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Greenburgh & Yorktown Propose 0% Tax Increase Budgets for 2021

Feiner and Slater Deliver Relief

"I believe it is inappropriate to recommend any increases in salaries during a crisis in which so many Greenburgh residents are out of work,"

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner

"Today I proposed a tentative budget that cuts property taxes by 0.5%. This will protect home owners and taxpayers and is key to our plan to grow our Town economy out of this crisis," **Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater**

By Dan Murphy

As local Westchester governments begin the process of submitting their budgets for the 2021 fiscal year, two Town governments have been able to propose budgets with a 0% property tax increase. The Town of Greenburgh, led by Supervisor Paul Feiner, and the Town of Yorktown, led by Supervisor Matt Slater, gave good news for their taxpayers in their proposed 2021 budgets.

"It has been evident for quite some time that Federal, State and Local governments across every region of our Country are struggling with increased cost and decreased revenue, due to the economic impact of the COVID 19 Pandemic. These extraordinary fiscal factors require municipal leadership to identify every conceivable budgetary option available, as a means of ensuring the safety and comfort of our constituencies, through the continuation of the high level of services which our residents deserve," said Supervisor Feiner.

"At the same time, many of our neighbors have lost their jobs, or have experienced decreases in salary and benefits, as their employers attempt to keep their businesses operating during this extremely difficult period. A simple "drive-by" view of our major retail corridors, Central Ave, Route 119, Saw Mill River Road and others, reflects far too many "For Rent" signs and shuttered stores and restaurants, many which may never reopen.

"The budget I will be proposing for 2021 projects no increase in property tax. In addition, the budget, as proposed, does not include any salary increases for elected officials. In most past years, salary increase rates for elected officials mirrored the percentage of those of CSEA Union members. However, I believe it is inappropriate to recommend any increases in

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Are Students Without Laptops Using Phones to Try and Learn?



Christine Peters, with her daughter Eden, is leading an effort to raise funds and collect laptops and Chromebooks for YPS students in need

By Dan Murphy

A parents group and the Yonkers Superintendent continue to disagree as to whether most of the YPS' 28,000 students have a laptop, computer or chromebook to use at home so that they can participate and continue their education online through COVID.

YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada recently commented in a Journal News story that 1,900 students were in need of a device, and the district was waiting for a shipment of 3,700 chromebooks that have been ordered and paid for.

Carolyn Solieri and Christine Peters, from Yonkers Parents Seeking Solutions, YPSS, question Quezada's figures and still want more information, including how many students that the district identified as attending class are doing so on a phone and not a computer, how many families with multiple children-students are sharing a computer while classes are in session, and how many students and families have no internet service.

The goal of YPSS is to raise awareness of the need for devices and internet in the hopes that the Yonkers Community and corporations and foundations across Westchester will come forward with donations.

Based on recently released figures from the YPS to the City Council, over 90% of YPS students are attending school with hybrid or all remote instruction. Peters and YPSS claims that many students are logging into school with a phone and doing little else, because they don't have a computer.

Shortly after YPSS hired noted Civil Rights attorney Michael Sussman to write a letter to both Superintendent Quezada and Mayor Mike Spano about the inability for many YPS students to learn online, members of the City Council received information on estimates from the school district on who has computers, who needs computers and who is attending classes.

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The Election is Over, & the Counting Continues



above, Trump supporters stop traffic on the Cuomo-TZ Bridge. below, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins encouraging residents to vote early.



By Dan Murphy

More Americans turned out for the election of 2020 than ever before, and Westchester voters were no exception to the enthusiasm. In 2016, more than 400,000 Westchester voters cast a ballot for President.

So far more than 152,810 Westchester voters have cast their ballot through early voting and by absentee ballot. Usually, we have results for our readers based on the totals election night, but with so many absentee ballots yet to be counted, we can't report on the few local races that are close, because those same absentee ballots will likely tip the balance.

County Executive George Latimer commented on "An amazing turnout of Westchester residents - 152,810 - voting early in 17 locations over 9 days. Top five finish in the state, far better than last year and over 36% of the total vote in the 2016 Presidential Race.

