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Congratulations Yonkers Middle-High School Valedictorian & Salutatorian



Yonkers Middle High School Valedictorian Katie Molina-Salazar, right and Salutatorian Penelope Cloonan, left

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Yonkers Middle-High School Valedictorian Katie Molina-Salazar, and Salutatorian Penelope Cloonan. Katie Molina-Salazar will graduate with an exceptional 103.48 GPA, earning the distinguished honor of possessing the highest weighted grade point average among the entire 12th-grade graduating class of Yonkers Public Schools. *continued on pg 12-*

Yonkers Students Win Awards in the Old Croton Aqueduct Essay Contest



First place essay contest winner Shennaiya Rose (Lincoln High School), with her teacher Ms. Sunitha Howard at Lincoln High School. The school also won \$500

Thirty-nine students from six Yonkers high schools entered the 2nd Annual Old Croton Aqueduct Essay Competition for 2024. A panel of seven local judges included a published author, a poet and radio show host, plus board members of the Friends. *continued on pg 6-*

Yonkers is Proud! Mary J. Blige to Be Inducted Into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame



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Mayor Spano Announces Rescue Plan to Save Nepperhan Community Center



By Dan Murphy

"The Nepperhan Community Center will remain an important resource to our city."
-Mayor Mike Spano

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On April 18, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the restructuring of the Nepperhan Community Center on 342 Warburton Avenue. "The Nepperhan Community Center is and will remain an important resource to our City," said Mayor Spano. "My commitment is to keep it operating for the tradition it provides and for the benefit of the people in our community."

Spurred on by the Obama Foundation's revocation of its accreditation and the revocation of its tax-exempt status by the IRS, Mayor Spano and the Yonkers City Council asked the Yonkers Inspector General to investigate. The re- *continued on pg 13-*

Revolutionary Yonkers 250 Committee Launched



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano was joined by members of the Revolutionary Yonkers 250 Committee, Majority Leader John Rubbo, Minority Leader Mike Breen, and Mayor's Liaison Dwanita Crosby. Photo by Joseph Panella/City of Yonkers

Mayor Mike Spano announced the formation of the Revolutionary Yonkers 250 Committee, a group of civic leaders, historians, educators, and residents who will collaboratively plan, and coordinate events and activities leading up to July 2026, the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

The committee is an integral part of the broader Revolutionary Westchester 250 initiative, which seeks to raise awareness and generate excitement about the events, locations, ideas, and individuals associated with the Revolutionary War era in Westchester County.

"Yonkers played a pivotal role in the fight for independence and democracy within our nation," stated Mayor Spano. "The Revolutionary Yonkers 250 Committee will pay tribute to the legacy of our city's patriots, heroes, and visionaries who profoundly shaped our history and continue to inspire our future."

The committee's key objectives include:

- Ø Showcasing Yonkers' Rich History: Working closely with local and regional partners, the committee will highlight Yonkers' diverse cultural heritage and historical significance.

- Ø Event Organization and Promotion: Throughout 2024 and 2025, the committee will host a series of events, leading up to the main celebration in 2026. These events will encompass historical tours, lectures, reenactments, exhibitions, concerts, festivals, parades, and fireworks.

- Ø Educating the Public: The committee aims to engage and educate the public about the profound impact and relevance of the American Revolution in Yonkers and beyond.

The 13-member Revolutionary Yonkers 250 Committee includes:

- Mary Calvi, Yonkers First Lady – Honorary Chair
 - Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian – Chair
 - Steve Sansone, Commissioner of Yonkers Parks Department – Co-Chair
- Additional committee members are:

- Loren Chaidez: President of the Yonkers Historical Society.
- Tom Daly: Retired judge, Revolutionary War re-enactor, and devoted

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Philipse Manor Hall Hosts Historian Lavanda Nahon for Black History Talk



Lavanda Nahon

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are pleased to host a Lavanda Nahon, Interpreter of African American History for New York State Parks, for a virtual talk “Opening the Way: New Research and Other Items in New York’s Black Colonial History,” on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. on WebEx.

In “Opening the Way,” Nahon reveals the significant advancements made in the last few years in both research into the early years of slavery in New York and the sharing of information between organizations and across disciplines. In addition to document- and object-based research, a growing wave of information long held within archaeological collections and research is now finding its way into the larger narrative, bringing the presence of African cultural traditions to the fore as never before. This exciting combination of new information and reevaluating existing research takes the history of slavery in New York forward as we move toward 2027 and the commemoration of both the arrival of the first men enslaved in New Netherland/New York (1627) and the legal end of slavery in New York (1827).

Lavanda Nahon is the Interpreter of African American History for NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, Bureau of Historic Sites. She is also a cultural and culinary historian focused on New Netherland/New York, with emphasis on the 17th through 19th centuries, and enslaved and free Black history with 30 years public history experience. Tickets for this virtual program are free. Register at <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/lecture-opening-the-way>

“Opening the Way: New Research and Other Items in New York’s Black Colonial History” coincides with Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site’s Pinkster Festival, which will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more information on this historic Afro-Dutch celebration, visit <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/pinkster-festival-2024>

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enthusiast of Yonkers history.

- Ken Davis: Retired Yonkers Police detective, history researcher, historian for Yonkers’ James H. Farrell Lodge #34, as well as an artist and photographer.

- Mary Dillard: Avid historian, currently serving as a professor at Sarah Lawrence College with a specialization in African History. She is the former Director of Sarah Lawrence’s Graduate Women’s History Program and a member of the Yonkers Human Rights Commission.

- Matthew Gonzales: Yonkers Public Schools Executive Director of Social Studies and Sciences.

- Michael Lord: Site Manager of Philipse Manor Hall.

- Danielle Pizzola: Program Director at St. Joseph’s Seminary and College.

- Mark Silverblatt: Vice President of the Yonkers Historical Society, Vice President of the Westchester Historical Society, member of the Landmarks Preservation Board, retired lawyer, and author.

- Theresa Smith: Member of the New York State Association for the Study of African American Life and History.

- Wilson Terrero: Renowned as the leader of Yonkers’ Hispanic Community.

Mayor Spano extends an invitation to all Yonkers residents and visitors to actively participate in the Revolutionary Yonkers 250 Committee’s celebrations, as the City honors its proud past and embraces its bright future.

On July 4, 2026, the United States of America marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence and the birth of the nation.

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins Leads Passage of State Budget



By State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins

Under the leadership of Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, the New York State Senate passed a state budget Saturday for the 2024-25 fiscal year which keeps key promises to New Yorkers on important topics including education, infrastructure, and housing.

The budget reflects Sen. Stewart-Cousins’ commitment to hard working New York families, children and seniors, tackling pressing issues from affordability to health care, and advancing Sen. Stewart-Cousins’ vision for a fairer, more prosperous New York for all.

“I am proud of this state budget, which prioritizes the needs of working families and invests in critical areas such as affordability, education, housing, health-care and the environment. Together, we have enacted a budget which delivers real progress for New Yorkers,” Sen. Stewart-Cousins said. “I thank my Senate colleagues, Speaker Heastie and our legislative partners in the Assembly, and Governor Kathy Hochul for their collaboration and dedication to this crucial process.”

The FY 2025 budget continues the state’s commitment to our public schools by ensuring no cuts to school funding and rejecting proposed changes to Foundation Aid. The budget provides an additional \$100 million for Universal Pre-K and more than \$120 million for SUNY colleges and universities. It will also expand the Tuition Assistance Program by more than \$50 million while increasing the household income threshold for the first time since 2000.

“A solid education is the key to a long and productive career. Continuing to fully fund Foundation Aid is crucial to fulfilling our commitment to New York families who demand a quality education for their children,” Sen. Stewart-Cousins said. “Through this budget, we kept that promise and expanded access to Universal Pre-K and to higher education, to help more New Yorkers meet their education goals.”

For the first time in more than a decade, the FY 2025 budget increases Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) funding, providing an additional \$50 million for a total of \$765.2 million to help municipalities fund crucial local infrastructure projects.

“This budget makes smart investments in our roads, bridges, sewer systems and other infrastructure that get us where we need to go,” Sen. Stewart-Cousins said. “It includes record support for infrastructure, including an extra \$60 million for CHIPS, for a total of nearly \$600 million and additional \$10 million in additional funds Upstate public transit funding.”

Amidst the ongoing housing crisis, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins secured a transformative housing deal aimed at addressing both affordability and supply issues plaguing the current market. This historic deal includes a comprehensive set of measures to protect tenants, support homeowners, and incentivize the creation of affordable housing across the state.

“Ensuring affordable housing is essential for renters to build their lives with security in our state. This deal provides crucial protections against unfair hikes and evictions,” said Sen. Stewart-Cousins.

For homeowners, the FY 2025 budget offers vital safeguards against foreclosure, addresses the crime of deed theft, and codifies the distinction between tenants and squatters to make prosecution easier, securing their homes and futures.

