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Will Westchester & NY Get SALT Repeal & Bailout from DC?

Senator McConnell

“Stopping blue state bailouts”

-Press release from Sen. McConnell Office



By Dan Murphy

The election of 2020 across America delivered a victory for Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, but it did not deliver the accompanying victories in Congress that democrats needed to implement any significant, widespread change advocated by some on the progressive left. Americans also voted for republicans in their respective House and Senate races, in what many define as a split decision.

“The “blue wave” prognosticators saw coming broke a mile from shore as voters rendered a split decision. The numbers so far tell the story: Joe Biden won the presidency in a nail-biter, with thinner majorities for House Democrats and Senate Republicans,” writes TwinCities.com.

President-elect Joe Biden and democrats across the country may be facing divided government, as the outcome of who controls the US Senate is still undecided, with two Georgia US Senate seats to be decided in a special election Dec 6. Currently, republicans hold a 50-48 advantage, and democrats need to win both Georgia senate seats to bring the US Senate to a 50-50 tie, in which Vice-President elect Kamala Harris would break any tie votes.

If Republicans win one or two of the Georgia senate seats, then Mitch McConnell remains the republican leader of the U.S. Senate. And if McConnell and republicans control the US Senate, then solving New York’s financial challenges become more difficult.

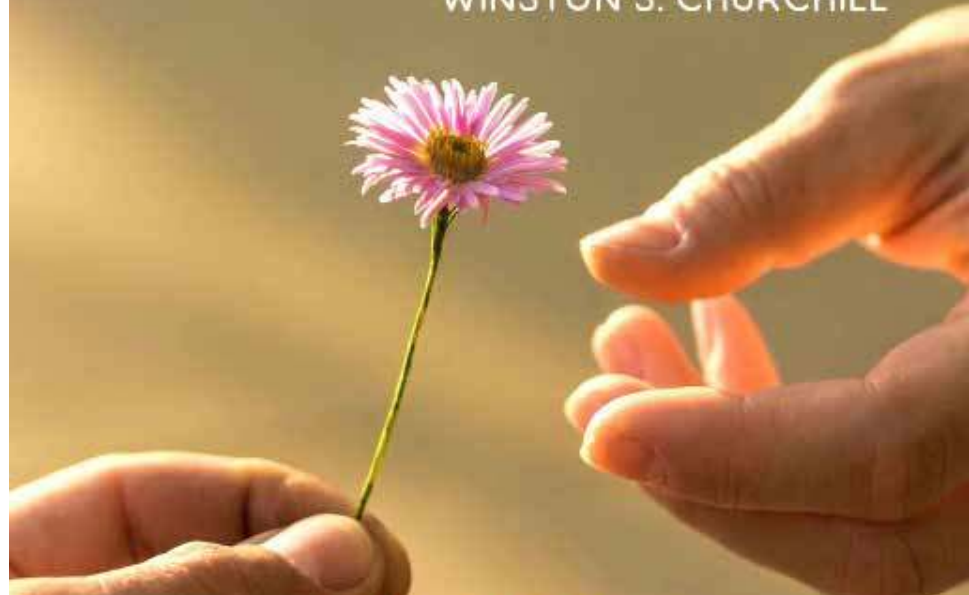
The two biggest financial hurdles that the State of New York, and Westchester homeowners need help from Washington DC on is a repeal of the SALT (State and Local Taxes) tax deduction, and a bailout to help close a \$14 Billion State budget deficit from 2020 when COVID hit the Empire State hardest of any state.

Cuomo appeared on Morning Joe this week and said that New York State needed financial assistance from Washington DC to administer the upcoming COVID-19 vaccine. “Our country will have to do 330 million vaccines. After

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Westchester Helping Those Who Need it This Thanksgiving

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WINSTON S. CHURCHILL



Several Westchester community groups, and hundreds of volunteers are coming forward to try and help those in need and make sure they have a Happy Thanksgiving.

Feeding Westchester is providing turkeys and meals to families in two different ways. This year, Stop & Shop celebrated Veteran’s Day with a donation of 1,000 Thanksgiving turkeys to Feeding Westchester, Westchester County’s largest nonprofit hunger relief organization, in an effort to help meet the unprecedented need for holiday assistance. A group of local Vietnam War veterans were on hand at Stop & Shop’s 154 Westchester Avenue location in White Plains to load the Feeding Westchester truck as part of the supermarket chain’s Turkey Express program.

According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan are twice as likely to be food insecure compared with the general population. “We’re here to help those who have helped our country,” said Duke Searles, Vietnam War veteran and Volunteer Supervisor of VA Hospital Supportive Housing Food Pantry. “I know what it is like to not want to ask for help, but we have an abundance of food for the veterans and their families through the VA pantry, and so many other services available for them to get the help they deserve.”

Current law limits the availability of SNAP benefits to military families, with one of the results being that approximately 9 percent of active duty service members – roughly 90,000 families – have sought charitable food assistance during the past year. “We are grateful to Stop & Shop for their generous support once again through the Turkey Express program and honored to have the assistance of Duke and his fellow Vietnam War

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Latimer: A Second COVID-19 Wave Has Arrived in Westchester



Westchester, and the rest of the world, awaits a COVID vaccine

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Executive George Latimer gave a blunt and honest health assessment as COVID-19 cases in the county continue to rise at alarming rates. During a press conference this week, Latimer said that the “Second Wave” of a spike in COVID cases and hospitalizations, “that we were warned off has come true.”

Two weeks ago, Westchester had just over 1,000 active cases. This week that number has tripled to over 3,700. “We just filed a countywide robocall with a public reminder of the personal steps we must take: masks, hand washing, social distancing. We’re now setting up PPE giveaways at apartment complexes to get the protection down to the grassroots level. We’re going to ratchet back our County department staffs to remote work as much as possible. Only virtual meetings for our Boards and Commissions immediately, no in-person gatherings.

Governor Cuomo holds executive authority to effect the hows and whens of shutdowns. We don’t want to see anything shutdown per se, but if we don’t turn the corner soon...choices may be limited. We expect he will work in harmony with neighboring Governors. I know all too well the terrible economic impacts of any shutdowns and it is devastating to lives. All the more reason to stop any need for shutdowns by getting 100% compliance on social gatherings, masks, etc.

