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“Actions Versus Rhetoric”

Latimer and Bowman Engage in Heated Debate



By Ron Matten

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

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

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

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

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Get Your Walking Sneaks on Yonkers on the Move (YOM) is Back



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Beczak Center’s Future Back in the News



The Beczak Environmental Center, on the Yonkers riverfront

By Dan Murphy

The Beczak Environment Center, located at 35 Alexander Street on the Hudson Riverfront in Yonkers, recently got a reprieve from a letter they received instructing them to vacate their county owned building within 30 days for failure to properly maintain the building as part of their lease with Westchester County.

When told about the letter, from Westchester County Department of Public Works Commissioner Hugh Greechan, County Executive George Latimer told Yonkerstimes.com on Friday May 10 that he rescinded the letter and that no action will be taken for 90 days until further review.

Beczak has a lease with the county that will expire in July of 2025. The building is currently being shared with the Sarah Lawrence College Center for the Urban River at Beczak.

The letter from Greechan, dated April 23, was recently shared with the public, so we reached out to Latimer, who immediately rescinded the letter. We wanted to share that information with anyone who may have read Greechan’s letter.

At issue are repairs, or the lack thereof, being made at Beczak. Last year, Westchester County sent Beczak a letter identifying \$1.9 Million in construction work and repairs that they claim are required to properly maintain the building.

But Beczak claims that most if not all of the repairs are not required. A walk through of the building last year included all stake holders. After that walk through, there was no correspondence between the county and Beczak regard

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Lincoln HS Valedictorian-Salutatorian Look to the Future



LHS Valedictorian Sophia Fortuniewicz and Salutatorian Kyle Macancela

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to 2024 Lincoln High School Valedictorian Sophia Fortuniewicz and Salutatorian Kyle Macancela.

Valedictorian Sophia Fortuniewicz will graduate with a 97.92 GPA. One of her favorite teachers is Accounting teacher Drilon Gojani. “He taught me the most and helped me become more comfortable with myself. He also helped me work when I didn’t want to.”

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Yonkers Mayor Spano Announces Free Compost Distribution for Residents



Yonkers Mayor Spano joins Yonkers DPW Commissioner Thomas Meier, DPW staff and 1085 Warburton Ave. residents at the Yonkers Recycling Center to announce new Free Compost Distribution program. Photo by Maurice Mercado

On May 9, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Department of Public Works (DPW) announced free compost distribution for Yonkers residents. The distribution is part of the City of Yonkers' food scrap recycling initiative in partnership with Westchester County's Department of Environmental Facilities. The compost is a product of the Yonkers residential food scrap recycling program, which collected more than 30 tons of food scraps from Yonkers residents.

Eligible residents, showing proof of residency, can receive one, 3-5 lb. bag of compost per household, while supplies last.

"Recycling food scraps reduces greenhouse gases and food waste in landfills and incineration facilities. It's a simple way to help protect our environment," said Mayor Spano. "Properly composted food scraps reduces pollution and improves overall quality of life. Thanks to our partnership with the County, Yonkers can continue to do its part in reducing our carbon footprint and continue to be leaders in creating a cleaner, greener, more sustainable Yonkers."

In April 2022, the City of Yonkers initiated a food scrap recycling drop-off program at the Yonkers Recycling Center and became the largest municipality to join Westchester's Residential Food Scrap Transportation and Disposal (RF-STAD) program. Last May, the City expanded the program to include curbside collection for 200 households at 1085 Warburton Avenue, which served as a model for expanding to other buildings and households. The City is currently working with the Municipal Housing Authority of the City of Yonkers (MHA-CY) to bring food scrap recycling to MHA buildings.

Since the start of the program, there has been a reduction of approximately 571 tons in the City's solid waste stream.

Yonkers Department of Public Works Commissioner Thomas G. Meier said, "Food scrap collection has become a critical part of the recycling services offer

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YONKERS POLICE BUST REPEAT BURGLAR IN THE ACT



Watch the video:
<https://www.facebook.com/YonkersPD/videos/415992264712550>

Let's check in with our midnight Officers in the 2nd Precinct who caught a man red-handed a few weeks ago rummaging through one of our residents' cars in the early hours of the morning last month!!

Raymondo SEPULVEDA of Brooklyn was found sitting in the driver's seat of a pick-up truck in the area of Central Park Avenue and Midland Terrace just before 2:00 am on March 28; a vehicle which he admitted on body-cam was "not his." Officers found that he stole several items from within that vehicle and placed him under arrest.

