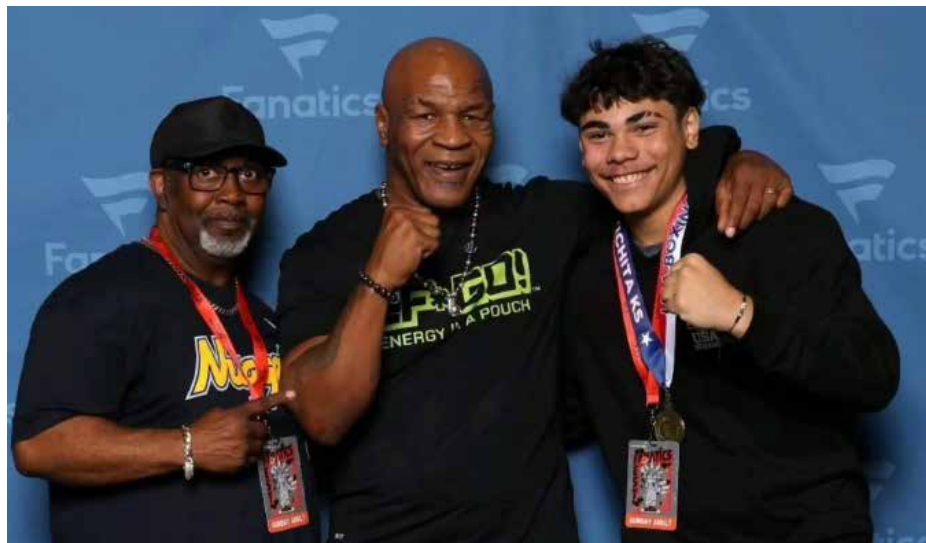


Yonkers Own Zyon “Baby Tyson” Duprey Wins Mike Tyson’s Boxing Tournament in Vegas



L-R-John Morrison, Mike Tyson, Zyon Duprey

By Dan Murphy

Boxing fans across the country are starting to take notice of Yonkers’ own Zyon “Baby Tyson” Duprey. And that includes Mike Tyson, who watched Zyon win his boxing tournament on July 25 in Las Vegas. And he is only 16 years old.

Zyon trains at the Yonkers Knockouts on South Broadway in Yonkers. His trainer-mentor is John Morrison. Morrison runs Yonkers Knockouts with the gym located at 29South Broadway (<https://yonkersknockouts.com/>).

We reported on Zyon two years ago, when he broke onto our scene as a 14-year-old. That year, 2024, Zyon won the Championship Belt-Gold Medal in the USA Boxing National Junior Olympics. That put him on the map across the country, as the #1 at 176 pounds.

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Merante Calls for an Independent Investigation Into the Yonkers Wastewater Plant Failure



Former Councilman and State Senate candidate Anthony Merante

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Westchester Progressives Denounce Latimer’s Vote Against Amendment to Cut Aid to Israel



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ICE is Back in Yonkers, as Protests and Vigils Against ICE Continue



Facebook photo of ICE making a recent arrest on Nepperhan Ave.

By Dan Murphy

White House Border Czar Tom Homan is living up to his word of increasing ICE operations in New York State after Governor Kathy Hochul and the State legislature passed a series of laws prohibiting local law enforcement from cooperating with ICE in removing illegal or undocumented residents.

“ICE is operating across the state today, but there’s going to be a surge, and there needs to be a surge. But I am not going to show our hand because there are groups who will try to impede and interfere,” said Homan.

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Shoplifter Pepper Sprays Yonkers Cop Over a \$12 Braclet?



Fernando Rivera made a bad decision is pepper spraying a YPD officer

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Join the ICE bucket Challenge Aug. 9

Let’s Not Forget Pat Quinn



Pat Quinn, with his dad, Pat Quinn Sr., photo by Donna Davis

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The American Dream No Longer Includes Job Security



By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

If you're over the age of 55, you remember an America that younger generations never experienced. It was an America where a high school diploma or college degree opened the door to a career. You found a company, worked hard, stayed loyal, and expected to retire decades later with a pension, good health insurance, and the respect that came with years of service.

But today, that promise is over. And sorry kids, she's never coming back.

Across nearly every industry, employees are discovering that years of education and dedication no longer guarantee stability. Companies restructure, offices become virtual, budgets are cut, departments disappear, and long-tenured workers can find themselves unemployed overnight. In an age of social media, even comments made years earlier can resurface and cost someone a career. The rules seem to change constantly, and many workers feel they're one mistake away from starting over.

There was a time when experienced employees were viewed as a company's greatest asset. Someone with 20 or 30 years on a job knew the business, trained younger employees, and carried institutional knowledge that couldn't easily be replaced. Whether you walked into a school, a hospital, or a local business, chances were you'd meet people who had spent decades building their careers there.

But baby, in 2026, that kind of longevity is rare.

Education offers one of the clearest examples. New teachers enter the profession every year with passion and optimism, yet many leave within only a few years. Some leave because of burnout. Others leave because they feel unsupported, disrespected, or overwhelmed. The same story can be heard in health care, public service, retail, manufacturing, and countless other professions. More people are asking themselves a question previous generations rarely considered: Is staying worth it?

