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Gashi is Best Choice for Westchester Democrats, Congress NY-16



County Legislator Vedat Gashi, left, is challenging Rep. Jamaal Bowman in the democratic primary for Congress in the 16th District

Most elections come down to a referendum on the incumbent, and the question is asked, does the incumbent deserve re-election? That question will determine the outcome of the democratic primary on Aug. 23 in the 16th Congressional district in New York and Westchester. Does Congressman Jamaal Bowman deserve another two years representing parts of the Bronx, Yonkers and half of Westchester?

Based on Rep. Bowman's record, and the endorsements for Gashi from respected Westchester democrats, we endorse Vedat Gashi. When democrats in the district cast their votes in this race, they will also ask does Congressman Bowman represent my views?

The answer to that question, comes from former Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Assembly member Amy Paulin, and County Board of Legislators Chair Catherine Borgia. In their endorsements for Gashi, all three have given Bowman, a vote of no confidence.

Paulin writes, "I am writing to endorse Vedat Gashi in the Democratic primary race for Congress in the 16th Congressional District. Mr. Gashi is challenging Jamaal Bowman who, in his first term in Congress, has failed to adequately represent his constituents and does not deserve to be re-elected. Vedat has received the enthusiastic endorsement of Nita Lowey, our former member of Congress, who represented many of the areas of the 16th CD in her three decades in Congress. Like me, she has never endorsed a candidate against a democratic incumbent before."

Why did they endorse Gashi? The most common answer we hear from democrats is Bowman's no vote against President Biden's infrastructure bill. The bill passed without Bowman's vote, because Bowman wanted another \$5 Trillion personal infrastructure bill to be passed and linked together. When some democrats balked at this, Bowman bailed out.

Not only do most Westchester democrats believe that Bowman should have supported the President, and not the members of The Squad, but some wonder how much higher inflation would be if we added another \$5 Trillion in spending, and debt.

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Ossining Deli Owner from Yorktown Convicted of Sex Abuse, Sentenced to Five Years in Jail DA Rocah Stands Up for Victims



Patrick Patierno, photo from Facebook

By Dan Murphy

In one of the toughest sentences given to a convicted sex abuser, Westchester DA Mimi Rocah announced that 54-year-old Yorktown resident Patrick Patierno was sentenced on August 8, 2022, to five years in state prison, with 10 years of post-release supervision, following his conviction after a trial in May for sexual abuse of an employee at a deli he owns in Ossining.

"Sexual abuse will not be tolerated especially when perpetrated by abusers in a position of authority who exploit their power. Today's sentence should send a clear message that perpetrators of sexual abuse will be brought to justice and held accountable," DA Rocah said. "My office is committed to assisting victims who come forward."

On January 14, 2021, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Patierno entered the home of the victim, restrained and forcibly subjected her to sexual contact. The Ossining Police Department arrested Patierno on January 15, 2021, following an investigation.

After a two-week trial in May, a jury found Patierno guilty of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, a felony, and Unlawful Imprisonment in the Second Degree, a

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Westchester Scouts BSA Seeks to Expand Girls Participation



Asst. Scout Master Brice Kirkendall-Rodriguez, with Troop 4 Scouts Delfina and Christian Kirkendall-Rodriguez

By Dan Murphy

It has been four years since Scouts BSA, formerly known as the Boy Scouts of America, began accepting girls, ages 11-17, for membership into Scouts and elementary-aged girls into Cub Scouts. Over those four years, the COVID pandemic placed a major barrier into participation in scouting of all kinds.

But now that the challenges of the pandemic are over, local Westchester Scouts BSA troops are inviting girls to join, to serve their communities while learning about leadership, team participation, and citizenship values. We spoke to Scarsdale Troop 4 Scoutmaster Ted Mazza about his effort to create a girls-troop this fall.

