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# Westchester Property Taxes Are #1 in the USA...Again

County	2023 Property Tax
Westchester County, NY	\$15,373
Rockland County, NY	\$14,879
New York County, NY (Manhattan)	\$14,073
Teton County, WY	\$12,101
Putnam County, NY	\$12,004
Bergen County, NJ	\$11,359
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#### By Dan Murphy

A study released by CoreLogic.com found that Westchester County homeowners pay the highest property taxes in the United States. While Westchester County has frequently been #1 in property taxes in the nation for decades, the recent Corelogic.com study finds that Westchester leads all again, based on 2023 data.

Corelogic.com principal economist Yanling Mayer writes, :Using CoreLogic's 2023 property-assessment data, Table 1 lists the top 15 U.S. counties where median property tax bills are the highest. They are largely concentrated in New York and New Jersey, unsurprising given that these states have some of the most expensive housing markets in the country and high costs of living.

"The top three spots go exclusively to high-priced counties in New York: Westchester, Rockland and New York (Manhattan) counties, where median property taxes reached more than \$14,000 in 2023. In fourth place is Teton County, Wyoming, home to Grand Teton National Park and skiing mecca Jackson Hole, where median property taxes are higher than \$12,000 and the typical home has an assessed market value above \$2 million. New York's Putnam County takes the No. 5 spot, having average property tax bills of about \$12,000.

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#### Congressman Mike Lawler: "I am Here to Govern-You Have Got to Find Compromise"



Congressman Mike Lawler, with members of Agudath Israel

#### By Dan Murphy

Westchester Congressman Mike Lawler, who represents mid-northern Westchester Rockland and Putnam Counties, in the 17-District,

Has proposed legislation with House democrats, expressed continued support for Israel and Ukraine, and has attacked far right members of his own House republican caucus that have called for the removal of another republican Speaker.

To those of us who are independent voters in the district, and who want to see our leaders in Washington to do a little less grandstanding and get a little more work done, Lawler's words and actions are a breath of fresh air.

Lawler has recently appeared on CNN to talk common sense. "For someone like me, coming from a district that voted for Joe Biden by 10 points and has 80,000 more registered democrats, I'm here to govern.

"The question for all of us to understand is, you aren't going to get everything you want. You have to find compromise, and to continually block legis-

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#### DA Candidate William Wagstaff Accused of Petition Fraud in Lawsuit



Candidates should never collect their own signatures

William Wagstaff, left

By Dan Murphy

A lawsuit has been filed against William Wagstaff, a candidate for Westchester County District Attorney, alleging election fraud in the submission of his petitions. The lawsuit alleges that Wagstaff himself improperly witnessed signatures for petitions that were collected and witnessed by someone else, in this primary election cycle.

"The Subject Designating Petitions must be invalidated due to fraud, in that the candidate personally signed and filed at least one false subscribing witness statement attesting to having witnessed signatures that he, in fact, did not witness," states the lawsuit, filed by former State Supreme Court Judge <u>J.</u>

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#### "Magic" Taxman from Cortlandt Manor Charged in \$100 Million Tax Fraud



Rafael Alvarez, is Alleged to Have Perpetrated One of the Largest Tax Frauds by a Preparer

Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; announced the unsealing of an Indictment charging RAFAEL ALVA-REZ, a/k/a "the Magician," with conspiracy to defraud the United States, aiding and abetting the filing of false federal tax returns, attempting to interfere with the administration of the internal revenue laws, making false statements, and aggravated identity theft. These charges arise from ALVAREZ's alleged orchestration of a wideranging scheme to file tens

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#### Two Westchester Locations for Migrants Make News: Mt. Pleasant Fights Placements in Court; Complaints from Residents at Ramada Inn Yonkers

#### By Dan Murphy

So far, Westchester County has not seen the massive influx of migrants that are coming across the southern border. More than 100,000 migrants have come to New York City over the past 2 years.

Currently, three Westchester locations are housing migrants, at the Ramada Inn in Yonkers, the Ardsley Acres Motel, and at the Central Motel Courtyard in White Plains. About 400 asylum seekers are currently staying at these three locations.

Last year, County Executive George Latimer pointed out that there have been no reports of criminal activity at any location, the federal government is paying for the care of the migrants, and that the migrants are here legally, awaiting a decision on their asylum claims.

A fourth location to house migrant children who do not have a legal guardian, has been proposed by JCCA, the Jewish Child Care Association, at the

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#### Operation Prom Dress & Tuxedo Giveaway Coming to West. County Center April 26-28





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The three-day event — now in its 20th year — provides high quality, high style free and low-cost prom dresses and tuxedos to high school students in Westchester County.

Friday, April 26, 1-5 p.m.: Free dresses and tuxedos for high school seniors with valid school ID or transcript. Reservations required. Reservations can be booked online at https://forms.gle/XapMtfDed4WXDJaZ8

Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.: Free dresses and tuxedos for high school seniors with valid school ID or transcript. No reservation required.

Sunday, April 28th 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Open to all students and the general public. \*Dresses only, \$10 donation per dress. Tuxedos/suits NOT available. the County is making free Bee-Line bus trips to the County Center available for all students participating in Operation Prom. Students should show their school IDs and mention Operation Prom to bus drivers.





# Join Groundwork Hudson Valley at the Great Saw Mill River Cleanup April 27



As part of Groundwork Hudson Valley's commitment to environmental stewardship and in celebration of Earth Day, it will host its annual 2024 Great Saw Mill River Cleanup on Saturday, April 27th, 2024 from 10 am to 1 pm.

The community cleanup event will take place in Yonkers and eight sites running along the Saw Mill River watershed, bringing together volunteers, community members, and environmental stewards in choosing our planet over pollution to restore and preserve the beauty of Westchester's local waterways.

"We are thrilled to announce this year's Great Saw Mill River Cleanup as we continue our mission to protect and preserve our local environment and natural assets," said Oded Holzinger, Executive Director at Groundwork Hudson Valley. "We want to ensure our community is as much part of this event as possible. What better way than a creative and meaningful way to showcase our role and ownership in our shared environmental responsibilities."

Event Details:

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024- Time: 10 am – 1 pm

Location: Yonkers and Westchester County.

Register for your desired site here: https://www.groundworkhv.org/saw-millrivercleanup2024/

What to Expect: Work alongside community members to remove trash and debris from the Saw Mill River and the riverbank while tackling plastic pollution. Restore the Saw Mill River's ecosystem. Enjoy activities suitable for all ages.

How to Participate: Register in advance.

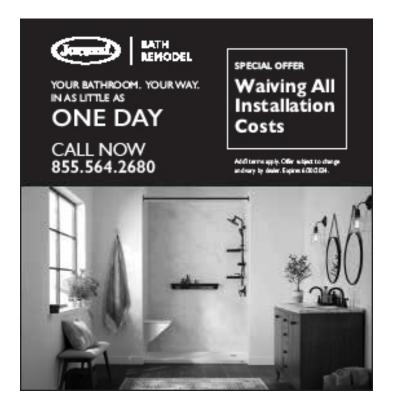
Encourage others to join the movement.

Dress appropriately and bring sufficient hydration.

Arrive prepared to actively contribute to our cleanup efforts.

Each piece of plastic removed contributes to the preservation of our environment and the health of the Saw Mill River.

For cleanup site information, call Harrison Nesbit at (914) 375-2151 or harrison@groundworkhv.org. For sponsorship information, call or email Karen Tumelty at (914) 375-2151 or karen@groundworkhv.org. For media, call or email Candida Rodriguez at (914) 375-2151 or candida@groundworkhv.org. Support Our Work: https://www.groundworkhv.org/donate/



#### Gaza Cease Fire Debate at Council Meeting Shows Deep Divisions on Both Sides of Issue

By Dan Murphy

At their April 9 meeting, the Yonkers City Council considered a resolution calling for a Cease Fire in Gaza. Before the council meeting, a protest was held outside City Hall by Westchester For Palestine and the Yonkers Ceasefire Coalition, and groups opposed to the Israeli attacks against Hamas in Gaza, which has resulted in a humanitarian crisis. Those who spoke at the rally, and several opponents of Israel who spoke at the council meeting, indicated that they did not support the version of the resolution that was before the council.