"Among the biggest Counties in the State outside of NYC, we were third in total votes - ahead of Suffolk for example, which has many more people. As a % of total registered voters, we were 2nd among all the other large counties including NYC. .

"Credit the BoE for extending hours and adding resources to help

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The Elections are Over and the Holidays are Here



Pop up skating rink coming to Cross County Center

By Dan Murphy

Almost immediately after Halloween, and Election Day, the Holiday season arrived in Westchester, and perhaps we all need it after this year. We start our Holiday news with: The Cross County Center is getting ready to deck the halls to get shoppers in the holiday spirit by introducing a new 44 foot tall Christmas Tree that guests can walk-thru!

"Shopping and entertainment has changed a great deal in 2020 and we are grateful to the community who have supported us throughout this pandemic," said Liz Pollack, Senior Marketing Manager at Cross County Center. "We are thrilled to offer our customers a safe and memorable holiday experience for families, while still following proper guidelines and safety protocols."

CROSS COUNTY CENTER HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS INCLUDE:
New Holiday Tree: November 13-December 31, 2020

You don't have to travel far to get into the holiday spirit. Cross County Center will offer a real NYC Christmas experience with the debut of a new 44 foot tall holiday tree that shoppers can actually walk-thru. The tree is composed of over 20,000 LED lights (about 2 miles of strands!) that will be located in the center of the outdoor shopping center surely

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Toys for Tots Finds an Angel *But they still need your help*



Last month, we reported on our friends at Toys for Tots, Westchester, and their need to find a new facility to continue their good work for the upcoming holiday season. We are happy to report that they have found an Angel, who have come forward to provide a facility where Toys can be collected and distributed. Steven & Sharon Zukerman, owners of “Life the place to be”, 2 Lawrence Street, Ardsley have donated 2,500 square feet of space.

Step one has been accomplished, but other ways that you can help include: To become a drop off location: <https://bit.ly/2IliM4T>. Credit Card Donations: <https://bit.ly/3iCmIKO>

Checks: The Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, an IRS recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit charity is the fund raising, funding and support organization for the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program. Donations are recognized as deductible for tax purposes. Checks should be made payable to “Toys for Tots.” and mailed to Toys for Tots P.O. Box 1207, White Plains, NY 10602-1207.

We also have an some contactless options: Amazon Wish List: Visit our Amazon Wish List at <https://amzn.to/36IFzI9>, items purchased from the list are shipped to Toys for Tots Westchester.

TP Toys (New Rochelle): A long time Toys for Tots supporter, TP toys has an online web site. Visit TP Toys at: <https://www.tptoysandaccessories.com> . Please select the “Ship Option” and during check out, select Toys for Tots.

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Westchester Movie Theaters Open Hollywood Needs to get us new Movies ASAP



Movie theaters across New York state got the green light from Governor Andrew Cuomo to open last week. One of the problems with getting customers off their couches and back into theaters is the lack of new movies coming out of hollywood.

Movies like WonderWoman 1984, pictured above, have been delayed until Christmas for its movie theater premier. When movie theaters dimmed their lights due to the global pandemic, our homes became a cinema in the time of coronavirus, with certain films made available on VOD or to stream much earlier than expected. Other movies, like Black Widow, Ghostbusters: Afterlife, and Pixar’s Soul and Tenent have been delayed until 2021.

Some of us are willing to go back to the theaters, as a simple date night, or just to get out of the house, but I won’t go see Ferris Buehler or some of the other greatest hits. Haven’t we watched every great old movie while we were under stay at home? I have also had enough of microwave popcorn.

Two good movies that you can see in Theaters soon is Hillbilly Eligy and Mank. Netflix will try to keep us at home by featuring Coming to America--2 next month. The War with Grandpa, starring Robert DeNiro is now playing at your local theater, but I can’t recommend it.

To think about it another way, going back to the movies will help give someone their job back. Unfortunately, some movie theaters that closed for COVID will not re-open, including United Artists at the Cortlandt Town Center, which was the closest theater to me. Now I will be traveling to Carmel or Danbury if we get a good set of movies this holiday season from Hollywood.

