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## Hard Work Pays Off for YMA Valedictorian, Salutatorian



YMA Valedictorian Clara Baldwin, right, and Salutatorian Angelina Ramos

By Dan Murphy

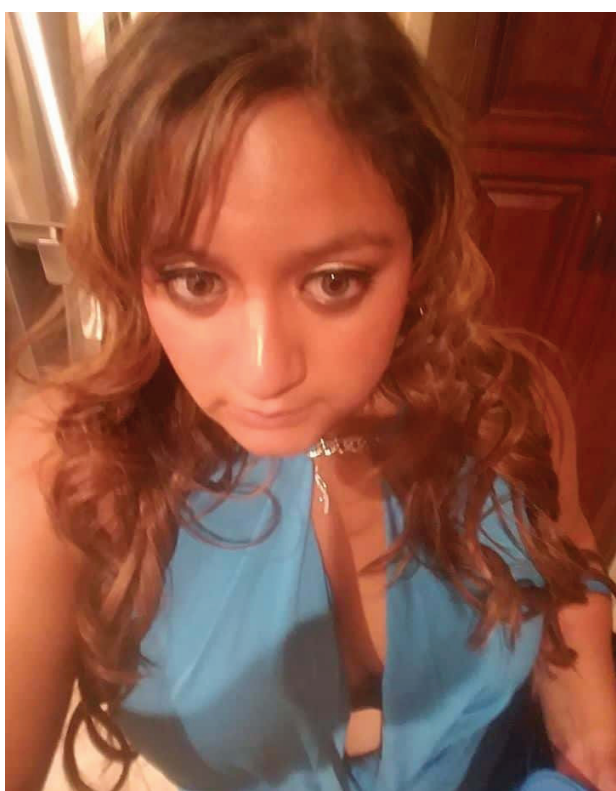
Congratulations to Yonkers Montessori Academy Valedictorian Clara Baldwin and Salutatorian Angelina Ramos. Both have been students at YMA for 12 years and have enjoyed their experience.

Clara Baldwin will graduate with a 100.86 weighted GPA. One of her favorite teachers is Calculus teacher Richard Harman. "I love the way he teaches Math. He is helpful with our college applications, and he is there if you need advice."

Clara's favorite subject is Math, and she was a three sport player on the YMA, Varsity Lacrosse, Soccer and Baseball teams. "My basketball coach Elie Moise

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## Former Yonkers Teacher Caught Having Sex with Student Headed to Jail: Danger to the Community



Sandy  
Carazas-Pinez

By Dan Murphy

NYC Federal Judge John Cronan has sent former Yonkers teacher Sandy Carazas-Pinez to prison after she violated the terms of her bail related to her arrest last year after she was caught having sex and filming the acts, with a minor student at the Biondi School in Yonkers, a school for special needs children.

Carazas-Pinez has been out on bail after her arrest last year, and the conditions of her bail were strict; she was restricted to home confinement except for a few permissible circumstances. She was also banned from having any interactions with children under 18.

Carazas-Pinez had a GPS monitor on her but she violated the terms of her

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## Yonkers Science Barge Opens June 1



Groundwork Hudson Valley's off the grid science and environmental education center – the Science Barge – is opening its doors to the public on Saturday, June 1st from 12 pm to 5 pm. Free plants will be available from 1 pm to 2 pm, while supplies last! Plus, don't miss out on exciting activities like making seed bombs and meeting animals from Greenburg Nature Center! It's an event you won't want to miss! Every year, the Science Barge welcomes school groups, families, tristate area visitors, and residents. It offers guided tours, educational programs around food, energy conservation, and sustainability, and provides

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## 2024 Pride Month Series:

### How Three Trans Women Lead Change



Clockwise: Angelique Piwinski, Nekia Zulu, and Cienna Rosalina

By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

Sometimes, not all of our voices are heard. This is especially true for the trans community. Cienna Rosalina, Nekia Zulu, and Angelique Piwinski are shining stars who refuse to be silent. They're showing bravery in big cities like New York and quieter places like Tampa. They're breaking free from stereotypes and showing everyone how powerful they are. Their stories are all about courage and never giving up. They want everyone to see them, accept them, and treat them fairly- by any means necessary.

Cienna Rosalina: Cienna Rosalina is a 23-year-old content creator and trans activist from Yonkers, New York, who exemplifies the power of self-expression and advocacy in the digital age. With over 165,000 followers on TikTok and millions of views on her videos, Cienna utilizes social media as a platform to share her experiences and uplift other trans folk. "Bravery as a trans woman is standing on what you believe in," she asserts, embodying resilience in the face of adversity. Cienna's online presence not only amplifies her voice but also fosters a sense of community and solidarity among her followers.

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## Volunteers Make Sure Democratic Voters in Bowman-Latimer Race Know Their Options

## Charter School of Educational Excellence Launches Automotive Careers Initiative

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With antisemitism on the rise,

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**VOTING HAS ALREADY BEGUN. REQUEST YOUR EARLY BALLOT NOW.**

By Dan Murphy

Voter participation and turnout for the democratic congressional primary between Congressman Jamaal Bowman and County Executive George Latimer in (NY-16, Westchester and parts of the Bronx) is expected to reach a record high.

Here are some deadlines and important dates for voters from the League of Women Voters and the Board of Elections:

New York State recently allowed ALL voters to vote early by mail by requesting an Early Mail Ballot: Any registered voter may apply for an early mail ballot. This allows voters to request a ballot early without providing a reason, which used to be the only way to vote by mail through an absentee ballot.

Saturday, June 15: Last day NYS voter registration form must be received by the Board of Election by mail or in person.

Saturday, June 15: Last day for an application for a mailed absentee ballot or a mailed early mail ballot to be received by the Board of Elections.

Monday, June 24: Last day to apply in person at the Westchester County Board of Elections (25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601) for an absentee ballot.

Tuesday, June 25, 2024: Last day to postmark a completed absentee or early mail ballot (must be received by Tuesday, July 2, 2024)

Early Voting:

Early Voting in NY State will be held from Saturday, June 15, 2024 – Sunday, June 23, 2024

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—The Charter School of Educational Excellence has formed a partnership with the Ford Automotive Career Exploration (ACE) program to increase student job opportunities in the automotive industry.

Students who participate in the ACE program will gain access to Ford Service Technician Specialty Training eLearning courses—the same curriculum that certified Ford/Lincoln technicians receive. Students who successfully complete the ACE courses have the advantage of transferring their learning records to job opportunities at ACE program partnering dealerships.

“We understand that children thrive in many ways, so our school offers vocational skills training in addition to our rigorous college-focused curriculum,” said Eduardo LaGuerre, chairman of the CSEE’s Board of Trustees. “The ACE program will operate within our three-year automotive program focusing on automotive service specialist careers in our state-of-the-art automotive technology lab.”

ACE is a partnership program between Ford Motor Company, Ford / Lincoln dealerships, and secondary and post-secondary educational institutions. The program raises awareness and increases interest in career opportunities within the automotive industry, ultimately as a service technician. Tasca Ford Yonkers at 900 Central Park Avenue is the school’s dealership partner.

The high school’s automotive technology lab is a fully functional auto service garage with two hydraulic lifts, an alignment lift, and a classroom separate from the garage.

ACE is a supplemental program to a general automotive program, meaning participants do not graduate from ACE, but receive credit for successfully participating in courses that can contribute towards the completion of Ford’s internship or specialized training programs.

The ACE initiative is the CSEE’s latest accomplishment in the 2023-24 academic year. Other accomplishments include: The premiere of the school’s first high school musical, *Godspell*; The opening of a new fitness and health center; Almost 1,100 college acceptance letters for the Class of 2024;

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## Philipse Manor Hall Offers Two Free Movies in June



Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are pleased to present two films for the “Historian & A Movie” series in June. These programs will be held in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, 29 Warburton Ave. Yonkers, NY.

On Friday, June 7, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., “Captain Kidd” (1945, 90 minutes) follows notorious pirate William Kidd as he goes on one last raid before re-branding himself as respectable at the turn of the 18th century. Sleepy Hollow Historian Henry Steiner and Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site Manager Michael Lord bring to life the history of the real pirates of the 17th century and the true history behind Captain Kidd, Frederick Philipse and colonial New York.

On Friday, June 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., “Master & Commander: The Far Side of the World” (2003, 138 mins) follows a British naval Captain Jack Aubrey and his crew as they experience both boredom and intense battle as they play a game of cat and mouse with a French ship during the Napoleonic Wars. With commentary by historian Chad Johnson of New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site and historian and librarian Matthew Thorenz, who will reveal the historical accuracies and inaccuracies of the film and how true it is to the novel of the same name by Patrick O’Brian.

