

County Legislator James Nolan Announces Reelection Campaign for Westchester County Board: Democrats Pick Anthony Nicodemo as Opponent



County Legislator James Nolan, center, with member of Teamster Local 456 and President Lou Picani

County Legislator James Nolan announced this month that he is seeking reelection to the County Board of Legislators. “I am proud to announce my campaign for re-election as Westchester County Legislator for District 15—a decision I was honored to share at last night’s Teamsters Local 456 meeting. As a proud member of Teamsters Local 456, I was especially pleased to share this announcement with my fellow union members. Proud to also announce that I have received the Teamsters endorsement as well!

“Serving our community has been the honor of a lifetime. During my term, I have stood up for working families, public safety, and taxpayers—pushing back against reckless spending, one-party rule, and policies that make Westchester less affordable and less safe.

“As the only Republican on the Westchester County Board of Legislators, I have been a strong, independent voice focused on results, not politics—working across the aisle when it benefits our communities and never backing down from defending my constituents, union jobs, law enforcement, and our neighborhoods.

“There is more work to do. I am ready to continue fighting for the residents of Yonkers, Bronxville, and Eastchester, and to work to make Westchester strong,

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Yonkers Tallest Building, 44 Hudson, Opens Downtown with Rooftop Pool & Deck!



On Tuesday January 13th Azorim Chairman Hershey Freidman and COO Jack Klein, together with Yonkers elected officials, marked the grand opening of Hudson 44. Now the tallest building in Yonkers at 301 feet, Hudson 44 is a distinctive 27-story residential tower with sweeping views of the Hudson River from New York City to the South to the Tappan Zee Bridge in the north. Hudson 44 boasts 250 units with a mix of studio, one bedroom, and two-bedroom residences and a full suite of luxury amenities in the heart of downtown Yonkers. Hudson 44 has reshaped the Yonkers skyline and is a major milestone in Yonkers’ continued growth.

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Yonkers Democrats Pick Frank Jereis for Assembly to Replace Nader Sayegh



Frank Jereis

Following Assemblymember Nader Sayegh’s announcement not to seek re-election, Democrat Frank Jereis officially announced his intention to run for Yonkers’ 90th Assembly District. Jereis currently serves as the Assemblymember’s Chief of Staff, and he is a lifelong Yonkers resident with a deep understanding of the community and its needs. Jereis also serves as Executive Director of the Yonkers Democratic Party and has been a Democratic District Leader for over 5 years. The 90th AD is the only Assembly district fully within the City of Yonkers.

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Yonkers County Legislator Jose Alvarado Will Not Seek Relection After Serving 17 Years



County Legislator Jose Alvarado, left with former County Executive Andy Spano, middle, and County Executive Ken Jenkins

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How the Green Amendment is Changing the Legal Landscape of Yonkers



Saw Mill River Parkway Trail in Yonkers

By Maya Kollarmalil

For decades, the laws that governed our environment were determined by a checklist. If a company wanted to build a factory or if the city wanted to expand a highway, they simply had to follow administrative rules. Their project would continue if they checked every box, even if the local community ended up breathing in more smoke and dust. But in New York, the playing field has changed. The Green Amendment has been introduced, and it is changing how we advocate for our health in Yonkers.

The Green Amendment is officially Article I, Section 19 of the New York State Constitution. It states, “Each person shall have a right to clean air and water, and a healthful environment.” By addressing environmental health in the Constitution, we have created a fundamental right. Not only that, the amendment is in the same legal category as free speech, emphasizing its true potential.

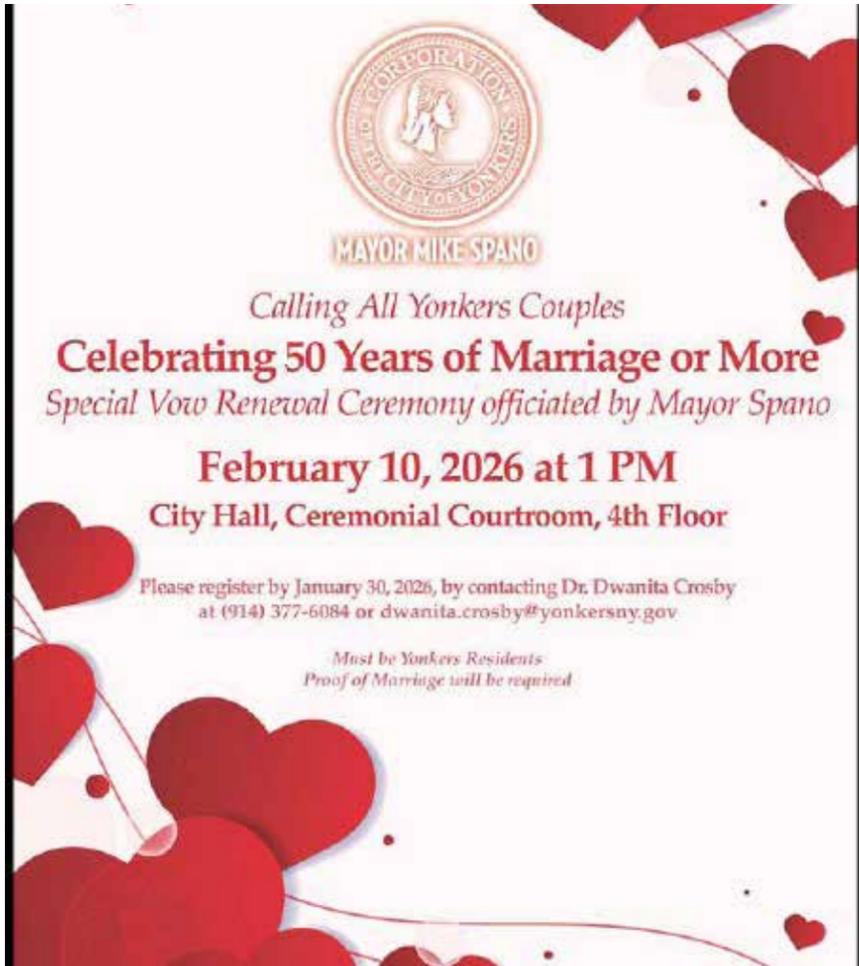
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Earlier, if you lived near the Saw Mill River Parkway or a busy industrial zone on the waterfront, you had to prove that a polluter was breaking a specific law. Proving this as a regular resident who couldn’t afford a lawyer had almost been impossible. Now there is no need for proof.

Regulating this amendment is especially important for Yonkers. Our city is a central area for transit and industry, which has led to high rates of asth-

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Mayor Spano Invites Yonkers Married Couples Celebrating 50 Year or More to Celebrate Feb 10



Mayor Mike Spano today announced a call to Yonkers couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage in 2026 to participate in a special vow renewal ceremony on Tuesday, February 10 at 1 p.m. at Yonkers City Hall in celebration of Valentine's Day.

"As Mayor, I look forward to recognizing and celebrating the enduring love and commitment of our residents. It is truly a privilege to honor these couples who have shared 50+ years of life together, facing both joys and challenges with unwavering support and love," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Their dedication to one another is an inspiration to us all, and it will be an honor to celebrate their milestones with them."

Following the ceremony, there will be a reception with light refreshments, and each couple will receive a commemorative certificate to mark the occasion.

Yonkers residents who wish to participate in the ceremony are encouraged to register by Monday, February 2, by contacting Dr. Dwanita Crosby at (914) 377-6084 or dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov. Proof of marriage will be required.