To be clear, no one should tolerate harassment, discrimination, or abuse in the workplace. But it is worth asking whether something larger has changed. Have careers become more disposable? Have employers become less invested in retaining experienced workers? Or have workers concluded that loyalty is no longer rewarded?

Recent layoffs at News 12, affecting familiar faces across the country, reminded many people that even decades of service are no guarantee of job security. Some of those employees had become trusted voices in our community, yet their years of dedication offered little protection in the long run.

I still believe in teaching. I still believe in showing up every day, working hard, *and giving my students everything I have. But every year I meet talented educators* who decide to walk away from the classroom.

America isn't losing jobs, but she is definitely losing careers. And the question isn't whether people still want to work. The question is whether career loyalty still means anything anymore.

Dennis Richmond, Jr. (@NewYorkStakz) is a journalist, historian, and educator from Yonkers, NY. He writes to uplift unheard voices, honor history, and inspire change.

Rural NY School District Will Be One of First to Bring Humanoid Robot Into Classroom

Starting this fall, Salamanca High School will deploy a humanoid robot and avatar teaching assistant

By Melissa Manno, NY Focus

Note: This story originally appeared in New York Focus, a nonprofit news publication investigating power in New York. Sign up for their newsletter here.

On July 24, Salamanca City Central School District announced that it's pausing the humanoid robot and avatar program while school officials "work through enhanced student data privacy agreements." Read more about the development here.

When students return to school this fall in the Salamanca City Central School District in Western New York, a new kind of teacher will be ready to greet them. The small, rural district located on the Seneca Nation reservation is set to be one of the first in the country to put a humanoid robot in a classroom. It will not replace the classroom teacher, but is programmed to provide learning support to both students and educators.

At a board meeting last month, the Cattaraugus County school district agreed to purchase the robot from Realbotix, a tech company, along with an artificial intelligence teacher's assistant program allowing students to interact with an avatar of the robot on laptops.

"This deployment in a working school district represents a landmark moment for both AI and humanoid robotics," said Andrew Kiguel, CEO of Realbotix, which is currently building the robot. "Salamanca marks the beginning of a new era where humanoid robots and intelligent AI assistants become standard tools in STEM education."

The female robot, named Sally, will have a "lifelike appearance" with silicone skin and long brown hair, Kiguel said in an interview with New York Focus. It will be stationary in a seated position but have a wide range of upper-body movements and facial expressions.

Students will use a unique identification code when interacting with the robot during class, allowing it to access their learning data and provide personalized support based on their past communication with the avatar, Kiguel said. "They'll be able to say, 'Hey, I'm student number 1234,' and then the robot will be like, 'Hey, we were talking about this yesterday, do you want to continue that conversation?'"

Salamanca plans to introduce the robot and avatar in its high school AI and robotics courses, which use curriculum developed by Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak to prepare students for high-demand tech jobs. The district plans to expand it to high school students in other classes if the pilot is successful.

Salamanca Superintendent Mark Beehler explained the district's embrace of AI. "Many schools are taking the easy solution of simply banning it, but I have found that students will find a way around most rules that schools put in place," Beehler said in a written response to questions. "I also believe it is critical for schools to teach proper use of technology, not simply exclude it."

During and after school hours, students will be able to use the avatar to receive help with assignments. Kiguel said students could upload photos of homework for feedback, ask the avatar to generate lessons on topics that interest them, or receive real-time translations in over 100 languages. Unlike other Realbotix robots, Salamanca's robot will not have advanced features such as facial recognition and recording.

The robot will also serve as a classroom resource. If a teacher loses their place during a lesson or needs a prompt on what comes next, Kiguel said, they can ask the robot for guidance because it has been loaded with the district's curriculum.

The products cost the district \$57,590, according to the contract attached to the school board agenda. Kiguel said the price was discounted; the company's website lists the M-Series robot, the model purchased by the district, at a starting price of \$95,000.

"It is critical for schools to teach proper use of technology, not simply exclude it."

—Salamanca Superintendent Mark Beehler

The plan has sparked debate online, with some calling it a forward-looking, innovative step for the district and others expressing concern about the broader implications of further integrating AI into schools, particularly in an

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“We have to consider homeless people and those who just can’t maintain,” she says. “You have to be doing really well on methadone for the doctor to give you Suboxone, because you have to maintain it. We also have to think about questions like, ‘If I don’t have my own apartment, where am I putting this medication?’ Those are important considerations.”

In addition to MAT, SJRH offers patients support through talk therapy with individual and group options.

“At all of our sites, we do individual sessions,” says Quarless. “We have group sessions. We offer bilingual services because they are very important—especially at our Greenberg location, where there’s a significant Spanish-speaking population. So we offer group and individual sessions in English and Spanish.”

Additionally, telehealth appointments provide more options for patients. “Sometimes, professional people are mandated to get treatment, but depending on the company they work for, they may not be able to go in for inpatient care, and they need to maintain their employment. So for them, telehealth appointments are an option. They also help to maintain privacy.”

Quarless also notes that as she tried to help her mother with alcohol-related medical conditions, she learned more about the causes of addiction. “As I started this journey, I realized that people don’t just drink or they don’t just use drugs. There’s always an underlying issue, right? So then I was going through that with her and helping her to see—you know, this is why people do this.”

Quarless adds that they now have a psychiatric nurse practitioner to assist patients with dual diagnoses, which are common in addiction recovery. “I want to say about 85 percent of our patients have had some dual diagnosis for mental health. It could be depression, for example. We have a psychiatric nurse practitioner who can address dual diagnosis.”