“We prize our personal freedom and we speak of personal responsibility. The price of doing our own thing could well be the lives of a neighbor or family member. If we step up as individuals, then there’s no need for government to step in. But lives are at stake. Arguing over death statistics, that tries to minimize the threat we face sounds more like fighting to avoid

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Some Veterans Boycott Ceremony Next to BLM Mural



Three Yonkers Veterans in attendance at Veterans Day ceremony on South Broadway, next to BLM Mural. Photo by Donna Davis

By Dan Murphy

Hundreds of Yonkers Veterans were missing from the traditional Veterans Day Ceremony held every year at the Yonkers War Memorial on South Broadway. This was the first Veterans Day in which the ceremony was held after a Black Lives Matter mural was painted directly in front of the memorial. Several TV news crews were in attendance, which made some believe that the “Boycott” against the ceremony was because of the BLM Mural and was organized enough to alert the media.

Several African-American Yonkers veterans did participate in the ceremony as they have for decades. Mayor Mike Spano made comments and AMVETS Commander Sam Riti led the pledge of allegiance.

We congratulate Riti, who has been outspoken in his concerns about the BLM mural and its location next to the Yonkers War Memorial, for showing up and celebrating Veterans Day.

The mural was painted in August 2020, with private funds and volunteers providing the resources and labor to create the BLM message in Westchester largest City. In August, Mayor Mike Spano supported the decision to place the mural on South Broadway and next to the Yonkers War Memorial.

“There is no more of an appropriate place that this should be then next to City Hall and our Veterans Memorial. Our Veterans died, so that we can put this statement here. It’s moments like these that make me proud to be Mayor of a city that promotes our diversity. A city filled with over 100 different ethnicities and over 60 spoken languages – spoke in one unifying voice today. Thank you to Yonkers Arts and over 65 volunteers who painted this powerful

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Lions Announce Peace Poster Contest Winners



French American School
Astrid Masson



Sts John & Paul School
Daniel Chavez



Rye Neck Middle School
Micah Deckinger

Astrid Masson from The French-American School, Micah Deckinger from Rye Neck Middle School, and Daniel Chavez from Saints John & Paul School, have taken the first step to becoming an internationally recognized artist by winning the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions local competition in the Lions International Peace Poster Contest.

The winners were announced on November 6, 2020 at a special presentation via ZOOM. The zoom was attended by the students, their families and the teachers. County Executive George Latimer stopped in to congratulate the young artists.

The Lions Peace Poster Contest is an annual worldwide competition for children 11-13, encouraging them to express their vision of world peace through art. This year's theme is "Peace Through Service".

A winning poster from each school was selected by a panel of judges, which included Amanda Schlumberger, Carey Federspiel and Laura Bott, based on originality, artistic merit and portrayal of the contest theme, "Peace Through Service". The winning posters will advance through the district into the international competition, with the International winner announced at a United Nations event in the spring.

In addition to the winners, the following students received honorable mentions: Benjamin Ashby & Kewe Somlay from The French American School, Myli Bruno & Raphael Tan from Rye Neck Middle School, and Liliana Grippa & Mathias Tsuji-Giralt from Saints John & Paul School.

This year's contest was particularly challenging for these students and teachers. The Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions are proud to have worked with Victoria Rolett from the French-American School, Trisha Appel from Rye Neck Middle School and Angela Howard from Saints John & Paul in their efforts to bring this contest to the community and provide these students with the opportunity to share their visions of peace during these difficult times.

Westchester Children's Association Raises \$130,000 at "Imagine a Child" Virtual Benefit



The Westchester Children's Association's annual benefit for 2020, "Imagine a Child...", was held online and raised more than \$130,000 in support of the 106 year old, multi-issue, child advocacy organization. Over one hundred and thirty people were in attendance. The virtual event included the recognition of Umran Beba with the Edith C. Macy Award for Distinguished Service; Dawna Michelle Fields of Colgate Palmolive with the Corporate Children's Champion Award; and Louise "Lou" De Vel Muller with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

As challenging as this year has been, Westchester Children's Association (WCA) has been busier than ever fighting for children during the pandemic and beyond. Earlier this summer, they distributed a Parent and School Superintendent Survey to gauge how these two groups were managing remote learning. Over 1,000 surveys were returned and results continue to help administrators and advocates. Additionally, WCA wanted to make sure Westchester County was doing everything possible to assist families who live in overcrowded homes at the height of the pandemic. In order to pool resources or to cut back on expenses, families were doubled and sometimes tripled up. This created a perfect storm of being unable to quarantine and struggling in sub-optimal conditions for remote learning.

WCA ramped up their civic engagement initiative, Project 2020, and encouraged young people to pre-register to vote for local and national elections. They built on the momentum of their Lobby Day in Albany to host a virtual movie screening to examine the disproportionate rates of suspensions among ethnic groups as part of the Solutions not Suspensions Campaign in New York State. More recently, WCA, at the request of the Antiracist Alliance, produced the 2020 Black Children & Youth Report which highlights the racial inequity facing Black children and youth in Westchester from birth to adulthood.

Westchester Children's Association relies on data to tell the story of how children and youth are faring in the County and then supports the policy solutions to improve conditions. Their work remains relevant, reliable, and transparent and is sought after by nonprofits, municipalities, and school districts. Founded in 1914, WCA is the only multi-issue, nonpartisan, child advocacy organization in Westchester County, New York.

For more information about WCA visit www.wca4kids.org.

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Eastchester Rotary Makes Donation to Pay for Defibrilators



L-R-Town Councilman Joe Dooley, Eastchester Rotary Club President Andrew Rabin, Lieutenant Richard Rosenberg, Chief Tim Bonci, Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita, Rotary Club Secretary Mike Fix and Town Councilwoman Theresa Nicholson.

The Town of Eastchester recently received a donation of \$4,190.00 from the Eastchester Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. for the purchase of two defibrillators to be used by the Eastchester Police Department. The Police Department uses the LifePak 1000 Automatic External Defibrillator (AEDs) in all of their front line patrol vehicles as a lifesaving tool during medical emergencies.