Community Baptist Church located in Yonkers, NY is seeking a Worship Director & Musician to lead weekly services and grow our vibrant music ministry. Candidates should be skilled in piano/keyboard, passionate about worship, collaborative with pastors and choir, and gifted in leadership. Responsibilities include directing rehearsals, mentoring musicians, and supporting special events. We offer a welcoming, Christ-centered community and compensation based on experience.

Please send resume and video links to Rev. Dr. Nigel O. Cole at revnigelocole156@gmail.com.

Yonkers Woman Arrested for Felony Animal Cruelty; Left Dog Abandoned with Slit Neck



SPCA Westchester's Humane Law Enforcement Unit (HLE), under the direction of Ernest Lungaro, and in a joint investigation with Detective Shaina Jacobs of the Yonkers Police Department Detective Division, arrested Anita Martin, 60, of Yonkers, NY, and charged her with felony aggravated animal cruelty and abandonment.

Last week, authorities shared a video and photo of an unidentified person of interest walking an injured dog back in November of 2025. Shortly after surveillance filmed them together, the dog, now named Frankie, was abandoned near Oakland Cemetery with a severe and life-threatening cut to his throat and neck. Thanks to local news coverage, a tip was

received leading to the identification of Frankie's owner, Anita Martin.

"We are very grateful that Frankie's case was shared by the media so that the person responsible for this blatant act of cruelty could be quickly located and arrested," says Shannon Laukhuf, SPCA Westchester's Chief Executive Officer. "Fortunately, Frankie is healing well and will be placed up for adoption shortly at the SPCA's Rescue Center in Briarcliff Manor."

"Animal cruelty will not be tolerated here in Yonkers," says Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza. "This arrest reflects the strong partnership between our department and SPCA Westchester's Humane Law Enforcement Unit, working together with our community to protect those who cannot protect themselves."

"As a dog owner and animal lover, I find these cases to be especially heartbreaking. It never ceases to amaze me the depths of depravity some people fall to when it comes to abusing our four-legged friends," says DA Susan Cacace. "I am thankful for the great work of the SPCA and the Yonkers Police Department on this investigation and will be honored to fulfill our duty as prosecutors to bring this case to justice."

Anita Martin is scheduled to appear in Yonkers Criminal Court on February 9th.

The photo of the dog's slit neck is too graphic for us to print

Crestwood-Yonkers Gets State Grant for Flooding Relief

"Troublesome Brook along Scarsdale Road and Manhattan Avenue crossings has lived up to its name for far too long. With more than \$6.6 million in State funding, Yonkers will tackle chronic flooding through critical culvert replacements and streambank stabilization, protecting homes, streets, and our community for the long term. Thank you to Governor Kathy Hochul and our State delegation for this important investment in clean water, climate resilience, and the long-term protection of our community," said Mayor Mike Spano.

Governor Kathy Hochul made the announcement. RWG awards include two projects in Yonkers, where an announcement was made with State and local partners. The City of Yonkers will receive two grants totaling more than \$6.66 million for culvert replacement and streambank stabilization along Troublesome Brook near the Scarsdale Road and Manhattan Avenue crossings.

Councilman Mike Breen, who lives in the flood zone, said, "After years of advocating for the necessary funding to address the ongoing flooding at Troublesome Brook, I'm grateful that New York State has recognized just how serious this issue is and why it needed to be addressed. This has been a long-standing problem for our community, impacting residents, infrastructure, and quality of life. Securing the resources to fix it is an important step forward, and it shows what can be accomplished when we continue to push for real solutions and refuse to let critical issues be ignored. I look forward to seeing this project move ahead and deliver the lasting improvements our community deserves."

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On Jan. 19 the YFD was operating at a 4-alarm fire at 160 School Street. Heavy fire upon arrival, with people trapped. 2 victims have been removed via aggressive interior attack. The Yonkers Police Athletic League, PAL, is collecting supplies for the victims and also accepting donations.

Mr. Dan Murphy
Letter to the editor

I've carefully read the letters and opinions of NYS Senator Shelley Mayer, and Dean Politopoulos, retired Yonkers Police Officer, regarding the killing of Renee Nicole Good, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 7th, 2026. His letter fails to name her, which dehumanizing her and the three children her death leaves behind.

He insinuates that she "intervened in law enforcement operations" and that she was a "lawbreaker act with impunity." Totally untrue.

The New York Times, in contrast, investigated and carefully detailed frame by frame which shows the events what happened, also shown from several different vantage points. It shows that President Trump, Kristi Noem, Vice President Vance and other Trump administration officials outrageously outright LIED; a substantial clear swatch of space separates ICE Agent Jonathan Ross' body from Ms. Good's car, clearly showing that her car did not hit him. Ms. Good's plum colored car's front wheel was turned AWAY from Agent Ross; no part of his body nor foot was in contact with Ms. Good's car, nor "run over".

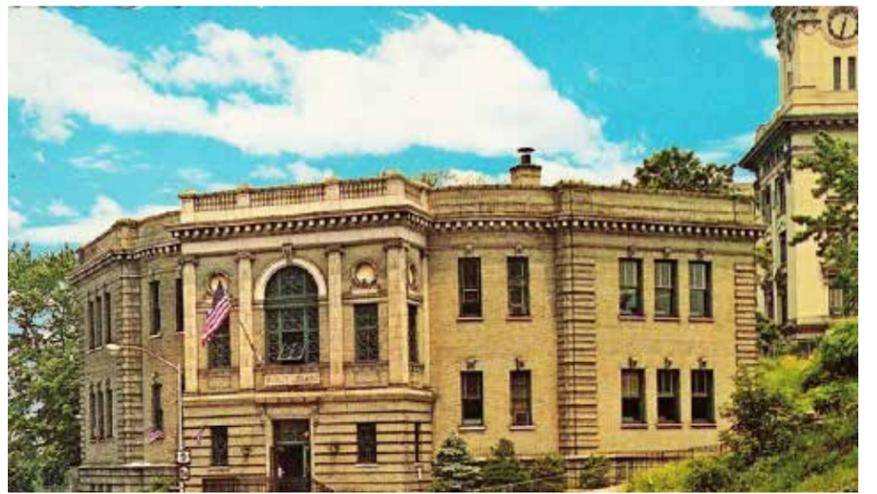
"An analysis of footage from three camera angles show that the vehicle appears to be turning away from a federal officer as he opened fire."

Agent Ross fired one shot at Mr. Good through her driver's side windshield, and then as she was driving and turning away from him, he fired at least two shots into her head, killing her.

ICE Agents at the scene refused medical attention for Mr. Good. Agents blocked several bystanders who attempt to provide medical care, including one who identifies himself as a physician.

Robert Kalfus, Yonkers

On This Day in Yonkers History..



The Carnegie Library in Yonkers was torn down

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian, President Emeritus Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History and the Key to the City of Yonkers, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board Member, Founder of Revolutionary Yonkers 250 and President Untermeyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, January 26th

January 26, 1944: The Common Council voted unanimously to ask state representatives to fight the legislation to end the "Proportional Representation system of voting." Yonkers Voters had defeated two local propositions repealing our PR system in 1942, "overwhelmingly defeating the propositions." Resolution copies were sent to Governor Dewey, Senator William Condon, Assemblymen Jane Todd and Malcolm Wilson.

January 26, 1955: East Pakistan Textbook Committee Secretary Ahmed Husain visited the Yonkers Public Library Reference Department to study the Yonkers Library System as a model for a new library in Dacca. Husain was instructed on how to use a microfilm projector and other library equipment by Reference Department Head Beatrice O'Connell.

Tuesday, January 27th

January 27, 1942: Two hours before votes were counted and he was elected President of the Yonkers Police Association, Patrolman James Dalton died in Yonkers General Hospital, passing away after major surgery. The officers received word of his death before the ballot boxes were unlocked and dedicated the meeting to his memory.

