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Say It Ain't So-Commissioner! Mueller to Leave YPD for MTA



Yonkers Police Commissioner John Mueller, 2nd left, in 2019 when he was appointed by Mayor Mike Spano, 2nd right, with Councilman Mike Breen, left, and Chief Christopher Sapienza. Photo by Maurice Mercado
By Dan Murphy

Smartasset.com recently released their list of the Top 100 Safest Cities in the US. Yonkers was ranked #26, based on a number of metrics including violent crime, property crime and vehicle and drug mortality rates. The facts don't lie, and in Yonkers crime is down and the City has avoided many of the troubles that other communities in Westchester and in New York City have had to endure.

Yonkers Police Commissioner John Mueller has successfully led "Yonkers Finest" through this time, but sources tell Yonkers Rising that Mueller has been offered the job of Chief of Police for the MTA, Metropolitan Transportation Authority, whose officers patrol the Metro-North Railroad and the Long Island Rail Road.

The rumor has been floating around the city for the past few weeks. Mueller was said to not be looking for another job, but was contacted by a personnel agency on behalf of the MTA.

No word yet on who will replace Mueller or when exactly he will leave. This reporter ran into the Commissioner at the Raceway Diner in Yonkers while I was delivering the papers. He did not know who I was, but when I asked him about the rumors of a new job he answered honestly, saying "I think its going to happen."

That to me summarizes why Commissioner Mueller has been a successful Police Commissioner in Yonkers. He is honest and tells it like it is, and has the respect of the rank and file police officers, but also the respect of the community at large, and the elected officials in the City.

The choice of Mueller by Mayor Spano in 2019 was one of his best, and the vast majority of Yonkers is sad to see Mueller move on. But we thank your for your service. and the commuters of New York will be grateful that you are now protecting them.

Mueller has served in the YPD for 28 years. Upon his appointment, Mayor Spano said, "Chief Mueller has been a shining star in our police department for decades. John has risen amongst the ranks with honor, demonstrating his in-depth knowledge, training and dedication to the men and women of our police force. We look forward to working with him and continuing to keep our residents safe."

Upon his appointment, Mueller said, "To serve as police commissioner has been a lifelong dream of mine and I pledge to serve our residents with valor and respect. I am excited to continue the great work of Commissioner Gardner, and look forward to working hand-in-hand with all the dedicated members of our department."

Mueller served as chairman and founder of STRONG, a federally-funded opioid substance abuse prevention program for adolescents; board member of Break the Hold Foundation, which addresses mental health issues for young adults. Muller holds master's and bachelor's degrees from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, is a graduate of the FBI National Academy, the Police Executive Research Forum and John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Assemblyman Sayegh & Congressman Bowman Team Up for Joint Constituent Services



Rep. Jamaal Bowman, left, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, right

Congressman Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D. (NY-16) and Assemblyman Nader Sayegh announced that their offices are hosting mobile constituent services in Yonkers to assist neighbors who need both local and federal assistance.

Residents in Yonkers will be able to meet with representatives from both Congressman Bowman's office and Assemblyman Sayegh's office at Assemblyman Sayegh's Yonkers office to receive assistance with local and federal concerns. Residents can meet with both offices on Wednesdays between 12p.m. and 5p.m. Assemblyman Sayegh's office is located at 35 Grassy Sprain Rd # 406B, Yonkers, NY 10710.

No appointment is necessary for residents to seek aid. Constituent services available with Congressman Bowman's office include help with federal agencies such as The Social Security Administration, The Department of Veteran Affairs, The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). To provide additional support on Citizenship and Immigration issues, Neighbors Link will assist when an inquiry exceeds the scope of services provided by our offices.

Due to the war in Ukraine, the United States is poised to welcome 100,000 refugees and with Yonkers home to one of the largest Ukrainian American communities in the country, it is anticipated refugees will be arriving and will need assistance.

Constituent services with Assemblyman Sayegh's office include Unemployment Insurance, Licensing, DMV, State Grants, Utilities, Consumer issues and Energy Conservation Programs.

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Untermeyer Gardens Had 100,000 Visitors in 2021; Now Westchester's #1 Visitor Attraction



Thanks to ten years of dramatic improvements at Untermeyer Gardens undertaken by the Untermeyer Gardens Conservancy in cooperation with the City of Yonkers, visitorship exceeded 100,000 people for the first time in 2021. Noted by Mayor Spano in his State of the City address last week, the public garden is now the Number One visitor attraction in Westchester County.

The Conservancy activated all four of its water features on April 9: Walled Garden canals, Temple of Love, Rock and Stream Garden and Ruin Garden grotto. The new lower switchback fountain is being restored and should be operational by early May.

Continued improvements this year will be Phase One of the restoration of the Persian Pool in the Walled Garden. Installation of the mosaics will take place next year. The Conservancy also plans to rebuild the lost Sundial during the summer.

The gardening staff will be increased to nine workers this year, still a long way from the sixty full-time gardeners once employed by Samuel Untermeyer in the 1920's. 15,400 plugs and seedlings are now being grown in the municipal greenhouses, to be planted in the garden this spring.

With a new season upon us comes a real need for volunteers. The Conservancy is already blessed with devoted volunteers, but more are needed, especially to greet our many weekend visitors. If you are interested in knowing more about this important service, click here.

Early April means it's daffodil season. A ton of them are now blooming on Daffodil Hill, below the Temple of Love arbor.

We've been dreaming up an engaging roster of tours and classes this year. Below is a look ahead at our events during the next six weeks. It is not too early to buy tickets, as events often sell out. Visit untermyergardens.org to register.

Saturday, April 23: Plant Geek Tour

Sunday, April 24: Garden History Tour, Part 1

Saturday, April 30: Illustrative Drawing with Donna Ingram

Sunday, May 1: Family Adventure Tour: Walled Garden

Sunday, May 1: Garden History Tour, Part 2

Saturday, May 7: Bird Walk with Fran Greenberg

Saturday, May 7: Drawing and Painting in the Garden with Shelley Haven

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Yonkers, Mayor Spano, Launches New Food Scrap Recycling Initiative

Yonkers Becomes Largest Municipality to Join Westchester's Residential Food Scrap Program



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, with County Executive George Latimer, City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz, Councilman John Rubbo, DPW Commissioner Tom Meier with green food scrap containers

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the expansion of the City's recycling efforts with the launch of its new Yonkers Food Scrap Recycling Program. In partnership with Westchester County's Residential Food Scrap Transportation and Disposal (RFSTAD) initiative, the new program allows Yonkers residents to collect and dispose of household food scraps for recycling. Starting today, the City of Yonkers is making food recycling kits available to residents so food scraps can be properly discarded and dropped off at the Yonkers Recycling Center to be composted later.

"Yonkers has increased its recycling rate by 44% over the last 10 years and with our participation in RFSTAD, our residents now have the opportunity to improve that number even more," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Thanks to our partnership with the County, Yonkers can continue to do its part in reducing our carbon footprint and be leaders in creating a cleaner, greener, more sustainable Yonkers."