The public comment session at the council meeting on the Gaza debate was emotional but without any outburst.

A 12-year-old Yonkers boy said, "I am here to speak on behalf of the 15,000 Palestinians murdered by Israel and the children who were murdered by Israel. I am here to represent the kids who are starving to death because of Israel's war crimes. None of these atrocities would be possible without our tax dollars. We need an immediate and permanent ceasefire. Taxpayers in Yonkers are paying millions of tax dollars to fund this genocide. I ask the world to help."

Jenna-15 years old, said, "It's a genocide, and when people say that it has nothing to do with American, yes it does. Instead of using our tax dollars for genocide, use it for other crimes."

Jeremy Vargas, a Yonkers resident and member of DSA lower Hudson valley. "This is indiscriminate murder, and our tax dollars are paying for this. Our President is covering for Israel's atrocities. A ceasefire is the bare minimum that Palestinians deserve. The resolution is not what we are calling for. Pass the resolution our coalition has submitted.

Kristen Anderson said, "I think it's terrible that you are not taking up the resolution, as the violence and murder in Gaza continues."

Michael Middleman, of the Westchester Jewish Council said, "I know that you have refused to be bullied into adopting language that would only increase the hatred toward Jews since October 7."

Middleman and others asked the council not to vote on the resolution in the future. "This is not something that the council has to address. It has no direct affect on the people of Yonkers."

Scott Dubin said, "This is a lie, coming from a radical fringe that has a hatred of Israel. They rally with terrorist flags. The same coalition has popped up in New Rochelle and White Plains, and every council has rejected their calls for the justification of rape and murder. Do not give into their lief, reject them as other councils have in the county."

Brandon Neider said, "Before you pass this, speak to local Jewish leaders. The first paragraph leaves out the rape and torture of Israeli residents. I would rather have been murdered than taken hostage."

The Council resolution called for an immediate ceasefire, effectuate the safe return of the hostages, the delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza, while condemning all types of hate and discrimination, including islamophobia and antisemitism in the city of Yonkers.

Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy decided to send the resolution back to committee and take no vote. "if the group that asked for the resolution does not support it because it doesn't go as far as they want, and the Jewish community does not support it because they don't want a ceasefire without the release of hostages, which is totally understandable, then why are we bringing this to a vote?"

Once a council member told us that they had received "thousands of emails" on the Gaza resolution from both sides.



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#### Hi There! I'm Your Hospitalist!



By Eric Wolf Schoen

The way medicine is practiced in this country is constantly changing. Let's face it. Most of the changes are made to cut costs which are out of control.

The role of private insurance companies is to maximize profits for those who invest in them. Other insurance companies have a role of minimizing costs for the institutions they work for. Bottom line is that decisions don't always benefit the most important part of the medical equation: the patient.

I have a dear friend in the hospital. The friend has liver issues NOT as a result of alcohol or substance abuse. In fact the friend hasn't had a drink since their 21st Birthday. Years ago your private doctor would follow you during your hospital stay and coordinate your treatment with specialists. There would be a hospital paid doctor available for emergency situations but most of your medical actions were under the purview of your doctor, referred to as Primary Care Physician or PCP.

Then in the lates 1990's, someone came up with the brilliant idea of a Hospitalist. With administrative tasks piling up and life, in general, growing more complicated, over-burdened PCPs were finding it increasingly difficult to visit their hospitalized patients either before or after a long day of seeing patients in their offices. Hospitals reorganized in a continual effort to, they claim 'improve inpatient care.'

Leaders realized it made sense to have in-house doctors who were general but specialized in taking care of hospitalized patients to replace a system that worked well for many years where your doctor handled your medical needs both in and outside of the hospital. For those with no doctor or run of the mill garden variety illnesses, the Hospitalist system probably works very well.

But for those with chronic, long term health problems like my friend with liver issues, the Hospitalist way of health care may not be the mode of medicine that works to their benefit. Hospitals employ these Hospitalists, many who have studied specialized fields of medicine to care for patients. But for the most part they come in with minimal if any knowledge of the background and health needs of the patient. This is a problem.

The Hospitalist could be someone assigned to a specific wing or section of the hospital for the 5 day workweek rotating weekends, or he/she could be a new person seeing patients every day. My friend is in a hospital where the Hospitalists change if not every day every other day. They report for duty in the morning, are given a list of patients to see and get a new list of patients every day they report for work. Continuity of care is lost, and the new Hospitalist has to review the records of those who preceded him before he/she can go to work providing needed health care services.

In the case of my friend, with rare occasions is the Hospitalist the same person every day. So the patient and family members have to review with the Hospitalist of the Day the patient's background, medical history and current status. This can be quite taxing on everyone involved, repeating your story every day.

The most frustrating thing is when the Hospitalist asks patients about things that should be clear to him or her by reading the patients records. During the over a week stay of my friend in the hospital 2 Hospitalists asked my friend and asked me if the liver damage was caused by alcohol. It is clearly stated throughout the

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#### NYAG James Announces Settlement with Northwell Helath for Billing During COVID

New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced that her office secured \$650,000 in penalties and more than \$400,000 in refunds from Northwell Health, New York's largest health care network, for misleading New Yorkers seeking COVID-19 testing during the height of the pandemic. The Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that Northwell Health deceptively advertised three of its emergency departments in New York City and on Long Island as COVID-19 testing sites where New Yorkers could simply get a COVID-19 test, but then billed patients for emergency room visits. As a result of today's agreement, Northwell Health has issued over \$400,000 in refunds to 2,048 patients, must pay a \$650,000 penalty, and must notify future patients seeking COVID-19 testing at emergency rooms that they will be billed for emergency department charges.

"During a time of great stress at the height of the pandemic, Northwell Health caused more worry and frustration for New Yorkers who were sent emergency room bills for simply taking a COVID-19 test," said Attorney General James. "Today we are putting money back in New Yorkers' pockets after Northwell Health misled them. New York patients should not get surprise fees, and I encourage anyone who thinks they've been taken advantage of through deceptive advertising to file a complaint with my office."

The OAG launched an investigation into Northwell Health following complaints from New Yorkers that they were receiving bills for emergency department visits after they took a COVID-19 test. The OAG investigation found that three Northwell Health locations with emergency departments, Lenox Hill Hospital, Lenox Health Greenwich, and Huntington Hospital, posted signs between March 2020 and March 2021 advertising emergency departments as COVID-19 testing locations. Despite only receiving a COVID-19 test, thousands of individuals who visited one of these three locations were billed standard emergency room charges. The OAG found that even patients who took a COVID-19 test at Huntington Hospital's drive-through location were billed for emergency room visits.

While state and federal laws prohibited health plans from charging any type of cost sharing for COVID-19 tests and related services, OAG found that Northwell Health collected \$81,761.46 in out-of-pocket payments from 559 New Yorkers for COVID-19 tests and related services received at emergency departments. Other New Yorkers who visited the ER for other reasons were also charged for COVID-19 tests that were administered. As a result of OAG's investigation and agreement, Northwell Health issued \$400,164.29 in refunds to 2,048 patients. In addition, Northwell Health must pay \$650,000 in penalties to the state. If a patient believes they have been a victim of misleading billing practices, they should contact the OAG Health Care Bureau online or call 1-800-428-9071.





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#### Westchester County Hosts Household Recycling Day April 20-FDR Park Yorktown

Saturday, April 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at FDR State Park in Yorktown

Westchester County's Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) will be hosting a Household Recycling Day (HRD) event during Earth Day Weekend, Saturday, April 20from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at FDR State Park, 2957 Crompond Rd., Rte. 202, Yorktown. The upcoming HRD event will be the first of 2024, giving residents across the County an opportunity to conveniently and safely dispose of household waste.

