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If County Jail Has 38% Fewer Inmates, Should We Cut Officers?

“We do need to prudently cut back in overstaffed and overfunded departments and, as I have pointed out, the County jail is the prime example.”

County Legislator Damon Maher-

“To bring this up in the midst of a pandemic could be kindly called short sighted at best. Does Legislator Maher even care about the health and safety of the inmate population, correctional, or civilian staff?”-Neil Pellone, West. COBA

By Dan Murphy

Rising newspapers recently received a letter to the editor from Neil Pellone, President of the Westchester Corrections Officers Benevolent Association, (COBA), asking for Hazzard Pay for his members.

In the letter on pg 6, Pellone criticizes County Legislator Damon Maher for his suggestions, in this budget cycle and in the past, to review and evaluate the number of inmates at the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla and the number of corrections officers employed at the same.

The inmate population at the Westchester County Jail has dropped by 38% in two years, according to data from the county’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Review (CARF). Last year, 2019, the average inmate population was 923; this year it was 580, a significant reduction which happened for a number of reasons, including COVID, but also the recent criminal reforms implemented in New York State which have reduced inmate populations, not only here in Westchester but across the state.

In an email to his constituents, Legislator Maher wrote, “Granted the pandemic had an effect in reducing incarcerations, but the numbers had already trended downward on the basis of the long downward trend in the crime rate in our local municipalities, Raise the Age legislation of two years ago with respect to 16 and 17 year-olds, bail reform and reduced prosecution of low level drug offenses, the latter two of which developments had already been largely foreshadowed by policies the Westchester DA’s office in advance of actual legislation, and were calculable based on historic demographics at the jail,” said Maher, who highlighted a recent audit report by the Ulster County NY which evaluated lower prison populations in their jail and resulted in Ulster County petitioning NY State to reduce minimum requirements of corrections officers in state prisons.

Maher brought up the report at a recent County Budget committee meeting, as part of a larger conversation that he wants to have about the county budget and its priorities. “And in these difficult times it is good to keep property taxes flat for low- and middle-income homeowners but we still need to discuss eventual adoption of a fairer tax structure, asking more of those with higher incomes and high-end properties who have enjoyed such great success due in part to things that Government makes possible,” said Maher.

“Meanwhile, especially during this pandemic, it is all the more important to make long-term investments in human capital, by better funding daycare and other early childhood education, helping to stave off the predicted tsunami of evictions, and filling budgeted positions left vacant in the recent buy-out plan for social service and mental health employees. We shouldn’t be balancing the budget by failing to fill positions set up to help people now truly in need, and we should do better by underfunded nonprofit organizations that partner with government to help the most vulnerable.”

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Sen. Stewart-Cousins Now Majority Leader of Supermajority in Albany



NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, from Westchester

By Dan Murphy

For the first time since the 1840’s, Democrats in the New York State Senate have a supermajority, and their leader will be Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins, from Westchester. This week, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins was unanimously re-elected by her Democratic Conference colleagues as Senate President Pro Tempore and Majority Leader.

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins is being praised by the media, and by her colleagues for her ability to keep her democratic caucus on track. “We really wanted to break what people thought of our leadership ... We had to be able to present a united front, a pragmatic front, a progressive front, and all of the things that New Yorkers expected from us as leaders,” said Leader Stewart-Cousins.

Not only has Stewart-Cousins presided over a unified democratic state senate that has passed progressive legislation, but has now increased her caucus to 43 members, out of 63 Senators, giving her a supermajority of democrats that can now override a veto from Governor Andrew Cuomo.

The victories of several democratic candidates for State Senate, including Sen. Pete Harckham here in Westchester, are a testament to Stewart-Cousins leadership, and the confidence that democratic voters across the state have in her leadership.

“I am honored and humbled to be re-elected by my Democratic colleagues to continue my service as Majority Leader of the New York State

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We “Need A Little Christmas” Lights in Westchester



Check out the Christmas lights on 21 N. Kensico Ave., White Plains for the last time

By Dan Murphy

As all of us deal with a “COVID Holiday Season” for the first time, one great, safe way for the family to get out of the house and enjoy the holidays is to take a drive around Westchester, turn on the radio to a Christmas station, and enjoy the Holiday light displays presented by families across the county.

I spent about an hour online searching for a set of homes with light shows that deserve your drive-by. Let’s start with four homes in White Plains at 21 North Kensico Ave.

“We believe that we have the best Christmas light display in New York. Come on out and enjoy our 2020 Computerized Christmas light and music display and discover it for yourself and your family. COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place to protect you and your family for 2020. We were already safe for your family by having it possible to enjoy the show from the safety of your family’s car radio broadcasting on 107.7 FM. It will be unlikely to practice proper social distancing while visiting our backyard so we ask that all family members wear masks while outside of your vehicles. Hot Chocolate will once again be offered in the Winter Village and be assured that we prepare the pre-measured cups of powdered mix while

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Mount Sinai Doctors Opens Third Westchester Location, in Yonkers



L-R-Jane Nigro, Office Supervisor, Ashok Chopra, MD, Internal Medicine, Alon Gitig, MD, Cardiology, Brijesh Malkani, MD, Neurology, Kathy Aguirre, lead Medical Assistant

Mount Sinai Doctors has opened a new location in Yonkers, New York, with services that include primary care, cardiology, neurology, and gastroenterology. The new, state-of-the-art facility is 6,000 square feet and located on the ground floor of the historic Boyce Thompson Center at 1086 North Broadway.

The Mount Sinai Doctors-Yonkers office will offer patients onsite cardiology tests such as cardiac stress tests and echocardiograms, and neurological tests that include electromyography (EMG), a diagnostic procedure to assess the health of muscles and the nerve cells that control them; electroencephalogram (EEG), a test used to evaluate the electrical activity in the brain; and NeuroTrax BrainCare, a cloud-based computer application for brain wellness which includes a series of tests and associated reports for clinicians to monitor brain fitness, as well as data-driven recommendations for brain training.

Mount Sinai Doctors-Yonkers is the third Mount Sinai Doctors practice to open in Westchester County and represents the consolidation of the former office located at 1010 North Broadway, Yonkers. Other practices in

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Operation Santa Claus: Tradition of Assisting Worthy Groups Continues



Santa will be back for next year's Operation Santa Claus

Even Through COVID, \$20,000 Raised for Local Organizations

One of the nice holiday traditions in Yonkers is the annual Operation Santa Claus breakfast, held at Dunwoodie, where Senator Nick Spano awards funds to assist developmentally disabled children and adults. This year, due to COVID, the breakfast had to be cancelled but the tradition of giving continues on, as \$20,000 was raised and given to four worthy Westchester organizations.

“Operation Santa Claus is a Yonkers tradition that began more than twenty years ago” said Senator Nick Spano, Operation Santa Claus Honorary Chairman. “The money fundraised from the generosity of our residents and businesses show their vested interest in building our community and commitment to our city.”

The four worth organizations that serve persons with developmental disabilities that were awarded grants were:

- ACDS Westchester
- Sail at Ferncliff Manor
- Richmond Community Services
- Westchester School for Special Children

“ACDS Westchester is honored to again be a recipient of funding from Operation Santa Claus,” stated Michael M. Smith, Executive Director, ACDS. “We are all tremendously grateful to Senator Nicholas Spano and his team for supporting the more than 120 children ACDS Westchester represents with disabilities. These critical funds could not have come at a better time considering the unprecedented challenges caused by the coronavirus.”