Both programs are free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served. Registration is recommended but not required. Shows start promptly at 7:00 PM. Doors open at 6:00 PM. Museum open 10 am to 5 pm. Popcorn and punch provided by the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall.

To register for either or both programs, call 914-965-4027 or email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov. Learn more at [www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events](http://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events).

## On This Day in Yonkers History



*Lt. General William Lennox Superintendent West Point*

*By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian, Revolutionary Yonkers 250 Chair, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Member of the Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board, and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council*

Monday, June 3rd

June 3, 1936: Vic Petersen’s puppy Tip was the first dog ever to attend an installation of the Protective Order of Elks; he attended the ceremony for Grand Exalted Ruler Ed Murphy. Tip, better known as the only Yonkers dog with his own bank account, frequented his owner’s restaurant at Lake and Nepperhan Avenues. Customers threw the pup tips; he caught the money, then deposited the coins into an iron bank. That evening, he collected \$8 from generous Elks.

June 3, 1943: Eighth Ward Supervisor Thomas Fournier announced he was resigning to enlist in the Army and expected his wife Dorothy would complete his term. She did, serving until December 31st, but declined to run for another term.

Tuesday, June 4th

June 4, 1918: The Board of Supervisors passes a resolution to offer the War Department the old Yonkers Armory on Waverly Street to use as a hospital.

June 4, 1920: Yonkers people who attended the Knights of Columbus field mass at St. Mary’s Cemetery relived the experience in local movie theaters. Shot by Whitman-Bennett Studios Chief Cameraman Tom Griffith, the film showed close-ups of the huge crowd.

Wednesday June 5th

June 5, 1946: New York Central Railroad released a booklet describing the historic significance of Philipse Manor Hall. Besides the history of the Hall, the brochure described the box hedge “descended” from the original hedge planted by Frederick Philipse. Boyce Thompson Institute staff propagated many, many cuttings from the original shrubbery and used them to replant the hedge.

The booklet also featured trees planted by Yonkers’ Keskeskick Chapter

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## DiNapoli Report Examines Troubling Child Poverty Trend

A new report by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli details troubling child poverty trends across the state, including a child poverty rate that is one of the worst in the nation and alarmingly high in some cities.

“A staggering number of children live in poverty in New York,” DiNapoli said. “Research shows that poverty presents serious barriers to healthy child development. Despite unstable economic conditions during the pandemic, child poverty dropped by half because the government expanded programs to help families and children. When these measures expired, the problem got worse. The state and federal government have the solutions to lift more children out of poverty, and we should act with urgency to use them.”

DiNapoli’s report found:

Nearly one in five New York children live in poverty. More than 2.7 million New Yorkers were living in poverty in 2022, and more than a quarter (735,742) were children. Under the Official Poverty Measure (OPM), 18.8% of New York’s children were in poverty in 2022. Almost half of all children living in poverty in the state are in deep poverty, meaning they are in a household with income that is 50% below the federal poverty line. An individual or household is considered to be in poverty when they do not have the financial resources to meet basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter, or access to a minimum standard of living, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau.

New York state’s child poverty rate is one of the worst in the nation. New York ranked 41st in the nation in 2022. The rate was at least six percentage points higher than states that border New York and second highest among its five most populous peer states: California, Florida, Texas, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

The gap in child poverty rates between New York and the U.S. has been widening since 2019. A decade ago, child poverty rates in New York and the nation were equivalent, at about 22.8%. Since 2021, child poverty had continued to decrease nationally but not in New York, producing a gap of 2.5 percentage points. If New York’s 2022 rates were equivalent to the national average, approximately 100,000 fewer children would be in poverty.

Poverty in Upstate Cities Among Worst in U.S.

When compared to other U.S. cities with similar population levels, Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo have child poverty rates that are double the average rate of their cohort cities. Between 40 to 46% of children in Syracuse, Rochester, and Buffalo were living in poverty in 2022, and they rank second, fifth, and seventh among the largest cities in the U.S. with the highest rates of child poverty.

Child Poverty and COVID Relief

The U.S. Census Bureau has two methods of measuring poverty: the OPM and the Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM). While OPM is the basis for calculating assistance for many social safety net programs, the SPM is a broader measure based on out-of-pocket household spending that includes the impact of all non-cash benefits. Between 2019 and 2021, the SPM child poverty rate dropped by 54% in the nation and 51% in New York, indicative of how meaningful the COVID relief benefits were to households across the nation. These relief measures included expanded benefits under the Child Tax Credit (CTC); enhanced food benefits (SNAP); and emergency rental assistance, among others. As these programs lapsed, the SPM rates for children doubled (and in some cases tripled) in all but 10 states in 2022. In New York, the rate more than doubled to 20.2%, passing its pre-pandemic level of 18.6% in 2019.

New federal legislation that would expand the current federal CTC passed the House of Representatives on Jan. 31, 2024, but has not passed the Senate. While the proposal would not increase the CTC to 2021 levels, it would significantly improve the benefit for low-income families. DiNapoli urged for the passing of the federal CTC expansion in the Senate and signing by President Biden as soon as possible.

Recent State Policies to Reduce Child Poverty

The New York State Child Poverty Reduction Advisory Council (CPRAC) is working to produce recommendations to reduce child poverty by half by 2031.

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## THE 27TH ANNUAL ASIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 1

The 27th Annual Asian-American Heritage Festival will take place on Saturday, June 1, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

This cultural festival will showcase Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Indian, Thai and Vietnamese cultures with live songs, dances, musical performances, Asian arts and cultural exhibits, Chinese paper cutting and origami, and ethnic foods. It will also include, children’s entertainment, balloon sculptures, games and face painting. Free medical and dental screenings will be available to attendees.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, “Westchester takes pride in the shared spirit among its many diverse cultures. Experiencing other backgrounds broadens one’s perspective, fostering a greater understanding of the varied ways our county’s populations live and think.”

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O’Connor said, “Though May is Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, this festival will extend the celebration into June. Folks of all ages can enjoy the activities, dances, music and culinary delights at one of our most beloved parks.”

The festival will be held rain or shine. Seating is informal; bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. No coolers will be allowed. Admission and parking are free, except for Irish-American festival.

The other heritage festivals in the series are:

Albanian, Sunday, June 2, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

African-American, Sunday, June 23, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Hispanic, Sunday, July 7, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Irish-American, Saturday, July 14, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale (admission: \$5 adults; free for ages 14 and under)\*

Italian, Sunday, July 21, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Arab, Sunday, July 21, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale

India, Sunday, Aug. 4, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Ecuadorian, Sunday, Aug. 11, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Croton Point Park, Croton-On-Hudson

Jewish, Sunday, Aug. 18 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Muslim Heritage, Sunday, Aug. 25, 12 p.m. to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Please be advised that the Bronx River Parkway will be closed for Bicycle Sundays in June from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and in July from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The parkway will be closed between Scarsdale Road in Yonkers and the Westchester County Center in White Plains. Kensico Dam Plaza can be accessed via Route 22, from the north or south.

Kensico Dam Plaza is at the north end of the Bronx River Parkway, in Valhalla. (Directions) Ridge Road Park is at 287 Ridge Road, Hartsdale (Directions

For more information, visit parks.westchestergov.com or call (914) 864-PARK; dates and times are subject to change.

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## Yonkers Man Sentenced to 12 Years for Arson

*Defendant lit an object and threw it into a ground floor apartment on Elm Street in Yonkers; good Samaritan helped a resident escape*

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that a Yonkers man was sentenced on Tuesday to 12 years in state prison for setting a Yonkers apartment on fire with a resident inside in June 2021.

DA Rocah said: "This deliberate act of destruction put residents in harm's way and displaced a victim from his home. It took a jury just 30 minutes to deliberate and weigh the evidence against this defendant, who now will be held accountable for his senseless actions."

Following a two-week trial, a jury on Apr. 12 found the defendant, Angel Rivera, 51, guilty of Arson in the Second Degree and Arson in the Third Degree, both felonies. The defendant was also sentenced to five years of post-release supervision.

On June 7, 2021, at approximately 1:56 a.m., the defendant walked up to a residential building on Elm Street in Yonkers, lit an object and threw it into the open window of a ground floor apartment, causing the unit to catch fire. A good Samaritan kicked in the door of the apartment and helped a resident, who was sleeping, escape from the apartment before the Yonkers Fire Department arrived to put out the fire. The incident, which made the apartment uninhabitable, was captured on surveillance video.

The Yonkers Police Department's Major Case Squad conducted an investigation and identified a suspect from surveillance footage. Police issued a wanted flyer for the defendant, and arrested him on June 9, 2021, after he was observed approximately two blocks from the incident location. Following his arrest, the defendant made admissions to wanting to blow up the residential building.

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

The case was before Judge Robert Prisco in Westchester County Court and prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Mathieu Reno of the Trials and Investigations Division.

