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## We Need Two Party Government: Send Astorino & Marcotte Back



**Rising Media Group endorses Rob Astorino, left, for State Senate District 40, and Sheila Marcotte for Eastchester Town Board.**

**By Dan Murphy**

We can no longer say that Election Day is November 3 because voters in Westchester, and across the country, have been voting early and by absentee ballot for the past two weeks. So, let us say that the final day for Westchester voters to cast a ballot is November 3.

Here in Westchester there are very few competitive races, and the long lines that you see are to cast a vote for President. But two elections in the county deserve your attention, in northern and southern Westchester.

The biggest, local race in Westchester is for State Senate, in the 40th District, which includes much of northern Westchester and Putnam and Dutchess counties. Democratic State Senator Peter Harkham is being challenged by former Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino.

Senator Harkham is finishing his first term while Astorino is attempting a political comeback after losing a third term for County Executive in 2017, during a “Blue Wave” of democratic, progressive support.

In this contest, Astorino and Harkham are running in a district that is more Red than Westchester County. President Trump won the 40th State Senate district in 2016 and he will likely win it again on November 3.

Harkham, and the Democratic State Senate Committee, have dropped a

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## We Endorse: Senator Shelley Mayer



**State Senator Shelley Mayer**

State Senator Shelley Mayer has moved beyond her representation of Yonkers to become one of Westchester’s most most respected, and effective, elected officials, and we proudly endorse her for re-election to State Senate in the 37th District on November 3.

Prior to her election to the State Senate, Mayer served in the Assembly representing Yonkers. She was not well known outside of Westchester’s largest City until her first election for State Senate three years ago in the 37th district, where she campaigned across the Sound Shore, Eastchester, and North Castle to become as one Westchester democrat described her “a rock star.”

In addition to serving her constituents and always being present at meetings across the district and responsive to their needs, Senator Mayer serves as the powerful education Chair in the Senate, and has worked with Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins to form a team as a pair of Senators from Westchester who are serving the needs of their community better than anyone else could.

We appreciate Senator Mayer’s opponent, Dr. Liviu Saimovici, for stepping forward to run and to make sure that the issues important to the district are discussed. We have far too many state legislators representing Westchester who do not get challenged for re-election.

Dr. Liv is a good, decent man, serving our community during COVID as a medical professional. He also has a compelling life story of coming to this country from Romania. He also has a compelling life story of coming to this country from Romania. He also has a compelling life story of coming to this country from Romania.

But we find Mayer’s unique talent of being thoughtful, articulate and knowledgeable of both the issues affecting her district, and the way in which Albany works so that she can deliver for her communities, as a benefit to the 37th District.

Thank you for your service, Sen. Mayer, we look forward to seeing it continue.

## Thousands of Westchester Voters Cast Early or Absentee Ballots



**Westchester voters Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds, voted by absentee ballot above, while long lines for early voting in Yonkers had some bringing a chair along for the 2 hour wait. Photo below by Robert**



**By Dan Murphy**

Early voting started here in Westchester County on October 24. Prior to that, registered voters in Westchester could vote by absentee ballot. On October 23, Westchester’s Hollywood power couple, Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds voted by absentee ballot in their home town of Pound Ridge.

Reynolds, who was born in Canada, cast his first vote in the USA in 2002. His wife, Blake Lively joked on Instagram, “It was Ryan’s first time. He was understandably scared. It all happened so fast. Like, REALLY fast. He wept. I pretended to weep. Then he called all his friend, #voteearly.”

Reynolds also posted on Instagram, “This is my first time voting in America. I’d like to thank my wife Blake for making my first time so gentle and loving. It was super scary at first, then exciting and now I’m a little tired. But proud. #VoteEarly”

The couple used their voting to underscore the ease in which Westchester voters can cast their vote this year by absentee ballot, and either drop off the ballots at the Board of Elections or mail them in, or drop them off at any of the early voting locations listed below.

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## Westchester’s Safe Halloween Guide



**A haunted house in Dobbs Ferry, photo by Robert Kalfus**

**By Camryn Sanchez**

Halloween in Westchester this year will be like no other, and with parents looking to find the safest Halloween experience for their children, look no further, and choose from these safe events coming on the big day October 31.

Please remember to respect social-distancing and mask wearing guidelines, and check your town’s curfew rules this Halloween! Note that some events require reservations and/or have limited available spots.

-Halloween Costume Contest, 8-3 pm, UFC GYM, Mamaroneck

-Outhouse Orchards Individual Entry and Corn Maze/Hayride, 9-5 pm  
139 Hardscrabble Road, North Salem

-Shake It Off Halloween Party, 9:45-2:30 pm, Davis Park, Scarsdale

-Pick Your Own Pumpkins, 10-4:30 pm, 1335 White Hill Rd, Yorktown

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## Cancer Charity Raises over \$100k in Ground Breaking Virtual Event



Tania Weiss, CST's executive director, with board member Phil Orlando

Cancer Support Team knew they had to do something this year to raise greatly needed funds. With the pandemic, CST had to cancel not only their spring gala but the annual fall educational luncheon as well.

"We were unsure about holding a virtual event; so, we did a lot of research," says Sue Formato, Bronxville resident and development committee member. "Educating the public about cancer breakthroughs is part of our mission" adds Scarsdale's Bonnie Gould, CST Board Chair. "However, we also needed to explain what Cancer Support Team does for the Westchester community and why everyone should donate."

CST decided to produce a telethon-style event. This included interviews with two world-renowned researcher/oncologists, Dr. Elizabeth Comen from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Dr. Richard Carvajal from the Columbia University Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center. They discussed cancer treatments today and in the future.

"Any good telethon also includes videos highlighting what the agency does," notes Tania Weiss, CST's executive director. "The staff helped me find compelling stories that really showed CST in action – educating patients, helping them learn how to handle chemo side effects, finding wigs, arranging travel to treatment, filling out Medicaid applications."

Interweaving pre-taped interviews, videos and patient testimonials with "live" segments that featured staff members manning the phones as well as a thermometer and scrolling wall of donor names completed the program. "We set a high goal for the night, and prayed," says Phil Orlando, an advisory board member and one of the co-hosts of the night. "We were thrilled when we hit our goal just seconds before going off the air," adds Weiss, the other co-host.

Cancer Support Team has been assisting cancer patients and their families since 1978. All their services are provided at no cost to individuals who live in southern Westchester county. CST is able to this because of grants, foundation support and individual donors. Additional donations can be made by visiting the CST website at [www.cancersupportteam.org](http://www.cancersupportteam.org).

## Irvington Theater to Present Virtual Event on Inclusion in the Arts



Featured guests Viola Ratcliffe, left, and Samantha Rei, right

In response to the racial reckoning happening in industries nationwide, Irvington Theater hears from educators, activists, and creators of color on November 2 about implementing change to create more inclusive, equitable, and diverse artistic spaces.

Among the program's many featured innovators is Devanand Janki, director-choreographer, Broadway actor, and Artistic Director of Live & In Color; Viola Ratcliffe, a Birmingham, Alabama-based art historian and Program Manager of Bib & Tucker Sew-Op; Samantha Rei, activist and Project Runway fashion designer; New York Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins; and Bobby Rivers, beloved host, television personality, and entertainment reporter who, as his blog puts it, "interviewed Paul McCartney in London, had a cocktail with Lucille Ball in her home... [and] worked with Whoopi Goldberg."