Mr. SEPULVEDA was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle 3rd Degree and Grand Larceny 4th Degree. He was released with an appearance ticket in accordance with bail requirements.

Raymondo has a history of nine arrests ranging from theft to robbery and has failed to appear in court four times in the past.

Plot twist- Mr. SEPULVEDA failed to appear in court on our charges. Therefore, he has an active warrant out of this jurisdiction. If anyone has any information on Mr. SEPULVEDA's whereabouts, please contact the Yonkers Police Department's Warrant Squad at 914-377-7253.

Fourth Precinct Community Council

The Fourth Precinct's Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 23, 2024, not at the Fourth Precinct but at the Sacred Heart Church hall (accessible via Convent Ave). The address is 110 Shonnard Pl, Yonkers NY 10703 We will have a police car there to direct people where to go. It's just up the street from the Precinct. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the fourth police precinct is welcome to attend. All elected officials are also welcome. Captain Michael Messar, Precinct Commander, and Lieutenant Patrick Curtis will be available to discuss your issues and matters of interest.

Mayor Mike Spano's

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MAYOR MIKE SPANO

WCLA Rates DA Candidate Adeel Mirza Anti-Choice



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gonna Sit Right Down & Write Myself a Letter



By Eric Wolf Schoen

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

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

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

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

THE CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE FOR NY 16 and REGISTERING TO VOTE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Maria Regina HS Names Class of '24
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Nina Maloney



Emily Rebholz

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

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

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

To learn more, visit www.mariaregina.org.

Letter to the Editor:

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

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

Sincerely

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



The Hollywood Inn. Considered his most visible monument to Yonkers on 18 Main Street

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

Monday, May 20th

May 20, 1948: Former Vice-Mayor James Sullivan, found guilty on three accounts of forgery, learned County Judge Elbert Gallagher would not sentence him for at least ten more days. Sullivan had been in County Jail since the trial began a month earlier.

May 20, 1959: Four hundred residents left Yonkers, heading to the non-violent Poor Peoples March on Washington. The group, advocates of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and religious leaders of all faiths, joined in togetherness to show concern for the poor, and were from from groups as diverse as St. Peter's and Messiah Baptist's Head Start to St. Mark's Episcopal Church to our Human Rights Commission.

Tuesday, May 21st

May 21, 1933: By a margin of eighteen to one, Yonkers voted to elect delegates to the State Prohibition Repeal Convention in Albany. The actual vote was 26,100 for the repeal ticket and 1,424 for the dry ticket.

May 21, 1947: Dr. Irving Blumenfeld of Bajart Place was the only Yonkers resident to exhibit a stamp collection at the Centenary International Philatelic Exhibition in Grand Central Palace in New York. Collectors from all over the world exhibited their stamps to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United States issuing postage stamps.

Wednesday, May 22nd

May 22, 1923: Drawing on the experience and memorabilia owned by Valentine Lane's Carl Lachmund, an outstanding musician who studied with Franz Liszt, an article in the June issue of Shadowland magazine featured Lachmund's work while he was both a student and friend of the composer, including several anecdotes. The Yonkers man owned one of the most valuable collections of Liszt historical documents and photos of Liszt in the United States!

May 22, 1946: The Municipal Civil Service Commission finally released its decision on Yonkers Fire Department's Lieutenant Thomas Barden's appeal on his test rating. The test, held almost a year earlier, originally did not include his name on the promotion eligibility list; he immediately appealed, stating some of his answers were not graded properly. The appeal was successful; not only was he on the list, but he should have been first! Unfortunately, since the appeal took so long, the job that should have been his was given to the person now known to rank second.

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Thursday, May 23rd

May 23, 1940: American Red Cross first aid instructor and YPD Officer Alexander Rusinko was given a testimonial dinner at the State Armory by members of the Police Department who successfully completed a first aid course under his direction. PO Bernard Wagner presented him with a gift as a token of their appreciation.

May 23, 1950: Yonkers Common Council ordered reopening of Yonkers' swimming pools, closed because of a water emergency. Third Ward Councilman Mike Nugent introduced the resolution, saying our pools recirculated water and not lose water. City Manager Wagner pointed out if the pools did not reopen, our residents might be tempted to swim in the polluted waters of the Hudson, with no lifeguards or supervision.