January 27, 1942: Yonkers Defense Council's Traffic and Transportation Committee Chairman Sheldon Pollock recommended to the Air Raid Precautions Service no personal automobiles be allowed to travel during blackouts unless they had "blackout" lights, modeled after the ones used by the Army. The lights worked independently of regular lighting systems, and were available at most auto supply stores

All four Yonkers' bus lines agreed to install blackout lights on all their buses.

January 27, 1956: Coach of the NY Knickerbockers since 1947, Yonkers resident Joe Lapchick announced his resignation, effective at the end of the season.

Wednesday, January 28th

January 28, 1955: After realizing singer Betty Reed was in seclusion at the home of an Alta Avenue friend after learning her close male friend was murdered, NYPD detectives, news reporters and curious people flooded the Park Hill neighborhood. Hostess Barbara Parsons arranged for Yonkers attorneys Bleakley and Harding to handle the situation. The attorneys escorted Ms. Reed to Manhattan for questioning.

Thursday, January 29th

January 29, 1924: The American Chemical Society named Dr. Leo Baekeland of North Yonkers' Harmony Park, one of the top 33 chemists in the Unit-

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BEARING WITNESS TO THE TIMES, A MUST FOR ARTIST DENNIS SHELTON

By M.C. Neuda

What better show to kick off the year of the 250th anniversary of the birth of this nation than one that reminds us of the Black Experience as part of that birth!

Dennis Shelton's solo pop-up exhibition, *THROUGH MY EYES, The Black Experience*, currently on view at Blue Door Art Center in Yonkers through January 31st, sees the Black experience through a very personal lens. Brought up in Montgomery, Alabama in the 1950s, he comes from a family with Black historical roots. His mother participated in the Montgomery bus boycott and, unknowingly, so did he, his mother being pregnant with him at the time. His grandmother was on that same bus as Rosa Parks in 1955.

For Shelton, the exhibit was an opportunity to showcase the art works created about the Black experience over many years. The result is 50 pieces of considerable breadth and complexity. Under the broad overall theme, certain sub-themes become apparent: women and children, home and church, struggle and accomplishments, joy and pain.

Add to that is the additional layering of multiple media: paper collage, graphite, wood assemblage, and mixed media. Known for his bold colors and dynamic patterns, Shelton uses unrelated and/or found materials to make new creations.

An excellent example, in prominent view, is "Seats for the Ancestors," a collage/mixed media art work using a discarded painted canvas to new creative purpose. The piece celebrates those who fought for seats at the table and those who benefited therefrom, the celebrities that everyone recognizes and acknowledges as excellent in their fields. Flanking the piece, as if in acknowledgment of the original ancestors, are two wood assemblages of African masks with collaged frames. Flanking those are two collages, with American flags containing stars of famous Black women and Black men.

There are two other works relating to ancestors, one actually called "Ancestors," a wood assemblage/mixed media piece in the shape of a cross, and the other, an acrylic painting/mixed media piece called "The Unnamed Ancestors," referring to all the mothers who sacrificed so that their children could rise to their full potential.

Then there are the dramatic 3-D wooden shacks in a progression of becoming more and more liveable, aptly titled "Feel the Love," "Love Abides Here," and "Movin' On Up," testimonies to building a home and a life piece by piece from whatever resources one could find.

As visitors move through the show, each section reveals another aspect of the Black experience and invites them to contemplate how it relates to other parts of the show and also what their personal relationship is to what they are viewing, quite apart from any aesthetic response to its beauty and power.

The overall impact for Shelton, on viewing his own show, is to see it as a springboard for future endeavors. Recently featured by Pigment International, a premier magazine devoted to Black art, in their series on what the 250th birthday of the United States means to Black artists at this point in time, Shelton had this to say:

"Before the current administration came into power, I had already been leaning towards more narrative and an increased emphasis on message in my work. Now, however, I am convinced that we are at a critical junction in this nation's history where truth must win or we all lose. But in order for truth to win, it must be recognized and spoken. Therefore, I must choose to use my art to bear witness to the times in which I live and to document Black history, so it is not lost."

A long-time Bronx resident, Shelton's background includes undergraduate and graduate studies in art, art education, and printmaking at Lehman College, where he became Adjunct Professor of Education, teaching early childhood and elementary school teachers. For more than 30 years, he was an art teacher at John F. Kennedy High School, inspiring through his own artwork and love of art a multitude of future artists.

Retired from teaching in 2016, he continued to produce artwork on a full-time basis. He has exhibited in solo and group shows, winning numerous prizes in different media, throughout the Bronx, Westchester, and surrounding areas, including Rye Arts Center, Upstream Gallery in Hastings, Riverfront Gallery and Blue Door Art Center in Yonkers, Gallery 18 and Gallery 505 in Riverdale, the Poe Art Center in the Bronx, and the Harlem State Office Building Art Gallery in Manhattan. Last year, he made his international debut in a collage show in the Czech Republic.

An artist talk and reception is scheduled for Saturday, January 24th from 2 - 4pm. According to those who know, it is highly anticipated, as Shelton has a reputation for entertaining, insightful, interactive talks—in other words, very audience-friendly.

Although he always looks forward with anticipation to the audience reaction to his shows, Shelton is particularly interested in seeing how visitors respond to this exhibit of artworks he's created long-term about the Black experience.

"I want visitors to the show walking away knowing not only that Black people were an important part of the history of this nation but, given the accelerated attack on this history, and the many attempts to re-write and even erase it, they should also recognize that we all, Black and White, must do all we can to ensure that our collective history is preserved, the truth prevails, and a brighter future is secured." Blue Door Art Center is located at 13 Riverdale Ave, Yonkers, NY

- By M.C. Neuda

Community Preservation Corporation, NYS HCR Announce \$12 Million Grant from Climate Friendly Homes Fund to Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers to Electrify Palisade Towers

The Community Preservation Corporation (CPC), a mission-driven non-profit multifamily finance company today announced a \$12,035,000 grant from New York State Homes and Community Renewal's Climate Friendly Homes Fund (CFHF) to Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY) to support the full electrification of Palisade Towers, a 415-unit affordable housing development at 1-8 Schroeder Street in Yonkers. Originally constructed in 1954, the building is currently operating on temporary boilers following the failure of its original heating system.

Located in a NYSERDA-designated Disadvantaged Community and a HUD Qualified Census Tract, 1-8 Schroeder Street serves low-income residents and is a prime candidate for energy-efficient upgrades. The CFHF funding is part of a renovation project at the development that will make critical improvements, including the installation of window heat pumps and heat pump hot water heaters, ensuring residents benefit from cleaner, safer, and more reliable heating, cooling, and hot water systems.

With the addition of 1-8 Schroeder Street, the CFHF has now provided funding to electrify more than 1,000 units of affordable housing across New York State—marking a major milestone in the fund's mission to decarbonize multifamily buildings across the state.

Enterprise Community Partners originated the project, which also received support from the Landlord Tenant Assistance Program (LTAP). LTAP, administered by Westchester County, provides financial assistance to landlords and public housing authorities to maintain safe and habitable housing for tenants.

"This project is a powerful example of how targeted investment can deliver real climate and housing equity outcomes," said Atalia Howe, SVP, Head of Sustainability and Market Building, CPC. "By replacing outdated fossil fuel systems with modern electric alternatives, we're not only improving the quality of life for residents but also helping New York meet its climate goals. We're proud to work alongside Enterprise Community Partners, HCR, and Westchester County's LTAP program to bring this vision to life."