In her work at Bib & Tucker, Ratcliffe teaches sewing to promote empowerment, education, and economic opportunity: "There are so many phenomenal artists right in our back yard... they may not always have the same exposure or recognition, but their work is no less valuable... especially when artists are really involved in what's going on in their communities and they're using their art as a way to bring awareness to issues."

Through a series of thoughtful (and at times incredibly personal) video segments, Inspiring Inclusion in the Arts will center ideas, perspectives, and voices that have been historically marginalized. The event will cover a range of timely topics including the responsibility of artists, the importance of investing in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, and the power of representation.

"Growing up Black & gay, I never imagined someone like me could run for Congress, let alone win," says Mondaire Jones, the Democratic candidate running to represent New York's 17th congressional district who will be among those featured in this streaming event. "That's because I never saw someone like myself in the halls of power."

Inspiring Inclusion in the Arts will stream at 7:30pm on Monday, November 2 as part of In Our Own Words, Irvington Theater's series that brings issues of social justice center stage through art and conversation. Purchase your ticket (\$12 per household) to receive the viewing link and password at [irvingtontheater.com/irvingtonanywhere](http://irvingtontheater.com/irvingtonanywhere).

Irvington Theater is home to a diverse range of innovative programming that entertains, enlightens, and inspires, establishing itself over its 118-year history as the cultural heart of the Rivertowns. The theater continues its tradition with unprecedented reach with "Irvington Anywhere," their entirely virtual fall season. Visit [www.irvingtontheater.com](http://www.irvingtontheater.com) for more information.



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## Westchester Broadway Theatre Closes, Takes Its Final Bow



*Thanks for the memories WBT, we will miss you!*

The Westchester Broadway Theatre will close its doors immediately after 45 years of business due to COVID 19. The work that WBT has done over the years has been truly historic and will go down in history, not only in Westchester, but in the theatre industry as New York's longest running Equity theatre. Over the years, WBT has produced 217 musicals, hosted numerous concerts, benefits and fundraisers, employed 5,000 theatre professionals, many who have gone on to Broadway and beyond, and served over 6 million customers.

As the world has been plugged into an intense emergency; we have determined there is no way we can reopen when the ban is lifted on live theatre. Dinner-theatre, because of social distancing requirements, will be the last entertainment category to be given permission. Our landlord does not want to continue supporting our lease. Sadly, the interior is to be destroyed and the building turned into a warehouse. "It is with a great sadness that we say goodbye. We wish you much good will in the future. We will miss you!" said Bob Funking, Bill and Von Ann Stutler, founders of the Westchester Broadway Theatre, in a letter to employees.

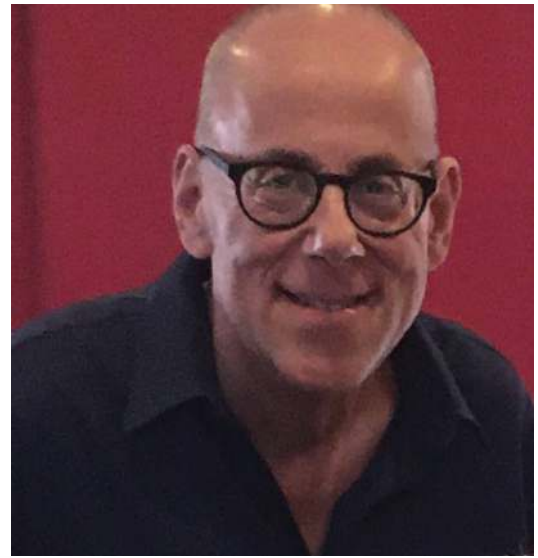
The art of presenting live theatre is one of NY State's largest industries. It has been greatly affected by the pandemic leaving many shows on hold, 12 million people out of work, and numerous patrons with outstanding tickets to shows.

However, Westchester residents will still have a professional Equity theatre in their backyard to attend when restrictions are lifted. The White Plains Performing Arts Center, which is located in downtown White Plains, has used this down-time to make many new renovations to accommodate the "new world of theatre" when Governor Cuomo authorizes theaters to reopen. Everything from air purification systems, to advanced cleaning solutions and social distancing has been put in place.

"As someone who grew up seeing and working on shows at WBT, it's with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to our colleague. The work they have done over the years was remarkable. When we heard of this news, we knew we had to do something to not only honor their legacy but also make sure we keep professional theatre alive in Westchester. We are honored to have the torch passed to us at White Plains PAC to take on that task!" said Stephen Ferri, White Plains PAC's Executive Producer.

White Plains PAC has generously offered to try assisting affected WBT ticket holders by honoring outstanding tickets and gift cards for a future WPPAC show. This will be a way to give back to the community and keep the industry alive; as well as fulfill the outstanding obligations to patrons. Eligible patrons will be contacted in the coming weeks with details about the exchange program.

## Vote Early and Vote Often



*By Eric W. Schoen*

The tongue-in-cheek phrase 'Vote early and vote often' was often uttered in relation to elections and the voting process. Though rarely considered a serious suggestion, the phrase encourages corrupt electoral activity, but is used mostly to suggest the occurrence of such corruption.

The phrase had its origins in the United States in the mid-19th century, and had an early appearance in Britain when a newspaper reprinted correspondence from an American solicitor. The phrase did not find widespread use until the early 1900s when it was used in relation to the activities of organized crime figures in the city of Chicago.

Elections in Chicago are still quite often thought to be 'tainted' but the widespread system of checks and balances in place we like to hope prevents one person from having more than one vote. And also prevents the dead rising from their graves to cast votes at local polling sites.

With panic over the influence of other countries on our elections and the wide use of mail in ballots and early voting, a candidate or political party that encouraged people to 'Vote Early and Vote Often' would probably be arrested in this day and age. Particularly after the 'hanging chads' Bush vs. Gore Election earlier this century, people have come to question the security of the voting process.