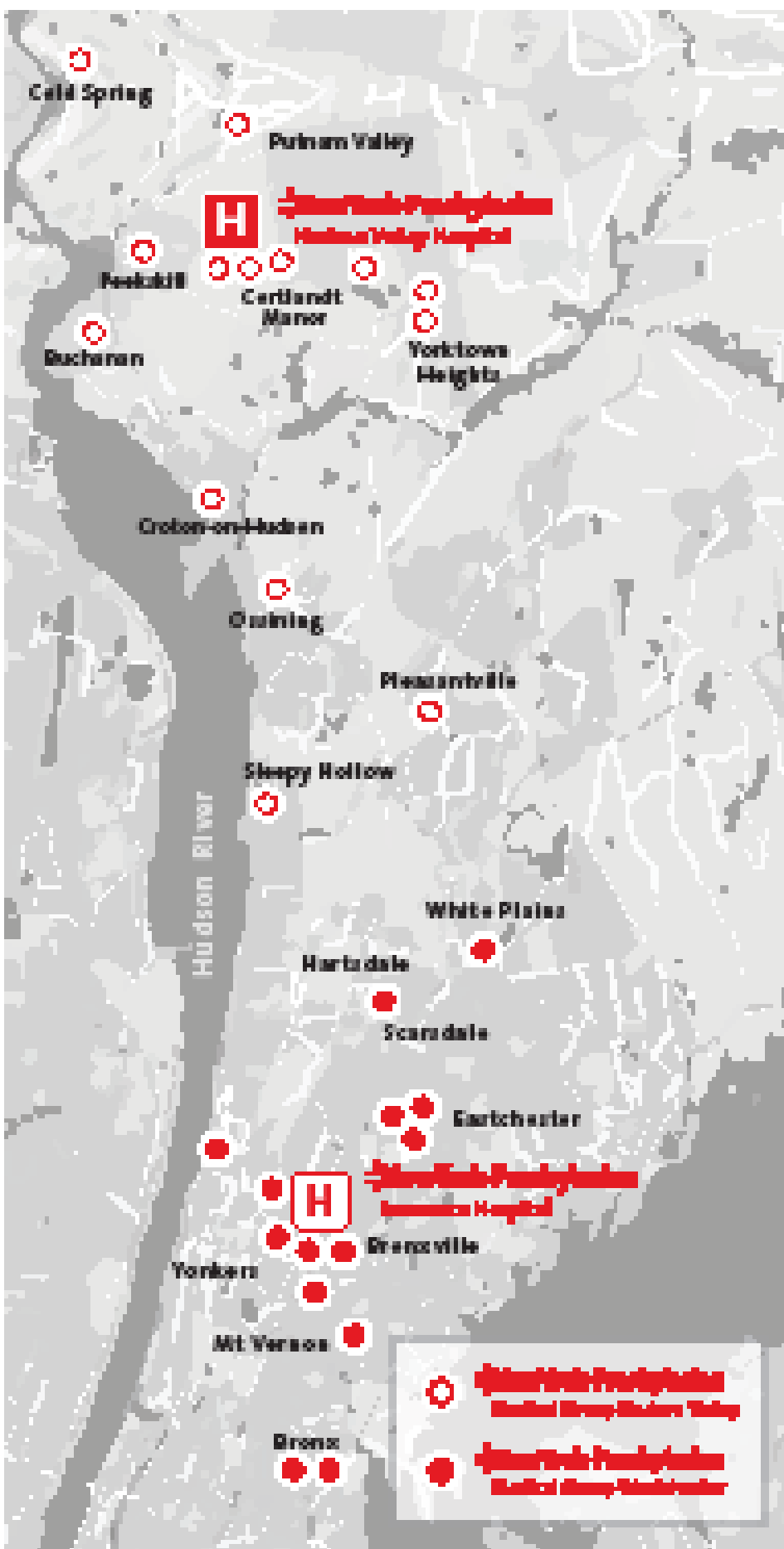
New Law Requires You to Put Your Seat Belt on in the Backseat



Senator David Carlucci’s law (S.4336), requiring all passengers buckle up in the back seat took effect on Nov. 1. Now, adult passengers along with the driver can be ticketed \$50 if not wearing their seat belt. The new law also applies to adult passengers of ride sharing services like Uber and Lyft, outside of New York City.

