

## Jenkins & Spano back Gov. Hochul's Car Insurance Reform, Urge Westchester Lawmakers to Support it.

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano recently penned an OP-ED for LoHud.com calling for state legislative leaders, including Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Carl Heastie, to support Governor Kathy Hochul's proposed reforms to lower auto insurance costs for businesses and consumers.

# 86%

**OF VOTERS SUPPORT Governor Hochul's proposed reforms to the auto insurance system.**

"Westchester County residents pay some of the highest car insurance rates in the country, with the county average weighing in at nearly \$3,000 per year.

Premiums are simply too high — unsustainably high — and it's time for the New York State Legislature to act by including the governor's auto insurance reform proposals in the state budget.

Gov. Kathy Hochul's proposed legislation aims to lower car insurance costs in New York by cracking down on fraud, limiting excessive payouts, and making the system fairer for law-abiding drivers.

Overall, the legislation is designed to hold bad actors accountable, reduce unnecessary litigation, and ultimately bring down premiums for New Yorkers.

Albany has an opportunity — and a responsibility — to act. These reforms are

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## 14-Year Old Yonkers Teen Charged with Making, Detonating Explosive Devices



Bregano Park

From the YPD

At approximately 8:15 p.m. on April 6, 2026, the Yonkers Police Department responded to reports of fireworks being discharged in the vicinity of Bregano Park. Upon arrival, responding officers conducted a canvass of the area; however, no

individuals were located within the park, and no active fireworks were observed at that time.

On the morning of April 7, 2026, a heavily damaged portable toilet was discovered within Bregano Park. Due to the proximity in time and location, inves-

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## Green Events in Yonkers to Celebrate Earth Day

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## Yonkers DPW Fills 3,200 Potholes, With 50 Roads Slated for Resurfacing Through Sept.



Left: Mayor Mike Spano filling a pothole

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the City's Department of Public Works (DPW) has filled and sealed over 3,200 potholes with 202 tons of blacktop across the City. Since March 2026, Yonkers DPW has attended to 654 lane miles of roads and 450 dead-end streets and cul-de-sacs that have been damaged due to this winter season's plowing, frigid temperatures and ice. Pothole repairs are expected to continue through May.

"We're proud of the work our DPW crews are doing, having already filled over 3,200 potholes across Yonkers this season—but we know there's more to do," said Mayor Spano. "Keeping our streets safe is a team effort. I encourage every resident to

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## Mayor Delays Budget Presentation Until After State Budget Passes: See story on pg 4

## Latimer Lays out Challenges Ahead for Americans



Congressman George Latimer at The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit at the Nautilus Diner

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## Yonkers Renames Prospect Street James Edward Degree Way



Family of James Edward Degree proudly holding street sign named in his honor

Family, friends and community members gathered to celebrate a life defined by service, generosity and a deep love for Yonkers on April 9, with the renaming of Prospect Street to James Edward Degree Way.

"We are here today with the Degree family to honor one of our legends. All of the work that he did for the entire City of Yonkers is why we are here," said City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy.

Mayor Mike Spano presented a proclamation declaring April 9 JAMES EDWARD DEGREE WAY DAY.

One of his children remembered that her father's favorite phrase was "pay attention."

Joining Mayor Spano and Council President Collins-Bellamy were Council-

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## We Cut Our Disposable Water Bottles by 60% How to Stop Drowning in Plastics



Letter to Governor Kathy Hochul and State Senator Pete Harchkham

Our community's struggle with plastic waste is visible in our overflowing bins and littered parks. While recycling is often touted as the solution, the reality is that a staggering amount of plastic bottled water waste still ends up in our landfills. It is time for our government to stop managing the symptoms and start addressing the cause.

Last year, I read a story titled "We are drowning in plastics" that featured my state senator, Pete Harchkham. Senator Harchkham highlighted the fact that

"Less than 6% of plastic gets recycled, while the rest ends up in landfills and incinerators. In New York, plastic accounts for about 14% of the 18 million tons of waste that ends up in landfills and incinerators, according to state figures. And the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) notes that the state's 25 municipal solid waste landfills could be full within 15 years."