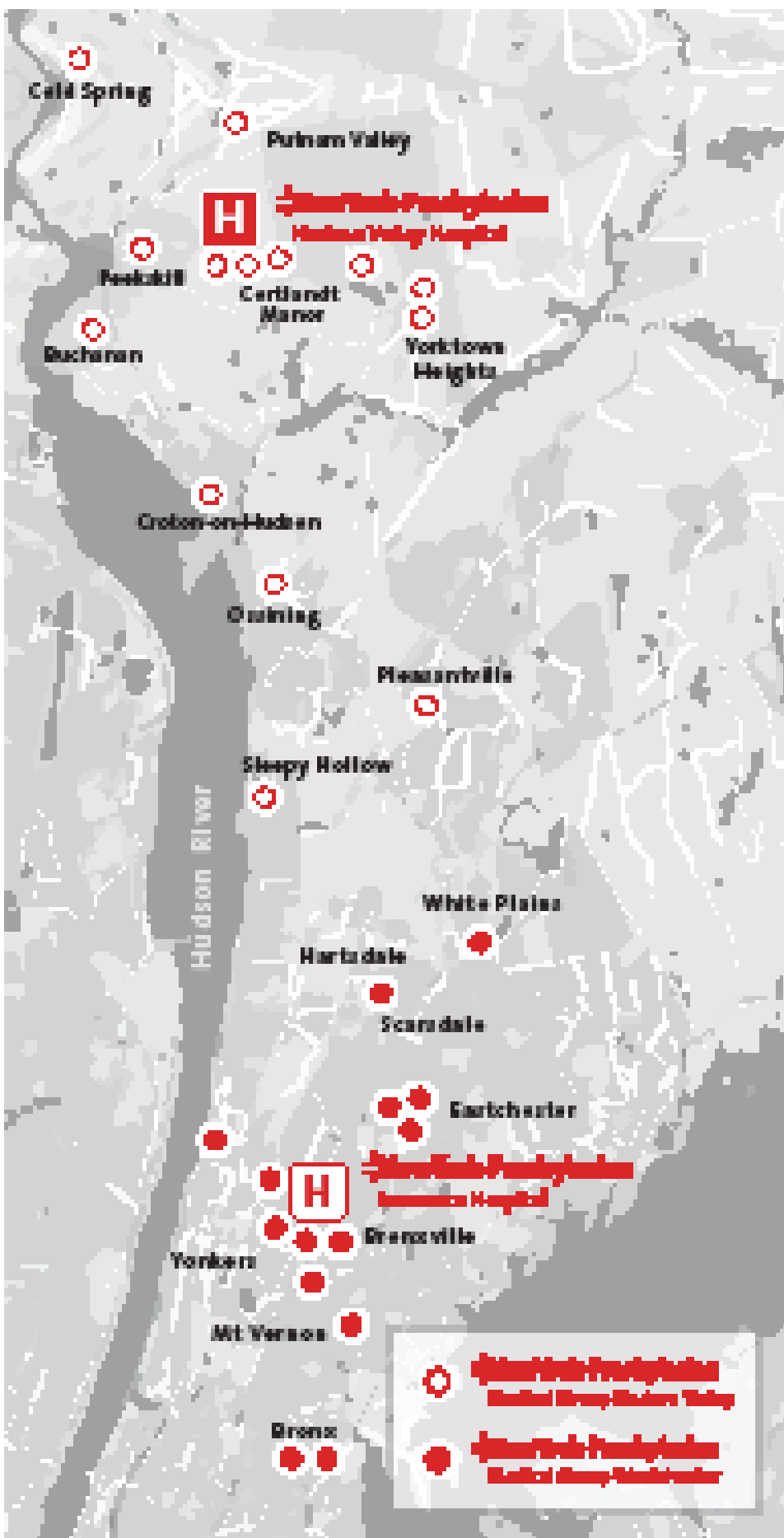
Hence we see lines like we saw last weekend with people throughout the country and right here in Westchester County waiting 2-4 plus hours to cast their votes. Kind of surprising when we can simply vote by mail at the cost of a forever stamp to make our voice heard. Friends of my sister waited on those lines in Yonkers and New York City.

When my sister heard of this she asked me if maybe we too should have gotten on those massive lines to cast our votes. Taken the summer beach chairs out of the closet and sit on Central Avenue in Yonkers taking in the car fumes from below. Lining up at the Riverfront library in downtown Yonkers watching the trains go by. The once beautiful view of the majestic Hudson River has been diminished by the various luxury housing projects that block it for the most part from public view.

The sun was not shining so chances of getting that 'glow' that makes you look good during the summer, filled with Vitamin D was not happening. In terms of the Riverfront library, on a chilly day standing or sitting waiting for the ability to perform your civic duty with brisk winds from the Hudson might give you a wind burn but not much else.

By the way for either of these options the Board Of Elections was not to the best of my knowledge providing socially distanced seating for your wait.

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# Letters to the Editor-Election 2020

## Vote for Trump and Re-elect the President

### *Hunter Biden-The Elephant in the room*

As a proud union member and a republican, I support President Donald Trump and his re-election November 3. For more than 25 years, my number 1 issue has been highlighting the millions of American jobs that have been lost to China.

Those jobs, and the 55,000 American factories that have closed since NAFTA, are the cause of our American corporations betraying our country and moving to China for additional profit for their shareholders. These same corporations turned the other cheek as the Chinese Communist Party, CCP, stole our technology secrets, used slave labor to deliver product to the USA, polluted our environment and pushed any opposition, and crushed freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

Donald Trump is the first American President to stand up to the CCP and try to level the playing field. We all learned first hand how important it is to make some products in the USA during the continuing COVID Pandemic.

Now there are reports that Hunter Biden, the son of Joe Biden, the democratic nominee for President, made millions from the CCP. Anyone who doesn't see this as a bribe by the CCP to try and influence Biden if he becomes President, is misinformed.

And the former vice-president hasn't answered any questions about his son, and that is a mistake. The very few undecided voters left in the Presidential election would like Biden to answer honestly.

Most of the media has ignored the Hunter Biden story, and that is also a mistake. Kimberly Strassel, from the Wall Street Journal, suggested that if he wants to be elected President answer the following: Are you "big guy"? While Chinese money never materialized, were u at one point--via a Hunter-in line to have an equity share? Did you meet with Hunter's partner? How does any this comport with your claims to not talk business with Hunter?

It was also a mistake for Twitter to block the Hunter Biden story because the American people wanted to read it even more after that. George Stephanopolis didn't ask Uncle Joe this question during a 90 minute Town Hall, and that was a mistake.

Why didn't any of the democratic candidates for President ask Joe Biden about his son and his business dealings with Russia, China, Ukraine, etc.?

Many believe that the Chinese have dumped this material out there --but aren't the Chinese against Trump? You can be sure that if Biden is elected, the Chinese Communist Party, CCP, will use the damaging "laptop from hell" against President Biden.

This matter has gotten so serious, even without any coverage from most of the media, that some are speculating that Biden will have to leave office very early, for health reasons or for Hunter Biden reasons, and that Kamala Harris will become our President.

Yes we have a Coronavirus, and yes it is a disaster for our country, our economy and our people. But I ask you, and you can look this letter up in March of 2021 if we have President Biden. Are we any better off during COVID with Biden over Trump? I don't think so.

My bottom line is I want our millions of manufacturing jobs back and I want to make it in the USA again. There may not be many workers here in our area who want a good paying job in a factory with benefits, but there are millions of Americans across the middle of our country who do want that job, and want our jobs back from China.

I can tell you this, there are millions of Americans here on the East Coast and on the West Coast who would prefer to buy Made in American products once again, especially masks, and medicines.

And that's why I'm voting for Trump again for President. Bring Our Jobs Home and stand up to China!

**Frank Spotorno is the co-founder of BringOurJobsHome.com and co-founder of YonkersTimes.com. He was a candidate for Congress in NY-14 in 2016.**

## A Republican Voter for Biden -Harris

As a life-long Republican, I have supported the Presidential candidates of Gerald Ford; Ronald Reagan; George H.W. Bush; George W. Bush, John McCain; and Mitt Romney; New York Republicans Governor George Pataki, Mayors Rudy Giuliani and Michael Bloomberg, and former County Executive Rob Astorino.