"Without the support of CPC, New York State, Westchester County, The City of Yonkers and Senate Majority Leader Senator Stewart Cousins, this herculean effort would never have been possible to accomplish," said Wilson Kimball, President and CEO, MHACY. "It's one thing to have a vision but without a great team nothing will get done."

CFHF is a \$250 million initiative launched by HCR to help multifamily building owners across New York State transition to high-performance, all-electric heating, cooling, and hot water systems. The fund targets buildings with 5-150 units in economically disadvantaged communities, aiming to retrofit at least 10,000 units to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve energy efficiency.

Notice of Formation of Infinity Strategies Group LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on September 1, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 255 Huguenot Street, Apt 913, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of MPMX, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/2025 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, 8 Lane Street Fl. 1 Yonkers, NY 10601 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of S.I.T. Staying In Touch LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 25, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. New York Secretary of State designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. New York Secretary of State shall mail process to: Donald George McIntosh III, 137 Morningside Pl, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Hardcore In The 914 LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/5/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Hardcore In The 914 8 Arden Drive, Hartsdale New York 10530. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. 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 Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Sets n Sweats LLC, filed with SSNY on August 24, 2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to LLC: 515 Boston Post Rd, #1034 Portchester, NY, 10573, USA Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Digital Infrastructure Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/25. Office: Westchester County. NY DOS designated as agent for service of process; DOS shall mail copy of process to 7 Ridgeway Cir White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Lifestyle Rehabilitation, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/27/2025. 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, 56 Martha Place, Chappaqua, NY, 10514. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

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Yonkers Man Indicted Over Alleged Rape and Sexual Abuse of 13 Year Old Child

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that Josue Samuel Cabrera, 40 years old from Yonkers, was arraigned yesterday on a 6-count indictment charging him with the following:

- Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child- 2 counts
- Rape in the 1st Degree- 2 counts
- Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree- 2 counts

Cabrera's felony charges are related to his alleged rape and sexual abuse of a child under the age of 13 years old which occurred in December of 2025 in Yonkers.

Cabrera was arraigned by Judge Robert Prisco and was remanded without bail.

DA Cacace said: "The facts laid out in this indictment are nothing short of shocking. I am thankful for the swift arrest of this predator and promise to prosecute this case to the full extent of the law. Protecting our most vulnerable citizens will always be our office's top priority."

This incident was investigated by the Yonkers Police Department.

This case is being prosecuted by Child and Elder Abuse Bureau Chief Owein Levin.

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"safe, and affordable. I am ready to continue my work for the everyday working men, women, seniors, and youth I have served time and time again.

"I respectfully ask for your support as I seek re-election to continue serving the District. 15," said Nolan who was reelected last November without opposition, but is running again because of a NYS Election Law which moved many local elections to even years.

This time Nolan, who defeated democrat Ruth Walter two times, will have a democratic opponent. The Yonkers Democratic Committee endorsed Anthony Nicodemo. On his website, Nicodemo's bio reads,

"Anthony Nicodemo is a proud 20-year resident of Yonkers, deeply committed to public service, education, and community advocacy. A lifelong educator, Anthony has dedicated his career to teaching special education and social studies, ensuring that all students—regardless of background or ability—have the opportunity to succeed.

"For more than 20 years, Anthony has also served as a respected basketball coach, including 10 years at Saunders High School, where his leadership on and off the court earned him recognition as Yonkers Coach of the Year and Lower Hudson Basketball Coaches Association Coach of the Year. His commitment to service and social justice has been honored with the John Martino Service Award and the Willie Worsley Social Justice Award. He has additionally served as an Athletic Director, further demonstrating his dedication to student development and school communities."

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County Legislator Jose Alvarado Announces Decision Not to Seek Reelection in 2026 After 17 Years on the BOL

Legislator José I. Alvarado (D–Yonkers) announced today that he will not seek reelection to represent Westchester County's District 17, wishing to focus on family and future opportunities. He remains fully committed to completing the current one-year term through December 31, 2026.

With sincere appreciation, the Westchester County Board of Legislators thanks Legislator Alvarado for his long years of dedicated service to the county, particularly to the residents of the legislator's beloved Southwest Yonkers.

Alvarado was first elected to the Westchester County Board of Legislators in 2001, becoming the county's first Hispanic–Latino County Legislator. He served five consecutive terms from 2002 to 2011 and returned to the Board following reelection for three terms beginning in 2020, plus the current 2026 legislative term. Upon completion of this term, Alvarado will have served a total of 17 years representing District 17 in Southwest Yonkers.

As the Board's most senior member, Alvarado has held numerous leadership roles, including Vice Chair, Majority Leader, Majority Whip, Chairman of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, Chairman of the former combined Committee on Public Works, Transportation, Labor, and Parks, and a leadership role on the Community Services Committee. His work has consistently centered on supporting youth, seniors, and vulnerable residents. He helped reactivate the City of Yonkers Youth Bureau, chaired the Committee on Seniors, Youth, and Intergenerational Services, and continues to serve in a leadership role on the Veterans, Seniors, and Youth Committee.

During his tenure, Alvarado secured major investments for Southwest Yonkers, including funding for a new water-access park in Ludlow, completion of the RiverWalk project, improvements to Tibbetts Brook Park, and crucial odor mitigation projects at the Yonkers Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant. He also restored funding for local social service organizations, supported the development of a 20-member strong consortium of community-based organizations, and played a key role during the COVID-19 pandemic to support food security, eviction prevention, and vaccination access in the county.

Alvarado said, "It is always hard to say goodbye to something that you love so much, but as I always said, government exists to serve the people, NOT the other way around. 17 years of service is enough for the 17th Westchester County Legislative District.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your County Legislator. Together we achieved unimaginable stuff—from fighting bad odors at the Yonkers Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant to beautifying Tibbetts Brook Park, enjoying a brand-new riverfront park and RiverWalk. We have robust social services for our neighbors, more arts projects in the district, and a South Broadway Business Improvement District that is more active than ever. New affordable housing continues to be built, and as promised we now have a very active City of Yonkers Youth Bureau.

I am not saying goodbye or abandoning my community—that I will never do; but I feel strongly that 17 years of service is enough for one person in our 17th Legislative District. I have a pretty filled-up bucket list and a beautiful family to tend to, so I will be busy. As always, I will be with you to make sure that government and elected officials remain there to serve the people, not the other way around."

Chairman Vedat Gashi (D—New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) said, "It's hard to imagine the Board without José Alvarado. His service to Westchester—especially to the residents of Southwest Yonkers who are so dear to him—will leave a deep footprint and hard shoes to fill. From the Board, and me, personally, thank you."

José Alvarado holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Mercy University, a master's degree in public administration/health care from Pace University, and a Leadership Certificate from NYU's School of Management. He and his wife Karla are the proud parents of three children.

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Legislator Shanae Williams Elected Majority Whip of Westchester BOL



L-R-Legislator Holdstein, Legislator Clements, Board Chair Gashi, Legislator Williams

The Westchester County Board of Legislators began the 2026 term on Monday night, re-electing Board Chairman Vedat Gashi (D-New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) and electing Legislator Terry Clements (D-New Rochelle, Pelham, Pelham Manor) as Vice Chair.

The Board's majority Democratic caucus elected Legislator Judah Holstein (D-Eastchester, New Rochelle, Tuckahoe) as Majority Leader and Legislator Shanae Williams (D-Yonkers) as Majority Whip. The start-of-term leadership vote followed the swearing-in of the whole Board by Westchester County Clerk Hon. Thomas M. Roach. Two new legislators—Jenn Puja (D-White Plains, Scarsdale, West Harrison) and Anant Nambiar (D-Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Rye, Harrison) were inaugurated to their first terms.