Last year, my family took a summer vacation and stayed at a home on the Jersey Shore. In the home, we used a Brita water pitcher by simply refilling it every day with tap water. We enjoyed this product so much that we bought one when we got home and have used it ever since.

The Green results have been impressive. Our family has reduced the number of disposable water bottles (Poland Spring) by 60%, simply by using our water pitcher at home instead of recycling 30 water bottles every week.

So, my suggestion for Senator Harchkham and for Governor Hochul is to take this idea statewide and implement a program to provide water-filtering pitchers for every New York family that wants one. The cost will be less than \$50 per pitcher, plus an extra filter that doesn't need to be changed for several months.

The logic is simple: many residents rely on bottled water not out of luxury, but because they want cleaner-tasting or safer water than what comes directly from their taps. By providing a free water-filtering pitcher, the government can empower citizens to ditch plastic for good.

The benefits are threefold:

**Environmental Impact:** We would see a drastic reduction in single-use plastic consumption and the carbon footprint associated with transporting bottled water.

**Economic Efficiency:** The cost of subsidizing filters is a drop in the bucket compared to the long-term expenses of municipal waste collection and landfill maintenance.

**Public Health:** It ensures that all residents, regardless of income, have access to the highest-quality drinking water in their own kitchens.

We have seen successful government-led initiatives for energy-efficient appliances and low-flow toilets. It is time we applied that same logic to our water. Let's make it easier for New York to go green by making the tap the best choice for every household.

And one last thought for Governor Hochul: it doesn't have to be a Brita water pitcher. It could be any product, or we could even build them here in New York State!

Happy Earth Day!

Sincerely, **Katie Murphy, Mahopac**

**Editor's Note:** We have looked into whether any government has funded an idea like Katie's. What we have found is that companies like Britta do provide local governments with water filters for areas that have lead pipes or unclean water. But to our knowledge, no government, or other group, has offered to pay for water filter pitchers to anyone who wants one. This is a great idea that we hope will garner interest, either from NYS government or perhaps a group that wants to reduce the number of water bottles that end up in our garbage and landfills.

## Westchester Remembers Congressman Eliot Engel



IN MEMORY OF  
**CONGRESSMAN ELIOT ENGEL**  
1947 - 2026

Former Congressman Eliot Engel, a stalwart of New York politics who represented the Bronx and Westchester County for over three decades, passed away on April 10, 2026, at the age of 79. His family confirmed that he died at a hospital in the Bronx due to complications from Parkinson's disease.

**A Legacy of Local and Global Service**

Born in the Bronx in 1947, Engel's career was defined by a unique ability to balance the hyper-local needs of his constituents with high-level international diplomacy. Before entering Congress in 1989, he served as a teacher and guidance counselor in New York City public schools and spent over a decade in the New York State Assembly.

In Washington, Engel rose to become the Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. He was widely regarded as a dean of foreign policy, known for:

**Support for Israel:** He was one of the most prominent pro-Israel voices in the Democratic Party, consistently advocating for a strong U.S.-Israel strategic alliance.

**Advocacy for Kosovo:** Engel was an early and fierce supporter of NATO intervention in the late 1990s to protect ethnic Albanians, earning him deep respect within the Albanian-American community.

**Humanitarian Efforts:** He co-authored the Harkin-Engel Protocol, a landmark international agreement aimed at eliminating child labor in the West African cocoa industry.

**Impact on Westchester and the Bronx**

Despite his global influence, Engel remained a fixture in local affairs. Leaders across Westchester and the Bronx have remembered him as a "fierce advocate" who never lost sight of his roots. His tenure was famously characterized by his tradition of snagging an aisle seat at every State of the Union address to shake the President's hand, a symbol of his long-standing presence in the halls of power.

Engel's 32-year congressional career ended in 2021, following a primary challenge that signaled a shifting political landscape within the Democratic Party. However, his passing has brought a bipartisan outpouring of respect. Governor Kathy Hochul directed flags to be flown at half-staff, honoring a man whose legacy of commitment and conviction shaped both the streets of Yonkers and American policy abroad.

