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“Actions Versus Rhetoric”

Latimer and Bowman Engage in Heated Debate



By Ron Matten

On Monday May 13, constituents had an opportunity to witness the two candidates for Congressional District 16 participate in their first debate. The one-hour debate was often contentious as incumbent Jamaal Bowman looked more like the underdog to his challenger George Latimer. The questions, which were curated from the News 12 viewership, centered around the Mideast, affordable housing, crime, immigration, and each contender’s record.

After a brief introduction, the debate started with a question focused on the Hamas/Israel war. Both candidates expressed their support for a two-state solution. Mr. Latimer was adamant that peace and a two-state solution begins with the release of the hostages. Mr. Bowman conveyed that peace, and a two-state solution begins with the removal of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Throughout the debate Congressman Bowman tried to paint George Latimer as an anti-choice, MAGA Republican, due to his alliance with American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC). AIPAC has pledged millions of dollars to opponents of Jamaal Bowman and the Squad. Mr. Latimer correctly pointed out that AIPAC also supports Grace Meng, Greg Meeks, and Ritchie Torres. County Executive Latimer also cited his actions to protect clinic access and protect reproductive freedoms. The American Israel Public Affairs Committee is a lobbying group that advocates pro-Israel policies to the legislative and executive branches of the United States.

The conversation turned to crime where moderator Tara Rosenblum expressed that while overall crime is down, only 37% of New Yorkers feel safe in

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Public Servants Honored with Siragusa Awards



Front row (left to right): Award recipient Amy Auld-Owens Sam Wallis, Executive Dir of Yonkers Partners In Education (accepting award on behalf of recipient Rosanne Aresty) Award recipient Terry Joyner Back row (left to right): Youth Board Chairperson Dr. Alexandria Connally Hon. Symra Brandon representing Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, DCE Ken Jenkins County Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels County Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson, County Legislator Terry Clements

The Westchester County Youth Board presented the 2024 Rosemarie Siragusa Award to three dedicated advocates for youth who have helped to improve the lives of children, youth and families in Westchester County. Those recognized were Roseanne Aresty, Amy Auld-Owens, M.S. Ed. and Terry A. Joyner who were selected by their peers for their tireless volunteer efforts and embodiment of what the Rosemarie Siragusa Award was intended to represent.

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104 -Year- Old Westchester Veteran Honored by Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins



104-year old WWII Navy air traffic controller Jean Wallace Otto Macintosh, from Irvington

In a room filled with American veterans, New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins announced two Senate District 35 residents whom she will induct to the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2024.

Sen. Stewart-Cousins selected World War II veteran Ensign Jean Wallace Otto Macintosh, of Irvington, and Vietnam-era U.S. Navy veteran Hugh McAuley, of Greenburgh, to be inducted into the Hall of Fame honoring veterans from each Senate District for their service in uniform and to their com

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Dwight Gooden Visits Eastchester Little League



L-R- Doc Gooden, Eastchester Supervisor Anthony Colavita, Town Councilman Anthony Giacobbe,

The Eastchester Little League celebrated Opening Day with a visit from former Mets and Yankees pitcher Dwight “Doc” Gooden. Gooden gave an amazing speech the players and also joined in recognizing Eastchester first responders, (Eastchester Police, Eastchester Firefighters, and



Doc Gooden with three members of Eastchester’s Finest

Eastchester EMS), and then threw out the first pitch. County Legislator Judah Holstein celebrated opening day with Janice Bader, mother of Harrison Bader, who played in the Eastchester Little League, and then with the Yankees and Mets. County Executive George Latimer, Town Councilwoman Sheila Marcotte were also in attendance. Eastchester Recreation Superintendent Sally Veltidi was honored for all of her effort.

Red Coats Return to Yorktown for Rochambeau Festival May 18 & 19



Historical reenactors at the 2023 Rochambeau Festival in Yorktown, N.Y. Photo by Carol Reif.

The second annual Rochambeau Festival will commemorate the critical role that French General Rochambeau and his army played in aiding America's independence from Great Britain.

The Rochambeau Festival on May 18 & 19 is an immersive experience that educates attendees about pivotal Revolutionary War and Franco American Alliance events in our nation's history. Visitors can learn about Generals Rochambeau and Washington, the locations of the encampments in New York State and what happened in Westchester County.

Families can join an encampment setup, drill with model muskets, greet animals like oxen, and learn butter or cheese making. There will be a tactical weapons demonstration and battle with the Brigade of the American Revolution. On May 19th, a short bus tour from Rochambeau Park will take visitors on a guided tour of Yorktown's historic encampment sites. Guests can also enjoy food and beverages.

The two-day festival occurs at Rochambeau Park, also known as Yorktown Grange Fair Grounds, in Yorktown Heights, one of five locations the French forces camped in Yorktown in 1781, then known as Crompond, and dedicated to General Rochambeau on September 18, 1954.

The festival runs both days from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and the cost is \$10 per car for parking.

The event is produced by the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route Association – New York (W3R-NY), in partnership with the Yorktown Heritage Preservation Commission / Yorktown 250 and the Yorktown Grange.

"We are excited to produce a festival where everyone can dive into the history that happened in our backyards and learn about the crucial role Rochambeau played in aiding Washington and the Continental Army," said Lynn Briggs, Chair of W3R-NY.



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Mount Vernon Man Sentenced to 8 Years for Shootings and Carjackings in Westchester



Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that CHRISTOPHER SMITH, a/k/a "Christopher Johnson," a/k/a "Mad Max," a/k/a "Max," a/k/a "Trouble," pictured above, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ronnie Abrams to eight years in prison in connection with committing two shootings and an armed carjacking in the Bronx and Yonkers.

U.S. ATTORNEY DAMIAN WILLIAMS SAID: "CHRISTOPHER SMITH COMMITTED TWO DANGEROUS SHOOTINGS AND AN ARMED CARJACKING OVER THE SPAN OF TWO MONTHS. HE PUT NEW YORKERS' LIVES IN JEOPARDY AND BRAZENLY FLOUTED THE RULE OF LAW. THIS OFFICE REMAINS STEADFAST IN ITS COMMITMENT TO ENDING THE SCOURGE OF GUN VIOLENCE ON THE STREETS OF NEW YORK CITY AND WILL CONTINUE TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE THOSE WHO ENDANGER PUBLIC SPACES."

According to the Superseding Indictment, public filings, and statements made in court: Over a two-month period in the fall of 2022, SMITH committed two shootings and an armed carjacking.

In September 2022, SMITH encountered a group of men standing in front of a convenient store in Yonkers, New York. SMITH asked the men to sell drugs for him, but when the men refused, SMITH brandished a black handgun with a light blue handle, as depicted in the images below:

After SMITH brandished his gun, the group of men dispersed, and SMITH and a friend drove away in the friend's black Mercedes-Benz. Approximately 30 minutes later, SMITH and his friend drove back to the same area and found the group of men with whom SMITH had gotten into an argument. After another altercation, SMITH fired his gun twice in the vicinity of the group of men, and SMITH and his friend sped off in the Mercedes-Benz.

Approximately 30 minutes later, law enforcement stopped the Mercedes-Benz in Mount Vernon, New York. Although SMITH's friend was in the driver's seat, SMITH jumped onto his friend's lap and attempted to drive the Mercedes-Benz into the police vehicle to flee. When that failed, law enforcement opened the driver's side door and arrested SMITH's friend, but SMITH fled the scene on foot while carrying his gun in his pocket. A 30-minute foot chase ensued. Eventually, SMITH ran up to a 70-year-old woman who was exiting her church and placing her belongings into her Jeep. SMITH shouted at the woman to give him her car keys, forcibly ripped her keys out of her hands, climbed into her Jeep, and sped off with her Jeep, as well as her other personal belongings.

Just two months later, in November 2022, SMITH was residing in the Bronx, New York, with a friend whom he had known for approximately 10 years. SMITH argued with his friend over poor quality narcotics and left the apartment. Soon thereafter, SMITH reappeared on the outside balcony of the apartment with a black handgun with a light blue handle. SMITH lifted the window screen, aimed his firearm through the window at his friend's head, and fired one shot. The friend ducked and ran at SMITH, who fled the scene.