In 2023, DEF hosted five HRD events for over 3,400 County residents. HRD events return in 2024, looking to reach even more residents who want to dispose of household waste.

In addition to properly labelled household chemicals, tires, scrap metal, electronics, appliances and other special wastes found in a typical household, residents can bring documents for shredding and expired or unwanted medications for disposal to the HRD Event. Residents should place items in their trunk or backseat, and remain in their vehicles while staff unload vehicles in the drop-off area.

Generally, the following items are accepted for safe disposal or recycling:

- Properly labelled household chemicals, such as:
- o Household cleaning products
- o Most automotive fluids (antifreeze, brake fluid, gasoline, but not motor oil)
- o Flammable liquids (kerosene, butane, lighter fluid, turpentine)
- o Metal, jewelry, and furniture polishes and waxes; wood preservatives
- o Fertilizers, pesticides, insecticides, herbicides
- o Photographic and swimming pool chemicals
- · Batteries only vehicle, rechargeable, or button cell batteries
- Textiles- footwear, clothing, linens, leather, small area rugs and

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- Latex and oil-based paint with labels visible, wood stains
- · Fluorescent light bulbs & CFLs
- · Fire extinguishers
- BBQ propane tanks (up to 20 lbs.)
- · Mercury containing devices (thermometers and thermostats)
- · Electronic waste (TVs, computer monitors and towers)
- Expired or unwanted medications, both OTC and prescription
- · Personal documents for shredding (limit of four file-size boxes per household)

Tires with or without rims, up to four

Items that will not be accepted and should not be brought to the Household Recycling Day include non-rechargeable alkaline and carbon zinc batteries (they can be safely discarded in the trash), motor oil, smoke detectors, cell phones, explosives (flares, fireworks, ammunition), construction debris and hypodermic needles. Also, waste from businesses, schools, or other institutions will not be accepted.

For more information on what to bring to this event, visit www.westchestergov.com/recycling or call (914) 813-5425.

If you are unable to attend the HRD Event, you can still dispose of your hard-to-get-rid-of household waste by making a convenient appointment for the County's Household-Material Recycling Facility (H-MRF), 15 Woods Road, Valhalla. The H-MRF is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment, and accepts the same items that are accepted at the HRD events. For more information about the H-MRF or to make an appointment, visit https://environment.westchestergov.com/facilities/h-mrf or call (914) 813-5425.



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#### Letters to the Editor:

#### The Golem

In medieval Europe, the small Jewish populations at times suffered great persecution. Perhaps out of these dangers, and feelings of vulnerability, there arose the wish for a powerful figure who could protect the Jews. Thus grew the legend of the Golem, a creature made from clay, possessed of super-human power, who would act at the behest of its creators to protect an endangered community from harm.

Do the Jews of today need another Golem? Unlike in medieval times, many would say that Jews in the West, and especially in the US, have, in recent years, lived relatively safe and comfortable lives. However, even before the devastating attack of October 7, many of the political and financial elite of the Jewish community saw trouble looming on the horizon. In particular, increasing numbers of young Jews were drawing away from the notion that Jewish identity is inextricably tied to an identification with "the Jewish State." This extreme identification has been termed "Israelism" (in a recent, award-winning documentary film of that title).

America's unconditional support for Israel is now being brought into question. Also, there has begun a small, but growing, acceptance of the findings of the major human rights groups, Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, as well as Israel's preeminent human rights group, B'Tselem, that Israel, considered as a single entity, from the Jordan river to the Mediterranean sea, now meets the legal definition of an Apartheid regime. This has led to growing support for Palestinian human rights, and for movements including Jewish Voice for Peace and If Not Now, as well as BDS, the Palestinian-led campaign for Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions

In response, the pro-Israel forces moved, well before October 7, to counter these threats, by calling on their supporters, especially politically influential mega-donors. As the journal Politico revealed, the political funding behemoth, "America Israel Public Affairs Committee" (AIPAC), vowed to spend \$100 million, to defeat legislators, most notably members of "the Squad," who have been deemed by AIPAC as insufficiently supportive of Israel.

They now stand in opposition to what many in the world see as an ongoing, US-funded genocide, being carried out by Israel. The carnage in Gaza is now being seen around the world, thanks in large part to the efforts of courageous men and women, reporting from inside Gaza, many working with the internet broadcaster Al Jazeera. More than 100 of these dedicated journalists have now given their lives in bringing this reality to the world.

Some of the mega-donors' early efforts were unsuccessful; two promising candidates, running for the US Senate in Michigan, were each reportedly offered \$20 million for their campaigns, to drop their senatorial bids and run against outspoken Squad member Rashida Tlaib, the only Palestinian-American member of Congress. As reported by Politico, both men turned down these lucrative offers.

However, AIPAC struck pay dirt closer to home, in our own CD-16. In April of last year, a group of Westchester rabbis sent an "open letter" to Congressman (and Squad member) Jamaal Bowman, expressing concern about his "damaging positions" related to Israel. Following October 7, a larger group, of 26 rabbis, wrote to Westchester County Executive George Latimer, urging him to challenge Bowman in the Democratic primary: "(W)e're turning to you in the hope you will…restore our values" in Congress. This plea, backed up by a promised windfall from AIPAC, did the trick

In the old days the effort of one pious rabbi was enough to ward off a dire threat; in these inflationary times, it seems it takes 26 rabbis, backed by millions in cash, to create a Golem. The original Golem went off the tracks and did much damage to the city of Prague. We can only hope that AIPAC's Golems, here and across the country, don't do even more damage to our increasingly fragile democracy, and the world.

David Glass Larchmont



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Notice of formation of Lee & Mazie's LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 04/02/2024 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : Lee & Mazie's LLC 1 Sherwood Terrace Apt 5D Yonkers, NY 10704 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which INSURANCE TRUST and of the HARRIET C. WHATELY IRREVOCA-LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of Formation of KW Services NY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/30/24. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 875 King Street Chappaqua NY 10514. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Studio Elise LLC filed with the SSNY on 04/05/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

#### **NOTICE**

The resolution, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on April 16, 2024, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such resolution may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, in the County of Westchester, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

JOSEPH D. DOOLEY, Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 16, 2024, AUTHORIZING VARIOUS PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS IN AND FOR THE TOWN, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$50,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,000 BONDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

to construct playground renovations and im-Object or purpose:

provements.

Amount of obligations

to be issued and \$50,000

Period of probable

usefulness: five (5) years

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

April 16, 2024 Dated: Eastchester, New York

LEGAL NOTICE YONKERS MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held on May 9, 2024 5p.m. in the office of the Civil Service Commission located at 1 Larkin Center, Riverfront Library - 2nd floor Community Center room on the matters of amending the Appendices of the Yonkers Municipal Civil Service Rules.

Such proposed changes are available for inspection during business hours in the office of the Yonkers Civil Service Commission located at 1 Larkin Center – 2nd floor Yonkers, N.Y. 10701.

Notice of formation of D & E Guest Reality Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/15/2023. 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, D & E Guest Reality Management LLC, 79-81 Main Street, P.O. Box 1100, Yonkers, NY 10702. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

VEE'S CONSULTING LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/29/2023. Office: WESTCHESTER COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for process and shall mail process to R/A: US CORP AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, #202, BKLYN, NY, 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

EATZTOUR LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/23/2023. Office: WESTCHESTER COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for process and shall mail copy to R/A: US CORP AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, #202, BKLYN, NY, 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of EM SLEEP CONSULTING LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/08/2024. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 53 Windsor Place, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Washy LLC. filed with the SSNY on 12/24/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 224 Hawthorne Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activ-

TRUSTEES NOTICE TO BENEFICIARY MARIE K. (GEORGETTE)

Trustee Kathy Whately, of the HARRIET C. WHATELY IRREVOCABLE BLE INSURANCE TRUST, II, has identified MARIE K. MOORE a/k/a MA-RIE GEORGETTE K. MOORE a/k/a MARIA GEORGETTE KOUMLIKIS MOORE, born on or about April 30, 1947, Daughter of Rosa Lee Whately Koumlikis and George James Koumlikis, mother of Cheryl Marie Moore, as a Beneficiary of the Trusts entitled: HARRIET C. WHATELY IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST and HARRIET C. WHATELY IRREVOCABLE INSUR-ANCE TRUST, II. The said Trustee has used diligent efforts to locate the Beneficiary with last known addresses being in Yonkers, NY and Bronxville, NY. This Notice shall serve as the last measure by the Trustee to locate the Beneficiary, or her heirs, and demands that she contact the Trustee's attorney at the below address on or before July 8th, 2024, or Beneficiary shall be deemed to have waived her interest under the Trust and the Trustee shall proceed in disbursement of the Beneficiary's interest in accordance with the Trust terms or pursuant to Virginia Law.