“We cannot expect people to make their lives from start to finish in our great *continued on pg 15-*



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Personalized Education Plans: Empowering Students with Autism



Mike Khader

By Mike Khader

As a parent, I've walked the intricate path of navigating my son's journey with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). In this journey, one beacon of hope has been the implementation of the Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). These plans have not only shaped my son's educational trajectory but have also empowered him to navigate the challenges of ASD with confidence and resilience.

When I asked my son what his IEP means to him, his response was profound. He described it as his 'way to be a success,' a sentiment that has a transformative impact on his educational journey. This insight highlights the significance of personalized education plans in fostering a sense of collaboration and empowerment among students, teachers and parents that work with autism.

As we commemorate Autism Awareness Month, it's imperative that we reaffirm our commitment to creating an inclusive and supportive environment for individuals on the autism spectrum. IEPs, play a pivotal role in achieving this goal. By tailoring learning strategies and accommodations to suit the unique needs of each student, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

In the most basic description an IEP is a contract that provides students with disabilities a FREE, APPROPRIATE, PUBLIC EDUCATION (FAPE) that emphasizes special education and related services DESIGNED TO MEET THEIR UNIQUE NEEDS and prepare them for further education, employment and independent living.

Many times parents are unaware of the significance of the IEP and the Federal and State Laws that protect children. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, (IDEA), allows for the child the absolute right to be evaluated, at public expense, to determine eligibility for special education, The right of parents to participate in the development of the IEP along with members of the school districts members of the Committee for Special Education (CSE). Parents have the right to contest an IEP or the decisions made by the CSE

Autism Spectrum Disorder presents a diverse array of challenges, ranging from cognitive and social difficulties to sensory sensitivities. It's crucial that our educational approach acknowledges and addresses these challenges in a holistic individual manner. Effective IEPs encompass assessment-driven objectives, interdisciplinary collaboration among specialists, environmental adjustments, social integration techniques, and continuous evaluation and flexibility. These key elements ensure that the educational experience is tailored to meet the individual needs of students with autism.

New York State Education Law and binding regulations of the Commissioner of Education are laws that must be enforced. I urge parents to familiarize themselves with these laws and regulations to protect their child.

Moreover, it's essential to recognize the legal framework that underpins the implementation of IEPs. IDEA ensures that children with disabilities, including autism, receive FAPE in the least restrictive environment possible. This legal framework emphasizes the importance of personalized educational approaches in fostering academic and social success among students with autism.

As we strive to create a more inclusive educational landscape, it's crucial to consider global perspectives and cultural considerations. Exploring how different countries and cultures address the educational needs of individuals with autism provides valuable insights into effective practices and approaches.

Real-world success stories serve as a testament to the transformative impact of personalized education plans. These stories not only inspire but also offer practical guidance for parents, educators, and policymakers. By sharing these narratives, we can amplify the voices of individuals with autism and advocate for a more inclusive and supportive educational system.

Parents must be proactive participants in personalized education plans because it empowers parents and uplifts students with autism that allows them to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. As we continue to commemorate Autism Awareness Month and beyond, let's reaffirm our commitment to creating a more inclusive and supportive world for individuals on the autism spectrum. Through personalized education plans and unwavering support, we can ensure that every child has the opportunity to reach their fullest potential.

Mike Khader served as Yonkers City Council President from 2017-2021.

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Some Advice for Yonkers New Schools Chief



By Eric Wolf Schoen

May 1 will be a day that Yonkers has not experienced since the 1990's. A new Superintendent of Schools will take the helm running the 24,000 plus student district. His name is Mr. Anibal Soler, Jr. To borrow a question from the Passover Seder, you ask 'Why is this Superintendent different from other Yonkers Public School Superintendents?' The answer? This is the first Superintendent of the Yonkers Public Schools who was appointed from outside the district since the 1990's.


We welcome Anibal Soler to Yonkers and wish him nothing but the best. As the official weekly paper for Yonkers under the leadership of Editor Dan Murphy, rest assured this paper will do the superb job covering the district that school staff, parents, students and the community rely on to know what is going on.

The daily paper for Yonkers, the Journal News won't give you stories about the Valedictorian and Salutatorian from each of our high schools you get here. News 12, the cable television station broadcasting news does give you more YPS content, but their format is more regional. Your communications team must daily provide News 12, the Journal News and this newspaper with information about the exciting plans you have for Yonkers as well as school based events going on including everything from Flag Day to Thanksgiving celebrations and everything in between. We like to showcase the positive as long as we know about it.

I particularly want you to succeed. My grandmother graduated from Yonkers High School when it was on South Broadway in 1918. My mother graduated from the South Broadway building, my sister graduated from Yonkers High School when it was in the current Enrico Fermi Building, and I was a student in the first class to spend a full 4 years in the Yonkers High School building at its current location graduating in 1978. The Schoen-Roth families received excellent education in Yonkers Public Schools, and the diversity of the student body made our learning experiences richer.

After a career with the New York City Board of Education, Yonkers City Hall and various Yonkers agencies, I was called on to serve the District as Press Secretary for 10 years. I walked in with not only a good knowledge of the district but worked for Joe Farmer, my High School Principal and with

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Latimer Questions Bowman's No Votes Against Israel and On Stopping Fentanyl



George Latimer

Congressman Jamaal Bowman

On April 21, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a \$95 billion package of bi-partisan foreign aid bills that provide supplemental appropriations for defense assistance to allies and partners in need. Westchester Congressman Jamaal Bowman voted against two priorities supported by President Biden, voting no on the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act providing support to Israel, humanitarian aid to Gaza, as well as the 21st Century Peace through Strength Act.

Rep. Bowman also voted no on a resolution condemning Iran's recent attacks against Israel. Bowman's opponent in the June democratic primary, Congressional candidate and Westchester County Executive George Latimer said Bowman voted "with MAGA extremists" on one bill.

"Today, the US took a crucial step to advance a global security package, sending a clear message to our allies in the fight against terror and international drug cartels that we stand with them and will support them in their time of need."

"Our current representative, Jamaal Bowman, wrongly stood against over 80% of Congressional Democrats and President Biden, voting no on two of four critical bills. I am running for this seat because we – and our allies around the world – deserve better."

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Submitted by Ellie Zhong on behalf of NY Propel Energy

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Our electric transmission system is essential infrastructure that is relied upon 24/7 and is the underpinning of our economy and environment. Yet, major reconstruction of large parts of New York's transmission grid has not occurred in more than 50 years. With demands for electricity ever increasing and the transition to cleaner energy sources a priority, the state's grid operator – the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO) – is at the forefront of ensuring supply is ready for the demand and that electricity can be efficiently and cost-effectively delivered to homes and businesses throughout the state. What does this mean in our local towns, cities and neighborhoods? Upgrades, modernization, and new electric transmission facilities are needed to ensure we have reliable power flowing when consumers need it.

In 2023, the NYISO selected the New York Power Authority and New York Transco to deliver Propel NY Energy (Propel NY), a project that will install nearly 90 miles of new transmission to improve system reliability, and address the expanding needs of energy consumers now, and far into the future.

Meeting the Energy Needs of our Regions

Propel NY is an underground and submarine transmission project through parts of Westchester, the Bronx, Queens, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties. When completed, Propel NY will improve system operability, expandability, and transfer load carrying capability where it is needed most. The project is engineered to create a 345kV backbone to improve reliability and resiliency, allowing for increased flows of clean power.

With the project's transmission line being entirely underground and/or submarine, it serves a critical role in an era of climate change in areas historically battered by hurricanes, tropical storms, and nor'easters. Propel NY significantly strengthens the electric grid, making key transmission resources far less vulnerable to the increased cycles of severe weather, while also relieving bottlenecks currently confronting existing transmission lines that prevent efficient and effective power to flow where it is needed and when it is required.

The project has been strategically designed, keeping both environmental and local community considerations a top priority. From concepts on paper to our anticipated May 2030 power flow, Propel NY's effort will span nine years of rigorous environmental, engineering, construction development and refinement, regulatory review, community input, and regular communication to make it successful.

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The heart and soul of Propel NY is embodied by the engineering that makes our region world renowned. New York has always led the way in innovation and engineering success – from the Empire State Building to the 1881 lighting of 51 blocks in Manhattan with electric streetlights. One might wonder what our electrical pioneers Thomas Edison, George Westinghouse, or Nikola Tesla would think of today's Propel NY Energy project. Surely, they would be proud that early electrical engineering discoveries are being further leveraged and improved upon to strengthen a vital, dynamic energy highway that will ensure a reliable, resilient grid across New York State.

A Project Priority - Community Education and Engagement

As we advance into various phases of the project, ensuring our community is educated about and engaged is just as important as engineering the right solution. Propel NY is focused on connecting with residents, businesses, and organizations along the proposed project route. We prioritize respecting the quality of life for all those who may be touched by its construction, making sure local leaders and their residents have information, can ask questions, and can affect the outcomes of the project to best incorporate community priorities. We hope you'll join us at Westchester open houses to learn more about Propel NY – 5/2 in New Rochelle, 5/7 in Yonkers and 5/9 via Zoom; visit PropelNYEnergy.com for more information and to register.