AEDs are portable electronic devices that automatically diagnoses a life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias. When treatable, the device will deliver a “shock” through the application of electricity which stops the cardiac arrhythmia, allowing the heart to re-establish an effective rhythm.

Police Officers are usually the first to arrive on scene and by following simple and easy voice guided commands, we are able to apply to device within seconds which can be in difference between life and death. Members of the department refresh their medical training on regular basis which has proven to be successful as our officers are credited with helping save lives every year.

Officers Castellano and Persico were responsible for saving the life of a Town resident this past year with the use of an AED.

Westchester Election 2020 Update:

The race for State Senate in the 40th District, between democrat State Senator Peter Harchkham and republican Rob Astorino, continues to be too close to call, as more than 30,000 absentee ballots have to be counted in three different counties.

Astorino held an 8,000 vote lead before the absentee ballot count began. Last week, Senator Harchkham posted, “At last—the absentee ballots are being counted! Today, the mail-in absentee votes were counted in Dutchess County and the final total is: Harchkham 1,288 / Astorino 670. A 2 to 1 victory margin! Onward to Putnam and Westchester next week.”

If that trend continues, Harchkham could overtake Astorino’s lead, which is now down to 7,400.

Westchester County will still have a republican representative in Albany regardless of the outcome of the Harchkham-Astorino race with Assemblyman Kevin Byrne easily winning re-election. Byrne, who represents Yorktown, Somers and Putnam County in the 94th District, was re-elected to a third term by a 60%-35% margin, over democrat Stephanie Keegan, with 5% voting for President and leaving this election blank.

“Once again, I’m privileged to be able to celebrate a victory with you, and to thank you so very much for your support. I’d also like to thank my opponent, Stephanie Keegan. Even if we disagree on policy, I appreciate the courage it takes to speak up for what you believe in,” said Byrne.

In Westchester, so far, a total of 350,749 vote were cast for President in early voting and day of voting, with 152,810 votes cast in early voting and 197,939 votes on election day. Absentee ballots are still being counted.

It’s Thanksgiving Already?



By Eric W. Schoen

Normally in the week before Thanksgiving, I would be gathering the gifts for my cousins in Mahopac who graciously host my sister and I for a delicious Thanksgiving feast. My cousin Fred likes books, many of them with Jewish themes. My cousin Georgette likes cat related items, mugs, books, as well as kitchen gadgets.

My cousins Steven and Sharon like things they can use for dining and serving including glassware, linen napkins, fancy little napkin ring holders and other items for the table and for use around the house. What I like about them is that they usually incorporate our gifts immediately into their dinner.

One year Easter fell before Passover and I found these nice large egg shaped bowls perfect for preparing and serving mashed potatoes. They were the right size for mashed potatoes for 10-12 people, and they made it so easy to put the hot potatoes in and mash them with butter and cream bringing the dish right to the dining room table.

Cousin Daniel, now in High School loves a science project, a book bag or gym bag for his books or gym items or a warm seater or other garment of clothes. One year I bought him a dart board and darts, and he also like electronics.

We can never forget a gift for their beautiful cat or the big dogs they had for many years. The dogs loved people food and one year we arrived as a dog was munching on the crudites platter which I believe had chopped liver on it. The dogs and cats are part of the family and they were always welcome to enjoy my cousins excellent cooking.

My gifts come in fancy reusable gift bags I would buy at Burlington Coat Factory or TJMaxx or Marshall’s for a dollar each. I might tie them with a ribbon but wrapping gifts is something I don’t do well so why bother trying. This year with the ban on plastic bags the reusable bags would come in pretty handy. And Burlington, TJMaxx and Marshall’s always have bags with designs for every season and for birthdays, anniversaries and other yearly occasions that with a little tissue paper on top and maybe a ribbon look very pretty.

My sister on the other hand loves to perfectly wrap gifts. She is good at it, enjoys doing it, and finishes wrapping the last few gifts as she watches the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade. Every gift has a matching bow and a gift card indicating who it is for.

We usually spend Passover, Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving and Chanukah celebrating with my Mahopac cousins. Quite often cousin Fred’s sister, her husband who is a real Native American and their son join us. Before moving to Mahopac my cousins lived in Sleepy Hollow. How much more traditional can you get then spending Thanksgiving in Sleepy Hollow with a real Native American enjoying a delicious dinner with you?

Not this year. We actually haven’t seen our cousins since last Thanksgiving, and even though we are in touch weekly by phone we miss the personal contact dearly. Passover, Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving and most likely Chanukah will be out of the picture this year.

Dr. Fauci and our health experts recommend limiting your holidays to no more than 10 people with those people individuals you have contact with regularly. And like I hope you and your family, we will follow the directions of our medical professionals. No one wants to take a chance getting sick.

After Thanksgiving dinner was over, we would drive home praying not to encounter deer along the way and take an hour or two nap. Than, I would meet friends (or sometimes go it alone) for Black Friday shopping that would start at midnight. As long as it was not too cold the excitement of the crowds put you in the Christmas/Chanukah spirit.

One year I was waiting in line, the lines separated by cold metal barriers for a 40 inch television set. 40 inches was big at the time, but now for the same price you can get a much larger set at about the same price I paid for my 40 inch one.

Every year I would buy 2 of everything on the front page of the Macy’s Black Friday ad, the items that with rebate would end up costing nothing. Watches, pots and pans, small electronics, holiday sweatshirts, tea shirts whatever was there I would buy to get it for free. Why did I buy 2 of each item? I would send one rebate to my sister and one rebate to myself. So we ended up with 2 of each item for free.

I have a knack for filling out the rebate forms and now that they can be sent electronically over the internet it doesn’t even cost you the price of a postage stamp. Sending the forms electronically also gets the rebate usually in the form of a VISA or MASTERCARD gift card to you sooner.

Most years I would fill out 10 rebates each for my sister and myself, and within a few weeks the gift cards would start rolling in. You have to be a little crazy to go extreme like I did. But it was all part of the holiday fun. Perfumes, watches, tote bags, kids clothing, unless it was something I knew we could not gift I would purchase the item and go through the rebate process.

