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## Two Yonkers Ursuline Students Start "Bear and a Book Project"



Peyton Savarese, right, and Lauren Cullinan, left with their books and bears

By Dan Murphy

We are always looking for positive stories about people in Yonkers giving back and serving others. Two Yonkers high school students, Peyton Savarese

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## Orange Bank and Trust Company Opens Full-Service Office in Yonkers



A ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Orange Bank & Trust Company branch location in Yonkers. Pictured L to R: Yonkers City Council member Tasha Diaz; Orange Bank & Trust Company President and CEO Michael Gilfeather; Assistant Relationship Manager Lisbet Acuna; Chairman of the Board, Jonathan Rouis; Moira Kiernan, Vice President and Relationship Manager; Joseph Ruhl, Executive Vice President and Westchester Regional President; Yonkers City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen; Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins; and City of Yonkers Deputy Communications Director Lisa Reyes

A broad range of elected officials, business community leaders, and local residents gathered for a ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday celebrating the opening of an Orange Bank & Trust Company branch location at 1969 Central Park Ave. in Yonkers.

In attendance were New York State Sen. Shelley B. Mayer; Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins; Yonkers City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen, Council member Tasha Diaz, Council member Anthony J. Merante; City of Yonkers Deputy Communications Director and surrogate for Mayor Spano Lisa Reyes; Yonkers Chamber of Commerce President Kevin Cacace; and representing Orange Bank & Trust Company were Michael Gilfeather, President and CEO, Moira Kiernan, Vice President and Head of Yonkers office, and Joseph Ruhl, Executive Vice President and Westchester Regional President.

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## Yonkers City Council Hears Arguments from Both Sides on Gaza Cease Fire Resolution

Resolution Tabled But Many Voices Heard



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

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By a coalition of groups opposed to the Israeli attacks against Hamas in Gaza, which has resulted in a humanitarian crisis. Those who spoke at the

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## YPD Makes Arrest in Fatal Hit and Run

Highlights Arrest of Man Now Arrested 20 Times

The Yonkers Police Department has arrested and charged the driver in connection with a fatal hit-and-run accident that occurred earlier this week.

At just before 5:00 a.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024, the Yonkers Police Department received a report of a person down in the street on Buena Vista Avenue between Main Street and Dock Street. After arriving on the scene, first responders located an unconscious female in the street and attempted life-saving measures. This female was transported to an area hospital, where she unfortunately succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased. She has since been identified as Fateema Respress, 35, of Yonkers. The City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Police Department extend their condolences to her friends and family.

Detectives from the Yonkers Police Major Case Squad, Crime Scene Unit, Digital Forensics Unit, and Accident Investigators from our Traffic Division responded to the scene to investigate. This investigation revealed that Respress appeared to have tripped and fallen in the roadway at that location. Investigators also found as she was attempting to get up, a black SUV traveling northbound on Buena Vista Avenue struck Respress, then fled the scene.

Detectives were able to locate this vehicle and apprehend the driver later in the day on April 8, 2024. The driver is identified as Geneby CLASE of Yonkers, New York. CLASE is charged with Leaving the Scene of a Motor Vehicle Accident resulting in Death, a D-Felony in the State of New York.

"Our Yonkers Detectives have proven, once again, their excellence and expertise in investigating crimes of all nature," said Yon-

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Paris Ramcharan, pictured above, has been arrested 20 times

## Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is Back in Westchester, Through April 21



Spring is here and it's time for Spring 2024 Hudson Valley Restaurant Week. A record number of Westchester eateries are participating in this celebration of the booming culinary scene. Over 78 restaurants from all corners of the County are joining in the fun.

For two delicious weeks, from April 8 through 21, the Hudson Valley will be celebrating restaurant dining with delicious, creative dishes featuring locally sourced ingredients. Prix-fixe lunches and dinners will be offered at \$24.95, \$29.95, \$39.95 or \$44.95. (Price does not include tax, beverages, or gratuity.) Prix-fixe menus may be offered for both dine-in and takeout.

County Executive George Latimer said: "Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is one of those events that makes Westchester a great place to live – and certainly visit. I encourage you to support our local restaurateurs and their staffs by trying a new eatery or revisiting a favorite."

Director of Westchester County's Office of Tourism and Film Office Natasha Caputo said: "Spring is such a wonderful time to explore Westchester and experience a delicious meal. We encourage both residents and visitors to make their reservations and get out and dine."

Catherine Rinaldi, Metro-North Railroad President said: "Dozens of the restaurants participating in Hudson Valley Restaurant Week are within walking distance of Metro-North stations, making it easier than ever to enjoy the best food and drink that the region has to offer. Metro-North's frequent and reliable service beats sitting in traffic, so make a night of it and leave the driving to us."

The spring kickoff was held at Goosefeather, located in the King Mansion at the Tarrytown House Estate.

Make sure to check out HVRW newcomers, among others: Brothers Fish and Chips in Ossining; Hudson Farmer & the Fish in Sleepy Hollow; Shiraz Kitchen in White Plains; and Tippy Taco Bar in Mount Kisco.

The complete list of restaurants and menus can be found at [valleytable.com/hvrw](http://valleytable.com/hvrw). Reservations are suggested as space fills quickly.

## Westchester Real Estate Market Remains Strong with Low Inventory



### Ideal Time for Sellers to Realize Their Highest Sale Prices

The residential real estate market in areas North of NYC remains strong and is characterized by robust buyer demand, coupled with historically low inventory levels, which continues to drive prices upward in most segments. It remains optimal for sellers to realize their highest prices, according to the Houlihan Lawrence Westchester-Putnam-Dutchess Q1 Market Report released on April 9.

Despite some pockets experiencing a slight uptick in inventory during Q1 2024, specifically in the higher price ranges, overall conditions remain favorable for sellers and challenging for buyers, according to the report. While home sales were lower for the quarter in most of the markets in areas North of NYC, median sale prices were higher in all of the markets.

"Multiple offers remain a common occurrence, demonstrating the importance of working with a knowledgeable buyers' agent to secure a home. Their expertise can provide invaluable guidance and market insight ensuring that buyers make informed and effective decisions," said Houlihan Lawrence President & CEO Liz Nunan.

### Q1 2024 MARKETS AT A GLANCE (Q1 2024 vs Q1 2023)

#### WESTCHESTER COUNTY

Homes Sold: Down 9.8%  
Median Sale Price: Up 9.4%

#### New York City Gateway (Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Pelham and Yonkers)

Homes Sold: Down 17%  
Median Sale Price: Up 17%

#### Lower Westchester (Bronxville, Eastchester, Edgemont, Scarsdale and Tuckahoe)

Homes Sold: Down 15%  
Median Sale Price: Up 10%

#### Rivertowns (Ardshly, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, Tarrytown, Briarcliff Manor, Elmsford, Irvington Ossining and Pocantico Hills)

Homes Sold: Down 15%  
Median Sale Price: Up 8%

#### Greater White Plains (Greenburgh, Valhalla and White Plains)

Homes Sold: Down 31%  
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# Mayor Spano Calls on NY State for Additional Funds for Yonkers Public Schools

*Will Delay Yonkers Budget Plan Until State Budget Gets Finalized*

**Elimination of Federal ESSER Funds Leaves District at Risk of Drastic Cuts**

As the New York State Legislature continues to negotiate the State Budget, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today is calling on New York State representatives to inject additional funding to the Yonkers Public Schools. Citing the loss of federal dollars granted through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Programs (ESSER) under both the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act (CRRSA) and the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Mayor Spano says Yonkers Public Schools risk the elimination of hundreds of positions put in place to deal with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“With the assistance of our federal government in recent years, Yonkers Public Schools was able to recover from lost in-person instruction and address longstanding educational disparities that worsened because of the pandemic,” said Mayor Spano. “However, today we are faced with a situation where the money is running out. ESSER aid provided us \$106 million over three years to staff music, reading, special education, art and language teachers, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, nurses, public safety and school aides. We are now at a crossroads that, if not addressed, can devastate our schools. I’m calling on New York State to step up and help us avoid potential cuts.”