Under RFSTAD, the County's Department of Environmental Facilities arranges for the consolidation, transportation, and processing of food scraps collected by municipalities. The County's participation reduces the cost so that it is the same as-- or less than -- the transportation and disposal cost of garbage, making food scrap recycling feasible for municipalities that otherwise would not be able to offer this service. With the City's participation, Yonkers becomes the largest municipality to join Westchester's Residential Food Scrap Transportation and Disposal program.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer stated, "This program has far reaching benefits for our County, our local municipalities -- but more impor-

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State Budget Includes Bail Reforms, Gas Tax Repeal and Casino Table Games for MGM?



Gov. Kathy Hochul, celebrating "Drinks to go" in the NYS budget

On April 8, a \$220 Billion New York State budget was agreed to by Governor Kathy Hochul, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie. The budget, which was adopted one week late, calls for changes that Hochul wanted to bail and criminal justice reform, a 16 cent per gallon gas tax repeal, more funding for child care subsidies, \$600 million for a new stadium for the Buffalo Bills, and three casino commercial licenses, one of which is believed to be for MGM Casino -Yonkers Raceway, which would allow full scale gaming and a sports book.

"This agreement makes good on our promise of a stronger, safer, more inclusive and more prosperous New York State. I thank Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Heastie for this collaborative process."

Changes to the criminal justice and bail reforms passed in 2019 in this year's state budget include giving judges more leeway in the sentencing of repeat offenders and those who have a history of gun use.

Members of the progressive-democratic wing of the state legislature had asked for more funding for social programs and an opposition to any changes in bail reform. Several democrats in the senate and assembly voted no to the budget in

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Westchester Mourns as a Celebration in Mount Vernon Turns into Murder



16 year old Kayla Green, Captain of the Mount Vernon HS Cheerleading squad, was killed April 8

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Executive George Latimer, who was born and raised in Mt. Vernon, said it best when he called the death of Kayla Green a "moment of tragedy that came out of a moment of joy."

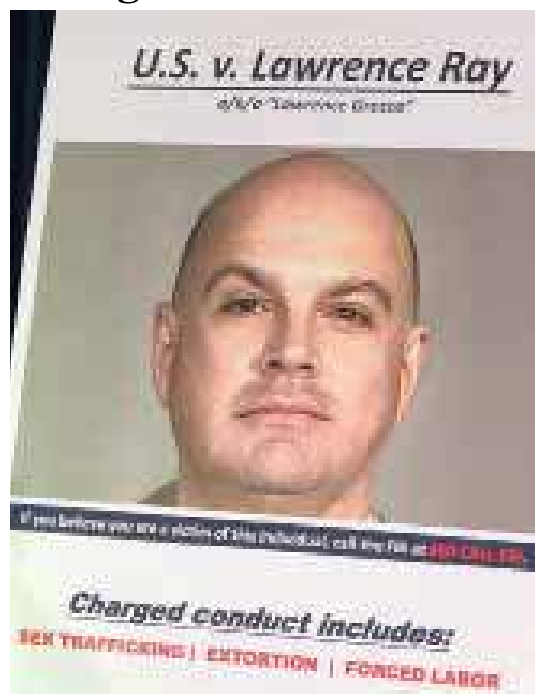
On April 8, the City of Mount Vernon celebrated the recent state championship for the Mt. Vernon High School boys basketball team with a parade through the city, ending up with a celebration at City Hall. But several hours after the parade, Mount Vernon police were looking for the person who stabbed two teen age girls the same day.

One of those two girls was 16 year old Kayla Green, who died from her injuries. A 15-year old Mount Vernon resident was placed under arrest late on April 8 in connection with a fatal stabbing that occurred at approximately 3:55 pm on April 8, 2022 in the vicinity of Gramatan Avenue and East Prospect Avenue.

Detectives from the Mount Vernon Police Department were able to identify the suspect after a thorough review of numerous recovered videos. With the assistance of the FBI Safe Streets Task Force and the Westchester County Police Department Detective Division, the suspect was located and placed under arrest. The suspect was charged with manslaughter in the first degree and Attempted Assault in the

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How Did This Creepy Dad Get to Live in His Daughter's Dorm at Sarah Lawrence College?



By Dan Murphy

How did Larry Ray get to live in a Sarah Lawrence College dorm and terrorize and abuse young women? For parents paying tens of thousands of dollars to send their children to this exclusive college, located in Yonkers, the story was a nightmare. And for those parents whose daughters fell prey to Ray, it was a living hell. Larry Ray's daughter, Talia, convinced her dorm mates to allow her father, who just got out of prison, to 'crash' in their living room for a few days. Acting as a father figure in the beginning, Ray, cleaned the dorm and bought the girls take out. But at the same time he was intimidating and controlling, and was able to turn the dorm suite of six young women into what many called a cult.

On April 6, Larry Ray was found guilty in Federal court for racketeering conspiracy, a violent crime in aid of racketeering, extortion, sex trafficking, forced labor, tax evasion, and money laundering offenses. Ray was allowed to move into his daughter's dorm at Sarah Lawrence College, where he was able to coerce several young women into prostitution and other crimes.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: "Twelve years ago, Larry Ray moved into his daughter's dorm room at Sarah Lawrence College. And when he got there, he met a group of friends who had their whole lives ahead of them. For the next decade, he used violence, threats, and psychological abuse to try to control and destroy their lives. He exploited them. He terrorized them. He tortured them. Let me be very clear. Larry Ray is a predator. An evil man who did evil things. Today's verdict finally brings him to justice. This verdict would not have been possible without the victims who testified in court. We are in awe of their bravery in the face of incredible trauma."

According to the Indictment and the evidence at trial: From in or about 2010 through the present, LAWRENCE RAY, a/k/a "Lawrence Grecco," the defendant, subjected a group of college students and other victims to sexual and psychological manipulation and physical abuse. RAY's tactics included sleep deprivation, psychological and sexual humiliation, verbal abuse, threats of physical violence, physical violence, threats of criminal legal action, alienating the victims from their families, and exploiting the victims' mental health vulnerabilities.

Through this manipulation and abuse, RAY extracted false confessions from the victims to causing purported damages to RAY and his family and associates, and then extorted payment for those purported damages through several means. The victims made payments to RAY by draining their parents' savings, opening credit lines, soliciting contributions from acquaintances, selling real estate ownership, and at RAY's direction, performing unpaid labor for RAY and earning money through prostitution.

Through fear, violence, and coercion, RAY forced one female victim to engage in commercial sex acts to pay damages to RAY that she did not actually owe. Beginning when she was just a college student, RAY sexually groomed this victim, and collected sexually explicit photographs and other personal information which he then used to coerce her into continued commercial sex acts. RAY also used physical violence. On one occasion, RAY tied his victim to a chair, placed a plastic bag over her head, and nearly suffocated her. RAY collected millions of dollars in forced prostitution proceeds from this victim.