“Across the country, not-for-profits have been hit the hardest, resulting in less funding – at a time when those who we represent need it the most,” said Paca Lipovac, President/CEO, Richmond Childrens Center. “I thank Senator Spano for his steadfast support of over 20 years helping those who have often been overlooked.”

“With the support of Operation Santa Claus, we can expand the level of services we provide for those we support,” said Leonard Spano, Executive Director, Westchester School for Special Children. “These funds will be put to good use – transforming childrens futures and helping them reach their full potential.”

“For years, the support from Operation Santa Claus has provided learning and recreational equipment to assist us in teaching our students to thrive beyond expectation,” said Patrica Saich, Sail at Ferncliff. “Their valued partnership is an important part of our efforts to provide every student with the superior, individualized programs and services that build a lifelong foundation for personal independence, well-being, and self-esteem. Thank you, Operation Santa Claus, for your continued commitment.”

The organizations will use the funds to purchase equipment and enhance programs that are not otherwise funded for their residents and clients with developmental disabilities.

Longtime Operation Santa co-Chair Ann Neville, who recently passed away, was honored for her service to Yonkers at the ceremony which was streamed to Facebook and can be viewed at www.facebook.com/nick.spano.35.

Happy Chanukah Westchester!



Bar Mitzvah young man Chaim Hurwitz and his sister Zeesy, age 10, build a chanukiah supplied by Yonkers Home Depot for Chabad of Yonkers/Greystone Jewish Center. photo © 2020 Robert Kalfus

By Robert Kalfus

Our world often feels overwhelmed by darkness, the physical darkness of winter, Daylight Savings Time, and especially now the spiritual darkness of the Covid-19 pandemic isolating each of us, keeping us in the safety of our homes, but isolating and preventing us from feeling each other's community and supported.

Chabad reaches out to each precious soul to help them ignite their spark and make them feel the joy and warmth of Judaism. The holiday of Chanukah is especially well suited to accomplish spreading the light and joy of the miracle. Numerous upcoming Chanukah events welcome the public to increase and spread the light of Chanukah to all corners of Yonkers.

Chanukah, the Festival of Light, remembers the miracles of a small outnumbered band of Jewish guerrilla fighters defeating the overwhelming Syrian-Greek forces, liberating the Jewish nation and bestowing independence, and the miracle of the single cruze of undefiled oil, sufficient for only one day of kindling the lights in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, lasting for eight days, the length of time necessary until new pure and kosher olive oil could be pressed.

Chanukah activities this year begin at sunset on the first night of Chanukah, Thursday night, December 10th. The 8 day long holiday continues with the final, 8th candle lit after sunset on Thursday night, December 17th, and the holiday continues through the following Friday, December 18th, ending just before sunset.

Yonkers Home Depot manager Trevor Meinke donated to Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz 50 kits for people to build their own chanukiah to celebrate the upcoming holiday of Chanukah, a wonderful project for children working together with adults. Each kit comes complete with PVC pipes and couplings with all pieces needed to build your own chanukiah to celebrate all eight days of the Festival of Light, and can be lit with your own candles, or topped with a container of oil. Please contact Rabbi Hurwitz to receive, free of charge thanks to Home Depot Yonkers, your chanukiah kit, which is available at the synagogue, 600 North Broadway, Yonkers, by appointment. Contact Rabbi Hurwitz at (914) 963-8888, or email Rabbi@JewishYonkers.com, or visit their web site www.JewishYonkers.com.

On the first night of Chanukah, Thursday night December 10th, Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz invites you to the 5 pm lighting of the giant chanukiah at Yonkers' Untermyer Gardens overlooking the Hudson River, at 945 North Broadway, publicly proclaiming the miracle of the oil, sufficient for only one day, instead lasting eight days. This celebration is open to only the first 25 people who respond, which will allow safe social distancing, as mask wearing and social distancing is required. Jelly donuts, the traditional Chanukah treat cooked in oil, will be served. Please register and receive instructions by calling Rabbi Hurwitz at (914) 963-8888 or emailing Rabbi@JewishYonkers.com.

The following week, on Tuesday, December 15th, the sixth night of Chanukah, Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz invites you to meet at 5 pm at the Chabad of Yonkers/Greystone Jewish Center at 600 North Broadway, where a large chanukiah will be lit outside the synagogue, proclaiming the miracle of Chanukah. Participants will receive traditional jelly filled sufganiot donuts. Chabad of Yonkers will make available a limited number of magnetically attached menorahs which will not damage your car. Soon after 5 pm a Chanukah car procession will leave the synagogue, forming a Chanukah procession driving north from Chabad to the Boyce Thompson Shopping Center at 1084 - 1088 North Broadway in Yonkers where at 6 pm, Rabbi Hurwitz will lead a public lighting of a giant chanukiah. People are invited to park and stay in their cars in the parking lot, where they will see the flames of the torches lit atop the chanukiah, while maintaining safe social distancing. Mask wearing is required.

As occurred last year, many cars with a Happy Chanukah sign and a menorah on top will illuminate Yonkers' North Broadway with a wonderful parade of menorahs and music. Please register at Rabbi@JewishYonkers.com or call (914) 963-8888 to reserve a Menorah for your car top.

ArtsWestchester Offers 9 Ways for Holiday Family Togetherness Time



Local artists, arts groups and libraries are brightening the holiday season by offering virtual activities designed to give families more togetherness time.

ArtsWestchester and its partners are presenting dozens of performances, events and demonstrations online through the end of the month. One program, the ArtsMobile, publishes a new pre-recorded art-making activity featuring a professional teaching artist every Wednesday.

“The goal is to help families release stress amid remote learning and travel restrictions,” said Janet Langsam, ArtsWestchester’s CEO. “Art making—or any kind of participatory family activity—can help parents and children cope with the isolation of social distancing. With virtual programs, even if you miss the time it was webcast, they are still available for enjoyment because they are posted online.”

The full library of ArtsMobile’s art making workshops are posted on ArtsWestchester’s YouTube page.

ArtsWestchester’s Teen Tuesdays & Thursdays also offer free art-making online activities for children 12 to 16 years old. Teens can learn, participate and share their work using the hashtag #AWTeenTuesdays. These virtual art workshops are available on ArtsWestchester’s web page or via their YouTube channel.

Upcoming ArtsWestchester holiday arts programs include:
Dec. 9: Doodling

Join artist Donna Mikkelsen from 4:00–4:45 pm for a workshop teaching how to focus and use both hands to draw simultaneously and symmetrically. The workshop is for youth 7-12 years old and no drawing experience is necessary to participate. To register email Jessica Cioffoletti at jcioffoletti@artswestchester.org. Zoom log-in info will be sent upon registration.

Dec. 15: Holiday Card Making

Richela Fabian will lead a 45-minute Zoom program from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. The artist will guide participants in a card-making session using ordinary materials found around the home. The workshop is for youth 7-12 years old and no drawing experience is necessary to participate. To register email Jessica Cioffoletti at jcioffoletti@artswestchester.org. Zoom log-in info will be sent to upon registration.

Dec. 22: Body Art Lettering

In this Teen Tuesdays program, Evan Bishop and Katori Walker paint inspirational and celebratory words on hands and arms. The pre-recorded program will be posted Dec. 22 on the Teen Tuesdays website and no registration is required.