Tributes to Engel from Westchester elected officials include:

**Congressman George Latimer:** "Eliot Engel devoted his lifetime to public service – as a teacher and as an elected official in Albany and Washington DC. His legacy consists of hard work on issues and kindness to all. His work in helping bring peace to the Balkans in the 1990s was a major accomplishment, among many others. We mourn with his family, and extend to them our deepest condolences. We intend to honor Eliot on the floor of the House. May he rest in peace."

**Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins:** "We are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of former Congressman Eliot Engel, a tireless public servant who devoted more than three decades to representing the people of New York."

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# On This Day in Yonkers History...



*Yonkers resident Hugh Francis Redmond was taken prisoner by the Chinese Communists in 1953.*

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

Monday, April 20th

April 21, 1941: Dr. Jewett Frazer of Arlington Chemical Company introduced the American College of Physicians to a new food concentrate providing the nutritional equivalent of a steak and eggs meal. Marketed in a granular form in both chocolate and “neutral” flavors, it was called Aminoids; it also contained amino acids to ensure none were missing from anyone’s diet.

Arlington Chemical was founded by John Andrus.

April 20, 1942: Eighteen months earlier, German bombers had dropped a 550-pound bomb on the British Waygood-Otis factory, destroying much of the building... fortunately, the incendiary did not kill anyone!

Workers got it out of their building and sent it to their Yonkers headquarters, where it was exhibited in the Administration Building lobby.

Otis chemists analyzed the bomb nose. They found it was made from “a very poor grade of metal,” causing one Yonkers’ engineer to comment, “If we put out that kind of stuff, we’d be shot!”

Tuesday, April 21st

April 21, 1930: Pelegrina Nunez finally had her day in court. She testified Thomas Alonzo threatened to kill her if she did not leave her husband and run away with him. When she refused, Alonzo shot her in the head, then tried to kill himself.

April 21, 1937: Joining the nationwide walkout against war, Yonkers College students held a rather unique “sit-down strike” for peace. Students had to attend their regular assembly; instead, they gathered in the auditorium and listened to peace talks given by Rabbi William Margolis and English Professor Russell Craft.

April 21, 1942: Wide World Features, part of the Associated Press, featured a typical American mother with a war production job, showing how she managed both her job and “kept the home fires burning!”

Who was chosen? Mrs. Max Sell of Palisade Avenue! She manufactured cotton duck at Smith Carpet, the largest mill in the world. Her two-year old son Clemons attended a local nursery school costing 25 cents a day while she and her husband worked.

Wednesday, April 22nd

April 22, 1943: City Manager William Walsh learned Habirshaw Cable and Wire Corporation was searching for property for employee parking near its Point Street plant. Walsh had advised company attorney, former Mayor William Wallin, about the severe noise, traffic and parking congestion created by Habirshaw night workers on Woodworth and Ravine Avenues. He ordered the company to make provisions for employees’ parking.

April 22, 1953: Proponents for citywide Common Councilmanic elections and abolishment of the Yonkers ward system held a “Spot-Zone” forum at Roosevelt High School. Former Mayor Edith Welty, spearhead of proportional representation and City Manager form of government, was keynote speaker. She strongly stated the current system discriminated against the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Wards.

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# City, County and State Officials Celebrate First Phase of \$35 Million Electric Conversion at Palisades Towers in Yonkers



*Above: MHACY CEO Wilson Kimball flanked by (left to right) Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, NYS Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins Bellamy, Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins, and Chairman of the MHACY Board of Commissioners James Landy. Left: New induction stoves.*



*Anonymous Donor Pays for new pots & pans for all residents*

A \$35 million project to convert the Palisades Towers apartment complex in Yonkers to electric service began this week with the arrival of hundreds of new induction stoves that are being installed in apartments at the 415-unit complex.