SJRH also works with adolescents, and Quarless says they believe prevention is key. “We partnered with the schools in Yonkers to have sessions with the parents and talk about what to look for, how to know if your child is using, etc.”

Another thing Quarless has learned in her years of working in behavioral health is that relapses are common among people with substance use disorders. “First, we have to understand that relapse is a part of the process. You’ll have many relapses, but you’ll always—and I say always—can recover. Relapse will be a part of your story, but you can come out on the other side.”

More information about SJRH behavioral health services and addiction recovery treatment can be found at <https://riversidehealth.org/specialty-services/behavioral-health-services/>

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Reports in Yonkers confirm recent ICE activity on Nepperhan Avenue and in the Park Hill neighborhood of the city. While there is no cooperation between the Yonkers Police Department and ICE, or with any Westchester law enforcement and ICE, ICE activity continues.

Governor Hochul and NYAG Letitia James announced that the new Office of Immigrant Trust (OIT), a first-of-its-kind statewide bureau within the Office of the Attorney General (OAG), sent letters to the 12 local law enforcement agencies in New York that currently have 287(g) agreements with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), informing them that state law requires they unwind the agreements by August 25, 2026. Created as part of a legislative package championed and signed by Governor Hochul on May 27, 2026, OIT is dedicated to enforcing New York laws that protect immigrant communities, strengthen public trust, and limit the use of state and local resources for federal civil immigration enforcement. As part of its duties, OIT will receive complaints, provide guidance to state and local agencies, conduct investigations, and take legal action when necessary to ensure compliance with state law.

“New York is strongest when every community is able to trust the institutions meant to serve them,” said Attorney General James. “The Office of Immigrant Trust will help ensure that schools, local governments, and public agencies remain places of safety and support, rather than agents of the federal administration’s campaign of fear and intimidation. My office is proud to stand up for immigrant New Yorkers and prepared to hold anyone who violates our laws accountable.”

“Nobody is above the law. In New York, we will not tolerate the diversion of local resources for federal civil immigration enforcement at the expense of public safety. That is why we passed a commonsense set of laws standing up against federal overreach and ensuring that local law enforcement is not deputized by the highest funded law enforcement agency in the country,” said Governor Hochul. “My top priority is keeping New Yorkers safe. Ensuring our law enforcement remains focused on local crimes is essential to protecting our communities and maintaining public safety.”

New York law now prohibits local governments and law enforcement agencies from participating in any formal or informal 287(g) agreement and using correctional facilities, juvenile detention facilities, and facilities for youth to house federal civil immigration detainees. Under the new state law, existing 287(g) agreements must be terminated by August 25, 2026.

Section 287(g) agreements allowed local officers or employees to engage in or assist with federal civil immigration enforcement or otherwise perform the functions of federal immigration officers, eroding trust between immigrant communities and local institutions, and making residents less likely to report crimes, seek help, or cooperate with law enforcement. The Local Cops, Local Crimes Act prohibits local governments and law enforcement agencies from entering into 287(g) agreements or similar arrangements that use local resources to detain people for federal immigration violations. This provision ensures that New York’s local law enforcement resources are directed toward local public safety priorities, rather than the federal government’s mass deportation agenda. Through OIT, Attorney General James will ensure that municipalities comply with New York law and that state and local institutions remain focused on protecting and serving New Yorkers.

The OIT was established as part of a package of state laws designed to limit state and local involvement in federal civil immigration enforcement, safeguard local resources and public safety, and protect immigrant communities across New York. These laws:

- Restrict the use of state and local resources for civil immigration enforcement;
- Limit sharing certain sensitive information with federal immigration authorities;

- Implement new protections for students and families in schools; and
- Ban local governments and law enforcement agencies from having or entering into agreements for civil immigration enforcement with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) under Section 287(g) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

New Yorkers who witness federal enforcement actions anywhere in the state should report them to OAG through the federal action portal. New Yorkers who believe that a state or local agency, employee, contractor, school, or other covered entity has violated state laws related to civil immigration enforcement are encouraged to contact the OAG hotline at 1-800-771-7755. The Office of Immigrant Trust will also be launching an online civil complaint form in the coming weeks.

Some NY law enforcement agencies have indicated that they will defy the Governor and the AG and continue to partner with ICE. Most are in upstate NY and on Long Island.

Yonkers large Latino population of more than 40% is sounding the alarm over ICE and their activities across the region. The biggest complaint we hear, and agree with, is that ICE is detaining residents who have lived in Yonkers for a long time and have not committed a crime.

Some of the best coverage of ICE activity in Westchester and the Hudson Valley can be found on the Facebook page of Ignacio Acevedo, <https://www.facebook.com/iggyacevedo>, who provides videos and photos of ICE activity from, in recent months, Port Chester, Ossining, Croton on Hudson, White Plains, Peekskill, New Rochelle, Mt. Kisco, Tarrytown and Yonkers.

The Facebook group, Yonkers Sanctuary Movement/Movimiento Santuario Yonkers, <https://www.facebook.com/YoSanctuaryMovement>, recently held a “Justice and Peace Vigil , to honor the parents and all the people who have been murdered by ICE,” held at St. John’s Church in Getty Square.