Dec. 22: Story Time

The White Plains Public Library’s Trove staff will present a story time from 11 a.m. to 11:35 a.m. for children from 2 to 6 years old on Zoom. To join, click the Zoom link, or alternatively, enter the following ID into Zoom: 897 5818 5711.

Dec. 23: Gingerbread Cookies

Get the whole family involved in the kitchen from 4 to 5 p.m. The Rye Free Reading Room has posted a gingerbread cookie recipe on its website so that families can gather and prepare a holiday favorite. Parents must fill out an online registration form.

Dec. 23: Paper Quilting

The ArtsMobile presents a paper arts activity with Vicky Youngman. Participants will create a fun holiday gift for a friend or family member. The program will be posted Dec. 23 on the ArtsMobile’s website and no registration is required.

Dec. 28: Belly Dancing

The Yonkers Public Library’s Crestwood Branch will host a belly dancing workshop from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Zoom for adults and older children. All skill levels are welcome. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://zoom.us/j/92119894504> Meeting ID: 921 1989 4504

Dec. 28: Paper Arts

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Holiday Bargain Shopping, Covid 2020 Edition



By Eric W. Schoen

Normally in December I present you with a list of gifts you can get for your friends and loved ones at bargain or reduced prices for the holidays. Like everything else in our lives, the list has been upended by COVID-19, the pandemic before us.

First and most important. We see the stores, malls and other shopping venues without shoppers rushing home with their treasures. A lot of people are staying home this holiday season and ordering from catalogs and online. This will likely overburden the United States Postal Service, United Parcel Service and FEDEX.

Bottom line: to get guaranteed delivery for December 25 Christmas Day your online order should be placed by December 18 or a week before the holidays. We are dealing in uncharted territory here in terms of above normal packages for delivery in the system, and you don’t want anyone to be disappointed.

Many people feel that packages being delivered should be cleaned off outside of the house before they are brought in to spread germs and Covid-19. If that is your situation, through signage on your door alert your carriers as to where packages should be dropped off and set up a location, protected from rain and snow that can be easily accessed. The area should also afford you space where you can put disposable gloves on and use the product of your choice for disinfect your packages.

It goes without saying that if you see packages at your neighbors house that you should take a Napkin or tissue and ring his or her bell. If the package fits into a plastic bag and your neighbor is not going to me home for several days put the plastic bag over the package, scoop it up and put a twist tie around it to keep it closed and bring it in your house.

Covid-19 or no Covid-19, package thieves are on the lookout so be safe with your packages. The Amazon drop boxes are another safe way for delivery. Believe it or not many of the drop boxes have been named by Amazon. The one at the 7-11 on McClean Ave in Yonkers has been named ‘Amour.’ Enough said.

One of the best bargains if you are near a Panera store is their unlimited iced or hot coffee packages. \$25 for 3 months of unlimited coffee is a steal. If you have one \$3 iced coffee with tax for 8 days you are already ahead of the game with over 80 days of free coffee to enjoy. It sounds crazy but it’s the greatest deal for coffee lovers out there. And Panera unlike Starbucks allows you for the time being to sit and enjoy your beverage in their cafes.

Starbucks also has their unlimited brewed coffee or tea mug for \$40 but it is for one month, January and most seating at Starbucks locations has been closed off. So if you are one of those people who enjoy their coffee in the cafe this deal might not work for you. If you take away your beverage to drink and you must have your Starbucks the unlimited mug is a good deal for you!

Many shoppers link their credit cards to companies like Rakuten where every time you use your card you get cash back in a periodic check on the purchases you buy. The amounts vary but if you shop at the merchants affiliated with Rakuten your checks can be up to 10% of your purchase. There are other companies that offer a similar service. Just make sure you check them out before you give them your card numbers.

Hopefully by the 2nd quarter of 2021 we will be able to dine in restaurants without any percentage of seats open restrictions. When buying restaurant gift card most restaurants give you a bonus \$10 gift card with a \$50 purchase. Cheesecake Factory was recently offering 2 slices of their famous, high in calories cheesecake with a \$25-\$50 gift card purchase. With the cost of cheesecake \$8 plus per slice you were almost getting the gift card for free. restaurant.com gift cards which usually required dine in now offers many restaurants that allow you to use the certificates on take away purchases.

Bed, Bath and Beyond customers on their email and mailing lists all of a sudden are getting new coupons almost daily. Remember, the coupons can also be used at Harmon stores. My individual Think high protein bars, \$2.59 at CVS but in bulk can cost less than a \$1 at Harmon when I use coupons. The \$5 off \$15 and \$10 off \$30 coupons are the best unless you are buying an expensive item where the 20% off works best. Remember that the coupons never expire. In the spirit of the holidays if you see someone without a coupon and have an extra one share it!

With people spending so much time at home, old fashioned games like Monopoly and playing cards and even crossword puzzles are making a comeback. They allow the family to play together and offer hours of enjoyment. Discounters like TJMAXX and Marshall’s offer good prices on these games. Quality toys like educational Melissa and Doug and old fashioned F.A.O. Schwarz train sets and toys can also be found at the discount retailers.

Cold weather will always bring discounts on temperature appropriate clothing and when combined with Macy’s or JC Penney coupons can be a steal. Monday, December 14 is free shipping day when retailers waive the shipping charges for your purchase. That is going to be a busy day this year with people ordering online and not going to department stores. Always try to meet the minimum required for free shipping as those shipping charges can be quite hefty.

Food preparation items like FROZEN pancake makers and character waffle makers are always fun. The kids stir the batter and the adults handle the hot machines. Many of you enjoy the egg bites at Starbucks which are 2 for \$4. One small appliance for \$20 (less the 20% Bed Bath Coupon bringing it to \$16) allows you to make the egg bites at home. Make 5 sets of 2 egg bites and you are already saving money.

Local merchants have been hit particularly hard during the pandemic so try to

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Help Lift the Spirit of Westchester's Nearly 500 Foster Children



As many of our families gear up for the holiday season, Westchester County Executive George Latimer and the Department of Social Services (DSS) is asking for your help to lift the spirits of the County's foster children. DSS is announcing that they are soliciting Gift Card donations this year as a part of the annual DSS Holiday Gift Drive for Westchester's foster children.

This year's modification to gift cards - in lieu of shopping for, handling and distribution of boxed toys - is meant to ensure the least possible contact with others for both the donor and the donee while still allowing for the drive to go on.

County Executive George Latimer said: "While we face a holiday season like no other in our lifetimes, it is important to still take time to remember those less fortunate in our community while still ensuring safety protocols are followed. This holiday gift drive provides that opportunity. I once again thank DSS for their tireless efforts on behalf of Westchester's foster children."

The Holiday Gift Drive has provided gifts for the children DSS serves for the last 15 years and - this year is the most difficult. Each donation goes a long way to bringing some holiday cheer to children in our neighborhoods.

Currently, Westchester County has over 500 children in foster care, ranging from infants to 21 years old.

Department of Social Services Commissioner Kevin McGuire said: "Westchester's foster families are eternally grateful to those who have supported the drive over the last 15 years. We look forward to another successful - albeit different - effort."