In addition to his prison term, SMITH, 28, of Mount Vernon, New York, was sentenced to three years of supervised release. Mr. Williams praised the outstanding investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York City Police Department, the Mount Vernon Police Department, the Yonkers Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.



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WCLA Rates DA Candidate Adeel Mirza Anti-Choice



The WCLA, Westchester Coalition for Legal Abortion, recently sent out this email blast about the upcoming democratic primary for Westchester District Attorney. There are three candidates running for the office of Westchester County District Attorney in the Democratic Primary. Choice Matters interviewed each of them in depth and reviewed their individual questionnaires.

Choice Matters has rated two of the candidates — William Wagstaff and Susan Cacace — 100% PRO-CHOICE. Choice Matters has rated the third candidate, Adeel Mirza, — ANTI-CHOICE.

Whereas Wagstaff and Cacace present different visions for the office they are seeking, seeing their responsibilities and the people they would represent differently, there is no question that both candidates grasp the dramatic role the District Attorney's office will be called upon to play in this horrific time of every-increasing violence against providers, staff, patients and reproductive healthcare facilities.

The same cannot be said of Adeel Mirza who has demonstrated a callous indifference to, and serious lack of knowledge of federal, state and County legislation pertaining to the right to access comprehensive reproductive health care in New York and the securing of safe access. Further, Mirza has stated unequivocally that he would hire and appoint anti-choice assistant district attorneys (ADA) who could serve as prosecutors in clinic invasion cases, claiming they would be equally able to apply the law.

This level of ignorance is dangerous. Across the country we have witnessed DAs and ADAs enforcing laws as they saw fit, winning and losing cases based on their own personal biases.

Candidates running for office, particularly on the Democratic line, have learned the power of claiming to be pro-choice. But simply saying so does not make it true. Look at Robert F. Kennedy Jr. — or Jeannine Pirro or Virginia Perez or Robert Castelli, to name a few. All claimed to be pro-choice until they didn't. Mirza is no different. His false claim plays a prominent role in his literature. While we may never know whether the sexual assault charges against him were true because he has chosen to settle the case just a few days ago, we do know that he is definitely not pro-choice.

Please remember, just as you can't be a little bit pregnant, you can't be a little pro-choice.

In this Democratic Primary, please vote for either William Wagstaff or Susan Cacace. Take the time to learn their positions on the responsibilities of the Westchester County District Attorney's office.

****WCLA PAC is not endorsing in this race because neither of the candidates rated 100% Pro-Choice has a record of pro-choice accomplishments, yet.**

Gonna Sit Right Down & Write Myself a Letter

By Eric Wolf Schoen



As a Columnist sometimes you have to catch your breath, think about what you have written, and respond to the emails you have received. So we start this week with an Apology.

In my column on Congestion Pricing I used words from the 1974 New York Daily News that the paper referenced to describe how President Ford refused to bail out New York City in the midst of a fiscal crisis. I used the words 'Drop Dead' to indicate what our Governor, State, County and local as well as New York City elected and appointed officials were saying to the public, particularly appointed officials as the debate over congestion pricing continues.

The arrogant comment from Janno Lieber, MTA chief making a joke over congestion pricing was disgraceful. But my choice of words, 'Drop Dead' was a poor choice of words in describing the position of our electeds to the public. The only call I received to complain about my choice of words was from a friend who works for the Governor. She indicated the Governor was upset.

To the Governor, State Legislators, County and city officials, I extend my apologies on my choice of words. In writing this column for close to 14 years, I have never had to apologize like this, but the time has come. You know how to reach me, so please if you disagree with my words in the future message me or pick up the phone to call me. It is important that the relationship between readers and a columnist who offers his opinion on a subject be a two way street. I'll talk more about congestion pricing and readers responses in the coming weeks.

THE CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE FOR NY 16 and REGISTERING TO VOTE

Monday night we observed the first debate in the 16th Congressional District-Latimer vs. Bowman. County Executive Latimer won the debate hands down, sticking with the issues and not getting personal with Congressman Bowman like the Congressman did for an hour. Kudos to News 12's Tara Rosenblum for doing a good job in managing the debate. So superior to the last debate I saw Latimer participate in with Rob Astorino at Iona College. That debate was more like a zoo!

VERY IMPORTANT: A friend's adult child recently got married and will move into NY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 16 Shortly with his wife from Florida. Having heard around the world of the Fire Alarm pulling Congressman Bowman, he asked me if it was too late for his son and daughter in law to register to vote in the Bowman vs. Latimer primary.

I contacted my election experts, and it is important to know that **NEW PEOPLE MOVING INTO THE DISTRICT CAN STILL REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE DEMOCRAT PARTY AND VOTE IN THE LATIMER vs. BOWMAN PRIMARY UP TO JUNE 15, 2024**, the first day of early voting. If they register to vote on June 15 they will get have to vote by absentee ballot but they can still vote.

This information is critical for new people moving into the district and those who have never registered before. For students turning 18 by June 15 you can participate in the Democratic Process and join those of us who believe the current Congressman is wrong for the district and needs to be replaced. **DON'T LET ANYONE DEPRIVE YOU OF YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE! And MAKE SURE THAT YOU, YOUR RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND FRIENDS KIDS ARE REGISTERED TO VOTE FOR THE PRIMARY.**

THE LATIMER vs. Bowman RACE in the June 25th Primary some feel is as important as the race for the **WHITE HOUSE!** Show up at political debates and **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD AMERICA.**

NOTE THAT ON June 9 FRIENDS OF THE Yonkers Public Library of which I am President will have our yearly **MEET THE CANDIDATES RECEPTION AT 1:30 P.M.** at the Will Library, 1500 Central Avenue in Yonkers prior to a fantastic musicale featuring popular duets titled **I GOT YOU BABE.** Candidates informally great the public from 1:30 p.m. -2:00 p.m., are introduced from the stage at 2:00 p.m. and the musical begins at 2:10 p.m. All candidates in the June

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Congressman Lawler Ranked 4th Most Bipartisan Member of Congress



On May 14, Congressman Mike Lawler (NY-17) released the following statement after being ranked the 4th-most bipartisan member of Congress in the newly released Lugar Center and Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy Bipartisan Index.

"It is a distinct honor to be recognized for my bipartisan work in Congress in the Lugar Center and Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy Bipartisan Index," said Congressman Lawler. "My term in Congress has been marked by a half-dozen of my bipartisan bills passing the House, returning over \$38 million in Community Project Funding to the 17th District, and being the most accessible member of Congress in the 17th District in recent memory."

"I look forward to continuing my bipartisan track record in the 118th Congress over the course of the coming months, while continuing to deliver for Hudson Valley families," concluded Congressman Lawler. "I ran to represent Hudson Valley families and I intend to stay here and see out my term - unlike prior members who represented the 17th District."

Congressman Lawler is one of the most bipartisan members of the 118th Congress and represents New York's 17th Congressional District, which is just north of New York City and contains all or parts of Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, and Westchester Counties.

County Executive Latimer Welcomes New Manhattanville University President Sanchez



L-R Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, Manhattanville University President Frank Sanchez, County Executive George Latimer

Westchester County Executive George Latimer and Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins recognized Manhattanville University for their recent achievement of university status and the inauguration of President Frank D. Sánchez.

Latimer said: "Earning this distinction as a University is a clear indication of Manhattanville's continued growth, leadership and forward-thinking momentum. As we also celebrate the inauguration of Frank D. Sánchez as Manhattanville's first Latino president and the achievement of this transition, this is a new era of inclusivity and excellence that I know will have long-standing positive repercussions for the future of Westchester and our students."

Sánchez said: "This is a significant inflection point in Manhattanville's nearly 200-year history. As we officially become Manhattanville University, a recognition of the breadth and depth of our undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs, we are ushering in the next phase of forward-thinking program development and transformative educational experiences. We're building on a strong tradition of innovation and social action, and I'm honored to be at the helm of this storied institution during this powerful moment."

As one of Westchester's oldest institutions of higher education founded in 1841, today over 2,300 students are enrolled in Manhattanville's undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs. Bundled with the University announcement launch was also the rollout of a new campaign to support Manhattanville's re-branding efforts with the theme "Always Forward. Always Valiant."