This year, however, I am crossing party lines to vote for Vice President Joseph Biden and Senator Kamala Harris.

In 2016, I supported John Kasich's candidacy and then voted for Hillary Clinton. I believed that candidate Donald Trump did not possess the judgment nor experience required to be a successful chief executive. I had hoped that President-elect Trump would "grow into the office."

But that has not been the case:

- He promised a national infrastructure plan; there has been none;
- He promised to reduce the nation's budget deficits and national debt – they have greatly increased;
- He promised to "drain the swamp;" instead, he has presided over one of the most corrupt administrations in history;
- He has effectively abandoned our NATO allies in favor of Russia's President Putin;

And most important, he has misled our nation about the dangers of the Covid19; his Administration's response has been weak;

Biden and Harris have put forward centrist, practical proposals to deal with our nation's problems. They will bring about a government of national unity that will restore respect for the US among our allies; re-affirm the rule of law; and begin the process of healing so desperately needed in our nation.

Please join me and thousands of Republicans in electing Joe Biden and Kamala Harris. Don't forget to vote. It's too important not to this year.

Stephen R. Rolandi, Larchmont.

Letter to the Editor: **Former State Senator Murphy Endorses Byrne**

"I rarely write letters to the editor, but in today's political climate, I find it necessary to publicly express my support for Assemblyman Kevin Byrne. It is a rare thing to find a "politician" who you feel truly works to serve the people that he or she was elected to represent. I put "politician" in quotes because our assemblyman, Kevin Byrne, acts like anything but the typical politician. He sticks to his principles, does the hard work, and consistently demonstrates he is a man of character who always keeps his word.

From fighting for lower taxes and more efficient services, Assemblyman Byrne is always there, sleeves rolled up and ready to work for our constituents. We passed numerous bills together and many of these have been signed into law by the governor.

It's easy to look at today's political landscape and feel discouraged. But the fact of the matter is, there are still true public servants among us. Assemblyman Byrne is among those. In fact, he has more legislative successes than most Assembly members with the same length of service. That's not a coincidence, it's a testament to the fact that Byrne cares about the people he was elected to represent. When you call his office, he does not ask you if you are a Republican or Democrat, conservative or independent, he simply asks "how can I help?" He is willing to put politics aside in order to get the job done for the people he represents.

We're living in a time where hyper-partisanship and extremism seems to be taking hold over every level of government. Kevin is a proud Republican, a proud husband, and a proud father. With Briana standing beside him, he is fighting to ensure New York is a better place for kids to grow up. He's no zealot and has demonstrated time and time again his willingness to listen and work with people of all political backgrounds. It was an honor to serve with him and I am proud to support him this November.

**Terrence Murphy, Yorktown**

### **Safe Halloween Events in Westchester, continued from pg 1-**

-Socially Distant Halloween Extravaganza, 10-5 pm, Empire Harley-Davidson, 8 Industrial Ln, New Rochelle

-Home of the 'Legend', 10-5 pm, Washington Irvington's Sunnyside, Tarrytown

-Tech Drive for Westchester Students, 10-2 pm, 303 Central Park Ave, Scarsdale,

-Halloween at Sparta Cemetery , 10 am, (Virtual) Sparta Cemetery, Ossining

-Curbside Halloween Happenings, 11-2 pm,,Golden's Bridge Firehouse, Golden's Bridge

-Westchester Ultimate Halloween Hat Tournament, 11 am, Leonard Park, Mount Kisco

-Halloween at the HRM, 12-5 pm, 511 Warburton Ave, Yonkers

-Halloween Special, 12-5 pm, 333 N Bedford Rd, Mount Kisco

-Trunk or Treat, 12:30-6 pm, 25 Scarborough Road, Briarcliff Manor

-Halloween Drive Thru, 1-3 pm, 740 West Boston Post Rd, Mamaroneck

-Trick or Treat Safe Zone, 1-3 pm \*special needs youth and families 45 Park Ave, Yonkers

-Halloween Parade, 1-2 pm, 218 Westchester Ave, Buchanan

-Trunk or Treat, 2-5:30 pm, Lewisboro Town Park Main Parking Lot

-Best Decorated Halloween Car Contest, 3-6 pm (Halloween Candy Crawl) Dobbs Ferry

-Halloween Drive-Thru , 4-6 pm, Lake Ave Minicipal Lot (Growler's Parking Lot), Tuckahoe

-Mobile Halloween Candy Giveaway, 4 pm, 2nd District, Yonkers

-Halloween Full Moon Circle, 4-5 pm, 267 Central Ave, White Plains

-Trunk or Treat at the Mall, 4-6 pm, JV Mall 650 Lee Blvd, Yorktown Heights

-Halloween Family Spooktacular, 4-8 pm, 116 Guion Place, New Rochelle

-18th Annual Halloween Walk, 4-6 pm, Scotts Corners, Pound Ridge

-Halloween Social Distancing Street Party, 5-8 pm, Parkway Homes Rd, White Plains

-Sleep Talking Halloween Drive-In, 6-10:45 pm, White Plains

-Halloween Drive-In, 6 pm, Cross County Shopping Center, Yonkers

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## Hope's Door and Yorktown Police Begins Domestic Violence Partnership

The Yorktown Police Department is collaborating with Hope's Door to enhance domestic violence interventions. Yorktown joins five other northern Westchester County police departments that are working with Hope's Door, a nonprofit organization that empowers domestic violence victims to achieve safety, independence and healing from the trauma of abuse.

"Domestic violence calls for assistance are among the most dangerous calls for service that police respond to on a daily basis," said Chief Robert Noble. "Domestic violence is even more dangerous for the family members of a household, or, intimate dating partners of assailants, whose day to day lives are negatively impacted. The Yorktown Police Department's partnership with Hope's Door allows us to better protect and better provide services to victims of domestic violence. It sends a message to assailants that their violent behavior will not be overlooked. This partnership has already made a positive difference in the lives of multiple victims of domestic violence in the past few months and I am confident that it will continue to do so for years to come."

As part of the new partnership, when Yorktown Police officers respond to a domestic dispute they will fill out a Domestic Violence Lethality Screen form. If anyone at the scene of a domestic dispute responds positively to the lethality questions about weapons or death threats, the case will be referred to a domestic violence liaison officer and service provider.

"Domestic violence happens in every community and it affects people of all ages, races and economic status," said Supervisor Matt Slater. "As we heard at this week's Town Board meeting, COVID has prevented victims from seeking help for many reasons but there is hope and help available for victims and their families."

Hope's Door offers counseling, advocacy and legal services for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. All of Hope's Door's services are provided free of charge to victims and survivors. The nonprofit is funded by private and corporate donors, as well as federal, state and county grants.

"Hope's Door is so glad to have Yorktown join the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team and pledge their support to ending violence in the home through a coordinated systems approach," said Hope's Door executive director CarlLa Horton. "Each of us does so much, but putting all of us together – law enforcement with county agencies and town departments and domestic violence service providers – is a model that will save lives, improve safety for victims, and send a clear message to offenders that we will hold them accountable."

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. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. 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

## Demystifying Medicare Online

Open Enrollment started October 15th, and runs through December 7th, yet still no live workshops to help people get a handle on the complicated subject of healthcare coverage for seniors. But, help is at hand – literally!