Corporation Counsel John Galloway informed the councilmen a notice would have to be published in Yonkers' official newspapers before it could become effective.

Friday, May 24th

May 24, 1944: Eleven-year-old Matthew O'Brien of Knowles Street, sitting on the Ludlow Dock and dangling his feet over the side, got a bad surprise. A Coast Guard cutter moored at the dock suddenly lurched and caught his foot! Emergency treatment was given by the cutter crew, and the boy was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was diagnosed with possible multiple fractures of his left foot and leg and admitted to the hospital.

May 24, 1950: Lifelong Yonkers resident and Coach of the NY Knickerbockers Joe Lapchick signed the first African American basketball player to play in the NBA, Nat "Sweetwater" Clifton. He became the second Black player to play in the NBA, playing his first game on November 4. This was four days after the debut of Washington Capitols player Earl Lloyd, the first black player to appear in an NBA game.

Saturday, May 25th

May 25, 1931: The Directors of the Hollywood Inn, a Yonkers stellar institution since opening in 1896, carefully studied their finances. They had a debt of \$43,000 and operated at an annual loss of \$18,000. They unanimously affirmed their decision to break up the organization and return their property to the Cochran heirs. Although its 250 members wanted to save it, they were unable to put together the necessary financial package to keep it open. Members of the Directors committee to oversee its dissolution were John Dickinson, Richard Edie, Jr., E. Wetmore Kinsley, James Lynch, Edwin Palmer, Robert Neville, E. William Poole, Gus Stahl, William Tomlinson, and William Wallin.

May 25, 1941: Two Yonkers women, determined to make Yonkers the best in the country, formed a coalition of women under the name of "Clean Up Yonkers." Lena Wilson and Beatrice Benn were the organizers planning the first rally.

Sunday, May 26th

May 26, 1652: Yonkers officially became a Dutch colony; Adriaen van der Donck was granted power to bequeath his lands.

May 26, 1950: Water Superintendent James Fitzgibbon announced Yonkers would once again tap our Grassy Sprain Reservoir to augment our water supply and save thousands of dollars. The filter beds at Tube Well had been cleaned, and its newly installed Tube Well pumps were taking water from the Saw Mill River. The Grassy Sprain and Fortfield reservoirs were being cleaned and repaired. At the time, Yonkers was purchasing NYC water at \$105 per million gallons.

Notice of formation of Bosco Home Improvements LLC, . Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/15/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC 716 Loomis Ave Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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

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 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 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.

Primary are invited to greet you and answer your questions.

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

AMERICA SALUTES OUR NURSES and CERTIFIED NURSES ASSISTANTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Everyone loves the New Superintendent of Schools, Mr. (Soon to be Dr.) Anibal Soler, Jr. He has visited most of the Yonkers Public Schools and seems to be in love with his new district. As we go to press there is word that some major cuts may be coming to the district. Let's hope our leaders can put the funds in place so cuts are minimal.

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

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

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**YONKERS MAYOR SPANO PRESENTS SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT AWARD
TO YONKERS MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL**



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined Yonkers Board of Education President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio and Superintendent of Schools Anibal Soler, Jr. this week to present his School Spotlight Award to the deserving administration, faculty, staff, parents and students at Yonkers Middle High School. Under Principal Dr. Sandy Hattar's leadership, Yonkers Middle High School is being recognized for its distinguished ranking in the U.S. News and World Report, the successful establishment of a My Sister's Keeper (MSK) chapter, and a commendable record of college acceptances.

"Yonkers Middle High School has emerged as a shining example of academic distinction. The school's remarkable transformation, driven by its commitment to academic excellence is indeed commendable and noteworthy," said Mayor Spano. "I extend my praise to Principal Dr. Sandy Hattar and her team at Yonkers Middle High School for their relentless dedication and resilience."

Dr. Sandy Hattar and her team at Yonkers Middle High School have worked tirelessly to meet the needs of their learning community in the past year. Their dedication has resulted in significant improvements in the school's performance.

Some of the initiatives that have contributed to the school's success include:

Ø Receiving recognition for its impressive academic achievements, particularly its ranking in the U.S. News and World Report. Yonkers Middle High School has been ranked 406th out of 17,000 schools nationwide, a testament to its commitment to providing high-quality education.