Senator David Carlucci (D-Rockland/Westchester) said, “The simple fact is that seat belts save lives and prevent tragedies. It does not matter your age or where you sit in the vehicle. We want to raise awareness about the new law, and make sure people buckle up.

It is a common misconception by many adults that they do not have to wear their seat belt in the back seat because they think it is safer. However, AAA Northeast found an unbelted rear seat passenger in a vehicle accident is two times more likely to be killed, eight times more likely to be seriously injured, and two times more likely to kill a front seat occupant by becoming a projectile. In New York State, over the last decade, 296 people over the age of 16 have been killed, while unrestrained in the back seat of a motor vehicle.



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New Swing Sets for Mamaroneck's Columbus Park



Left to Right: Jerry Barberio, Barry Casterela, Phil Oldham, Steve Otis, Tom Murphy, Jirandy Martinez, Diane Oldham, Sen. Shelley Mayer.

Community groups have come together to clean-up and bring new playground swings to Mamaroneck's Columbus Park. Two new swing sets will be opened at a Columbus Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday, November 7th at 10:00am.

The new "Expression Swing" from GameTime is designed to promote intergenerational adult & child play. Both swing sets were funded through the Village's Recreation Trust.

The project began with an idea by resident, Pereese Jackson. The Community Resource Center brought the project to the Village, who approved the project, to be carried out by Village's Parks & Recreation Department.

The CRC worked together with a group of students from Iona College on a Survey in English & Spanish on additional uses for Columbus Park. The project brought in additional partners - the Larchmont Mamaroneck Lions & Leos, the Girl Scouts and the Mamaroneck Chamber of Commerce.

The ribbon cutting ceremony follows an October 24 park clean-up & beautification by the partners.

Also, on October 24th, Mamaroneck resident Jarrett Winchester led the creation of a beautiful Black Lives Matter Mural along the northern border of Columbus Park

Columbus Park, located north of the Mamaroneck Metro North Train Station is one of the Village's 14 parks and is maintained by the Village's Parks & Recreation Department. The Columbus Park project is the first step in the community wide review of further improvements to the Village parks.

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Or just call or message Steve Topilnycky Coordinator Toys for Tots - Westchester or Kelly Topilnycky, 914-263-0840, Toys for Tots: <https://westchester-county-ny.toysfortots.org>. Facebook: <https://facebook.com/t4twestchester>. Please help them make a young child's life a litter better this holiday season.

Dewey Defeats Truman



By Eric W. Schoen

No friends, I haven't lost it. When you have an early deadline on Election Day where the President of the United States is, as they say in boxing the main card, you want to give your readers every bit of information you have on what's going on.

Most of us were not alive to remember it but that was the erroneous banner headline on the Chicago Tribune the day after Election Day in 1948. The race ended up the other way around with the incumbent President Harry Truman winning.

Why was the headline wrong? For about a year prior to the 1948 election, the printers who operated the linotype machines, a composing machine producing lines of words as strips of metal at the Chicago Tribune and other Chicago papers had been on strike, in protest of the Taft-Hartley Act. The Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, better known as the Taft-Hartley Act, is a United States federal law that restricts the activities and power of labor unions. It was enacted by the 80th United States Congress over the veto of President Harry S. Truman, becoming law on June 23, 1947.

Around the same time, the Tribune had switched to a method by which copy for the paper was composed on typewriters (you remember them!) photographed, and then engraved onto the printing plates. This process required the paper to go to press several hours earlier than usual causing the mistake.

Rest assured friends, you will get no prediction on who won the extremely close 2020 Presidential Election from me.