Associates of RAY helped RAY collect and transfer the criminal proceeds, which RAY shared with at least two associates. RAY then laundered his criminal proceeds through an internet domain business and evaded paying taxes on his proceeds.

RAY, 62, of Piscataway, New Jersey, was returned to the custody of the U.S. Marshals following the return of the verdict. RAY was convicted of the following crimes: racketeering conspiracy, which carries a maximum of life in prison; conspiracy to commit extortion, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; extortion, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison;

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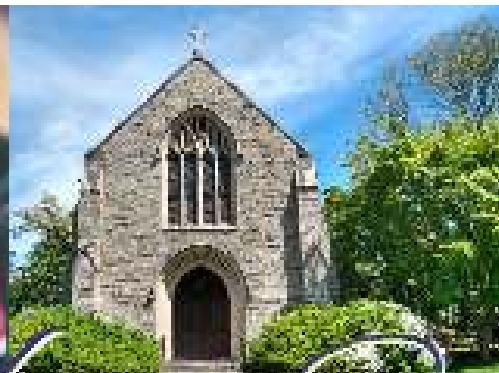
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Third Precinct Police Community Council

The Third Precinct Police Community Council will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7:30 PM at the Chema Community Center, 435 Riverdale Avenue. Merchants and residents of southwest Yonkers area are strongly urged to attend this important community meeting. Usual quality of life concerns will be discussed. For further information please contact Bob Stauff, President at 914 476-2284.

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Yonkers Arts Kicks Off Poetry Month



Yonkers Arts Kicks Off Poetry Month with Programs and Events Led by "Poet in Residence," Phyllisha Villanueva, pictured above

With April being National Poetry Month, Yonkers Arts' Poet in Residence' is spearheading a series of programs, events, and creative workshops centered around the education, history, and various aspects of poetry and spoken word performance.

Yonkers Arts continues to engage the Yonkers community while consistently providing opportunities for the creative development of local creatives. And in celebration of National Poetry Month, the organization will be activating a series of initiatives designed to positively impact creatives of all ages and backgrounds. The entire month of April will feature educational programs for the youth. Creative-writing workshops for adults, spoken word and open-mic nights, and finally a community poetry festival at the Yonkers Riverfront Library.

"It's a great honor to serve as 'Poet-in-Residence' for Yonkers Arts allowing me to have the opportunity to curate programs designed to support, lead, and engage developing writers and poets in our community," says Phyllisha Villanueva.

National Poetry Month will feature the following programs and events, all of which will be free to the public:

Daily Poetry Challenges

Poetry Showcase at 'A Piano Shop' at YOHO - April 16th at 7pm.

Youth Open-Mic and Spoken Word event at the Yonkers YMCA - April 26th.

'A Poetic Cyph' Adult Creative Writing Workshop & Performance Artist Development - April 21st at 7 pm (at the Yonkers Arts Space)

Yonkers Arts x Yonkers Public Library First Annual Poetry Festival - April 30th at 1 pm.

Executive Director, Ray Wilcox said, "The Poet in Residence program is a unique opportunity for a local poet, author, or teaching artist to directly engage aspiring writers and poets in our community.

"My goal is to create a safe and supportive environment for poets and poetry lovers to cultivate togetherness and community through the poetic form," explains Phylli V. "I come from a community that has been thriving in the arts and culture scene and it's important in knowing you have the support from that very same community in coordinating these initiatives."

For more information on all of Yonkers Arts' offerings for National Poetry Month, follow Yonkers Arts on all social platforms.

Yonkers Arts was founded in 2007 by a collection of community leaders who perceived the need for an all-encompassing arts organization for a city the size of Yonkers. The mission of Yonkers Arts is to develop a strong, effective, and cooperative network of artists, cultural organizations, and members of the community to promote and encourage the arts in the City of Yonkers.

For more information, please visit: www.yonkersarts.org

Mayor Spano Makes Appointments-Promotions in Corporation Counsel's Office



Helen Aggrey, left, Dusan Lakic, right

On April 5, Mayor Mike Spano swore in Helen Aggrey as the City of Yonkers' First Deputy Corporation Counsel and Dusan Lakic as the Second Deputy Corporation Counsel. "Both have an impressive list of credentials they bring to their new respective roles, coupled with their extraordinary legal abilities to negotiate contracts and exceptional in-depth knowledge of the workings of the law department. They are invaluable assets to this city," said Mayor Spano.

Latimer, Westchester County Launch New Child Care Scholarship with Broad Eligibility



L-R-Department of Social Services Commissioner Leonard Townes, County Legislator MaryJane Shimsky, County Executive George Latimer, Child Care Council of Westchester Executive Director Kathy Halas, BOL Chairwoman Catherine Borgia

Recognizing that affordable child care is essential for children, families and the economy to thrive, Westchester County has partnered with the Child Care Council of Westchester to create the Westchester Works Scholarship for resident families who have not previously qualified for child care financial assistance.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "I know all too well the struggles and hard decisions families face when they have to answer the age old question, 'who is going to watch the children when we go to work?' Increasing the eligibility will allow more parents to go to work with peace of mind knowing their children are safe and in good hands. These parents will better be able to provide for their children and themselves. Supporting and increasing funding for childcare is the right thing to do for working families – period."

Latimer's 2022 budget contains a total of \$38.9 million for childcare subsidies. An increase of \$10.2 million from 2021 levels of \$28.7 million.

Board of Legislators Chairwoman Catherine Borgia said: "I began my career in politics advocating for affordable child care when I first became a mother. Adding this funding to the 2022 budget was a high point of my career. I am overjoyed today to see this program coming to fruition, knowing that it will make a huge difference in the lives of so many families across Westchester. We know that early child care leads to lifelong positive outcomes in behavior, education, and functionality. Instituting programs like this is a true example of a legacy that outlives you. This will improve the lives and futures of Westchester residents."

Department of Social Services Commissioner Leonard Townes said: "Child care is an essential element in helping Westchester families maintain employment which creates self-sufficiency and benefits our local economy. County Executive George Latimer and the Board of Legislators commitment to supporting childcare reflects a heartfelt concern for helping families prosper and the well-being of children."

For many families, child care is often the biggest bill in the household – but this new scholarship provides relief.

- A family of two was previously ineligible if household income was \$34,841.
- Now, that same family can have a gross income of up to \$60,674 and qualify for the Westchester Works Child Care Scholarship.
- A family of three can earn up to \$74,950, and a family of four, up to \$89,226.

Legislator MaryJane Shimsky said: "Properly funding child care was an ongoing battle from the beginning of my tenure as a legislator under the previous administration. As we begin to emerge from the COVID pandemic and parents head back to work in person, this program could not be more timely. I am incredibly proud that as the Majority Leader of the Board of Legislators I was a part of the leadership team that partnered with County Executive Latimer last year to add this funding to the budget. This program will improve the lives of so many families as we recover from the struggles of the past two years, and as we are determining the pandemic's long term effects on our children. This is a big step in the right direction for all of our children."