Williams said, "I am deeply grateful to my colleagues for entrusting me with the role of Majority Whip for this new term. I take this responsibility seriously and am committed to upholding the duties of this position with respect and purpose. We have important work ahead, and our focus will remain on advancing common-sense legislation that benefits all Westchester County residents. I look forward to working alongside my colleagues in leadership and within the Democratic caucus to ensure a productive and successful term."

The minority caucus re-elected Legislator Margaret A. Cunzio (C-North Castle, Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, Sleepy Hollow, Harrison) as Minority Leader, and Legislator James Nolan (R-Yonkers, Eastchester, Bronxville) as Minority Whip.

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L-R-County Executive Ken Jenkins, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy



MLK Youth Poets with Symra Brandon: Elisha Smalls, Zachariya Sultan, Adonis Crosby, Jayla Wilcox, Giselle Torres



Give Blood Yonkers!

New York Blood Center (NYBC) has declared a blood emergency and is issuing an urgent call for donors. Holiday disruptions, severe winter weather, canceled blood drives, and widespread seasonal illnesses have led to a significant decline in blood donations, resulting in critically low levels across the region, including severe winter weather and record seasonal illnesses.

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Sunday, January 25th, 2026
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For full eligibility requirements and COVID-19 information, visit nybc.org/eligibility.

Rep. Latimer Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Address Electric Vehicle Battery Fires

Latimer's Bill Follows Numerous Fatal Incidents Locally and Nationally

U.S. Congressman George Latimer (D-NY) and Congressman Rob Bresnahan, Jr. (R-PA) introduced the Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Battery Safety Act of 2026, bipartisan legislation focused on diminishing the risk of injury and death from battery fires in electric and hybrid vehicle accidents and supporting firefighters' ability to extinguish such fires safely and effectively when they occur.

The ownership and use of electric (EV) and hybrid vehicles has proliferated rapidly in the last decade with over 3 million sold in the United States alone in 2024 by companies such as Tesla. The novelty of such vehicles, including the use of powerful batteries, and the reliance on all electrical instead of mechanical systems, has exposed drivers and passengers to new dangers in the case of vehicle impacts, where both the battery compartment is breached and the electrical systems fail. Damage to the battery can cause an uncontrolled release of energy from the power supply resulting in explosion and extremely hot chemical fires which, when combined with failure of the electric door release, can be horrifically fatal, and extremely difficult to extinguish. Some recent high-profile fatal incidents include:

- August 3, 2024 – Tesla Cyber Truck – Beach City, Texas, 1 killed.
- Sept. 16, 2024 – Tesla Model 3 – White Plains New York, 2 killed.
- November 2024 – Tesla Cyber Truck – Alameda County, California, 3 killed.
- November 2024 – Tesla Model S – Wisconsin, 5 killed.
- December 3, 2024 – Tesla Model 3 – Pelham Manor, New York, 2 killed.

The persistence of these awful fire deaths, and the lost opportunity for escape or rescue often due to door design, require a decisive response from the federal government as the regulator of automobile and consumer safety. Additionally, fighting these extremely hot and toxic fires requires uniform methods and credible research to better understand and respond to the health effects of fighting vehicle battery fires.

"There have been a number of truly ghastly EV accidents in my district involving extremely intense battery fires, horribly taking the lives of our residents, and challenging firefighters with unique chemical fires that are difficult to extinguish," said Congressman George Latimer. "It is time that we, as your federal representatives, take action to establish standards ensuring Americans that they are not taking unnecessary risks every time they get behind the wheel of an electric or hybrid vehicle. This bill will require the relevant regulatory agencies to set standards related to battery safety, increase passengers' ability to escape a battery fire, educate firefighters on best practices for fighting battery fires, and get a better picture of the health effects of fighting such a fire," Latimer added.

"Innovation and safety must move forward together. As electric and hybrid vehicles become more common on our roads, it is our responsibility to ensure the technology meant to carry people forward does not place them—or the first responders who protect them—at unnecessary risk," said Fitzpatrick. "This legislation establishes clear national safety standards for EV and hybrid batteries, requires practical, lifesaving design features, and enforces accountability where it belongs. It reflects a clear understanding of what is at stake, and a simple principle that should guide us: safety must be built in, not left to chance."

"I am honored, individually and on behalf of my wife Millie Ortiz Sheehan and Daughter-in-Law Diana Trochez Sheehan, both of whom died in an EV crash/fire in September of 2024, to be asked to endorse a bill that promotes EV safety," said New York resident and crash-victim relative, Francis Sheehan. "It is particularly noteworthy the additional applicability of the bill to my family in that it also promotes firefighter safety related to EV fires. My son Francis, Diana's husband, is a career firefighter in the Scarsdale Fire Department, and together we feel this bill is a comprehensive effort to address multiple issues associated with the EV battery fires, including increased passenger survivability, more effective firefighting, and greater understanding of the health effects on first responders."

The Electric and Hybrid Vehicle Battery Safety Act of 2026 would:

Requires Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with industry, fire fighters and standards experts to issue final rules within 2 years governing EV and hybrid battery safety, including uniform firefighter access to and placement of battery cells, incorporating technology to suppress "thermal runaway", and designing safeguards to permit adequate time to escape the passenger compartment during a battery fire.

Requires the Secretary of Transportation to publish first responder guidelines for fighting EV and hybrid battery fires within 1 year of issuing the final rule.

Requires Secretary of Transportation to issue final rules within 2 years requiring new EVs and hybrids to incorporate a clearly marked interior and exterior mechanical release on every door and hatch to allow safe exit in case of electrical system failure.

Requires the Secretary of Health and Human Services within 1 year to conduct a study of the health effects of fighting EV and hybrid battery fires, in cooperation with firefighters and standards experts, and to report to Congress and the public on the results.

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Green Amendment, continued from pg 1-

respiratory stress in neighborhoods throughout Yonkers. The Green Amendment shields Yonkers residents. It means that when the City Council or the County Board of Legislators decides land use, they are not just looking at budgets and buildings. Now, they must protect the physical and mental health of the people who live there.

Using Our Voice

As we look towards the future of Yonkers, the Green Amendment must be used even in daily instances. We are no longer just asking for cleaner streets as a favor from our leaders. We are demanding them as a right that must be guaranteed to us.

However, a right is only as strong as the people who use it. We must stay informed about the environmental choices being made at City Hall. We must remind our representatives that protecting our environment isn't a suggestion but a constitutional amendment. With the Green Amendment in our hands, we finally have the power to ensure that the air we breathe is as clear as the rights we hold.

Maya Kollarmalil is a student at Yonkers Middle High School and a contributor to Yonkers Rising and YonkersTimes.com. She covers local food establishments and other Yonkers-centric topics. Passionate about journalism and storytelling, she enjoys uncovering hidden gems, sharing local voices, and keeping residents informed. Have a story idea? Reach her at MayaK@Yonkerstimes.com.