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Now Zyon fights as a heavyweight. He stands 5 feet, 10 ½ inches and now weighs 205 pounds.

Perhaps the biggest fight of Zyon’s career was on July 25, when he fought in the Mike Tyson invitational at the Sahara in Las Vegas. Zyon first met Mike Tyson in 2024, when Mike told him to “never give up.”

His opponent, Christopher Merced, weighed 245, outweighing Zyon by 40 pounds. With Mike Tyson watching and commenting, Zyon fought like Mike, with a quickness and speed that overmatched Merced, a national champ in his own right and the #2 ranked HW.

Watch the fight on YouTube. (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llQdrVrCb5U>). It’s 4 hours and 28 minutes in. Here’s my take; email us your take, and I will post and print.

Round 1-Both feeling each other out. Zyon was quicker and more active, as he was in the entire fight.—10-9 Zyon

Round 2-Dominating round for Zyon—very active, quick, landing punches left and right and starting to show some confidence. Merced looks overmatched and too slow.

Zyon shows a swagger in this round, dancing around, protecting himself like Tyson used to do, the peek-a-boo. He’s calling Merced to come to him and fight. Zyon was too quick and landed some good punches. 10-9 Zyon.

Round 3-Zyon-came out like a wrecking ball, throwing a flurry of punches, some of which landed. Merced landed some punches at the end of the round, but Zyon was dancing around at the end, holding his hands down and taunting his opponent. In the boxing world, cockiness helps you win fights.

Winner: Zyon, unanimously.

One of the commentators after the fight said that Zyon tried to clinch too many times. He needs to learn to let the fight go. We agree, but as Morrison says about Zyon, “the sky is the limit.”

Morrison posted,

To everyone back home who believed in us, prayed for us, called, texted, and cheered us on, this victory belongs to you too. Your support has meant more than you’ll ever know.

Zyon’s story is exactly why we do what we do.

He’s living proof that when you change the message, you can change the mindset. There was a time when he never imagined his childhood dream would become reality. But dreams do come true when they’re backed by hard work, discipline, faith, and people who refuse to stop believing in you. People always say it takes a village to raise a child. I believe that. But at Yonkers Knockouts and Brother 2 Brother 914, we’ve discovered something even greater.

It takes family. That’s what we are. We celebrate together. We struggle together. We push each other. We hold each other accountable. And when one of us wins, we all win. This isn’t just a victory for Zyon. This is a victory for every young person who walks through our doors wondering if they’re good enough. We hope this shows them that no dream is too big when you have the right people standing beside you,” wrote Morrison.

Before Zyon left for Vegas, he met Mayor Mike Spano and members of the City Council.

“Congratulations to Yonkers’ own Zyon “Baby Tyson” Duprey on another impressive victory! Fresh off becoming the 2026 Golden Gloves National Champion, Zyon earned a unanimous decision victory last night at the Mike Tyson Invitational in Las Vegas, continuing an incredible run on the national stage.

“Every time Zyon steps into the ring, he represents Yonkers with determination, discipline and heart. Congratulations to Zyon, his family, coaches and everyone who has supported him along the way. Good luck, Zyon. Yonkers is proud to be in your corner,” said Mayor Spano.

Zyon went around the City Council Chambers and met with councilmembers and their staffs before he left. Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy and her husband went to Las Vegas to support and surprise Zyon.

Before he left for Vegas, Zyon accepted Jesus Christ as his personal savior and was baptized at Messiah Baptist Church.

We watched a YouTube video of Zyon and Morrison in Vegas, which we will use for Part 2. It tells us a lot about how Zyon got here.

And here’s the thing: Zyon has a good chance to go to the 2028 Olympics. And who knows? The sky’s the limit.

And he is a Yonkers young man, born and bred. It’s time to get on board, Yonkers. And consider getting involved, or helping, Yonkers Knockouts. They have a lot of events and live fights. We will be highlighting them more in the months ahead.

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Patrick Quinn ’06, the late ALS Ice Bucket Challenge co-founder and proud Iona College Gael, delivered a posthumous keynote address during Iona’s 77th annual Commencement Ceremony held virtually on May 23.

Here is Quinn’s speech, God Bless Pat. “ALS has taken so much from me, however, it will never beat me. The disease will never win because I won’t allow it. It may one day take my physical life, but my fight will last forever.

“My name is Pat Quinn, I’m born and raised in Westchester. Grew up in Yonkers, lived in White Plains for a little bit. I went to Iona Prep, went to Iona College – that’s where I played rugby and met some of the best guys in my life.

“I traveled down to Baltimore, Maryland, to visit the world-renowned Johns Hopkins Hospital. On this one day, they would run me through a million tests – most of which I had already done a number of times. After all the tests, I remember sitting in the small room by myself just waiting for the doctor to come in and tell me what he was thinking. Every Google search I did, every scientific medical opinion I ever read – it was all flying around in my head. But, what I most remember was having that last bit of hope come over me. I still had hope it wasn’t ALS and boom the door opened and my head went completely blank.

“The next thing I would hear is, “Patrick, it’s conclusive that we can diagnose you with ALS.” I remember walking out of the hospital, sitting on a bench and just staring into the sky. Even though I researched my symptoms and had a feeling it was ALS, I still had this hope inside of me that the doctors would find something different. They didn’t. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. On March 8, 2013, I was diagnosed with ALS at the age of 30.