About New York Power Authority (NYPA)

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About New York Transco (NYT)

New York Transco is a New York-based owner and developer of bulk power transmission facilities in New York State. Our mission is to safely and efficiently deliver innovative electric transmission solutions that advance clean energy to best serve customers, communities, and the environment. We have many assets in operation and several projects in various stages of construction and development. Our efforts are focused on improving the long-term viability of New York's transmission infrastructure, reducing network congestion, and advancing the State's public policy objectives which include increasing the amount of renewables and promoting economic development.

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Early 20th century postcards of the Carnegie Library, which was torn down

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 Untermeyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, April 29th

April 29, 1942. Yonkers National Defense Vocational Training courses opened to women! Because of the dwindling number of men available to work at "attack plants," Defense Training Coordinator Dr. Lawrence Ashley announced the school would be opened to women; three hundred women registered for training the first day. Twelve interviewers spoke to each enrollee, registering them for the ten-week-course. Women were assured of defense industry jobs at Eastern Aircraft, where the expected workforce of 4,000 would be 80% female. Other area companies where the women could do defense work were Alexander Smith Carpet, Habirshaw Cable and Wire, Otis Elevator and Anaconda Wire and Cable Companies.

April 29, 1943: The Yonkers Railroad Company hired its first African American trolley operator; Walter Wilson of Touissant Avenue was to be trained to work on the Park Avenue line.

Tuesday, April 30th

April 30, 1933: Welfare Commissioner Nicholas Ebbitt announced Yonkers' quota for the Citizens' Conservation Corps, created by the Federal Government as unemployment relief while aiding in national reforestation, was 305 people.

April 30, 1937: Aristotle Pharasles, manager of the Park Hill and the Broadway Theaters, announced he asked the theater owner stop showing German-made films weekends at the Broadway Theater. Several Yonkers groups and the American League Against War and Fascism protested the showings, stating the films were an insult to the people of Yonkers, people who were opposed to Nazi government activities.

Wednesday, May 1st

May 1, 1854: The Yonkers Library Association opened in the Wheeler Block to give young men of Yonkers the opportunity for mutual improvement and association.

May 1, 1939: Several Park Hill property owners were surprised to learn a deed for the former Valle Mansion on Park Hill Avenue in Lowerre Summit was filed with County Clerk Harold Mercer; this confirmed the rumor the mansion would be used as a "heaven," or a residence for Father Divine's followers. Some neighbors were upset, but soon-to-be next door neighbor Maurice

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Notice of formation of MYLILWRKSHOP.COM, LLC. Arts. of Org. Filed with NY Secy. Of State on 3/6/2024. Office located in Yonkers, NY. Hector Jimenez has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC, 237 Roberts avenue, Yonkers NY 10703, principal business location of the LLC, purpose: any lawful business 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 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.

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

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The winning students are:

First Prize: Shennaiya Rose (Lincoln High School), "Mr. J and the Croton Aqueduct"

Second Prize: Taylor-Rae Smith (Lincoln High School), "Camp Aqueduct"

Third Prize: Francheska Cortes (Sacred Heart High School), "Clarity by the Wind"

Additional Recognition: Chiwendu Matthew (Riverside High School), "The Year 1832.

Their essays will soon be published at www.aqueduct.org.

Each contestant earned the judges' praise for creativity! Students at Gorton, Barack Obama School for Social Justice and Yonkers Middle High School used Aqueduct history to tell stories that were funny, scary, reflective and fun to read.

In addition to a monetary prize for each essay winner and their school, awardees will earn a free trip for their class to the Croton Dam or the Ossining Weir, where students can descend through rock blasted with primitive gunpowder into the tunnel itself.

Dynamite was not invented until 1867; the aqueduct tunnel was finished in 1842. Many Irish immigrants who built the tunnel stayed in Westchester for the rest of their lives. Several writers captured this important history with vivid pieces about Irish ancestors, lost diaries and ghostly crypt encounters.

The Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park is a linear, 26-mile-long trail in Westchester County, New York. From the Croton Dam to The Bronx, the trail passes through twelve towns of distinct character. People say that one walks back in time as the Aqueduct leads north and away from New York City. It is a byway beloved by locals and day-trippers.

More than seven miles of trail wind through Yonkers, with scenic views of the Palisades cliffs, Tibbetts Brook Park and the late Victorian architecture of the city. The trail also gives easy access to the award-winning, daylighted downtown Saw Mill River Park.

The Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct, at www.aqueduct.org, is a non-profit volunteer organization formed to protect and preserve the Old Croton Aqueduct in both Westchester County and New York City.

**LEGAL NOTICE
YONKERS MUNICIPAL CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION**

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

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

Notice of formation of D & E Guest Reality Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/15/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, D & E Guest Reality Management LLC, 79-81 Main Street, P.O. Box 1100, Yonkers, NY 10702. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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TRUSTEES NOTICE TO BENEFICIARY MARIE K. (GEORGETTE) MOORE

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

Letter to the Editor:

Passover and Easter are Connected by God's Deliverance

In this area we have a long break for Easter and Passover. Usually Passover is in the same week as Easter, a few days before or a few days after. But because our calendar is based on the phases of the moon and the Hebrew calendar is lunisolar (based on both moon and sun cycles), sometimes they don't sync. Our calendar adds a day every four years, the Hebrew calendar adds a leap month every two to three years to keep the calendar in sync with the astronomical seasons and to keep the major holidays at the same time of year.

Whatever the distance between the celebrations, the core values of Passover and Easter (more accurately, Resurrection day), are spiritually linked. Passover is an eight day celebration remembering the deliverance of the children of Israel from 400 years of slavery in Egypt. When the sons of Israel first moved to Egypt during a worldwide famine, they started off as honored guests, the family of Joseph. Joseph's brothers had sold him into slavery but he did his job as though he were doing it for God and had become second in command behind Pharaoh. But when a new administration came in, jealousy and the love of power and money led the Egyptian to make the children of Israel slaves until Moses (almost murdered at birth by Pharaoh's order) rose up to deliver them. (Read the book of Exodus.) This record not only inspired conductors on the Underground railroad such as Harriet Tubman, whose code name was Moses, but several of the spirituals that sang out information and instructions for those escaping slavery in the American South.

Joseph's life showed that with God, one could prosper and deliver others, even though he was legally a slave.

Jesus Christ changed the world, even though he lived in a country with a corrupt and unbelieving religious hierarchy, who had forgotten God's deliverance and who were as hard on their people as the pagan Romans that occupied their country. Jesus Christ taught men and women how to be free regardless of their circumstances.

In the first Epistle to the Corinthians, the Apostle Paul tells Christians that "Jesus Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." Christians do not celebrate Passover, but communion as a memorial commemorating Christ's fully accomplished deliverance from the consequences of Adam's sin and for our healing. (1 Peter 2:24 (KJV) Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes we were healed.)

The religious authorities of Christ's time were legalistic, harshly enforcing the letter of law that no man except Jesus Christ could live up to. But they displayed no power of God. Caught in their legalism and lust for power, neither could they bring loving deliverance. They wanted to stone a woman accused of adultery. Jesus Christ showed her how to change.

Because of Christ's perfect fulfillment of the Old Testament law, Christians no longer have to struggle to obey the extensive details of the Old Testament law—he did it for them once and for all.

So, what slavery do we need to be delivered from today? Story after story in print and other media notes high rates of depression, fear, mental illness, including gender dysphoria and confusion brought on and exacerbated by the systems and ideologies of the world. Church attendance is down as churches more and more conform to the world around them, rather than teaching the Word of God with power. But there are answers. God does not change, but when people forsake Him, the fountain of living waters and hew out for themselves broken cisterns (or more accurately in many cases, septic tanks) that can hold no water, they are enslaved. The imagery emphasizes the constant life giving refreshment of God's eternal principles versus the unreliable and destructive systems of the world that bring at best illusion or short term results, but ultimately weakness and destruction.

So, let's not diminish the deliverance from political and economic slavery that Passover celebrates to rote words and rituals, nor the price paid by Jesus Christ who that year was the Passover lamb, but seek the day to day application that will deliver us from the confusion and fear and oppression of the world. The truths of Passover: look to God for deliverance from what seems overwhelming and impossible, continue in simpler memorial and remembrance, the communion ceremony of bread and wine instituted by the Lamb of God. There is deliverance in communion when one believes what it means: shed blood to pay for sins and broken body for physical, emotional and mental healing. Whichever holyday you celebrate, claim that healing and deliverance.

Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

Former NCC Board Members Comment on "The Fall of Nepperhan Community Center"

We received the following statement from the former Board members of the Nepperhan Community Center:

With this press release, we (former board members of Nepperhan Community Center, Inc.) regret to inform the Yonkers community that Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. is presently defunct. In other words, Nepperhan Community Center, Inc., technically still exists as a nonprofit; however, it is hopelessly in debt, has no assets, has no income and no longer has a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status.

A brief History of Nepperhan Community Center, Inc.