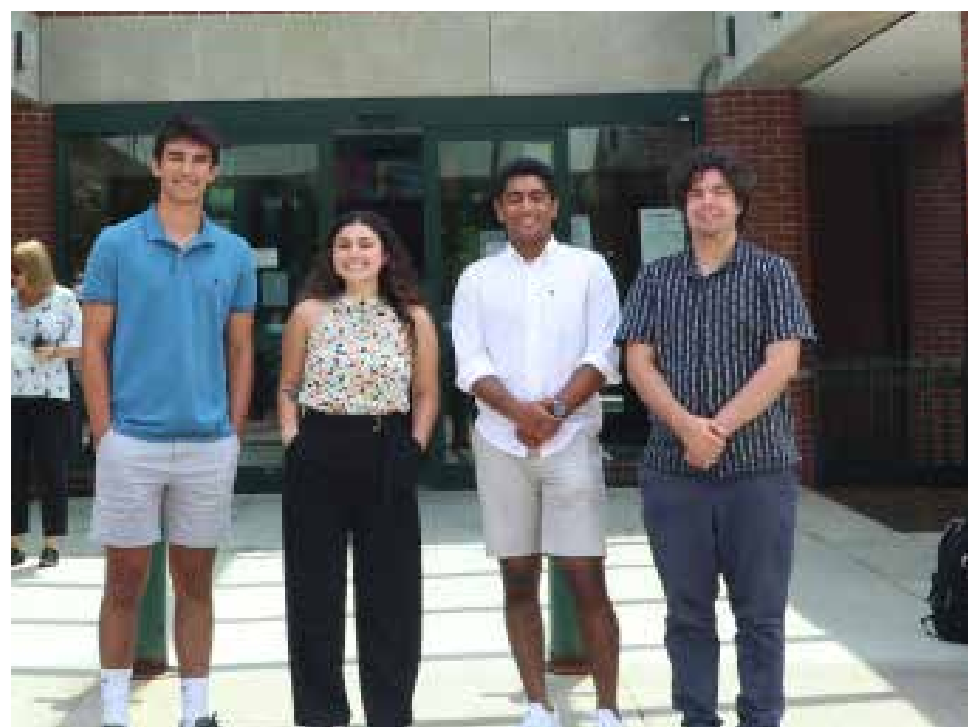
"I wanted to create a place where anyone who wants to do scouting can participate. We are not the only way to learn about leadership and serving your community, but we are a way to do that," said Mazza, who explained that other BSA Troops in Westchester have a girls-linked troop, including in Tuckahoe.

"The boys, as well as the adult volunteers, in the troop have been reaching out to the girls to see if there is any interest. We are going to start out small, with between 4-6 scouts, but we are hoping to attract as many interested girls as possible. We will be holding some upcoming events in September and October to attract interest," said Mazza.

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Greenburgh Interns create "Free-Bee Initiative"

Propose Free Bee Line Bus Rides for all Westchester Students



Free-Bee Initiative Organizers (Left-Right): Alex Dalal, Emily Boviero, Aayush Bhargava, Dominic Polycarpou (not pictured: Mitchell Kronk)

By Dan Murphy

A group of 45 high school and college interns working at the Greenburgh Town Hall this summer, after brainstorming for an initiative that would make a difference in their community and was something that they could all lobby and gain support for, have proposed that the Westchester County Bee Line Bus service provide free bus rides for all students across the county.

Greenburgh Town Clerk Judith Beville called the idea, "a progressive policy initiative that our interns have come up with." She explained that the town's summer internship program, available for high school and college students in Greenburgh, has grown from 6 to 45 students this year. "This is one of the most amazing groups that we have had. They represent a mosaic of the cultural diversity in Greenburgh and they represent a picture of our future."

We spoke to four of the summer interns who have led the effort to highlight, promote and lobby for their initiative. Three are heading back to college shortly, while one student is a Senior at Ardsley High School.

"We all wanted to learn about government and so we interned at Greenburgh Town Hall. But we also wanted to find an issue to lobby for and make a difference on. We came to agreement on increasing student accessibility to public transportation," said Dominic Polycarpou. Currently students in Westchester County pay for their bus fares on the Bee Line Buses. In Yonkers, students in the Yonkers Public Schools have their monthly passes paid for by the city. Westchester County government has provided students with free bus passes during the COVID pandemic, but that program is scheduled to end in September.

Intern Emily Boviero explained that many Westchester students that they

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Westchester & Putnam Republicans Question Implementation of New York's New Gun Laws



L-R-, Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti, Yorktown Supervisor and Assembly candidate Matt Slater, Assemblyman Kevin Byrne, Assemblyman and Congressional candidate Michael Lawler, Putnam County Sheriff Kevin McConville

Many gun owners and supporters of the Second Amendment believe that the new laws passed in New York State are unconstitutional, and County Clerks across the state are questioning how they will implement the new laws once they go into effect next month.

Yorktown Supervisor Matt Slater, Assemblymen Kevin Byrne and Michael Lawler, and Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti held a press conference last month that questions how the new laws will be enforced on the local level.