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Letters to the Editor:

Dear Editor:

Thankfully, President Trump has explained on numerous occasions (and all good Republicans know) that the recent election was "rigged"! He has pointed out that voting by mail is a "total disaster"! That voting early is a "scam" and counting ballots after Election Day is a recipe for "fraud". We know that dead people are voting and illegal aliens are voting multiple times, perhaps thousands! Outrageous! Isn't it interesting that Sheila Marcotte, Kevin Byrne and Rob Astorino – ALL BIG SUPPORTERS OF TRUMP – are winning in a region where Trump has lost? That's because our elections are rigged and fraudulent- as President Trump has so insightfully pointed out! Marcotte, Byrne and Astorino are all benefitting from a scam, fraud rigged election! Thank you Donald Trump for exposing the fraudsters among us!!! Marcotte, Byrne and Astorino are benefitting from a sham election!

Nicholas Kuvach, Shrub Oak

Dear Editor: Toronto Raptors Should Call White Plains Home

The NBA 2020-21 Season opens December 22nd and the League's sole Canadian franchise is looking for an alternate home venue. Canada's strict COVID containment policies are problematic for visiting teams. Toronto wants to play in their home nest--Scotiabank Arena, but the pandemic will not permit such.

The Raptors have considered Kansas City, MO; Seattle; Tampa Bay and Newark, NJ as possible replacements. May I suggest one more?

White Plains, near Westchester County Airport, plenty of lodging and the Westchester County Center, a building with NBA heritage, makes our city a worthy candidate.

In the 1950s every NBA club had a satellite homestead. Two examples, Providence RI served the Boston Celtics, and Hershey PA was the Philadelphia Warriors' base. The NY Knicks came north to the County Center.

The Raptors remedy could be right here.

Very sincerely yours,
John Vorperian,
White Plains

Yorktown Democratic Committee Begins Scheduling Interviews with Potential Candidates

The Yorktown Democratic Committee is interviewing candidates for the November 2021 election for Yorktown Town Supervisor, Highway Supervisor, Town Judge, and two Town Board seats. According to Nominations & Candidate Development Committee Chair Mark Lieberman, "We have identified several potential candidates with whom we are talking, but we always are looking for more people to get involved and bring new strengths to our town government." If anyone is interested, they should contact Mr. Lieberman no later than January 6, 2020 at mark@yorktowndemocrats.com.

Next year's election will be held on November 2, 2021, with a primary, if there were to be one, on the third Tuesday in June. The Yorktown Democratic Town Committee will be considering endorsements at its January or February meeting

Free, In Person Organ Concert



On Sunday, November 22, at 3:00pm, Dr. Sándor Szabó, pictured above, the newly appointed Director of Music, Principal Organist and Choirmaster at Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Pompeii Parish of Dobbs Ferry, will perform an organ concert featuring the best known organ music including Bach's Toccata and Fugue in D Minor, Flight of the Bumblebee, by Korsakov, and more.

Dr. Sándor Szabó is actively engaged as conductor, organist, pianist and harpsichordist around the world. Dr. Szabó was educated in Yugoslavia, and subsequently, he received his Master's degree from the University of Music Arts, Belgrade. Dr. Szabó holds Master's degrees in organ performance and sacred music from Westminster Choir College, New Jersey, where he was awarded the full-tuition Currin scholarship.

In addition, he has earned a DMA in piano performance at Boston University. Currently, Dr. Szabó is Music Director and Conductor of the Oratorio Society of New Jersey and Organist and Choir Director at Temple B'nai Abraham, Livingston NJ.

The Concert is free and donations to support music and community welcome. Masks REQUIRED, Safety Protocols in Place. The Sacred Heart Church, is located at 417 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522. For more information please call (914) 693-0119 or e-mail shrectory@aol.com.

Westchester County Awards \$10 M to Local Businesses, Nonprofits

The Westchester County Office of Economic Development has awarded a total of \$10 million to 262 county-based small businesses and nonprofits facing challenges as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Recipients are located throughout cities, towns and villages in Westchester and include industries such as restaurants/food service; arts, entertainment and recreation; social services; education and more.

The funds are part of Westchester County Business FIRST: Financial Investments for Recovery and a Sustainable Tomorrow, a new grant program designed to offer immediate financial relief to organizations in Westchester County that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

"These are difficult times and we recognized the need to be innovative to support our vital small-business and nonprofit communities," said Westchester County Executive George Latimer. "The tremendous response we received to this grant program is testament to that, and by providing this urgent financial assistance today we can help set the foundation for a sustainable future."

Joining County Executive Latimer today at the awards announcement were owners of two recipient businesses and nonprofits: Maryanne Reda and Karen Bertolacci, owners of Clubhouse Social Stars LLC, an after-school social skills program in Hartsdale; and Mark Morganeli, founder and executive director, and Ellen Prior, associate director, of Jazz Forum Arts.

"Thank you to Westchester County, and particularly the Office of Economic Development, for this generous Business FIRST grant to Jazz Forum Arts. We're so grateful for the recognition that music, especially jazz, matters to Westchester's quality of life during this challenging time," said Prior. "Arts organizations everywhere are suffering, and we are no different. While we've sustained our Westchester audience with livestream shows since the start of the pandemic, this grant will enable us to expand our online capacity - paying for world-class jazz and Brazilian musicians, technical staff and equipment - to provide joy and solace to folks throughout the County."

The grant program, launched in September, was open to businesses and nonprofits with 99 or fewer employees. Eligible entities could apply for up to \$49,000 to cover expenses such as rent or mortgage payments, employee salaries or benefits, working capital, equipment and other COVID-19-related expenses. Applicants needed to meet a number of eligibility requirements and applications were accepted between Sept. 21 and Sept. 30, 2020.

The full list of awardees will be made available once each awardee has signed their grant agreement. The county is working to secure funds for a second round of grants, which is expected to be announced in December. Businesses do not need to submit a second application. The county will authorize additional grant money based on available funds at that time.

The Westchester County Business FIRST grant program is being administered by the County Office of Economic Development through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

"Westchester County values our small businesses and nonprofits and recognizes the many contributions they make here," said Bridget Gibbons, Westchester County's Director of Economic Development. "As 'The Catalyst' for economic growth and vitality, the Office of Economic Development is here to support these organizations and help get our economy back on track."

For more information on available county programs and assistance, visit <https://westchestercatalyst.com/business-first-programs/>.