## You Read It Here First! Joseph Spennato Charged with Attempted Murder of NC Cop



Joseph Spennato

Last week, Westchester Rising uncovered the person responsible for attacking a North Castle police officer with a knife as two officers responded to an emergency call for assistance on May 20. We were able to identify that person as Joseph Spennato, and found his photo, above, along with a number of strange videos on social media.

On May 28 Spennato, 38, was charged with the attempted murder of North Castle Police Sgt. William McClure. Spennato remains at Westchester Medical Center where he is recovering after being shot by North Castle police during the attack.

North Castle Police reported that their two officers, Sgt. William McClure and Police Officer Chris Costa, initially went to Spennato's home, at 14 Hallock Place, at 12:26 p.m. to assist a 78-year-old woman who needed medical care. While at the residence, the officers encountered Spennato and knew that there were two bench warrants for his arrest.

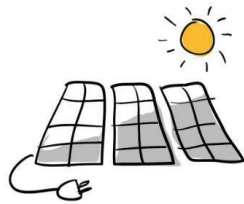
When the officers attempted to take him into custody, he allegedly grabbed a knife and attempted to stab McClure, who was wearing a ballistic vest, multiple times in the back. He was then shot two times by Costa.

Westchester County Police were requested to take over the investigation, which it conducted along with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

Spennato was ordered held without bail at arraignment and will be remanded to Westchester County Jail upon his release from the hospital.

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**WHEN:** Thursday, June 6th, 2024 6:00-7:30pm



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Notice of formation of Resonance Interactive LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/14/2024. 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, 17 Arlington Road, Scarsdale NY, 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

Notice 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.

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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.

# Help Find This Missing Yonkers Boy

## MISSING CHILD



Walter Marshall

NCIC# M517916576

Missing Since: May 12, 2024

Yonkers, NY

Age Now: 17 Years Old

Male

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**Call the Yonkers Police Department if you have any information at 914-377-7900**

## State Senator Harckham Supports Carmel Moratorium on Energy Storage Systems

**Letter to Carmel Supervisor Notes Forthcoming Legislation on Sound Siting, Safety of Future "Battery Farms" and Need for Including Local Stakeholders**

New York State Senator Pete Harckham declared his "full support" for a moratorium on energy storage systems in the Town of Carmel in a letter sent today to Carmel Town Supervisor Michael Cazzari. Additionally, Harckham stated that he will be introducing new state legislation to ensure sound siting and storage system safety while also guaranteeing that all local stakeholders are included in the development process.

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Notice of Formation of RR 207 Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/27/24. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 603 Warburton Ave, Ste 2, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, 10706. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Those interested in listening to the bid opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

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1. Bid RFB-7135A – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Twelve-month contract to purchase up to 50 Motorola Vigilant, or Yonkers approved equal, license plate reading cameras and accessories-the initial purchase will be for 13 sets (VB).

2. Bid RFB-7164A – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Pick-up, removal, and lawful disposal of rock and dirt from the City of Yonkers lots and yards as needed (NG).

3. Bid RFB-7168 – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Purchase of one Hamm model HD 12 VV Tandem Vibratory Roller and trailer, or Yonkers approved equal (FB).

4. Bid RFB-7169 – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Purchase of 44 Dayton Armor Level III, or Yonkers approved equal, rifle plates (NG).

5. Bid RFB-7170 – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Purchase of 2 Innvotronics MK-4 Soft Body Tactical robots, or Yonkers approved equal (NG).

6. Bid RFB-7171 – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Twelve-month contract to Purchase up to 170 sets of Tyvek 400 suits, or Yonkers approved equal. The initial order will be for 85 suits (AC).

7. Bid RFB-7172 – Opening date: 6/28/2024: Furnish and install shelving and racks on three 2023 Ford Transit vans and one 2023 Ford F150 Lightning (FB).

8. Bid RFB-7174 – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Purchase of American Pneumatic Tools, or Yonkers approved equal, paving breakers and rock drills – 12 items (KAS).

9. Bid RFB-7175 – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Purchase of 3 Karcher Chariot, or Yonkers approved equal, floor scrubbing machines (KAS).

10. Bid RFB-7176 – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Purchase of 24 CavCom, or Yonkers approved equal, in-ear communication systems (VB).

11. Bid RFB-7177 – Opening date: 6/21/2024: Twelve-month contract to purchase up to 320 tons of fine mortar sand as needed (VB).

12. Bid RFB-7178 – Opening date: 6/21/2024: Twelve-month contract to purchase up to 760 tons of ½” crushed stone as needed (VB).

13. Bid IFB-7179 - Opening date: 6/28/2024: Asbestos abatement at City Hall, 40 South Broadway, 1st Police Precinct, 730 East Grassy Sprain Road, and DPW Service Center, 1130 Nepperhan Avenue (FB).

14. Bid IFB-7180 - Opening date: 6/28/2024: Furnish and install new motor at the station 2 pump at the Hillview Pump Station, 371 Central Park Avenue (AC).

15. Bid RFB-7181: Opening date: 6/14/2024: Purchase of six Neptune, or Yonkers approved equal, metering pumps (KAS).

16. Bid RFB-7183 – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide on-call exterminating of City owned lots and catch basins (FB).

17. Bid IFB-7184 – Opening date: 6/28/2024: Twelve-month contract to resurface state touring roads within the City of Yonkers (KS).

18. Bid RFB-7185 – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Twelve-month contract to purchase Fresh Step, or Yonkers approved equal, non-clumping cat litter in 35 lb. bags, approximately 60,000 pounds (NG).

19. Bid RFB-7186 – Opening date: 6/28/2024: Repair wall at the Organic Yard, 610 Nepperhan Avenue, Yonkers, NY (KAS).

20. Bid RFB-7187 – Opening date: 6/28/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide maintenance and repairs to playground equipment throughout the Yonkers School District (FB).

21. Bid RFB-7194 – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Twelve-month contract to purchase up to 3 Hurst spreaders, cutters, rams, chain & shackles, and power supplies (VB).

22. Bid RFB-7195 – Opening date: 6/21/2024: Twelve-month contract to purchase various pool chemical as needed (NG).

23. Bid RFB-7197 – Opening date: 6/21/2024: Twenty-four month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide on-call maintenance and emergency repairs to the remote water distribution monitoring systems (KS).

24. Bid RFB-7199 – Opening date: 6/21/2024: Purchase of one Toyota model 8FBCHU25, or Yonkers approved equal, electric forklift with charging station (VB).

25. Bid RFB-7200 – Opening date: 6/21/2024: Purchase of Kappler and Tingley Rubber, or Yonkers approved equals, personal protective equipment, 10 items (KS).

26. Bid RFB-7201 – Opening date: 6/28/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide maintenance and repairs to fire suppression systems within the Yonkers School District (FB).

27. Bid RFB-7202 – Opening date: 6/14/2024: Furnish and install repair parts on Fisher Scientific water purification system (VB).

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Harckham said his District Office has fielded numerous calls and emails over the past several weeks from constituents about the proposed “Union Energy Center” being developed by East Point Energy, a firm based in Charlottesville, Virginia, which will be sited on a 93.5-acre parcel of land off Miller Road in Mahopac, adjacent to the border of the Town of Somers, and include a 116-megawatt battery energy storage system, two substations and two enclosure pads.

Many of the calls to Harckham’s office are from Somers residents who have voiced concerns that they do not have any say in Carmel’s siting decision-making, hence the need for a more comprehensive approach in future energy storage system proposals.

In his letter to Cazzari, Harckham applauded the Carmel Town Board for planning to hold a public hearing on a possible moratorium next month. In April, Harckham sent a letter to the Town of Carmel Planning Board and asked that there be a “robust public engagement process” regarding a grid-scale energy storage system project in Mahopac.

“The Board has my full support in pursuing a temporary moratorium until it has had the opportunity to consider more comprehensive local regulations,” states Harckham. “I appreciate and respect the independence of the Town of Carmel as it relates to land use matters. The proximity of the Miller Road site to homes and properties in the adjoining municipalities makes this proposed project particularly sensitive.”

The energy storage system project is meant to reduce some of the strain on the regional electric grid, which would be helpful during blackouts; it would also alleviate some costs to both the electric utility and consumers. The system would be connected directly to the electricity grid in Mahopac, where it is under operation of New York State Electric and Gas (NYSEG).