For nearly three decades, Frank D. Sánchez, PhD, has advanced higher education policy, programs, and services toward improving college completion rates and modernizing higher education systems. Dr. Sánchez became the fifteenth president of Manhattanville in July of 2023.

In his first 8 months at Manhattanville, Dr. Sánchez has led the institution through a rebrand including university seal and logo as the college became a university. He has already made great strides raising the profile and reputation of the institution through broad outreach to alumni, investments in grant development and partnerships with local and national organizations. He has recently been appointed to the Boards of the Business Council of Westchester and the national board of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU).

Dr. Sánchez's impressive track record as president of Rhode Island College (RIC), where he served from 2016–2022, included elevating the school's "U.S. News and World Report" social mobility ranking to #2 among New England public institutions, significantly improving academic facilities, increasing fundraising, and dramatically growing student diversity. Dr. Sánchez advanced RIC up other national rankings, breaking the Top 100 of all public and private Masters Universities in America (2021 Washington Monthly) and made the Top 10 Best Value Colleges among all medium and small institutions in New England (2021 Money Magazine).

Prior to RIC, Dr. Sánchez was Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs at the City University of New York (CUNY), the nation's largest urban public university, with 25 colleges and graduate schools. A native of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Sánchez holds a PhD in higher education administration with a concentration in learning, cognition and instruction from Indiana University Bloomington, and an MS in student affairs and higher education from Colorado State University. He also holds a BS in psychology with minors in communications and Chicano studies from the University of Nebraska Lincoln.

Letter to the Editor:

We are writing to object to the proposed bow hunting of deer at Rockefeller State Park Preserve. This is an unnecessary and horrendously cruel action against innocent wildlife.

Not only does this endanger the visitors trying to enjoy this nature preserve.. But bow hunting is one of the cruelest actions that can be taken against wildlife. The animals are often not quickly killed but injured, terrified and in pain and often run with arrows embedded for hours before they succumb to the injury. It's just unbelievably cruel to allow this in a so called nature preserve. If "deer management" is necessary it should be done via humane methods such as birth control and fencing. If you need help figuring out how to be compassionate towards the creatures we share our natural spaces with, contact PETA, the Humane Society of the US or any other animal welfare organization. I'm sure they would be happy to help you.

Sincerely

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Westchester Village urged to use humane, non-lethal Deer and Wildlife management

Animal Defenders of Westchester (ADOW) is urging the Village of Irvington to avoid a proposed deer slaughter, in favor of humane, non-lethal considerations.

The village of Irvington in Westchester County is proposing a bow hunt for deer 'control,' amid complaints that deer are 'eating their plants, harming the forest,' etc. Local press has thus far relied on clickbait, fear mongering coverage of this issue, one alarmingly titled, Citizens rise up against deer population. It cites a resident ridiculously fearful that the deer 'stare at her.' Another boasted about 'deliberately hitting five deer with his car, leaving them to suffer a painful death in the woods,' while others laughed.

Sources say Irvington has thus far chosen extremely inaccurate, cruel bow-hunting as the 'overwhelmingly preferred control,' wrongly asserting that birth control is 'illegal.' Deer contraception has been used since the 1970's; but the hunter-only staffed NYSDEC/Wildlife Services is always eager to oblige a pro-slaughter agenda.

Some residents are worried about the 'well-being' of the forest; but this 'concern' was absent when they were chopping down its trees to make their houses and buildings - nor will they hesitate when they want to build more houses etc, while also destroying more animals' habitats as well. The fact is, every time Irvington residents use any paper products, they themselves are destroying the forest. This lovely, bucolic 'welcoming' neighborhood shouldn't revert to Stone Age slaughter when it comes to their animal neighbors, but instead needs to incorporate humane methods of community, such as fencing, birth control and floral deterrent plants.

According to State Farm statistics, the number one cause of all car accidents is speeding and distracted driving. To avoid collisions they recommend slowing down for better reaction time, scanning the road, using high beams when possible, using your horn and watching roads around wooded lots, adding deer crossing signs etc.

Several articles have made the case that hunting actually increases the deer population - and that hunting causes higher deer birth rates and the phenomenon called 'Twinning.' (1) A number of towns in Easter L.I. pulled out of a 'kill' contract with Wildlife Services due to the controversy and the expense, with Easthampton moving forward with a surgical sterilization program instead. (2) (HSUS attachment #1) U.S. scientists have also discovered that high deer populations produce a richer soil, increasing the number of amphibians and beneficial plants (Journal of Wildlife Mgmt - attachment #2)

Kiley Blackman, ADOW founder, said, "A local resident reached out to us for help to stop a proposed deer slaughter there. We contacted Irvington Mayor Jon Siegel, requesting a meeting, saying, 'Please kindly include us in the next work session regarding your proposed deer cull. Irvington boasts of being welcoming - citizens with such deep consideration for humankind need to include the wildlife neighbors they've displaced, and afford them the same decency. The cruel slaughter of these animals - in particular inflicting the extreme suffering of bow hunting - can and should be avoided, especially when humane, decent alternatives are readily available. Let us all use our intelligence to ensure a better avenue of endeavor.' Mayor Siegel's response was so rude we had to file a complaint.

"The world is changing: Cities are building wildlife crossings to prevent collisions and save animals, we recognize animal sentience, studies show the benefit of being in nature and the value of the natural world...with a wealth of information to make humane choices from. There's so much discord in the world now; let Irvington be a model of compassionate and peaceful coexistence which will benefit everyone and make them a truly welcoming and respectful community for all."

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Sarah Lawrence College Graduation Ceremonies Conclude Without Protests



While graduations across Westchester colleges and universities conclude this weekend, Sarah Lawrence College held its ceremony without incident or protest.

Sarah Lawrence College celebrated its 96th Commencement on Friday, May, 10 2024. Parents, families, and friends gathered under a tent in Westlands Lawn to cheer on the nearly 450 graduates, with many more joining from afar via live broadcast.

U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy delivered this year's Commencement speech, weaving moments of humor and poignancy throughout. His address reflected a number of priorities on which he has focused during his tenure as Surgeon General — connectedness, community, and relationships. He left the Class of 2024 with this powerful message: "Love is the world's oldest medicine. It is what I wish for you more than anything else in the world. Your ability to give and receive love is your greatest power. It is what will sustain you on every step of the journey ahead."

During her remarks, Sarah Lawrence College President Cristle Collins Judd marveled at the resiliency of this year's graduating class — a class that began their undergraduate years during the pandemic — and reflected on all that they experienced and achieved in their time at the College, saying: "Class of 2024, while your years at this College have been profoundly shaped by external forces that will mark your memories of this time, equally profound are the ways in which you have shaped each other and shaped this College."

As part of this year's Commencement exercises, the College held a Graduate Hooding ceremony on Thursday, May 9, in the Barbara Walter Campus Center. The hooding ceremony's sole focus was on Sarah Lawrence's master's candidates and recognizing their unique achievements in pursuit of advanced degrees.

Manhattaville University held its graduation ceremonies on May 11, with award-winning author Megan Abbott the commencement speaker.

Upcoming graduations include Iona and SUNY Purchase, both on May 17.

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OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

JOSEPH D. DOOLEY

Town Clerk

Town of Eastchester, New York

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.

Object or purpose: 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.

Amount of obligations
to be issued: \$243,771

Period of probable
usefulness: fifteen (15) 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 Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Dated: April 16, 2024
Eastchester, New York

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

JOSEPH D. DOOLEY

Town Clerk

Town of Eastchester, New York

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.

Object or purpose: to construct various improvements to Lee-wood Park.

Amount of obligations
to be issued: \$2,778,955

Period of probable
usefulness: fifteen (15) 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 Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Dated: April 16, 2024
Eastchester, New York

Notice of formation of Bosco Home Improvements LLC, . Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/15/2024. 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 716 Loomis Ave Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of Northern Lights Massage Therapy PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/21/23. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 409 North Broadway Apt 38 Yonkers NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Primary are invited to greet you and answer your questions.