Mayor Spano says school district positions were put in place to navigate student learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, and as a result, there has been a staggering increase in services including mental health and transportation. Much of the federal funding required to support the services has dried up and now the Yonkers Public Schools need the State to assist in filling the gap.

“We have a true success story in Yonkers – we have the highest graduation rate at 90% among the Big 5 -- making us the premiere urban school district and we want to keep it that way,” commented Mayor Spano. “There has to be a way to supplement these dollars without losing valuable personnel and progress within our schools.”

Adding, “Yonkers is not alone, but will be the first of the Big 5 Cities to feel the pinch left by the loss of ESSER funds. The effects will trickle down to all of the State’s urban districts, where our kids suffer the most. Let’s make sure that does not happen.”

The City of Yonkers Executive Budget is due April 15. Mayor Spano today announced he is delaying his proposed Executive Budget one week pending New York State’s adoption of its budget, which was due April 1.

# Yonkers City Council: Deal With Deficits Not Ceasefires

*By Eric Wolf Schoen*



The Yonkers City Council is currently dealing with an \$86 million deficit in the proposed 2004-2005 City Budget. The deficit is caused by the evaporation of Pandemic funds and other one time budget gimmicks.

The budget gimmicks are nothing new. Every year a ‘Mighty Mouse’ from somewhere comes in to save the day and the poor Yonkers employees who get threatened with layoff notices keep their jobs. This, after they and their families are humiliated by the whole situation. It’s truly pathetic.

So then we hear and read of the Council getting involved in the Middle East. Oy, they can’t solve the problems of our fair city but they think they have the solutions for solving the problems of the world. A resolution is put on the City Council agenda calling for an end to the Israel-Hamas war while also defending Israel’s right to exist.

According to the Jewish Week, after months of discussions and weeks of debate, the Yonkers City Council tabled a Gaza ceasefire resolution that aimed to thread a narrow needle. The council announced that it would table the resolution at the start of the meeting Tuesday night where the resolution had been on the agenda.

The tabling followed opposition from all sides of the equation, and dragging hundreds of passionate people to this week’s Yonkers City Council meeting. Thousands of emails flowing through Yonkers servers. I sure hope the Yonkers Parking Authority did not charge these spirited people to park in the City Hall Garage.

Believe me, the last place one would want to be on a nice day like we had on Tuesday is Yonkers Council Chambers with purposely uncomfortable bench seats that were built that way so the public would not stay too long. The Chambers are not air conditioned, the windows are closed to avoid interruptions with the broadcasting of the meeting, and perish the thought that the Council would move their meeting to the Saunders Auditorium when they expect a big crowd for the comfort of the citizenry.

Kudos to the City Council President. Her comments: ‘My position is, 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?’ City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy sensible comments to the New York Jewish Week before the meeting.

I’ll take it one step further. Why is this issue before the Yonkers City Council, period. The Council has nothing to do with world affairs. With all the problems Yonkers faces, please Yonkers City Council, deal with them and let the folks in Washington, D.C. deal with international issues!

What did you Think of the Eclipse?

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MAYOR MIKE SPANO

## Poll Has Latimer Leading Bowman by 17 Points in Upcoming Congressional Democratic Primary

## Westchester Parks Foundation to Host Pitch in For Parks April 18-22nd



By Dan Murphy

DMFI PAC recently released the findings of a comprehensive new poll showing Westchester County Executive George Latimer in a strong position to defeat incumbent Congressman Jamaal Bowman in the June 2024 Democratic primary race. Conducted by The Mellman Group, this survey offers important insights into the perspectives of voters in New York’s 16th Congressional District.

“To put it plainly, Congressman Bowman’s constituents are very unhappy with him but very impressed with County Executive Latimer. The combination of Latimer’s sterling image and voters’ distinctly negative assessments of Bowman may cost the incumbent congressman his seat. Bowman’s constituents are even divided on whether he even cares about them, but the vast majority believe Latimer meets that central test,” said DMFI PAC Chairman Mark Mellman. “It’s simple: George Latimer is highly regarded, while Jamaal Bowman is widely unpopular.

“On Israel issues, the data are clear – Congressman Bowman is out of touch with his constituents. A majority of primary voters in his district approve of the job President Biden is doing handling the war between Israel and Hamas and want the U.S. to support Israel.

“With a robust campaign, George Latimer is in strong position to unseat the now unpopular Congressman Bowman.”

This analysis represents the findings of a survey of 400 voters in New York’s 16th Congressional District representing the likely June 2024 Democratic primary electorate. The survey uses a registration-based sample, with interviews conducted via landline, cell, and text-to-online from March 26-30, 2024. The margin of error for the sample as a whole is +/- 4.9% at the 95% level of confidence (higher for subgroups).

### Key Highlights from the Poll:

Latimer has a 17-point lead in the horse race, with 52% of the Democratic primary vote, compared to 35% for Bowman, 0% for Farber, and 13% undecided.

Among those who vote most often in primaries (3 or 4 of the last 4), Latimer is even stronger, leading Bowman by 56% to 35%.

Latimer’s double-digit lead results from his substantial image advantage. For example, while voters are quite positive about Latimer’s performance in office (68% positive, 18% negative) they judge Bowman’s performance quite negatively (36% positive, 55% negative)

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Record Breaking 1,000+ Volunteers Expected in Earth Day Clean-Up Events

Westchester Parks Foundation is getting ready for its largest volunteer event of the year. Started in the late 90’s, Pitch in for Parks is the largest multi-day volunteer event that helps get parks ready for peak season. The event kicks off April 18 and culminates on Earth Day April 22. Park stewards will help with trash clean up, clearing trails and shorelines, restoring wildlife habitats, removing invasive vines from trees, painting, raking, and preparing and planting flower beds. Participating local businesses include returning Gold Sponsor, Triton International.

The annual event, held in partnership with the Westchester County Parks Department, will take place throughout Westchester County Parks. Projects for volunteers, working as individuals, families, corporations, local businesses, or groups, will be held at Willsons Woods Park, Mount Vernon; Muscoot Farm, Katonah; Glen Island Park, New Rochelle; Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers; Bronx River Reservation at Westchester County Center, White Plains; and Croton Point Park in Croton-on-Hudson, among others.

Last year, 692 volunteers clocked 2481 hours at 13 parks throughout Westchester for clean-up efforts. They planted 224 flowers, removed 1,544 pounds of trash and painted 3,930 sq ft of fences and buildings.

Pre-registration is required to participate. All tools will be provided, and volunteers should wear clothes that can get dirty and closed toe shoes. For more information on how to volunteer for Pitch in for Parks, visit <https://www.thewpf.org/events> and scroll down to the park in your neighborhood to sign up.