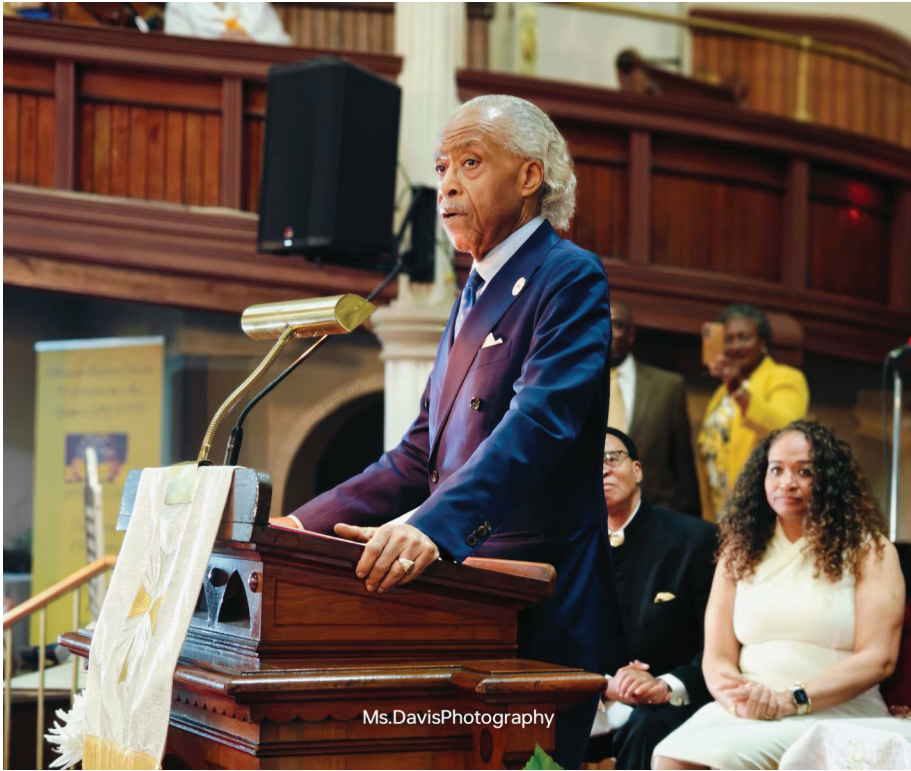
Harckham writes the new legislation he will be introducing will support local governments as they contend with other proposals for energy storage systems or “battery farms.” A proposed 100-megawatt battery storage facility located in Queens, NY, slightly smaller in size to what is planned for Carmel, would be 130,680 square-feet, according to a Public Service Commission document—about three acres in size and larger than a city block in Manhattan.

The new legislation, Harckham states, would “ensure sound siting, best standards for energy storage system safety and guarantee all stakeholders are heard.” An earlier bill was called back recently after new regulatory language in the FY2024-2025 State Budget made it unworkable.

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**Rev. Al Sharpton Visits Yonkers to Celebrate Messiah Baptist Church's Designation on the National Registers of Historic Places**



Rev. Al Sharpton at Messiah Baptist Church, Yonkers, photo by Donna Davis

On Tuesday, May 28, 2024, Pastor Frank E. Coleman, Jr. and Messiah Baptist Church hosted a landmark service at Messiah Baptist Church, 76 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, in celebration of The New York State Board for Historic Preservation including Messiah Baptist Church as a site to be recommended for inclusion on the State and National Registers of Historic Places. In addition, The New York Landmarks Conservancy has awarded Messiah Baptist Church with funds to restore the historic church. The service was an inspirational experience with a message delivered by Reverend Al Sharpton.

The church building dates to 1888 and was built as the Westminster Presbyterian Church. It was designed by Lawrence B. Valk, and the land was originally owned by the family that founded the Otis Elevator Company. In 1964, Messiah Baptist Church members acquired the building. One year later, a historic moment occurred. On May 28, 1965, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., visited with several civil rights leaders to address the Negro American Labor Council's Fifth Convention at the church. Messiah Baptist Church is the oldest African American church in the City of Yonkers and has been a beacon

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**World War II Veteran Leads Crestwood Memorial Day Parade**



Yonkers City Councilman Anthony Merante, pictured above, with WWII Veteran John Monaco, who served as the Grand Marshal of the Crestwood Memorial Day Parade. Monaco is a member of the greatest generation of Americans, who made it through the depression and fought in WWII. Thank John and every WWII Veteran you can.

**Study Time Sculpture-photo by Donna Davis**

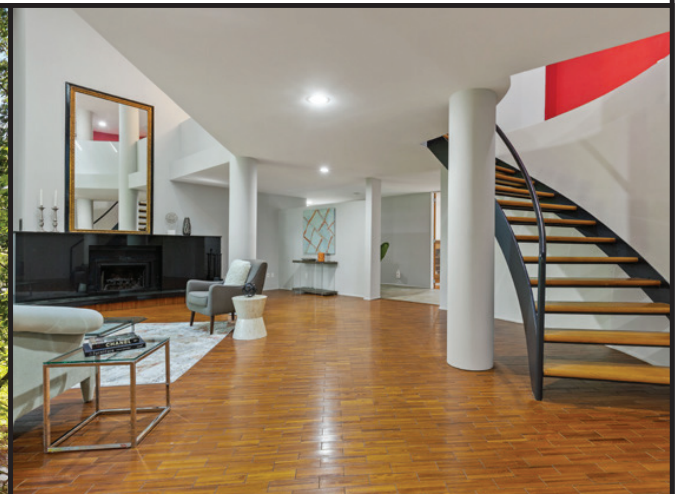


Donated to City Hall several years ago by the Rose Family. She sits on the edge of the Unity Plaza. No matter the event taking place children and adults alike are drawn to her to take photos. The Rose Family have been creating works of art for public display for some 50 years. Their workshop and office is at 500 Nepperhan Ave.



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### Lyndhurst's 2024 Season Continues with Rose Weekend June 9 & 10



Nature lovers, gardeners, and those looking for family fun will definitely want to stop and smell the roses during Rose Weekend 2024 at Lyndhurst.

The event, which happens Saturday, June 8th and Sunday, June 9th from 10 AM-3 PM, has everything from gorgeous gardens to puppet shows, potting workshops, horticultural walk-and-talks, a popup café, and more, and is sure to appeal to all ages.

Following on the heels of the wildly successful flower-filled Lyndhurst in Bloom event in April, Rose Weekend is filled with a bounty of offerings that go way beyond just roses. Rose Weekend attendees will be able to enjoy the sights and smells of hundreds of roses (and can even purchase a rare "Helen Gould Rose" to take home as a souvenir), attend potting workshops, see puppet shows, listen to a rosarian talk with Peter Winne, participate in a rose bouquet demo, and take part in a garden book talk. Gardening professionals (from Seeds of Design, Ardsley Pollinator Pathway, Seed on Hudson, and Hudson Compost) will be on site to answer questions, and walk-and-talks will explore different trees and plants with expert guidance. All these activities are included in the price of admission.

On Saturday, a popup café will be selling lunch and snacks, and Penny Lick Ice Cream Company will have ice cream for sale. On Sunday, in addition to lunch, snacks, and ice cream, mocktails will be available from Aperó Vespa.

Lyndhurst's fabled rose garden was first developed in the early 1900s when Helen Gould (a philanthropist and member of New York City's wealthy Gould family) was at Lyndhurst. During World War II, the garden was neglected, but in the 1960s, the Garden Club of Irvington began to restore the rose garden.

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### Lag BaOmer Celebrated in Yonkers



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*Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz places tefillin on Bruno Amaro's forehead and arm Photo (c) Robert Kalfus*



*L-R Rabbi Yoel Hurwitz, brother of Rabbi Mendy, made a large cotton candy looking like a streimel hat, and holding it over the head of his brother Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz Photo (c) Robert Kalfus.*

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## Kennedy for President Campaign Submits 135,519 Signatures to Get on Ballot in NY



On May 28, the Kennedy for President campaign announced that it had submitted 135,519 signatures to the NYS Board of Elections, more than three times the required 45,000 signature to get on the ballot for President in the Empire State.

Dozens of volunteers carried more than 70 volumes of signatures into the New York State Board of Elections office in Albany. “The scale of this grassroots effort has been monumental and proves the strength of our ground game in a way many claimed was impossible,” said Will Boothby, Kennedy campaign northeast regional field director. “In six weeks, the campaign has held two rallies, a college bus tour, and hundreds of local events. More than 900 volunteers representing all 63 counties stepped up for this historic effort.”

“The State of New York has stacked the deck against independent candidates in every way possible, combining the worst aspects of ballot access restrictions into one amalgamation designed to stop any candidate from achieving what we have achieved today.”

New York utilizes the following stringent rules: a byzantine set of rules for the final processed documents; congressional district requirements for signatures that must be proven to be met before submission; requiring manual validation of all signatures; confusing tests of residency, forcing signers to put downtowns as opposed to the postally accepted hamlets; one of the shortest petitioning windows in the nation allowing only six weeks for collection; and one of the highest number of signatures required in the nation.

In spite of this, the Kennedy campaign has made history in the state that once elected Robert F. Kennedy as their U.S. Senator and where Robert F. Kennedy Jr. began his environmental career by spearheading the project to clean up the Hudson River from corporate polluters.