#### MARIE K. MOORE, or her heirs, Contact:

Whitaker R. Johnston, Esq. Attorney for Kathy Whately, Trustee 20580 Timberlake Rd. Lynchburg, VA 24502 1 (434) 237-6458



#### Property taxes, continued from pg 1-

The surrounding counties to Westchester are all on the top 15 list, with Rockland County #2, Putnam County #5 and Dutchess County #14.

While Westchester County always takes the brunt of the criticism for being #1, surrounding counties are not that far behind.

The story and the study by CoreLogic.com also broke out the 15 Highest Property Tax ZIP Codes in the U.S., and five Westchester locales made the top 15.

Three Westchester communities are all paying just under \$30,000 per year in property taxes. Irvington comes in at #7 with a \$29,974 average tax bill. Purchase is at #8 with a \$29,675 tax bill, and Rye is at #9 with a \$29,389.

Scarsdale and Larchmont are at  $\#11\ \&\ \#12$  with \$28,628 for Scarsdale and \$28,396 for Larchmont.

In a related story, Mayer wrote that the recent spike in home values after COVID have played a role in rising property taxes in counties and communities on the list

That may not be the case in Westchester, where property taxes have always been high and have remained so. New York State also has a 2% property tax cap, which limits the growth of property taxes for homeowners.

The NYS Property Tax Cap was pushed through by former Governor Andrew Cuomo, and whether you love him or dislike him, credit should be given to Cuomo for saving Westchester homeowners -TEN OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS over the past 10 years.

The other highest taxed communities outside of our area are also notable. Seven New Jersey counties are in the top 15. New York County (Manhattan)

is #3.
Teton County Wyoming, the home of Jackson Hole, is at #4, and Marion

County is the only California county on the list at #9.

Four California communities are on the top 15; including Beverly Hills and

Dallas, TX homeowners in one zip code are paying \$31, 338-#5.

And Miami Beach Florida is at #1 with an average property tax bill of \$51,051.

Old Westbury, NY, in Nassau County, is #3 at \$34,574.

#### TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 16, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted April 16, 2024, authorizing the construction of a salt shed and related demolition and removal of the incinerator building, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$725,000; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$725,000 serial bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,"

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to demolish and remove the Town's incinerator building and construct thereon a new salt shed; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$725,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$725,000 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$725,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: April 16, 2024 Eastchester, New York

Joseph D. Dooley, Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester Westchester County, New York

#### Three Queens Men Indicted for Ossining Home Burglary; One Charged with Hate Crimes

#### One defendant allegedly targeted the home of an Asian business owner

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah and Ossining Police Department Chief Aaron Zimmerman announced that three Queens men were indicted for a September 2023 residential burglary in Ossining following a multi-agency investigation.

DA Rocah said: "Residential burglaries not only lead to a loss of property but make residents feel vulnerable in their own homes. One of these defendants allegedly targeted the home of Asian residents based on stereotypes about their wealth. Dangerous generalizations based on a person's national origin are precisely what New York's hate crime statutes are designed to address. I applaud the extraordinary work of the police and investigators in this case."

Chief Zimmerman said: "These arrests were the result of a culmination of diligent investigative work conducted by multiple agencies all working together toward a common goal. I want to assure Ossining residents of our continued commitment to public safety and eradicating hate from our community."

A Westchester County Grand Jury indicted the defendants on the following charges:

Juan Carlos Sierra Gonzalez, 48, of East Elmhurst, was charged with two counts of Burglary in the First Degree as a Hate Crime, two counts of Burglary in the Second Degree as a Hate Crime, Burglary in the First Degree, Burglary in the Second Degree, Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, and Possession of Burglar's Tools.

Jaime Bryan Chang-Fuentes, 25, of Jamaica, was charged with Burglary in the First Degree, Burglary in the Second Degree, Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, and Possession of Burglar's Tools.

· Job Vera Zambrano, 25, of Corona, was charged with Burglary in the First Degree, Burglary in the Second Degree, Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, and Possession of Burglar's Tools.

Gonzalez and Zambrano were arraigned on Apr. 9 before New York State Supreme Court Justice Anne E. Minihan in Westchester County Court. Chang-Fuentes, who failed to appear in court, will be arraigned on Apr. 16.

It is alleged that at approximately 12:18 p.m. on Sept. 29, 2023, the defendants unlawfully entered the Ossining home of a local business owner, who is Asian, and stole designer handbags. It is further alleged that the defendants were in possession of burglar's tools commonly used to forcibly enter premises. Gonzalez allegedly targeted the victims' home based on stereotypes about their wealth. During a coordinated takedown, the Ossining Police Department, with the assistance of multiple law enforcement agencies, converged on the victims' home and arrested the defendants during the incident.

The Briarcliff Manor Police Department, the Croton-on-Hudson Police Department, the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department, the Sleepy Hollow Police Department, the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, the Westchester County Police's Real Time Crime Center, the Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol Task Force, and New York State Police assisted with the investigation. The charges against the defendants are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

#### NOTICE

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JOSEPH D. DOOLEY Town Clerk

BOND RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK, ADOPTED APRIL 16, 2024, AUTHORIZING THE REFURBISHMENT OF A SANITATION TRUCK FOR CONVERSION INTO A DUMP TRUCK/SANDER VEHICLE, STATING THE ESTIMATED TOTAL COST THEREOF IS \$150,000, APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000 BONDS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

Object or purpose: to refurbish a sanitation packer truck and replace the body of the vehicle to make it a dump truck/sander vehicle.

Amount of obligations

to be issued and \$150,000

Period of probable

usefulness: five (5) years

A complete copy of the Bond Resolution summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Dated: April 16, 2024 Eastchester, New York

## NEW YORK STATE'S CORRUPT LEGAL SYSTEM

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#### Free Yonkers Paddling Film Festival April 21



Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club (YPRC) presents the 19th annual Paddling Film Festival at Yonkers Riverfront Library on Sunday, April 21, at 2:00 pm. Doors open at 1:30 pm. The festival is free; sign up at yprc.org.

The Paddling Film Festival is an international adventure film tour with stops in more than 120 cities and towns across the United States and around the world. Each location offers a custom mix of short and longer films.

Yonkers stop on the Paddling Film Festival tour features a video peek inside YPRC's historic Hudson River boathouse and a boatload of raffle prizes from local organizations as well as two hours of award-winning films including:

Bring the Salmon Home –People's Choice Award, 2024, Surface: A Norwegian Ski Rafting Adventure—People's Choice Award, 2024, and There's Good in Everything: Winner of Best Whitewater Film 2024.

Visit www.yprc.org for more information.