The release from the press conference included, "Weeks after Governor Hochul and the New York State Legislature rushed to pass new and potentially unconstitutional gun permit measures for New York State, officials in charge of its implementation are saying they lack the guidance necessary to enact it. With the new laws set to go into effect (Sept 1) county and local officials are concerned the lack of answers from New York State will make it impossible to implement and recklessly turn law abiding citizens into criminals."

Matt Slater, Yorktown Supervisor said, "This is typical Albany. Governor Hochul and legislative leaders refuse to engage with stakeholders and choose politics over policy. We saw this with her reckless attempt to dissolve local zoning in her proposed budget. We saw this with the horrendous cashless bail laws that are making our community's less safe because law enforcement was ignored. Now law-abiding citizens are potentially being turned into criminals because Governor Hochul did not engage stakeholders to implement her rushed plan."

Putnam County Clerk Michael Bartolotti, who serves as the President of the New York State Association of County Clerks questioned the feasibility of implementation. "The core issue here is there is zero communication. These requirements are supposed to be passed down by September 1st and we have not heard a thing. This is not about whether we agree with the principles of these laws or not but how to make it work properly so we don't turn law abiding citizens into criminals overnight."

New York State Assemblyman Kevin Byrne said, "These laws are making life more difficult for responsible law-abiding citizens and also for our county governments. We have questions that have not been answered. There are costs associated with these new requirements and our partners in government deserve answers."

Assemblyman Mike Lawler, who debated the legislation on the floor of the Assembly said, "Governor Hochul did this for purely political reasons leading up to her primary. The Governor rammed through this bill which I suspect will be deemed unconstitutional. We are seeing a rapid rise in crime and people are scared. They have a right to defend themselves and their families. We should be working together on these issues, but we should be going after the criminals using illegal guns to commit crimes. We need to approach this in a common sense and fair way. If the Governor wants to call us back for another extraordinary session she should start with repealing cashless bail and all of the pro-criminal policies her party has put into effect."

We spoke to Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni, who disagreed and said "Every bill and law in New York State impacts us administratively, and there is work to be done to make sure it works. Can it be done? Yes, if we work together. Anytime you get a new bill it takes some time to get the glitches out -but we always get through it and it will be done here."

Let's Save Money!



By Eric Schoen

Despite what all the economists say, the economy is not booming. Have you been to the supermarket lately? Have you seen the insane increases in prices? First tip of the day. Don't go shopping without the examining the current week's flyer before you hit the store. You want to know what's on sale and stock up cause you never know when your items will be on sale again.

The flyers usually take effect on Friday so it's a good idea to plan ahead four next Tuesday's meal. Most items you buy at the store on Friday or over the weekend will stay fresh for several days and planning gives you one less chore you have to do.

Plus you can give your family a good selection of appetizing meals. Increase the use of ground chicken in meals versus beef and veal prices which have gone up considerably. Make Thursday a Pantry cooking night using anything still fresh and left over from the week.

I use self check outs as I want to make sure items are ringing correctly. It's amazing how many mistakes the computers make. Check out websites like Cardrates and Nerdwallets to make sure you are using credit cards that give you the most back at checkout. If your state has reusable back laws make sure you are not getting charged for a paper bag, most of which are flimsy and have no handles. People are so fed up with filthy reusable bags that stores have put out paper bags that no store is checking on whether you use or not.

Many people order food online. There is usually no extra charge for this, and most places give you the sale prices. The advantage of ordering online is that you don't do 'impulse' buying you would do at the store. Pick up or look for the least expensive delivery time

Don't be afraid to buy bread products like hot dog rolls at the thrift corner at your store. With hot dog and hamburger rolls you are going to grill the buns. Most packed back goods will last for several dates after the expiration date. And packed 'near perfect' fruits and vegetable can be good buys for the grill or to cut up for snacking while saving you some money. And if you hit your local farmers market at the end of the day you never know what the farmer is looking to get rid of cheap.

Dollar stores food selection can be a goldmine for fresh foods. In fact there is a store in Getty Square in Yonkers which is the only place I can get the Mountain Dew energy drinks I enjoy before sports. Always check the Best Buy dates in dollar stores, particularly ones that are not national chains. They might have signs up that their items are good past the expiration date but I will usually give them one week for a packaged good that is not perishable.