“This accomplishment is a testament to the strength of our movement,” said Emma Diment, Kennedy campaign field digital director. “We’ve talked with hundreds of thousands of New York voters who are thrilled to have a third option this November.”

The campaign’s aggressive ballot access plan will ensure the Kennedy-Shanahan ticket is on the ballot in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The ballot access plan is fully funded with more than \$15 million raised.

The Kennedy-Shanahan ticket is officially on the ballot in seven states — Utah, Michigan, California, Delaware, Oklahoma, Hawaii, and Texas. It has collected enough signatures for ballot access in nine other states — New Hampshire, Nevada, North Carolina, Idaho, Nebraska, Iowa, Ohio, New Jersey, and now New York.

The Kennedy-Shanahan campaign has collected the signatures needed for ballot access in 16 states, totaling 229 electoral votes, 43% of the 538 total electoral votes nationwide.

“Getting ‘Bobby on the Ballot’ in my home state is one of the greatest achievements of my life,” said New York volunteer Tammi Palmeri. “I understand what’s at stake for our country and I’m grateful there’s a candidate I can believe in.”

On May 1, the Kennedy campaign released results from a Zogby poll showing Kennedy beats both Presidents Biden and Trump in head-to-head matchups. Kennedy is the first independent ever to defeat both major party candidates in head-to-head matchups.

Learn more at [Kennedy24.com](https://Kennedy24.com).

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Merestead Estate, Mount Kisco: (914) 864-7958. Junebirds on Location, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Welcome in the new month with our feathered friends! We will observe the migrants and year-round residents of birds. Please bring binoculars. Meet at the Merestead Meadow parking lot.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Birding for Beginners, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. It’s springtime, and that means it’s a great opportunity to observe bird behavior during the nesting season. Bring binoculars. Meet at the nature center. Led by Chris Mignone of Central Westchester Audubon.

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/2024-06-01/>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050 Old Time Music Jam Session, 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Join our community of old-time musicians in our historic house at for a jam session! Whether you want to pick up your instrument and play along with this Appalachian folk-style genre or to simply listen and enjoy, this open session is for all to join. Free. Get details at <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event-calendar.html/event/2024/06/01/1717259400/old-time-music-jam-all-welcome/472028>

Glen Island Park, New Rochelle: (914) 813-6720

Beach Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. The beach will be open on June 19, weekends through Sunday, June 23, and daily from Friday, June 28 through Monday, Sept. 2; weather permitting; no admittance after 6 p.m.; parking and beach admission fees apply. Westchester County residency is required for admission, with a County Park Pass, a valid NYS driver’s license or a valid NYS ID with a Westchester County address.

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290. Beach Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. The beach will be open weekends in June and on June 19. The beach will be open Wednesday through Sunday, from Friday, June 28 through Monday, Sept. 2; weather permitting; no admittance after 6 p.m.; parking and beach fees apply; Westchester residency is not required.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Patterns In Nature Exhibition, 10 a.m. – 3:45 p.m. Explore the mesmerizing tapestry of patterns that can be found everywhere in this interactive exhibit and flower show. Thursdays through Sundays until August 31. Get details and tickets at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/patterns-in-nature-2/2024-06-01/>

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla: (914) 231-4033. Asian Heritage Festival, 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Get details at <https://parks.westchestergov.com/press-releases/3327-the-45th-annual-polish-heritage-festival-to-kick-off-2024-cultural-heritage-celebrations>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322 Sustainable Flower-Pressing Workshop, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Would you like to keep your flowers for more than a few weeks in a vase? Learn how to press flowers so they can be preserved for years! Together we’ll enjoy a guided hike filled with sustainable flower harvesting. Enjoy some time at Trailside by creating your own pressed flower artwork.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. History Tour, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lenoir has an interesting historical background, with centuries of fascinating owners and various uses for the land. Join us on a leisurely 1-mile walk around the preserve to learn all about it. For ages 1- and up.

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050. WWE Super-Show Summer Tour, 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. WWE Live Returns to the County Center! Doors Open: 6 p.m. Show: 7:30 p.m. Get details and tickets at <https://countycenter.biz/event/w-supershow-summer-tour/>

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Bird Walk, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Come to for an early morning bird walk with Tait Johansson, the Bedford Audubon Society naturalist. Wear sturdy shoes and bring binoculars. The walk will leave from the Conservatory plaza outside the Welcome Center. Free, rain or shine. Also: Oct. 19. Register at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/audubon-bird-walk/2024-06-02/>

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-calendar.html/event/2024/06/02/1717338600/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/2024-06-02/>

The Bronx River Parkway- Bicycle Sundays, 10 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. A portion of the parkway is closed to cars for the exclusive use of non-motorized bicyclists and scooters, as well as in-line skaters, walkers and joggers. Runs through July and starts again in Sept. through Oct. 6. Get details at <https://www.thewpf.org/events/uat2xxrxqzb9rr27qs0f7v961nhmc1-yrpk5-a4g45-3t9xr-w5ja6-37rw7-pk4n7-2f8nk-f4c5c-8w89a-7nwnm-szc32-6sknj-fkmnp>

Glen Island Park, New Rochelle: (914) 813-6720

DJ Day, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Come for a swim and enjoy music at the beach! Proof of Westchester County is residency required. Participation is free; admission and parking fees apply; weather permitting.

Get details at <https://parks.westchestergov.com/family-fun-days>

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

Coyotes: Masters of Survival Through the Seasons, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Coyotes are highly adaptable animals that employ various survival strategies that thrive throughout all four seasons. We’ll discuss their denning habits in the spring and how they teach survival skills to their pups over the summer.

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Angelique Piwinski: Angelique Piwinski, an activist, speaker, and congressionally recognized, award-winning trans woman, embodies a legacy of resilience and perseverance. Having been present during the historic Stonewall Uprising in 1969, Angelique has witnessed firsthand the struggles and triumphs of the LGBTQ+ community. Despite facing countless challenges throughout her journey, Angelique remains a steadfast advocate for trans rights, offering support and guidance to those who seek her wisdom. “I don’t even know that I’m doing it,” she humbly remarks, emphasizing the organic nature of her impact. Through her activism and storytelling, Angelique continues to inspire generations of trans folks to embrace their authenticity and stand tall in their truth.

Nekia Zulu: Nekia Zulu, a 23-year-old multi-talented entertainer, radiates confidence and resilience in her pursuit of artistic expression. With a passion for creating safe spaces for her community, Nekia fearlessly confronts societal norms and expectations, refusing to be confined by others’ perceptions. “If someone affects you enough to get in your psyche, be brave to overcome that. But I just am,” she declares, embodying a spirit of unwavering self-assurance. Through her artistry and activism, Nekia challenges stereotypes and empowers trans folks to embrace their identities unapologetically.

Collectively, Cienna, Angelique, and Nekia embody the spirit of resilience and authenticity, paving the way for greater visibility and acceptance within the trans community. Despite the systemic barriers and discrimination they may face, these remarkable women remain steadfast in their commitment to creating a more inclusive and equitable society for all of us.

The Data: According to recent statistics, trans folks continue to experience disproportionate rates of violence, discrimination, and marginalization in America. A report by the Human Rights Campaign revealed that at least 44 transgender or gender non-conforming people were fatally shot or killed by other violent means in 2020, marking the deadliest year on record for the transgender community. Additionally, a study by the National Center for Transgender Equality found that nearly one in three transgender individuals experienced homelessness at some point in their lives, with a significant percentage reporting mistreatment or harassment while seeking shelter. The Human Rights Campaign also reports at least eleven trans folks killed in 2024.

Despite these challenges, the resilience and courage demonstrated by Cienna Rosalina, Angelique Piwinski, Nekia Zulu, and countless other trans folks serve as a testament to the power of authenticity and solidarity. As we celebrate Pride Month and reflect on the progress made in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights, let us honor the legacies of these remarkable women and reaffirm our commitment to creating a world where all individuals can live authentically, free from fear and discrimination. When we say LGBT, always remember the T.

**Dennis Richmond, Jr., an educator, historian, and writer, illuminates the experiences of Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ communities in Yonkers and NYC through his journalism. Stay connected with him by following @NewYorkStakz on social media.**

## Tuckahoe Mayor Andino Ditches Village for “The Suburbs”



**Tuckahoe Mayor Omayra Andino**

*By Dan Muirphy*

Residents of Eastchester and the Village of Tuckahoe have more questions for Tuckahoe Mayor Omayra Andino after Journal News reporter David Mackay Wilson’s story uncovered the fact that Andino purchased an Briarcliff home for \$990,000 just 6 days before she was re-elected for a second term as Tuckahoe Mayor, and that she indicated to the lender that the property would be her primary residence.