#### Mayor Spano & Senator Mayer Celebrate Eid Ai-Fitr at Yonkers Islamic Center



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and State Senator Shelley Mayer recently celebrated the religious holiday of Eid Ai-Fitr at the Yonkers Islamic Center. Mayor Spano is pictured above presenting a proclamation to the school which read,

As Mayor of the City of Yonkers, I am pleased to join with the members of the YONKERS ISLAMIC CENTER on the occasion of its celebration of Eid Al-Fitr, an important religious holiday and festival of the breaking of the fast, which marks the end of Ramadan, and

WHEREAS: The celebration of Eid Al-Fitr in our City is a testament to our commitment to promoting cultural understanding, unity and respect and we in the City of Yonkers are most proud of the diversity of our community, representing many different traditions and faiths, and

WHEREAS: The YONKERS ISLAMIC CENTER is at the forefront of creating a spirit of brotherhood and cooperation among the residents in our City, with its sponsorship of numerous heritage events and cultural programs, all aimed at working with and bringing the community together, and

WHEREAS: The City of Yonkers raises its voice in tribute to the YON-KERS ISLAMIC CENTER, whose members work diligently to preserve and celebrate their many customs and traditions and pass them down from generation to generation, I do hereby proclaim this day, the 10th day of April 2024 to be: YONKERS ISLAMIC CENTER DAY.

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# NYS Libertarian Party Collecting Signatures to Place a Presidential Candidate on the Ballot

The Libertarian Party in New York has placed a presidential candidate on statewide election ballots every presidential year since 1976. According to Andrew Kolstee, Chair of the Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY), the new requirement of 45,000 valid petition signatures during the six-week petition period from April 16–May 28 will be hard to attain. To qualify, LPNY must use "stand-in" temporary candidates as the national party doesn't nominate candidates until the Libertarian National Convention is held in Washington, D.C. from May 24-26.

The LPNY held a nominating convention for temporary candidates in Watkins Glen, New York in March, and selected Larry Sharpe to stand-in as the Presidential candidate on the statewide petition. Sharpe was the party's candidate for Governor in 2018 and 2022. Rich Purtell, 2nd Vice-Chair of the LPNY, was selected as the stand-in for Vice President. Purtell has run for office as a Libertarian candidate several times.

According to LPNY Chair, Andrew Kolstee, the 45,000 petition signature requirement in New York for independent bodies over a six-week period represents the highest number of signatures per day required of any state. "It used to be 15,000 signatures and we had been able to get that every time, but Governor Cuomo tripled the requirements in part ZZZ of the 2020-2021 budget," said Kolstee. "We went through a three-year legal battle going all the way up to the Supreme Court, but they didn't take our case."

"The new requirements also set a precedent in 2022, which was the first time there were only two choices for Governor in New York since 1946," said Kolstee. "As long as strenuous ballot access requirements remain in effect, New Yorkers will be stuck with two parties. We don't want to see that happen, especially when Americans are more and more dissatisfied with the two major parties, and their respective presumptive nominees."

The state party is making an urgent plea for petition volunteers, and voters are encouraged to sign petition pages to enable Libertarian Party challengers this election, even though the names of those challengers will not be known until the Libertarian National Convention is held. For more information, go to https://lpny.org/2024-petitioning-portal/ To learn more: Libertarian Party of New York: https://lpny.org/

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

medical records that it is not. When this happens, I stop the conversation with the Hospitalist and ask him or her to review the patients medical records and after this is done, come back to discuss the needs of the patient. Bottom line when they ask ridiculous questions like this is they haven't reviewed the records.

Does this type of care benefit the patient. Of course not. Is it upsetting to the family being asked the same line of questioning day in and day out? Of course. Is it good that there is someone at the hospital 24/7/365 to handle patient needs instead of hospital staff having to reach the Primary Care Physician who may be in the middle of treating other patients. Of Course! But with a new doctor everyday is there continuity of care for the patient vs. his or her Primary Care Physician coordinating care. From my perspective with my friend and other people I know, unfortunately not.

Is the Hospitalist a way for the hospital to make more money. Every time the Hospitalist visits the patient the hospital bills for services. Does the Hospitalist save insurance companies money. Yes.

Bottom line. As the friend of the patient do I see improvement in care. No. For everyone from patients to family members do I see a state of confusion and frustration with the new guy in town having to get up to snuff quickly on the history of the patient, particularly those with long term medical conditions? Sadly, yes!

My only advice to you is if you have a friend or loved one in the hospital, make sure he or she and you stay on top of their care. Make your presence known by visiting or calling the hospital and asking for patient updates daily. And remember, you can always request that a specialist who has treated the patient, has rights in the hospital and who visits patients in the hospital see your friend or relative. That one little thing in the case of my friend was the most important thing that offered continuity of care and made my friend feel better psychologically knowing someone familiar with their care was in whole or part directing it.

Most importantly, STAY WELL and OUT OF THE HOSPITAL! UPDATE:

-You may remember that the Mayor's Office told me they were waiting for the report from the Human Rights Commission on the January incident involving the female basketball game between students from Roosevelt High School and the Leffell School to convene a meeting of faith based and community leaders to discuss this incident and what can be done to be sure this doesn't happen again. The Yonkers Human Rights Commission as of press time has not issued any report on this topic.

What I did find out from the contracted lawyer, Mark Fang who is in charge of the Commission. Is that his report is NOT AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INCIDENT but will be 'A report to effectuate better relationships of the groups involved in the incident.'

Bottom line is that there needs to be better lines of communication between the folks in City Hall and those that they employ to provide services. As I have stated before, a report on an incident almost 4 months after it occurred was ridiculous. I am impressed in my conversation with Attorney Fang by his plan for community workshops and his goal to make the Human Rights Commission an important part of Yonkers City Government.

FUNNY OF THE WEEK: The release that I saw that Ken Jenkins, Deputy County Executive is endorsing his boss and the man he hopes to replace, Democrat George Latimer for Congress in the 16th District in New York against the incumbent. There was a rumor around town that Jenkins was supporting Congressman Bowman, and this puts that to rest. This columnist has been robust in his support for Mr. Latimer against the incumbent and expected that Mr. Jenkins who has his pay check signed by Mr. Latimer and who hopes to replace would be endorsing him too!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com, or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT WESTCHESTER

COUNTY OF

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.

Plaintiff,

VS.

DANIEL C. PETRE, PROPOSED EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF HEATHER PETRE A/K/A HEATHER L. PETRE A/K/A HEATHER L. PETRE A/K/A HEATHER LOUISE PETRE AND INDIVIDUALLY; Any unknown heirs to the Estate of HEATHER PETRE A/K/A HEATHER L. PETRE A/K/A HEATHER L. PETRE A/K/A HEATHER LOUISE PETRE next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, creditors, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest, as well as the respective heirs at law, next of kin, devisees, legatees, distributees, grantees, assignees, lienors, trustees, executors, administrators or successors in interest of the aforesaid classes of persons, if they or any of them be dead, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff; ALLAN B. PETRE, JR.; ROBERT E. PETRE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; and "JOHN DOE" and "MARY DOE," (Said names being fictitious, it being the intention of plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.)

Defendants.

Filed: September 28, 2023

Index No.: 67861/2023

**SUMMONS** 

Mortgaged Premises: 4 Whittier Hills Drive a/k/a 4 Whittier Hills Road North Salem, (Town of North Salem) NY 10560

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is for the foreclosure of: Mortgage bearing the date of March 9, 2016, executed by Heather Petre to Bank of America, NA to secure the sum of \$140,000.00, and interest, and recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Westchester County on March 22, 2016 in Control Number: 560823249. The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the Mortgaged Premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial.

The basis of venue is the County in which the Mortgaged Premises is situated. Section: 40 Block: 1356 Lot: 54 DATED: September 26, 2023 Rochester, New York NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the Mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your Mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. SCHEDULE A LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the on the Northerly side of Whittier Hills Drive in the Town of North Salem, County of Westchester and State of New York, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the northerly side of Whittier Hills Drive, said point being where the easterly line of the land of Michael Zilinsky and Minnie Zilinsky intersects said northerly side of Whittier Hills Drive; running thence along the land of Zilinsky and along lands now or formerly of Joseph A. Moran the following courses and distances: North 30 degrees 06 minutes 40 seconds East 169.49 feet; running thence South 83 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds East 81.13 feet; thence South 85 degrees 19 minutes 20 seconds East 90.97 feet; thence South 84 degrees 55 minutes 40 seconds East 38.16 feet to land now or formerly of Charles and Caroline Edmiston; running thence along land of Edmiston South 19 degrees 40 minutes 10 seconds West 223.21 feet to the northerly side of Whittier Hills Drive; running thence along the northerly side of Whittier Hills Drive the following course and distances: North 70 degrees 19 minutes 50 seconds West 92.33 feet; thence on a curve to the right having a radius of 1,925 feet and a central angle of 4 degrees 14 minutes 19 seconds a distance of 142.41 feet to a point or place of beginning. Subject to restrictions, reservations, easements, covenants, oil, gas or mineral rights of record, if any.