Ø Successfully launched a My Sister's Keeper (MSK) chapter, which has a bi-monthly mentoring program for girls in grades 6-8, engages in community service, and has planned future activities including a retreat and participation in Read Across America Week.

Ø Taking pride in its remarkable college acceptance record. This includes two students who have been accepted into Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), one into the Ivy League (University of Pennsylvania), and 38 into top-tier colleges.

"On behalf of the Board of Education, I extend our heartfelt thanks to Mayor Spano for honoring Yonkers Middle High School with this prestigious award. Principal Hattar's leadership, coupled with our students' academic and personal achievements, highlights the vibrant spirit and commitment of our school community. From significant college acceptances, including Ivy League placements, to impactful community initiatives like My Sister's Keeper, our students are not only excelling academically but are also actively enriching their community. This recognition from Mayor Spano underscores the bright future that lies ahead for our scholars and educators alike," noted Board of Education President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio.

Superintendent of Schools Anibal Soler, Jr. added, "We are grateful to Mayor Spano for recognizing Yonkers Middle High School with the School Spotlight Award and for reminding us that is 'our time' to leave a legacy for others to follow. Under the exceptional leadership of Dr. Sandy Hattar, our school community has not only achieved impressive national rankings and college acceptances but also set the benchmark in academic and community engagement. This accolade is a testament to the hard work of our teachers, faculty and ambitious students, propelling us to forge a path of excellence for others in our school community to emulate."

Mayor Spano's School Spotlight Award highlights four Yonkers Public Schools within the academic school year for their significant academic success, extracurricular achievements and community involvement.

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



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

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

In addition to having Mr. Petrillo as our Keynote speaker, the Enrico Fermi Educational Fund was proud to recognize and honor James J. Veneruso, Esq., Managing Partner, Veneruso, Curto, Schwartz & Curto, who has been a long time supporter of the Enrico Fermi Scholarship, as well as playing a pivotal role in preserving Italian heritage. Mr. Veneruso spoke about the importance of family and was very proud to have his extended family celebrate the day with him. Mr. Veneruso also generously sponsored an additional scholarship, bringing the total scholarships to eight, totalling \$45,000. *continued on pg 9--*

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City Councilman Anthony Merante, right, with Honoree James Veneruso

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

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

Fermi Scholarship in Memory of Mario and Marion Curto and Jack and Anna Veneruso (\$5,000) Penelope Cloonan from Yonkers High School, Daughter of Maria Carozza-McCaffrey and Dr. Sean Cloonan.

Fermi Scholarship in Memory of John N. Romano, Esq. (\$5,000), Nina Maloney from Maria Regina High School, Daughter of Marisa and Thomas Maloney.

Fermi Scholarship in Memory of Cpl. Joseph G. Romano and Anthony D. Romano (\$5,000), Adrianna Antenucci from John F. Kennedy Catholic Preparatory School, Daughter of Irene Febbo and Pasquale Antenucci

Fermi Scholarship in Memory of Henry J. Monaco, Jr. (\$5,000), Emily Moccia from Yonkers Montessori Academy, Daughter of Lawrence Moccia and Tara Caloia-Moccia.

Fermi Countywide Scholarship (\$5,000), Vincent Daly from Regis High School, Son of Vincent and Roberta Daly,

Fermi Countywide Scholarship (\$5,000), Cassandra Pelosi from North Salem High School, Daughter of Louisa and Andrew Pelosi,

Fermi Science Scholarship (\$5,000), Lucia Lammers from Harrison High School, Daughter of Luciamarie and Thomas Lammers.

Complete biographies of the recipients can be found on our website at www.enricofermi.org

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

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

There will be a mandatory site tour on June 10, 2024, for all interested potential bidders. Please contact David Aloni at daloni@dzcontractors.com for more information regarding the time and starting place for the site tour. The IFB questions deadline is June 12, 2024, at 3:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any and all questions must be emailed to Procurement at procurement@mhacy.org by the deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted.

Bids must reach MHACY no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on June 20, 2024. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B.

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

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**Yonkers Public Housing Residents
Test New Feedback Platform**



Left to right: Jotto’s David Gonzales, Jason Van Anden and Chad Mathlin. Photo courtesy of the BCW.

Residents at the Yonkers Housing Authority are helping the video feedback company Jotto test its technology

Jotto is a pioneering platform that leverages groundbreaking social justice applications to redefine community engagement for local government and large organizations. Jotto, a Business Council of Westchester (BCW) Westchester Innovation Network (WIN) participant, held two demonstration sessions with the authority’s residents to explain how its technology can help them communicate more effectively with the authority’s building managers.