Child Care Council of Westchester Executive Director Kathy Halas said: "We're immensely grateful that Westchester County Executive George Latimer and the Board of Legislators took bold action in this year's budget. These funds have immediately increased access to safe, quality child care. Long term, fewer Westchester families will struggle to meet basic needs, more children will reach their potential, and Westchester will be safer and healthier."

Yonkers resident and recent Department of Social Services Child Care Scholarship Awardee Yaniree Lopez said: "A couple years ago, my son's pediatrician

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9:00 AM Press Conference
9:30 AM Clean-up Aqueduct

Fiscally Conservative National Association of Counties, and Progressive County Legislator Agree: Gas Tax Suspension a Bad Idea

It is not often that the National Association of Counties, a fiscally conservative group, agree with Democrat County Legislator Damon Maher, perhaps the most progressive member of the Westchester BOL.

But both agree that a suspension of the tax on gasoline, on the Federal level and here in New York State, is unwise. The National Association of Counties argues that gas tax revenues help pay for infrastructure funding which is desperately needed for our roads and bridges.

"It's not a long-term solution, for sure," said Todd Kinney, Clinton County Iowa engineer and president of the National Association of County Engineers. "If they did a gas tax holiday in Iowa, you would see a direct decrease in your funding based on whatever taxes weren't collected. So it would be very hard for the Iowa legislators to backfill that money. It's not like the federal Highway Trust Fund, where they could just throw money into it." Read the entire story at <https://www.naco.org/articles/gas-tax-suspensions-pose-threat-to-infrastructure-funding>.

Legislator Maher emailed us, "Not to mention gas taxes are a way for drivers and oil companies pay at least some of the environmental costs we all incur from the use of fossil fuels --- healthwise, climatewise and financially. And by encouraging unnecessary driving, by not discouraging it, we further empower the psychopaths who preside over the countries that produce these fuels and rely on the revenues from sale of same to fund their evil, bloody deeds. Conserving some energy by driving a little less or setting the thermostat a little lower to reduce Russia's power is the least we could do, a small inconvenience compared to what courageous Ukrainians are enduring," said Legislator Maher.

The other issue with reducing the gas tax in New York is that it won't happen until June. I guess that any time that we can see a reduction of 16 cents per gallon at the pump is a good thing, but prices are already going down when you fill up. Here in Northern Westchester we see \$3.99 per gallon, the first time that its less than \$4 since the war in Ukraine started.

Westchester GOP Fields Full Slate of Candidates This November in Hopes of a Red Wave



Assembly candidate Mike Breen, left and Congressional candidate Colin Schmitt, right, are the best chance for Republicans to pick up seats this Nov.

The Westchester GOP recently released their slate of candidates for Assembly, State Senate and Congress on March 22. This year, County GOP Chair Doug Colety has recruited republican candidates to make sure that voters will have a choice for almost every elected office when they go to the polls in November.

For Congress:
16th District-William Faulkner. Seat is currently held by Rep. Jamaal Bowman. Bronx, Westchester and Putnam Counties.

17th District-Jack Schrepel. Seat is currently held by Rep. Mondaire Jones, Westchester and Rockland counties.

18th-Colin Schmitt. Seat is currently held by Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney. Schmitt is a member of the State Assembly.

State Senate:
37th District: Kristen Kerr. Seat currently held by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. Yonkers and mid-westchester.

39th District: Frank Murtha. Seat is currently held by Senator Shelley Mayer. Yonkers and sound shore.

42nd District: Gina Arena. Seat is currently held by Senator Peter Harekham. Northern Westchester

Assembly:
88th District: Tomas Fix. Seat is currently held by Assemblymember Amy Paulin. Eastchester and Scarsdale.

89th District: Michael Breen. Seat is currently held by Assemblymember Nader Sayegh. Yonkers. Breen is a Yonkers City Councilman.

91st District: John Vitagliano. Seat is currently held by Assemblymember Steve Otis.

92nd District: Carlo Valente. Seat is currently held by Assemblymember Tom Abinanti, who has a democratic primary opponent from county legislator MaryJane Shinsky. Greenburgh and Mt. Pleasant and small portion of Yonkers.

93rd District: Gary Lipson. Seat is currently held by Assemblymember Chris Burdick. White Plains and northern Westchester.

94th District: Matt Slater. Seat is currently held by republican Assemblyman Kevin Byrne. Yorktown and parts of Putnam County. Slater is the Town Supervisor of Yorktown.

95th District: Stacy Halper. Seat is currently held by Assemblymember Sandy Galef, who is not seeking election. Several democrats are running. Ossining, northern Westchester and parts of Putnam.

Editor's Note: Republicans we spoke to in Westchester believe that their best chance to pick up seats currently in democratic hands are for Assembly with Mike Breen, District 90, Yonkers, and for Congress District 18 with Colin Schmitt. Matt Slater, candidate for Assembly in District 94 was also mentioned but he is running for a seat that has long been held by a republican.

Upcoming Events from Hudson Valley Alzheimer's Association

visit alz.org/hudsonvalley to learn more or to register for all programs

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 20. A free virtual program in partnership with the YMCA of Orange County with Learn about 10 common warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others. This free virtual program by the Alzheimer's Association explores typical age-related changes, how to approach someone about memory concerns, early detection, the benefits of a diagnosis, the diagnostic process and Alzheimer's Association resources.

Virtual Memory Cafe: 12:30-1:30 p.m. Thursday, April 21: A free virtual program featuring a musical performance by Deuces Wild Duo, Georganne Millard and Lou Patrick. For people with early-stage dementia only. Prescreening is required.

Something for Alz: Musical Moments: 10-11 a.m. Friday, April 22. A free virtual program for people with dementia and their family caregivers featuring interactive music activities with therapist Tim Doak.

Healthy Living for your Brain and Body: 1-1:30 p.m. Friday, April 22. A free virtual program in partnership with Calvary Baptist Church with information on diet, nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement. Get hands-on tools to develop a plan for healthy aging.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia: 1:30-2 p.m. Friday, April 22: A free virtual program in partnership with Calvary Baptist Church. Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between dementia and Alzheimer's, risk factors, disease stages, research, treatments and Alzheimer's Association resources.

Something for Alz: Morning Game Show: 10-11 a.m. Sunday, April 24. People with dementia and their loved ones are invited to join us for a morning of games including Jeopardy, Hollywood Squares, Charades and more.

Memory Cafe: Noon to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 28: A free program for people with early-stage dementia and their family caregivers at Rini's Restaurant, 12 W. Main St., Elmsford. Prescreening and preregistration are required to participate. Call 800.272.3900.

