily.

Prices for each custom mask start at \$12. Brides have also purchased masks matching their wedding gowns, with masks matching bridesmaids' dresses, made dressy and attractive with a string of pearls on elastic bands to loop around their ears, and even double-sided reversible masks.

Visit [//www.larobebyleah.com](http://www.larobebyleah.com), or call 914-337-5887 for more information.

Santa Makes an Early Visit



Santa at Kensico Dam Plaza on Oct. 14

The NEW Westchester's Winter Wonderland Drive-Thru Holiday Light Extravaganza, presented by Westchester Medical Center Health Network, kicks off Friday, November 27 at 6 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla. Westchester Parks Foundation, the only organization dedicated exclusively to promoting and supporting Westchester County Parks, has re-imagined the seventh season of the popular holiday event in partnership with the Westchester County Parks Department, to help create a safe and memorable holiday experience the whole family can enjoy. Guests will be dazzled and delighted with 1.2 miles of a holiday lights, larger than life displays, live characters, and Santa right from the warmth and safety of your own car!

Starting the day after Thanksgiving, the festive celebration takes place five consecutive weeks through January 3, 2021. The event will be open 6-9:45 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday December 20 and every night December 21 through January 3, 2021 (except Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). Reservations are strongly encouraged to avoid long lines and wait times. Tickets are \$25 per car in advance. (+additional cost for van/limo). Advance notice is required for limos and buses that seat more than eight people, please call 914-231-4600 for reservations. Same day drive ups are permitted but cannot guarantee wait time at the gate. On-site purchases are available at an additional \$10 per vehicle and available on a first come, first served basis if space allows.

Westchester's Winter Wonderland is a place to make priceless holiday memories. It has become a Westchester holiday tradition without the hassle or expense of traveling to New York City and one of the most safe and affordable holiday options for the 2020 Holiday Season. For complete information and to purchase tickets, visit wwinterwonderland.com



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