Notice of formation of SurgeExpand, LLC. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/2023. 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, 324 Palisade Ave -1F, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO: 63831/2023

D/O/F: 07/18/2023

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Property Address: 120 First Street, Yonkers, New York 10704

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the property is situated.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR RELIANT TRUST, SERIES HPP,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Unknown heirs at law of MARY MACAGNONE, her next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained; NICHOLAS MACAGNONE A/K/A NICHOLAS P. M

RASCONA A/K/A VINCENT ROBERT RASCONA, SR. A/K/A VINCENT A. RASCONA AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, ANTHONY RASCONA A/K/A ANTHONY RASCONA, SR. A/K/A ANTHONY V. RASCONA A/K/A ANTHONY V. RASCONA III A/K/A ANTHONY R. RASCONA A/K/A ANTHONY C. RASCONA A/K/A ANTHONY RASCONS A/K/A ANTHONY V. RASCONA A/K/A ANTHONY V. RASCONA JUNIOR A/K/A ANTHONY S. RASCONA AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTEE FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;

"JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises,

Defendant(s).

#### TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

NOTICE

#### YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

The following notice is intended only for the defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.

YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PLEASE BE AWARE:

- (1) that debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, an unfair debt collection efforts, including, but not limited to:
  - i. the use or threat of violence;
  - ii. the use of obscene or profane language; and
  - iii. repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.
- (2) If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt:
  - 1. Supplemental security income, (SSI);
  - 2. Social security;
  - 3. Public assistance (welfare);
  - 4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support;
  - 5. Unemployment benefits;
  - 6. Disability benefits;
  - 7. Workers' compensation benefits;
  - 8. Public or private pensions;
  - 9. Veterans' benefits;
  - 10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and
  - 1. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Paul I. Marx, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, entered March 26, 2024 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on Nov. 10, 2004 in Control No. 442650041, covering premises k/a 120 First Street, Yonkers, NY 10704 a/k/a Section 6, Block 6252, Lot 60.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises.

Dated:

Sandy J. Stolar, Esq. Margolin, Weinreb & Nierer, LLP Attorneys for Plaintiff 165 Eileen Way, Suite 101 Syosset, New York 11791 516-921-3838 #101295

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Migrants in Westchester, continued from pg 1-

Pleasantville Cottage School.

The Cottage School currently houses children with developmental conditions. JCAA has a contract with the US Office of Refugee Resettlement to care for migrant children who have no legal guardian and wants to house those children at the Cottage School.

The Town of Mount Pleasant and Fulgenzi oppose the housing of migrant children in Pleasantville. Before the migrant crisis, Fulgenzi called for the closing of the Cottage School because of incidents which required police activity.

"As we disclosed last year, JCCA is attempting to house migrant children. We have contended time and time again that their facility is unsafe for the population they serve, let alone anymore residents. Their staff is regularly put in danger and our emergency services are constantly being pulled to the campus for unruly behavior. How can we trust they would properly care for these additional children," said Fulgenzi.

The Town has issued emergency orders against permitting migrant relocations at the Cottage School.

The JCCA then sued the town, claiming that the Town's actions have illegally prohibited them from fulfilling the contract that they have with the Federal Government.

The Town then sued JCCA, seeking an order preventing any children in the care of the federal government from coming to the Cottage School. A judge has issued a temporary restraining order until arguments can be heard.

While the issue is now in the courts, Supervisor Fulgenzi has become one of the strongest advocates against migrants coming to Westchester.

The legality of issuing Emergency Orders to prohibit migrants from coming into local and county governments in New York is not yet settled law. Rockland and Putnam Counties have issued emergency orders and have not yet seen any legal new arrivals. New York City has also eased up on its efforts to locate migrants to Westchester and upstate. Overall, the three Westchester locations where migrants are housed have been quiet and without serious incident. This May will mark one year since their arrival in Westchester.

Several recent incidents at the Ramada Inn in Yonkers show some migrants unhappy.

The video, posted on the Yonkers Voice, https://www.facebook.com/YonkersVoiceNews

And on Hamlet Hub Yonkers https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H0eDdasrbuY

Show police arriving at the hotel and detaining a man. Residents of the hotel are upset about the conditions at the hotel.

On April 11, Yonkers Police arrested two persons outside the hotel who according to the video footage, were acting dangerously.

The migrants complaints focus on the treatment by security and by social workers. Westhab has the contract to care for the migrants at Ramada.

The city is said to be monitoring the situation.

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"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted April 16, 2024, authorizing the construction of various improvements at Haindl Field, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$420,000; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$420,000 serial bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,"

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to construct various improvements at Haindl Field, including the installation of a scoreboard, at the estimated cost of \$85,000 and the installation of LED lighting, at the estimated cost of \$335,000; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$420,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$420,000 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$420,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: April 16, 2024 Eastchester, New York

Joseph D. Dooley, Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester Westchester County, New York



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"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted April 16, 2024, authorizing the resurfacing of various streets in said Town, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$900,000, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$900,000 bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,"

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to resurface various streets in and for the Town; STATING the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$900,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$900,000 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$900,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

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DATED: April 16, 2024 Eastchester, New York

Joseph D. Dooley, Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester Westchester County, New York



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#### Wagstaff Petitions, continued from pg 1-

J. Emmett Murphy. The serious nature of the charges against Wagstaff are based on the office that he is running for, Westchester DA, the top law enforcement official in the County, and the fact that as a licensed attorney in New York State, any petition that Wagstaff attested to that was false, or fraudulent, may affect his law license.

Private Investigators working on the case interviewed three people who signed a petition with Wagstaff's name at the bottom. But each person said that Wagstaff had not collected their signature.

"WILLIAM O. WAGSTAFF III's witness statement on Page 13 of Volume 4 of the Wagstaff Democratic Designating Petition contains a materially false statement because signatures appearing on that page were not subscribed by the signers thereto in his presence."

Wagstaff took an unnecessary risk, and made an unforced error, by collecting signatures for his own campaign.

Murphy is asking the court to invalidate Wagstaff's petitions because of a material error, that the candidate forged a petition for their own candidacy. If a supporter of Wagstaff had made the same mistake and signed the bottom of petitions without witnessing them, only those petitions would be invalidated.

And the lawsuit references NY case law that invalidated petitions with the same type of error. "[A] designating petition may . . . be invalidated when there is a finding that the candidate has participated in or is chargeable with knowledge of fraud in procuring signatures for a designating petition, even if there is a sufficient number of valid signatures independent of those fraudulently procured" (Matter of Drace v Sayegh, 43 AD3d 481, 482 [2007]

And "It is well-settled that where the candidate acts as the subscribing witness to a petition sheet, a false statement with regard to even a single signature necessitates invalidation of the entire designating petition (see Matter of Haskell v Gargiulo, 51 NY2d 747, 748 [1980]

Many in the legal community believe that Wagstaff's campaign for DA is in jeopardy. Wagstaff and two other democrats, Susan Cacace and Adeel Mirza, are looking to get on the ballot for a democratic primary on June 25 for DA.

The Wagstaff campaign held a rally on April 15 outside the county courthouse in White Plains to "denounce" what the Wagstaff campaign called "DA candidate Susan Cacace's voter disenfranchisement efforts.

In an advisory, the Wagstaff campaign writes, "Voters, community activists and civil rights advocates and organizations, including Black Westchester Magazine, the Westchester Alliance for Police Reform, and Save Mount Vernon, will join in a "Rally for Justice" press conference at the Westchester County Courthouse to denounce voter intimidation, harassment, and disenfranchisement of Black communities by Susan Cacace's campaign for Westchester District Attorney.