It's not your traditional Candidates forum but as we have done for over 30 years gives you the opportunity to MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD and tell the candidates what is important to you. I hope you will join us. A simple meet and greet and introduction by yours truly. The Congressman prior to BOWMAN would show up every year and like Congressman Biaggi before him be given 3 or 4 minutes to speak and tell the public what services his office offers to them. Our membership would revolt if even though I do not support the incumbent I broke from tradition. You see the Congressman is the closest the public will get to the President of the United States, which is why we feel so strongly to follow this format. See you on June 9 1:30 p.m. sharp.

AMERICA SALUTES OUR NURSES and CERTIFIED NURSES ASSISTANTS

During the month of May America salutes our Nurses, Certified Nurses Assistants and those who care for patients in Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Rehabilitation Facilities and Doctors Offices.

I have a friend who is in a rehabilitation facility as we speak. I visit her almost every day and am so impressed by the professionalism of the Nurses and Certified Nurses Assistants and all of those charged with her care. There is a severe shortage of help in these institutions, the work is difficult but staff go out of their way to make the patients comfortable. Salute the nurses in your life and if you are a patient, bring them something special to thank them. They work hard, get little pay, and fortunately they enjoy helping others in time of need.

BRIEFS: Many of you commented on your memories of Alexander's on Fordham Road and Central Avenue in last weeks column. It is 22 years this week, May 15, 1992 since all of the Alexander's stores closed their doors.

The Watermelon yogurt I got on sale and talked about in my Mother's Day Column was quite good. I would buy it on sale of course again!

The Yonkers City Council passed a request to the State Legislature for an extension of the Red Light Camera bill. Congratulations Yonkers! You are printing the list of Red Light Camera locations from the City website and making sure you are not caught. Revenue from these devices that are just a money grab by the city is way down.

A big congratulations to dear friends Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio and Gail Burns on their selection as President and Vice President of the Yonkers Board of Education. Mayor Spano selected Rosalba and Gail who both care deeply about education and Yonkers for the Board and is to be commended for the quality of these two appointments!

Everyone loves the New Superintendent of Schools, Mr. (Soon to be Dr.) Anibal Soler, Jr. He has visited most of the Yonkers Public Schools and seems to be in love with his new district. As we go to press there is word that some major cuts may be coming to the district. Let's hope our leaders can put the funds in place so cuts are minimal. *Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com, or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!*

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

JOSEPH D. DOOLEY

Town Clerk

Town of Eastchester, New York

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.

Object or purpose: to demolish and remove the Town's incinerator building and construct thereon a new salt shed.

Amount of obligations

to be issued: \$725,000

Period of probable

usefulness: fifteen (15) 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 Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Dated: April 16, 2024
Eastchester, New York

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

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

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.

Object or purpose: to replace various sidewalks and curbs in and for the Town

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$250,000

Period of probable usefulness: ten (10) 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 Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

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Eastchester, New York

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OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

JOSEPH D. DOOLEY
Town Clerk

Town of Eastchester, New York

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.

Object or purpose: to resurface various streets in and for the Town

Amount of obligations to be issued: \$900,000

Period of probable usefulness: fifteen (15) 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 Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Dated: April 16, 2024 Eastchester, New York

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.

Maria Regina HS Names Class of '24 Valedictorian and Salutatorian



Nina Maloney



Emily Rebholz

Maria Regina High School has announced that Emily Rebholz and Nina Maloney have respectively been named Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2024.

The two outstanding students of the renowned all-girls Catholic high school will have the honor of delivering their addresses during the annual graduation ceremony to be held at 5 PM, Friday, May 31 at the school's iconic Hartsdale campus. Parents, guardians and other family members will join members of the administration, faculty and staff in congratulating the graduates when they receive their diplomas.

Rebholz will continue her education at Worcester Polytechnic Institute and Nina Maloney at Villanova Honors College.

To learn more, visit www.mariaregina.org.

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Object or purpose: 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.

Amount of obligations
to be issued: \$420,000

Period of probable
usefulness: fifteen (15) 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 Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Dated: April 16, 2024
Eastchester, New York

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 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.

Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of Yonkers Celebrates 61st Year Awarding \$45,000 to 8 Students



Announcing the 2024 Enrico Fermi Scholarship recipients for graduating seniors from Yonkers and Westchester County, handed out at the 61st Annual Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of Yonkers Scholarship Breakfast which was held on Sunday, April 28, 2024 at Mulino's at Lake Isle in Eastchester, New York. Celebrating its past and its mission of providing academic scholarships to high school seniors with traceable Italian heritage, The Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of Yonkers is proud to have celebrated our 61st Anniversary at our Scholarship breakfast, which was sponsored by the Italian American Forum. Starting as a dream of Mike Vitulli, the Trustees of the Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of

Yonkers has maintained this tradition while expanding the reach of the scholarship program. Originally based in Yonkers NY, the scholarship impact is now Westchester County wide. The 61st Annual Scholarship breakfast was proud to have Mr. Carl E. Petrillo, Chairman, Yonkers Contracting Company as our keynote speaker. Mr. Petrillo spoke about the formation of his company starting with its roots in Italy to Yonkers and provided advice to the Scholarships recipients. He referred to their college years as they are about to embark on as "the most formative years of their lives" and the role of academics, and a career progression starting with their first job to rise to the top of their career. He also discussed the importance of staying active in the community throughout their adult lives.

In addition to having Mr. Petrillo as our Keynote speaker, the Enrico Fermi Educational Fund was proud to recognize and honor James J. Veneruso, Esq., Managing Partner, Veneruso, Curto, Schwartz & Curto, who has been a long time supporter of the Enrico Fermi Scholarship, as well as playing a pivotal role in preserving Italian heritage. Mr. Veneruso spoke about the importance of family and was very proud to have his extended family celebrate the day with him. Mr. Veneruso also generously sponsored an additional scholarship, bringing the total scholarships to eight, totalling \$45,000. *continued on pg 11-*

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State Senator Mayer & County Executive Latimer Recognize Westchester High School Musicians



State Senator Shelley B. Mayer and County Executive George Latimer welcomed high school students from across Westchester County who have been selected for the All-State performers for the New York State School Music Association. The students and their teachers were recognized for their musical accomplishments.

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I am honored to recognize these extraordinary students for their hard work and dedication to their craft. I have had the pleasure to listen to many of their performances, and I am left with chills every time. I congratulate NYSSMA President Edmund Chiarello and the terrific musicians - and their music teachers, their schools, and their families - for their accomplishments and thank them for joining us in this celebration. I also thank County Executive George Latimer for helping me recognize each student."

County Executive George Latimer said, "Westchester is rich with talent as showcased by the over 40 students from 26 distinct Westchester schools who were selected as all-state performers by the NYSSMA association. Their success is a reflection of their hard work and commitment as well as the level of education and support of their music teachers."

New York State School Music Association President Edmund Chiarello said, "With music, students learn to appreciate, value, enjoy, and ultimately to come together as one. Music builds community! My esteemed congratulations to all the Westchester County All-State Musicians for their tremendous effort and for reaching the mountain top." Senator Mayer, County Executive Latimer, and NYSSMA President Chiarello were also joined by Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, and County Legislators Erika Pierce and Benjamin Boykin.

The All-State Symphonic Band includes: Rachel Horn of Blind Brook High School, Hannah Sigurdsson of Eastchester High School, Jaymin Ding of Rye Country Day School, Yuriy Kryvoruchko of Alexander Hamilton High School, Alexander Rivas of Rye Country Day School, Aaron Lestz of Byram Hills High School, Owen Gurekian of Scarsdale High School, and Christian Laughlin of Lakeland Central School.

The All-State Symphonic Orchestra includes: James Jihao Lyu of Scarsdale High School, Reese Wang of Horace Greeley High School, Ava Choi of Horace Greeley High School, Ai Yamamoto of Harrison High School, Cameron Bly of Fox Lane High School, Bryan Chung of Scarsdale High School, Veronica Yu of New Rochelle High School, and Samantha Lee of Rye Country Day School.