As we wait for the results which, as we saw in Bush vs. Gore can take several days or weeks, what better time to feast on an Election Cake. Election Cake is a yeast-leavened sweet bread reminiscent of an old-fashioned coffee ring. Many years ago, it was an American tradition that after voting and exiting the polls, each voter would receive a slice of Election Cake.

The first recipe for American Election Cake appears in 1796 in the first U.S. cookbook, Amelia Simmons' American Cookery. You can read more about the history of the cake on the web page of the New England Historical Society. As we wait for the Presidential results, I think this cake is something we should make fashionable again to enjoy with our eyes glued to the television screen and radio.

Sadly, the Election parties where candidates supporters gather awaiting results won't be occurring this year due to Covid. They are exciting events as poll watchers bring in the results on sheets of paper and the sheets are tallied. With everything electronic we now simply turn on News 12 or listen on the radio or internet or watch the Board of Elections website for the latest results.

The Early Voting this year went as well as could have been expected. This was the first year it was used in a Presidential Election which of course brings larger numbers of people to the polls. Some of the lines, some 2-3 hours plus were partially as a result of social distancing. But the bottom line next Presidential election is that Boards of Elections will need to bring more machines to the early voting sites.

And despite excellent pay (or better pay than in prior years), with Covid it was hard to get Election Inspectors, the individuals who sign you in and monitor the scanning machines that you put your ballot into. The Election Inspectors have a long day, are quite often situated in less than ideal environments with Covid making the job that much more difficult and dangerous. So let's give a big hand and hearty congratulation and thank you to those who manned the polls.

There is a proposal in Albany that would require counties throughout New York State to open at least one early voting location for every 25,000 voters. Under current state law, counties are required to have one site per 50,000 voters, but no county is required to have more than seven locations. In New York City, the legislation would more than double the 88 polling locations the city originally opened for early voting this year

I don't know if you need as many machines for non-presidential elections where turnouts particularly in local election years can be quite low, but we can't have people waiting in the rain and cold as we had this year for hours to vote.

As I said last week, I hark for the good old days with the lever machines, poll workers using big books to sign you in, and candidates showing up at the polls with boxed cookies or cake. I would always tell the candidate I worked for to put a sticker on the box that said, 'Thank You Poll Workers for A Great Job! Harry Truman-Candidate for President.' The poll workers should remove the sticker if the cookies or cake sat out in the open.

Many did not. So you go to vote, you see a nice candidate brought the workers a nosh, and if you hadn't made up your mind it was a last minute push to get you to vote for the respective candidate. The secrets you learn participating in the process year after year!

I would like to have had the Board of Elections send I VOTED stickers when they received my mail in ballot to not only prove I voted but also that they re-

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Fall Farm Weekend is Here: Nov. 7-8 in Yorktown



The first annual Yorktown Fall Farm Weekend will be held on November 7 and 8. The farm weekend unites eight agricultural producers, the last vestiges of Yorktown's rural past. One of the farms, White Oak Farm, is the only commercial maple syrup producer in Westchester County. Hemlock Hill Farm has produced beef, poultry and lamb for thousands of families since 1949.

Eight local businesses are participating. They are: Wilkens Fruit & Fir Farm, 1335 White Hill Road, Yorktown Heights. Hemlock Hill Farm and Market, 500 Croton Avenue, Cortlandt Manor. The Meadows Farm, 329 Underhill Avenue, Yorktown Heights. Fable From Farm to Table, 1311 Kitchawan Road, Ossining. Hilltop Hanover Farm Environmental Center 1271 Hanover Street Yorktown Heights. Thompson Cider Mill, 355 Blinn Road, Croton-on-Hudson. White Oak Farm, 680 Croton Lake Road, Yorktown Heights. Stuarts Apple Fruit Farm, 62 Grande Spring Road, Granite Springs.

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. 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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. 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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

Briarcliff Manor Mayor Says Stop Oversize Trucks from Route 9A



A year ago this week, Briarcliff Manor and Ossining officials joined by police, fire and emergency services personnel gathered on the edge of the heavily travelled Route 9A for a news conference. They emphatically called on the State Department of Transportation (DOT) to undertake a full-scale study of how the highly dangerous, outmoded highway could be re-designed to meet modern safety standards. A year later, they are still waiting.