“Okay, now what? I was just diagnosed with a disease that patients’ life expectancy is two to five years. I was diagnosed with a disease that no one has ever beaten.

“My disease is named after a baseball player, Lou Gehrig, who died over 75 years ago at the time and there is still no cure, even a treatment. It would have been really easy for me to give up. No one would have been mad at me if I decided to be quiet

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**Muhlenberg College Student from Yonkers
Conducts Biochemistry Research on Algae**



This summer, James Williams, a class of 2028 Muhlenberg College pre-health biology major from Yonkers, who's also a student-athlete on the track and field team, is conducting summer research on campus. He is introducing stressors to a species of algae to see if it reacts similarly to or differently from how a terrestrial plant would react.
Read more at: <https://yonkerstimes.com/muhlenberg-college-student-from-yonkers-conducts-biochemistry-research-on-algae/>

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| 4 TH PCT – JFK MARINA | Northampton Avenue (SR) Memorial Drive |

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87 Nepperhan Comes Down



87 Nepperhan, a City Department building for decade, recently was taken down. Mayor Spano Stated, For years, this former Health Center, which later housed several City departments, blocked the view of City Hall. After determining the building could not be repaired in a cost effective way, the decision was made to remove it and return the property to what it once was: open

green space. This project will create a clearer, more welcoming approach to City Hall while giving residents new parkland to enjoy. Yesterday, we witnessed some of the demolition process at 87 Nepperhan Avenue. While the building is still standing, seeing part of the demolition firsthand marked the beginning of a new chapter for this historic site. Originally built in 1933 as the Yonkers Health Center, the building later served as home to several City departments, supporting residents for decades. As work continues, we honor its legacy while looking ahead to the future of this site and the continued revitalization of Yonkers.

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“We cannot wait for another failure that creates an even greater public-health and environmental disaster,” Merante said. “Westchester residents deserve answers, accountability and action.”

“One of the biggest things we see right now in technology is people fearing what the future will be with AI. Will it replace the workforce? Will it grow out of control?” he said. “I think this is a great way to get not just the kids but the teachers and the parents more comfortable with what the future may hold.”

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and accept what doctors were telling me was a death sentence. I want you to know that you can be great no matter what life throws your way. I want to show you goals can be achieved no matter what you are put up against. Doing something special, creating positive change, being successful, getting to where you want to be in life – none of this comes easy. Life is really difficult and I am sure many of you have gone through tough times or maybe you’re going through something right now. You need to know you can overcome these tough times, but you can’t do it alone. You need to build support. That is what I did next.

“Shortly after the shock wore off, I decided I was going to fight this thing with everything I possibly could. I needed to start somewhere so I decided to put a team together for the local ALS walk. We named our team, “Quinn for the Win.” Over 100 people would show up to support my fight. This is the first time I felt like I could really do something positive. This successful first event gave me the confidence to put myself out there and publicly fight the disease. I saw the way people responded to a young man struggling with a disease that had no hope. It inspired me to do everything I could to create that hope people needed. My belief was that creating awareness for ALS will build support and that support will lead to more funding for research. The disease that was supposed to take my strength was turning me into a pit bull. I became engulfed in ALS, putting myself out there with hopes of bringing attention to the disease. I can’t lie, I had selfish motives to start. I wanted to live. My fight started with a desire to grow old but it grew into a passion; not just a fight for myself but for everyone, and that passion would get stronger the more I got involved. Every time I met a new ALS patient, I became more inspired. My drive to fight this disease quickly became way bigger than a personal battle. This passion, this inspiration, this drive – it would all land me in the right place and right time to be a driving force behind something special, something that would make a difference and it led me to the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

“My message to you is that life isn’t about getting hit and hiding in a corner. Life is a challenge -it’s meant to be. The fight isn’t what I want you to think about, though, I want you to think about how you fight and what you’re going to do when the fight doesn’t go your way. You’re all going to face incredible challenges in your life; it’s about having the mental strength to see it and not be afraid. I want to light your inner fuel; I want you to know you can be a game changer. Take your life head on and be prepared to fight for everything you want in life. It’s in all of you, you just need to have the courage to let it out. This is an incredible part of your life. You’re learning about yourselves and figuring out who you want to be. See that and seize every opportunity in life. You’re not just some young college kids. The sooner you realize the time to be great is right now, the more you will accomplish along the way. You will all face difficult times but it’s up to you how you will respond when these times come around. Life will challenge you, you don’t win every battle thrown at you. There will always be ups and downs but you never give up on what you believe in. Who do you want to be? Find it and pursue it with everything you have in you. Greatness is waiting.

“When I look in the mirror every day I think, keep going and make a difference – because life is amazing.” Thanks to Iona for remembering Pat Quinn.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ALSO KNOWN AS “GARBAGE AND REFUSE” IN REGARD TO ROLL-OFF AND UNDERGROUND REFUSE SYSTEM COLLECTION FEES

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the above-mentioned legislation to amend the City Code to permit collection via underground refuse system and amend the fee structure by removing a rental service and providing flexibility to recoup actual cost of provision of service.

Section 1. Chapter 91 of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled “Garbage and Refuse”, is hereby amended in part by amending Section 91-19 “Scope of City Collection” to read as follows:

§ 91-19. Scope of City collection.