Something for Alz: Musical Moments: 10-11 a.m. Friday, April 29: A free virtual program for people with dementia and their family caregivers featuring fun musical activities with therapist Tim Doak.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Disease: 1-1:30 p.m. Friday, April 29. A free virtual program in partnership with Calvary Baptist Church. Learn about 10 common warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others, typical age-related changes, how to approach someone about memory concerns, early detection, the benefits of a diagnosis, the diagnostic process and Alzheimer's Association resources.

Dementia Conversations: 1:30-2 p.m. Friday, April 29. A free virtual program in partnership with Calvary Baptist Church with helpful tips to assist families with difficult dementia-related conversations, such as going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving and making legal and financial plans. This program is primarily for those who have a family member or close friend beginning to experience Alzheimer's or another dementia.

To learn more about the programs and services offered locally, visit alz.org/hudsonvalley. Or Visit alz.org or call 800.272.3900.

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recommended I enroll him in a good child care program to help him meet his developmental milestones. I did, and his progress has been amazing. He's learned so much and caught up with his peers. But I almost had to pull him out for financial reasons. My mother is very ill, which adds to my expenses, and means I don't have her to help with child care. I am one of those working parents who make a little too much to qualify for subsidy, but I was still struggling to keep up. I am so thankful for the scholarship I received through DSS and the Child Care Council, because it allows me to work, meet all my financial obligations, and keep my four-year-old son in a safe program where he thrives."

Scholarship applications are being accepted as of April 1. To qualify for the scholarship or a child care subsidy, parents/guardians must be working and meet income eligibility. Questions? Email scholarships@cccwny.org, or call (914) 761-3456 x140.

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Sunday, April 10 | Noon - 2pm
Eastchester Public Library
11 Oakridge Pl, Eastchester

YONKERS
Monday, April 11 | 4 - 6pm
Grinton J. Will Library
1500 Central Park Ave, Yonkers

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“Our priority is making peoples’ lives easier - especially as we continue living through this pandemic with the costs of living and prices increasing in addition to other very real concerns impacting families and individuals,” said Rep. Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D. (NY-16) and Assemblyman Nader Sayegh. “People still need assistance applying for various relief programs, help with getting updates on their small business loans or immigration applications and in some cases need a little extra help finding a job or emergency housing. We are here to make sure every person in our communities feels supported and receives the attention they need for their most pressing issues.”

“Combining Assembly and Congressional staff in this effort enhances our ability to help neighbors who need help navigating State and Federal agencies and programs,” said Assemblyman Nader Sayegh (D-Yonkers). “This service to residents is a major part of what my Assembly Office does every day and we are always ready to help.”

Karin Anderson Ponzer, Director of Neighbors Link Community Law Practice said: “It is often incredibly difficult for people to navigate the complex bureaucratic immigration system of the federal government. At Neighbors Link we know the painful and complicated processes that immigrants must face when working with federal agencies and are thrilled to be partnering with NYS Assemblyman Sayegh to ensure that Yonkers residents have support in accessing critical immigration legal services in their community.”

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On This Day in Yonkers History...

104 years ago, in 1917, Yonkers held a Ukrainian Tag Day to raise funds, as they are doing today

By Mary Hoar, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, April 18th

April 18, 1946: Sixteen five-room apartments in the two buildings at 188-190 Riverdale Avenue, vacant for four year, were renovated, centrally heated and rented to veterans and their families at the monthly rate of \$10 a room.

April 18, 1949: Yonkers veterans honored Reverend Arthur Avard, St. Mary’s Church Pastor; “Monsignor Avard Night,” was held at Yonkers Post 7, American Legion where Avard served as Chaplain. The ceremony was in recognition of Avard’s elevation to the rank of Domestic Prelate by Pope Pius XII.

April 18, 1956: Because of the great need for workers in the needle trades industry, Yonkers Evening School began training women to operate power sewing machines; Yonkers also hoped to attract new businesses to Yonkers.

Tuesday, April 19th

April 19, 1929: Two children from North Broadway tried to start their own “back to nature” movement in Getty Square! Clad in not much more than underwear and shoes, Patrolman Theodore Glzicky found the duo peering into store windows and crying. After bundling them up, he brought them to the police station, where the two, still crying, managed to gasp out “Mommy’s gone to the store for cookies.” Just as YPD was contacting authorities, their desperate mother appeared, in tears herself. She had run to the store for graham crackers, came home, found the door open and her children gone. Hopefully she gave them their cookies when she got them home.

April 19, 1942: Female workers at the Yonkers Otis plant impressed Lieutenant General Brehon B. Somervell on his inspection tour of the facility! Women in work slacks held signs spelling out the word PATRIOTISM, each letter painted red... except for OTIS painted in blue! Purchasing Agent Patrick O’Hara told the General it was the only type of “ism” the company allowed.

April 19, 1960: Sarah Lawrence College’s Joannah Felicity Touchet Clapton’s attorney asked she be given the privacy necessary to finish her studies. Clapton had left campus after learning she had inherited a fortune. He announced she only would do academic activities and not conduct any interviews. He finished saying he had no authority to answer when she would return to campus.

Wednesday, April 20th

April 20, 1944: Yonkers resident Alfred Reeves, Advisory VP of the Automobile Manufacturers Association, spoke at a dinner honoring retiring General Motors Vice President Richard Grant. His topic? “I Knew Him When!”

April 20, 1956: Roosevelt HS tenth grader Robert Jennings took first prize in the senior boys physical division in the first Westchester Science Fair held at the County Center, a competition sponsored by the Macy-Westchester newspapers and NYU. Fifteen-year-old Jennings created “The Atlas Planetarium,” projecting the sun, moon, stars and planets onto a dome; it also could project the Northern Lights, the Manhattan skyline and atmospheric conditions. Julian Winton, from Southeast Yonkers Junior High School (Lincoln) won a silver medal for his experiment showing sound waves in musical instruments; Eileen Steinberg from Southeast Yonkers Junior High School, presenting the use of isotopes in cancer and School Eight’s Evan Hacker who created an astronomical telescope, took home bronze medals. The win made Jennings eligible to compete in the National Science Fair in Oklahoma City, OK a few weeks later.

Thursday, April 21st

April 21, 1917: After President Woodrow Wilson designated this day to help Ukrainian people, Mayor James Lennon issued a proclamation naming it “Ukrainian Tag Day,” to raise funds for Ukrainians suffering because of “European belligerent countries. Lennon asked our residents to “manifest the same generous spirit always shown... in the relief of suffering.” Collections were taken throughout the city, and people were generous.

April 21, 1946: Yonkers announced it would produce a tercentennial City Directory; the last directory was published in 1938. Although many people used the telephone directory for information, only half the families living in our city had phones!

Friday, April 22nd

April 22, 1916: Officials of the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet announced all day laborers at the plant would work six-days-a-week and receive an increase in wages. The war in Europe had greatly increased the volume of sales for the company.

April 22, 1957: The Yonkers Common Council ordered the New York Bus Tours’ franchise revoked! It ran buses between New York City and Yonkers Raceway during harness-racing season, but... the Council found out the company was running buses on streets other than what the Council had approved.