The All-State Mixed Chorus includes: Sophia Kliatchko of Hackley School of Tarrytown, Sage Wiley of Briarcliff High School, Aviela Lim of New Rochelle High School, Chaeli Nelson of Horace Greeley High School, Morgan Hecht of Byram Hills High School, Madeleine Brandes of Bronxville High School, Sophia Wu of Scarsdale High School, Gregory Dalietos of Yorktown High School, Rocco Sansotta of New Rochelle High School, Gabriel McCabe of Westlake High School, Colin Yung of Edgemont Jr/Sr High School, Henry Podoll of Tuckahoe High School, Andrew Scott of Pelham Memorial High School, Justin Suozzo of Harrison High School, Anabelle Shotton of Dobbs Ferry High School, Gabriella Brenner of Irvington High School, and Ellis Smith of New Rochelle High School.

The All-State Vocal Jazz Ensemble includes Grace Kiam of Pelham Memorial High School and the All-State Instrumental Jazz Ensemble includes Clyde R. Jones of Valhalla High School.

The Winter Conference Piano Showcase includes Ariana Thomas of Briarcliff High School and Benjamin Wein of Eastchester High School.

The All-State Music Composers include Aria Wang of Greenville Elementary School and Hermoine Young of Fox Meadow Elementary School as Young Composers and Jack Roche of North Salem UFSD, Manato Ogawa of Eastchester High School, Dylan Raghavan of Sleepy Hollow Middle School, and Matteo Sohn of Scarsdale High School as Electronic Music Composers.



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FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (“MHACY”) hereby solicits proposals from qualified firms to provide On-Call Plumbing Services as specified in this Invitation for Bids (“IFB”).

This IFB package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This IFB is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter “Responders”) and is available online starting May 29, 2024, at www.mhacy.org.

There will be a mandatory site tour on June 10, 2024, for all interested potential bidders. Please contact David Aloni at daloni@dzcontractors.com for more information regarding the time and starting place for the site tour. The IFB questions deadline is June 12, 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.

Bids must reach MHACY no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on June 20, 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 IFB. 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. MHACY reserves the right to cancel this IFB or to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals received in response to this IFB, upon its determination that such cancellation or rejection is in MHACY’s best interest.

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
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Invitation for Bids (IFB) # 2024

Irvington Theater to host free virtual event in honor of Memorial Day, streaming May 20-27

IRVINGTON THEATER
IN OUR OWN WORDS

WE SALUTE YOU
REMEMBERING FALLEN HEROES

STREAMING MAY 20-27

In a Village known for its annual Memorial Day Parade, it should come as no surprise that its premier cultural institution, Irvington Theater, has decided to host a free, virtual event to help commemorate the holiday.

Through a series of free, daily video releases on Irvington Theater’s YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/irvingtontheater) from May 20 to 27, We Salute You: Remembering Fallen Heroes will showcase stories, works of art, and so much more as families from across the United States honor their loved ones who served our country. The event is presented as part of Irvington Theater’s In Our Own Words, a series that brings social issues center stage through art and conversation.

"As a Gold Star Daughter, Memorial Day is a special and solemn occasion for me," said Kim Vogelsang Gilligan, Irvington Theater Commission Chairperson and lead producer of We Salute You. "The Irvington Memorial Day parade is such an honored tradition in our village, and we at the Irvington Theater wanted join in that tradition by sharing the stories of those who served, and in some cases gave their lives, in service to their country."

The program features videos from over a dozen individuals offering unique perspectives and insights into the lives and legacies of fallen heroes – the brave women and men who served the United States. A “Hometown Heroes” segment will highlight local Irvington residents who share stories of their family members, offer a historical perspective on Irvington during both World Wars, and reflect on their memories of the Irvington Memorial Day Parade throughout the years.

Other participants include Gold Star Daughters and members of the Irvington Senior Center, along with advocates of organizations that work to honor our veterans such as Sons and Daughters In Touch (sdit.org), Wear Blue: Run to Remember (wearbluerun-remember.org), Honor Flight Network (honorflight.org), and The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (vvmf.org).

We Salute You: Remembering Fallen Heroes will be available to stream on demand starting May 20, with daily premieres leading up to Memorial Day on Monday, May 27. RSVP for the free, virtual event at www.irvingtontheater.com/wesaluteyou, or subscribe to Irvington Theater’s YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/irvingtontheater so you don’t miss a single release.

Irvington Theater is home to a diverse range of innovative programming that entertains, enlightens, and inspires, establishing itself over its 122-year history as the cultural heart of the Rivertowns. Their theater, located inside of Irvington’s historic Town Hall, remains temporarily closed for renovations. Until then, IT will continue to offer an exciting combination of in-person, offsite events and virtual programming as part of #IrvingtonAnywhere.

Siragusa awards, continued from pg 1-

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: “Mrs. Siragusa understood the value of creating a community of caring, civically engaged youth. These honorees who tirelessly dedicate their time and efforts towards the enrichment of our young people and future is what this award is all about, helping to keep legacy of Rosemarie Siragusa alive.”

Aresty is a long-time volunteer with Yonkers Partners in Education, helping under represented and under-resourced students apply to and prepare for college admission and success. Auld-Owens spearheads various initiatives for youth in her memberships in the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and Jack & Jill of America, including raising money for scholarships, partnering with schools for leadership workshops and community service activities. Joyner supports youth in her roles in the Links, Inc. and G.O.O.D. for Girls. She has conducted collections of coats, books, and school supplies, and has coordinated a reading program at a family shelter. In 2023, she put her career on hold to adopt a baby girl born to teen parents to provide her a loving home.

Westchester County Youth Board Chairperson Dr. Alexandria Connally said: “As a member of the Westchester and East Putnam Regional PTSA and the current Chair of the Westchester County Youth Board, I am pleased to announce the recipients of the 2024 Rosemarie Siragusa Youth Service Award. Rosemarie Siragusa was a remarkable advocate for young people throughout Westchester County. The 2024 recipients embody the passion, advocacy, and much-needed support in Westchester County”

The Rosemarie Siragusa Award is given in memory of Rosemarie Siragusa, the founder and first chairperson of the Westchester County Youth Board. Ms. Siragusa, who dedicated her life to helping children, served on the PTA at the local, county and state levels until she became the President of the Yonkers Council of PTAs. Desiring to serve in a greater capacity, she became a trustee and an officer of the Yonkers Board of Education

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League of Women Voters Westchester to Host Debates

LWVW will be hosting moderated candidate forums for the countywide contested races in the June Primary.

Thus far, LWVW has secured candidate participation in the Westchester County District Attorney Democratic race and the U.S. Congressional District 16 Democratic race. LWVW stands ready to schedule a candidate forum for U.S. Congressional District 16 Republican race but has not received a reply from all of the candidates. In accordance with league policy, no candidate forum will proceed without the participation of at least two candidates.

The Democratic and Republican races for U.S. Congressional District 17 (upper Westchester and parts of Rockland, Putnam, and Dutchess Counties) are uncontested.

Westchester County District Attorney
Democratic Primary
Tuesday, June 4, 2024, at 7 pm via Zoom

U.S. Congressional District 16
Democratic Primary
Monday, June 10, 2024, at 7 pm via Zoom
Visit, my.lwv.org/new-york/westchester to register.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING PART IV: BUSINESS REGULATIONS, LICENSING AND CONSUMER PROTECTION OF THE CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 40 TO THE CODE, ENTITLED "REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPEDITORS"

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that amends the City Code to create a registration requirement for persons who act as expeditors in various City departments. A registration requirement for expeditors will allow for greater transparency and efficiency throughout the permitting process in various City departments. Furthermore, this registration requirement will also allow the City of Yonkers to hold expeditors accountable and suspend or revoke the registration of expeditors where there is a finding of misconduct as defined in the legislation.

The penalties for violation of this ordinance are as follows:

A violation of any provision of this chapter shall constitute a Class II offense. Any person who provides expediting services without first obtaining a registration certificate from the City of Yonkers or who shall continue to provide expediting services after having had his/her registration suspended or revoked shall be deemed to have violated the provisions of this chapter. Each expediting service performed by a person without a valid registration certificate shall be deemed a separate offense.