State, County, and City officials gathered to mark the milestone, which is the first step in converting the entire complex from gas to electricity. It’s been a nearly two-year journey for the 1,000 residents of Palisade Towers, who had been without stoves since August of 2024 when corrosion of gas lines throughout the complex forced the shut off of gas service.

The project was made possible through funding from the Governor, New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), New York State Energy and Research Development Authority (NYSERDA), and the New York Power Authority (NYPA), along with the Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY), Westchester County, and other state and local partners.

“The electrification of Palisade Towers represents a landmark investment in the health, safety, and future of our residents. By transitioning 415 units from aging gas infrastructure to a modern, all-electric system, we are not only addressing an urgent need that began in August 2024 but also fulfilling our promise to provide sustainable, high-quality affordable housing,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano.

Wilson Kimball, President and CEO of the Yonkers Municipal Housing Authority, who spent months raising funds from various levels of government to bring the project to fruition said, “Thanks to our partners on the city, county, and state levels, we have turned lemons into lemonade by taking what was a crisis and turning it into a win for the residents of Palisade Towers. “With the conversion from gas to cleaner electric, not only will our residents benefit from a healthier living space and all new induction ovens, but for the first time, they will have

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## Should Mugshots Go Public? What Would Yonkers Do?

By: *Dennis Richmond, Jr.*

A growing number of American cities are embracing a controversial approach to public safety: releasing the daily mugshots of folks who have been arrested, often within hours of booking. In places like Florida, North Carolina, and Ohio, law enforcement agencies and affiliated media platforms routinely publish arrest photos alongside names, charges, and in some cases, brief summaries of alleged crimes. The practice has gained traction among residents who argue that transparency deters crime and keeps communities informed—but it is now raising serious questions about whether cities like Yonkers should follow suit.

The debate is not entirely new. For much of the 20th century, newspapers across the country regularly published the names of individuals arrested for crimes, particularly in local blotter sections. In more serious cases, photographs were also printed, placing faces alongside accusations in the public record. This approach was widely accepted as part of a functioning press system that informed the public about safety and accountability. However, over time, concerns about privacy, due process, and the long-term consequences of public exposure led many outlets—and jurisdictions—to scale back or eliminate the practice altogether.

Now, in an era dominated by social media and instant information, the question has resurfaced with renewed urgency. Advocates of daily mugshot releases argue that the public has a right to know who is being arrested in their communities, particularly in cases involving repeat offenses or threats to public safety. They contend that transparency builds trust between residents and law enforcement, and that withholding such information only fuels speculation and misinformation online.

Many people however, warn that the practice can quickly devolve into public shaming, especially when individuals have not yet been convicted of a crime. In New York, where legal protections and cultural attitudes often lean toward safeguarding rights, opponents argue that releasing mugshots could unfairly damage reputations, disproportionately impact marginalized communities, and undermine the principle of “innocent until proven guilty.” They also point to the permanence of digital records, noting that once an image is shared online, it can follow someone for years—even if charges are later dropped.

Yonkers now finds itself at the center of this national conversation. I asked the question online before and I’m asking it again. Residents are increasingly voicing concerns about crime, quality of life, and transparency. At the same time, the city operates within a broader New York legal framework that may complicate or restrict the release of such information.

The question, then, is not simply whether Yonkers can adopt a daily mugshot policy, but whether it should. As other states move forward with aggressive transparency measures, Yonkers must weigh the potential benefits of public awareness against the ethical and legal implications of putting faces to accusations before the courts have spoken. For a city already navigating questions of safety, trust, and accountability, the answer may shape not only how information is shared—but how justice itself is perceived.

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## Three Maria Regina HS Students from Yonkers Participate in NYU Italian Poetry Contest



Nine Maria Regina High School Italian language students recently distinguished themselves at the prestigious Annual New York University Casa Italiana Italian Poetry Contest organized by the Italian Teachers Association. They competed against high school teams throughout the region, reciting the works of great Italian poets before a panel of judges. Two of the students from the renowned all-girls Catholic high school—Lillian Hinsliff of Scarsdale and Francesca Sindona of Yonkers—captured third place medals.