The Westchester Library System's Medicare counselors have put its upbeat and interactive workshop online. For a free, easy-to-use audio version that people can absorb at their own pace, visit <https://wikis.westchesterlibraries.org/sbic/demystifying-medicare/>. You'll be able to see all the displays used in the live presentations and download all the same handouts.

Newly added at the top of the screen is a 5-minute video on how this presentation works. Also new is a .pdf on "Medicare and COVID" outlining the relaxation of some of Medicare's rules during this public health emergency. Any live workshops scheduled once the libraries start permitting these again are listed down below the audio chapters.

"Demystifying Medicare" is designed not only for people currently enrolled in Medicare, but for those soon to be 65 or helping relatives and friends with their medical decisions and paperwork. A complete understanding of the whole system works is key to making the best personal health insurance decisions. Topics include Original Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans, prescription drug plans, Medigaps (supplemental plans), EPIC, and cost-saving programs for people with limited resources.

In a non-COVID universe, Westchester Seniors Out Speaking works year-round in other ways to help people with Medicare. They run free Senior Benefits Individual Counseling centers (SBICs) at nine libraries throughout the year, where people can get answers to their coverage and billing questions on a first come, first served basis. The roughly 80 volunteers in this program have been trained and updated monthly by the Medicare Rights Center in New York City, an advocacy group not affiliated with the insurance companies or with Medicare itself.

For questions about the "Demystifying Medicare Online" or to sign up for future live presentations, please leave your name and number at (914) 231-3236, or email [SBICmedia@gmail.com](mailto:SBICmedia@gmail.com). You can get individual help at the WSOS helpline, (914) 231-3260, or by emailing them at [SBIC@wlsmail.org](mailto:SBIC@wlsmail.org). Like the workshops, the counseling is also free.

## Calls for 2021 Westchester County Poet Laureate

Westchester County Executive George Latimer today joined in partnership with ArtsWestchester to announce a competitive call for an inaugural Poet Laureate position for Westchester County for the 2021-2022 term. Westchester's Poet Laureate candidate will be an advocate for poetry and the literary arts, have significant personal poetic work and will encourage the community to engage with poetry by creating and leading activities that inspire writing and poetry performances among all age groups while initiating a dialogue between local poets, cultural organizations, and community institutions.

While the first-ever holder of a poet laureate position dates to the 13th century, America's first poet laureate was Robert Frost who was officially appointed in 1961. Today, the position is not restricted to the national level: almost all 50 states have a poet laureate, as do many counties, cities and other jurisdictions. Westchester County feels it is a perfect time to join other counties around the state in creating a poet laureate position at the local level.

County Executive George Latimer explains, "When we think about memorializing a time, a place, a struggle or an occasion, we turn to one of the highest forms of expression—poetry. It is this language in the hands of a Poet Laureate that we can reframe and restate the ideals we hold true."

"Support for our creatives is more important than ever during this pandemic," explains Janet T. Langsam, CEO of ArtsWestchester. She continues, "The concept of a Poet Laureate is an affirmation that in our present-day society words matter and that it is important that these words be truthful, poetic and emblematic of our principles and our aspirations. We look to a Poet Laureate to express for us the things we might like to say ourselves, if only we had the poetic license."

Pamela Hart, writer-in-residence at the Katonah Museum of Art, said, "The County has such a vibrant literary arts community with some amazing poets doing important things for their Westchester communities. The Hudson Valley Writers Center. The Katonah Poetry Series. And others. Of course, there is the New York State Poet Laureate Alicia Ostriker. But some counties, including Dutchess and Rockland, have their own. I think the position is a great way to acknowledge the impact of literature on our lives and culture. Poets laureates also initiate projects that can benefit underserved communities."

The Poet Laureate program is managed as a partnership between ArtsWestchester and the Westchester County's Executive's office.

How do poets apply? The Open Call for applications for the 2021-2022 Poet Laureate is now active, with a deadline of November 16, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. The Poet Laureate's two-year term is set to begin January 1, 2021 and continue through to December 31st, 2022.

Applications are ONLY accepted through ArtsWestchester's grant site through the following link: <https://artswestchester.submittable.com/submit>.

Applicants must be 25 years of age or older, must have resided in Westchester County for two years prior to application, during the time of application, and for the duration of the appointment, and must have past work that is of high artistic quality (demonstrated by journal publications, chapbooks, books, audio or video). Full eligibility requirements and terms are here.

Eligible applications will be reviewed by a panel of judges, including ArtsWestchester staff or Board, County representatives, and well-regarded poets from the region. The top candidates will be interviewed before a final selection is made and announced by the County.

The selected Poet Laureate will serve a two-year term and receive an honorarium of \$1,250 per year to fulfill the post's duties. Additional funds of up to \$500 will be available for materials and other approved costs associated with the community engagement programs the Poet Laureate facilitates.

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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.

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 Fontoira Art Conservation, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/17/2020. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 520 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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.

Notice of Formation of Thystlebee Coffee LLC. arts of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/28/2020. 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, 760 White Plains Rd. STE 1202 Scarsdale, NY 10708. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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 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.

## 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.

## OBITUARY

### JACQUELINE IRENE ARCHER, (WHITEHOUSE)



Jacqueline Irene (Whitehouse) Archer died at age 96 in her apartment at Valley Manor in Rochester, NY the night of Oct. 14, 2020, surrounded by those who loved her.

Jacqueline Irene was born in Steubenville, Ohio on April 22, 1924 to Joseph Louis and Evelyn Ivy (Miles) Whitehouse. They lived in Mason, Ohio.

She graduated from Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati 1942, attended Wellesley College and graduated in 1946, and went on to Boston University where she earned her Master's in English. She met her first husband, James Carter Skinner while she was in college and married him after they graduated. She started out her long and illustrious teaching career in Boston, while her husband was at Harvard Medical School. They moved to Concord, Mass where she taught at Concord Academy. They adopted two children: David Miles Skinner and Victoria Carter Skinner, born in Boston, Mass.

She had no children with her second husband, Richard Nelson Archer, who she married in 1962. They moved from Concord to Brookline, Mass before moving to Pelham, NY where they lived for 31 years. She taught at Mamaroneck High School as an English teacher. She loved the English language, particularly the classics, and inspired young minds. In their spare time, she and her husband enjoyed the symphony and other musical performances. She was also a gourmet cook, an avid supporter of the arts, and an advocate for many political and social causes from fighting the inter-belt in Brookline, Mass to fracking in Rochester, NY. Whenever she saw injustice in the world, she followed the advice of Representative John Lewis, "Never be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble." I think, if John Lewis ever met Jacqueline Archer, they would have a lot to talk about, and boy Mom loved to talk!

When they retired, Jacqueline and Richard Archer moved to Rochester NY to be near her son, David Skinner. She continued fighting the good fight when she moved to Rochester by supporting the public radio station, WXXI and protesting against fracking. She, with her husband, was very supportive of and loved to attend GEVA and the Little Theater.