Jotto enables people to share feedback instantly by turning diverse forms of feedback—video, audio, and text—into actionable insights. This feedback enables organizations to deeply understand and effectively respond to their community’s needs while encouraging stakeholder expression and participation.

“With any new platform, user adoption is critical. The WIN program allowed us to expand our user base by putting us in front of potential users so that we can show them our technology’s benefits,” said Jotto founder and CEO Jason Van Anden.

Working with Jotto is the latest BCW WIN collaboration with the Yonkers Housing Authority. Previous collaborations include the study of heat-island effects with Iona University students and outreach to justice-impacted residents with BCW WIN participant Untapped Solutions.

“We are seeking innovation in the way a housing authority serves its residents. Jotto’s ability to provide real-time feedback helps our property managers react quickly to small issues before they become big problems,” said Wilson Kimball, the authority’s president and CEO.

Jotto’s platform employs artificial intelligence, which aligns with the BCW’s AI Alliance 360°, a yearlong focus on the technology’s promise.

“We are witnessing the effect of AI in every sector, and it is so exciting to watch Jotto help the housing authority’s residents give their important feedback through this exciting technology,” said BCW president and CEO Marsha Gordon.

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

Sen. Stewart-Cousins also selected Hugh McAuley, long-time veterans advocate and Chairman of the Greenburgh Veterans Advisory Committee. McAuley was deliberately not notified in advance of his selection, so that Sen. Stewart-Cousins could surprise him. “Everyone who knows Hugh McAuley, knows he embodies the meaning of commitment to others, beginning with his time in the Navy where he served aboard the USS Saratoga as an aircraft mechanic during the Vietnam War. Hugh is a leader, an advocate and a tireless educator on veterans issues. It was a real privilege to surprise him with this honor,”

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

Letter to the Editor:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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

The penalties for violation of this ordinance are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

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

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

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

SUNDAY, MAY 19

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

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

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

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

The Bronx River Parkway

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

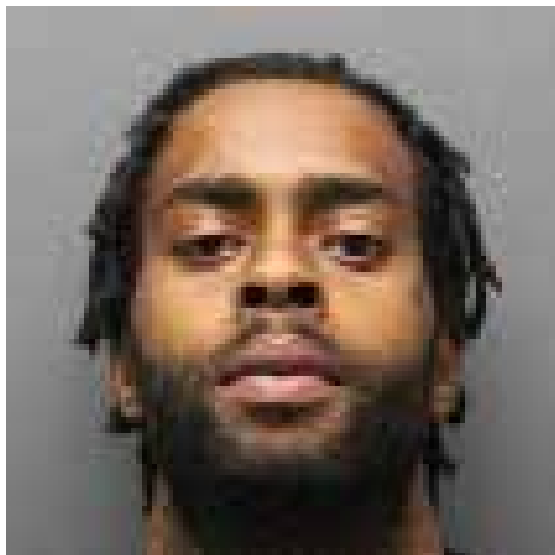
While not many democratic voters in the district will be swayed by the debate, the debate offered insight, and the different way that both men serve the public. After the debate both sides declared victory. The Working Families Party called it for Bowman. "Democrats shouldn't be normalizing the politics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

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

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

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

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



Dieandre Phillips

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sophia's favorite subject is AP Biology. "We have a lot of interesting labs, and I enjoyed learning in peer groups."

One of Sophia's extra-curricular activities was her work in Peer Mediation. "If students have an issue with one another, they will talk about what was going on and we would try to work towards a solution and help avoid something physical happening." She also played on the Varsity Softball team.

Accepted to all 8 colleges she applied to, Sophia decided to attend Marist College in the fall. "Marist has a unique campus experience and college community. It's not too big where you can get lost, but not too small so you can meet new people. There are also a lot of career opportunities and internships. Plus, the location on the Hudson River (Poughkeepsie) is great."

Sophia hopes to earn a Doctorate in Psychology and become a clinical psychologist. "I learned through peer mediation that I appreciate helping people in their interpersonal relationships. It has always been interesting to me."

Who helped her achieve this honor? "My friends the most. When it came to being motivated, they encouraged me and helped keep me on track. Without them I wouldn't be here."