Briarcliff Mayor Steve Vescio, a lifelong village resident and volunteer fireman who has seen the 9A carnage from the front lines, has led the charge to get the state to focus on the winding 89-year-old highway. Built as a parkway it now handles a full array of large-scale truck and commercial traffic. The most dangerous sections of the overtaxed road are in the two communities.

He said that while the commitment to a comprehensive study has not been made, there has been some small movement in the right direction. "A year ago, we got the effort off to a good start," he said. "State Sen. David Carlucci attended the news conference and followed up by introducing a bill in the Senate calling for the DOT to conduct the study. That bill is now being handled by Sen. Peter Harckham. Unfortunately, companion legislation has not been introduced in the State Assembly, and that's something we need to push for."

He added that while the DOT has acknowledged that a study is called for, it maintains that it lacks the necessary funding and has not made the 9A study a priority. He noted that since the 9A issue was raised, DOT crews have accelerated routine maintenance, notably quicker replacement of damaged guardrails and median barriers which pose a threat to motorists, which addresses a chronic safety problem. However, the big picture problems remain.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has had a major impact on traffic volumes," the Mayor said, "with volume off by 90 percent in March and April. This has led to fewer accidents. However, the volume has been steadily increasing since then and this fall has started growing significantly. And with that, we are seeing an uptick in accidents and near accidents. We also should not ignore factors such as the Amazon regional warehouse that will open near Elmsford and other new commercial businesses that will add to the truck traffic, and the expected surge in new housing construction across the lower and mid-Hudson Valley region that will further add to the traffic load. Route 9A is a vital transportation link for a very large area and that isn't going to change."

At the heart of the Route 9A safety issue is that it was designed as the Briarcliff-Peekskill Parkway in the late 1920s. The four traffic lanes for cars are very narrow, and the overpasses are so low that even modest-sized trucks are forced the dangerously shift to the passing lane in order to clear the low heights. The 1928 Pleasantville Road bridge over 9A, for example, has a right lane clearance of just 10 feet - 10 inches, is situated on a curve and has rock outcroppings just inches from the edge of the pavement.

Looking at the coming months and year, the mayor said he fully recognizes that the uncertainties and financial impacts resulting from the pandemic pose challenges to all levels of government. "At the same time, the cost of a study is small in terms of overall budgets. This is when to develop a comprehensive plan so that as the as the economy recovers, we will literally have a roadmap for how to proceed with improving the safety of this vital highway, preventing injuries and saving lives. I am committed to working to get this done."

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these individual's salaries, including my own, during a crisis in which so many Greenburgh residents are out of work or have diminished income," said Feiner who said that the a projected shortfall of \$1.85 Million in Sales Tax Revenue, \$650,000 in Hotel Tax Revenue, and \$400,000 in town court revenues, made balancing the 2021 budget a more difficult task. Capital budgets were deferred and new hiring will be limited to essential positions.

In Yorktown, Supervisor Matt Slater's first budget is a great one for homeowners and taxpayers. Slater's proposed 2021 budget, cuts property taxes by 0.5%. "Today I proposed a tentative budget that cuts property taxes by 0.5%. This will protect homeowners and taxpayers and is key to our plan to grow our Town economy out of this crisis," said Slater on October 26, in a Zoom call with the Town Board.

Yorktown also faces revenue shortfalls from COVID and the economic slowdown. Slater totalled the lost revenues in 2020 at \$5.5 Million in reduced recreation fees, court fees, sales tax and state aid.

Slater has proposed making budget cuts including reducing spending on equipment, salaries and medical and retirement costs. At the same time, Yorktown has continued to see an interest and increase in development, especially in the commercial sector. "Yorktown is in a strong position to keep this momentum going in 2021. As we see other state and local governments struggle with deficits, Yorktown has averted a fiscal crisis. We can expect more investors to notice our fiscal responsibility and take greater interest in our community," said Slater.