Predeceased by her ex-husband, Dr. James Skinner of Concord, Mass; her husband Richard Archer of Rochester, NY; and her brother Wendell Lewis Whitehouse of Springfield, Virginia and nephew, Steven Whitehouse of Sequim, WA. Survived by her two children David Skinner (David Knoll) of Rochester, NY; Victoria Skinner (Fredric Rosenberg) of La Honda, CA; one stepson, Jonathan Archer (Joan Barron) of Staten Island; grandsons Tyler Carter Skinner-Rosenberg and Dylan Miles Skinner-Rosenberg of Shelton, WA; step-grand daughters, Alicia Archer and Alexis Archer, of Staten Island, and step-great grandson, Chase Holmes. She is also survived by her nephew, Bruce Miles Whitehouse (Sandy) of Corona, Arizona and niece, Joan (Whitehouse) Lovett of Reston, VA.

Many thanks go to her excellent caregivers, headed by Angela Whitmire of Rochester NY, in making her final years as comfortable and filled with loving care as they could be.

A Memorial Service is planned in the spring the weekend after her birthday on April 22, 2021, when hopefully friends and relatives are able to resume travel. In lieu of flowers, please donate to one of the causes she held dear to her heart, in particular, The Little Theater, 200 East Ave., Rochester, NY. The Little Theater is more than a movie theater, "it [Little Theater] is premier cultural center for the presentation of American independent and foreign films, visual arts and music for the greater Rochester community."

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**Early & Absentee Voting, continued from pg 1-**

Let us repeat that for everyone who doesn't want to mail in their ballot for fear that the post office won't deliver it in time. You can drop off your completed absentee ballot to ANY local early voting location listed below.

Another important fact is that any Westchester registered voter can vote at any early polling location listed below. County Executive George Latimer underscored that fact by voting in Pound Ridge on October 24. You do not have to vote early in your home town or city.

Remaining early voting dates and locations in Westchester County are Saturday, October 31: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, November 1: 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner came up with another good idea for this election season. A live stream video link to see how long the line is for early voting. "We created a new link to our live stream video camera of the entrance of Greenburgh Town Hall so voters can view the number of people who are voting at the Greenburgh Town Hall location. In addition to being able to view the lobby you can view the parking area and entrance to lobby and lobby. This will enable you to see the lines. Any resident of Westchester County can vote at Greenburgh Town Hall early voting site or any other early voting site. To my knowledge, we are the first to live stream the locations. I am trying to persuade other communities to do the same. It's not expensive and easy," writes Feiner, who has also worked to get food trucks to be on location to feed those waiting to vote.

Westchester Early Voting Locations for 2020 Are:

Eastchester Public Library, 11 Oakridge Place, Eastchester, NY 10709  
Dobbs Ferry Village Hall, 112 Main Street, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522  
Greenburgh Town Hall, 177 Hillside Avenue, White Plains, NY 10607  
Veterans Memorial Building, 210 Halstead Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528  
Pound Ridge Town House, 179 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, NY  
Mamaroneck Town Center, 740 W. Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY  
Mt. Kisco Memorial Complex at Leonard Park, 1 Wallace Drive, Mt. Kisco  
Mt. Pleasant Community Center, 125 Lozza Drive, Valhalla, NY 10595  
Mt. Vernon City Hall, 1 Roosevelt Square, Mt. Vernon, NY 10550  
New Rochelle City Hall Annex, 90 Beaufort Place, New Rochelle, NY  
Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562  
Peekskill Nutrition Center, Neighborhood Center, 4 Nelson Ave, Peekskill,  
Somers Town House, 335 Route 202, Somers, NY 10589  
Westchester County Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains  
Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710  
Riverfront Library, One Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701  
Yorktown Cultural Center, 1974 Commerce Street, Yorktown Heights, NY

If you have any other questions, please visit the Westchester County Board of Elections on the web at <https://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com> or call (914) 995-5700.

State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins commented on the early voting and absentee voting process in New York this year. "Last year, the new Senate Democratic Majority took historic action to break down barriers and protect all New Yorkers' rights. The first legislation we advanced was a major election reform package, including an Early Voting system. We see many thousands of New Yorkers now lining up at polling sites throughout the State to have their voices heard. I urge New Yorkers to take advantage of early voting opportunities in their respective counties, or to apply for an absentee ballot by October 27. With Election Day just over a week away, I hope every eligible New York voter will step up and exercise their Constitutional Right to vote."

**Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-**

Hence, those who braved the lines last weekend were left to stand tall throughout the whole voting ordeal. As I told my sister it's not happening for us.

Did we ever have such chaos when we voted via the old fashioned election lever machines for some every 4 years and others like me every year for whatever election was on our respective ballots? We would go in to our polling place, maybe wait a little bit in a Presidential election year and cast our votes.

I did it for the first time 2 days after my father had died and I was 18 and old enough to vote. I went into the polling place which was the old Police Precinct on Radford Street. Signed the big book. Went into the lever machine, pulled the handle to close the curtain. Pulled the lever for friends Dick Ottinger and Tom McNerney though our family was close with Dr. Shirley Werthaimer who tragically lost her daughter in the JCC fire and had gone to college with my mom. Used the handle to open the curtains, my vote was counted and I walked out proud to be an American.

A Note: Shirley was the spoiler in the election of 1978 splitting the votes which allowed Nick Spano (you know that name) to become the State Assemblyman for the 87th Assembly District. Hard to believe it was over 40 years ago!

For many years before they had the bright idea to move the polling place into Police Precinct it was located in the firehouse next store. The move was made into the Police station because workers and the public were inhaling the noxious fumes every time the fire engine and ladder were called out. And when the big doors to the firehouse would open and close the poor poll workers would shiver if it was a chilly November day, all bundled up watching the firefighters slide down the poles to attend the alarm at hand.

When I look back, the Firehouse voting was handicapped accessible with no steps while the voting in the Police Precinct was not. Things kind of went backwards, but I guess someone in power made the decision that the inhalation of the fumes was worse than the location not being handicap accessible.

When we were kid my parents always took my sister and I to vote with them when the machines were inside the firehouse. We went as a family and marched out proud of this great country we live in. Many families would do this, folks dressed to the nines performing this important duty.

Things ran so smoothly back in the good old days. The worse thing that could happen was in a close vote the candidates aides would take flashlights into an old musty warehouse where the machines were stored and double check the counts called in on Election Night. There were no 1000's of attorneys across the country looking for the simplest mistakes.

When I saw folks standing on long lines in cold weather over the weekend and earlier this week, I harked for the good old days when things went so smoothly and voting was a joy.

So my friends, Vote Early and Vote Often! But most importantly, Vote!

**Reach Eric Schoen at [thistooisonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistooisonkers@aol.com). Follow him on Twitter @ericsonkers. 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.**

**We Endorse Sheila Marcotte for Eastchester Town Board**

Unfairly Attacked by Democratic Opponent Tara Conte

Rising newspapers endorses Sheila Marcotte for Eastchester Town Board Nov. 3. Marcotte brings 13 years of elected public service to this race; 7 years on the County Board of Legislators and, prior to that 6 years on the Eastchester Town Board, where she was appointed to last month.

In both offices, Marcotte has proven herself to be a taxpayer watchdog, looking to find efficiencies in government and wasteful spending that can be eliminated. She served as the Budget Chair on the County Board for four years and during that time there was NO county property tax increase.