Notice of Formation of Walking Dunes Consulting, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/29/2020. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: 3 Hidden Spring Lane, Rye, NY 10508. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Arts. Of Org. of Arch & Gable Realty, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/22/20. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 31 Overlook Drive Chappaqua NY 10514. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Ayo Holistic Care, LLC. Filed with SSNY 7/22/2020. 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, P.O. Box 1201, New Rochelle, NY 10802. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of SHLP BERRIAN LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 9/25/20. Office location: Westchester County. NY Sec. of State designated agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and shall mail process to the LLC, c/o Westrock Development LLC, 440 Mamaroneck Ave, Ste N-503, Harrison, NY 10528, the principal business location. Purpose: any lawful activity.

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Thanksgiving Dinner Health Safety Tips

Westchester Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, offered some extra advice to reduce Covid-19 exposure:

Open the windows -- the wider the better and as many as possible -- to promote cross-ventilation.
Run your kitchen exhaust fan.
Keep guests out of the kitchen.
Wash or sanitize hands frequently.
Have your guests wear a mask unless they are eating or drinking.
Avoid passing platters from person to person.

Designate one person with gloved hands to serve buffet style from a central location.

Consider making side dishes in single-serve ramekins and using single service plates and utensils.

Ask your guests to reduce their contacts and potential exposures for the two weeks prior to their visit.

Remind your guests to stay home if they have any COVID symptoms or a fever, are awaiting COVID test results, or are under quarantine or isolation orders.

Have your returning college student limit his or her exposure to others and get tested this week, next week and a day or two before returning home, wear a mask throughout their travel home when around others, whether by plane, train or car, with windows open.

Amler said: "It is especially important to keep uninvited germs out of your holiday meal, so wash your hands thoroughly when you arrive and before you take that first bite. Good hand hygiene can help reduce the risk of flu, Covid-19 and other respiratory illnesses."

At home, when you remove your fresh or defrosted turkey from the refrigerator, do not wash it -- this spreads pathogens onto kitchen surfaces. Fully cook the turkey to kill bacteria that causes foodborne illness.

For more food preparation safety tips, go to www.westchestergov.com/health. SDA Meat & Poultry Hotline: 1-888-MPHotline (1-888-674-6854) USDA-FSIS: Chat live with a food safety specialist in English or Spanish at AskKaren.gov

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 68953/2019 Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, As Owner Trustee On Behalf Of CSMC 2018-RPL1 Trust Plaintiff, vs Arthur Kindle Individually And As Surviving Spouse Of Shirley Kindle A/K/A Shirley A. Kindle If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 445 Franklin Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10553 SBL #: 169.32 - 3145 - 11 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Arthur Kindle Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Lawrence H. Ecker of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Eleventh day of March, 2020 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated July 1, 2008, executed by Arthur Kindle and ESTATE OF SHIRLEY KINDLE AKA Shirley A. Kindle (who died on September 7, 2017, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$356,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 482420347 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on September 9, 2008. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 6, 2010 and recorded on October 28, 2010, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 502983160. The mortgage was subsequently modified on December 30, 2011. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 27, 2014 and recorded on March 6, 2014, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 540593075. The mortgage was subsequently modified on February 16, 2016. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed April 20, 2018 and recorded on April 23, 2018, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 581133048. The property in question is described as follows: 445 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10553 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. 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State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 13, 2020 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 69214

Let's Keep Politics Out of the FDA

By Giulia Pugliese

In September, CEOs from Pfizer, Moderna, and seven other major pharmaceutical companies pledged to "Make clear our on-going commitment to developing and testing potential vaccines for COVID-19 in accordance with high ethical standards and sound scientific principles."

This pledge came amid growing public distrust in a potential COVID-19 vaccine and concerns about threats to the Food and Drug Administration's independence as a regulatory agency. According to one public opinion poll, 50% of Americans indicated an unwillingness to get an FDA-approved COVID-19 vaccine when one becomes available. These numbers pose a problem for public health officials: low vaccination rates will render the vaccine less effective. When asked whether they would agree to get the approved vaccine at no cost to them, only 53% of Democrats and 49% of Republicans said yes.

This is not a Democratic or Republican problem, it's an American problem. Our nation's pandemic response has been plagued by missteps as cases and deaths from COVID-19 continue to grow. We simply cannot afford another misstep that would feed public perceptions that the Food and Drug Administration would be making politically motivated decisions. Partisan agendas have no place in the lab. Americans need assurance that the FDA will continue to operate as an independent agency, collect and analyze data according to existing protocols and standards, and make regulatory decisions free from political pressure.

It is understandable that Americans might distrust the FDA and a future vaccine. In a Morning Consult poll from August 2020, 50% of American adults indicated that they believed that President Trump influenced FDA decisions. In rare bipartisan agreement, 54% of liberals and 52% of conservatives said they believed that Trump influenced the agency's decision-making process.

Even though both liberals and conservatives perceived Trump's influence on FDA decisions, in an August virtual event FDA Chief Dr. Stephen Hahn guaranteed that all vaccine and therapeutics approvals for COVID-19 will be "based on good science and sound data." He added, "Nothing else will be used to guide our decisions." In the weeks that followed, the Trump administration proposed "pre-licensure" for the COVID-19 vaccine, but Hahn denied the suggestion to alter FDA standards.

Concern about external political pressure is not unwarranted. In early September, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar released a memo that barred the FDA and other national health agencies from signing any new rules regarding foods, medicines and other products, including vaccines. Azar wrote in this memo that such power "is reserved to the Secretary." This policy change would undermine FDA officials as they would not get to have the final say. In addition, in October, Azar reportedly expressed his desire to remove Hahn from his position after Hahn insisted that a COVID-19 vaccine meet the FDA's safety standards. Azar's actions prompted Hahn to reiterate his earlier commitment to preserving the agency's autonomy.

As we start getting more accustomed to wearing masks, logging onto Zoom, and practicing social distancing, no one has forgotten the lives we once lived. As the months go by and we transition into colder weather, we will only become more isolated: physically, mentally, and emotionally. Memories of pre-pandemic life seem more and more unattainable.