A. No residential collections will be made from receptacles that are not made of metal, plastic or other suitable material, including heavy trash bags approved by the Commissioner of Public Works. However, the use of canisters in excess of the volume and weight set forth in § 91-17 hereof is authorized upon approval by the Commissioner of Public Works.

B. Except as may be provided pursuant to Subsection C of this section, no collection of ashes, garbage, refuse or other waste of any kind or description, including trade waste, will be made by the Department of Public Works from any business, industrial, manufacturing or other establishment conducted for profit.

C. The Commissioner of Public Works may collect garbage, refuse and waste from multiple dwellings by use of roll-off service or other refuse collection service approved by the Commissioner of Public Works pursuant to the fees authorized in § 91-24.

Section 2. Chapter 91 of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled “Garbage and Refuse”, is hereby amended in part by amending Section 91-24 “Collection Fees” to read as follows:

§ 91-24. Collection fees.

The fees authorized in this chapter shall be as follows:

A. Rental of containers for roll-off service:

- (1) Twenty-cubic-yard container: \$125 per month.
- (2) Thirty-cubic-yard container: \$150 per month.
- (3) Forty-cubic-yard container: \$200 per month.

B. Roll-off service: \$100 per ton for in excess of two collections per week.

The City shall charge a fee for the provision of refuse collection via roll-off service and other refuse collection service approved by the Commissioner of Public Works. The fee shall be in an amount fixed by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor. Any fee so fixed shall be effective 48 hours after it is posted in the office of the City Clerk and shall be payable by the applicant to the Comptroller of the City of Yonkers.

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

Dated: July 28, 2026

Vincent Spano
City Clerk

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number of hours its employees worked from 48 to 40 hours... yet paid them for 48-hours. Yonkers largest industry was putting into effect a new carpet industry code; the industry was waiting for President Franklin Roosevelt’s approval. This was equivalent to a 20% pay raise for the company’s 4,000 workers. This raise almost doubled the number of Yonkers employees “under the Blue Eagle” of the National Recovery Act.

Thursday, August 6th

August 6, 1781: George Washington wrote in his diary about reconnoitering the land between the North River and the Bronx River, to the Philipse home to Valentine’s Hill. He found the deep ravines between our hills created by the Saw Mill River, and he made careful notes about the Widow Babcock’s property, now St. John’s and Oakland Cemeteries.

August 6, 1945: Maurie Cesarotti, President of the Westchester CIO Council, and William Berlin, Vice President of our Yonkers U.E., visited Representative Ralph Gwinn at home to plead for Private Daniel Jones, scheduled for death. Gwinn agreed to help.

Representatives from the Yonkers Committee to Stay the Execution of Private Jones visited Mayor Frank at City Hall. While they were there, Frank called Representative Gwinn during the meeting; both men promised the group to join Westchester Congressman Gamble in requesting the War Department stay the execution of all the men.

Friday, August 7th

August 7, 1916: Yonkers’ longest trolley strike ended when union and company officials reached an agreement 17 days after the last time conductors and motormen had driven their cars into the barn. The agreement required both sides to meet by August 20th to discuss wage and working conditions, and specified employees had the right to organize and bargain collectively.

They won the right to organize without intimidation, their real objective.

August 7, 1937: Architect John Keenan announced he would primary anti-shorts proponent William Slater for the Democratic slot for Ninth Ward Alderman. Slater had received the unanimous nod from the ward committee a few days earlier; Keenan said he was running in the “best interests of the Democratic Party... at the request of a number of taxpayers.”

Saturday, August 8th

August 8, 1882: After much discussion, the Yonkers Board of Education voted to make both School Two and School Six co-educational! They also voted to hire female Teaching Principals for both schools.

Upper grades from these schools were moved to create the new Central School on Hudson Street, relieving overcrowding at both schools.

Charles Gorton was appointed Principal of Central School; the Board of Education Trustees also voted to hire two woman assistant principals.

August 8, 1927: Reservoirs and aqueducts, factories and public utility company plants in Yonkers were under heavy armed guards today to prevent damage by sympathizers of Sacco and Vanzetti as the death hour for the two condemned men drew near.

Sunday, August 9th

August 9, 1776: Colonel Frederick Philipse was arrested at Manor Hall by order of George Washington

August 9, 1937: Yonkers High School graduate Major Edwin Armstrong ordered a 600-foot steel tower built on top of the Palisades! To be manufactured by the American Bridge Company in Pittsburgh, it would be one of the tallest towers ever built in the US.

While studying at Yonkers High, Armstrong was an early pioneer of radio.

Any questions on this column, email yonkershistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, the Sherwood House Museum on Tuckahoe Road or their upcoming events, please call 914-961-8940, visit their website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.

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SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER – GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1, Plaintiff, -against- JAMES DUNPHY A/K/A JAY DUNPHY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JON R. WEDEN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, BENEFICIARIES, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT JON R. WEDEN, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants - Index No. 60320/2026. Plaintiff Designates Westchester County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Westchester County. 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 upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated July 1, 2026. 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 the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Robert S. Ondrovic, J.S.C. Dated: July 1, 2026 Filed: July 1, 2026. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 92 Pleasant Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Dated: March 26, 2026 Filed: March 27, 2026 Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Jordan J. Manfro, Esq., 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591 Phone: (914) 345-3020

Shoplifter Pepper Sprays Yonkers Cop Over a \$12 Braclet?