Wilson’s story, which can be read at [www.lohud.com/story/news/local/westchester/tuckahoe/2024/05/28/tuckahoe-ny-mayor-andino-bought-ossining-home-as-principal-residence/73826063007/](http://www.lohud.com/story/news/local/westchester/tuckahoe/2024/05/28/tuckahoe-ny-mayor-andino-bought-ossining-home-as-principal-residence/73826063007/), includes a link to mortgage documents, which show Andino listing the property as her primary residence and not a second home. The documents also show that Andino was represented at the closing by Tuckahoe Village attorney Gary Gjertsen, who shortly after Andino’s purchase, was re-appointed as the Village Attorney.

Tuckahoe residents who live in the same co-op building that Andino calls her residence, at 14 Westview, say “she is never there. I haven’t seen her in some time.”

Andino saved money on her mortgage, by obtaining a lower interest rate for the new property, by listing it as her primary residence, and admitted to Mackay Wilson that it will be her primary residence at some point. While some realtors have called this intentional misrepresentation mortgage fraud, it is hardly ever enforced.

Many believe that Andino was hoping to have the Briarcliff home purchase go unnoticed until November 2024, which would mark one year since she purchased the property, and at which point her lender would not require her to keep it as a primary residence. Mortgage documents available online, through the County Clerks office, show that the mortgage terms require Andino to reside in

the Briarcliff property for at least one year after closing.

And that part of her mortgage does not coincide with the New York State Village Law, which requires elected officials to reside in the Village that they serve. Oddly enough the Village Code is silent to residency requirements and that is something that some residents want to see changed.

But regardless of whether Andino committed mortgage fraud on her lender, Tuckahoe residents are outraged about Andino’s explanation to Mackay Wilson that she wanted to buy a home in “the suburbs.”

“The Mayor of our Village doesn’t think that Tuckahoe is in the suburbs? She has to get out of here with her family to enjoy life?” said one Tuckahoe resident.

“Our Mayor has a choice to make. Either she should live in Tuckahoe, for real, or resign and live in Ossining. Why do some of our elected officials feel like they are entitled not to play by the rules?”

The other convenient fact in the LoHud.com story is that Andino’s Ossining home is 5 miles away from her work, at the The Institutes Of Applied Human Dynamics. Andino works as the CEO at a salary of \$325,000 per year, according to Pro-Publica.

Many Tuckahoe residents don’t believe Andino’s story, that she really lives in Tuckahoe and commutes to work every weekday, when her Ossining home cuts her commute by 40 minutes every day. “She bought the Ossining home to be closer to work, that’s obvious,” said another Tuckahoe resident.

The LoHud.com story also includes a photo of Andino’s car in the driveway of her Ossining home. Some Tuckahoe residents have delved into Andino’s residency issue further, and have determined that Andino, Village Manager David Burke, and Deputy Mayor Cara Kronen, attended the New York Conference of Mayors in Albany from May 15 - May 17 on or about the same time that the photo was taken.

And sources close to Village Hall tell us that the vehicle taken to Albany was an unmarked Tuckahoe Police vehicle reserved for criminal investigations which was taken out of service for their use. We ask the following-Who takes an unmarked police car to a conference for 3 days? Is this something that is done on a regular basis for Village officials? Couldn’t one of the three officials have taken their own car and gotten reimbursed? How many Village employees were aware that the mayor lived in Ossining? Did they pick her up in Ossining on their way to Albany?

It seems that there are more questions than answers but one thing is abundantly clear - there are increasing calls for the mayor to resign.

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*Voting options, continued from pg 2-*

We will provide all locations in Westchester County in next week's paper.

Several outside groups are encouraging voters to be aware of their voting options and to make sure that they cast a vote on June 25. One group that is empowering voters to cast a ballot in the upcoming NY-16 democratic primary is Westchester Unites. Driven by Teach Coalition, Westchester Unites is making sure that Jewish democratic voters in the 16th district are ready to make their voices heard on June 25.

Westchester Unites is not supporting any candidate, but is seeking to empower voters through outreach, education and engagement in an effort to maximize turnout.

Earlier this year, more than 2,000 voters in the district changed their enrollment to democrat, allowing them to vote in the June 25 primary. And Westchester Unites has sent out direct mailings, text messages and videos, and through an army of local volunteers have made phone calls and knocked on doors in the district.

Westchester Unites (WestchesterUnitesCoalition.org) has an office located in New Rochelle, at 1297 North Avenue.

"Our mission is that we want to make sure that the Jewish vote in District 16 is robust and that the whole community is going to take part in the outcome. This race will be decided in the primary, so you have to vote in the primary on June 25," said Dan Mitzner, COO & Director of Government Affairs, Teach Coalition.

"We also want voters to be aware of the different ways and opportunities to vote. We have over 700 active volunteers, and by partnering with other groups, we are ensuring that every likely Jewish voter is contacted.

So far, 32.34% of the early mail ballots have been requested by likely Jewish voters (our target audience), while likely Jewish voters make up only 9.33% of the population. And likely Jewish voters are requesting early mail ballots at a rate nearly 5 times likely non-Jewish voters.

"The numbers are good and what is being done is working. We are looking at this in a multiphase campaign. Phase one has been a success, and it speaks to the enthusiasm of the Jewish community to get involved in this election," said Mitzner.

Westchester Unites will be following the election timeline and will continue their efforts to include a shift to in person, early voting starting June 15.

The Westchester League of Women Voters will host a debate between Bowman and Latimer on June 10 via zoom. Visit <https://my.lww.org/new-york/westchester>.

### *Teacher Jailed for Bail Violation, continued from pg 1-*

confinement when she was permitted to leave her home and cash a check but instead went to a restaurant and a "wooded area."

After being kicked out of the home she shared with her husband, Carazas-Pinez was recently staying with her parents. For the past month, she has been an inmate at the Metropolitan Detention Center

Here is the story and charges against her from 2023.

On July 12, SDNY US Attorney Damian Williams announced the unsealing of a two-count indictment charging SANDY CARAZAS-PINEZ with enticing a minor victim to engage in illegal sexual activity and production of child pornography. As alleged in the indictment, CARAZAS-PINEZ, a former high school teacher at the Biondi School in Yonkers, enticed one of her 16-year old students to engage in sexual activity with her and further induced the same student to participate in live-streamed sexually explicit conduct while on video calls with CARAZAS-PINEZ. CARAZAS-PINEZ was arrested on July 13 and no longer works for the Yonkers Public Schools.

CARAZAS-PINEZ was a high school teacher at a school for kindergarten through 12th grade students located in Yonkers, New York ("School-1"). From in or about November 2022 through in or about February 2023, CARAZAS-PINEZ abused her position as a teacher at School-1 by inducing and attempting to induce a student ("Minor Victim-1") at School-1 into a sexual relationship with CARAZAS-PINEZ. Minor Victim-1 was 16 years old at the time of the abuse.

It was the unidentified minor student who broke of the relationship with Carazas-Pinez, but not after she threatened him to punish him at school if he didn't continue their sexual activity.

Eventually, the two were seen together outside of the school, and others had witnessed the inappropriate behavior inside the school. Carazas-Pinez was terminated in March.

## Why Are We So Divided Over the NYS ERA?

*By Dan Murphy*

A proposed amendment to the New York State Constitution called the Equal Rights Amendment has divided New Yorkers as much as the upcoming Presidential election.

Specifically, the proposed amendment, which would have to be approved by the voters in a referendum in November, states:

No person shall be denied the equal protection of the laws of this state or any subdivision thereof. No person shall, because of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, age, disability creed, or religion, or sex, including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive healthcare and autonomy, be subjected to any discrimination in their civil rights by any other person or by any firm, corporation, or institution, or by the state or any agency or subdivision of the state pursuant to law.

Currently, the ERA amendment will not be on the ballot in November, because NYS Supreme Court Judge Daniel Doyle ruled that the amendment was not properly presented to the NYS Attorney General based on a technicality.

The New York constitution requires that a proposed amendment must be presented to the attorney general to ensure that the proposal is not in conflict with other provisions of the constitution. NY Attorney General James is appealing Doyle's ruling.

Westchester Democrats, and abortion rights supporters, want the ERA on the ballot and approved by the voters. Assembly member MaryJane Shimsky said, "We need the ERA now precisely because of the extremists who would scapegoat children for political gain and the dangers their culture wars are creating in our communities. New Yorkers know that we are stronger together and when we stand up for each other. Should the ERA proposition be restored to the ballot, I expect that it will pass with broad popular support."

Andrea Miller, president of the National Institute for Reproductive Health, a national advocacy group, described the amendment as "exciting" and a "first of its kind" in how it expressly links sex discrimination and reproductive rights to LGBTQ+ rights and others.

"This would be the first time that a state constitution would explicitly name all of those as being encompassed by sex discrimination and within the context of sex discrimination," she said.