Supervisor Slater, in Northern Westchester, and Supervisor Feiner, in mid Westchester, one republican and one democrat, have both shown that it is possible to balance local budgets, even during COVID, without raising property taxes.

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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.

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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.

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“Notice is hereby given that a license, NUMBER PENDING, for liquor, beer, cider and wine has been applied for by the undersigned to sell liquor, beer, cider, and wine at retail in a club under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 523 S Fulton Ave, Mount Vernon NY 10550 in Westchester County for on premises consumption. Fulton Lounge Inc“

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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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That information was shared with YPPS and they shared it with Yonkers Rising.

Before COVID, YPS overall attendance was 93.7%. During the first week of class in 2020 during COVID, YPS attendance was between 85%-90%, and during the same time, (Sept. 8-15), more than 6,000 students were absent at least once, and only 360 students have had no activity at all. Less than 58 students have been absent for 20 days in a row or have not logged in at all.

Out of the 6,002 students who were absent, 45% requested a tech device, and 41% of those students received one, leaving 1,714 students in need of a device, according to YPS records. The district also cited data which found that most students are using Microsoft team and logging into class, with 97% of K-8 students, more than 23,000, logging in.

The district ordered 4,000 new devices on July 20 and has received on 300 of them, due to a nationwide shortage as every school district across the country seeks more for their students.

Both Peters and Solieri either dispute the information cited by Dr. Quezada, or want more information, specifically about students forced to use cell phones for online learning.

“This week, Dr. Quezada was asking the Council to bond another \$2 Million for more devices. Why do the taxpayers need to pay for another \$2 Million in devices if there are only 1,900 students who need one and 3,000 more devices already purchased that we are waiting for? That doesn't make sense,” said Peters.

“These figures are not credible when we are getting calls from parents, some of who have 4 or 5 students in their family and one device isn't enough. How is each child supposed to attend their class and learn?” said Solieri.

Peters said that information on how many students are using cell phones for online learning is still needed. “My daughter, who is in the 2nd grade, cannot learn on a cell phone and no one should be in the circumstance. The screen is way too small to see and to complete some of the assignments from their teachers. I know that we have families using one cell phone to log in for attendance but the learning part isn't happening. And the district has provided no breakdown of how many students are forced to use a cell phone. We want those numbers because just logging in for attendance isn't enough.”

Also unresolved is the issue of families without Internet. Both Peters and Solieri believe that more than one thousand families do not have internet in their homes to help their children learn online. Internet provider Altice is said to have offered a reduced rate of \$7 per month for families in need, but there has been no conclusion.

Peters also wants to go to foundations and corporations to ask for devices but explains that she can't without a documented need. And with Superintendent Quezada now on the record that the district doesn't need any devices, its back to square one.

Editor's Note: We understand the difficulty of educating during COVID, and the financial constraints on the Yonkers Public Schools. What we had hoped for was an effort to ask the public, and corporate america, and community organizations and non-profits to help and step up and contribute funding or refurbished devices, to make sure that every student who needs a laptop or Chromebook has one.

The only people doing this are Christine Peters, Carolyn Solieri and other members of YPSS, including Declan Dorian, Gail Baxter and Zafiro Acevedo. We applaud their efforts and will continue to report on their progress.

Anyone who wants to help or donate can contact YCAP.org. Donations can be made online, or if you want to mail a check please send to YCAP, 20 South Broadway, Yonkers NY 10701.

Or please write to Yonkers Rising and we will put you in touch with Peters and Solieri. Email us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

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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.

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HHV Celebrates The 200th Anniversary of “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” With 2 Films



Historic Hudson Valley has reimagined Washington Irving’s “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow” with two new interpretations that debuted on Halloween. The Misadventures of Ichabod Crane, featuring Master Storyteller Jonathan Kruk, (pictured above) adapts Historic Hudson Valley’s Irving’s ‘Legend’ event for at-home viewing. Filmed in Sleepy Hollow’s Old Dutch Church, this dramatic performance immerses audiences in Washington Irving’s legendary tale and is recommended for ages 6 and up. The Legend of Sleepy Hollow: A Shadow Puppet Film is an enchanting, family-friendly adaptation featuring the artistic wizardry of author-illustrator David Hyde Costello and the spellbinding voice of poet Malik Work. Both films are also available on-demand on Historic Hudson Valley’s YouTube channel. To learn more, visit hudsonvalley.org.