Marcotte also has a wealth of community involvement and service that she brings to this race, including the Eastchester Historical Society, Eastchester-Tuckahoe Lions and Rotary, Meals on Wheels volunteer, Columbus Day Committee member, to name a few.

We have found Marcotte to be one of the most dilligent, reliable, and dedicated elected officials in Westchester. She puts in the time needed to represent her constituents and we are confident that she will do the same if elected Nov. 3.

In the final days of this campaign, Marcotte was unfairly attacked by her opponent, Democrat Tara Conte, in a mailing that identified Marcotte as a radical conservative, and tried to tie Marcotte to President Trump.

Marcotte posted the following message on Facebook. "A message to Tara Conte: This attack piece is nothing but hateful lies and completely unfounded. I am running for Town Board because I love this great town and the community that call it 'home'. I am running on my record and will continue to do so. This mail piece is everything but "People before Politics".

Sheila Marcotte has been elected and re-elected by the people of Eastchester and Tuckahoe several times. The demoratic hit piece, also attacks Marcotte's supporters and voters over the years, and in our view, disqualifies Tara Conte from serving on the Eastchester Town Board.

How does Tara Conte expect to work with Eastchester Supervisor Tony Colavita and the other republicans on the Town Board after her campaign send out a mailing calling Marcotte a radical conservative?

It is interesting to note that Conte's campaign didn't mention Marcotte's strong support of the Police and the Back the Blue efforts in the Town. Perhaps that is because a large segment of the Eastchester community that supports their local law enforcement.

Marcotte has not attacked her democratic opponent in the same way and we appreciate that. Personal, negative attacks have no place in local Town Board races.

We endorse Sheila Marcotte for Eastchester Town Board November 3.

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bomb of mailings and TV ads linking Astorino to Trump. That alone, in our view, will not win the race for Harckham.

Astorino has responded by tying Harckham to bail reform, which is unpopular in the district. Harckham has also shot his campaign in the foot with a series of errors that Astorino and his campaign have pounced on, the most notable being Harckham caught on camera, saying about the response to BLM protests, "There are places in my district; there would be angry counter protestors across the street and muscle cars would be revving their engines, vulgar slogans, signs we have people who would call these fine young men anarchists."

Harkham's comments have allowed Astorino to ask, "What "places" is he talking about? What parts of our district are racist or hateful Peter? Shameful rhetoric."

Residents in the district also questioned Harckham's comments.

"Senator Harckham can't be allowed to get away with this," said Andrea LaSala, a Yorktown resident. "He made a charge, and now he needs to back it up. What specific places in your district are racist, senator? Is Yorktown racist in your mind? Its residents deserve to know before Election Day."

"I am outraged over Mr. Harckham's remarks," said Loretta Ford of Cortlandt. "Shame on him for disparaging his own constituents. Is Cortlandt one of the areas he is talking about? Tell us, senator."

"I'm not surprised to see Albany politicians like Peter Harckham talk poorly about people who don't fit into their social circle, but what he said about my town went too far," said Ciaran Bruen of Beekman. "We may not live in million-dollar homes and rub elbows with the rich and famous, Mr. Harckham, but that doesn't make us bigots. I am very upset to see someone who's supposed to be our representative talk about us in such an unwarranted and unfair manner."

"Carmel residents are some of the kindest and most open-minded people in America, and Peter Harckham needs to tell us if Carmel is one of the towns he was throwing under the bus," said Chris Provenzano of Carmel. "He can't make a statement like that and expect us to take it lying down. Mr. Harckham needs to name the exact parts of his district he was talking about, and he needs to do it now."

"Hudson Valley residents deserve an immediate apology from Senator Harckham for his outrageous and unfounded charge," said Emily Costanza of Mount Pleasant. "Calling someone a racist is one of the worst things one could say, and his suggestion that entire areas of his district feel that way is infuriating. Who were you talking about, sir?"

Westchester Rising newspaper endorses Rob Astorino for State Senate in the 40th District, not only because of Harckham's blunders but because of Astorino's history of cutting taxes, controlling spending, and articulating an opposing view to the prevalent democratic, progressive ideals that have overwhelmed the Empire State.

Voters in Westchester, and in New York State deserve a choice, not only in this race but in every election on the local, county, state, and federal level. Often, voters do not have a choice because the republican party is on the watch list for endangered species. Astorino is the best choice, and voice, to keep an alternative ideology alive and on the ballot.

We also believe that it is in the best interest of the democratic party to have a viable, two party system, and opposition candidates on the ballot. Too often, one party control results in democratic candidates unable to articulate their views to the voters when they are paying attention, with the most important election date falling on June 23, the date of the Democratic primary, than on the first Tuesday in November. Republican and independent voters in Westchester cannot vote in the democratic primary, and if there is no contested general election, they have no choice in who their leaders will be.

We want a choice at the polls for everyone. Rob Astorino has proven himself to be the most articulate republican not only in Westchester, but in all of New York State. We need him to be part of the political discussion. Elect Rob Astorino to the State Senate, 40th District, and send him to Albany.

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## We Endorse: Kevin Byrne for Assembly -94th District

Westchester Rising endorses Assemblyman Kevin Byrne for re-election in the 94th Assembly District, which includes Yorktown, Somers and Putnam County. Byrne currently is the lone republican state legislator representing Westchester County in Albany. We do not believe that having an entire state delegation to Albany from one party is a good idea for the people of Westchester. Divergent opinions and views need to be heard.

We have also found Assemblyman Byrne to be responsive to the needs of the community he serves. Byrne can be easily found and scene throughout the district, and he is easy to contact and discuss any concerns of any constituent.

Byrne's opponent on November 3 is Democrat Stephanie Keegan, who brings a compelling life story to the race. Her son served our country in Afghanistan and then returned home to face mental and health issues. He passed away in 2016, and Keegan has become an advocate for Veterans health issues.

While we admire Keegan for her public service, we are disappointed in the way her campaign has acted concerning an incident that occurred in Carmel this summer. During a racial justice event, a truck drove through with a sign that read -"F\*&@ Black Lives."

Byrne has denounced what happened on several occasions and was not associated in any way with the incident. Keegan's campaign, in our view and the view of the Campaign Fair Practices Committee, tried to use the incident and link it to Byrne's campaign.

We wrote about the first decision from the campaign committee last month. Since then the committee has had to issue another statement critical of Keegan's campaign for again trying to link Byrne to the incident. We agree with Byrne that the Keegan campaign's attempts "only fans the flames of hate and should not be tolerated."

Re-elect Kevin Byrne to the Assembly Nov. 3.

## We Endorse: State Supreme Court Candidates Murphy, Williams, Ondrovic

Rising Media Group endorse the three Democratic candidates for State Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District. Judge Loren Williams, and attorneys Alexandra Murphy and Robert Ondrovic. These three Judicial candidates, running as a team, bring a diversity of experience in the courts, geographic location and life experiences, to the bench if elected.

Judge Williams is currently a sitting Newburgh City Court Judge, and acting Orange County Judge. Alexandra Murphy is an accomplished attorney having spent the majority of her tenure at the Manhattan DA's office — one of the busiest courthouses in the country. Bob Ondrovic has practiced in the Supreme Court for the past 34 years and has served as lead counsel on 300+ jury trials, with 200+ jury verdicts.