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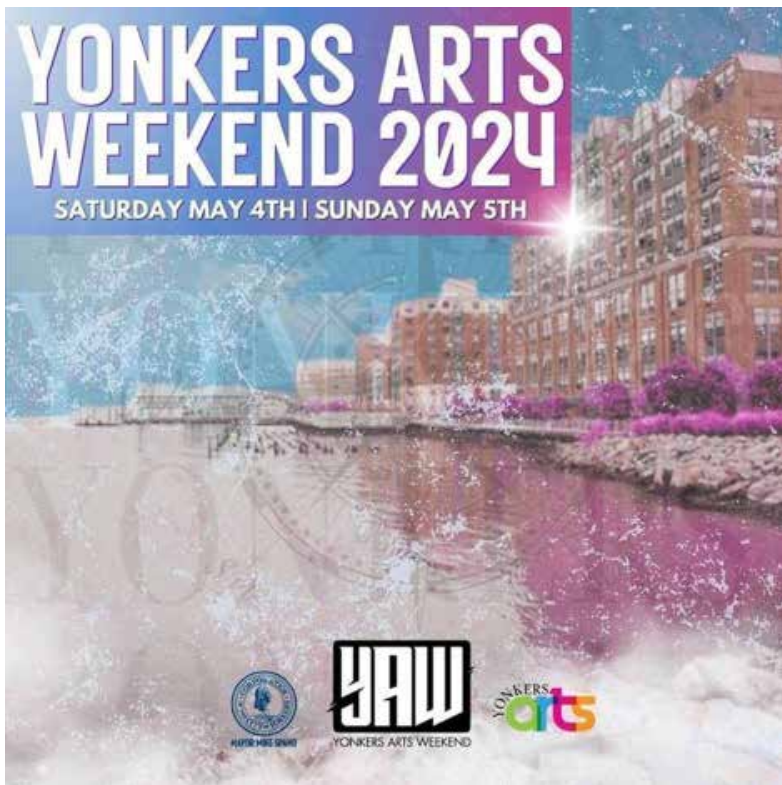
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Yonkers Arts Weekend Set for May 4 and 5



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the return of Yonkers Arts Weekend (YAW) with an expansion of a two-day art festival to celebrate its 10th anniversary.

“Yonkers arts are more vibrant than ever,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “This year, we have new public art around the City, thanks to our collaboration with Yonkers Arts. We are also working with our talented young people who continue to inspire us and add to the tapestry of our community.”

A collaboration with Yonkers Arts, this year’s festival will feature a range of pop-up exhibitions, free art workshops, and musical performances across nearly one dozen venues including the downtown area and Carpet Mills Arts District.

“Yonkers Arts is extremely thrilled to partner once again with the City of Yonkers to present Yonkers Arts Weekend,” said Ray Wilcox, Executive Director at Yonkers Arts. “This collaborative effort allows us to celebrate the arts and diverse culture of our City and showcase the incredible talent we have right here in Yonkers. The City’s ongoing support of the arts is essential to making this event a success, and we look forward to another year of inspiring artistic experiences for our community.”

Since 2014, YAW has raised the bar making the City of Yonkers a prominent arts district in the lower Hudson Valley. Yonkers Arts Weekend attracts more than 10,000 visitors a year to City galleries.

Community partners for YAW include: Blue Door Art Center, Carpet Mills Arts District (CMAD), Hudson River Museum, MorDance, Philipse Manor Hall, S.I.C. Film School, Untermyer Gardens Conservatory, US+U/Warburton Galerie, WEARTONE, YOFI DMAC, YOHO artists, Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront Business Improvement District, City of Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation, and Conservation, Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE), Yonkers Public Library’s Riverfront Art Gallery and Yonkers Public Schools.

Visit-[yonkersartsweekend.com](http://yonkersartsweekend.com), for more information and full schedule of events.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



*Frederick Philipse, first lord of Philipsburg Manor*

*By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Member of the Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board, and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council*

Monday, April 15th

April 15, 1932: Yonkers’ Joe Lapchick led the world basketball champion Celtics in a game against the Caseys (K of C team) on the Knights of Columbus court. The Celtics won, with Lapchick starring at center.

April 15, 1952: While being weighed on the city scales at Wells and Woodworth Avenues, a Capitol Van Lines truck suddenly rolled off the scales, knocked down an electric pole, damaged a parked car owned by YPD Lt. Lawrence Shea, damaged a fire hydrant, and landed by the doorway at Weber’s Restaurant, 31 Dock Street! The driver said he was not in the truck, so didn’t see the accident, but claimed the emergency brake was on. He received a summons for damaging city property.

April 15, 1952: County Court Judge Arthur Brennan announced he would recuse himself from presiding in the first-degree murder trial for former County Parkway Policeman Stanley LaBenskey of Yonkers. LaBenskey was accused of murdering African American brothers James and Wyatt Blacknall after objecting to the men being in the same bar on Riverdale Avenue. The men were shot outside the tavern. Another Blacknall brother and a friend, escaped. Judge Brennan, formerly on the County Park Commission that had charge of the Parkway Police, believed this constituted a conflict of interest..

Tuesday, April 16th

April 16, 1907: Harold Caparn, who laid out and landscaped Grant and Columbus Parks in Yonkers and designed private estates, advocated for design regulations while speaking to the Yonkers Civic League about “The City Beautiful.”

Then landscape architect for the Bronx Zoo, he designed the Entrance Concourse, Central Court, and laid out the open-air animal areas.

Caparn opened his landscape architecture office at 46 Warburton Avenue in 1898; so successful, he moved his office to Fifth Avenue a few years later.

April 16, 1919: A welcome home and memorial in the Lockwood section for men who served in the armed forces was held at School Five. A bronze tablet with the names of the war dead would be placed on a boulder on the lawn in front of the school.

April 16, 1948: People entering Judge Fay’s courtroom on Woodworth Avenue were surprised to find a woman seated in the court stenographer’s chair, taking testimony! Stenographer Ruth Keno of the Probation Department was pressed into service when the regular court stenographers were busy elsewhere. Judge Fay complimented Keno at the end of the trial for doing a great job “on a second’s notice.”

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MIKE SPANO  
Mayor  
Date: April 10, 2024

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 THE NAVIE THERAPY GROUP L.L.C., LLC filed with SSNY on 08/29/23. Office: WESTCHESTER County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to LLC: 200 Bloomingdale Road, Suite 1A, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Notice of formation of Mixed by Maya, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/12/2024. 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, 45 Inverness Rd New Rochelle, NY 10804. 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 PLLC 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.

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 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.

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 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 a Limited Liability Company 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.

Formation of TRUIH LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/15/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Lawrence Rebbecchi, 550 Green Dolphin Dr., Placida, FL 33946. 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 activity.

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.

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.

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

Be honest, what did you think of the once in a lifetime eclipse we experienced on Monday. Among my friends things blow 2 ways. Half of them think viewing the Eclipse was the greatest thing since sliced white bread. The other half were not impressed with what they saw.

So there I was, on Executive Boulevard in Yonkers on Monday at 2:00 pm. With several other scattered eclipsers. I was heading in that direction so I figured I would view the eclipse from the parking lot for the office building and Bank across from Applebees. Nice tree free area, high enough in Yonkers and fairly close to the highest point in Yonkers by Sacred Heart Church. I had my special glasses remembering from my day camp days and an eclipse that took place where we were told not to look at the sun as our eyes would burn. I was Mr. Astronomy.