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Sunday, May 8: Family Adventure Tour: Vista to Ruin Garden
 Sunday, May 8: President's Tour
 Saturday, May 14: Garden of the Heart: Sufi Poets at Untermeyer
 Sunday, May 15: Sunset Yoga with Sarah Knox
 Sunday, May 15: Trees of Untermeyer Gardens Part 1 with Stephen F. Byrns

Public tours every Sunday will be starting on April 24 at 11 am. This will be a history tour, part 1. This year, because there is now so much more to see than can be covered in 90 minutes, the docent led tours have been divided into part I and part 2 which will be given in different weeks, again subdivided into history and horticulture. Part 1 features the Walled Garden, Lower Terrace and top of the Vista steps. More talking, less walking. Part 2 features Color Gardens, Vegetable Garden, Rhododendron Walk, Ruin Garden, Woodland Walk, Temple of Love and Rock and Stream Garden. Lots of walking. Regular public tours are \$12, President's tours are \$25. Advance registration is required for all at untermyergardens.org

And something that I hope you will share with your readers: we always welcome volunteers, but we especially need more Greeters. The weekly Greeter program will start the weekend of April 16: four 2 hour shifts from 10-6 both Saturday and Sunday through the end of October, 2 people per shift. That's 16 people needed per weekend. Sit under a tent, say hello to visitors, answer questions about the garden, collect donations. Come with a friend. It's fun, helpful and a major source of fund raising for the Conservancy. There will be multiple Zoom training sessions starting April 6. Go to untermyergardens.org then go to Support and then to Volunteer for the link to contact the Volunteer Program coordinators.

With springtime upon us, anyone in Westchester who loves to garden, or visit the Botanical Gardens in the Bronx, should pay a visit to Untermeyer Gardens. You will not be disappointed.

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tantly the environment. With Yonkers joining the County's Residential Food Scrap Transportation & Disposal (RFSTAD) program, our largest City with our highest population is now helping Westchester lead the charge for a more sustainable future. Congratulations to the City, Mayor Spano and our Department of Environmental Facilities for their efforts."

Yonkers Department of Public Works is making home food scrap bins available for purchase (\$20) at the Yonkers Recycling Center (735 Saw Mill River Road). Kits include one 1.9 gallon countertop pail, one six-gallon home storage and transportation bin and a roll of 25 compostable bags. Filled bags can be dropped off at the Recycling Center and the County Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) then will later compost the scraps.

"Yonkers DPW is committed to expanding the city's recycling efforts by promoting the proper and effective disposal of waste so we can better protect our environment," said Thomas Meier, Commissioner, Yonkers Department of Public Works. "We encourage our residents to pitch in and join the County and City's commitment to a more sustainable Yonkers."

Jason Baker, Director of Sustainability for the City of Yonkers and Chair of the Yonkers Green City Advisory Committee said, "Expanding our recycling program to include food scraps is an important measure that will enable all Yonkers household members, including our youth, to directly participate in further reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions. Thank you to Mayor Spano and County Executive Latimer for continuing to lead our communities toward a greener, healthier future."

Food scraps are one of the largest components of trash sent to landfills and incinerators. In a landfill, food scraps create methane, which is a potent greenhouse gas that traps CO2 and contributes to global warming. When sent to an incinerator, food scraps reduce the efficiency of the incinerator because they contain water and therefore do not burn well. Instead of wasting energy trying to burn food, or creating methane from landfilling it, composting food scraps produces a useful and valuable product that gives back to the nutrient life cycle resulting in cleaner soil, water and air.

Residents can visit the Yonkers Recycling Center, at 735 Saw Mill River Road, Mondays - Saturdays, 7:30am-4:15pm. For more information on Yonkers Food Scrap Recycling program, visit www.yonkersny.gov/foodscraps.

The City of Yonkers Draft 2021-2022 Annual MS4 Stormwater Report will be available for review Friday April 15, 2022 on the City of Yonkers Engineering Department website at:

<http://www.yonkersny.gov/government/departments/engineering/civil-engineering/stormwater-phase-ii-program>

Comments and questions on the Draft Report – including requests for an open meeting for the purpose of asking questions related to the Draft Report – can be addressed in writing or electronically to:

City of Yonkers Engineering Department
 City Hall – Room 315
 40 South Broadway
 Yonkers, New York 10701

Attn: John Michalak, P.E. – Engineer
john.michalak@yonkersny.gov

Comments and questions on the Draft Report that are received by Friday, April 29, 2022 will be included and summarized in the Final 2021-2022 Annual MS4 Stormwater Report, which will be available for review June 1, 2022 on the above referenced website.

Official Notice to the Public:
 2022-2023 Year Round Youth Program RFP

Official Notice to the Public: On behalf of the Yonkers Workforce Development Board the City of Yonkers Office of Workforce Development is posting the Request For Proposal Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA) for the 2022-2023 Year Round Youth Program. The contract period is July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. All questions relative to the RFP should be directed, via e-mail to the Executive Director, Mr. Sean McGrail at sean.mcgrail@yonkersny.gov.

An electronic copy of the RFP can be downloaded by clicking the following link:
 2022-2023 Year Round Youth RFP

The response to the RFP is as follows: RFP Procurement Schedule (Dates subject to change with notice from the YWDB)

RFP Issue Date:	April 11, 2022
Bidders Informational Session:	April 18, 2022
RFP Questions Due:	April 25, 2022
Proposal Due Date:	May 11, 2022
Grant Award Date:	May 30, 2022
Contract Start Date:	July 1, 2022
Contract End Date:	June 30, 2023

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF THE ZONA STUDIO LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/01/2022. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served to the company c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave, Ste. 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Principal business address: 30 Lefferts Road, Yonkers, NY, 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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 for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and in line with the directives issued by the Mayor of Yonkers regarding public safety, there is limited access to One Larkin Center. 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 wear face coverings and see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will clock in the bid and then contact Purchasing to pick up the bid. Sealed Bids will continue to be opened and read on the dates below, however, there will not be a public opening of bids. Those interested in listening to the bid opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