Gift cards to local Westchester businesses are preferred but all age appropriate gift cards are welcomed. The drive is also accepting monetary donations - check can be made payable to: "Westchester Child Welfare Holiday Fund"

Gift Cards and questions can be directed to:
Barbara M. Sabater, Program Coordinator of Constituent Affairs
Department of Social Services, 112 East Post Road White Plains, New York 10994--(914) 995-1937--BMS7@WESTCHESTERGOV.COM

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Senate," Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said. "During our first session as the Democratic Majority, we enacted historic legislation to protect and expand New Yorkers' rights and build a stronger and fairer state for all residents. The voters clearly supported our efforts and agenda as they elected the largest majority in Senate history and the first modern Democratic supermajority. We will use this mandate to help lead New York State forward as we address the ongoing pandemic and rebuild from this economic crisis."

Stewart-Cousins has moved the democratic senate conference away from the divisiveness and splits in their membership, including the breakaway Independent Democratic Conference, and has provided leadership that has won the loyalty and appreciation of every democratic state senator.

Senator Stewart-Cousins has served as Leader of the Senate Democratic Conference since December 2012, and was the first woman and African American woman to be elected as a Conference Leader in New York State history. Following the 2018 Elections and the strong Democratic Majority elected by New York voters, Andrea Stewart-Cousins became the first woman and African American woman to lead a New York State Legislative Majority.

She presided over the return of democratic senators who had defected back to the conference and did so without any sign of retribution. "Andrea's the only one who actually thinks the way you get things done is to treat people as equals, listen to them, respect them, and see if you can get them to come along to an agreement," said Senator Liz Kruger.

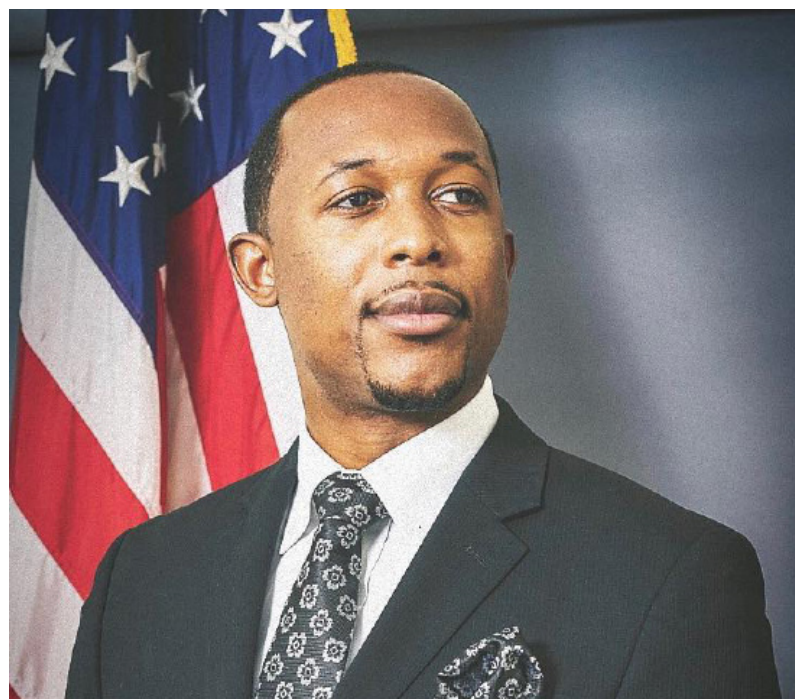
Senator Shelley Mayer, also from Yonkers said that Stewart-Cousins, "has the skills of bringing diverse people to the table and making them feel heard, and they are heard by her. Yonkers is a good place to learn how to hear from different views and try to find common ground and encourage people to let go of their egos and personal preferences with the goal of the common good."

Leader Stewart-Cousins has also been able to balance the interests of democratic state senators from New York City, with those of the suburbs and upstate. Simply put, everyone in the NYS Senate Democratic conference is happy. The political drama is gone, and in its place has come meaningful legislation on issues like immigration, criminal justice reform a living wage, and gun tougher gun laws.

"I'm the first woman leader, we have more women in our conference than ever, we have more geographic diversity, more ethnic diversity.. I believe we have an opportunity — and even a responsibility — to prove this can work," Stewart-Cousins told Politico, in a feature story by reporter Bill Mahoney that is evidence of the praise she is receiving from all over Albany. That same praise is certainly as great in Westchester, and Yonkers, and in the 35th Senate District that she represents.

That praise and respect given to Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins cannot be overlooked by Governor Andrew Cuomo, and now with a supermajority of 43 Senators, some political observers in the Capitol are saying that ASC could now be the most powerful leader in New York State.

Westchester Has a New County Legislator: Tyrae Woodson-Samuels Sworn in District 13



County Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

Tyrae Woodson-Samuels was sworn in on December 4 as legislator for the County's 13th district comprising most of Mount Vernon. The swearing in took place at the office of County Clear Tim Itoni

Woodson-Samuels was elected in November in a special election to fill the seat vacated in August by former Legislator Lyndon Williams, who was appointed a Mount Vernon City Court Judge.

Woodson-Samuels, a 28-year-old Mount Vernon native, joins the Board after serving as Deputy Director of Constituent Services for Congressman Eliot Engel, working with residents and public officials on issues including immigration, gun safety, Federal funding, military and veterans affairs, healthcare, Social Security and senior issues, and regional environmental concerns.

Woodson-Samuels (D-Mount Vernon) said, "I'd like to thank Judge Lyndon Williams for his years of service to the people of Mount Vernon and Westchester County. His fairness, thoroughness, preparation, and commitment to community make him an exemplary public servant. As a legislator, I will continue his work to complete the reconstruction of Memorial Field and to fight to preserve Mount Vernon Hospital."

Woodson-Samuels added, "In the next two weeks, I will work with my new colleagues to pass a County budget that responds to the pandemic in a fiscally responsible way, while preserving essential services. Next year, we will need to turn our attention to rebuilding. The pandemic has laid bare social and economic disparities including food insecurity and the digital divide. We need to support people in need, prepare for challenges as foreclosure moratoriums expire, work towards universal broadband so that no one is left behind in a shift to remote education and work, and help our small businesses survive."

Woodson-Samuels concluded, "I also look forward the Board's review of the recommendations of the County's Police Reform and Reimagining Task Force. We must use this unique moment to make policing more diverse, just, equitable, transparent and modern, before we forward any plan on to the governor."

Woodson-Samuels is the third youngest legislator in Westchester history, and the youngest to take office since 1984. Board Chair Ben Boykin said, "Legislator Woodson-Samuels may be one of the youngest legislators ever to be elected to this body, but his intellect, his commitment to community, and his years of service with Congressman Engel, leave no doubt about his preparation to hit the ground running to serve the Mount Vernon community. I welcome him and look forward to his fresh perspectives as we work on behalf of the people of Westchester County."