The ERA isn't just about a single issue," said Emma Corbett, state director of communications for Planned Parenthood Empire State Acts. "Fewer and fewer voters are single-issue voters these days. There's this real opportunity to codify those freedoms for New York, and I think voters are gonna respond positively to that."

Westchester District Attorney candidate Susan Cacace said, "Access to a safe and legal abortion is a fundamental aspect of reproductive healthcare," said Judge Cacace, a strong champion of reproductive rights. "By passing the NY ERA, we have the chance to permanently keep abortion legal in New York and protect it from the kinds of threats to these freedoms that we are seeing play out all across the country. I urge everyone who cares about access to healthcare to support the amendment."

"Abortion is a legal right in New York and no one should feel threatened if they are attempting to seek care. If elected District Attorney, I vow to vigorously prosecute anyone who disrupts a patient's access to abortion services," said Cacace. "I will also work tirelessly with law enforcement to make sure that they are given all relevant and up to date information about the state and county laws protecting these rights."

Opponents to the ERA include the Coalition to Protect Kids, who calls the ERA the Parent Replacement Act. "New York State Attorney General Letitia James is filing a Notice of Appeal to try to resurrect the Parent Replacement Act, which would, among other things, deny the parents of school-age children the right to know if their kids are undergoing gender transition treatments. The measure, Proposition One, would also give biological males a Constitutional right to compete on girls' and women's' sports teams in the State of New York.

"The New York State Supreme Court was right to reject this ballot initiative. The way in which it was passed was plainly unconstitutional, as the court found. But the issue with the initiative cuts far deeper: In addition to taking away the rights of girls and women to compete in fair sports matches, and in addition to stripping New York parents of the fundamental right to protect their children from potential harm. This proposal in no way reflects the will of New Yorkers. Indeed, 66% of New Yorkers surveyed in a recent Siena College Research Institute Poll said they want girls' and womens' sports protected from biological males, who have clear physical advantages," said Greg Garvey, Executive Director, Coalition to Protect Kids-NY

Democrats on the Westchester County Board of Legislators issued a statement supporting the ERA. "The Democratic Caucus of the Westchester County Board of Legislators strongly supports the New York Equal Rights Amendment and the inclusion of reproductive rights within New York State's Constitution. We are disappointed by the recent ruling from a Supreme Court in Livingston County, which denies voters the chance to weigh in on this vital issue. We commend Attorney General Letitia James for her steadfast defense of these fundamental rights and remain confident in her ongoing advocacy for all New Yorkers.

"While our State Constitution safeguards certain rights, it currently lacks explicit protections against gender-based discrimination and other crucial classifications. This gap underscores the urgency of initiatives like the Equal Rights Amendment, especially given the US Supreme Court's reversal of Roe v. Wade. This recent effort to remove ERA from the ballot will hopefully be reversed, but the very attempt underscores our need for this ballot measure. We call on our colleagues in government and constituents to join us in supporting these critical measures to ensure equity and justice for all individuals across our state so that New Yorkers can flip the ballot over and vote yes in November."

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## Lag BaOmer Celebrated in Yonkers

Lag BaOmer, the minor Jewish holiday, was celebrated May 26th, this past Sunday. The holiday's name refers to the 33rd night and day of counting from the second night of Passover, marking the progression of the Hebrews leaving their Exodus of slavery in Egypt, to seven weeks later, when on the 50th day, they received the Torah at the foot of Mount Sinai, celebrated with the festival of Shavuot (weeks).

Many Jewish synagogues and communities celebrate Lag BaOmer with traditional bonfires, childrens' games, bow and arrow, Israeli food and salads, kosher marshmallows burnt to a crisp, burgers, frankfurters, french fries, pickles, potato chips and BBQ.

At Chabad of Yonkers, Rabbi Yoel Hurwitz created a giant cotton candy shape resembling a traditional 'streimel' to place on the head of his brother, Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz, head of Chabad of Yonkers, who urged many men to wrap tefillin on their arms and forehead and recite blessings, with the help of his son, Haim Hurwitz. For information on activities, contact Chabad of Yonkers at (914) 963-8888 or Rabbi@JewishYonkers.com.

Northeast Jewish Center's Rabbi Craig Glasser manned the industrial size grills located outside, and cooked all the hamburgers, frankfurters, delicious roast chicken, and also served French fries, potato salad, pickles, potato chips and the usual BBQ foods, with options for vegan eaters. Kosher marshmallows cooked over a safe bonfire and watermelon were served for dessert.

Almost 100 people enjoyed sitting outdoors in dry, warm weather, seeing the stars in the sky come out and the musical stars of Pey Dalid's non-stop musical performance bringing "the fire of HaShem to the world" which moved some to dance, and almost everyone to sing and clap to their favorite musical numbers.

Guitarist Shlomo Walker explained the band's name, saying "In Hebrew the letter, Pey represents the number 8, the spiritual and infinite, and Dalid represents the number 4, the physical and finite. Our music bridges the core of those dualities, connecting not only with our Jewish brothers and sisters but with all people throughout the world."

Based in Yonkers, Pey Dalid has performed as a band for more than two decades, is available for all types of events, and has three studio albums.

Learn about the Yonkers synagogue's events and services at (914) 337-0268 and at <https://www.NortheastJewishCenter.org>.

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Thursday, June 6th:

June 6, 1927: A Yonkers landmark and one of Westchester’s oldest “hostelries,” closed its doors for the last time. Francfort’s Inn at New Main Street and South Broadway would be replaced by a gas station.

June 6, 1934: New Yonkers Board of Education President Maurice Blinken ran his first meeting as president; the first item of business was ordering an investigation of the school scholarship funds invested in the closed Westchester Trust Company’s mortgage certificates.

June 6, 1949: Thanks to the employees of the Yonkers Post Office, a letter addressed to the “Meow-Meow Bookshop, Yonkers, NY,” found its way to the right place, the Alicat Bookshop on South Broadway!

Friday, June 7th

June 7, 1938: Because of an injured dog and a devoted master with mechanical skills, Yonkers was able to brag about one of our own creating the latest innovation for injured animals. Robert Forsberg’s dog Chum was hit by a car near the Saw Mill River Road service station his owner managed. After refusing to put Chum to sleep, Frosberg took his pet to another vet who said the pup suffered from a severe concussion but would “come around in time.” During Chum’s recovery from his physical wounds, Forsberg wanted to ensure he got enough exercise. He designed and built a wheeled apparatus with straps that supported Chum’s tummy and hind quarters; the dog happily chased the stones and sticks Forsberg threw while motorists on Saw Mill River Road stopped to watch the pup on what looked like “a kiddie car.” When Chum’s legs got stronger, his devoted owner took him swimming to continue to build his strength.

June 7, 1945: General Joseph W. Stilwell, graduate of School Six and Yonkers High School, recounted an incident while serving in China. Stilwell often visited the front without his official insignia. As he was crossing a stream, he heard a young private on the other side comment to his fellow soldier, “Just look at that poor old man. Some draft boards will do anything!”

Saturday, June 8th

June 8, 1924: While repairing Main Street just below Riverdale Avenue by the telephone building, workers unearthed a grave. In it, they found remains of one of Yonkers’ earliest settlers and an Indian tomahawk.

June 8, 2001: Yonkers native Lieutenant General William Lennox, Jr., assumed duties as the 56th Superintendent of the United States Military Academy at West Point.

Sunday, June 9th

June 9, 1907: Yonkers Detectives Cogle, Mance, Scheibel and Cooper and YPD police officers stopped all baseball games in Yonkers; they arrested five men as a test case for the legality of Sunday baseball. Thomas McCarthy, Louis Sterling, James Riley, Joseph Staubach and Fred Manny of the Yonkers Club of the Hudson River Baseball Leagues were charged with violating Section 2645 of the Penal Code; they had engaged in a game of baseball at League Park on Saw Mill River Road.

June 9, 1952: Building Inspector Jack Dalrymple inspected rubble from the demolition of the original School Six, opened in 1862 and closed in 1937. The rubble had to be cleared since Yonkers was building a new school on the site of the original school, once known as the John Mason School. The school, named after the man credited with pioneering Yonkers education, memorialized the man who served as President of the School Six Board for years.

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encouraged me to play Lacrosse, and it was a district wide team. It was the best thing because it made me meet kids outside of YMA. And I love Soccer. Playing three sports at YMA kept me busy, and my academics.”

Clara will be attending the University of Notre Dame in the fall. “I originally applied on a whim. But it was a shock when I got accepted, and when we visited, the campus and the people were so nice. I basically got a full scholarship.”

Baldwin will study Aerospace Engineering. “My family travels a lot and I have always been fascinated by planes. I wanted to pursue a career in Math and Science, with hands on building and designing.”