Sophia has been ranked #1 since her junior year. "I wasn't aiming for Valedictorian, but I have been aware of the rankings."

Advice to hopeful valedictorians? "Balance is the key to success and happiness. You are allowed to say no to things you don't want to do, but don't deny yourself the opportunity to grow and learn."

Lincoln High School Salutatorian Kyle Macancela will graduate with a 96% GPA. One of his favorite teachers is Science Research Teacher Mrs. Howard. "She has been my teacher since middle school. She has always been like a second mother to me and gives good advice. She has always been there for me."

Kyle's favorite subject is Physics. "We have a lot of labs and the interaction with other people builds relationships."

One of Kyle's extra-curricular activities was in the National Science Honors Society, English Honors Society, and serving as vice-president of Lincoln High School's Rho Kappa. "I was able to get scholarships and boosted my growth."

Kyle will be attending Manhattan College in the fall. "I got a full scholarship, and my dad pushed me to this idea, to have an impact on society. It's kind of a service to him for being a great dad."

He will study Engineering at Manhattan and become a mechanical engineer. "My family as a whole always had high expectations for me, and I wanted to meet those."

"When we came back from COVID, I began to look at my rankings, and I pushed myself to be #2."

Sophia and Kyle have known each other for a long time, since Pre-K. "We both took the same AP classes and have a long history," said Kyle.

Any advice to future scholars? "Do not procrastinate. It won't help you in the future."

Join the Yonkers on the Move Walk Challenge 2024

The YOM WALK Challenge 2024 has set a goal for all who sign up at 33,000 miles.

Yonkers on the Move (YOM), is a citywide walking campaign promoting a healthier lifestyle, is proud to announce our

Everyone who resides, works or walks in Yonkers can have some fun and take part. The YOM initiative is intergenerational, free, and individuals and organizations can participate to foster health and active lifestyle goals.

This is the 14th Walk season, which will be Year Round.

Stroll through our website, walkyom.org, to see where we have been as we strive to be on the move and expand to additional neighborhoods and communities in Yonkers

After signing up, you can enter your miles and form a team.

For more information,

E-mail: yonkersonthemove@yahoo.com

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

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

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

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

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

LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
May 14, 2024

City of Yonkers
Summary of FY24-25 Executive Budget

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

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

Library Fund:	\$565,175
Water Fund:	55,443,083
Sewer Fund:	12,529,276
Board of Education:	450,541,530
	\$1,464,719,827

City Departments:	\$394,565,927
Fringe Benefits:	215,423,860
Special Items:	31,859,938
Board of Education:	708,871,156
Total Operating Expenditures:	1,350,720,881
Debt Service:	113,998,946
	\$1,464,719,827

Revenues vs. Expenditures \$ -

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

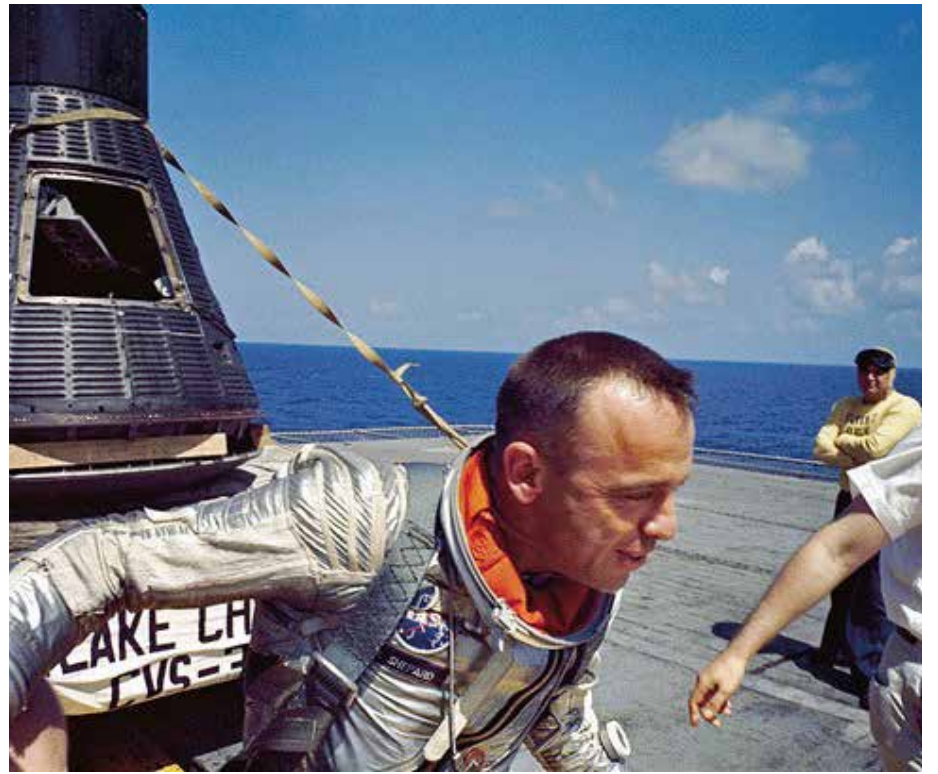
<u>Property Tax Rate per \$1000 of Assessed Valuation (AV)</u>	
Board of Education Tax Rate per \$1,000 AV	591.04
City Tax Rate: per \$1,000 AV	341.94
Tax Rate: per \$1,000 AV	932.98