Note: If you are a young student who is interested in submitting, email dmurphy@rising media group .com

TAX SALE NOTICE CITY OF YONKERS

Department of Finance and Management Services, Office of the Commissioner, City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 452, Laws of 1908, known as the Supplemental Charter of the City of Yonkers, as amended by Chapter 725, of the Laws of 1917, adding thereto a new article numbered Article V-a, as further amended by Chapter 487, Laws of 1922, and as further amended by Chapter 667, Laws of 1933, as amended by Article IX Section 1 of Local Law No. 20-1961, as amended by Section 57 of Local Law 11 of 1995, and any subsequent amendments thereto, known as the Charter of the City of Yonkers, I, the undersigned Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, do hereby give public notice:

That the respective owners of the lands and tenements in the City of Yonkers on which any taxes or assessments have been imposed and became a lien and have remained unpaid for one year since the same were due and payable are required to pay the amount of said taxes and assessments, together with all unpaid taxes and assessments affecting such lands and tenements, which became a lien and were due and payable prior to December 26, 2025 with all penalties thereon remaining unpaid, together with the interest thereon at the rate provided by law from the time the same became due and payable to the time of payment, and the charges of this notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon to the time of payment, to the Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, at his office in the City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

And Notice is hereby given that if default be made in such payment, the lien of the City of Yonkers, upon said lands and tenements for any tax or assessment, which became a lien so as to be due and payable before December 26, 2025; will be sold at public auction in the Ceremonial Court Room, 4th Floor, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, in the City of Yonkers, on Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at 10:00 A.M. of that date, for the lowest rate of interest, not exceeding 12 per centum per annum, at which time any person or persons shall offer to take the same in consideration of advancing the said taxes and assessments and penalties, as the case may be, the interest thereon as aforesaid to the time of sale, the charges of notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon; and that such sale will be continued from time to time until all said liens of taxes and assessments shall be sold.

The transfer of tax liens to be executed and delivered to the purchaser thereof pursuant to the terms of said sale shall be subject to the lien for and the right of the City of Yonkers to collect and receive all taxes and assessments and penalties and interest thereon which became due and payable, of which became a lien upon said lands and tenements on and after the date mentioned in the advertisement for sale as stated herein, namely, the 26th day of December.

Each of the tax liens referred to in this advertisement will be sold subject to the provisions of the Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and amendments thereto and Section 314 of the New York State Military Law.

Notice is hereby further given that a particular and detailed statement of the property affected by this sale, together with the total amount of the tax lien thereon, which is to be sold will hereafter be published in the official newspaper(s) of the City of Yonkers.

FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL TAX SALE NOTICE

In addition to the foregoing Tax Sale Notice and Statutes therein described, the further or additional notice is given setting forth the lots and parcels of land, including the street address thereof, on which the tax lien is to be sold together with the aggregate amount of tax lien thereon, and the assessed valuation of every said lot and parcel as described in the 2024 Tax Rolls as approved by the Department of Assessment and Taxation and confirmed by the City Council.

The name set forth is that of the person, corporation or legal entity appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the lot or parcel of land upon which the tax lien is to be sold.

The first item is the Comptroller's Tax Lien Number; the second is that of the person appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the property; the third is the location of the property as described on the tax rolls which includes the Section, Block and Lot Numbers as shown on the Official City Map; the fourth is the assessed valuation unimproved as shown on the tax rolls; the fifth is the total assessed valuation as shown on the tax rolls; the last group of figures is the total amount of the lien which is to be sold.

John Liszewski, Commissioner of Finance and Management Services

How Would You Feel If You Owed Someone \$38 Trillion Dollars?

By Michael Gold

How would you feel if you owed someone \$38 trillion dollars? Some people with that breathtaking kind of debt load might feel compelled to get on a boat and sail off to some uncharted island in the Pacific. That's the amount the U.S. government owes to its many creditors. It's a number that feels inconceivable, I know. But the amount literally grows every second. If you go to <https://www.usdebtclock.org>, you can see the numbers go up, flashing at you like some kind of weird slot machine or stock market ticker. Except, it's no joke. Each tax paying citizen owes \$375,810 in debt right now to the various private and international governmental institutions from which we've borrowed. We owe China, our greatest economic and political rival, about \$859 billion in U.S. treasury securities (source: <https://www.investopedia.com/articles/investing/080615/china-owns-us-debt-how-much.asp>). It makes me sick. The Republican Party used to care about our national debt. So did the Democrats. In the 1990s, a Democratic President and Republican Congress actually balanced the Federal budget. We were a better, stronger country because of it. We used to be the world's biggest lender to our other nations. Now we're the biggest borrower, the biggest debtor nation in history. The Trump Administration keeps pumping up the debt too, with irresponsible tax and spending policies. This is not the way to make America great again.

My father, a small building contractor, and my mother, a hospital dietitian, taught my brothers and me to be judicious with our spending. Only spend what you have. That's what my parents showed their children. My parents hated being in debt, because it let someone else had power over them. Being in debt meant that you had to spend money, sometimes a great deal of it, just to pay off the interest you owed the lender. Yes, they had a mortgage, but they made sure they had the money to send the bank a check every month. In other words, they were financially responsible.

Not so the United States of America in the 2020s. This great nation has a multitude of pressing problems right now. Most people don't want to think about what we owe. Our supposed leaders in government certainly don't talk about it. It doesn't attract attention. But the bills are coming due. The Medicare Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will be insolvent by 2033, and Social Security will hit that dubious honor the same year or the year after (source: <https://www.crfb.org/blogs/social-security-and-medicare-trustees-release-2025-reports#:~:text=The%20looming%20insolvency%20of%20Social,Medicare%20Trustees%20reports%20later%20today>).

I write this as a senior citizen, who benefits from both Medicare and Social Security. Either the programs have to be cut, or taxes have to be raised to pay for them. Or perhaps Congress will come up with a formula that combines both program cuts and tax increases. My guess is the legislative process to arrive at some kind of solution will be long, bitter and ugly. The situation with Medicare and Social Security is reflective of our generally bad fiscal picture. We're spending far more on everything than we're receiving in tax revenue. So the government is borrowing the difference. We're very far along on the road to bankruptcy.

Our irresponsible fiscal policies are not the only problem with the Republican Party currently governing the nation. Inflation is hurting families' ability to pay for food, housing, and electricity, among other necessities. Health insurance costs are going up. Where is the national discussion about helping citizens deal with the increasing cost of living? I hear nothing, not even crickets.

The Democrats are talking about affordability, so at least someone is paying attention. But do they have a real, viable plan to help bring household costs down? I'd like to hear more from them about what they plan to do. Republicans used to care about the general prosperity. They used to believe in something called free trade, in which everyone enjoyed a world in which we buy and sell goods and services for the benefit of all.

I don't see that now either. Levying huge tariffs on everybody except China, which is hysterically exporting its enormous surpluses of products to every port it can, makes no sense. It raises prices for consumers and slows economic growth.

The Feds own 10 percent of Intel. That can't help but distort the company's decisions about how it will conduct business, serve its shareholders and plan for growth.

The Federal government now also owns a piece of US. Steel. The government has "the right to appoint an independent director, close or idle existing US Steel facilities, change the company name and move its headquarters as part of its ownership," states a report from S & P Global.com.

"US Steel also cannot make material changes to the corporation's existing raw materials and steel sourcing strategy in the US, unless changes benefit the corporation in cases where raw materials are inadequate or imports accelerate technology transfers of facilities built in the US," S & P Global.com says.

In other words, the government has control over US Steel's decisions on how to obtain, process and market the products they need to serve their customers.

On the energy front, the White House has recently prevented the scheduled closures of several coal power plants, in the Midwest, Colorado and Washington state (source: <https://san.com/cc/the-trump-administration-stopped-four-coal-plants-from-retiring-before-2026/#:~:text=The%20Craig%20plant%20was%20the,roughly%20half%20a%20million%20homes>).

Private utilities made the decisions to close the plants because it's not in their financial interests. What right does the government have to interfere with the companies' rights to figure out the best way for their enterprises to prosper? Why is the government dictating what a private company should do? Operating these plants is increasingly expensive and unprofitable.

On the flip side of that, the White House is trying to prevent the continued construction of wind power projects, which were already approved by the Federal government after extensive reviews (source: <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/how-trumps-attack-on-wind-power-is-impacting-the-energy-industry>). These projects will help provide more electric power to our economy. People's energy bills are already sky high from a lack of electrical capacity.