Historically, the "Nepperhan" section of Yonkers was a community of homeowners who were predominantly of African descent; today, that community is now known as "Runyon Heights". At some point, around 1918, the Nepperhan community of homeowners established a "Nepperhan Community Center" to provide services for children and families in the Yonkers black community. In 1942, those same group of homeowners formed an organization known as Nepperhan Community Center, Inc.

Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. was incorporated as a New York State Not-For Profit corporation. It was registered as a charity with the NYS attorney general and it obtained 501(c)(3) tax exempt status from the IRS.

Some time during the 1980's Mayor Angelo Martinelli authorized Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. to lease, occupy and operate one of the City of Yonkers buildings known as 342 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, NY (formerly an A&P supermarket, but presently known as "The Nepperhan Community Center"). The director of Nepperhan Community Center, Inc., at that time, was Mary Gaines.

Some time in the late 1990's, Mary Gaines began to prepare James Bostic (also known as Jim Bostic) to be her successor as the director of Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. And, in the early 2000's Jim Bostic took over as director of Nepperhan Community Center, Inc.

During the tenure of Jim Bostic as the director of Nepperhan Community Center, Inc., the organization reached great milestones. There was mid-night basketball, after-school programs, football programs, a choir, karate, counseling, tutoring, homework help, a computer center (to name a few); and the Nepperhan Community Center made available for a host of community events and celebrations- including the annual Dr. Martin Luther King Day celebration.

Martin Luther King Day celebration.

During his time as the corporate director, Jim Bostic secured millions of dollars in grant funding for the agency and made the corporation one of the largest single employers of Yonkers residents. However, the corporation also endured tough financial times under the leadership of Jim Bostic -when there was not enough cash flow even to meet ongoing expenses.

The Fall of Nepperhan Community Center Inc.

In the beginning of 2020, the board of directors for Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. learned that the organization had incurred great debt in excess of a million dollars. As best the board of directors could determine, Jim Bostic and his financial office- George Devins had mismanaged the organization's largest grant; and, as a result of that mismanagement of grant funding, the corporation's largest grant was substantially reduced by millions of dollars; however, Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. was still required to meet the goals of that large grant funding.

After that, Jim Bostic incurred enormous debts for the corporation, while attempting to meet the substantial programmatic goals of the agency's largest grant. And, shortly thereafter, the covid-19 pandemic occurred and many other funding sources for Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. were suspended during this time (which was also the case for most other nonprofits during this time).

The board of directors, as constituted at that time, expressed extreme displeasure at finding out, after the fact, how bad Nepperhan Community Center, Inc.'s finances really were. The board of directors attempted to conduct an informal audit of corporate finances - while giving Jim Bostic a chance to try and eliminate the organization's great debt. However, in 2021, the board of directors, concluded that there would be no realistic way to recover from the overwhelming financial debt incurred by Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. under the tenure of Jim Bostic. Accordingly, the board voted to terminate Jim Bostic as the organization's director - forcing him to retire.

After Jim Bostic was ousted from the organization, the board of directors discovered that Nepperhan Community Center, Inc.'s finances were much worse than Jim Bostic previously revealed. For example, after Jim Bostic retired, the board of directors discovered that the organization was indebted to the City of Yonkers, in excess of \$100,000.00 for unpaid electric bills; and, the organization was indebted to a laundry list of creditors - many of whom were former employees.

Financially destroyed, in the aftermath of Jim Bostic and the Covid-19 pandemic, the organization could not even generate sufficient income to cover the cost of keeping open the doors of the Nepperhan Community Center. This led to corporate debt rising even higher. Attempting to make a plan to save the Nepperhan Community Center (the building) as a resource for the community, the board of directors consulted with a variety of experts. After those consultations, the board of directors concluded that the only real option was to abandon Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. and form a new nonprofit to continue serving the community.

How Did the Board of Directors Allow this to Happen? One of the main functions of a board of directors of a nonprofit corporation is to oversee corporate officers who manage the day-to-day activities of the organization. At all times, the board of directors held quarterly meetings and even additional special/emergency meetings when appropriate. At all times the board of directors listened to updates from its director Jim Bostic and his financial officer, George Devins. At all times Jim Bostic and George Devins presented the board of directors with corporate financial reports tending to show that the organization was solvent - until suddenly, one day, the board received a report from Jim Bostic and George Devins demonstrating that the corporation was indebted to creditors in excess of one million dollars. At no time did the board of directors discover how bad the corporate finances really were until it was too late to do anything about it.

Who were the Board of Directors for Nepperhan Community Center, Inc.? At all times, the board of directors was properly constituted with 5-10 volunteer directors from the Yonkers community. In any given year, just like many other board of directors, Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. would be populated with some old members and some new members. Over the years, in any given year, board members may have resigned for various reasons, while other board members were added to make sure the board of directors remained properly constituted. *continued on pg 15-*

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Field & Fork Network Incentive Improves Food Security in Yonkers



Mayor Mike Spano, County Executive George Latimer and County Legislator David Tubiolo, Councilman John Rubbo with ACME & Field & Fork Representatives

Double Up Food Bucks NY launches at ACME Markets making fresh produce more affordable

Field & Fork Network is pleased to announce the launch of Double Up Food Bucks NY at ACME Markets at 660 McLean Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704. This is the first grocery store to offer Double Up Food Bucks NY in Westchester County. Double Up Food Bucks NY, a nutrition incentive program, increases food security and improves nutrition security by offering SNAP shoppers a \$1 for \$1 match on purchases of fresh fruits and vegetables, up to \$5 per day at this and other large grocery locations. Field & Fork Network worked closely with Westchester County, The City of Yonkers, The United Way of Westchester and Putnam, and Feeding Westchester to identify a retail store location that would have the greatest benefit for residents. These partnerships have been integral to ensuring the availability and impact of the program.

ACME Markets presented an opportunity to enhance fresh produce accessibility for local residents with the implementation of an innovative solution for offering Double Up Food Bucks at the store. SNAP shoppers will now automatically receive a \$5 Double Up Food Bucks coupon every time they purchase at least \$5.00 of fresh fruits and vegetables with their EBT card (electronic benefits transfer, where SNAP funds are stored).

This automated solution makes the program accessible for all SNAP shoppers, reducing barriers and increasing the overall equity and reach of the program to help benefit more members of the community. To receive the automated coupon, shoppers must simply have an ACME Markets loyalty card and use SNAP benefits at the register when purchasing fresh fruits and vegetables.

How the Program Works:

- When customers spend \$5 or more on fresh produce using their SNAP card, they will receive a \$5 dollar coupon that can be redeemed for any eligible Double Up Food Bucks eligible item (fresh and minimally processed fruits and vegetables).
- Coupons are printed at the bottom of the receipt.
- Customers can earn up to \$5/day at this location. Coupons may be saved over multiple purchases to use on future transactions. You can stack coupons and use them all at once.
- Customers must have an ACME Market loyalty account to participate.
- Double Up Food Bucks coupons expire after 60 days, allowing the program to work flexibly and meet individual needs.

ACME Markets is located at 660 McLean Ave in Yonkers, NY. The store is open Monday-Sunday from 6am-11pm. To learn more, visit: www.doubleupnys.com.

“We are thrilled to be working with ACME Markets to bring Double Up Food Bucks to the Yonkers community. By having our program available in grocery stores, we are able to reach many more SNAP shoppers, making healthy foods more affordable and accessible,” said Lisa French, Co-Founder and CEO of Field & Fork Network.

“ACME is honored to amplify this program in our stores,” states Dana Ward, Director of Communications & Public Affairs for the Mid-Atlantic Division. “Double Up Food Bucks allows us to better service our customers and honor their healthy purchases. We are grateful for our partnership with Field and Fork for allowing us to help make healthy foods more affordable.”

YPO’s Young Artist Concert-Free

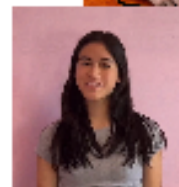
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Come celebrate the 5 winners of the Yonkers Philharmonic Concerto Competition. May 5, 2024, at 3 pm at Saunders Trades and Technical High School. It's FREE and you'll enjoy the extraordinary performances of these high school students as they perform with the orchestra.

YPO will kick off the concert with Rossini's Thieving Magpie Overture.

Flutist, Michael Stoica, makes a triumph return as the first-place winner. He'll perform Georges Hue's Fantasie for Flute. Mayor Mike Spano sponsored the first-place prize of \$1000 this year.

Second place winner, Evan Lee, will perform a movement from Anton Dvorak's Cello Concerto in B minor. Pianist, Simona Heifetz, will perform a selection from Franz Liszt's Piano Concerto No. 1. Fourth place winner, Madeline Margulis-Ohnuma, will perform part of Camille Saint-Saens' Cello Concerto in A Minor. Rounding out the concert will be fifth place winner, James Liu and Ralph Vaughan Williams' Concerto for Bass Tuba. How often do you have the opportunity to hear a tuba concerto?

We look forward to seeing you at the concert which is made possible by a Community Development Block Grant from the City of Yonkers.