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

Total: \$68,583,086

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

Yonkers' Contribution to the Space Race



Astronaut Alan B. Shepard on the deck of the USS Lake Champlain after the recovery of his Mercury capsule in the western Atlantic Ocean.

By Yonkers City Historian Mary Hoar

Sixty-three years ago, the morning of May 5th 1961, millions of Americans were glued to their televisions and radios... scared and praying.

Early that morning, Navy Commander Alan B. Shepard, Jr., wearing a specially designed pressurized space suit, climbed into the one-person Mercury spacecraft Freedom 7.

Yonkers accompanied Shepard into space that day. Spartan Hydraulics on Saw Mill River Road, a McDonnell Aircraft subcontractor, designed and manufactured the eight check valves on the Freedom 7 space capsule right here in Yonkers! These valves automatically controlled the flow of hydrogen peroxide through the chamber controlling the yaw, pitch and roll of the capsule; if needed, Shepard manually could control the valves.

Piloting Mercury spacecraft Freedom 7, he flew 116 miles into the air, then headed back to earth, a 302-mile suborbital flight. Shepard reported during the flight he was able to function, and everything was "OK."

At the end of the flight, the capsule parachuted into the Atlantic 15 minutes 22 seconds after take-off, an eternity to those waiting for his safe return.

Picked up by a Marine helicopter at 10:53 am, Shepherd was brought to the Naval pickup operation primary recovery ship, the USS Lake Champlain. Four Yonkers sailors were on the Champlain to cheer this American achievement: Signalman Third Class Edward Delapp of William Street; Seaman Robert France of Walnut Street; Seaman Neil Graner of Corley Street; and Shipfitter Third Class Paul Savage of Hudson Street. The Lake Champlain crewmen were told not to speak to the Shepard, as the medical staff didn't want his report influenced by any thought the men had.

Five weeks later, the City Council voted 7-6 to honor this amazing hero; they changed the name of two-block-long Tibbetts Place to Alan B. Shepard, Jr. Place, keeping him forever in the heart of Yonkers.

CORPORATION NOTICE

CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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

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

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

MIKE SPANO
Mayor

Date: May 15, 2024

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Beczak, continued from pg 1-

ing the requested repairs.

Architect Stephen Tilly reviewed the list of required repairs and wrote that most were not necessary and could be completed in other ways.

Several community groups are now using the building through Beczak. They include the Yonkers NAACP, the Black Women's Political Caucus, and HRCA, the Hudson River Community Association. The recent troubles with the Nepperhan Community Center have resulted in these and other groups looking for other places to hold their meetings.

We spoke to Marcia Cooper, the President of the Beczak Center, "I would like to sit down once and for all, and hash this out. I would also ask that our lease be honored, through July of next year, and then we can work on a license agreement."

Latimer said that he is hopeful that all parties can come together and reach an agreement on the repairs and the sharing of the building between Beczak and Sarah Lawrence.

Currently, there are negotiations between the County Attorney and the attorney for Beczak over a license agreement referenced by Cooper above. The license agreement would replace the existing lease that Beczak has with the county.

The county is looking to move forward with the license agreement before the lease expires, and in exchange the county would pay for the maintenance-repairs.

Those negotiations continue.

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Guy Fieri: Our Police and Firefighters are Heroes



Guy Fieri with Yonkers Firefighters

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

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

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

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

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