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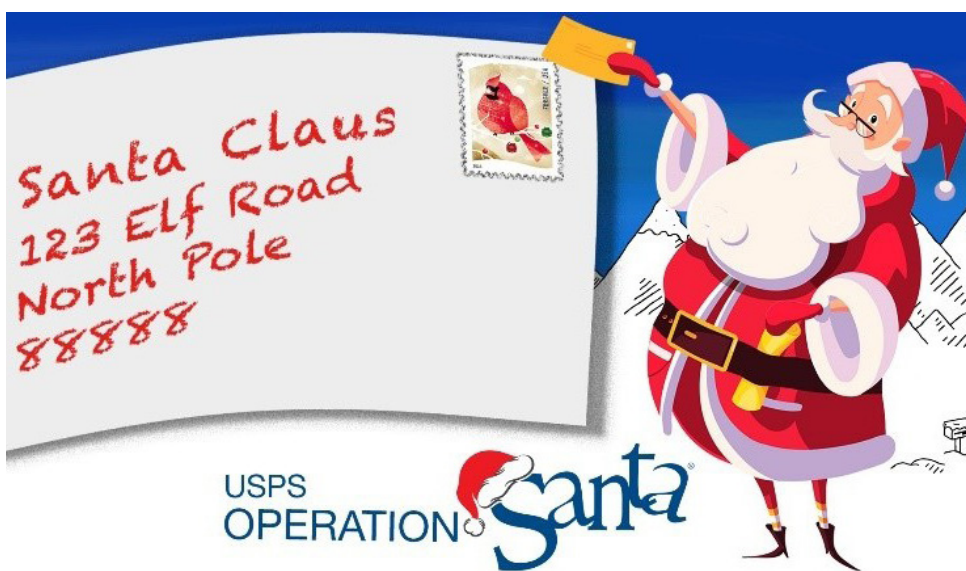
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Thousands of letters are written to the USPS Operation Santa program every year in hopes of being adopted by kind and generous people across the country. These letters are opened by Santa's Elves and, for safety reasons, all personally identifiable information of the letter writer is removed (i.e. last names, addresses, ZIP Codes) and uploaded to USPSOperationSanta.com for adoption through Dec 15.

Potential adopters can visit USPSOperationSanta.com, read through the letters, pick one or more wishes that they'd like to fulfill, and follow the directions on how to grant that special wish for a child. For security reasons, potential adopters must be vetted by going through a short registration and ID verification process before being allowed to adopt any letter.

To participate in USPS Operation Santa as a possible recipient of holiday gifts, write a letter, put it in a stamped envelope with a return address, and send it to Santa's official workshop address:

Santa Claus, 123 Elf Road,
North Pole, 88888

Extensive USPS holiday information, including shipping deadlines and the history of USPS Operation Santa, can be found at usps.com.

Mt Sinai Doctors, continued from pg 1-

Westchester are Mount Sinai Doctors-Scarsdale, at 341 Central Park Avenue, and Mount Sinai Doctors-Pelham, at 116 Fifth Avenue

"We are extremely excited to have launched all three Mount Sinai Doctors practices in the Westchester communities and to be providing individuals and families living in these neighborhoods with excellent access to the same high-quality multi-specialty ambulatory services for which Mount Sinai is nationally and internationally recognized as an academic medical system and leading medical school," says Arthur A. Klein, MD, President of the Mount Sinai Health Network.

Services offered at Mount Sinai Doctors-Yonkers also include preventive care and general medical exams, vaccinations, immunizations, sonograms, and yearly physicals. Patients can also expect same-day appointments, extended hours, easy scheduling, ample parking, a highly skilled team of physicians and nurses, and a friendly, welcoming waiting area.

Dr. Klein explained that while Mount Sinai "always had a long standing group of physicians in Westchester, the new offices and locations in Pelham, Scarsdale and now Yonkers, give our patients a more convenient, world class facility. We can now give them the total medical experience that they want and deserve. We are delighted to expand into Westchester, and our proud of the Mount Sinai name and the services that comes with it."

Dr. Klein said that Mount Sinai Doctors "will continue to grow in Westchester," and that the new office locations provides "more space for growth in cancer treatment and ambulatory surgery. Our overall strategy is to continue to grow where our patients reside. That is the future of health care delivery. COVID has underscored that, but we also recognize the convenience and high quality service we can provide in an ambulatory setting."

For more information or to make an appointment at Mount Sinai Doctors-Yonkers call (914) 370 - 5000 or go to www.mountsinadoctors.org/westchester.

Alzheimer's Association Offers Tips for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season During COVID 19

As COVID-19 surges, families are struggling with decisions about the holiday season — weighing concerns about the safety of traveling with the desire to spend time with friends and relatives. For families who have a loved one with Alzheimer's or another dementia, these decisions are even harder, especially since many have forgone visits since COVID-19 began. The emotional pull to spend time with these loved ones during the holidays is felt very keenly.

"Holidays may look different this year due to COVID, but as we find new ways to connect with loved ones while staying safe, it's important to think about the person with dementia. We can help you figure out what some common behaviors might mean, how they might be triggered, and how to respond so everyone can enjoy the holidays and avoid stress," said Eileen Hendriksen, LMSW, Care Consultant & Director of Early Stage Services for the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter.

The Alzheimer's Association offers the following tips for families with loved ones living with dementia:

- Schedule a family Zoom to talk about holiday celebrations and visiting a loved one with dementia, including the primary caregiver for the loved one with dementia.
- Check the CDC website — cdc.gov — for COVID19 guidelines on visits with individuals deemed higher risk/vulnerable.
- Think about what is best for the person with dementia and assess the risks of various options for family gatherings and in-person visits.
- Reach a consensus and make decisions for the holidays that everyone supports.
- Map out how you'll celebrate the season and divide up responsibilities to make it happen.
- If you decide on a virtual celebration, learn what kind of device is being used by the person with the disease and their caregiver. It may be necessary for the family to consider purchasing a new, updated device to make participation in virtual activities enjoyable
- To ensure the person with the disease and their caregiver can participate in virtual events, arrange for training. For instance, seniorplanet.org offers free videos and classes for seniors to learn technology.
- Identify one or two family members who can serve as the point people to coordinate the details and logistics of various virtual activities.

Tips for safe in-person visits:

- Avoid or minimize any type of travel for the person with. Even car trips present risks, such as rest stops and restaurants.
- Restrict the number of individuals who visit during the holidays.
- Be sure any visitors fully commit to following the guidelines — both pre-visit and during the visit — such as quarantining for the appropriate time period before visiting, wearing a mask and maintaining safe social distancing during the visit.
- Make sure your loved one with dementia wears a mask around visitors.
- Consider having one family member be the official holiday helper for your loved one with dementia. This should be someone who practices social distancing on a regular basis and is able to commit fully to the necessary safety precautions.

The Alzheimer's Association has programs designed to help caregivers deal with the complexities of the season. Caring through the Holidays will be offered from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 14, and Caring for a Loved One During COVID-19 will be offered at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 16. To register for these programs, call the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter at 800.272.3900.

These programs are supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health. To learn more about the programs and services offered locally, visit alz.org/hudsonvalley. Visit alz.org, to learn more about The Alzheimer's Association

Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Drive

Barnes & Noble has selected United Way of Westchester and Putnam (UWWP) to be the recipient of their 2020 Holiday Book Drive, which runs through Dec. 12. Barnes & Noble stores in Eastchester, White Plains, and Yonkers are participating. At check-out, customers are encouraged to purchase an additional book for children ages 0-10, which is then donated to the book drive.

"We could not do this annual book drive without the generosity of everyone in the community," said Barnes & Noble Store Manager Jonathan Castro. "I want to thank everyone that has donated to United Way of Westchester and Putnam through this program. We still have a few days left to make a change in a young readers life, so please come in and contribute if you can."