I looked at the sky glasses on for 5 minutes before it's peak to 10 minutes after. I expected the sky was going to go dark and all of a sudden it was going to get very cold. Didn't happen. I saw the moon covering the sun but it didn't look like it was 100% covered. Maybe I wasn't in the best spot in America to view the eclipse.

Should I have gone to Buffalo where the Governor was? Niagara Falls? Canada side, the best side to see the falls on? I went to Niagara Falls once. In 15 minutes I was over it. Bottom line is a trip to Niagara Falls to view the eclipse was not worth it to me. If you enjoyed it like so many friends did, I am happy for you. But if you didn't,

Did You Feel the Earthquake?

I was on the beach in Southern California when I felt a little movement many years ago. It was a 1.6 earthquake. I felt it, put my transistor radio on and the broadcaster confirmed it. I had gone through my first earthquake. Little did I know at the time that the worst place to be when an earthquake hits is on the beach.

We've had various earthquakes in Yonkers and Westchester, none close to the 4.8 one last Friday. I felt them, the pictures on the wall shook, and within seconds everything was fine.

It was a Friday in Philadelphia about 10 years ago. I was driving my car, heading to Denny's for an order of 2 pancakes for \$2 when I really felt an earthquake shake my car. It was probably one of the the biggest earthquakes Philly had ever had. I remember being afraid to park my car in an underground parking lot. So I parked at a meter putting quarters in every 3-4 hours.

So we had a 4.8 earthquake last Friday. I was in an office building on Waters Place in the Bronx. Fairly new building, it probably has features that allows it to withstand an earthquake far greater than 4.8. I felt nothing and would not have known about it unless I heard people talking about it or from the radio.

Eclipses, earthquakes? Maybe I'm just not impressed with these things anymore. Fortunately, our buildings are built to withstand earthquakes so there was very little damage. Lately we see so many residential and commercial buildings rise so quickly. Sometimes too quickly. And I wonder if another, bigger earthquake hits, will these buildings be able to withstand the stress? Don't you?

Some briefs:

A delay of 3 hours for the Powerball numbers for the big drawing last weekend. Do you realize the chaos it caused, all of us staying up to watch our winning ticket numbers pop up on the screen? Those games monitored by big accounting firms should be perfected by now with none of this delay nonsense.

There was a mistake on one of the courts in the regional round of the N.C.A.A. women's basketball tournament. For five games, the line at the top of the 3-point arc was nine inches shorter than the same line at the other end of the court at Portland's Moda Center. The N.C.A.A. blamed a "human error" by a company contracted to finish the court. And you know that company was paid a lot of money for those lines.

With the power Yonkers has in the Assembly and Senate in Albany, we should not have to wait another year to find out if Yonkers will have a full fledged casino!

Councilperson Tasha Diaz' punishment for her potty mouth remarks? 'Sensitivity/communication training' and 'workplace violence training' for all Council-members? Are you kidding me! You know if those words came from a City of Yonkers non-elected official the punishment would be greater!

**Reach Eric Schoen at [thistoosyonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistoosyonkers@aol.com), or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!**

TRUSTEES NOTICE TO BENEFICIARY **MARIE K. (GEORGETTE) MOORE**

*Yonkers History, continued from pg 5-*

Trustee Kathy Whately, of the HARRIET C. WHATELY IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST and of the HARRIET C. WHATELY IRREVOCABLE INSURANCE TRUST, II, has identified MARIE K. MOORE a/k/a MARIE 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 INSURANCE 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

Wednesday, April 17th  
 April 17, 1685: Frederick Philipse and John Pell agreed the Bronx River would be the boundary between their lands.  
 April 17, 1861: One hundred Yonkers men met at Farrington Hall to enlist "in defense of the Union." One of the first three men to sign up was eighteen-year-old John Peene, scion of the Peene waterfront dynasty. Peene later served two terms as Republican Mayor of Yonkers from 1894 to 1897 and lived at 140 Warburton Avenue.  
 The first time he ran, he defeated celebrated author, humorist, satirist and editor John Kendrick Bangs by 207 votes. A few months later, Bangs turned his defeat into the literary gem "Three Weeks in Politics" and sold 60,000 copies. The NY Times dubbed this work as "Mr. Bang's Way of Getting Even."

Thursday, April 18th  
 April 18, 1919: The Hastnai, a 1500-ton wooden steamship built for the Emergency Fleet Corporation of the US Shipping Board, was launched at the Ludlow yard of the Continental Shipbuilding Corporation, a World War I Industry, and christened by Lucille Pierce. Two thousand people witnessed not only the largest ship launched in the history of Yonkers, but also the largest "side-launching" ever on the US Atlantic seaboard.  
 The Hastnai was named by Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.  
 April 18, 1921: Mayor William Wallin asked the Simon Borg Estate for permission to use Pelton Field to play summer baseball. The Estate was promised Yonkers would grade the field and put it in good shape.  
 April 18, 1933: Members of the Yonkers Woman's Christian Temperance Union strongly objected to grocery stores selling legalized 3.2 beer.

Friday, April 19th  
 April 19, 1915: Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company replaced workers' three-day-a-week schedule with a four-day-a-week schedule.  
 April 19, 1943: The District Office of the Price Administration imposed the severest penalty ever given on a Yonkers grocer, a six-week suspension from selling any rationed food. He also was charged with making false deposits in his ration bank account.

Saturday, April 20th  
 April 20, 1886: Yonkers streetlights were electrified.  
 April 20, 1935: Parishioners of St. Denis Church in Yonkers were surprised to see famous columnist Heywood Broun, President of the American Newspaper Guild, with his wife, actress Constance Madison. Her father was Anthony Fruscello of Landscape Avenue; the Brouns spent Easter weekend with her parents.  
 April 20, 1946: Major Louis Bushnell, Chief Engineer of the Yonkers Building Department on military leave, was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal. The award ceremony at Raritan Arsenal in Metuchen was attended by Bushnell's family, former Mayor Joseph Loehr, Fire Chief William Garvin and Building Superintendent John Brady.

Sunday, April 21st  
 April 21, 1903: The New York Central Hudson Railroad flatly refused to change the name of its Yonkers Park Harlem Division station to Crestwood.  
 April 21, 1942: Negotiations were started by a large war industry to purchase eight acres of land in Sunset Park. The land, between the New York Central Railroad and the Hudson, required legislation be passed to discontinue its use as a park and public playground for use by defense industry. Legislation later was introduced in the Common Council.

**Questions or comments on this column? Email [YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com](mailto:YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com). For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website [www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org](http://www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org), call 914-961-8940 or [emailinfo@yonkershistoricalsociety.org](mailto:emailinfo@yonkershistoricalsociety.org).**

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF \_\_\_\_\_ ) Case Action Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ )  
 a child under the age of 18 years. )  
 D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

PUBLICATION ORDER

TO: \_\_\_\_\_, PUTATIVE FATHER OR ANY PERSON CLAIMING PARENTAL RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO \_\_\_\_\_; AND TO ANY OTHER INTERESTED PARTY

A petition having been filed in this Court on behalf of the Madison County Department of Human Resources, requesting the Court to grant it custody of \_\_\_\_\_; said Department having further filed a Petition to Terminate Parental Rights with respect to that child; and the Court having set a hearing to be held on \_\_\_\_\_, to determine whether parental rights should be terminated and to determine whether the child should be placed in the permanent custody of the Alabama Department of Human Resources for the purpose of adoptive planning, you are hereby notified that at said date and time, you may appear in Judge Patricia Demos' Courtroom, Room 529, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Madison County Courthouse, 100 North Side Square, Huntsville, Alabama 35801, and show cause, if any you may have, why the permanent custody of said child should not be given to the State of Alabama Department of Human Resources as requested in said petition. Inquiry may be made as to this matter by contacting Kimberly C. Brown, attorney for the Madison County Department of Human Resources, or this Court prior to the hearing.