FREE CONCERT INFORMATION 45th Annual Young Artists Concerto Competition Concert with the Yonkers Philharmonic Sunday May 5, 2024 at 3pm Saunders Trades and Technical High School, 183 Palmer Road, Yonkers NY Visit www.yonkersphilharmonic.com for more information.

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Arc Raises More than \$450,000 Honoring Civil Rights Activist and Other Advocates



From left: Fran Higgins, Deputy Executive Director, The Arc Westchester Foundation; Ann Nehrbauer, Lifetime Advocate Award recipient and Tibi Guzman, CEO, The Arc Westchester.

The Arc Westchester Foundation, dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, hosted its annual gala, "A Matter of Taste," on April 10th at the beautiful Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle. This was the 18th year for this popular event, which brought together more than 20 area restaurants for a spectacular culinary evening for over 360 attendees. The event was a huge success, raising more than \$450,000 for The Foundation. 2024 also marked the 75th Anniversary of The Arc Westchester. This year The Arc Westchester Foundation honored New York-Presbyterian Westchester Behavioral Health with the The Corporate Partner Award, The Glucksman Lieber Family with the The Family Partner Award and Ann Nehrbauer with The Lifetime Advocate Award.

Nehrbauer, who is 95 years old, and was instrumental in the landmark lawsuit that ultimately led to the shuttering of Willowbrook State School, a facility in which people with developmental disabilities were subjected to poor treatment and inhumane living conditions for decades. Ann's disabled son spent 16 years as a resident at Willowbrook. Upon seeing the horrid situation there, she and her husband began a lifelong advocacy effort that ultimately helped bring about a historic civil rights lawsuit to close down Willowbrook and bring about positive change.

Opening Day for Yonkers Little League



City Councilman Anthony Merante helped celebrate the opening day ceremonies for the Bryn Mawr Boys and Girls Club.

Bryn Mawr Boys & Girls Club is a Yonkers youth sports organization. It offers Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Basketball and Flag Football throughout each year. They strive to provide a fun and safe environment for kids to learn sports. Congratulations to the club as it's celebrating 65 years of serving our Bryn Mawr Community. Play Ball!

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Principals and Central Office administrators many of whom were my teachers in High School. I started as a columnist for the Rising Media Group newspapers covering Westchester and in particular Yonkers the week after I retired.

Bottom line is that my background to write this particular column is a lot different than a cub reporter writing on his first day on the job. My news colleagues upstate spoke well of you, as did my educational colleagues who are familiar with your work.

I won't mention his name, but let's just say the last Superintendent appointed from outside the district ended up not on the parallel bars in the gym but behind bars in jail. People in Yonkers remember this sad affair. And they have concerns about a Superintendent coming from outside the district. There are some in Yonkers who believe a Superintendent from outside the district won't work. These people need to learn about leadership in schools in America. As Dolly Levi sang in Hello Dolly about our fair city, 'Out there there is a world outside of Yonkers!'

So now for my advice as you assume the leadership of a district that has gone through a lot including yearly budget problems that I refer to as the 'Budget Tango' to a Federal desegregation lawsuit that involved massive bussing to achieve its' goals. I am sure that you are aware of the \$87 Million budget deficit for 2024-2025, the latest Budget Tango.

The yearly budget tango is humiliating to students, parents and staff. It is bad when staff receive layoff notices which are usually rescinded when the 'Night in Shining Armor' comes through to save the day. With rare exceptions the cuts are reversed, but the damage and humiliation never go away. Particularly when staff go through this more than once. You will be everyone's hero if you can prevent this disgusting process from occurring.

Parents unhappy with the school assignment for their child often will go to the Superintendent or other internal sources for change. If you do this for the child of someone in power, don't forget the poor child living on Elm Street or School Street who asks for the same thing. He/she should be treated no differently than the rich and powerful.

In your office you have dedicated long term employees like Claire Calvi and Johanna DePierro who will be key resources for you to help you learn about the district and know the players. Don't shake things up by bringing new people in. These ladies have vast institutional knowledge.

At the start of the year have all staff go over with parents the procedures for bringing problems to the attention of the appropriate District personnel. The chain starts with the classroom teacher flowing to the Assistant Principal, the Principal, the Central Office administrator responsible for the school, your Assistant Superintendents and anyone you add to the chain of command. Broader issues like \$86 million deficits need your attention

Only in America do we speak one language. The population of the district who speak Spanish is growing. It is important that all staff have a basic knowledge of Spanish. It will greatly help in communication, and is extremely important in 2024.

You must have in place the tools to provide training to teachers and administrators so they are afforded the opportunity to move up within the district

I once had a chat with Mayor Spano who had the same concern I had that students living outside of Yonkers were attending district schools using resources allocated for Yonkers students who reside in the city. A system for residency checks for all students is critical. If mail is sent by the district to a family and is returned, this is a perfect way to commence residency checks!

I have seen a dedicated safety officer on Spruce Street by the entrance to Yonkers Middle High School go above and beyond directing traffic at this busy intersection for years. If the city can't provide a police presence, this Safety Officer should frankly be paid a Police Officers salary. You are fortunate to have dedicated employees like this at other schools in the district!

With more schools being built on the West Side of town, let's hope that bussing will decrease. Certain times in the morning and afternoon drivers have to avoid traveling in Yonkers. This is not good for residents nor for commerce. You had to bus in the days when 70% of your students lived on the West side of town where only 30% of your schools were. Busing is costly, kids don't learn on a bus and residents fume when they are stuck in bus traffic. Kudos to the Mayor for putting cameras on busses to catch those who illegally pass. On the other hand parents need to be reminded to have students out and ready on the right side for the bus, not across the street. I see it way too often

Every district in Westchester with the exception of Yonkers puts on a musical at the end of the year. Still folks around who remember my star turn as Officer Krumpke in West Side Story at Yonkers High School in 1978. We must let our talented students perform in musicals. It is embarrassing and humiliating to them when the Journal News reviews and honors talented students and performers from throughout the region and they are not included.

Parents must be reminded that Disneyland and other vacation locations are for summer time enjoyment and when schools are not in session. When school is in session students belong in school.

Politicians love to take students out of school as they beg for more money and everyone has there picture taken on the Grand Staircase in Albany. This has gone on since I was in high school. Maybe it's time for something different considering the head of the State Senate and the Chairman of the Senate Education Committee represent and have offices here at home.

Students should be taken out of their classes only when the activity provides a significant learning opportunity. We want our students to achieve and test scores continue to rise.

In closing, you have a big job ahead of you. Yonkers is a diverse city where the only meals some students receive are while they are in school. You are the Boss. There are some politicians in Yonkers who believe they know everything including how to solve the problems in the Middle East. Don't let them interfere with your good work.

Good Luck. Buena Suerte! Welcome to Yonkers!

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

STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT 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 action.

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

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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.

NOTICE

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

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

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

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

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

PLEASE BE AWARE:

(1) that debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, an unfair debt collection efforts, including, but not limited to:

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- ii. the use of obscene or profane language; and
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5. Unemployment benefits;
6. Disability benefits;
7. Workers' compensation benefits;
8. Public or private pensions;
9. Veterans' benefits;
10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and
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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One of her favorite teachers is Anthropology teacher Adam Thiessan. “She can pull off teaching Anthropology by making it interesting. I have had so much fun in this class, I decided to take it again as an elective. I could have gone home early but decided to stay,” said Molina-Salazar, who also added that her favorite class was IB Anthropology.

Katie has completed 10 AP and IB courses at YHS and has served in the Key Club as Vice-President. “The Key Club at our school was losing steam for a couple of years. Last year we increased participation and now have 65 students.” A recent Yonkers High School YHS Key Club event was writing letters of appreciation to teachers.

Molina-Salazar also was named Captain of the Yonkers High School Varsity Girls Soccer team. “I love soccer and my fellow teammates. Being Captain helped me learn leadership and communication skills.”

Katie will be attending Massachusetts Institute of Technology “MIT” in the fall. “I went to a summer session at MIT for 6 weeks. I thought it was a great challenge for me with an emphasis on collaboration. I’m excited to attend.

“In my future I hope to study Civil and Environmental Engineering at MIT. I look forward to maybe even going to grad school. I’m not too sure if I want to continue in Civil and Environmental Engineering or if I would like to study something else. If not grad school, I hope to be able to attain a stable job in engineering and stand on my own two feet. My sister is also in Massachusetts, so I have someone close.”

Katie said “I wasn’t really paying attention to my class ranking until my counselors told me about it. I didn’t want to put too much pressure on myself, and just wanted to get through my classes and do my best.

“My parents played a large role in my success, and my older sister. There were times that I underestimated myself and thought I couldn’t do it. She always had confidence in me and pushed me and reminded me to take the harder classes.”

Any advice for future high school students? “I would tell them to “use it or lose it.” In my anthropology class, we watched an investigation on happiness and dopamine depletion, and we discovered that if we don’t engage in dopamine boosting activities, we can have reduced levels of dopamine in the body. So, use the dopamine receptors, do things that make you happy, talk to people and make friends, listen to music, stay active, and be kids.”