All three have been rated highly qualified and are the best choices to serve in the 9th Judicial District, which includes Westchester County and the Hudson Valley.

There are four seats up for election to State Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District. Judge Sam Walker from Mt. Vernon is seeking re-election to the State Supreme Court. Walker is an incumbent running for re-election who has been cross-endorsed by the Republican and Conservative parties. This cross-endorsement means that Justice Walker will not only appear on his party ballot line but the Republican and Conservative lines as well.

## Sen. Mayer Awards Eastchester's "Plant Pink Initiative"



"The Pink Plant Initiative in Eastchester has received the NYS Senate Empire Award."



On Wednesday, October 21st, Senator Shelley Mayer presented the Eastchester Beautification Foundation (EBF) with the NYS Senate Empire Award in recognition of its "Plant Pink Initiative" showing appreciation to first responders, essential workers, and in memory of those lost to COVID-19.

The "Plant Pink Initiative" asked Eastchester residents, neighborhood associations, businesses, and restaurants to plant pink flowers as a thank you to first responders & essential workers and in memory of those lost from COVID-19. The initiative quickly painted the town in pink flowers. Lamp posts showed-off pink supertunias draping from baskets. Pink hydrangeas anchored sidewalk benches. And pink begonias filled planters in front of restaurants, jewelers, service stations, hairdressers, laundromats, food markets, and private homes.

The event took place outdoors at the Eastchester Public Library and began with a moment of silence in honor of the late Eastchester Town Councilman Glenn Bellitto who passed away from COVID-19 in April 2020. The event was attended by Eastchester Town Supervisor Anthony Colavita, Eastchester Town Councilman Joseph Dooley, and members of the Eastchester Town Highway and Parks Departments, as well as volunteers and EBF Board Members.

Senator Mayer said, "The 'Plant Pink Initiative' dressed Eastchester in pink flowers as a Thank You to essential workers and in memory of those lost to COVID-19. I am pleased to present the NYS Senate Empire Award to the Eastchester Beautification Foundation for this thoughtful, beautiful initiative that brightened spirits all throughout the town. Thank you to Co-Presidents Judith Blau & Maura McMahon for their leadership, and the Town's Highway & Parks Departments, and numerous volunteers, for all of their hard work supporting the 'Plant Pink Initiative.'"

Judith Blau, Co-President of the Eastchester Beautification Foundation, said "One of the most heartening aspects of "Plant Pink" has been the response from the Community and Town, beginning in Spring 2020, and continuing into Fall. Seeing the best in people actually "bloom" in our community has brought some normalcy and hope during this unsettling and tumultuous time. We appreciate our Eastchester Beautification Foundation membership donations that helped make our dedication message possible."

Maura McMahon, Co-President of the Eastchester Beautification Foundation, said "This Award belongs to the Community of the Town of Eastchester. With the team work of the EBF board, volunteers and our partners in this effort, Eastchester's Highway and Parks Departments, along with local businesses and friends and neighbors, we "Planted Pink" all over town. The call to "Plant Pink" was inspired by the actions of the first responders and essential workers who have given their time and energy to keep us healthy and safe, and to honor all of those that have lost their lives during the pandemic."

EBF Co-Presidents Judith Blau & Maura McMahon were also presented with Commendation Awards for their role in the "Plant Pink Initiative." During their remarks, they thanked their list of partners who helped the EBF with the "Plant Pink Initiative."



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## YoFi Fest Returns for 8th Year as a Virtual Film Festival

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This year, as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, many movie theaters were forced to shut down, including all the theaters in the Westchester area. Film festivals around the world, large and small, had to make difficult decisions; Some chose to postpone, some to downsize and some to cancel entirely.

YoFiFest chose to pivot and adapt. Eight years ago we started with a mission to showcase the work of filmmakers, from around the world and right here in our own backyard, and to provide educational and cultural opportunities that otherwise would not exist in our community. This year, we are more committed than ever to continuing that mission, so we're very excited to announce that the Eighth Annual YoFiFest Film Festival is happening with on-demand films starting in October and live online events running from November 7th through 22nd!

The festival provides an amazing opportunity for audiences to watch films that they might not see anywhere else. "The safety of our audience and filmmakers is a top priority," said Dave Steck, YoFi's Executive Director and co-founder, "After careful consideration of the guidance provided by the State, County and City, we've made the decision to have this year's festival be a "virtual" one, with all of our films, talkbacks, workshops, and events being held online."

The festival moved to an entirely online format back in March and have been steadily improving on it since then to deliver the best possible film festival experience. With this year's virtual festival, audiences have the flexibility of watching the films "on demand" to fit their own schedule, on their choice of device, and from the convenience, comfort and safety of their homes.

"One of the great parts about having the festival online this year is we are able to reach nearly every corner of the planet," said Patty Schumann, the festival's co-founder and programming director, "The filmmaker talkbacks are one of the best parts of the film festival and this year almost every one of our filmmakers will attend their film's Q&A! Of course we'll miss seeing everyone's faces and watching the movies together, but being able to include filmmakers and film fans from around the globe is very exciting for us!"

This year, the festival is offering 51 programs. They are divided into 42 screenings (consisting of a feature film or a block of shorts), 6 workshops, and 3 social events (The Meet The Filmmakers Party, The Trailer Party, and The Audience Choice Awards Ceremony). Being an international festival (we're presenting 142 films from 15 countries this year), it's not always possible for filmmakers to travel to us to attend their screenings, but we're thrilled to announce that almost all of this year's films will have representatives taking part in the live, online conversations about their films.

Visit YoFiFest.com to purchase your online tickets.

## Letter to the Editor: Afraid to put up Trump signs in Westchester



Mr. Murphy, I heard the following on the radio and was wondering if you thought it was true. It would be more popular to put up a sign for Chinese President Xi than to put up a lawn sign for President Trump in Westchester.

I read your story a while back and took a trip up to Carmel, to the Trump tent, and saw all of the signs and banners for sale. But down here in Westchester I can't find any. I will be voting for the President in person November 3, sincerely Dorris Delaney, Croton.

Editor's Note: Dorris, thanks for the note. I have seen Trump signs and banners in northern Westchester, but I would agree that in my travels across the rest of the county, I have not seen any Trump signs. Your thought about putting up a Chinese Community Party-President Xi sign is a funny one, I haven't seen any of those signs in Westchester either.

I print the following Trump photo highlighting his efforts to promote a Buy American program, which all Americans should support. Be safe when you cast your vote.

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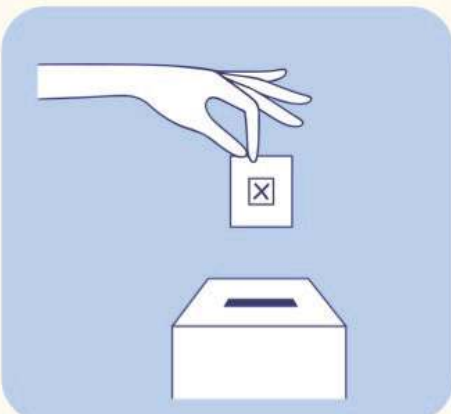
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