Most stores have a rack where they put items out of season or low stocked or crushed packages and cans. These items sell quickly and you never know what you will find. My best find was a 500 piece of plastic utensils at 75% off because the box had a few indentations.

If it's not one it's a half a dozen people who have complained to me about Bed, Bath and Beyond's (BBB) coupon policy. Let's face it. If your have coupons that expired in 2007 and you want to use them you really need psychological support. I can see the 2020's, but even they are no good anymore.

Let's face it. The prices at your Bed Bath and Beyond on most items without a coupon are better than most stores. Add the coupon and you have a real deal. Add a manufacturers coupon and you have a steal. So BBB is now excepting only coupons that have not expired. A lot of unhappy campers out there. But if you look at the app on your phone as I per chance did the other day, I found 2 coupons I did not expect. And a \$5 off rewards coupon. So make sure your email and phone number are up to date in the BBB system. And a lot of people don't go to BBB. Or they don't use their coupons. Be not afraid of asking your neighbors for their coupons and scouring your garbage room where people throw away a lot of BBB coupons, or you will find coupons from deceased neighbors or folks who don't live there anymore.

If you are Living in WESTCHESTER one of the best movie ticket programs is the Showcase Cinemas (Yonkers Cross County and Ridge Hill and White Plains City Center theaters) discount programs. I don't know if you have been to the movies lately but this program brings the cost of a movie down to a little over \$5 a movie versus the \$14+ price for a movie. If the movie is lousy like so many are I'd rather pay \$5 vs. \$14 with no black out dates, another stress off your shoulder.

If you are near Panera in Yonkers or Florida (yes we have readers there) they have unlimited sips club for \$10.99 for all you can drink, teas, energy drinks, most beverages which is still the best deal. They have supplemented for sips members it with half price specials on sandwiches and 20% off gift cards giving you an even better deal.

Our schools don't open up until Labor Day but don't miss the back to school sales most stores are running now. You see we go back to school late as opposed to most schools that start before Labor Day when a lot of the sales are over and it's picked though merchandise that is left. Staples always has good sales on notebooks, folders, pens and pencils.

As an aside, sometimes when you have the kids in tow you forget to lock the car. Or you leave expensive items in full view in the car. In this economy the

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- Dutchman's Landing Park in Catskill | Thursdays 7-9pm
- Windham Mountain Resort | Fridays 6-8:30pm
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Governor Signs Senior Property Tax Relief Bill Sponsored by Majority Leader Stewart Cousins



Governor Kathy Hochul, with State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins

On August 8, New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed a package of bills into law that address housing affordability for senior homeowners and first-time homebuyers.

One measure, sponsored by State Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, increases the income level for seniors, 65 and over, and those with disabilities to apply for a property tax exemption. It allows municipalities outside of New York City to increase the income eligibility level to \$50,000, up from \$29,000.

"After a lifetime of contributions, it's our duty to ensure that seniors can live in comfort and dignity for the remainder of their days," Stewart-Cousins said. "My bill helps in that goal by expanding the property tax exemption eligibility for those 65 and older, and for those who are disabled and face limited income. This will help alleviate the burden placed on those with financial constraints and protect the assets of seniors and other vulnerable populations."

Also signed is a bill that will provide greater benefits on a more flexible timeline for low- and moderate-income senior homeowners in need of emergency repairs through the Residential Emergency Services to Offer (Home) Repairs to the Elderly program, known as RESTORE. Project deadlines have been increased to 60 days and the maximum cost allowed per project will double from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

A third bill extends the option for local municipalities to provide a property tax exemption for first-time homebuyers purchasing newly constructed homes through 2028. The option would have expired at the end of this year.

"Today I signed legislation to put money back in the pockets of New York homeowners and help seniors and families stay in their homes. With inflation and rising costs putting a strain on families nationwide, these new laws will help ensure that New Yorkers get much-needed relief," said Gov. Hochul.

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Currently Troop 4 has 24 boys and 3 girls. Four girls are needed to start a girls-linked troop and Mazza said an additional three girls have expressed interest recently. Girls and boys will participate together at our weekly Monday meetings. During those meetings, the scouts play games, work on merit badge advancement, and plan hikes, STEM activities, and community service. If they want to, the girls and boys can split out for some of the activities and games.

Mazza said that it's a matter of time once the Girls-linked troop is established, that more girls will join. Once we have a troop with other girls, the word will get out through their friends and parents. This will be an opportunity for the first few girls to lead and mentor younger girls. Some girls are already in the cub scouts, or weebloos, so they are working their way up to becoming scouts.