DONE this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Patricia Demos  
 JUVENILE COURT JUDGE

Foregoing to be published in \_\_\_\_\_ for four consecutive weeks on the following days: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

Proof of publication sent to Kimberly C. Brown, Attorney for the Department of Human Resources, 2001 Sparkman Dr., Huntsville, Alabama 35810.

**Yonkers Rising**

# Yonkers Saint Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue-2024



-Photos by Kevin Fitzpatrick and Donna Davis



"There is a plot in this country to enslave every man, woman and child. Before I leave this high and noble office, I intend to expose this plot."

PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY

Whether or not President Kennedy actually said those words seven days before his assassination, as has been alleged, We The People are in fact being governed not by our State and Federal Constitutions as intended, but by a ruling class with its love of power and money.

Thus, We The People have been dumbed down by a lack of civic education in our schools. Most do not know they have both a State and a Federal Constitution which created a government "republican in form," placing the ultimate power in the hands of the People, while empowering and restricting the government for the sole purpose of securing the Rights of the People.

In oversight, We The People never organized for the purpose of institutionalizing civic education and holding Government accountable to our Constitutions. Unfortunately, we have learned that *individuals and small groups cannot prevail.*

Thus, the ultimate power in America is shifting from the People to the ruling class/Government where it was not intended to reside.

Popular sovereignty is clearly being replaced by governmental sovereignty. We The People are becoming subjects.

We need to put America back on course. That requires a plan that at least 2.5% of the State's population agrees is the way to go. There is such a PLAN, well thought out and practical.

Join us this year at local meetings of We The People of New York Inc. In the Westchester County area that will be advertised in this newspaper to learn more about the plan.

Now is the time for all good people to come together in defense of their State and Federal Constitutions.

Anthony Futia Jr.

North White Plains, NY

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### Yonkers Saint Patrick's Day Parade Photos



*Generations of Irish Americans enjoy the parade*



*one of my favorite parts of the parade--the Irish Wolfhounds*

### I Say No More to Sexual Abuse Walk April 27

On Saturday, April 27th, the #YoDigoNoMas (I Say No More) movement, in collaboration with the Yonkers Public Schools District, City of Yonkers and Goya Cares, is hosting its Third Annual Walk Against Sexual Abuse of Our Children. This "silent pandemic" continues to affect millions of children and families.

Together, we can make a difference. This walk aims to raise awareness and break the silence and the cycle of sexual abuse affecting our children through prevention and education.

The Walk begins at City Hall in Yonkers and concludes at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Charter School, where supporters will enjoy complimentary food, music, and family activities.

Visit <https://yodigonomas.com>. for more information.



### Blue Door Art Gallery Opens "On The Dark Side" Exhibit



On April 6, The Blue Door Art Gallery held an opening reception for "ON THE DARK SIDE: Black and White Art and Photography" exhibition, curated by Julie Cousens and Luis Perelman. This is a stunning showcase of over 50 local artists. If you can't make it into our gallery, this exhibition is also available for view and purchase online (- <https://on-the-darkside.artcall.org/pages/web-gallery>)

Blue Door gallery hours: THU & FRI 3-6 pm, SATURDAY 1-6 pm

For private viewing requests, please contact us at [info@bluedoorartcenter.org](mailto:info@bluedoorartcenter.org). To become a Blue Door Member and receive the benefits that our membership offers, please visit, <https://bluedoorartcenter.org/store/memberships>.

Keep up to date about upcoming open art calls, exhibitions, workshops, events and more by joining our newsletter mailing list on our website, [BlueDoorArtCenter.org](https://BlueDoorArtCenter.org) (SIGN UP button on bottom of home page).

The Blue Door Art Center is located at 13 Riverdale Ave.



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## NYPD Cop from Yorktown Gets 70 Months for Helping Boyfriend's Flee After Committing Murder



Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that GINA MESTRE, a former New York City Police ("NYPD") Officer, was sentenced to 70 months in prison in connection with her involvement in obstructing a federal grand jury investigation into the Shooting Boys gang and serving as an accessory after the fact to a murder committed by a member of the gang. MESTRE pled guilty to the charge on December 7, 2023, in Manhattan federal

court before U.S. District Judge Denise L. Cote, who imposed today's sentence.

U.S. ATTORNEY DAMIAN WILLIAMS SAID: "GINA MESTRE BETRAYED AND ABUSED THE TRUST PLACED IN HER BY THE NYPD AND THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK. SHE SWORE TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, BUT INSTEAD PARTICIPATED IN SIGNIFICANT CRIMES OF HER OWN BY PASSING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO A GANG LEADER AND HELPING HIM EVADE CAPTURE FOR THE MURDER OF A RIVAL GANG MEMBER. FOR VIOLATING HER OATH TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK CITY AND HER FELLOW POLICE OFFICERS, MESTRE HAS BEEN SENTENCED TO SPEND MORE THAN FIVE YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON."

According to the allegations in the Indictment and other documents filed in federal court and based on statements made in public court proceedings:

MESTRE was an NYPD Officer assigned to the 52nd Precinct's Public Safety Unit. In the summer of 2020, a major focus of both the precinct and the Public Safety Unit was the reduction of gun violence in the area. Much of that violence was attributed to members of the Shooting Boys, a violent street gang based in the University Heights section of the Bronx.

In or about June 2020, MESTRE began communicating with Andrew Done, a/k/a "Caballo," the leader of the Shooting Boys. MESTRE and Done communicated through secret social media accounts and phone numbers and eventually began an intimate relationship, during which MESTRE provided Done and other gang members with confidential, non-public law enforcement information about the federal grand jury investigation into the Shooting Boys.

MESTRE warned Done, and other gang members, that federal investigators were preparing to bring a federal indictment against the Shooting Boys. MESTRE also warned Done about impending law enforcement operations, which enabled Done and other gang members to dispose of weapons and conceal other criminal activity before law enforcement arrived on scene. In addition, MESTRE disclosed the identity of a cooperating witness who provided information about the gang to law enforcement. Armed with this information, Done and other Shooting Boys assaulted the witness to prevent the witness from further cooperation and to send a clear message within the gang that the punishment for cooperation would be severe.

On or about November 5, 2020, Done shot and killed a rival gang member ("Victim-1") as Victim-1 sat in his car on Cromwell Avenue in the Bronx. NYPD Detectives investigating the murder recovered security camera video (the "Video") capturing Done's commission of the murder. Several members of the 52nd Precinct, including MESTRE, were tasked with identifying the shooter in the video. In fact, MESTRE was ultimately one of several officers who actually identified Done as the perpetrator.

Despite identifying Done as the shooter and ostensibly participating in the NYPD's efforts to apprehend him, MESTRE sent Done a copy of the Video to his phone and secretly communicated with Done the day of the murder and in the weeks afterwards. Specifically, MESTRE warned Done about law enforcement's efforts to capture him, allowing Done to eventually flee from the United States.