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 6777 - Opening date: 4/29/2022: Purchase of various commercial kitchen appliances (27 items) for the Yonkers Public School District (JH).
2. Bid 6778 - Opening date: 4/29/2022: Purchase of two Apple Mac Studio M1 Ultra with 3-year AppleCare + for Schools, two Apple Pro Display XDR with AppleCare+ for Pro Display, and two Apple Pro Stands (LC).
3. Bid 6766 - Opening date: 4/29/2022: Bus transportation services to recreational outings for clients and staff of Camp Pride and Camp Rays during July and August 2022 (KS).
4. Bid 6774 - Opening date: 5/6/2022: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide road and highway improvements within Yonkers (KS).
5. Bid 6773 - Opening date: 5/6/2022: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase Police uniforms and equipment (31 items) as needed (KS).
6. Bid 6771 - Opening date: 4/29/2022: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase Clow Valve water distribution products (AC).
7. Bid 6757 – Opening date: 4/29/2022: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase 150 lb. cylinders of liquid chlorine as needed (AC).
8. Bid 6758 – Opening date: 4/29/2022: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase Smith Blair clamps and couplings as needed. (AC).
9. Bid 6780 – Opening date: 4/29/2022: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the removal and lawful disposal of construction and demolition debris as needed. (NG).
10. Bid 6781 – Opening date: 4/29/2022: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for three 12-month terms, for the refilling of compressed gas cylinders and monthly rental of gas cylinders as needed Citywide. (NG).
11. Bid 6767 - Opening date: 5/20/2022: Roof replacement at North Yonkers Boys and Girls Club, 233 Ridge Avenue (FB).
12. Bid 6768 - Opening date: 5/20/2022: Replacement of vandalized rooftop HVAC unit at the Nepperhan Community Center, 87 Nepperhan Avenue (FB).
13. Bid 6743A - Opening date: 5/13/2022: General construction for upgrades at Paideia School 15, 175 Westchester Avenue (KS).
14. Bid 6765 - Opening date: 4/29/2022: Twenty-four month contract to provide parts and repair services as needed for Dodge, Ram, and Jeep vehicles. (FB).
15. Bid 6775 - Opening date: 4/29/2022: Six-month contract to purchase various outdoor surveillance cameras and accessories. (FB).

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Saturday, April 23rd
 April 23, 1917: The Yonkers Woman Suffrage Party organized sewing and knitting classes to make items servicemen needed in the Army and Navy; their classes were held at 6 Hudson Street.

April 23, 1956: Two hundred-fifty Saunders and Yonkers High School boys staged morning demonstrations at three local high schools to support the cause of teachers' raises. Beginning at Saunders at 8 am, they marched to Yonkers HS on Linden Street, went to Commerce on Palisade Avenue and then returned to Saunders. At 9:30, the boys returned to their home schools and classes. When asked for a comment, Superintendent Stanley Wynstra had nothing to say.

Sunday, April 24th
 April 24, 1945: Yonkers High School teachers and students riding the bus arrived ten minutes late, but had an unusual excuse. Their bus, failing to make the hill to the school after several tries, reversed and backed up the hill to the school at Poplar and Linden Streets.

April 24, 1955: Construction started on the \$250,000 addition to St. Denis School on Lawrence Street. The addition was designed to blend with the Gothic style of the existing school, and was faced with brick and limestone trim.

Questions or comments? 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 yhsociety@aol.com.

Notice of formation of a Will On Wheels Transport Services LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 02/18/2022 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : C/O Will on Wheels Transport Services LLC, 519 Locust Street 1B Mount Vernon, NY 10552 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION of RAINVILLE MCCABE, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on March 25, 2022. Location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on PLLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The PLLC, 69 Cowles Ave, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Legal Services.

On April 8, a \$220 Billion New York State budget was agreed to by Governor Kathy Hochul, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie. The budget, which was adopted one week late, calls for changes that Hochul wanted to bail and criminal justice reform, a 16 cent per gallon gas tax repeal, more funding for child care subsidies, \$600 million for a new stadium for the Buffalo Bills, and three casino commercial licenses, one of which is believed to be for MGM Casino -Yonkers Raceway, which would allow full scale gaming and a sports book.

“This agreement makes good on our promise of a stronger, safer, more inclusive and more prosperous New York State. I thank Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Heastie for this collaborative process.”

Changes to the criminal justice and bail reforms passed in 2019 in this year’s state budget include giving judges more leeway in the sentencing of repeat offenders and those who have a history of gun use.

Members of the progressive-democratic wing of the state legislature had asked for more funding for social programs and an opposition to any changes in bail reform. Several democrats in the senate and assembly voted no to the budget in protest. “At the last hour, the Governor had no trouble finding \$350 million in a slush fund that she will control, and had no trouble finding hundreds of millions for a handout to the billionaire owner of the Buffalo Bills. Governor Hochul has made it clear that her only real interest is in appealing to the rich,” said State Senator Jabari Brisport.

NYC-DSA, Democratic Socialists of America, said about the final budget, “Governor Kathy Hochul has failed New York’s working class majority. This year—due to recent increases in taxes, historic economic growth, and a massive infusion of federal funds—New York faced historic budget surpluses projected out for several years. This represented an enormous opportunity for the working people of New York. Despite this promise, Governor Hochul’s budget allocates the surplus to a billionaire sports team owner, to property owners, to ongoing corporate subsidies which generate little to no economic growth, and to further destroy our environment by lifting the gas tax.

“Meanwhile, the Governor claims to be concerned about public safety, but has instead pursued policies that have little to do with making communities safer, and everything to do with scapegoating people of color from our state’s poorest and most disinvested communities. In the years to come, an overcrowded Rikers Island will become home to more individuals whose only crime is poverty: mothers trying to get diapers for their children, teenagers riding the train, and others just struggling to get by in a city that has become more unequal than ever before.”

The other complaint from democrats is that the budget does not include undocumented workers or their children from any of the new programs or budget increases to existing programs. “Given the surplus, the Gov could have invested in tenants & stopped mass evictions, expanded health care to undocumented neighbors, protected communities from climate change, raised wages for homecare workers, & made CUNY free,” was the call of many NYC progressive democrats.

NYPD, PBA President Pat Lynch called the criminal justice reform changes, “political window dressing that won’t do much to change the reality on our streets.”

The \$220 Billion budget is a 3% spending increase over the 2021 plan. Federal COVID bailout funds and increased revenues helped fund the budget increase. The approved budget has no new tax increases.

State spending on child care was one of the largest increases to an existing program, now with \$5 Billion in state funding. Thousands of families, earning up to \$85,000 will benefit from the increased funding, but not undocumented families and their children. Governor Hochul explained when questioned that “child care is not a universal right in New York,” for many documented residents of the state and their children.

The 16 cent state gas tax will be repealed from June -December, lowering the cost at the pump this summer and fall for New Yorkers

Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, said, “I think that it is a thoughtful package that reacts not just to a narrative, but actually reacts to the need for people to feel safe. And for us really to address the gun crime.”

MGM, the owners of Empire Casino at Yonkers Raceway stated, “We are thrilled that Governor Kathy Hochul and the State Legislature have reached an agreement to allow the state to issue the available commercial casino licenses. MGM Resorts looks forward to responding to the anticipated Request for Applications and is excited by the opportunity to bring thousands of quality jobs and meaningful private investment to Westchester and the region.”

Other parts of the budget include; Home care health workers were given a \$3 per hour raise. \$800 million was included for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program, but no funding for housing vouchers for those facing eviction.

State Senator Shelley Mayer said, “I am proud to support this budget and my unwavering commitment to finally fund the states obligations to public education and to help students recover from the impacts of COVID.”