All the books donated will go towards United Way's United2Read early literacy program or will be distributed as holiday presents to children in need in Westchester and Putnam. Through its United2Read program, UWWP has collected and distributed nearly 15,000 books across our region to more than 5,000 underprivileged children, from birth to age five, so far in 2020. These books kits encourage childhood literacy and interaction between caregiver and child—both of which are crucial to a child's growth and success. If you are interested in purchasing a book to donate to United Way of Westchester and Putnam, you can visit any of the below stores:

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

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

Notice of formation of Ayo Holistic Care, LLC. Filed with SSNY 7/22/2020. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, P.O. Box 1201, New Rochelle, NY 10802. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 80 East, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/01/2020. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 80 East Hartsdale Avenue #506, Hartsdale, NY 10530. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Rella Electric, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 12/1/2020. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Christian Farella at 186 Stone Ave., Yonkers, NY, 10701 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Modern Day Luxe LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/3/20. Office: Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to United States Corporation Agents Inc. at 7014 13th Avenue, Suite 202 Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of SHLP 140 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/19/20. 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 Studio 160, LLC. filed with the SSNY on 10/13/2020. 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, 160 West 3rd Street, Mount Vernon, NY, 10550. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Teen Tuesdays presents a recycling program with Dara Kane, who will lead participants in a fun paper art activity using leftover holiday wrapping paper and envelopes. The program will be posted Dec. 28 on the Teen Tuesdays website and no registration is required.

Dec. 29: Collage Creations

The ArtsMobile presents a recycling program with Michael Albert, who will demonstrate how to make a collage from recycled boxes. The program will be posted Dec. 29 on the ArtsMobile's website and no registration is required.

Visit ArtsWestchester.org for more information.

County Jail, Corrections Officers, continued from pg 1-

"Whether or not we get the additional State or federal aid we so fervently wish for, we do need to prudently cut back in overstaffed and overfunded departments and, as I have pointed out, the County jail is the prime example. In this past year we have come close to having a two-to-one ratio of Corrections staff to inmates, while a perfectly good staffing level would appear to be a two- or three-to-one level in the other direction; that is, inmates to staff. There has been a steady reduction in the inmate population over the past five years at least, with no reduction in staffing levels (as funding went up) and no pro rata downward adjustment, that I can find in the budget lines, on contracts with outside vendors for medical and food services," stated Maher.

Maher's suggestions have been opposed by supporters of law enforcement. Below is Neil Pellone's letter on behalf of his corrections officers.

COVID and Corrections

By Neil Pellone, President, Westchester C.O.B.A.

Earlier this year I had written an Op-Ed entitled "A new world of public safety is upon us." Little did I realize what would be upon us; this initial Op-Ed focused on the changes in bail reform, these changes lowered the jail population significantly. This reduction in population brought on the knee jerk reaction to question minimum staffing levels from certain Westchester County Legislators.

No one could have predicted the life altering changes that would come in March and April of 2020. Since the start of this COVID-19 pandemic Westchester COBA has continued to work together with the Department, the County Executive; his team, and the Department of Health to implement safety measures, ensure the use of PPE, and minimize the spread of this disease so we can keep our officers, their families, and the inmate population as safe as possible. Some of these additional safety measures include increasing cleaning crews to decontaminate, social distancing the inmate population, and altering new admission protocols and housing locations to minimize the introduction and spread of this highly contagious disease into the petri-dish environment known as jail.

As recent as October, 2020, County Legislator Damon Maher, during a Budget Committee-Capital Projects meeting, brought up an audit report that was done recently in Ulster County to evaluate the lower population number and petition the state to reduce requirements. Legislator Maher, as he has done in the past, has harped on lowering the minimum staffing standards, with his main focus of the inquiries solely on saving money.

To bring this up in the midst of a pandemic could be kindly called short sighted at best. Does Legislator Maher, and any of the other legislators asking for decreased staffing levels, even care about the health and safety of the inmate population, correctional, or civilian staff? While many other correctional facilities have had fatalities to all of the aforementioned staff and population, due to the safety measures based upon the current staffing levels, fortunately we have not. COVID-19 has negatively affected not only my members but their loved ones as well.

Our children are learning from laptops in make shift "living room classrooms" while many of us are being forced to work overtime and safely protect the jail. As recent as October 15th, 2020, the federal government ended an agreement with the Westchester County Jail, stating that the jail had met conditions to improve the treatment of inmates. In a public statement the officers of the Westchester County Jail were commended along with Commissioner Joseph K. Spano and his staff by County Executive George Latimer "No one is forgotten in our County, and this work is just more proof," Latimer said in a statement.

On November 5, 2020, Commissioner Spano stated after the department earned its fifth re-accreditation. "The successful ACA reaccreditation audit combined with the Department's other unique national certifications is part of what contributes to our reputation as a national leader in the correctional space- something we are very proud of."

"These accolades are great to hear, but as the backbone of the Westchester County Jail our Corrections Officers deserve hazard pay! We have worked through COVID, contracted COVID, and returned back to work from COVID. We put our safety and that of our families at risk on a daily basis. We continue to work through these unique challenges in an enclosed jail setting.

Despite these risks, as essential employees, Westchester County Correction Officers proudly remain on the front lines of this battle, working in close quarters, continuing to ensure public safety on a 24/7 basis," end of Pellone's letter.

Many see the arguments from Maher and Pellone as the beginning of a discussion about defunding the police on one side, and support for law enforcement on the other side.

"The new laws in New York State are working and our prison populations in our state are declining greatly," said Patricia Kenny, a Westchester democrat. "Legislator Maher is now taking the next logical step, by proposing that we use our tax dollars for other means than incarceration. I applaud his efforts."

County Executive George Latimer's proposed county budget for 2021 shows that 21 vacant positions in the correction department will be subtracted from their current level of 877. Maher has also made the following suggestions,

"By my calculations, we could forgo the planned Academy class this coming year, could have continuing attrition and a new buy-out proposal (like in Social Services, Mental Health and Public Health earlier this year), saving enough money to help struggling early childhood education/day care places and parents, and still have enough to cut the county property tax by about \$4M. Add that to the County Executive's \$1M cut and you have \$5M, which is almost a full percentage point cut."

We find Legislator Maher's suggestions, and that is all that they are at this point, at the least worthy of discussion. As another progressive Westchester democrat told us, "We have a 16-1 supermajority on the county board. Let's take that supermajority out for a ride and test it. Many democrats, and all politicians, are afraid to stand up to the unions. At least one isn't."

Other Westchester residents support law enforcement and are concerned that the safety of both officers and inmates could be at risk. "I don't want Damon Maher determining how many corrections officers we need for how many inmates we may have at the time," said Donald Hawkins. "What about the mentally ill inmates, who require more than one officer to keep safe? Aren't there other parts of the county budget where we can look to cut before we cut corrections officers risking their lives in our country jail? This is just the first step, next come cuts to the Westchester County Police and then how about cuts to the New Rochelle Police, where Legislator Maher lives?"

Holiday Bargain , continued from pg 3-

patronize them as much as you can. They offer quality, often unique gifts tastefully gift wrapped at no charge for you. Some of these merchants are on the brink of closing due lackluster sales and desperately need your support.

Our beautiful Century 21 store in Yonkers is now a memory, but Lord and Taylor at Ridge Hill and Eastchester remain open. They are not just selling stock on hand but have brought new merchandise into the stores. Watch out for the new merchandise. It might not be the same quality you would always expect from Lord and Taylor and there are no returns or exchanges.

Sears in White Plains is going out of business. I visited the other day and didn't find any drastic bargains so early in the closing sale process. What I did notice is the lack of fitting rooms coupled with a no return or exchange policy. This is simply not fair to consumers. How can you buy an item with no returns without trying it on. They gave the old 'the fitting rooms are closed due to COVID-19' which is a lot of baloney. There are no rules, laws or regulations on the books that prohibit fitting rooms from being open during the pandemic. Same goes for bathrooms. Find a quiet area in the store and discreetly attempt to try on your items.