We asked Mazza if there is any friendly competition between the Girls Scouts and BSA? "I'm not interestd in taking someone away from girl scouts-if someone wanted to do both we would accommodate them -we try to make it work."

Any interested girl from Westchester is encouraged to join the troop. Girls in Troop 4 will design and lead their own activities. Additionally, they will participate in some events with the boys in the troop. Troop 4's regular meetings are on Monday evenings. Troop 4 embodies the values of inclusion, tolerance, and mutual respect for all people, and wants Scouts to feel included in our activities and to learn to be accepting of others' differences. Troop 4 wants to support scouts to be successful in their personal, academic, and civic goals.

Together with Scarsdale's Cub Scout Pack 440, Troop 4 will host two recruiting events on Sept. 18 (outdoor games and sports) and Oct. 23 (pumpkin carving). Any rising sixth through 11th graders interested in joining Scarsdale's Troop 4 may contact Scoutmaster Ted Mazza. (scoutmaster@scarsdale4.mytroop.us) Please visit Troop 4's website and Facebook page.

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Greenburgh Town Board Appoints Kobie Powell First African-American Chief of Police



Greenburgh's new Chief of Police, Kobie Powell, middle

The Greenburgh Town Board unanimously voted to appoint GPD Captain Kobie Powell, pictured above, middle, to assume the critical position of Chief of Police of the Greenburgh Police Department. Chief Powell enjoys an extremely close bond and long history with Greenburgh, as he resides in Greenburgh, was raised in our Town, educated within the Greenburgh School System, and has worked tirelessly for our community for the entirety of his life.

Chief Powell's story of "ascending through the ranks," during his nearly 25-year tenure with the GPD, to ultimately oversee our PD, staffed by 115 sworn officers and 42 civilian members and with an annual budget of \$25.5 million, reflects our new Chief's perseverance and his dedication to Greenburgh and its residents. Chief Powell's drive and commitment to law enforcement and personal/professional excellence has been the hallmark of his success.

Chief Powell enjoys strong educational and employment credentials. He has earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Mercy College, Summa Cum Laude, and served honorably on the GPD for nearly 25 years, in nearly every line and supervisory position:

Police Officer, Patrol Sergeant, Detective Sergeant, Police Lieutenant-Commanding Officer Special Investigation Unit, Police Captain-Commanding Officer Professional Standards Division.

It is important and significant to state that Chief Powell will be the first African American person chosen to serve in the role of Greenburgh Chief of Police, as he was the first to serve as a Captain within its ranks.

Chief Powell will replace former Chief, Chris McNerney who resigned to become the Police Chief of Larchmont, and Interim Chief George Longworth, former Police Chief of Dobbs Ferry and Westchester County Commissioner of Public Safety, who graciously took a leave from his position in a prestigious law firm to oversee our force until the rigorous Civil Service procedure for the hiring of a new Chief could be concluded. We are grateful to both Chiefs McNerney and Longworth for their service and commitment to the safety of our residents.

Chief Powell will assume the position on August 22, 2022. There will be a formal ceremony on our September 14, 2022 Town Board meeting.

Councilwoman Gina Jackson said "This is truly an HISTORIC moment for the Town. I am extremely honored and exceedingly proud to play in this an important role in appointing the Town's first African American Chief of Police. Captain Powell's appointment represents the home-grown talent in Greenburgh prepared to lead one of the most important and critical Town's operation. I know he is not only capable and qualified but IS ready to protect and serve our community with integrity."

Councilman Francis Sheehan said "Although many will highlight Chief Powell is the first African-American Town of Greenburgh Chief of Police, which we all celebrate, Captain Powell's life-long Greenburgh residency, his extensive Greenburgh community-focused interactions, empathy, and commitment to the highest standards of policing earned him the top spot, which has the added benefit of him serving as a role model for our youth whose goals for similar success may have previously seemed unachievable."

Councilman Ken Jones said "As Councilman I've worked closely with Kobie in his capacities as Commanding Officer of Special Investigations and Professional Standards. We have also worked together on various committees. As a home grown guy- Powell has the savior faire to represent Greenburgh, and lead the GPD."

Councilwoman Ellen Hendrickx said "I have had the honor of working with Kobie Powell. He long ago proved to me that his years of experience, dedication to community, his ability to objectively assess any given challenge, along with his empathy and leadership skills, make him the perfect choice to be our next police chief. He has earned the respect of the entire Greenburgh community and as importantly, his fellow officers. There is no doubt that he will serve the community in which he has vested his life's work, with distinction."