Yonkers High School Salutatorian Penelope Cloonan will graduate with a 102.65 weighted GPA. One of her favorite teachers is English teacher Mr. Mouzon. “He was amazing and is able to make old works entertaining and modern.”

Penelope has enjoyed comic books since she was young. “I wasn’t allowed to watch Nickelodeon or Disney growing up. So, I read a lot of comics and got into Superheroes.

Her favorite course at Yonkers Middle High School was Biology. “I wanted to be in the medical field since middle school, and more recently, I want to be a doctor.”

Penelope loved being part of the YPIE Science Research Program, where she got to learn from mentors at Regeneron. It was a fantastic opportunity that she thoroughly enjoyed. “I was able to get 12 credits and learned a lot.”

Cloonan has also enjoyed her work experience at the Hudson River Museum as a Junior Docent. “I love the program. I lot of my work is with kids in science workshops. I enjoy seeing the kids when they enjoy learning. That was exactly where I wanted to be.”

Penelope will be attending Case Western University in Cleveland. “I wanted to work in a research hospital at college. I applied to Case Western on a whim when I heard about their Biology-Chemistry program. I visited and they have a medical school, so I can start a little bit early in my career. I want to be on the patient side of medicine and help improve changes in treatment in gynecology.”

“My mom helped me and drove me to places at 4:30 in the morning for the science Olympiad and other events.”

Penelope said she and Katie became friends in the 10th grade in AP Chemistry. “We bonded and took IB Physics together. It wasn’t a competition between us but I checked my ranking every time I could. I wanted to be in the top 5, so when I found out that I was #2 and was glad.

Advice for future students? “Read; read a ton. Doesn’t matter what you read. If it’s academic, great, you can learn about the world and maybe get a leg up in class. If it’s not academic, wonderful, you’re having a great time, you can probably still practice analytical skills and learn some fun facts.”

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Blinken said he was not. He stated, “If Father Devine has taken the house, I might observe he is a neighbor, also, of President Roosevelt. I feel honored to be placed in the same class as the President.”

Blinken, grandfather of Secretary of State Antony Blinken, was former President of the Yonkers Board of Education and Chairman of the Yonkers Public Library Board.

Thursday, May 2nd

May 2, 1920: The Salvation Army left its home at 11 North Broadway for its new rooms on the second floor of the Copcutt Building at 13 Warburton Avenue.

May 2, 1945: The United States Armed Services liberated three Yonkers men from German prison camps: Private John Hayes of Vineyard Avenue, Private Robert Fitzgerald of Ashburton Avenue and Corporal Walter Wujcki of Maple Street. All three returned home in a short time.

May 2, 1981: The much loved Carnegie Library closed its doors forever.

Friday, May 3rd

May 3, 1921: Heavy blasting on top of the Palisades to build the new Hendrik Hudson Drive directly across from Yonkers caused damage to many homes in North Yonkers, especially the Warburton Avenue area. The many explosions broke dishes, windows, pictures, and other household items.

May 3, 1931: Sir Hubert Wilkins, owner of the submarine Nautilus making practice dives in the Hudson off Yonkers, was notified by the Norwegian government it was considering banning his planned trip to the North Pole. Norway felt it could be an unnecessary risk of human life.

Saturday, May 4th

May 4, 1927: Yonkers native George Snowden, Yale University School of Fine Arts graduate and art instructor, was awarded the 1927 American Prixe de Rome for sculpture, a three-year residency at the Academy of Rome with all living expenses; this award was considered the most prestigious art prize of the time and fulfilled Snowden’s dream of studying art abroad. He later received the Royal Academy Order of Merit and elected to the National Academy of Design. Among his notable works are the “Labors of Man” for the 1939 New York World’s Fair and sculptures on the Bronx County Courthouse. He had more than 100 “public placements” over his career and was considered by many to be a central father of the American Arc-Modernist movement.

Snowden studied at Yale under Rodin scholar Robert Eberhard and was appointed an instructor of sculpture in 1926 before he graduated. Rodin bequeathed his sculpting tools to Eberhard; Eberhard passed them on to Snowden. Snowden passed them to his own talented daughter, Mary Louise, known professionally as M. L. Snowden.

May 4, 1953: The US Air Force contracted with Otis Elevator Company to provide radar bombsight and navigation trainers. The company planned to rent space outside its Yonkers and Harrison works.

Sunday, May 5th

May 5, 1911: A NY State Senate hearing on Senator McClelland’s bill for annexing Yonkers, Mount Vernon, Pelham and New Rochelle to New York City was postponed after many residents of the communities traveled to Albany to speak on the legislation.

May 5, 1965: Yonkers Transit Company went on the streets with 60 perfumed buses! The idea was to mask the harsh odor of burning diesel oil with the additive Malabate PR-105. When tested a few days earlier, the city officials, drivers and mechanics agreed it was an improvement. Mayor John Flynn stated it was “a step in the right direction for exploring the problem of air pollution.” Most said the new odor was a combination of hospital antiseptic and floral fragrance. When driver Ray Embree entered the company garage unaware of the testing, he commented, “Where are the girls?”

Questions or comments on this column? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.

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Two Westchester Natives in the Rock N Roll HOF Congratulations Mary J. Blige & Dave Matthews

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Westchester natives Dave Matthews and Mary J. Blige for their upcoming inductions into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Matthews grew up in Yorktown for his early years in elementary school and Blige lived in Yonkers for more than a decade.

Here are the bios for both from the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame:

Mary J. Blige

Blige signed with Uptown Records in 1989, becoming the label's youngest and first female artist. Her debut singlehandedly kick-started the hip-hop soul genre and produced Number One R&B hits "Real Love" and "You Remind Me." Her image – oversized jerseys, backwards baseball hats, and combat boots – introduced a new look to R&B music, and her lyrics embraced an authenticity that resonated with fans – especially women. Her mid-1990s hits with the Notorious B.I.G., Method Man, and JAY-Z created the blueprint for R&B/hip-hop collaborations for decades to follow.

Blige emerged as a songwriter with hits "Be Happy" and "My Life" from her sophomore effort *My Life*, while her song "Not Gon' Cry" showcased the emotional ache of Blige's affecting vocals. The 2000s ushered in more success with Number One hits "Family Affair" and Grammy-winning "Be Without You." Blige continues to craft hits, including her ode to unapologetic happiness "Just Fine," critically acclaimed *London Sessions*, and collaborations with Inductees Ray Charles, Smokey Robinson, and Missy Elliott. In 2018, she received two Oscar nominations for the film *Mudbound* and became the first person nominated for acting and original song in the same year. In 2022, Blige co-headlined the Super Bowl halftime show alongside Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, and Eminem – earning her an Emmy.

Blige's music echoes our experiences with love and life. She helps us move on, move out, and move up. She's the much-needed soundtrack to our heartache, vulnerability, and courage to refuse to accept anything less than we deserve. Long Live Queen Mary J!

Dave Matthews Band

Supported by a communal fanbase, Dave Matthews Band harnessed an eclectic sound and relentless touring schedule to become one of the biggest bands in the world – and they have continued to pick up new generations of fans along the way. Dave Matthews Band are one of the top-selling live acts of all time, and they are the only band with seven consecutive albums debuting at Number One.

They have been called a jam band, a college band, a pop band – and to their devoted fans, they are simply "DMB." Hailing from Charlottesville, Virginia, the band formed in 1991 and cultivated a trademark sound that includes long, intricate solos, non-traditional rock & roll instruments, unique time signatures, and an electric live show. The airy jazz of LeRoi Moore's saxophone blends with the animated bluegrass of Boyd Tinsley's violin, while drummer Carter Beauford's in-the-pocket grooves and bassist Stefan Lessard's melodic lines create a powerful rhythm section. Dave Matthews fronts the band with captivating vocals, imaginative lyrics, and percussive guitar strumming.

The band quickly generated strong word of mouth thanks to endless live shows and an active tape sharing community. The 1993 independent-label debut *Remember Two Things* was popular in the local scene, but their major label debut, 1994's *Under the Table and Dreaming*, landed them mainstream hits like "What Would You Say," "Satellite," and "Ants Marching." 1996's *Crash* went seven-times Platinum, earned the band its first Grammy award ("So Much to Say") and yielded another hit, "Crash Into Me." Live albums like *Live at Red Rocks '95* capture the band's onstage energy and feature longtime collaborator Tim Reynolds on electric guitar. Musically, the band has influenced a generation of acoustic-driven singer-songwriters like John Mayer, Jason Mraz, and O.A.R.

In 2019, the United Nations designated Dave Matthews Band as Environmental Goodwill Ambassadors, and Matthews has served on Farm Aid's Board of Directors since 2001. The band's advocacy and activism has improved our world and inspired fans to think and act in new ways.

When Matthews was 2 years old, his family moved to the New York suburb of Yorktown Heights, where Matthews' father, a physicist, worked for IBM. In 1977, Matthews' father died of lung cancer, and the family returned to Johannesburg to be with relatives. Matthews attended Brookside Elementary School and Crompond Middle School. He still keeps in touch with some of his old Yorktown friends.