In March 2022, 10 members of the Shooting Boys were charged in a 15-count indictment with various federal crimes, including racketeering conspiracy and murder. Done was charged with the murder of Victim-1 and was apprehended in the Dominican Republic several months later.

On November 17, 2022, Done pled guilty to racketeering conspiracy and admitted to his role in the murder of Victim-1. On February 22, 2023, Done was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

MESTRE, 33, lived in Mohegan Lake, and is the mother of two,

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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 LOUISE PETRE AND INDIVIDUALLY; Any unknown heirs to the Estate of HEATHER 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 a c - tion.

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.

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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. MACAGNONE A/K/A NICOLAS P. MACAGNONE A/K/A NICK P. MACAGNONE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, FRANK MACAGNONE A/K/A FRANK V. MACAGNONE A/K/A FRANCIS V. MACAGNONE A/K/A FRANK MACAFNONE AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, GAIL BRUNO A/K/A GAIL M. BRUNO, SR. AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, DONNA BORRELL A/K/A DONNA M. BORRELL A/K/A DONNA M. MACAGNONE A/K/A DONA M. BORELL AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE FOR THE ESTATE OF MARY MACAGNONE, VINCENT

RASCONA A/K/A VINCENT ROBERT RASCONA, SR. A/K/A VINCENT A. RASCONA AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE 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. RASOUNA A/K/A ANTHONY V. RASCONA JUNIOR A/K/A ANTHONY S. RASCONA AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE 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.

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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.

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11. 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:

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Beware Political Sign Crooks? GPS Now on Signs Catch Town Employee Removing One!



above: Jason Zeif caught removing a political sign of Jann Mirchandani

By Dan Murphy

Let this be a warning to anyone thinking about removing the political signs of a political opponent. The signs may have GPS on them to help identify persons who may be removing them.

Jann Mirchandani, the democratic candidate for Yorktown Supervisor, had her sign removed from outside her house by a Town of Yorktown employee, Jason Zeif. But Mirchandani had GPS on a few of her signs, and one she realized that her sign outside her home was moving, she took the photo of Zeif caught in the act.

The sign was later retrieved – along with 5 additional signs – by using a GPS tracking device. A police report was filed, and the response will only result in more questions.

When Zeif was questioned by Yorktown Police, the report states that Zeif “stated that the campaign sign was located on Town right of way property, and Zeif explained that campaign signs cannot be on Town property.”

Zeif also claimed that the sign was in the grass on the edge of the roadway and not obviously associated with any residence” and that “he was performing an act in his official role as Yorktown Code Enforcement officer. He added that he has taken thousands of signs off town property over the years, and that he has taken signs from both side of the campaign. Recently Zeif has been placing signs next to the dumpster at Town Hall.

There are no reports to verify that Zeif has taken signs from other candidates.

Mirchandani went to the dumpster at Town Hall and found a few of her signs, and other signs for professional services.

“I asked to have the report amended to include trespass as part of the original complaint; Mr. Zeif came onto my property to remove the sign. The town code does not authorize him to take my property, even if a violation were to take place,” said Mirchandani.

“I am also including photos of my signs in the dumpster that belie Mr. Zeif’s assertion that he is applying town codes in an unbiased manner. You can clearly see that there are no Ed Lachterman signs.

“Additionally, where it indicates that “no further action taken or requested” – I want to pursue this. Mr. Zeif came on my property and took a sign which he had no right to do. He is improperly applying town codes and is doing so in a biased manner.”

Mirchandani got the idea to use a tracking device for her signs from the story of Town of Fishkill Councilman John Forman. Forman was the Republican candidate for town supervisor in 2023 and had been charged after collecting 30 signs that opposed his campaign. One of the signs was equipped with a tracking device.

“I will stay focused on the issues and leave the politics as usual to the politicians.”

Mirchandani spoke to an attorney about this matter. Richard Abbate wrote that in his opinion, a “Vote for Jann Mirchandani sign is clearly a temporary opinion sign, and is therefore authorized by the Town Code. Therefore, the Town Code Enforcement Officer (Zeif) did not have the authority to remove a temporary opinion sign.”

Mirchandani does not live on a heavily trafficked road. She lives in a residential area of Yorktown, and the sign had no impact on vehicle safety. Which makes the so called explanation by Zeif less believable.

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**Orange Bank, continued from pg 1-**

The celebrations kicked off with a high-energy ribbon cutting at the Central Park Ave. banking office, which is located within a recently completed retail complex that's breathing new life into the city's major thoroughfare. The excitement continued at a glamorous cocktail reception hosted at the \$500 million Lionsgate Studios on Wells Avenue in Yonkers. The acclaimed studios opened in January 2022, and have since attracted hundreds of filmmakers and production companies from around the world, bestowing the city with the honorary title as "Hollywood on the Hudson."

The Yonkers branch opening is the latest example of growth in the Bank's 132-year history, reflecting its evolution as a powerful economic engine of the community with approximately \$2.5 billion in total assets. The Bank has six offices in Westchester County - with locations in Mount Vernon, Mamaroneck, White Plains, Mount Pleasant and Cortlandt Manor - in addition to its banking offices in Orange County, Rockland County and the Bronx.

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I am pleased to join Mayor Spano's office, the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce, and leaders from Orange Bank & Trust to celebrate the opening of Orange Bank & Trust in Yonkers. It is wonderful seeing my City of Yonkers grow and support new businesses, and it is a pleasure to welcome Orange Bank & Trust to Yonkers."

"As New York's third-largest city, Yonkers is abuzz with positive economic activity, attracting diverse and vibrant businesses that are investing in our communities and creating opportunities for our residents," said City of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. "Orange Bank & Trust is the most recent example of a smart company recognizing Yonkers as a key component of its future growth, and we're proud to welcome it to our amazing city."

"It's an exciting time as we continue to expand our operations by opening a new office in the City of Yonkers," said Michael Gilfeather, President and CEO of Orange Bank & Trust Company. "This new office exemplifies the bank's ongoing growth over the last several years and builds upon our strategic plan to offer more services to our clients throughout Westchester County and the Hudson Valley region."

"Orange Bank & Trust Company represents the epitome of a community-based economic engine for good: It continuously looks for pathways to increase opportunities for local businesses, create new jobs, spur smart growth, and support neighborhood-serving nonprofits," said Yonkers Chamber of Commerce President Kevin Cacace. "On behalf of the local business sector, we're elated to help usher Orange Bank & Trust's expanded presence in Yonkers."

"As a Yonkers native with more than three decades of banking experience, I couldn't be more excited to lead Orange Bank & Trust's expansion in my hometown and serve our local businesses through a combination of cutting-edge technology and the Bank's signature personal service," said Moira Kieran, Vice President and Relationship Manager, who is overseeing the Yonkers branch.

The Yonkers banking office officially opened on Jan. 31, 2024. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., offering a complete suite of banking services and financial products, including cash management, commercial loans and wealth management services. Please visit OrangeBankTrust.com or call the branch at 914-505-9020 for additional information.

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said Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza. "This Department and our dedicated members will never stop championing justice for victims of any crime in this City. We will continue to do so, as is our duty to the community we serve."