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ceived my ballot. Something to think about in the future.

Everyone from the Governor on down moans and groans about how poorly the election process works. They want to professionalize the Board of Elections taking politics and patronage out of The Board and bringing in professionals or civil servants running the operation. These moans and groans are as old as time, and as long as the decision as to who will run the elections is made by politicians politicians will run the Boards of Elections.

In Westchester until recently you had both Board of Elections Commissioners as chairs of their respective county political parties. Frankly this poses a conflict of interest and should never be allowed to happen.

Its sad to see New York City stores boarding up their beautiful windows in fear that there will be rioters and looters in the streets no matter who wins the election. Come on folks we are better than that! These poor stores were closed for months due to Covid and they need to earn back every dollar they can. No matter who wins the Election you still have to pay taxes and they are still going to go up. Sad to see some of the finest restaurants in New York City and Westchester close their doors in fear of looters on Election Day.

CNN has anchors, producers and staff scheduled round the clock for the next few days because they think the election will be close and they want to be there when one candidate claims victory and the other candidate concedes. Friends I think it’s going to be a long couple of days before we know the true winner.

But one thing we all can be sure of. Truman defeated Dewey in 1948! Take that to the bank!

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.



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handle the tremendous demand to vote. Well done. It was shaky in the beginning... but in fairness things got a lot better quickly thereafter. I visited six of the voting sites to distribute free surgical masks: Greenburgh, New Rochelle, East Yonkers, Mt. Vernon, Mamaroneck and Harrison; earlier during the week I stopped by Dobbs Ferry, Somers, Pound Ridge and Ossining.

“I saw in the pouring rain, people huddled under umbrellas against the wind, waiting, waiting to vote. What it all means won’t be clear for a few days... but in conversation, people asserted how intent they were in voting this year. Large numbers, deeply committed to voting. Bravo to those as well who gave out free water, sandwiches, soup. An election like no other in my lifetime. And more drama is yet to come,” wrote Latimer.

What we can report on is that Westchester County voters now have two new members of Congress. In the 17th District, (mid-northern westchester and rockland county) Mondaire Jones easily won election after winning the democratic primary in June. Jones defeated four opponents on Nov. 3, republican Maureen McArdle Schulman, conservative Yehudis Gottesfeld, Joshua Eisen (ECL Party), and Michael Parietti, SAM.

And in the 16th Congressional district, (mid-lower westchester and the bronx) Jamaal Bowman easily won election after winning the democratic primary June 23. Jones will replace Nita Lowey in January, while Bowman replaces Eliot Engel.

Mimi Rocah was also elected to become Westchester’s next District Attorney in 2021. And State Senator Shelley Mayer also won her re-election to serve in the 37th District.

Races that will have to be determined by absentee ballots, which we will report on next week include the State Senate race in the 40th District between Sen. Peter Harckhman and Rob Astorino, and the Eastchester Town Board race between Sheila Marcotte and Tara Conte. Astorino and Marcotte are leading n both races.



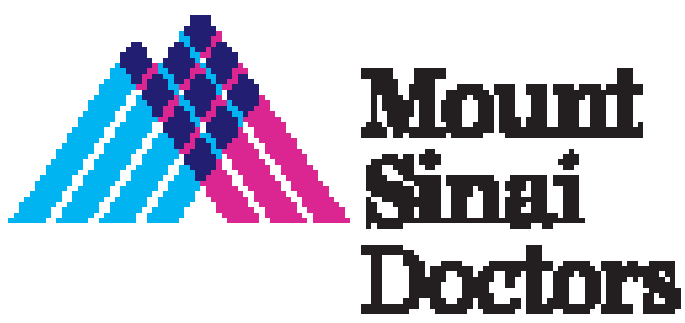
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