Blige was born in 1971 in Yonkers. Her parents divorced when she was 4, and she lived with her mother and sister in the Schlobohm Housing project in Yonkers.

Blige has recalled having a difficult childhood, and was bullied in school and at home, where she witnessed domestic violence. She established the Mary J. Blige Center for Women in Yonkers, providing resources and support to women and girls facing adversity.

Another Yonkers musical legend, Styles P, The Lox, said Blige helped him get a record deal and called her the best R&B singer Ever.

Blige grew up in the Scholbaum Public Housing project in Yonkers

She received two Oscar nominations in 2018 for the film *Mudbound*

In 2022 she earned an emmy for her performance in the Super Bowl in 2022.

Other inductees include Foreigner, Peter Frampton, Kool & The Gang, Ozzy Osbourne, and A Tribe Called Quest. The 2024 Rock & Roll Hall of Fame Induction will be live on Saturday, October 19th at the Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse in Cleveland, Ohio. The 2024 ceremony will once again stream live on Disney+ with a special airing on ABC at a later date and available on Hulu the next day.

port, available on the City of Yonkers website, uncovered financial mismanagement, bounced employee paychecks, unpaid utility bills in excess of \$200,000, and a host of missing or incomplete financial records.

"We know how important this center is for the seniors and the young people in this community," said Mayor Spano. "We want to maintain the programs and make sure the next chapter for the Nepperhan Community Center is one we can take pride in and the next generation can be inspired by. Unfortunately, if the City does not step in, the Nepperhan Community Center is unlikely to qualify for future federal, state, or local grant funds that are the lifeblood of its ability to stay open."

Spano noted, for example, that the federal government's revocation of the Community Center's tax-exempt status makes it ineligible for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds the City distributes each year for community needs.

Furthermore, according to the report, the Community Center's governing board is establishing a new corporate entity consisting largely of the same people in an apparent effort to sidestep the tax filings it did not make in recent years.-

"This is a clear red flag, and will be seen as such by those who would normally provide funding for the Nepperhan Community Center," said Spano.

Spano said the City's Parks Department, Office of Aging, and other City agencies will step in to keep programs running at the Nepperhan Community Center while a true organization with a reputable non-profit board can be formed.

"This is a City-owned building that we are glad to continue to make available virtually free of charge for programs that serve the community," Spano said, adding, "In return, the operators must be transparent, provide accountability for the public dollars, and private grants they receive, and above all comply with the tax laws and basic accounting rules."

Yonkers Inspector General Liam McLaughlin's recent report on NCC, identified that in January 2024 the U.S. Internal Revenue Service revoked NCC's tax exempt status for failure to file their Tax Returns for the last three years, 2020, 2021, and 2022. That meant that NCC could not receive grant monies from the City, Obama Foundation or any other entity.

So what the leadership of the Nepperhan Community Center did was to create a new non-profit corporation, called the Nepperhan Cultural Center. But the old bills still due from the Nepperhan Community Center were never paid.

Mayor Spano told Yonkerstimes.com that "We didn't dissolve the Board, their actions did that. We paid their electric bills and literally kept the lights on.

"Now we are making a clean break. And let me make it clear to everyone involved, that at the end of the month, the Nepperhan Community Center and all of its assets and people are out of the building. But the City will keep the building, and that is what the Nepperhan Community Center really is, the building and the programs, will remain open.

"We will maintain it and mimic the programs the best we can, between our Parks Department and Office of Aging," said Mayor Spano, who said that a review on the conditions inside the building were "deplorable" and not properly maintained.

"We are in the process of working with Council President Collins-Bellamy and the entire council, in making a capital investment and bringing the place up to code. The Air Conditioning Unit on the roof was stoeln and the city paid to fix and replace it."

"Once we get the place up and operational, and maintain it with our Parks and DPW, the people who live in the community that enjoyed NCC and enjoyed what they have to offer will not see a difference. If anything they will see a positive change," said Spano.

"We wanted them (NCC) to succeed, but they got themselves in so deep that working with the council and other leaders, this was the only way to save the center and the programs. It doesn't matter what the name is on that building. In a year or so we will do an RFP (Request for Proposal) and offer it to another non-profit."

And Mayor Spano made it clear, "We are not selling the building. We never had plans to sell it and will never have plans to sell it. As long as I am in office, it will benefit the community."

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“Mr. Bowman voted against Iron Dome funding, which was vital in repelling Iran’s unprecedented attack against Israel this week. Earlier this week, he voted against terminating the tax-exempt status of terrorist-supporting organizations. And even as Iranian militants took to the streets to chant “Death to America,” he voted against condemning Iran’s attack.

“Now he has gone even further, voting with MAGA extremists against fighting global fentanyl trafficking, voting against sanctions on Russia, China, and Iran, and against protecting Americans’ data from foreign adversaries.

“These bills were all supported by President Biden and over 80% of Congressional Democrats. And with each vote, Bowman once more shows that he is more interested in making a statement than supporting our President or his colleagues when it matters most.

“We need to build unity and find common ground to deliver good foreign policy. We need leadership to support bi-partisan solutions to challenges facing the safety and security of our nation’s closest allies. We need to defend democracy.”

In a statement, Bowman said he “unequivocally” condemns Iran’s recent attack, just as he also condemns a suspected earlier attack by Israel, which is “why” he “voted against the resolution.”

“President Biden has made it clear that he does not support escalating violence in the Middle East, which this resolution will contribute to by supporting further military action,” Bowman continued in his statement. “We must do everything in our power to end the ongoing violence, pursue a lasting ceasefire, and save civilian lives. Instead of pushing resolutions that fan the flames of war, Congress should recognize all of the lives that have been lost, both Palestinian and Israeli. We have a moral responsibility to govern in a way that centers those most impacted and nurtures humanity instead of succumbing to more warmongering and violence.”

Bowman voted yes on two appropriations bills. One for aid to Ukraine and another for aid to Taiwan. “Our government has a moral obligation to protect peace, dignity, and our shared humanity in everything we do,” said Congressman Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D. “I was proud to vote in support of Ukraine and Taiwan’s efforts to uphold democracy. Thanks in large part to the advocacy of progressives in Congress, who did not want to see aid to protect democracies tied to Netanyahu’s indiscriminate assault on civilians, we were able to register our unwavering support for Ukraine and Taiwan with separate bills. The nearly \$70 billion in assistance to these nations is a critical step towards preserving democracy at home and abroad.”

“I am also inspired to see 36 of my Democratic colleagues join our movement for peace by refusing to send billions more in weapons to support Netanyahu’s killing of innocent civilians. Since day one, we have said that our approach to the conflict in the Middle East must be rooted in peace and deescalation, including an immediate and permanent ceasefire and release of all hostages. This is the only solution that can truly save civilian lives. As the calls for deescalation of violence and lasting peace grow louder and stronger, we must continue our push for an immediate ceasefire and lasting peace that centers the dignity and humanity of Israeli and Palestinian civilians alike.”

Bowman Criticizes Latimer for

“Fundraising with MAGA Republicans”

By Dan Murphy

Congressman Jamaal Bowman recently called out his democratic opponent, George Latimer, for an upcoming fundraiser to be hosted by two republicans.

Steve Louro, CEO of a Long Island insurance company, is co-hosting the event at an Armonk home of another republican on May 16.

Louro has already donated \$5,000 to Latimer. In his invite. Louro writes, “Help me defeat the squad. Fundraiser to support George Latimer for Congress. I am an American first, a republican second, and I cross political party lines when it is in the best interests of our country.

“I respectfully ask for you to support and attend a fundraiser in Armonk on May 16 at the home of name withheld, who is also a republican, to support Westchester County Executive George Latimer, in his democratic congressional primary race, District 16, against Congressional incumbent, squad member and radical Jamaal Bowman.” -end of invite

We have withheld the name of the republican who will be hosting the fundraiser, because he had told others in the media that he has been getting “violent threats.”

Bowman posted on Instagram, “This is what we’ve been saying. Republicans are bankrolling my opponent to buy this seat from the people of New York-16. The latest republican is Steve Louro, a top republican donor to Donald Trump and a top republican donor to Lee Zeldin, two people who want to end Roe v. Wade and have said it out loud. Two people who are racist MAGA Republicans who supported the insurrection and the attack on the US Capitol.

“Racist MAGA republicans is who my opponent is partnering with. In Steve Louro’s email he says vote George Latimer on June 25. No shame, no dignity, no integrity, no character. Partnering with AIPAC and racists MAGA republicans. running as a Trump democrat, as a MAGA democrat. Shame! Are we going to let them buy this seat? Absolutely not. We are fighting to save democracy and we are not going to let racist, MAGA republicans buy this seat,” said Bowman. Similar accusations were made against the Latimer campaign when Larchmont resident and republican Alex Dubitsky and his wife co-hosted a fundraiser at their home.