The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Dated: May 3, 2024 Vincent Spano
City Clerk

Letter to the Editor:

When I read and hear Jamaal Bowman's insinuations that supporters of George Latimer in the June 25 Democratic Congressional Primary are just DI-NOs (Democrats In Name Only) or worse, MAGA Trumpers, I'm reminded of an old story told to me by a radio announcer years ago:

A guy who was turned down for a job as a disc jockey sent a letter to the state's Equal Opportunity Employment Commission, claiming that he was not hired because of anti-Semitism.

The recipient of the letter was understandably alarmed, and called the letter writer for clarification, including requesting the name of the radio station manager who rejected him.

The prospective dj replied:
"Mike G-G-G-Goldberg."

In many ways, Jamaal Bowman is like that stuttering disc jockey.

Does he really think George Latimer would have mounted a primary challenge against a 'non-Squad' Black Democrat in the mold of Barack Obama, New Jersey Senator Corey Booker, or former Congressman Mondaire Jones?

Latimer wouldn't have attempted it, and even if he did, many of his most fervent advocates would not have supported him.

The Democrats who oppose Jamaal Bowman have had plenty of time and opportunity to leave the party over the last decade. The fact they haven't done so is testimony to their commitment to traditional Democratic party values.

In his famous "I Have A Dream" speech, Martin Luther King yearned for the day his children...and, indeed, all Black people...would be judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

Democratic primary voters...who four years ago selected Jamaal Bowman over a White incumbent with decades of experience and seniority...will have the opportunity again to assess the content of his character.

And if they reject him based on his actions over the past four years, it will demonstrate that the color of his skin was irrelevant.

As it was in the past. And always should be.
Name withheld

Fermi Scholarships, continued from pg 8-

The Recipients for the 61st Annual Scholarship Breakfast and the scholarship sponsors are listed below.

Fermi Scholarship sponsored by The Thomas & Agnes Carvel Scholarship (\$10,000) Samantha Barca from The Ursuline School, Daughter of Christopher and Vickie Marie Barca.

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WEEKEND EVENTS IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY PARKS*Bowman-Latimer debate, continued from pg 1-***SATURDAY, MAY 18**

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Saturday Morning Hike, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Join the village historian and the park naturalist to stretch your legs and learn about the nature and history of Croton Point. Meet at the entrance to the RV Park. Ages 6 and up; moderate difficulty; wear sturdy shoes. Also: June 8 and 22.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Annual FLPA Lasdon Plant Sale, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Choose from thousands of trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals and more! Rain or shine. Also: May 19, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. On May 19, the upper Arboretum will not be open to the public until 11 a.m. due to a private event. Get details at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/annual-plant-sale/2024-05-18/>

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

The Grit Ninja Games, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Rain date: May 19.

Get details at <https://parks.westchestergov.com/press-releases/3324-the-first-ever-grit-ninja-games-is-coming-to-croton-point-park>

Register at <https://www.thegritninjagames.com/register>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Morning Bird Migrations, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Let's observe warblers and other feathered friends on the move northward. Please bring binoculars.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Climate Change, Habitat Change, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Take a walk with us through some of Marshlands' habitats while we discuss how the changes in climate might impact existing conditions and how nature might respond to such challenges.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322 Volunteer Day in the Wildflower Garden, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join us and lend a helping hand to make our garden even more beautiful. Please bring work gloves.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Every Saturday through November.

Get details and register at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad/2024-05-18/>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Wildlife of Lenoir, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Join the Lenoir staff inside the Nature Center to take a look at the wildlife we've captured on our trail cameras, the weird behaviors we've seen and what makes a good trail camera study. For all ages.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Seashells by the Shoreline, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. We often overlook these interesting and common items of nature. We will learn about different types and life cycles, and then explore the shoreline to capture their beauty.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322 Stream Study, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Explore the stream at Kimberly Bridge to learn hands-on about the inhabitants of the stream, their life-cycles and the incredible biodiversity of this type of habitat. Ages 6 to 12. Closed-toe shoes are required.

SUNDAY, MAY 19

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Our market, which supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, features more than 25 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 17. Get details at <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/event/2024/05/19/1716129000/farmers-market/479750>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Get details and register at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-05-19/>

The Bronx River Parkway

Bicycle Sundays, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

A portion of the Parkway is closed to cars for the exclusive use of bicyclists, joggers, walkers and strollers. The course runs from the Westchester County Center in White Plains, south to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers, a loop of 13.1 miles. Many points of entry and exit are along the way. Motor-powered vehicles are prohibited. Also: June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; July 7, 14, 21, 28, (8 a.m. - 12 p.m.); Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29; Oct. 6.

Get details at <https://www.thewpf.org/events/uat2xxrqxb9rr27qs-0f7v961nhmc1-yrpk5-a4g45-3t9xr-w5ja6-37rw7-pk4n7-2f8nk-f4c5c-8w89a-7nwnm-szc32-6sknj-fkmpn>

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Birding for Young Naturalists, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Join us as we practice our birding skills. Hiking shoes and binoculars are recommended. Pre-registration is encouraged by calling (914) 428-1005.

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla: (914) 231-4033

Polish Festival, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

Get details at <https://parks.westchestergov.com/press-releases/3327-the-45th-annual-polish-heritage-festival-to-kick-off-2024-cultural-heritage-celebrations>

their neighborhood. Mr. Bowman supported a public health approach to public safety. He called for investments in mental health, education, and workforce development. George Latimer rebutted that the incumbent failed to acknowledge that funding the police is part of the solution to drive down crime.

On affordable housing George Latimer cited his record of producing 2,500 units of affordable housing in the county. Jamaal Bowman accused County Executive Latimer of falling short. Latimer rebutted this by demonstrating the ways in which the incumbent could have lobbied for more housing funding. During this exchange, Bowman's lack of self-control became evident, as he continued to interrupt and interject, when he did not have the floor.

Before the first commercial break it was the rhetoric of the incumbent vs the actions of the challenger. George Latimer was armed with facts and actions amassed over a 35-year career, while the incumbent demonstrated the same type of behavior that has often put him at odds with his congressional colleagues.

The topic turned to migrants where Congressman Bowman blamed corporate America for destroying the ecosystem of the migrant's home countries, which forced them to come here. He stated that his office was working in partnership with Pace University, Neighbors Link and Westhab to get our new arrivals settled with their paperwork.

Mr. Latimer expressed the need to overhaul the system, including increased border security, but he stated that it needs to be a bipartisan effort. He called for a reform of the asylum system, by setting up an asylum court in Westchester. As County Executive, he arranged for the Westchester County Department of Health to give full exams and medical care to the newly arrived migrants.

During the remainder of the debate Mr. Bowman continued to interrupt. At one point he claimed to bring one billion dollars to the City of Mount Vernon. George Latimer called that a lie, by stating that Hakeem Jefferies only brought \$22 million to his entire district. Additionally, Latimer pointed out that no piece of legislation authored by Congressman Bowman became a law serving the 16th Congressional District. Latimer accused Bowman of wanting to be in the office to feel special, rather than actually doing the work of legislation and funding. At one point Latimer said, "It's about being local, not vocal."

The debate was plagued by the inability of Congressman Bowman to control his impulses. This was the same lack of impulse control that likely led to the incumbent pulling a fire alarm in the House office building. His behavior was that of a petulant child who couldn't justify his actions, or in this case his inactions.

The debate was between two progressive politicians. George Latimer demonstrated his 35-year record of working across party lines to produce change. Jamaal Bowman demonstrated his ability to be a lightning rod to bring attention to a cause. It will be the voters who decide which candidate has the demeanor and experience to serve all of the constituents of Congressional District 16.

Ron Matten was a candidate for Yonkers City Council President in 2021 and was in attendance at the News 12 debate.

Note to Westchester:***Watch the Bowman-Latimer Debate******By Dan Murphy***

Here are several takeaways and blow by blow accounts of the Bowman-Latimer debate.

First, I would encourage any Westchester resident, but most of all democrats in the 16th District to watch the debate, which can be found on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3ayXJIhhUV4>

1-The debate made national news, with Politico calling it a "Snark Fest" between the two, and The Hill highlighting Bowman pushing the "angry black man stereotype."

Latimer called Bowman an "ineffective Congressman" adding, "You need to talk to them as normal people — you can't preach and scream at them on the steps of the Capitol. That's the difference between being local, and being vocal."