From the Yonkers Police Department:

On today's episode of Find Out Fridays, Fernando Rivera, 46, of the Bronx, risked it all... for a \$12 piece of jewelry.

On Wednesday afternoon, one of our officers was already at TJ Maxx in Cross County on an unrelated call when Loss Prevention pointed out Rivera, a repeat shop-lifter they immediately recognized.

Rivera concealed a piece of jewelry, walked out of the store, ignored commands to stop, and took off running through the parking garage toward Central Park Avenue.

When the officer caught up to him, Rivera made a decision that turned a shoplifting investigation into something much more serious. He pulled out a can of pepper spray, sprayed the officer, and kept running.

That's not something we see every day, and it's certainly not something we're going to tolerate.

Despite being pepper sprayed, the officer fought through it, deployed her Taser, and ended Rivera's escape attempt.

Recovered during the arrest were the stolen piece of jewelry, the pepper spray used in the assault, and drug paraphernalia.

Rivera now faces charges including Robbery, Assault, Resisting Arrest, Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Petit Larceny, and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Some places may decide a \$12 theft isn't worth the effort.

We don't. That's exactly why we enforce it.

Ignoring “small” crimes sends the message they’re acceptable. Holding offenders accountable sends a different message – and it’s one that’s working. Shoplifting incidents in Yonkers are down 42% compared to this time last year.

The officer was treated for minor injuries and is back on duty.

As for Rivera... a \$12 piece of jewelry and a can of cheap pepper spray turned into a slew of serious criminal charges and an unforgettable introduction to a TASER 7, courtesy of Axon.

Fernando found out that's a pretty poor return on investment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING PART IX, CHAPTER 100, OF THE CODE, ENTITLED PARKS AND PUBLIC PLACES, BY ADDING Article XV TO THE CODE, ENTITLED “VEHICLES IN PARKS”

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation to amend the City Code to address vehicles in parks and explicitly penalize any vehicular activities which may cause damage to city parks.

Part IX of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled “Parks and Public Places” is hereby amended in part by adding a new Article XV entitled “Vehicles in Parks” to read as follows:

Article XV VEHICLES IN PARKS

§ 100-82.

A. No person shall operate, drive, propel, stand, or park any motor vehicle, including any motorized bike or scooter, all-terrain vehicle, or other off-road vehicle within any City Park except in any roadway or parking lot or area explicitly permitting vehicles or unless authorized by the Parks Commissioner.

B. No person shall operate any motor vehicle including any motorized bike or scooter, all-terrain vehicle, or other off-road vehicle, within any City Park in a manner that damages, defaces, or destroys any lawn, field, planting, tree, shrub, turf, walkway, fixture, structure, or other park property.

C. No person shall operate a motor vehicle including any motorized bike or scooter, all-terrain vehicle, or other off-road vehicle, in any manner that endangers persons or property.

§ 100-83. Penalties

Violations of this article shall constitute a class II offense, however, if such violation is determined to cause damage to property, than such violation shall constitute a class I offense.

Penalties as defined in Article III: Penalties, § 1-21 Penalties for offenses; lesser included offenses:

(1) Class I offense:

(a) Criminal penalties: A Class I offense is an unclassified misdemeanor, subject to a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$10,000 or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both.

(b) Civil penalties: A Class I offense is subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$500 nor more than \$10,000.

(2) Class II offense:

(a) Criminal penalties: A Class II offense is a violation, subject to a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than 15 days in jail, or both.

[Amended 6-26-2012 by L.L. No. 5-2012]

(b) Civil penalties: A Class II offense is subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$250 nor more than \$5,000.

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

Dated: July 8, 2026

Vincent Spano

Westchester Progressives is deeply disappointed that Representative George Latimer voted with 314 Republicans to block an amendment to the National Security and State Department appropriations bill (H.R. 8595) introduced by Rep. Thomas Massie (R-KY) that would have cut \$3.3 billion in aid to Israel. At a time when Israel is committing genocide in Gaza (1), carrying out ethnic cleansing in both Gaza and the West Bank(2), and maintaining a system of apartheid that has been documented by leading human rights organizations (3), we find it unconscionable that Representative Latimer supports sending the country billions of our taxpayer dollars. For his heinous crimes, the International Criminal Court has issued an arrest warrant for Benjamin Netanyahu (4). He is a war criminal who should be tried for his crimes—not enabled by our congressperson.

Continuing to provide military aid to Israel despite clear evidence of gross human rights violations ignores U.S. laws intended to prevent such assistance. Unconditional military support also emboldens the Israeli government to further violate international law, as it recently has by launching a war of aggression against Iran that has destabilized the Middle East and increased the risk of broader regional conflict. Although \$3.3 billion represents only a fraction of the total military assistance the United States provides to Israel, it is still a powerful source of leverage. Rather than writing another blank check, Representative Latimer should use his vote to demand compliance with international law and respect for human rights. A meaningful first step would be to cosponsor the Block the Bombs Act (H.R. 3565), which would prohibit the transfer of offensive weapons that have been repeatedly used in attacks causing mass civilian casualties and widespread destruction in Gaza.