As Black Friday sales were lackluster, merchants will be offering specials and deals throughout the remainder of the holiday season and right up til New Years Eve. We won't have a lot to do between now and then so bargain shopping should be on your agenda. Lottery tickets always a good gift. Play the big games and if you win the big prize you can become a millionaire any day of the week.

The nicest gift this holiday season. Pick up the phone and call a friend or loved one you have not been in touch with. There's no greater gift than that!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericynkers. 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.

SUMMARY BOND RESOLUTION, DATED DECEMBER __, 2020, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF UP TO \$408,000 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT SERIAL BONDS OF THE VILLAGE OF TUCKAHOE, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, STATE OF NEW YORK, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW, TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF (I) THE ACQUISITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, (II) THE COMPLETION OF A COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN, AND (III) THE PLANNING OF SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, ALL IN AND FOR THE VILLAGE.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tuckahoe (the "Village"), located in the County of Westchester, in the State of New York (the "State"), hereby determines that it is in the public interest of the Village to authorize the financing of the costs of (i) the acquisition of motor vehicles (\$239,700), (ii) the completion of a comprehensive master plan (\$117,300), and (iii) the planning of sewer improvements (\$51,000), all in and for the Village, including any applicable equipment, machinery, apparatus, land or rights-in-land necessary therefor and any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, at a total cost not to exceed \$408,000, all in accordance with the Local Finance Law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tuckahoe, County of Westchester, State of New York, as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby authorized to be issued serial bonds of the Village in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$408,000, pursuant to the Local Finance Law, in order to finance costs of the specific objects or purposes hereinafter described.

Section 2. The specific objects or purposes, or class of objects or purposes, to be financed pursuant to the bond resolution summarized herein (collectively, the "Project"), the respective estimated maximum cost of such specific object or purpose, or class of object or purpose, the principal amount of serial bonds authorized by the bond resolution summarized herein for such specific object or purpose, or class of object or purpose, and the period of probable usefulness of such specific object or purpose, or class of object or purpose, thereof pursuant to the applicable subdivision of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance law, are as follows:

(a) The acquisition of motor vehicles, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, at an estimated maximum cost of \$239,700, for which \$239,700 principal amount of serial bonds, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds, are authorized by the bond resolution summarized herein and appropriated therefore, having a period of probable usefulness of five (5) years pursuant to subdivision 29 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Such serial bonds shall have a maximum maturity of five (5) years computed from the earlier of (a) the date of the first issue of such serial bonds or (b) the date of the first issue of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds; and

(b) The costs of the completion of a comprehensive master plan, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, at an estimated maximum cost of \$117,300, for which \$117,300 principal amount of serial bonds, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds, are authorized by the bond resolution summarized herein and appropriated therefore, having a period of probable usefulness of five (5) years pursuant to subdivision 64 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Such serial bonds shall have a maximum maturity of five (5) years computed from the earlier of (a) the date of the first issue of such serial bonds or (b) the date of the first issue of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds; and

(c) The planning costs for sewer improvements, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, at an estimated maximum cost of \$51,000, for which \$51,000 principal amount of serial bonds, or bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds, are authorized by the bond resolution summarized herein and appropriated therefore, having a period of probable usefulness of five (5) years pursuant to subdivision 62 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. Such serial bonds shall have a maximum maturity of five (5) years computed from the earlier of (a) the date of the first issue of such serial bonds or (b) the date of the first issue of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees of the Village has ascertained and hereby states that (a) the estimated maximum cost of the Project is \$408,000; (b) except as set forth in the Village's financial records, no money has heretofore been authorized to be applied to the payment of the costs of the Project; (c) the Board of Trustees of the Village plans to finance the costs of the Project from the proceeds of the serial bonds authorized by the bond resolution summarized herein, or from the proceeds of bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of such serial bonds; (d) the maturity of the obligations authorized by the bond resolution summarized herein may not be in excess of five (5) years; (e) on or before the expenditure of moneys to pay for any costs of the Project for which proceeds of such obligations are to be applied to reimburse the Village, the Board of Trustees of the Village took "official action" for federal income tax purposes to authorize capital financing of such item.

Section 4. Each of the serial bonds authorized by the bond resolution summarized herein and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the Village is hereby and shall be irrevocably pledged for the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on all obligations authorized and issued pursuant to the bond resolution summarized herein as the same shall become due.

Section 5. A complete copy of the bond resolution summarized herein is available for public inspection during regular business hours at the Office of the Village Clerk, 65 Main Street, Tuckahoe, New York 10707 and at www.tuckahoe.com for a period of twenty days from the date of this publication.

VILLAGE OF TUCKAHOE
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, NEW YORK
ESTOPPEL NOTICE

The bond resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, was adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tuckahoe, located in the County of Westchester, State of New York (the "Village") on December 7, 2020. The validity of the obligations authorized by such bond resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose, or class of object or purpose, for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or if the provisions of law which should be complied with as of the date of the publication of this notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of publication of this notice, or if such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State of New York.

Date: December 11, 2020
/s/ Camille DiSalvo
CAMILLE DISALVO
Village Clerk, Village of Tuckahoe, New York

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tuckahoe (the "Village"), located in the County of Westchester, State of New York (the "State"), has on the 7th day of December, 2020, adopted, pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New York, a bond resolution which:

(1) authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village to finance (i) the acquisition of communications equipment (\$306,000), (ii) the acquisition, construction and reconstruction of sidewalks (\$102,000), and (iii) the construction and reconstruction of various building improvements (\$300,900), all in and for the Village, including any applicable equipment, machinery, apparatus, land or rights-in-land necessary therefor and any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, and authorizes the issuance of \$708,900 aggregate principal amount of serial bonds of the Village to finance such purposes, and

(2) states the estimated maximum total costs of such acquisition, construction, and reconstruction to be not in excess of \$708,900, states that such costs will be financed in whole or in part with the issuance of obligations authorized in the bond resolution and sets forth the plan of financing of the cost of such purposes, and

(3) determines the period of probable usefulness to be ten (10) years, and

(4) determines that the maximum maturity of such serial bonds will be in excess of five (5) years, and

(5) delegates to the Village Treasurer the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and to authorize the issuance of, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, including renewals thereof, and to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, and

(6) states that the validity of such serial bonds or any of such bond anticipation notes may be contested only if (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose, or class of object or purpose, for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or (b) the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of the publication of such bond resolution, or a summary thereof, were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or (c) if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State.

Such bond resolution is subject to a permissive referendum under the provisions of Article 9 of the Village Law and petitions protesting against such bond resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the electors of the Village for their approval or disapproval may be filed with the Village Clerk at any time within thirty (30) days after the date of the adoption of such bond resolution.

By order of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Tuckahoe, New York.