A COVID-19 vaccine will not bring the pandemic to an end but will be a crucial step toward returning to life as we knew it. If we can preserve public trust in the FDA, then we can build public confidence in the vaccine. Let's focus on giving scientists and FDA officials the time and resources they need to manufacture and approve a safe and effective vaccine.

Giulia Pugliese is a resident of Rockville Centre, New York and an undergraduate student at Providence College majoring in Health Policy and Management. He has family living in Westchester County who are readers of Westchester Rising.

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message," said Spano.

We spoke to Riti after the ceremony, in which he told those in attendance that the salute to our flag "is not a fist or a knee." Many Yonkers Veterans are upset over the BLM painting. I also had concerns and expressed my concerns to those who painted the mural and to the Mayor. But I am here today because it is Veterans Day and I'm a Veteran. Nothing will change that.

But I have heard from other Yonkers Veterans and Veterans groups that they will never participate in another City Veterans event ever again. People are entitled to their opinions," said Riti.

There was no organized Veterans group in Yonkers that publicly called for the boycott, nor any Yonekrs Veterans that we could find on social media talking about any such idea.

But the fact that news crews from Channel 4-WNBC, Channel-7 WABC, and News 12 were all in attendace, and apparently waiting for something other than the regular Veterans Day ceremonies to happens, was an indication to many that something was amiss.

Earlier on Veterans Day, MGM Casino held its first Veterans Day ceremony to dedicate a new Flagpole and a donation from Rolling Thunder, a nationwide Veterans Group., This event had nothing to do with the boycott going on in Yonkers, and we will highlight the MGM Veterans event in next week's paper.

Yonkers Rising has been covering the Veterans Day ceremony on South Broadway for more than 20 years. Usually, hundreds of Veterans are in attendance and their service and our country, are proudly celebrated.

Riti added that the Coronavirus may be another reason why so few veterans attended.

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Notice of formation of JZSY SOLUTION LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 10/5/2020. Office location: WESTCHESTER. SSNY design. agent of LLC upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy to 1109 WASHINGTON AVENUE, PELHAM, NY, 10803. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Legal Notice

Notice of Public Hearing on Appeal Before the Zoning Board of the Village of Tuckahoe New York Notice is Hereby Given that the Zoning Board of Appeals of the Village of Tuckahoe will hold a public hearing on Wednesday evening at 7:30 PM on December 4, 2020, At the Village Hall, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe, NY, to consider the application of Jorge Paiva & Lori Ann Paiva residing at 15 Hollywood Avenue, who appeals the decision of the Building Inspector, who denied the issuance of a building permit to Build a pool deck.

The property is located at 15 Hollywood Avenue and is also known as Section 34 Block 5 Lot 12. 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 written communications to the Village Clerk or the Zoning Board of Appeals, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe NY 10707.

TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

LEGAL NOTICE OF HEARING ON 2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester shall hold its annual budget hearing on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020 to consider the adoption of the Town of Eastchester's 2021 calendar year budget. Said hearing on this Preliminary Budget shall be held at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, NY at 7:00pm.

The salaries of Elected Officials incorporated in said preliminary budget are as follows:

	Each	Total
Supervisor (1)	\$ 98,093.00	\$ 98,093.00
Council Members (4)	\$ 15,831.00	\$ 63,324.00
Judges (2)	\$ 42,545.00	\$ 85,090.00
Receiver Of Taxes (1)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
Town Clerk (1)	\$ 87,605.00	\$ 87,605.00

All residents of the community may present written or oral comments at the above-described place, date and time.

BY THE ORDER OF THE SUPERVISOR AND
THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF
EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK
LINDA LAIRD, TOWN CLERK

Notice of formation of Willow Bend Counseling LLC filed with the SSNY on September 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 Willow Bend Counseling LLC, 351 Manville Rd., Suite 104 Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Just 4 Kids Creations, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/4/20. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Jo-Ann Monroe, 40 E Sidney Avenue, #12B, Mount Vernon, NY 10550. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 80 East, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/01/2020. 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, 80 East Hartsdale Avenue #506, Hartsdale, NY 10530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Shtel LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/28/20. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Allen Shtelmakher, 3721 Marcy Street, Mohegan Lake, New York 10547. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of HOMEMADE BY FK LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 9/15/2020. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Homemade By FK, 35 Pamela Rd, Cortlandt Manor, New York 10567. Purpose: any lawful act or activity

Legal Notice



Wesley Keith Mullings and Laura Mae Thorpe announce the birth of their son Emmanuel James Thorpe at 12:04pm on Friday, the 7th day of March, 2008. Emmanuel James was born at Sound Shore Medical Center of Westchester (Montefiore New Rochelle Hospital) in New Rochelle, New York. Emmanuel James joins his brother, Isaiah Keishon Mullings at three years old. Emmanuel James was inches 17.5 inches long and 6 pounds, 3 ounces. Emmanuel James's maternal grandparents are Laura Mae Thorpe and James Thorpe of Mount Vernon, New York. Emmanuel James's paternal grandparents are Diana Ligon (Dixon) Christmas and Richard Frederick Christmas of Roselle, New Jersey, and Wesley James Mullings of Orange, New Jersey.

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the self sacrifice that is needed in this revived moment of the pandemic. We were warned of this. And it has come true. How we respond to this is really the only question now.

Doctors, clinics and hospitals recognize that more COVID-19 surges are likely to occur. They are working with manufacturers to stock up on equipment, and they are continuing their policies for protecting patients and staff members," said Latimer.

Port Chester continues to be the county's #1 location of positive cases and is now labeled an Orange Zone, with neighboring Rye Brook in a Yellow Zone. Other parts of the county with a large number of positive cases include Yonkers and Mt. Vernon. But with neighboring Connecticut and Putnam County to the north both with high positive rates, all part of the county and its residents should be concerned and careful.

As all of us wait and pray for a Vaccine, we agree completely with the County Executive, who admonished those who are refusing to practice COVID-19 precautions, such as physical distancing, hand-washing and mask-wearing. "I invite you to join us when we have refrigerator trucks of bodies with tote tags on them stacked up in a refrigerated vehicle in one location or another because we do not have the capacity to deal with the number of people that have died within a period of time," Latimer said. "And then tell me what you think your rights should be and shouldn't be when we have dead bodies stacked up like that. I lose my patience with that."