"During the routine and legitimate petition review process, the Wagstaff campaign was notified by multiple voters of threats received by an "investigator" – including three Black women who will be speaking at the conference – who signed petitions in support of Democratic candidate William Wagstaff's candidacy."

The lawsuit includes video evidence of voters speaking to private investigators about the petitions without intimidation. The rally included some of the same voters, "telling their stories of being menaced, intimidated, and threatened by investigators hired by Cacace to question the validity of the petitions they signed." Speakers at the rally included Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, who supported Wagstaff and, along with several other speakers, alleged that the

Cacace campaign is trying to disenfranchise the black community.

But the Cacace campaign is doing what almost every campaign in Westchester and New York State does. That is, to review the petitions of your political opponent.

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Mayor Patterson Howard used the same strategy to knock off one of her opponents. In 2021, Patterson-Howard challenged the petitions of former Mayor Richard

Thomas, and Thomas was knocked off the ballot.

And in this election cycle, former Congressman Mondaire Jones' campaign challenged the petitions of his opponent, MaryAnn Carr, and her removed from the ballot. Assemblymembers Dana Levenberg and Chris Burdick also successfully challenged the petitions of their opponents, which points to how frequently this happens in every election cycle. The case will be assigned a Judge on April 15, in Westchester County Court. A decision should be reached in two weeks.

LEGAL NOTICE

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) # 2024 – 03

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR FULL-SERVICE GROUND SOURCE HEAT PUMP SYSTEM SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS PROPERTIES OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers ("MHACY") is soliciting proposals from qualified firms for a Full-Service Heating System Service and Maintenance for MHACY at various sites as specified in this Request for Proposals ("RFP").

This RFP package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This RFP is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter "Responders" or "Respondents") and is available online starting April 26, 2024 at www.mhacy.org.

There will be a site tour for interested parties on May 2, 2024, at 10 A.M. starting at 1-8 Schroeder Street, Yonkers, NY 10701. The RFP questions deadline is May 6, 2024 at 3:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any and all questions must be emailed to Procurement at procurement@mhacy.org by the deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted.

Proposals must reach MHACY no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on May 16, 2024. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B.

Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria stated in the RFP. Negotiations may be conducted with contractors who have a reasonable chance of being selected for the award. After evaluation of the proposal revision, if any, the contract will be awarded to the responsible firm(s) whose qualifications, price and other factors are considered to be the most advantageous to MHACY.

MHACY reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any irregularities or informalities if it is in MHACY's best interest to do so. MHACY reserves the right to cancel this RFP or to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals received in response to this RFP, upon its determination that such cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of MHACY.

MHACY is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sexual orientation, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, or family status. MHACY solicits and encourages the participation of minorities and small businesses in procurement.

Contact, related to this procurement, with members of MHACY's Board of Commissioners, or MHACY's officers and/or employees other than the contact person show above, during the procurement process could result in disqualification of a proposal.

Wilson Kimball, President & CEO Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers 1511 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10710 Project No. 2024-03

Send us your letters, announcements, opinions, photos and story ideas to dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

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"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted April 16, 2024, authorizing the replacement of various sidewalks and curbs in and for the Town, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$250,000, appropriating said amount therefor, and authorizing the issuance of \$250,000 bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,"

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to replace various sidewalks and curbs in and for the Town; STATING the estimated maximum cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$250,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$250,000 bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$250,000 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is ten (10) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

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DATED: April 16, 2024 Eastchester, New York

Joseph D. Dooley, Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester Westchester County, New York

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#### Taxman Fraud, continued from pg 1-

of thousands of federal individual income tax returns that included false information designed to fraudulently reduce the individuals' tax burden and to make false statements to the IRS. ALVAREZ was arrested today and will be presented in Manhattan federal court before U.S. Magistrate Judge Katharine H. Parker. U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "Rafael Alvarez was allegedly so prolific in falsifying his customers' tax returns that he came to be known as 'the Magician' for his ability to make customers' tax burden disappear. But, Alvarez's sleight of hand was criminal tax fraud, a serious federal tax crime he was allegedly committing for over a decade, depriving the IRS of more than \$100 million in tax revenue. Today's charges, on Tax Day, should serve as an important reminder to tax professionals that when they try to cheat the public fisc they will face grave consequences."

IRS-CI Special Agent in Charge Thomas Fattorusso said: "This one person is charged with creating a criminal enterprise that defrauded the government of more than \$100 million. The evidence points to Alvarez's alleged scheme to file tens of thousands of fraudulent tax returns, while his company, ATAX, grossed over \$15 million in revenue in just three years. Today's arrest was no magical illusion, and Alvarez now faces the reality of his actions."

As alleged in the Indictment unsealed in Manhattan federal court and court filings:[1] From at least in or about 2010, up to and including in or about 2020, RAFAEL ALVAREZ was the CEO, owner, and manager of ATAX New York, LLC, also doing business as ATAX New York-Marble Hill, ATAX Marble Hill, ATAX Marble Hill, NY, and ATAX Corporation (together, "ATAX"). ATAX was a high-volume tax preparation company located in the Bronx, which prepared approximately 90,000 federal income tax returns for its customers during this period. ALVAREZ both prepared tax returns for ATAX customers and recruited, supervised, and directed other ATAX personnel who in turn prepared tax returns for customers. During this period, ALVAREZ oversaw a sweeping fraudulent scheme, whereby he and his employees submitted false information to the IRS in ATAX customers' tax returns. This false information, which included, among other things, bogus itemized tax deductions, made-up capital losses, phony business expenses, and fraudulent tax credits, served to fraudulently reduce the customers' tax liability and increase the customers' tax refunds from the IRS. In total, ALVAREZ oversaw ATAX's fraudulent submission of tax returns on behalf of customers that deprived the IRS of substantially more than \$100 million in tax revenue. ALVAREZ was so consistent at falsifying ATAX customer tax returns that he became known to ATAX's customers as "the Magician." Additionally, as part of ALVAREZ's unlawful operation of ATAX, he and an ATAX employee made false statements to an IRS Revenue Agent. ALVAREZ's operation of ATAX helped the company generate at least approximately \$15 million in gross revenues over the period of in or about 2016 to in or about 2019.

RAFAEL ALVAREZ, 60, of Cortlandt Manor, is charged with one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States and making false statements, each of which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison. He is also charged with four counts of aiding and assisting preparation of false and fraudulent U.S. individual income tax returns and attempting to interfere with the administration of the internal revenue laws, each of which carries a maximum sentence of three years in prison. He is further charged with aggravated identity theft, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of two years in prison.

The allegations in the Indictment are merely accusations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

The Fourth Precinct's Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, April 18, 2024, in the meeting room at the Fourth Police Precinct, at 53 Shonnard Terrace. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the fourth police precinct is welcome to attend. All elected officials are also welcome. Captain Michael Messar, Precinct Commander, and Lieutenant Patrick Curtis will be available to discuss your issues and matters of interest. We look forward to seeing you in future meetings! If you have any concerns, call non-emergency department. (914-377-7900)

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"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted April 16, 2024, authorizing the construction of various improvements at Lake Isle Country Club, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$243,771; appropriating said amount therefor; and authorizing the issuance of \$243,771 serial bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation,"

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to construct various improvements at Lake Isle Country Club, including cart path improvements, at the estimated cost of \$87,415; drainage improvements for the golf course, at the estimated cost of \$86,856; and roof reconstruction for the building, at the estimated cost of \$69,500; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$243,771; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor; and STATING the plan of financing includes the issuance of \$243,771 serial bonds of the Town to finance said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon;

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$243,771 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

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DATED: April 16, 2024 Eastchester, New York,

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#### **TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, NEW YORK**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 16, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester, in the County of Westchester, New York, adopted a bond resolution entitled:

"Bond Resolution of the Town of Eastchester, New York, adopted April 16, 2024, authorizing the construction of improvements to Leewood Park, stating the estimated total cost thereof is \$4,825,000; appropriating said amount therefor, including \$2,046,045 expected to be received from the United States of America; and authorizing the issuance of \$2,778,955 serial bonds of said Town to finance the balance of said appropriation,"

an abstract of such bond resolution, concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, being as follows:

FIRST: AUTHORIZING said Town to construct various improvements to Leewood Park; STATING the estimated total cost thereof, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, is \$4,825,000; APPROPRIATING said amount therefor, including \$2,046,045 expected to be received from the United States of America (the "Federal Funds"); and STATING the plan of financing includes the expenditure of the Federal Funds, the issuance of \$2,778,955 serial bonds of the Town to finance the balance of said appropriation, and the levy of a tax upon all the taxable real property within the Town to pay the principal of said bonds and interest thereon:

SECOND: AUTHORIZING the issuance of \$2,778,955 bonds of the Town pursuant to the Local Finance Law of the State of New York (the "Law") to finance a portion of said appropriation;

THIRD: DETERMINING and STATING the period of probable usefulness applicable to the purpose for which said bonds are authorized to be issued is fifteen (15) years; the proceeds of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation thereof may be applied to reimburse the Town for expenditures made after the effective date of this bond resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized; the proposed maturity of said bonds will exceed five (5) years; and the project is a Type II action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) and no further environmental review is required;

FOURTH: DETERMINING that said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals of said bond anticipation notes, shall be general obligations of the Town; and PLEDGING to their payment the faith and credit of the Town;

FIFTH: DELEGATING to the Supervisor the powers and duties as to the issuance of said bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, and the renewals thereof, and other related powers; and

SIXTH: DETERMINING that the bond resolution is subject to permissive referendum.

DATED: April 16, 2024 Eastchester, New York

Joseph D. Dooley, Town Clerk, Town of Eastchester Westchester County, New York

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lation does nothing to advance your cause," said Lawler, who added that he does not agree with the tactics of fellow republican congresswoman Majorie Taylor Greene, who has called for the removal of House Speaker Mike Johnson.

"The vast majority of the (House republican) caucus supports the Speaker, and the reality is that you have to compromise. If we advance another motion to vacate (remove the Speaker), we will ensure a republican minority in 2025.

"We have a responsibility to govern. You can fight for the issues important to you all you want, and debate, but ultimately you have to advance legislation and get it across the finish line. If you don't like it-that's life get over it. Why throw the country into chaos? The American people elected a republican house majority to govern and to serve as a check and balance on the Biden administration not to fight among ourselves."

Lawler, who voted for former President Donald Trump in the recent NY Presidential Primary, reiterated his continued support for Israel. "Senator Schumer and former Speaker Pelosi are throwing Israel over the bus because there is a revolt in the base of their party. Hamas is a terrorist organization responsible for the October 7 attacks against Israel and the aftermath. They are continuing to hold hostages, including American hostages."

"For anybody to demand a cease fire and not make it abundantly clear that any agreement must include the release of these hostages is putting politics over any other consideration. I stand by Israel."

One of Lawler's pieces of legislation in the House that he introduced with democratic Congressman Josh Gottheimer is the Stop Harboring Iranian Petroleum (SHIP) Act. The SHIP Act passed the House last November by a bipartisan 342 to 69 margin. It would weaken Iran's ability to use its illegal oil sales to fund terrorist proxies across the Middle East.

"Iran is the number one state sponsor of terror in the world. For years, they have funded Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, and other terrorist organizations," said Congressman Lawler. "They backed Hamas' barbaric October 7 attack against Israel - the largest mass murder of Jews in a single day since the Holocaust. And they fired hundreds of rockets at Israel just last weekend. All of this is made possible by the money Iran receives from its illicit oil trade - which has amounted to over \$88 billion since President Biden took office."

"Enough is enough. We must hold Iran and its backers accountable - especially China, the number one purchaser of Iranian petroleum," said Lawler. Key Background Information on the SHIP Act include imposing sanctions on foreign ports and refineries that process petroleum exported from Iran in vio-

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COUNTY OF RICHLAND	j	
Tracy Fall,	)	
Plaintiff,	{	
vs.	į	CHIMMONG
Willa Castle,	(	SUMMONS
Defendant	{	Casa No : 2024-CP-40-00096

#### TO THE DEFENDANT LISTED ABOVE:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to Answer the Complaint in this action, a copy of which is herewith served upon you, and to serve a copy of your Answer upon the Plaintiff's Attorney below listed. Your Answer must be served on the Plaintiff at the below address within **thirty (30) days** after the service of this Summons and Complaint upon you, exclusive of the day of such service; and if you fail to answer the Complaint within that time, judgment by default will be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The original Summons and Complaint were filed with this Court on January 5, 2024. The original Notice of *Lis Pendens* was filed with the Richland County Register of Deeds on the same date, assigned a File Number of 2024-LP-40-000023, and identified the property as follows:

All that certain piece, parcel or lot of land, with improvements thereon, situate, lying and being in the county of Richland, state of South Carolina, being shown and designated as Lot Number Five (5) on a plat of Wilds Acres prepared by James C. Covington, dated September 12, 1949 and recorded in the office of the Richland County Clerk of Court in plat book N at page 137. The parcel was further identified on that certain plat prepared for Thelma T. Jackson by Isaac B. Cox, dated October 5, 1971.

This being the same parcel conveyed to Willa D. Castle by deed of distribution from the estate of Thelma T. Jackson in Richland County Probate File No. 97-ES-40-220, dated January 29, 1997, and recorded in the office of the Richland County Clerk of Court in book R13 at page 704.

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Attorney for Plaintiff S. C. Bar No. 77878 121 Executive Center Drive, Suite 218 Columbia, SC 29210 Telephone: 803-828-7661 Email: phowle@dgr.law lation of U.S. sanctions. It also extends primary and secondary U.S. sanctions to refineries that knowingly process petroleum originating from Iran and extends U.S. sanctions to any entity that transports, offloads, or otherwise deals in petroleum originating in Iran, including vessels engaging in ship-to-ship transfers of petroleum. These sanctions include asset freezes and visa bans.

But the US Senate has not taken up SHIP Act for four months. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is now slated to mark up the SHIP Act's Senate companion bill this week.

Lawler partnered with another House Democrat, Rep. Jared Moskowitz in calling on the U.S. Senate to immediately vote and pass the Stop Harboring Iranian Petroleum (SHIP) Act.

"For months, the U.S. Senate has sat on the SHIP Act and failed to pass it. After this weekend's unprecedented attack from Iran on Israel, it's clearer than ever that the U.S. must further sanction Iran and weaken their ability to promote terror across the Middle East. That's a message the Senate must get behind," said Representatives Lawler and Moskowitz.

Lawler has sponsored another piece of legislation, The Iran-China Energy Sanctions Act, which would expand sanctions to cover Chinese financial institutions that purchase petroleum products from Iran. The bill also requires an annual determination as to whether Chinese financial institutions have engaged in sanctionable conduct. The bill passed the House by a vote of 383-11.

"I'm proud to help lead and pass this bipartisan legislation with my fellow Problem Solvers Caucus member, Congressman Lawler. Our legislation holds two members of the 'Axis of Evil' some of our most dangerous adversaries — Iran and China, accountable for their nefarious activities," said Congressman Gottheimer. "After Iran's unprecedented attack on Israel and as its regime of terror deepens ties to China, we are reminded that they cannot be trusted. Iran has directly, or through their terrorist proxies, killed hundreds of Americans and attacked our bases and our allies in the region."

"The Iran-China Energy Sanctions Act, along with the SHIP Act we passed last November, and which is finally coming up in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee tomorrow, will kneecap Iran's ability to export murder and instability across the region. I urge the Senate to pass them both as soon as possible," said Lawler.

Lawler is running for reelection this November as one of a handful of congressional contests that are toss ups. Former democratic Congress*man* Mondaire Jones is challenging Lawler.

Jones represented parts of West<u>c</u>hester



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