Who helped you achieve Valedictorian? “My parents and my older sister. She also attended YMA and she was a big help, pushing me to do sports and to take on all that I could handle.”

Any advice for future students? “Take every opportunity offered to you and don’t be afraid to ask for help when things get tough, the hard work does pay off in the end.”

Clara didn’t realize she was #1 until the 11th grade. “It wasn’t a goal for me”

YMA Salutatorian Angelina Ramos will graduate with a 100.14 weighted GPA. One of her favorite teachers is Irina Morgunova, Morganova, (Algebra, Pre-Calc.). “I love the way she taught us, it was seamless. We would do 40 problems a day and I loved working through it. We had homework every day but Math is my favorite subject. It’s something that I can do for hours, its like a hobby solving problems.”

One of Angelina’s favorite extra-curricular activities was Y-Zone. “I started my freshman year and we did research on equity in Yonkers. It helped me talk to my community and I learned that a lot of people don’t have access to the internet. I enjoyed learning from other people and hearing their perspective.

Ramos will be attending SUNY Stonybrook in the fall. “I got into the honors college and the women in STEM program. I can’t wait to learn from other women who have the same interests, and the campus is tightknit, not too close from home but a little far away.”

She will study Mechanical Engineering and hopes to pursue a career in formula one racing. My uncle owns an auto parts store in the Dominican Republic. I have always been intrigued by car and used to work on them with my dad. My dream is to become an engineer for Forumala One.”

“My parents are the reason I am here today, and YPIE also helped me get through the college process.”

*Messiah Baptist Church, continued from pg 8-*

of light and hope. Messiah has a rich history which provided both community and religious support to residents. Many influential persons and programs were “birthed” from its ministry, including a blossoming youth church/daycare center, college scholarship programs along with home ownership and housing programs that served the needs of the low to moderate income community.

“Messiah Baptist Church has stood as the pinnacle of faith, activism, and advocacy for the city of Yonkers and the faith community. Being called as their Pastor during this season of notoriety is both honoring and humbling. It is my hope that the legacy of Messiah will always be the testament of what faith in action is.” Rev. Frank E. Coleman, Jr.-Senior Pastor

Deacon Matthew Walker, Messiah Baptist Church Diaconate Ministry, remembered Dr. King’s visit to Messiah and added, it was “an honor to stand right next to him.” Deacon Walker is proud of the “positive impact” the church has on the entire City of Yonkers and is prayerful that the history of this great church will forever be acknowledged and appreciated.

“Messiah Baptist Church is an honored faith institution. The designation as a historical fixture in the City of Yonkers and the county of Westchester is a significant achievement of its longevity, dedication and commitment in serving our members and community. Messiah has led and continues to lead as a church of love, faith and grace.” Rev. Margaret Fountain Coleman, MBC Landmark Chairperson.

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## Historic Hudson Valley Unveil Interactive Graphic Novel: 'Kofi's Fire'

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*New digital project brings to life story of the 1741 "New York Conspiracy," sheds light on Black experience in colonial New York*

The Sleepy Hollow-based education non-profit Historic Hudson Valley is launching *Kofi's Fire*, an interactive graphic novel based on the true story of the "New York Conspiracy of 1741" and Kofi, an enslaved man who was accused of being one of the ringleaders of the uprising.

Kofi, who was enslaved by the merchant Philipse family and is linked with the history of Philipsburg Manor, a National Historic Landmark in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., was charged with being one of the instigators of a supposed plot that resulted in the arrest of nearly two hundred colonists, most of them enslaved men and women, who were accused of conspiring to set fire to Manhattan in a bid for power and freedom. As many as forty enslaved people were executed for their alleged role in the conspiracy.

Drawing from trial transcripts, contemporary letters, and newspaper accounts, this fictionalized account brings the gripping story of the revolt and Kofi's trial to vivid life with accessible storytelling, vibrant art, and user-driven, interactive elements. Additionally, *Kofi's Fire* depicts the Black and immigrant community in colonial New York with all the sensitivity and scholarship that is the hallmark of Historic Hudson Valley's approach to the story of Northern slavery.

The digital experience, which will have lesson plans and other tools for 7th-12th grade teachers to use in Social Studies and ELA classrooms, allows readers to experience life in colonial New York, hear from members of Kofi's community, bear witness to the injustices of enslavement, and celebrate their courage and perseverance. The graphic novel serves not only as a valuable resource for students, but for anyone interested in understanding the complexities of slavery in the colonial North.

"This innovative project tackles the critical need for accessible, accurate resources about the history of slavery in our region," said Dr. Elizabeth Bradley, vice president of programs and engagement at Historic Hudson Valley. "By sharing the story of Kofi and the events of the '1741 New York Conspiracy,' we aim to educate and engage a wider audience about this often-neglected chapter in our nation's past."

*Kofi's Fire* builds on Historic Hudson Valley's 25 years of experience presenting the history of enslavement to school and public audiences in ways designed to increase empathy and understanding. The organization has shared the story of slavery in the colonial North through public and school tours at Philipsburg Manor since 1999, supported by guidance from its African American Advisory Board and distinguished faculty advisors. In 2019, the organization added to its digital education footprint by producing the award-winning digital interactive documentary, *People Not Property* ([hudsonvalley.org/peoplenotproperty](http://hudsonvalley.org/peoplenotproperty)).

"We are honored to have received critical funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities to create this important resource," said Dr. Bradley. "And we are grateful to have worked with the guidance of scholars such as Leslie Harris, professor in the Department of History at Northwestern University and author of *Slavery in New York*; Hassan Jeffries, associate professor of African American history at Ohio State University and author of *Bloody Lowndes: Civil Rights and Black Power in Alabama's Black Belt*; and Jill Lepore, professor of American History at Harvard University and author of *New York Burning: Liberty, Slavery and Conspiracy in Eighteenth-Century Manhattan*."

Historic Hudson Valley worked closely with Blue Telescope, an award-winning interactive design firm, to launch this ambitious project. Blue Telescope provided design, development, and media production expertise, and a dedicated, Black-led creative team, including author Deirdre Hollman (founder of Black Comics Collective), illustrator Velicia Gourdin, creative designer Reese Patillo, and creative director William "GoodWill" Ellis, who helped steer the project's creative vision.

The website is available to the general public for free at [hudsonvalley.org/kofisfire](http://hudsonvalley.org/kofisfire). Visitors to The Pinkster Festival on Saturday, May 25, can also experience the website on-site in the Visitor Center at Philipsburg Manor in Sleepy Hollow.

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To experience *Kofi's Fire*, visit [hudsonvalley.org/kofisfire](http://hudsonvalley.org/kofisfire)

hands-on educational activities such as planting. Join Groundwork Hudson Valleys' Science Barge in celebrating community, science, sustainability, and education!

The Science Barge is a floating environmental education center on the Hudson River that has been in Yonkers since 2008. The Science Barge grows an abundance of fresh produce including tomatoes, melons, peppers, eggplant, and lettuce with zero net carbon emissions, zero pesticides, and zero runoff.

All of the energy needed to power the Barge is generated by solar panels, wind turbines, and biofuels while the hydroponic greenhouse is irrigated solely by collected rainwater and purified river water, thus operating completely "off the grid." The Science Barge engages in organic growing process which eschew the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The end result is a self-sustaining farm with zero net water consumption, zero greenhouse emissions, and no harmful runoff.

The Science Barge was originally developed by NY Sun Works, an environmental nonprofit who conceived of the barge as a mobile way to demonstrate a prototype for rooftop farming technology. The barge's inaugural tour of New York City took place between May and October of 2007, during which time it hosted around 9,000 curious visitors. In 2008 the barge was purchased by Groundwork Hudson Valley for a grand total of \$2 and moved to its permanent home in Yonkers where it continues to educate school groups, volunteers, and the general public on sustainable growing practices. Produce grown on the Science Barge is donated to a local church.

The greenhouse grows fresh produce including tomatoes, melons, popcorn, peppers, eggplant and lettuce.

The Science Barge is a public education destination and hosts school groups from the tri-state area during the week, and the general public on weekends.

For more information on how to plan your visit to the Science Barge, visit [groundworkhv.org](http://groundworkhv.org), or call 914-375-2151.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB. NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST HB5,

-against-

MILES MYERS, IF LIVING, AND IF SHE/HE BE DEAD, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester on March 01, 2024, wherein WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB. NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR CASCADE FUNDING MORTGAGE TRUST HB5 is the Plaintiff and MILES MYERS, IF LIVING, AND IF SHE/HE BE DEAD, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LOBBY, 111 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD., WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601, on June 26, 2024 at 9:30AM, premises known as 263 LOCUST AVENUE, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567; and the following tax map identification, 23.11-3-5.

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Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 62983/2021. Melanie Finkel, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. \*LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

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