In the photo, proudly displaying the certificates they earned for showcasing their command of the romance language in a highly competitive setting are (l to r): Brooke Muto, Portchester; Fiona Shabaj, Bronx; Jillian Fox, Yonkers; Lillian Hinsliff; Harmony Serrano, Yonkers; Francesca Sindona; Isabella DeMelo, Elmsford; Genesis Argueta, Yonkers and Isabella Bendick, New Rochelle.

Casa Italiana Zerilli-Marimò at NYU was founded by 1990 by Baroness Mariuccia Zerilli-Marimò to promote Italian culture through free events related to Italian studies.

## Yonkers Mayor Spano Delays Budget Plan to Wait for State Budget

On April 15, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano posted, “I want to keep you informed about our City budget process. Because the New York State Budget has not yet been finalized, I am postponing the submission of my Executive Budget to the City Council.

“State funding plays a significant role in our local budget, and until those numbers are confirmed, we cannot responsibly present a complete and accurate plan.

“We expect to submit the proposed budget around May 1, though that timeline may shift depending on when the State budget is finalized.

“We remain committed to delivering a responsible budget that reflects the needs of our community, and we will keep you updated every step of the way,” said Spano.

While Spano has yet to submit a proposed budget, the Yonkers Public Schools have indicated at their meetings that they have a budget shortfall in excess of \$60 Million.

The NY State budget, due on April 1, is late as Governor Kathy Hochul and the State legislature remain divided on issues like Car Insurance Reform, and Green Policy mandates.

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## Rotary Club on Yonkers-East Yonkers Accepting Grant Applications Through May 1

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Yonkers Rotary Club is seeking proposals for small projects that will benefit Yonkers residents, are sponsored by nonprofit organizations & are consistent with Rotary's priorities ([www.rotary.org/en/our-causes](http://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes))

Our Club expects to award 10 grants of up to \$1,000 each.

Proposals with all **REQUIRED INFORMATION** (see below) must be received at [SecretaryYonkersRotary@gmail.com](mailto:SecretaryYonkersRotary@gmail.com) by **May 1, 2026**.

Grants will be announced by June 1, 2026.

**REQUIRED INFORMATION**

**1. Letter, signed by the applicant's Board President/Executive Director**

- Organization's EIN, tax exempt status and names of Board members
- Contact person's name, telephone number and email address
- A statement that, if funded, the organization will make a presentation about the project to the Yonkers Rotary Club upon completion.

**2. Project Information (Maximum 3 pages)**

- Project Description and Location.
- Schedule. When will the project begin & end? (must start after 6/1/26 & end by 5/31/27)
- Impact. Who and how many Yonkers residents will benefit?
- Project Budget. How will the requested Rotary grant be used?
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## Yonkers Man Sentenced to 12 Years in Prison for Robbery of Senior

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Vladimir Puentes, 51 years old, of Yonkers, was sentenced on Tuesday to 12 years in state prison.

Specifically, the defendant was sentenced to the following:

- For count 1, Robbery in the First Degree, 12 in years state prison plus 5 years post-release supervision.
- For count 2, Robbery in the Second Degree, 12 in years state prison plus 5 years post-release supervision.
- For count 3, Assault in the Second Degree, 7 years in state prison plus 5 years post-release supervision.

These sentences will run concurrently with each other. Puentes was sentenced by Judge Robert Prisco.

On July 1, 2024, Puentes assaulted and robbed a 75-year-old Yonkers man in an alleyway off of Riverdale Ave. near Radford St. He was arrested after an investigation by the Yonkers Police Department.

DA Cacace said: "Protecting our most vulnerable community members, particularly the elderly, is paramount to the Westchester County Districts Attorney's Office. We hope that this strong sentence will serve as a warning that violence directed at our seniors will not be tolerated."

This case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Alexander Shapiro and Rachel Ehrhardt.

### YONKERS MAN CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE MATERIAL

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a Yonkers man has been arrested and charged with offenses related to the possession and promotion of child sexual abuse material.