It feels as if the government is trying to prevent the future from happening. It reminds me of Communist countries that had quotas for how much iron and coal they had to produce for the next five years. This smells like a planned economy, like socialism. We should all be suspicious. Speaking of socialism, the Republican Party used to care about freedom. That's why we fought the Cold War against the Soviet Union and won. Now, Trump seems to care more about how a dictatorial Russia feels than defending a free Ukraine, the neighbor and U.S. ally Vladimir Putin attacked in 2022.

I was not a big fan of Ronald Reagan (for the record, I was a member of the Democratic Party for decades, but changed my political affiliation to Independent, because the Dems have demonstrated that they no longer know how to talk to people in the real world). Reagan helped start us on the road to our deficit spending, but he stood up for the Free World. He helped defeat socialism. He understood how important freedom was to people – that it offered everyone the opportunity to work hard, advance their prospects, and discuss together how we can work together as a society, as a nation, to create a better future.

We currently have an Administration that doesn't seem particularly interested in freedom of speech, the press, and education, across the world or at home, reducing our massive debt or improving ordinary peoples' lives. It doesn't want to listen to what anyone outside the White House has to say.

Instead, it's focused on installing gold fixtures in the Oval Office, destroying the East Wing of the White House to build a giant ballroom, ignoring the rule of law, concocting schemes to enrich the President at every opportunity, rejecting our closest European allies' friendship so it can take over Greenland, cutting minorities and people of color out of the American story, instilling fear in our citizens and beating and shooting legal protestors.

We need a Republican Party that once again stands up for the Constitution, freedom, and values and that helped make this country the beacon of liberty and prosperity that it once was.

Michael Gold is a Westchester based reporter whose work has been published in The New York Daily News, The Albany Times-Union, The Hartford Courant and other newspapers.

NOTICE OF SALE

SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. f/k/a The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Multi-class Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, ChaseFlex Trust Series 2001-2,

Plaintiff,

Against

Ismael Vargas; Morel Carmen; Sonya Quintana

Defendant(s)

Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, duly entered 06/13/2024, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the lobby of the Westchester County Supreme Courthouse 111 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., White Plains, NY 10601 on 2/10/2026 at 9:30AM, premises known as 27 Radford Street, Yonkers, New York 10705 a/k/a 25 Radford Street, Yonkers, New York 10705, and described as follows:

ALL that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York.

Section 1 Block 117 Lot 23, 24, and 25.

The approximate amount of the current Judgment lien is \$939,640.48 plus interest and costs. The Premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale; Index # 51062/2019

Stuart Ball, Esq., Referee.

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Open Government: Council President Collins-Bellamy*Frank Jereis, Assembly, continued from pg 1-***Sending Out Summaries of All Decisions at Council Meetings**

Editor's Note: Yonkers Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy has started emailing her constituents and providing a summary of all council decisions at each stated meeting. This information is good for the public to have, and residents can find out what action was taken on items of interest and research further.

On Tuesday, January 13, 2026 the Yonkers City Council held a Stated City Council meeting.

All decisions taken by the City Council are listed below:

A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS IN RELATION TO CERTAIN FEES PAID BY OWNERS OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR THE FIRE AND BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM. (Adopted 7-0)

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS FOR THE 2025/2026 FISCAL YEAR IN RELATION TO THE ADDITION OF SIX NEW POSITIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION. (Adopted 7-0)

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT AWARDED BY THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES FOR THE CRIME SUPPRESSION INITIATIVE 2025 GRANT PROGRAM FOR USE BY THE YONKERS POLICE DEPARTMENT. (Adopted 7-0)

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM WESTCHESTER COUNTY IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,000,000 PURSUANT TO AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT FOR FERNBROOK PARK IMPROVEMENTS, AND AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026. (Adopted 7-0)

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT ISSUED BY THE STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF STATE (NYS DOS) LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM (LIGP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 AND AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026. (Adopted 7-0)

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GRANT ISSUED BY DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK (DASNY) THROUGH THE STATE AND MUNICIPALITIES (SAM) GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$176,724 FOR DUMPSTERS AND COMPACTOR AND AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026. (Adopted 7-0)

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL GRANT FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE DIVISION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$257,032 AND AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026. (Adopted 7-0)

A SPECIAL ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY 2026 STOP DWI GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$42,000 AND AMENDING THE CITY OF YONKERS GRANT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026. (Adopted 7-0)

RESOLUTION – ADVICE AND CONSENT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ANNIE HUANG TO THE POSITION OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN RESOURCES. (Adopted 7-0)

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION DESIGNATING INVESTIGATORS EMPLOYED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION COUNSEL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS AS PEACE OFFICERS. (Adopted 7-0)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YONKERS TO ENTER INTO AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER TO RECEIVE A GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$8,400 PER YEAR IN SUPPORT OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY STOP DWI PATROL PROJECT. (Adopted 7-0)

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF YONKERS AND THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER RELATED TO SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL FOR DESIGNATED COUNTY ROADS, 2025-2030. (Adopted 7-0)

RESOLUTION GRANTING THE STATE OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY TO RELOCATE A CITY OWNED HYDRANT AS PART OF THE RECONSTRUCTION WORK RELATED TO IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF YONKERS AND KIMBALL AVENUES. (Adopted 7-0)

REQUESTING THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF YONKERS TO UTILIZE SMART PARKING MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGY FOR ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES. (Adopted 7-0)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 139 OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NUMBER OF COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS. (Adopted 7-0)

RESOLUTION – COMMISSIONER OF DEEDS. (Adopted 7-0)

Jereis is well known throughout the city for his community and volunteer work, having been involved in multiple Democratic campaigns, walking picket lines with striking union members, and having worked at the Yonkers Commission on Human Rights.

“With so much instability, divisiveness, and uncertainty coming out of Washington, Yonkers needs an Assemblymember who will tackle our affordability crisis; stand up to Trump and all forms of extremism; secure funds for schools, child care and senior services; and fix Tier 6 so our teachers, firefighters, police officers, and public works employees can earn the dignified retirements they deserve,” said Jereis.

“I want to thank Assemblymember Sayegh for his years of public service and for being such strong example of dedicated, effective leadership,” Jereis added. “With so many people losing their faith in our democracy, it is up to us to restore that faith by delivering top-notch constituent services, fighting for common-sense values in Albany, and demanding real accountability at every level of government. I’ve worked in government at the state and municipal level, I’m ready to hit the ground running on day one and deliver the representation our community deserves.”

Jereis received the Yonkers Democratic Committee’s endorsement on Jan. 14, when the YDC endorsed Kathy Hochul for Governor, Thomas DiNapoli for Comptroller, Sen Andrea Stewart Cousins and Shelley Mayer for NYS senate. j. Gary Pretlow for re-election in the 89th Assembly district and MaryJane Shimsky for the 92nd. The Committee endorsed Frank Jereis for the 90th assembly district (Nader Sayegh announced he would not seek reelection). The committee endorsed George Latimer for reelection to Congress in the 16th Congressional district. And Alexandria Bisesi for city court Judge The committee endorsed David Tubiolo for CLD 14, Anthony Nicaemo for CLD 15, Shanae Williams for reelection in CLD 16 and Wilson terrero for CLD 17.

Yonkers Democratic Chair Tom Meier said about Jereis, “Frank has paid his dues, working in the democratic party and in Yonkers politics. He has served as Assemblyman Sayegh’s Chief of State, which gives him experience in Albany and to see how the Assembly operates. He is a hard working young man who is a law school graduate who passed the NY bar. And Frank is ready to start working for the people of Yonkers.”