A total of 1,490 Westchester residents have died since March from COVID-19.

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This year I noticed on the front page of the Macy's catalog there are some rebate items but most of them end up costing you something after the rebate! I guess the stores got smart to people like me..

Stores have started their Black Friday sales weeks early to avoid people standing on top of each other at the registers and from getting sick. Many items can be ordered in advance for curbside pickup so you don't even have to set foot in the store. Make sure if it comes with a rebate you get the Correct rebate form and individual receipts. Include the UPC or other code and check off to make sure everything is packaged neatly.

So my friends, this will be a very different Thanksgiving, Chanukah and Christmas most likely too. Maybe things will get back to normal by Passover and Easter. Wear your masks, wash your hands and socially distance. I still see people in stores without masks.shame on them!

I miss spending time in person with cousins Fred, Georgette, Sharon, Steven and Daniel. Pray for an effective vaccine to protect us that will in the not to distant future allow us to celebrate together!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@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.

Bailout from DC, continued from pg 1-

8 months we only did 120 million COVID tests. He (Trump) has given the states no money and no resources... We're broke, we never got a stimulus," said Cuomo.

McConnell has always said that he opposes a "Blue State Bailout" for democratic majority states like New York and California. And McConnell certainly will not vote to repeal the \$10,000 cap on State and local taxes that both he and former Speaker of the House Paul Ryan and President Trump passed in 2017.

Property taxes in Westchester remain the highest in the country, with almost all homeowners paying more than \$10,000 per year in combined, local, school and county property taxes. For those Westchester homes valued at \$1 Million or more, their average property tax bill is \$30,000 per \$1 Million in value. And for most Westchester families who own a home, they can no longer deduct any of their State income taxes because the \$10,000 limit is reached with their property tax bill.

But the recent surge in interest in Westchester homes from families who can afford it moving out of New York City has resulted in an "I don't care" attitude about what a home's property taxes are. "COVID has certainly helped the Westchester real estate market, and at the same time, has hidden the reality of how high property taxes are in some communities. For some families, they just want to get out of the city at any cost," said one local real estate agent.

Governor Cuomo would argue that a bailout from Congress for state governments that lost billions in revenue and had to pay for additional COVID costs are more urgent. Cuomo has delayed any significant cuts in the State budget in the hopes that President Biden would help with a bailout. But President Biden will find any help for New York State or New Yorkers difficult, or impossible with a majority of republicans in the US Senate. That is why all eyes will be on Georgia, and their upcoming election for two US Senate seats that will decide if Mitch McConnell, or New York Senator Charles Schumer is the next Majority Leader.

Several local governments, and County Executive George Latimer, have presented budgets for 2021 with no property tax increase as one way to help Westchester homeowners. The Towns of Greenburgh, Yorktown and Harrison all have proposed 2021 budgets with a 0% tax increase, and combined with a 0% increase from County government, homeowners in those communities have no new tax bills coming until the spring when school budgets are presented.

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veterans," said Feeding Westchester President & CEO Karen C. Erren. "The pandemic has created unprecedented need that isn't limited to certain zip codes or professions. Many are experiencing food insecurity for the first time and, as we enter the holiday season, will require assistance. A number of our senior citizens, for example, rely on help from their families. Because of the pandemic, some will be spending the holidays alone – unable to put food on the table through the winter months."

Stop & Shop's Turkey Express program will deliver nearly 22,000 turkeys to hunger relief organizations this holiday season.

New York-Presbyterian is also working with Feeding Westchester to provide at-risk families in Peekskill and Mt. Vernon with healthy food. The two organizations launched the Food Farmacy Program this month, which provides bags of nourishing, healthy food, and staples to 120 area families.

The 20-pound bag includes whole grains, low-sodium and low-sugar shelf-stable products, and fresh produce. New York-Presbyterian's Food Farmacy Program is a prevention program that addresses food insecurity to help improve health outcomes. Individuals with nutritional needs are referred to the program by a health provider for supplemental foods that best promote health, prevent future illness, and manage chronic health conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

New York-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital is facilitating the food distribution program with Sun River Health in Peekskill, and New York-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital is working with the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Health Center.

"New York-Presbyterian is deeply committed to improving the health and well-being of our patients, our neighbors, and all the communities we serve in Westchester County," said Michael Fosina, MPH, FACHE, President, New York-Presbyterian Lawrence Hospital. "We are thrilled to work with Feeding Westchester to offer this innovative program in areas that have been hard hit as a result of the pandemic."

Feeding Westchester's network of more than 300 partner agencies and programs throughout the county are serving more than 300,000 residents who are hungry each month — more than twice as many as pre-COVID-19. The nonprofit has distributed nearly 16.5 million pounds of food, or 13.8 million meals, in the last year compared to 10.1 million pounds in 2019. Due to the pandemic, Feeding Westchester distributed 123 percent more food from than the same period last year.

In Yonkers, the Eben-Ezer Church of God is continuing its community outreach program creating care packages to aid the homeless and those in need to keep safe and warm this winter season. Now more than ever the homeless community needs your support. Please Consider Donating some of the items listed or \$10 for each Care Package

Donations can be made on their website ebenezer.org/outreach-ministries Items include: Mylar Blankets, Hand Warmers, Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste, A&D Ointment, Chapstick, Hair Pic, Brush, comb, Wide Brush, Nail file, Hand sanitizer, Bladder Ctrl Liners, deodorant, Alcohol Pads, Bacitracin, Band-Aid, Bags, Clear Big Bags, Contractor Bags, Draw String Bags, Sandwich Ziploc bags, Jumbo Ziploc Bags, Clothing/ T-shirts L, M, S, Socks, Nonperishables , Beef Jerky, Peanut Butter.

Items can be mailed to The Eben-Ezer Church, 245 South Broadway P.O. Box 616, Yonkers, NY 10705, or by calling 914-207-5255, or by email at ecog@gmail.com.

If you believe that there are more of our fellow residents who will be hungry this holiday season, one other worthy cause for your consideration is whyhunger.org.