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Warning: Mosquitos with West Nile Virus Found in Westchester



First Batch for 2022; Residents Reminded to Remove Standing Water and Use Repellents

The Westchester County Health Department learned today that this season's first batch of mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus in Westchester was identified in Rye. The area surrounding the positive mosquito batches is being inspected by the Health Department, and catch basins that need it are being treated to protect against further mosquito breeding nearby.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer recommended residents follow the Health Department's West Nile Virus prevention advice to avoid mosquito bites.

County Executive George Latimer said: "We can keep mosquitoes from breeding and biting us in our own backyards if we pour out standing water after it rains and remove or turn over wheelbarrows, flower pot drip trays and any toy pails or watering cans."

To date, this is the first positive out of 101 batches of mosquitoes collected in Westchester that were tested for West Nile Virus by the New York State Department of Health. It was collected on July 26. Last year, the first positive batch in Westchester was collected in Westchester on July 13.

Westchester County Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "To protect yourself and your family when you spend time outdoors, use repellents, especially from dawn to dusk, when mosquitoes are most active."

The Health Department prepared for the mosquito season by educating the public through news releases, flyers, social media and our website, where a report on mosquito control and surveillance can be found on the West Nile Virus page. The Health Department also gave 250 pounds of free fathead minnows to residents with ponds to reduce the mosquito population. The minnows reduce the mosquito population by feeding on larvae and pupae before they emerge into adult mosquitoes.

Throughout the season, the Department also traps and tests mosquitoes to track the presence of mosquito-borne viruses in the County. Last year, West Nile Virus was identified in 4 local mosquito batches out of 153 submitted for testing and three people were diagnosed with West Nile Virus.

West Nile Virus infection most often causes a mild or moderate flu-like illness, but can be more serious particularly for people 60 and older, and those with other health complications.

To reduce the chances for mosquitoes to breed and bite around your home, follow these tips:

Avoid the outdoors in the late afternoon and early evening when mosquitoes are active and feeding; use insect repellents when outdoors during these times

To protect infants over two months of age, adults can apply insect repellents with up to 30 percent DEET to their own hands and then rub it onto their children.

Wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and socks when outdoors, especially in areas where mosquitoes are active and feeding.

Discard or turn over cans, plastic containers and ceramic pots outside your home to avoid accumulating water.

Remove standing water from outdoor toys.

Remove discarded tires.

Drill holes in the bottoms of all recycling containers that are left outdoors.

Turn over plastic wading pools, buckets and wheelbarrows **when not in use.**

Residents who notice large areas of standing water on public property should report them to the Westchester County Department of Health at (914) 813-5000.

Media Hit Pieces in NY-17 Race for Congress Against Maloney and Biaggi

The Democratic Primary for Congress in the 17th District of NY has incumbent Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney facing a tough challenge in State Senator Alessandra Biaggi. While polls from a month ago had Maloney with a large 25+ point lead, Biaggi continued to attack Maloney for what she characterized as his "corporate influence," and, in his role as chair of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, DCCC, his support of far-right conservative candidates in some congressional races.

Three media stories, which those of us in the media can see as "hit pieces," are notable. The first story ran in the NY Post last month about a Maloney staffer, Harold Leath, who worked on Maloney's congressional staff, but also spent time with Maloney and his family, performing assistant duties there as well. This story was likely delivered to the post by the campaign of Republican Mike Lawler, who is almost certain to win his primary and has good chance at defeating Maloney or Biaggi in November.

But politicians and elected officials do this all the time. There is no way to determine when Leath was on the payroll for Congressman Maloney, or when he was volunteering to help with the Maloney family. But the story is a warning sign to Maloney of a tough fall campaign ahead.

Maloney was able to orchestrate a double whammy of sorts when he received the endorsement of the NY Times, and shortly after a Politico story highlighted the former Biaggi staffers complaining about working for the State Senator and Congressional candidate.

Haven't we heard this story before, about intolerable politicians and their abused staff? A similar piece ran on Senator Amy Klobuchar, but she is still a future Presidential or VP candidate.

The story that does hurt Biaggi is the fact that the NYC PBA has run a half-million-dollar ad campaign against her for prior support of Defund the Police. Maloney got the endorsement from Bill Clinton and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

In this race, we ask the same question: Do voters in the district support a more progressive candidate (Biaggi) or a more moderate democrat (Maloney). We will let the voters decide.