Dated: December 11th, 2020

CAMILLE DISALVO
Village Clerk, Village of Tuckahoe, New York

PUBLIC NOTICE

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(1) authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village to finance (i) the acquisition of machinery and apparatus for construction and maintenance (\$102,000), (ii) the construction and reconstruction of improvements to Village streets (\$627,300), and (iii) the acquisition, construction and reconstruction of park improvements (\$239,700), all in and for the Village, including any applicable equipment, machinery, apparatus, land or rights-in-land necessary therefor and any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, and authorizes the issuance of \$969,000 aggregate principal amount of serial bonds of the Village to finance such purposes, and

(2) states the estimated maximum total costs of such acquisition, construction, and reconstruction to be not in excess of \$969,000, states that such costs will be financed in whole or in part with the issuance of obligations authorized in the bond resolution and sets forth the plan of financing of the cost of such purposes, and

(3) determines the period of probable usefulness to be fifteen (15) years, and

(4) determines that the maximum maturity of such serial bonds will be in excess of five (5) years, and

(5) delegates to the Village Treasurer the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and to authorize the issuance of, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, including renewals thereof, and to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, and

(6) states that the validity of such serial bonds or any of such bond anticipation notes may be contested only if (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose, or class of object or purpose, for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or (b) the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of the publication of such bond resolution, or a summary thereof, were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or (c) if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State.

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(1) authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village to finance the costs of the acquisition of traffic signals, including any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, and authorizes the issuance of \$698,700 aggregate principal amount of serial bonds of the Village to finance such purposes, and

(2) states the estimated maximum total costs of such acquisition to be not in excess of \$698,700 states that such costs will be financed in whole or in part with the issuance of obligations authorized in the bond resolution and sets forth the plan of financing of the cost of such purposes, and

(3) determines the period of probable usefulness to be twenty (20) years, and

(4) determines that the maximum maturity of such serial bonds will be in excess of five (5) years, and

(5) delegates to the Village Treasurer the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and to authorize the issuance of, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, including renewals thereof, and to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, and

(6) states that the validity of such serial bonds or any of such bond anticipation notes may be contested only if (a) such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose, or class of object or purpose, for which the Village is not authorized to expend money, or (b) the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of the publication of such bond resolution, or a summary thereof, were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty (20) days after the date of such publication, or (c) if such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of the State.

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(1) authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village to finance the acquisition, construction and reconstruction of improvements to the Village buildings, including any applicable equipment, machinery, apparatus, land or rights-in-land necessary therefor and any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, and authorizes the issuance of \$397,800 aggregate principal amount of serial bonds of the Village to finance such purpose, and

(2) states the estimated maximum total costs of such acquisition, construction and reconstruction to be not in excess of \$397,800, states that such costs will be financed in whole or in part with the issuance of obligations authorized in the bond resolution and sets forth the plan of financing of such cost of such purpose, and

(3) determines the period of probable usefulness to be twenty-five (25) years, and

(4) determines that the maximum maturity of such serial bonds will be in excess of five (5) years, and

(5) delegates to the Village Treasurer the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and to authorize the issuance of, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, including renewals thereof, and to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, and

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(1) authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Village to finance the acquisition, construction and reconstruction of Village sewer system improvements, including any applicable equipment, machinery, apparatus, land or rights-in-land necessary therefor and any preliminary and incidental costs related thereto, and authorizes the issuance of \$229,500 aggregate principal amount of serial bonds of the Village to finance such purpose, and

(2) states the estimated maximum total costs of such acquisition, construction and reconstruction to be not in excess of \$229,500, states that such costs will be financed in whole or in part with the issuance of obligations authorized in the bond resolution and sets forth the plan of financing of such cost of such purpose, and

(3) determines the period of probable usefulness to be thirty (30) years, and

(4) determines that the maximum maturity of such serial bonds will be in excess of five (5) years, and

(5) delegates to the Village Treasurer the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of such serial bonds and to authorize the issuance of, and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such serial bonds, including renewals thereof, and to issue, sell and deliver such serial bonds and such bond anticipation notes, and

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Westchester Christmas Lights, continued from pg 1-



Roy Aletti's Harrison display has been a must stop for 40+ yrs.



16 Luigi Road, Putnam Valley has quickly become a fan-fav

wearing masks and gloves for your safety. Christmas 2020 will be our thirteenth and final year of our show. We've been blessed that many children have grown up with families that have made our show part of their family's traditions. We've thoroughly enjoyed bringing smiles to everyone that has been able to see the show and how it's grown since it began in 2008. The physical effort and the time commitment is not sustainable as we've gotten older so we must say farewell to the show. We wish you continued good health and prosperity.

"This year we have over 10,000 lights on 144 channels synchronized to music. This will be our thirteenth year of using computer controlled lights however this will be our last year. There are four homes as part of the show this year. Are you visiting Westchester's Winter Wonderland this season? We're only 3.1 miles and 9 minutes away. The best part is that unlike the Westchester Winter Wonderland - we're free!

2020 Show Schedule--Sat., November 28th to Fri., January 1st--5:30pm - 11:00pm 7 days a week.

"The show is a collection of 4 single family homes on North Kensico Ave. You're welcome to drive on our street but we recommend that you eventually get out and also walk into the backyard of 21 N. Kensico Ave so you can see the Winter Village and see Santa. We don't do this for a trophy, cash prize, or to be in the Guinness record books. We do this for you and your family," writes Chuck Barringer. Make this a must visit because it won't be around next year, and combine it with Westchester Winter Wonderland, \$25 per car.

Here's some more locations for you to drive to: Parsons Street Harrison. Roy Aletti has warmed the hearts of families for more than 40 years with his display. "The expressions are absolutely priceless, especially the young ones who are in awe and become mesmerized by the bright lights. That radiates onto the adults who share in the big smiles and joy," said Aletti, who has become a Westchester holiday legend. Be sure to check his display out and say Merry Christmas if you see him outside.

Other stops for your drive: New Rochelle, 155 Vaneck Drive, 12 Jenkins Court, Ossining, 50 Iriquois Road, Ossining, 6 Deans Bridge Road Somers. Also go to Somerset Road just down the road in Somers. 7 Andrew Road, Eastchester. And just over the border in Putnam Valley, at 16 Luigi Road is a great display.

I'm sure that I missed a lot of good places, please email them to me and I will print them next week, dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

A great website to find out where to visit is christmaslightfinder.com/displays. You can plug in your zip code and how far you want to travel.

The interest in getting out and doing something safe and enjoyable is larger than ever because of COVID 2020. My best example of how interested folks are in getting out and seeing a little holiday cheer is the recent Town of Yorktown's drive-thru holiday lights attraction at FDR Park.

Originally set for Sat. Dec 5, my daughter and I showed up only to find a State Trooper saying that because of the rains, the event was moved to Sun. Dec 6.

We showed up Dec. 6 and found hundreds of cars lined up on the Taconic Parkway to get into FDR Park. We waited a half-hour only to be told that the event was now over. Thousands of cars were already in the park and hundreds, like us, got turned away. All wishing to see the holiday floats and get a little Christmas cheer. There are many homes in our county that can give you that same feeling--enjoy!

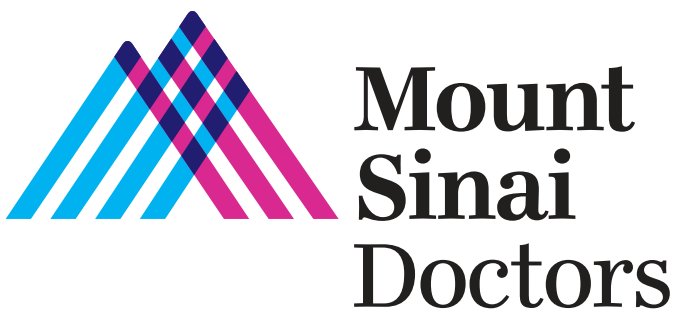
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