The Latimer campaign recently posted in response to the Louro invitation, “Louro may be attending, we don’t know beyond what he has posted here, and we have no control over who our hosts invite.”

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state if average homes cost luxury prices. It was beyond time to reach a housing deal that addressed head-on the realities that families on the ground are facing,” said Sen. Stewart-Cousins.

Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins also secured critical support for local print media through a new Newspaper and Broadcast Media Jobs Program, which includes key measures to support and promote local print media, such as a tax credit for qualifying independently-owned print media or broadcasting businesses.

“News media is America’s ‘fourth branch of government,’ but small newspapers and news organizations can struggle to compete and reach audiences with crucial local news that affects our daily lives,” Sen. Stewart-Cousins said. “Thanks to the Senate’s efforts, the enacted budget includes a tax incentive which will work to directly support the employment and retention of local journalism and media jobs.”

Furthering Sen. Stewart-Cousins’ commitment to keep New York communities safe, the FY 2025 budget takes action to empower law enforcement to curtail retail theft by bolstering protections for small businesses and elevating assaults on retail workers to a felony, protecting workers and punishing offenders for this serious offense.

“Allowing prosecutors to aggregate stolen goods for higher larceny charges will strengthen efforts to combat retail theft,” Sen. Stewart-Cousins said. “With dedicated Retail Theft Teams and tax credits for small businesses investing in security measures, we’re taking comprehensive action to safeguard our communities and support our local businesses.”

Additional FY 2025 enacted budget highlights include:

Revitalizing Housing for All New Yorkers

Hard fought Senate Majority proposals in final package:

Housing Opportunities for the Future – a new \$150 million program to build affordable homes and rentals across New York State.

A new opt-in construction or commercial conversion tax exemption for affordable housing outside the City of New York.

Authorization for municipalities to adopt a local tax exemption to make it easier for individuals to build accessory dwelling units.

Historic Tenant and Homeowner Protections:

Some of the state’s strongest tenant protections with the enactment of “Good Cause” protections:

Immediately effective in New York City, and localities outside of New York City may opt in and provide for flexibility in defining the small landlord and high-rent exemptions.

A rent increase is presumptively unreasonable if it is greater than the annual change in CPI plus 5%, or 10%, whichever is lower.

A lease can only be terminated for one of the good causes outlined within the bill.

Crucial funding towards affordable housing and homeowner protections, such as:

\$75 million to support public housing authorities outside of New York City.

\$40 million in the Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP)

\$40 million in Eviction Protection Funding outside of New York City

Restoration of Public Education Funding and Supporting SUNY/CUNY

Rejecting the Executive’s proposal to eliminate Hold Harmless and also increasing Foundation Aid for the poorest 63 districts in the State.

\$180 million to continue our historic commitment to providing universal school meals for thousands of New York children.

An additional \$100 million for Universal Pre-K to allow school districts throughout the state to serve at least 90% of eligible four-year-olds.

\$60 million for SUNY Operating Aid, and \$40 million for CUNY Operating Aid

Increases the Tuition Assistance Program—for the first time since 2000—by \$53 million to make college more affordable.

Supporting Working Families and Making Daily Life More Affordable

\$350 million for a new tax credit to provide support to working families, and the lowest Middle-Class Tax rate in over 70 years, saving New Yorkers millions of dollars.

Children ages 0-6 can be continuously enrolled in Medicaid or Child Health Plus, to ensure stable and affordable health insurance for their first years.

\$1.78 billion for the New York State Child Care Block Grant, which will provide subsidies for 119,000 children.

\$280 million in federal pandemic funds for the Workforce Retention Grant program.

Spurring Economic Growth and Supporting New York Small Businesses

Retail Security Tax Credit to help small businesses keep employees safe.

\$1 million in funding for the Minority and Women-Owned Business Development lending program.

Increased enforcement powers for the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) to enable cities and counties to crack down on illegal cannabis shops.

Investing in Mental Health Services and Access to Quality and Affordable Healthcare

\$7.5 billion invested in New York’s health care system to promote health equity, diminish health disparities, and enhance access to primary and behavioral health care.

\$800 million in support for distressed and safety-net hospitals.

Continuing to increase the minimum wage for home care workers.

Eliminating cost-sharing for insulin for thousands of New Yorkers.

\$55 million to establish 200 new inpatient psychiatric beds at State-run facilities.

\$19 million for mental health services for school-aged children.

\$75.8 million increase for Crisis Services.

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RFK Jr. Attempts to Get on the Ballot in NY Why Not Give Voters More Choices?

By Dan Murphy

News anchor Chris Cuomo, now a host on News Nation, has been vocal about what he sees as the mistake made by members of the Kennedy family in coming out and endorsing Joe Biden, over their brother and cousin Robert F. Kennedy Jr. “I don’t get how the Kennedy’s think they are helping. I don’t know if Bobby can win, I don’t even know if he is qualified to win. But that’s not the point. I have him on here (Cuomo’s Newsmax show) because the (political) parties are poison and they have to stop having a stranglehold on our democracy. The parties aren’t helping. That’s my former sister in law, (Kerry Kennedy). But does this help Biden? Or does this show that even the Kennedy’s are not immune from the division that our politics has created. It’s weird that its her brother that she is campaigning against. You can’t think that coming out against your brother is going to help undecided voters think that Biden is a better choice. I don’t get it.”

What is interesting is that Chris Cuomo’s brother Andrew, was once married to Kerry Kennedy, and both lived in Westchester. RFK Jr. has been ignored by most of the major media, but has worked around that by being interviewed by almost every podcast on YouTube.

And it is hard to ignore a Kennedy running for President. The name still has magic left in the tank. And a large portion of Americans don’t want to vote for Trump or Biden. RFK Jr. is polling around 13%, and he is taking away votes from both Biden and Trump. If he gets to 15% he will be on the debate stage in October with Trump and Biden, if there is a Presidential debate this year.

Now the battle is to get RFK Jr. on the ballot in New York State. New York is one of the three hardest states in the country to get on the ballot, with Texas and California.

The reason why it is so hard for Kennedy, and the Libertarian Party, Green Party and others to get on the ballot statewide in New York goes back to former Governor Andrew Cuomo. The NY Libertarian Party explained it well in a recent release. “The Libertarian Party in New York has placed a presidential candidate on statewide election ballots every presidential year since 1976. According to Andrew Kolstee, Chair of the Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY), the new requirement of 45,000 valid petition signatures during the six-week petition period from April 16–May 28 will be hard to attain.

“According to LPNY Chair, Andrew Kolstee, the 45,000 petition signature requirement in New York for independents over a six-week period represents the highest number of signatures per day required of any state. “It used to be 15,000 signatures and we had been able to get that every time, but Governor Cuomo tripled the requirements in part ZZZ of the 2020-2021 budget,” said Kolstee.

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

Former Governor Cuomo’s decision to make it tougher for smaller parties to get on the ballot for Governor and President in NY dates back to 2018. Cuomo was running for re-election. The NY Working Families Party decided to support actress Cynthia Nixon for Governor.

This enraged Cuomo who forced the NY legislature to increase the thresholds for minor parties to get on the ballot statewide by including it in the state budget. Ironically, Cuomo’s intentions, to harm the WFP backfired. The WFP is one of only four political parties left in New York, with the democrats, republicans and conservatives.

So RFK Jr.’s campaign is in the process of getting 45,000 signatures to get on the ballot for President in NY. He actually needs around 75,000 signatures to be safe.

We have always advocated that the more voices involved in our democratic process, the better. And we would certainly like the alternative of RFK on the ballot in NY on November 5.

For those who agree, why not sign Kennedy’s petition, which will just get him on the ballot? Anyone interested in doing so can contact us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com.

California Governor Gavin Newsome, who is seen by some as a backup plan to Biden, said “It’s real... Bobby Kennedy Jr., if he gets on [the ballot] in more than just that one critical swing state of Michigan, and gets on the ballot in some of these others, I think you have to take that very, very serious.”

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For example, the board of directors that existed in 2020, when Jim Bostic revealed some of the truth about how bad finances were, is completely different from the Board of Directors that existed in 2024. During those four years, there was a 98% turnover – nearly all of the 2020 board members resigned, little by little; and those board vacancies were replaced little by little with new board members over time.

However, presently, there are no longer any board members of Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. – as the organization is effectively defunct.

What will happen to the Neppeman Community Center? Various members of the Black and Latino communities here in Yookers have formed a new nonprofit corporation: Neppel’han CUIturai Center, Inc. This new nonprofit strives to follow in the steps of Mary Gaines and the original intent of the 01d• Nepperhan C.ommunity Center anduplifthose people in Yonkers who need the most help. This organization is new and will need to partner with other nonprofits to serve the community. But, one day, hopefully in the near future, the organization will be strong enough to stand alone and fill the void created by the loss of Nepperhan Community Center, Inc. Until then, the City of Yonkers will have to rely on the promises made by Mayor Mike Spano – who has promised to renovate the Nepperhan C.ommunity Center and keep it open and available as a resource to the surrounding community.

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