Free Rabies Clinic for Westchester Pets Aug. 27

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- Cats and ferrets must be brought in carriers and dogs must be on a leash.
- Dogs that are aggressive towards people or other dogs MUST BE MUZZLED.
- All pets must be supervised by an adult.

Referendum on Bowman, continued from pg 1-

Bowman's lack of support for Israel is another reason that we hear from Westchester democrats about their support for Gashi. Former Congressman Eliot Engel has supported Gashi, and Engel and Lowey have been two of the strongest supporters of Israel and both support Gashi.

Gashi also received a 100% rating from Choice Matters, and the endorsement from ProChoice Voter

Does Jamaal Bowman represent the views of most democrats in Westchester, and does he deserve re-election based on his record? We will let the voters decide

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The Youth Shelter Program of Westchester to Receive \$250,000 Donation

As a result of an incredible partnership with the Vera Institute, the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester will be receiving a \$250,000 unrestricted operating grant. Earlier this year, Vera received a general support grant from MacKenzie Scott and made a commitment to share 25% percent of this unexpected benefit in a series of unrestricted community grants.

It was only one year ago, when the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester was selected to be one of just eight sites throughout the country to participate in the Motion for Justice, Reshaping Prosecution initiative through Vera, to learn how to move from overcriminalization to thriving communities.

Vera President Nicholas R. Turner stated, "At Vera, we are committed to building not just our own power, but that of our partners and the field in which we work, and this is one tangible way in which we can do so."

Joanne Dunn, Executive Director of the Youth Shelter said, "We are so honored to be selected for this very generous grant. It will support The Shelter with the critical funding needed to expand existing programs and serve the community in meaningful ways."

For over 40 years, the Youth Shelter Program of Westchester, Inc. has been providing a home-like alternative to incarceration programming for young men between the ages of 18-24 awaiting disposition or sentenced to incarceration for various criminal charges. The Youth Shelter's staff and leadership team are instrumental in elevating the voice of justice involved youth within our community and abroad. Currently the Youth Shelter serves as the lead community-based provider for the City of Mount Vernon's Emerging Adult Justice specialty court, a pilot program designed to connect certain emerging adult offenders, who may benefit in outsized ways from early intervention, with community services and the possibility for noncustodial sentences or dismissal of charges if those emerging adults successfully complete the pilot program's requirements.

Annually through both of our programs (residential and community aftercare) the Youth Shelter serves over 150 youth with a 90% pass/improvement rate on all our academic standardized tests to ensure all of our youth are on track to obtain their high school equivalency diploma. Over the past two years we have achieved the following outcomes with our youth: 40% complete vocational training, 28% gain unsubsidized employment and less than 10% of our youth are rearrested or reoffended which is our greatest success!

YSOW is one of its kind throughout NYS and serves as the ONLY alternative to incarceration programming within Westchester County, NY to serve emerging adults within the criminal justice system. We work directly with the local city and county court systems, the Westchester District Attorney's office, Westchester County Department of Corrections, and the local police departments throughout the County (i.e., Mount Vernon, New Rochelle and Yonkers) and our partners at the Vera Institute to help inform our work and reimagine justice. It is with this funding that we will be able to continue focusing on the societal well-being of our community and youth by providing age-appropriate solutions to justice.

For more information about the Youth Shelter visit www.ysow.org

Jewish Heritage Festival Returns to Kensico Dam Plaza Aug. 21

Come celebrate Jewish culture at the Jewish Heritage Festival on Sunday, Aug. 21, from noon to 6 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

County Executive George Latimer said, "Judaism is the world's oldest monotheistic religion, dating back nearly 4,000 years. The history of Judaism is essential to understanding the Jewish faith, which has a rich heritage of law, culture and tradition. The fabric of our community is strengthened by our diversity and these festivals are a great way for Westchester families and friends to experience a wonderful cultural exchange."

The Jewish Heritage Festival takes places from noon until 6 p.m. There will be musical performances featuring Neshama Carlebach, dancing, entertainment for children, arts and crafts, food vendors and much more. The festival will be held rain or shine. Seating is informal; bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. No coolers will be allowed. Admission and parking are free.

The final heritage festival in the series is: Muslim Heritage: Sunday, Aug. 28, noon – 6 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla.