Bowman responded with "The angry Black man, the angry Black man," Bowman said. "It's the southern strategy in the north."

Throughout the debate, Bowman returned to his central theme, of trying to tie Latimer to the MAGA movement. "We've got to deal with the issue of racial justice, inequality, voting rights, climate justice and all of the issues that MAGA Republicans — who my opponent is working with — are trying to take away from us."

That is a difficult accusation to stick to Latimer, who has served Westchester as a progressive democrat for 30 years. "I have devoted my whole life to public service, to public policy, to substance — not just to style,

While not many democratic voters in the district will be swayed by the debate, the debate offered insight, and the different way that both men serve the public. After the debate both sides declared victory. The Working Families Party called it for Bowman. "Democrats shouldn't be normalizing the politics of extremists like Marjorie Taylor Greene, or trying to meet them halfway. In fact, we need leaders with the moral clarity to call out their dangerous rhetoric, which already incited an attack on the Capitol on January 6th."

MFI PAC Chairman Mark Mellman said, "Whether it was standing with President Biden, supporting Israel or vowing to deliver for the district, George Latimer made clear tonight that he's the best choice for Democrats in the NY-16 primary. There's a clear reason Jamaal Bowman is trailing in this race: mainstream Democrats are rejecting Bowman's opposition to President Biden's infrastructure law, George Latimer showed time and again he brings people together to produce progressive results."

News 12 moderator Tara Rosenblum did a good job. No knockout in this debate.

Brothers Sentenced to a Combined 28 Years in Prison for Attempted Murder in Yonkers

Defendants, who have prior convictions, attacked and pistol whipped the



Dieandre Phillips

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced today that two Yonkers men were sentenced on Thursday to a combined 28 years in state prison for the attempted murder of a Yonkers resident outside of his home.

DA Rocah said: "Gun violence inflicts enormous fear and stress in our communities and drivers of this epidemic must be held accountable. Thankfully, the victim survived this violent attack and shooting, and the defendants now face the consequences for their actions."

Appearing before Judge George Fufidio in Westchester County Court, Daquann Johnson, 34, was sentenced to 16 years in state prison, with five years of post-release supervision, and his brother Dieandre Phillips, 32, was sentenced to 12 years in state prison, with five years of post-release supervision.

Following a four-week trial, a jury on March 30 found the defendants guilty of Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Assault in the First Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, all felonies.

On Jan. 20, 2023, at approximately 12:26 p.m., the defendants, who were not known to the victim, repeatedly kicked and punched the victim following a verbal dispute outside the victim's home in Yonkers. The defendants struck the victim with a gun before shooting him in the back as he attempted to run into his home. The victim was transported to a local hospital and treated for his injuries.

The Yonkers Police Department arrested Johnson on Jan. 21, 2023, and Phillips on Jan. 24, 2023, following an investigation utilizing surveillance video and license plate readers. Police also recovered a 9mm shell casing at the scene.

The District Attorney thanked the Yonkers Police Department for their assistance on this case.

The case was prosecuted by Major Case Bureau Chief Nadine Nagler and Assistant District Attorney Rachel Ehrhardt, both of the Trials and Investigations Division, with assistance from the Violent Criminal Enterprise Unit of the DA's Criminal Investigators Squad.

Veterans Honored, continued from pg 1-



Navy veteran Hugh McAuley from Greenburgh

munities.

"I am so excited to recognize the amazing Jean Wallace Otto Macintosh, who at 104 is still going strong. Jean served as an air traffic controller in the Navy during World War II, training fighter pilots to use radar for night missions. She has been a pillar of the community in Irvington for nearly 80 years, launching the Irvington Meals on Wheels Program, and even playing curling up to the age of 94. To be able to recognize Jean while she is surrounded by family and other veterans, and see them give her a standing ovation, was truly special." Sen. Stewart-Cousins said.

Sen. Stewart-Cousins also selected Hugh McAuley, long-time veterans advocate and Chairman of the Greenburgh Veterans Advisory Committee. McAuley was deliberately not notified in advance of his selection, so that Sen. Stewart-Cousins could surprise him.

"Everyone who knows Hugh McAuley, knows he embodies the meaning of commitment to others, beginning with his time in the Navy where he served aboard the USS Saratoga as an aircraft mechanic during the Vietnam War. Hugh is a leader, an advocate and a tireless educator on veterans issues. It was a real privilege to surprise him with this honor," Sen. Stewart-Cousins said. "Jean and Hugh are prime examples of veterans whose service doesn't stop when they leave the military. Both of these outstanding veterans deserve their place in the Veterans Hall of Fame."

Sen. Stewart-Cousins made the announcement to a crowd of nearly 200 veterans at the Westchester Veterans Recognition Breakfast at the Anthony F. Veteran Park in Ardsley, organized by McAuley and the Town of Greenburgh Veterans Advisory Committee.

"An event like this reminds all our veterans that they are not forgotten, that they matter and that their community loves them," McAuley said. "We want to thank Sen. Stewart-Cousins and the other officials here today, for their support for the veterans community not just today but every day."

Since taking office, Sen. Stewart-Cousins has selected 21 veterans for induction to the New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame. This year's ceremony is set for May 28 at the New York State Capitol in Albany.

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS
PUBLIC HEARINGS 2024/2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

I, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, City Council President of the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on the proposed amended 2024/2025 City of Yonkers Capital Budget as follows:

Wednesday, May 22, 2024
Auditorium Saunders High School
183 Palmer Road Yonkers, NY 10701
7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to speak may sign up on the day of the hearing at the hearing site. Each speaker shall be permitted three minutes and speakers shall be called in the order in which they have signed up.

LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
May 14, 2024

City of Yonkers
Summary of FY24-25 Executive Budget

Property Taxes:	\$437,882,124
Special Taxes:	226,370,666
State and Federal Funding:	113,706,719
City Departments:	54,811,194
Other Revenues:	49,498,103
Appropriated Fund Balance (General):	63,371,957

Total Revenues Sub-Total: \$945,640,763

Library Fund:	\$565,175
Water Fund:	55,443,083
Sewer Fund:	12,529,276
Board of Education:	450,541,530

\$1,464,719,827

City Departments:	\$394,565,927
Fringe Benefits:	215,423,860
Special Items:	31,859,938
Board of Education:	708,871,156
Total Operating Expenditures:	1,350,720,881
Debt Service:	113,998,946

\$1,464,719,827

Revenues vs. Expenditures \$ -

Property Tax Levy

Board of Education Property Tax Levy	\$277,462,663
City Property Tax Levy	160,419,461
Total Property Tax Levy	\$437,882,124

Property Tax Rate per \$1000 of Assessed Valuation (AV)

Board of Education Tax Rate per \$1,000 AV	591.04
City Tax Rate: per \$1,000 AV	341.94
Tax Rate: per \$1,000 AV	932.98

Capital Budget

Executive Budget City Total:	\$43,398,086
Additional Project Costs for Resurfacing, Flood Mitigation, Traffic Improvements, and other Citywide Projects.	9,785,000
Amended Budget City Total:	\$53,183,086
Board of Education Total:	15,400,000

Total: \$68,583,086

The FY25 Executive Budget is available for review by the public at:
<https://www.yonkersny.gov/government/departments/finance/city-budget/city-budget-2025-executive/-fsiteid-1#!/>

Slater, Assembly Republicans Call for Hearings Amid Migrant Crisis Mismanagement



Assemblyman Matt Slater (R,C-Yorktown) joined by his colleagues in the Minority Conference called for a hearing to seek answers from New York City officials and organizations contracted to provide services related to the migrant crisis about potential misuse and abuse of taxpayer dollars. The calls follow recent reports highlighting the city's partnership with the embroiled health care company DocGo.

The demand for a hearing was accompanied by renewed calls for the passage of legislation (A.7508) to require reporting and auditing of how funds for humanitarian aid for migrants are spent. The bill was introduced last year in response to the state's decision to provide \$1 billion, which ballooned to \$1.9 billion, to the city of New York in the state budget without the necessary transparency and oversight protections in place.