WhyHunger was founded in 1975 by the late musician Harry Chapin and Radio DJ Bill Ayres on the fundamental belief that access to nutritious food is a human right and hunger is a solvable problem in a world of abundance. What began as a simple commitment between two friends to make a difference has grown into a global non-profit, celebrating over 40 years of supporting social movements and grassroots innovations to change the systems, policies and institutions that perpetuate hunger and poverty in our world. WhyHunger has proven that change is possible and that justice can prevail. Please visit whyhunger.org to learn more and to find ways to receive a gift for your donation. And we wish all of you a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

To All Veterans, Thank You for Your Service

Rolling Thunder POW/MIA Chair of Honor Dedicated at MGM-Empire Casino



POW-MIA Chair of Honor at MGM -Empire Casino

Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts commemorated Veterans Day with a flag raising ceremony for the installation of a new flag pole, and the dedication of a Rolling Thunder POW/MIA Chair of Honor, donated by Vietnam veteran Edward O'Neill. The Chair of Honor will be permanently installed inside the valet entrance of Empire City Casino in honor of Veterans of all wars.

The flag raising ceremony for the newly installed flagpole located outside the iconic porte cochere entrance at Empire City was led by members of the Westchester County Police Ceremonial Unit. They raised the flag for the first time as veterans proudly saluted and participants stated the Pledge of Allegiance when the flag reached full staff.

The program included remarks from Chris Kelley, President of MGM Resorts' Northeast Group "The freedoms we enjoy in this country come from great sacrifice," said Kelley. "MGM Resorts has a long history of recognizing, honoring and remembering our military heroes and we are proud to be able to raise this new flag at Empire City, a great symbol of those freedoms, and install this Chair of Honor to ensure we never forget the sacrifices made on our behalf by veterans and their families."

The dedication of the POW/MIA Chair of Honor was performed by local veteran Edward O'Neill. O'Neill is a disabled Vietnam veteran and has served with the non-profit Rolling Thunder Inc. for more than a decade.

The organization was founded by veterans concerned over the lack of attention paid to Prisoners of War/Missing in Action service members from the Vietnam War. The group expanded to over 95 chapters worldwide, focusing on POW/MIA issues from all wars and conflicts, as well as advancing rights and legislation to improve veteran benefits.

O'Neill is also a member of VFP Empire Post 375 of Yonkers and Bejar Post 49 of Armonk, as well as a long-time member of the Disabled Veterans of James J. Peters Medical Center in the Bronx.

"The mission of Rolling Thunder, and my personal mission, is to educate the public about the many American Prisoners of War and Missing in Action service members who have not returned home," said O'Neill. "I am incredibly grateful to MGM Resorts for agreeing to permanently install the Chair of Honor at Empire City Casino in remembrance of our veterans, and thankful for the company's continued dedication to veterans worldwide."

Area veterans from Yonkers VFW Empire Post 375 and Post 1666 attended the event, along with their family members. Military veterans who are now employees of Empire City Casino also attended and led the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the Flag Raising Ceremony.

"We are honored to have our new flag raised for the first time by members of the Westchester County Police Ceremonial Unit, and have this POW/MIA Chair of Honor, which was generously donated by Mr. Edward O'Neill, reside here at Empire City in perpetuity," said Ed Domingo, Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officers of MGM Resorts' Northeast Group. "It is our hope that this Chair of Honor will convey MGM Resorts' deep respect and gratitude to our heroes."

PUBLIC NOTICE

"The Annual Report of the Corporate Angel Network, Inc. for the Year Ending December 31, 2019 is available for inspection during regular Working hours at the principal Office of the Corporate Angel Network, Inc., Westchester County Airport, One Loop Road, White Plains, New York, and will remain available for 180 days from the date of this notice.

A.M. Hoffenberg"

Sgt. Ruby Carlisle-Thomas Inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame



Sgt. Ruby Carlisle-Thomas

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins recently inducted veteran, Sgt. Ruby Carlisle-Thomas of Yonkers into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame.

The coveted honor was announced on Veterans Day, during the NYS Senate's virtual ceremony to recognize distinguished veterans from across New York. To be selected for the esteemed award, individuals must have served in the United States Armed Forces and demonstrated service to their community or accomplishments as a civilian.

The Senate Majority Leader said Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas entered the military as a Morse Code operator in the late 1970's and worked for the National Security Agency (NSA). Due to her strong work ethic and expertise, Carlisle-Thomas was promoted to Sergeant in 1980. She then went on to receive the Army Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior and re-enlisted serving her country in both Germany and Japan because of her needed expertise and intelligence skills.

"Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas joined the army at a time when few women served in its ranks and that makes her a trailblazer," said Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "She worked as Morse Code operator for the NSA and was called upon to re-enlist in Germany and worked on special projects in Japan. We thank Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas and every veteran for their service to our country and for keeping us safe, here at home."

"I am honored to have been inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame and to receive recognition from Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins," said Sgt. Ruby Car-Thomas. "Senator Stewart-Cousins goes above and beyond to recognize veterans, and this comes at a time when we need more of that, I cannot thank her enough. From a very young age, I wanted to serve my country, and I tell people that can be done in the armed forces or right here in your own community."

After Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas completed her military service in 1988, she did not stop serving. Now, she devotes her time to helping other veterans through a ministry at her church and runs a prison ministry for incarcerated young men. Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas continues to volunteer in Yonkers and was an integral part of the community's effort to feed those in need.

"Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas, like many veterans has really given back to her community. She is most deserving of this esteemed honor from the NYS Senate," said Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "The Senate Majority continues to work on improving the quality of life for our veterans with opportunities like this to honor their service, and legislatively we continue to fight to protect the benefits and services veterans deserve and have earned."

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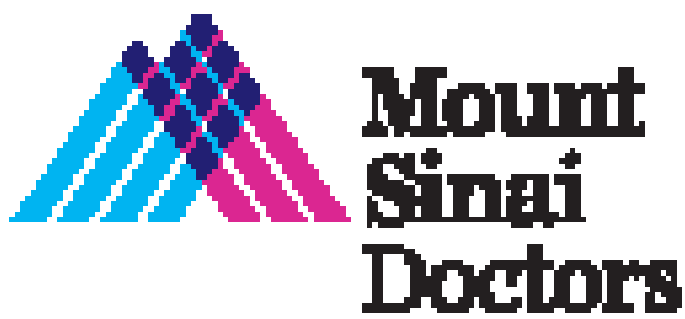
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