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thieves are out there, so Lock your cars and take your keys. Don't go shopping by yourself particularly at night or early morning when thieves are out and about.

While we are back to school, check your child's school lunch menu and talk to your child about what he or she wants for lunch. Nothing worse when a school lunch tray with half the food discarded. Children need nourishment so make sure your kids are eating what they are being served. Thrown a low sugar, good tasting protein bar or two in with lunch for that midday or afternoon pick me up. The bars I prefer that are low in sugar and high in protein are the Atkins meal bars or the Think bars. They give your student energy to carry on until the next meal.

Many stations including a new one on Bronx River Road give discounts on gasoline to customers with their loyalty credit cards. By the way, gas is gas and don't use a higher, more expensive grade if your auto manual says no need for it. Make sure your tires are properly inflated.

After you have saved, it's time for go, relax and spend some of those savings at a happy hour which are back in town. Use the site happable.com to find one near you. It's fun to head out early before the crowds when the weather is nice. Some happy hours start at 4 or earlier so you can have dunch, a combination of dinner and lunch!

Enjoy these savings and let me know what bargains you find!

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

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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 Color It Black LLC, 33 Cliffside Drive, Yonkers, NY 10710 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Formation of LNE CONSTRUCTION, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/21/2022. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to James Saisa, 25 Harvard Ave., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Five years in jail for convicted sex abuser, Continued from pg 1-

misdemeanor. Patierno will be required to register as a sex offender after completing his prison sentence.

In a statement submitted to the court, the victim said: “My life is no longer the same...as much as I try to find myself to be who I was before, I can’t.... I feel that every person who approaches me, all they want is to hurt me and come to me with bad intentions.... I’m tormented day by day by those thoughts. I wouldn’t want anyone to go through what I went through because it’s horrible, especially when you’re afraid to speak up.”

The case was tried before Judge Barry Warhit, and sentence was imposed by Judge Susan Cacace, in Westchester County Court. The case was prosecuted by Sex Crimes Bureau Chief Wendy Parra and Assistant District Attorney Marissa Morra-Wynn.

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spoke to, “need transportation outside of school. We, the Free-Bee Initiative, wanted to go beyond transportation to school and provide a new level of accessibility to travel all around the county.”

Intern Alex Dalal said that the free rides during COVID, “inspired us to try and expand the plan to include all students all of the time. Our large numbers in this intern program is one of our biggest strengths. We split into different groups to work on petitioning, social media, and research, and came up with a good overall strategy.”

Intern Aayush Bhargava said “the logic behind the expansion is that most Westchester students have parents working and by having an expanded free busing program, students would be allowed to travel more freely and have more flexibility.”

Clerk Beville explained, “What they are presenting is a proposal to extend the free ridership and make it more inclusive of all students, from elementary school through college, and would allow them to travel to cultural institutions and to other municipalities. Parents would also be encouraged to ride the bus and take their kids. The interns are passionate about this idea of obtaining some form of free ridership for all students.”

“Anyone under the age of 22 would be eligible,” said Polycarpou. “We wanted to make it easier on the bus drivers, so they wouldn’t have to check the ages of students getting on the bus. We didn’t want to give them any extra work during the pandemic.”

A petition created by the interns was circulated and signed by 400 residents. Social media outreach started in August, to explain the initiative and gather additional support.

Many Greenburgh high school and college students back from breaks currently take the Bee Line #40, 12, and 13 lines.

The group has been in discussion with County Executive George Latimer’s office, and with the Board of Legislators, to explain their plan. “We want them to understand that while there is a temporary, free ride policy in place, we want a more holistic approach,” said Boviero.

Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins is scheduled to meet with the interns before the summer program ends. While no cost analysis has been made to the initiative, Dominic Polycarpou explained “if there is no significant increase in ridership, there will be no significant increased cost other than the lost fares. If our program does increase ridership significantly, there may be a cost effect.” The group also examined similar proposals in Kansas and California.

Bhargava added, “there is currently some room for increased ridership on the bus routes. But if there is some lost revenue, we believe that it is a reasonable cost for the county to bear. It’s worth it and it’s nice to have our voices heard.

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner said, “This summer we had 45 summer interns from almost every school district in Greenburgh. The students are smart and met with nationally known speakers. We want to encourage students to become activists and to learn how to get government to act on issues of importance to them. I hope that today’s interns will be tomorrow’s Governors, US Senators and Nobel Prize winners! “

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