"For months we have pressed for greater oversight of the \$4.3 billion that Governor Hochul is spending on illegal immigrants. Just last month, questions asked during the budget debate went unanswered and now we have another round of serious allegations involving the no bid contractor DocGo. We should not spend another dime incentivizing illegal immigration until a full audit, investigation and hearing is completed to ensure taxpayer dollars are not being abused," said Slater.

"This year, the state budget allocated \$2.4 billion to address the migrant crisis, a considerable expansion of an expenditure for New York's taxpayers to shoulder. Without the guardrails needed for fiscal responsibility, these funds are at risk of the fraud and abuse we have become accustomed to with emergency government contracts that lack transparency and oversight guidance. It is critical we pass this legislation to enact the protections necessary to provide the accountability desperately needed. As we move forward, we have a duty as elected officials to seek clarity with how taxpayer funds are being allocated and spent," said Assemblyman Ed Ra.

"One of the Legislature's main jobs is to provide oversight on how state funds are used and make sure they are not being abused. As a member of the Assembly Oversight Committee, I have called for an investigation into DocGo's activities for close to a year. I am again calling on my Majority colleagues to join us and ensure the taxpayers' money is not being used improperly," said Assemblyman Joe Angelino.

In August and December of 2023, Slater signed onto two letters calling on the Assembly Committee on Oversight, Analysis and Investigation to launch an investigation into DocGo to make sure it is providing the services required and to make sure it is not wasting taxpayer dollars by breaching its contract.

CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 5:00pm, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW SECTION 3-c

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO
Mayor
Date: May 15, 2024

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President Biden Imposes Tariffs on Chinese Imports-100% on EV's; 50% on Solar Panels



President Biden’s economic plan is supporting investments and creating good jobs in key sectors that are vital for America’s economic future and national security. China’s unfair trade practices concerning technology transfer, intellectual property, and innovation are threatening American businesses and workers. China is also flooding global markets with artificially low-priced exports. In response to China’s unfair trade practices and to counteract the resulting harms, today, President Biden is directing his Trade Representative to increase tariffs under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974 on \$18 billion of imports from China to protect American workers and businesses.

As President Biden says, American workers and businesses can outcompete anyone—as long as they have fair competition. But for too long, China’s government has used unfair, non-market practices. China’s forced technology transfers and intellectual property theft have contributed to its control of 70, 80, and even 90 percent of global production for the critical inputs necessary for our technologies, infrastructure, energy, and health care—creating unacceptable risks to America’s supply chains and economic security. Furthermore, these same non-market policies and practices contribute to China’s growing overcapacity and export surges that threaten to significantly harm American workers, businesses, and communities.

Today’s actions to counter China’s unfair trade practices are carefully targeted at strategic sectors—the same sectors where the United States is making historic investments under President Biden to create and sustain good-paying jobs—unlike recent proposals by Congressional Republicans that would threaten jobs and raise costs across the board. The previous administration’s trade deal with China failed to increase American exports or boost American manufacturing as it had promised. Under President Biden’s Investing in America agenda, nearly 800,000 manufacturing jobs have been created and new factory construction has doubled after both fell under the previous administration, and the trade deficit with China is the lowest in a decade—lower than any year under the last administration.

The tariff rate on certain steel and aluminum products under Section 301 will increase from 0–7.5% to 25% in 2024.

The tariff rate on semiconductors will increase from 25% to 50% by 2025.

The tariff rate on electric vehicles under Section 301 will increase from 25% to 100% in 2024.

The tariff rate on lithium-ion EV batteries will increase from 7.5% to 25% in 2024,

The tariff rate on solar cells (whether or not assembled into modules) will increase from 25% to 50% in 2024.

The tariff rates on syringes and needles will increase from 0% to 50% in 2024. For certain personal protective equipment (PPE), including certain respirators and face masks, the tariff rates will increase from 0–7.5% to 25% in 2024. Tariffs on rubber medical and surgical gloves will increase from 7.5% to 25% in 2026.

HHREC’s mission is to enhance the teaching and learning of the lessons of the Holocaust and the right of all people to be treated with dignity and respect. HHREC works with teachers and students to help schools fulfill the New York State mandate that the Holocaust and other human rights violations be included in their curriculum. Since 1994, the HHREC has brought the lessons of the Holocaust, genocide and human rights violations to more than 3,000 teachers, and through them to thousands of students.

HHREC provides educational opportunities for students and educators, as well as community events such as the annual Westchester County Yom HaShoah (Day of Remembrance) Commemoration at the Garden of Remembrance, and Kristallnacht (Night of Broken Glass) commemoration with Iona University. HHREC also has a Holocaust survivor speakers bureau which reaches over 50,000 students each year.

Assemblywoman Levenberg said, “As the daughter of a Holocaust survivor, I am acutely aware of the necessity of education about this chapter in history. While my mother is still with us, every day we lose more people from the generation that lived through the Holocaust. Now more than ever, with living memory of the Holocaust receding and antisemitism and Holocaust denialism surging, we need institutions like the Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center to help ensure that we remember and do not repeat the mistakes of the past.”

“As a lifelong educator, it is imperative that we support initiatives to teach our youth about human rights abuses,” said State Assemblyman Nader Sayegh. “It is now more important than ever to address the growing polarization and tension that exists in our communities, nation, and world because of misinformation, misunderstanding, and unfortunately hate. We will continue to work diligently for respect of diversity and making knowledge available to all.”

Assemblywoman MaryJane Shimsky said “I am grateful that we were able to secure this funding for HHREC and its educational mission. The Holocaust survivors from their Speakers Bureau spent years recounting and recording their painful stories so that future generations will learn from the past and stand strong in defense of humankind. Nearly 80 years after the Nazi camps were liberated, the invaluable work of HHREC remains all too urgent and necessary in our world today.”

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Intentional Journey Psychotherapy, LCSW, PLLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/8/24. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against PLLC to 1374 Midland Ave, Suite 410, Bronxville, NY 10708. Purpose: any lawful act.

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Guy Fieri: Our Police and Firefighters are Heroes



Guy Fieri with Yonkers Firefighters

The Mayor of Flavortown, Food Channel Chef Guy Fieri, came to Yonkers on May 5 to Stew Leonard's to promote his Santo Tequila. Santo Tequila is the result of Fieri's partnership with legendary rocker and spirits pioneer, Sammy Hagar.

At the event, Fieri met with Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and members of the Yonkers Police Department and Yonkers Fire Department. Fieri gave a heartfelt shoutout to Yonkers Bravest and Finest.

"I think that everybody, anytime you see any one of these heroes, you have to think about what they do for our community. I mean these guys are walking legends, and what they are willing to sacrifice at any moment. In a moments notice, they get called into a life threatening situation, not for a paycheck they were just born that way.

"We have got to make sure any time we have a chance to celebrate them and thank them and recognize them. Make sure you celebrate the living legends that you see every day," said Fieri.

Watch the video at <https://www.facebook.com/MayorMikeSpano/videos/1132004838003941>

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Assemblywoman Paulin & Westchester State Legislators Secure \$100K for Holocaust-Human Rights Center



Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, HHREC Executive Director Millie Jasper, and New Rochelle residents and Holocaust survivors Mr. and Mrs. Jerry and Ellen Kaidanow

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin partnered with Assembly Members Chris Burdick, Dana Levenberg, Steve Otis, Gary Pretlow, Nader Sayegh, and Mary-Jane Shimsky to successfully secure \$100,000 from New York State for the Holocaust & Human Rights Education Center (HHREC).

"Given the alarming incidents of anti-Semitism that are happening in New York and around the country, it's imperative that we support human rights education," said Assemblywoman Amy Paulin. "One of the lessons of the Holocaust is that we must act decisively when we see the Jewish people being scapegoated or attacked. Jews were attacked on October 7, and have been continually under attack via harassment and intimidation. We must combat this rise in anti-Semitism by supporting a constructive path to peace through education by organizations such as the HHREC. I'm thrilled that we have been able to help fund the HHREC's programs so that they can continue their great work of education and awareness to ensure that atrocities such as those of the Holocaust never happen again."

HHREC is a nonprofit based in White Plains that serves schools, synagogues, colleges, churches and civic centers in Westchester and the Hudson Valley. The

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