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FEATURES & HIGHLIGHTS of Hudson 44 include: The tallest building in Yonkers at 301 feet, 250 residential units including 25 designated affordable units, ground floor retail, more than six floors of parking, a sky lounge with panoramic views of the Hudson River from Manhattan to the Tappan Zee Bridge, state-of-the-art fitness center, rooftop swimming pool, rooftop deck, and a business lounge.

Joining Azorim Chairman Hershey Freidman and COO Jack Klein at the opening were Yonkers Deputy Mayor Susan Gerry, Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, Yonkers City Council Members: John Rubbo, Deana Norman, Corazon Pineda-Isaac, Tasha Diaz, and Tim Hodges as well as Westchester County Legislators James Nolan and Shanae Williams.

“The opening of 44 Hudson Street represents the continued transformation of Yonkers into a vibrant, modern city where people want to live, work, and invest,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “This new luxury residential building strengthens our downtown, reimagines our skyline and brings new energy to the waterfront. We thank Azorim for its continued commitment to smart growth and investment in our Yonkers community.”

Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy said, “Hudson 44 has literally changed the skyline of Yonkers. As the tallest building in our city, it stands as a powerful symbol of progress, vision, and the continued evolution of our downtown. This milestone reflects the hard work, partnership, and forward-thinking investment that are helping Yonkers grow.”

Azorim Chairman Hershey Friedman said, “Hudson 44 is the first of our projects in the downtown Yonkers area. We believe that this tower will contribute to Yonkers’ growing vibrancy as a great place to live. We are grateful to Mayor Spano and the City Council for their continued support in bringing the building from conception to completion.”

Community Meeting

Wednesday, January 21st 6:30pm
North Yonkers Preservation
219 Ridge Avenue

Join with your neighbors, members of the 4th Police Precinct, Captain Jeremiah Foley, Lt. Robert Varley and elected officials to discuss issues affecting our community.

Guest Speakers:
 West. County Legislator Shanae Williams
 Fidelis Care – Fany Baez

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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 Monday, February 9th, 2026 at 5:00 pm, 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 AMEND CHAPTER 55 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS IN RELATION TO CERTAIN FEES PAID BY OWNERS OF CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES FOR THE FIRE AND BUILDING SAFETY INSPECTION PROGRAM.

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: January 21, 2026

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ed States.

January 29, 1942: Yonkers became the subcontrol center to send air raid warning signals to Hastings, Dobbs Ferry and Irvington! A four-way turret would simultaneously flash warning signals to these municipalities at the same time.

January 29, 1951: The 150-pound safe containing money and Regents answer papers was stolen from a Yonkers High School office. Three boys were spotted a few hours later on Linden Street, "lugging their loot!" They were gone by the time YPD arrived.

Friday, January 30th

January 30, 1932: The President Roosevelt, one of the great passenger ships of the United States Lines, was seriously damaged when it was rammed by the Italian deluxe ocean liner Roma in severe fog off New York. Captained by Yonkers own hero captain George Fried, the Roosevelt was anchored and sustained damaged above the water line, damage serious enough to necessitate it to head back to port for repairs. The Coast Guard sent cutters from Staten Island to assist the two ships.

January 30, 1952: The Alice Murray, a \$50,000 tug owned by NYC's Neptune Line, was caught in ice off the Habirshaw Dock; she began taking in water after the ice split the hull. The boat headed to the safety of Con Edison's Glenwood Power Station dock, where she was tied up securely. It remained there until river conditions were more conducive for the tug to be raised by a special cradle lift.

Saturday, January 31st

January 31, 1880: After Garret Steadman, a North Broadway bartender, appeared before Yonkers Judge Baird after being arrested by Patrolman Nolan for keeping his place open between the hours of midnight and 1 a.m. Not only was he released, the officer who arrested him was charged with false imprisonment!

Yonkers' local statute prohibited sale of liquor between the hours of 1 and 5 am. Steadman's lawyer Martin Keogh claimed damages of \$1500 for his client, stating Officer Nolan forcibly entered the premises, arrested Steadman and locked him up overnight.

January 31, 1951: The stolen Yonkers High School Safe was recovered! Found by James Cupola in front of 159 Linden Street, the safe had small holes drilled into it to facilitate removing the money in it. Principal Dr. Fred Lena used the combination to open the safe at Police Headquarters, and found no papers were missing, not even Regents exams. The youths seen pushing the safe down the street a few days earlier had not been identified. Yet.

Sunday, February 1st

February 1, 1928: Henrietta Livermore, political activist and suffragist, published the first of her series of articles on South America in The Yonkers Herald. Livermore traveled to South America several times as an official government representative.

February 1, 1943: District Attorney Elbert Gallagher announced he subpoenaed five more witnesses for the Grand Jury investigation of the Yonkers gambling scandal. Witnesses called were: Michael Murphy, a NYC Chief Deputy Police Inspector who worked with City Manager William Walsh to obtain "positive evidence" on Yonkers gambling; YPD Police Captain Charles Ward, who had investigated the gambling; YPD Patrolman John Bishop who might have done some investigations; Sergeant William Tompkins, who had an unknown connection; and Oxie Reichler, Editor of The Herald Statesman. Gallagher previously told former City Manager Walsh and YPD Detective Lieutenant Murphy either to retract statements they had "positive evidence" of gambling, or they would have to testify before the Grand Jury. Walsh and Lt. Murphy had testified the week before.

Questions or comments on this column? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com.

For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

INDEX NO: 66684/2025

D/O/F: 07/10/2025

Property Address: 10 Tall Tulip Lane, Yonkers, NY 10710

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the property is situate.

AVAIL 3 LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS ADMINISTRATOR OF RESTORATION III TRUST,
Plaintiff,

-against-

Unknown heirs at law of HERMAN AUERBACH, his next of kin, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, devisees, legatees, assignees, lienors, creditors, and successors in interest, and generally all persons having or claiming, under, by or through said defendant who may be deceased, by purchase, inheritance, lien or otherwise, any right title or interest in and to the premises described in the complaint herein, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to the plaintiff and cannot after diligent inquiry be ascertained; LYNN AUERBACH AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF HERMAN AUERBACH, GARY AUERBACH AS HEIR OF THE ESTATE OF HERMAN AUERBACH, BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE WINCHESTER HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC., UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;

"JOHN DOES" and "JANE DOES", said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises,
Defendant(s).

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TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your Answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. William J. Giacomo, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, entered December 15, 2025 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage dated February 21, 2025 and recorded in Control No. 650643550 on March 72025 in the Westchester County Clerk's Office covering premises k/a 10 Tall Tulip Lane, Yonkers, NY 10710 a/k/a Section 4, Block 4402, Lot 306.

NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

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

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

PLEASE BE AWARE:

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

- i. the use or threat of violence;
- ii. the use of obscene or profane language; and
- iii. repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

(2) If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt:

1. Supplemental security income, (SSI);
2. Social security;
3. Public assistance (welfare);
4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support;
5. Unemployment benefits;
6. Disability benefits;
7. Workers' compensation benefits;
8. Public or private pensions;
9. Veterans' benefits;
10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds;

and
11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises. Dated: December 18, 2025 Sandy J. Stolar, Esq., MARGOLIN, WEINREB & NIERER, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 575 Underhill Boulevard, Suite 224, Syosset, New York 11791 516-921-3838- #102696

Artist Dennis Shelton Featured
at Blue Door Gallery

Team Yonkers 2026 to Hold Candidates Meeting



Artist Dennis Shelton, photo by M. Trommer
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