Senator Mayer, who is also the Chair of the Senate Education Committee, said that increased overall Education Aid, Foundation Aid, and Pre-K funding, will

Creepy Larry Ray sentence to life in jail , continued from page 2

extortion, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; sex trafficking, which carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, and a mandatory minimum sentence of 15 years in prison; obtaining forced labor, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; forced labor trafficking, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; conspiracy to obtain forced labor, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison; violating the Travel Act, which carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison; four counts of tax evasion, each of which carries a maximum of 5 years in prison, and money laundering, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison.

Larry Ray has a lifetime of manipulating women, lying, and brainwashing his daughter and her friends at SLC, to his benefit. He also had a history of strange sexual predilections, which he instilled in those in his daughter’s dorm.

Ray also started claiming that he had items stolen from the dorm that required payments, from his roommates who had nothing to do with it. Thousands of dollars were paid to Ray by the parents of those students, or by those students cashing in their trust funds or liquidating their accounts. Anything to stay in Ray’s favor, and out of his doghouse.

Legally, there was nothing that the parents, or police could do. The students were adults, and capable of making their own decisions concerning their lives and who they associate with.

One of Ray’s victims was Claudia Drury, who testified against him that he pimped her out to his friends and clients and collected \$2.5 Million from her sex work. Drury also testified that Ray tied her up to a chair, naked, and abused her for seven hours.

Larry Ray’s daughter, who many believe was his accomplice, has not been charged. But another SLC student who has been charged in this case is Isabella Pollok, who will be facing many of the same charges in a trial this summer.

Many of the victims of Larry Ray kept their horrors secret until a New York Magazine article in 2019, by Ezra Marcus and James Walsh, exposed it, resulting in an investigation by the FBI. Read that story, *The Stolen Kids of Sarah Lawrence*, <https://www.thecut.com/2022/04/larry-ray-sarah-lawrence-students.html>

Dozens of people contacted for the NY Mag story refused to speak on the record for fear of Larry’s retribution. For years, he has silenced his victims by intimidating them physically, psychologically, legally, and, when all else fails, through public shaming and harassment.

But it is because of the NY Mag story that Larry Ray will spend the rest of his life behind bars. But how this event ever happened, and why the administration or security at Sarah Lawrence College didn’t uncover it sooner, is still a mystery.

To the Editor:

Westchester County Executive George Latimer would be an excellent candidate for Lieutenant Governor under any circumstances, but the recent arrest of Lieutenant Governor Benjamin makes his appointment as Lieutenant Governor, if Benjamin chooses to or his forced to step down, and the candidate for Lieutenant Governor vital to both the Democratic Party and New York State.

No credible Republican came forward to challenge George Latimer for reelection last November and no wonder: He has performed his duties as County Executive during the worst crisis of our lifetimes without fuss or fanfare. The non-candidates included Latimer’s predecessor, Rob Astorino, who in addition to serving two terms in White Plains was also the Republican Gubernatorial candidate against Andrew Cuomo in 2014, and hopes to be the Republican nominee for Governor this year.

Rob Astorino is bright, personable, articulate, wears suits well, looks ten years younger than his actual age...even speaks Spanish fluently...and surely has no shortage of ambition. Yet even a formidable candidate like Astorino knew that George Latimer, who defeated him by a landslide in a brutal, bruising campaign in 2017, was unbeatable last November.

Kathy Hochul is the “accidental governor”, able to ascend to the governorship because disgraced former Governor Andrew Cuomo probably wanted a female running mate from upstate. It is logical she would want to select a Lieutenant Governor from downstate, as is Mr Benjamin. However, with Benjamin probably off the primary ballot and the remaining two primary candidates left-of-center and probably ill at ease with the Hochul agenda, the need for a downstate moderate with proven ability to work across party lines is even more important.

George Latimer is recognized as a centrist who has appointed Republicans to his administration, lives and works in a suburban county, and has built his reputation by serving his constituents, not by bashing Donald Trump. Indeed, Latimer has probably said ‘Donald Trump’ as often as he has said ‘Rumplestiltskin’.

After the sorry spectacle of Andrew Cuomo and the recent news about Lieutenant Governor Benjamin, New York state...and the Democratic Party...need and deserve a Lieutenant Governor who can campaign and serve without blemish. And that person is George Latimer. *Jim Vespe, Mamaroneck*

Cheerleader Stabbed in Mt. Vernon , continued from page 2

First Degree. This matter will be handled in the Youth Part of the Westchester County Criminal Court. At this time no names are being released due to the ages of the persons involved.

A second individual also sustained several stab wounds during the altercation and was treated at Montefiore Mount Vernon Hospital. This individual is expected to make a full recovery.

County Executive Latimer, who has had to speak about the thousands of Westchester residents who died from COVID over the past two years, commented on how “heartbreaking and outrageous,” this incident was, and “the pall that it casts on a moment of optimism. Mt. Vernon has had difficult years, and the people there who work hard and pay their taxes have had to deal with incidents of crime that we don’t see in other parts of Westchester.

“This victim was 16 years of age, an accomplished student who had a wonderful future ahead of her. Her future is gone and Westchester mourns. It comes down to the value of human life and how we deal with things in a non-violent way. We will not have a society if we continue to have violence in the middle of a celebration in the middle of broad daylight,” said Latimer.

Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard said, “Today was a day of great celebration and great tragedy. As we celebrated our high school basketball teams championship, and 24-0 record, and welcomed them to City Hall, it turned to tragic as a young girl died on the way to Jacobi hospital as a result of her injuries. This was a senseless and unexcusable act of violence. Our young people are hurting and are at an all time mental, emotional and spiritual low. We have to come together as a community and wrap our arms around our babies. Parents need to take time and have the hard conversations, talk to your children about who their friends are and who they are fighting with in the schools and in the community. It’s time to get into our children’s business and have the talks that you have been afraid to have. Our community cannot turn back into neighborhoods until our neighbors become involved in the hood,” said Mayor Patterson-Howard.

Congressman Jamaal Bowman said, “This is devastating and heartbreaking. I want to send my deepest condolences to the loved ones of the young girl who senselessly lost her life and chance to realize her bright future Friday afternoon. Her passing is unconscionable and should not have happened. It begs the question of how this could have been prevented. It is also troubling that this was done by another 15-year-old girl, who now lost her future. Two families and the entire community are grieving deeply.”

“As a father, educator and former school principal, I know that many of our kids are hurting. Our whole community must rally to be violence interrupters. Our kids are hurting and vulnerable to life altering mistakes. They are expressing their hurt on social media, in school hallways, and throughout the community. We have to listen, step up, and be there for them. They need guidance, support, care, hope, and lots of love. Their families need support as well because oftentimes generational trauma is what we see playing out amongst our youth. We can not look the other way, it’s time for us to lean all the way in. The lives of our children depend on it.”

A GoFundMe link has been set up in her memory; <https://www.gofundme.com/f/justice-for-kayla-green?qid=38d56a410cb497eb8190c84eac355c4f>.

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