The YPD also wished a Happy 40th Birthday to Paris Ramcharan of Brooklyn, New York! "We won't forget the time Paris came to several stores in Yonkers to steal things and try to escape by hiding in a bush a few months ago. He probably wasn't expecting Officers in the YPD AWARE Crime Control Center to be following him on camera to assist in his apprehension."

"Ramcharan stole several items from Kohl's on Central Park Avenue before fleeing with them in a suitcase. Kohl's staff called YPD, and the AWARE Room staff quickly located Ramcharan fleeing—however, he took a quick detour to steal some more items from a nearby CVS. AWARE Room Officers then saw Ramcharan flee with a shopping cart and a suitcase full of stolen goods southbound on Central Park Avenue, ultimately attempting to hide in a bush until the coast was clear."

"The AWARE Room directed Officers right to him, shocked as he may have been to be discovered in his secret hiding place. Ramcharan was charged with several misdemeanors in relation to this incident. Another example of great teamwork between our Officers on the road and our staff in our AWARE Crime Control Center. With everyone working together to apprehend these criminals, we will continue to have great success in combatting these crimes here in Yonkers."

"Since his arrest here in December, Paris has been out awaiting trial but has managed to get arrested five more times for theft in NYC, even as recently as last week. This rounds out his lifelong arrest total at 20. We appreciate Mr. Ramcharan's refraining from theft in Yonkers, although we wish he would stop taking things that don't belong to him, no matter where he is."

Watch the video here <https://twitter.com/YonkersPD/status/1778057222297113037>.

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*Bear and a Book, continued from pg 1-*

and Lauren Cullinan, epitomize the ethic of paying it forward with their Bear and A Book Project.

We found out about Peyton and Lauren from City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, who welcomed them to a recent council meeting. “We had the pleasure of being joined by high school sophomores Lauren Cullinan and Peyton Savarese, who graced us by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. These remarkable young women are the founders of A Bear and A Book Project, initiated in fall 2023, aimed at nurturing a love and confidence for reading among young children. Their approach involves visiting Pre-K to 2nd grade classrooms, sharing stories, and encouraging kids to read aloud to their peers, adults, and even their teddy bears. To make this experience lasting, they conclude their visits by gifting each child a new book and a teddy bear. The cost of each gift bag is \$6, typically for classes of around 28 students. This wonderful initiative is supported by local businesses sponsoring classrooms and generous donations from individuals. Those interested in sponsoring a classroom or donating to the project can do so by sending an Amazon gift card to [bearandbookproject@gmail.com](mailto:bearandbookproject@gmail.com),” writes Collins-Bellamy.

We wanted to learn more and share their story with our readers. Peyton and Lauren have been friends since the 4th grade. Both attended Paideia School 15, and now attend Ursuline High School.

The idea behind A Bear and a Book Project is that for those students who don’t have someone to read to at home, can read to the Bear that they are given along with a book.

“This idea started when we were studying. We were taking a break and were just talking. Since we’ve met, in fourth grade, we have always wanted to make a difference together. We have always shared a common interest in reading and writing, therefore, we wanted to incorporate those passions into our project. So, we began brainstorming and came up with the idea of reading to children, then giving them a bear and a book so that they can practice reading if they do not have anyone else to read to. And then a Bear and a Book was born,” said Peyton

“So far, we have visited 28 classrooms and 15 different schools, reaching over 600 children. We have read to schools in Yonkers, the Bronx, Queens, Mahopac, Mamaroneck, and Cheshire, Connecticut.

“For school visits, we begin by introducing ourselves, explaining a little bit about our project, and asking if anyone already likes to read. Then, we read them a story that is age appropriate, while we hold our own teddy bears, named Candy Bear and Sprinkles named by two previous pre-k classes. We ask them questions regarding the book to keep them engaged throughout the activity. At the end of the book, we reflect on the lessons and the main idea throughout the story. We finish off by distributing the goody bags that include a bear, a book, and a flier, containing information regarding the project. We walk around, talking to the students, and reinforce the importance behind reading their book to the bear,” said Lauren

The cost of the Bears, Books and Bags have been paid for through generous donations from local businesses in Yonkers. “We have been very fortunate with donations from small, local businesses. If they want to donate, we give them a specific amount that will cover the fees of one class; therefore, each company sponsors one or more classes. Also, we have been fortunate to receive donations from generous individuals, such as teachers from prior classes, friends, and our school.”

While the Bear and the Book Project is only 5 months old, the response has been positive. “Most importantly, the children have been engaged and appear to have been very receptive and excited about the project so far,” said Peyton

Both Peyton and Lauren are proud Yonkers residents and “feel very lucky to have received a Yonkers Public School education. Not only did it help us become friends, but it helped to inspire our project as well.

“We both attended Paideia School 15, Peyton from Pre-k through 7th grade and Lauren from 4th grade to 6th. We always had very encouraging teachers that helped set us up for future success, and always cheered us on.

“We would both say that our 5th grade teacher, Mrs. Tiffany Soares, is 15’s best example of this. She always cared about helping us grow, and she very much stressed the importance of reading and being well educated. She always told us, ‘use it or lose it’ to encourage us to keep up our skills, and her focus on Shakespeare through putting on a play really helped make the stories come to life.

“Another very important inspiration to us is another Yonkers native, our freshman English teacher at Ursuline, Ms. Tonia Bellomo. She was always helping us to improve our writing, which we both love, and helping us to get a very deep and profound understanding of the texts we were reading in class. Most importantly, she really cared for us and helped fuel our drive and ambition to improve our literacy skills.

“Something that has been important to us from the start is getting to read in School 15, and on April 2 we were able to make this come true. It was really important to us to give back to such an amazing school that was very good to us. We also have been fortunate enough to have been welcomed into two more Yonkers Schools, and we hope to get into many more in the future. We will be in the Yonkers Public Library in the 2nd week of April,” said both Lauren and Peyton.

What is their ultimate goal? “Something very important to both of us, is dreaming big and making those dreams come true. With our hard work and dedication towards this project, comes aspirations. We hope to reach 2500 bears and books distributed by June of our Senior Year in high school. However, high school is not where this project ends; we plan on continuing Bear and a Book all throughout college, and even bring it to our college towns. We hope to bring this project to the national and international level, specifically Ireland, where both of Lauren’s parents and her relatives are from. One day, we wish to fulfill our dream of writing a children’s book of our own, revolving around how we met at school 15, and tying in key ideas from a Bear and a Book Project. Lastly, we hope that one day we will be invited to share our project and read at the New York Public Library. Our dreams and aspirations are fueled by the support of our community and continue to grow alongside our service project. “

Who taught you to give back to others in this way?

“Giving back to our community is something that has been instilled in both of us since a very young age. The importance of looking out for one another has always been emphasized by our parents throughout our lives. Both of our families have always fostered this.

Peyton’s mom helped her to organize a laptop drive during the coronavirus outbreak so that children in her school community whose families could not afford laptops could still attend online lessons and get their assignments.

Lauren fostered these ideas of generosity for the community by running a toy drive for the Primera Hispana Church in downtown Yonkers to show support for struggling families during the holiday season. She has been operating this toy drive since the 7th grade.

Some of the schools that the girls have visited have young students who are living in shelters, or do not have a parent in their lives. And those are exactly the kids that both Lauren and Peyton want to impact with A Bear and a Book Project.

“I remembered hearing about how using toys and reading to toys can help young students read, so why not give them a teddy bear and a book. If they don’t have a family member, they can read to the bear.