If Representative Latimer were truly committed to human rights, he would have joined the majority of Democrats in Congress—including prominent leaders such as former House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and House Minority Whip Katherine Clark (D-MA)—in voting to cut this financing of Israel’s military. Over 100 Democrats recognized that we have passed a threshold where we can no longer turn a blind eye to Israel’s violations of international law and the damage they inflict on America’s national security and our standing in the world. They also understand that a full 88 percent of Democratic voters disapprove of the war with Iran and a majority now sympathize more with Palestinians than Israelis in the conflict.

When AIPAC and affiliated groups poured almost \$15 million into George Latimer’s primary campaign, we questioned whether that unprecedented spending would influence his decisions in Congress. He insisted it would not. His vote leaves the public with two troubling possibilities: either that promise was false, or he independently believes that a genocide that includes the documented targeting of Palestinian children is consistent with American values.

Representative Latimer was elected to represent the people of Westchester and the Bronx—not the far-right government of Israel and not AIPAC. Every dollar Congress sends to Israel is a dollar unavailable to address the urgent needs of Americans struggling with housing costs, health care, education, infrastructure, and economic insecurity. We call on Representative Latimer to stop writing blank checks for horrific war crimes abroad and start fighting for the people who sent him to Washington.

Notes:

1) The UN Independent International Commission of Inquiry concluded in September 2025 that Israel has committed genocide in Gaza. The same determination has been reached by the International Association of Genocide Scholars, whose 500 members — the world’s leading genocide experts — resolved that Israel’s actions meet the legal definition of genocide; the Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention; Amnesty International (“You Feel Like You Are Subhuman,” Dec. 2024); Human Rights Watch (Extermination and Acts of Genocide, Dec. 2024); and the Israeli human rights organizations B’Tselem and Physicians for Human Rights–Israel (Our Genocide, July 2025) — as well as leading Holocaust and genocide scholars including Omer Bartov, Raz Segal, Melanie O’Brien, and William Schabas.

2) Human Rights Watch found that Israel’s forced displacement of 90 percent of Gaza’s population is a crime against humanity meeting the definition of ethnic cleansing (Hopeless, Starving, and Besieged, Nov. 2024), a conclusion echoed by Doctors Without Borders and UN experts. HRW has likewise found Israel’s forced emptying of West Bank refugee camps to be a crime against humanity.

3) The International Court of Justice found in its July 2024 advisory opinion that Israel’s policies in the occupied Palestinian territory breach the international prohibition on racial segregation and apartheid. See also Human Rights Watch (A Threshold Crossed, 2021); Amnesty International (Israel’s Apartheid Against Palestinians, 2022); and B’Tselem (This Is Apartheid, 2021).

4) International Criminal Court, “ICC Pre-Trial Chamber I Rejects the State of Israel’s Challenges to Jurisdiction and Issues Warrants of Arrest for Benjamin Netanyahu and Yoav Gallant,” press release, Nov. 21, 2024.

Notice of Formation of Blossom & Spruce, LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/29/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 83 Grandview Ave., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of LR Project Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/10/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 108 Boulevard, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of CONNECTED EXPERIENCES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/30/2026. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail copy to LLC at 212 Colabaugh Pond Rd, Croton On Hudson, NY, 10520. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of 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 Rat Attack Snacks, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/2/2026. 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, 516 Park Avenue Yonkers NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of DVH List Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/05/2026. 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, 69 Johnson Rd, Scarsdale NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of W4J9R1 Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/23/2026. 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, 2 Gedney Park Drive, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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 M.C.K. VENTURES LLC of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/31/2026. 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 MCK VENTURES LLC 465 TUCKAHOE ROAD, #1304 YONKERS, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Frontline Restoration Partners LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on July 7, 2026. Office Location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 333 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 359, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Moving Minds LCSW PLLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/02/2026. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Nichole Rankin, 8 Oakbrook Road, Ossining, NY 10562. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build a 49- foot Communications Pole/Structure at the approx. vicinity of 87 Chestnut Street, Dobbs Ferry, Westchester County, NY 10522. In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: Trileaf Corp, Benjamin Allen, b.allen@trileaf.com, 1775 The Exchange SE, Suite 525, Atlanta, GA 30339, 678-653-8673.

THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

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

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid No. IFB-7670 – Opening date: 08/21/2026: Repair of Yonkers/Nepperhan Ave Pedestrian Bridge (KAS).

2. Bid No. RFB-7671 – Opening date: 08/14/2026: Purchase of up to 12 2026 (or newer) Toyota Prius Prime SE Plug-In Hybrid (or Yonkers Approved Equal) vehicles (FB).

3. Bid No. RFB–7668 – Opening Date: 08/14/2026 – Purchase of LION V–Force Structural Firefighting Gloves (or Yonkers approved equal) for the Yonkers Fire Department (VB).

4. Bid No. RFB–7669 – Opening Date: 08/14/2026 – Purchase of Midmark mobile platform animal cages (or Yonkers approved equal) for the Yonkers Animal Shelter (VB).

5. Bid No. RFB–7672 – Opening Date: 08/21/2026 – 12 mo. contract, with option to renew for 12-months to provide on-call exterminating of City owned lots and catch basins (KAS).

Notice of Formation of Cortese Collective LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 1, 2026. 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 any process to Cortese Collective LLC, 185 Ashford Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of ANVIL STAFFING LLC . Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/09/2026. 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, 66 Hutchinson Blvd Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity



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