“That was the idea, they can always count on their bear to be there and listen to them read. That way they always have someone to read to

Donations can be made by going to the Bear and a Book Project Wish List, which can be accessed on Amazon’s ‘List or Registry’, and finding Gift List-Peyton Lauren or by sending an Amazon Gift Card to [bearandbookproject@gmail.com](mailto:bearandbookproject@gmail.com).

The girls give out age-appropriate books to all students, in consultation with the teachers. The hope is to give out several different books to each class and maybe the students can trade with each other after reading.

“It feels really good to see their reactions. In some classes, they begin reading right away,” said Peyton

“It makes us feel grateful. Even though it’s a small bag and a book, it means a lot to them. The bear isn’t just some toy, they can go home and read to the bear for support,” said Lauren

Peyton attends St. Eugene’s Church and Lauren attends St. Barnabas. Peyton hopes to be an entertainment lawyer in the future, and Lauren is interested in a career in finance or law.

*Gaza resolution, continued from pg 1-*

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.

The Arab community in Yonkers is estimated to be between 15,000-25,000, or roughly 10% of the City’s population.

*Real Estate, continued from pg 2-***Sound Shore**

(Blind Brook, Harrison, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Rye City and Rye Neck) Homes Sold: Down 13%  
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**Northern Westchester**

(Bedford, Byram Hills, Chappaqua, Katonah-Lewisboro, North Salem and Somers)  
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Homes Sold: Down 14%  
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Letter to the Editor: Re Mayor Spano State of the City Address

I availed myself of the opportunity to view your State of the City Address on Verizon, Chanel 39. I emailed the following to you to Mike.SPANO@Yonkersny.gov. on March 14th. As I received no response whatsoever I followed up today, March 21st. A representative from your office told me that your direct email is Mayor@Yonkersny.gov. I am now resending the following to that email address in the hope that the questions posed will be answered in a thoughtful and timely manner. Clearly, under your insightful leadership our city has taken and continues to take giant steps in the right direction in terms of public safety, education, housing, cultural enrichment, commercial development and public image. - credit to whom credit is due. As a Yonkers resident for the passed four decades and a person heavily involved in the Hyatt Association (our local community's civic association) I have questions for which I respectfully request a timely and thorough response:

You made prominent mention of the numerous public safety benefits made possible by the YPD Awareness Room. Is the increased awareness of actual street conditions equally covering all quadrants of our city or is coverage of one quadrant (the southwest) far superior to that of other communities in our city?

In a related matter, you mentioned that the YPD will be initiating its first surveillance drone. Is the goal to make this aerial surveillance 24/7 or only for specific, time limited purposes? Once again, will the surveillance area be our entire city or will it be scheduled to cover one particular quadrant (the southwest) for the vast majority of its air time?

You included numerous accomplishments of our Yonkers Library System. In your last year's State of the City Address you made reference to establishing a branch of the library in southeast Yonkers (the home base of our community's Hyatt Association). As our area is clearly underserved with the closest branch being the Will Library on Central Avenue (a considerable distance away from our community thereby constituting a major obstacle to it being accessed), I was hopeful that there would be some actual progress toward realizing the opening of a library branch in our community. The fact that you made no mention whatsoever of the opening of a local branch of the library is extremely disheartening and disappointing! Silence speaks volumes! In regard to this matter, my perception is that our community is FORGOTTEN!

You made mentioned to a municipal program that would facilitate the placement of solar panels in residential communities in south Yonkers. Once again, I must ask if south Yonkers actually means southwest Yonkers to the non-inclusion of southeast Yonkers?

You proudly stated that our city will, in the foreseeable future, have two new schools-The Sotomayor Community School which I believe is slated to be an elementary school and the Yonkers Film Television Academy for grades 6-12. As the Sotomayor School is officially a Community School, I must ask if youngsters who live in the surrounding community will be given top priority in being given the opportunity to attend that school in their home community? If future construct-

ed elementary schools will indeed be community schools then, at present, where logistically possible, shouldn't youngsters who reside in close proximity to schools in their home community be given this same opportunity of first choice placement into these schools vs being coerced into being bussed to schools distant from their homes when parental request for community adjacent schools are routinely ignored? In closing, I thank you for the time and effort that you personally and your team dedicate in service to our city. I take due note of the many advances and improvements from which our city benefits due to your insight, foresight and leadership. I look forward to your timely and thoughtful response to the above enumerated concerns and wish you and your family future happiness and success!

Sincerely,  
Jerry Longarzo  
Yonkers

Latimer Bowman Poll continued from pg 4-

Bowman is out of touch with its constituents on Israel issues. By 59% to 28%, Democratic primary voters approve of the job Joe Biden is doing handling the war between Israel and Hamas. In addition, 62% of Democratic primary voters want the U.S. to support Israel in the current conflict while a mere 5% want the U.S. to back Hamas.

One of Latimer's democratic supporters in the Sound Shore said, "After finding out about this poll, George (Latimer) went out and campaigned with us at 8 events. There is no complacency in George Latimer and in those of us supporting his election to Congress."

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA )	IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
) )	FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF RICHLAND )	
Tracy Fall, )	
) )	
Plaintiff, )	
) )	
vs. )	<b>SUMMONS</b>
) )	
Willa Castle, )	
) )	
_____ Defendant. )	Case No.: 2024-CP-40-00086

**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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## Life Scout from Yonkers Raises Money to Build Little Free Libraries for Eagle Scout Project-Troop 19-Tuckahoe



Nina Khrapunova

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By Dan Murphy

Yonkers resident and Life Scout Nina Khrapunova has created a GoFundMe page to help raise funds for her Eagle Scout Project, which is to build three 'Little Free Libraries' in her community. Nina writes, "I am a Life Scout in the BSA and an active member in Troop 19 Tuckahoe, in which I am currently the Outdoor Ethics Guide. I have been involved in Scouting since the beginning of 2019, when the first girls' BSA Troop was founded in Westchester County. I have created timeless memories and countless friends through Scouts, my favorite of which being those at my job at the Curtis S Read Scout Reservation in upstate New York.

"As my scouting journey nears the end, I have started to look towards becoming an Eagle Scout. Only 6% of all Scouts achieve this Rank, and only 2.5% of those are women. Like any Life Scout who aspired to achieve the Rank of Eagle, I am currently working on my very own Eagle Project.

"For my Eagle Project, I will build three free-standing "take a book, leave a book," libraries, located at playgrounds throughout Yonkers, NY, namely Kardash Park, H. Boo Wilson Park, and Welty Park. I am personally a very avid reader and know of many people, especially young children, who are as well but just don't get the opportunity. I believe that these libraries will be a great boon to the community and will be very helpful to the children who frequent these playgrounds. "My goal is to raise \$ 1,000 in order to cover project costs and make it possible for these libraries to exist for a long time. Your donation will help me tremendously in order to make this project possible. And, if you are unable to donate, sharing this fundraiser further, to spread the word would be of great help," writes Nina, whose GoFundMe page can be found at

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/eagle-scout-project-take-one-leave-one-libraries>.

The Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota. Our mission is to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Library book-exchange boxes.

"Our vision is a Little Free Library in every community and a book for every reader. We believe all people are empowered when the opportunity to discover a personally relevant book to read is not limited by time, space, or privilege," writes Little Free Library on their website, [littlefreelibrary.org](http://littlefreelibrary.org).

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