Jonathan Garcia Salvador, 32 years old, was arraigned on Friday, January 6 in front of Judge Karen Best in Yonkers City Court. Garcia Salvador was charged with Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class D felony, and Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, a class E felony.

DA Cacace said: "Protecting the most vulnerable members of our community will always be a priority for our office. This investigation and arrest is just further proof of our commitment to root out evildoers who try to exploit our children."

This case is just the latest effort by DA Cacace to protect children and to deliver justice in the most heinous of cases. In January, DA Cacace announced the conviction of a Yonkers man, Eleuterio Duran. Duran was convicted of numerous felonies in relation to his violent, sexual abuse of two individuals, one of whom is a minor, and was subsequently sentenced to 45 years in state prison.

In addition to investigating and prosecuting these cases, the District Attorney's Office also engages in community outreach to provide education to students, parents and school staff on recognizing potential threats and encouraging children to report inappropriate behavior.

This investigation was conducted by criminal investigators from the Westchester County District Attorney's Office.

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port potholes as soon as they spot them so we can respond quickly and continue improving the quality of our roads."

Weather permitting, two DPW crews fill approximately 100 potholes each day. In March, DPW crews filled 1,800 potholes and in April, crews filled over 500 potholes to date.

Yonkers DPW Commissioner Thomas Meier stated, "After a long and challenging winter, I'm incredibly proud of the work our DPW crews have accomplished this spring. The heavy snowfall and freeze-thaw cycles took a real toll on our roads, but our teams have been out every day identifying problem areas and filling potholes. We're not slowing down—our focus remains on delivering safe and smooth streets for our residents."

This season, the City of Yonkers invested \$5 million to resurface nearly 50 roadway sections starting later this month. Repaving is scheduled through September.

As of the first week of April, the City of Yonkers received over 1,600 pothole complaints. Mayor Spano urges residents to continue to report potholes via the Mayor's Helpline at 914-377-HELP (4357).

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Yonkers Public Schools & Feeding Westchester

Open Community Food Pantry at Sotomayor School



Yonkers Public Schools, in partnership with Feeding Westchester, proudly opened El Mercadito Mayor, a brand-new community food pantry located inside Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School.

El Mercadito Mayor provides a safe, welcoming environment for families to access healthy and culturally relevant food, reinforcing the district's commitment to meeting the needs of the whole child and ensuring every family has the support they need to thrive.

As part of Yonkers Public Schools' commitment to building stronger community schools, El Mercadito Mayor marks one of many food pantries opening across #YonkersPublicSchools.

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Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026**

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and local volunteers in beautifying our section  
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OR BY CALLING (914) 377-6440. VOLUNTEERS MAY ALSO SIGN UP AT THE EVENT.  
CONSENT FORMS REQUIRED FOR THOSE UNDER 18.

**WHEN**

8:30 AM Registration – Walnut Street at Old Croton Aqueduct  
9:00 AM Press Conference  
9:30 AM Clean-up Aqueduct

**WHERE**

Meet at Walnut Street at Old Croton Aqueduct  
Event will take place Rain or Shine  
Coordinated by the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation  
Special thanks to our sponsors to date:  
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## Operation Prom Dress & Tux Giveaway Returns to Westchester County Center May 1-3




# 2026 PROM FORMAL WEAR GIVEAWAY

May 1, 2, & 3



The Westchester County Center  
198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY

Register online at:  
[www.PromNationalNetwork.org/events](http://www.PromNationalNetwork.org/events)

**\*FREE BEE-LINE BUS FARE WITH HS ID\***

Free Prom Dresses & Tuxedos for Westchester County High School Students with valid school ID or report card

Open to the Public Sale Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 12pm-2pm

All items \$10+ \*cash & carry\* proceeds benefit Operation Prom

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> - School Groups Only  
Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10am-3pm  
Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-12pm

Prom season is here, but so are rising prices that threaten to make going to the prom an unaffordable luxury for many young people. That's why Westchester County is once again partnering with the Operation Prom National Network to provide free prom dresses and tuxedos for Westchester County high school students.

The Operation Prom 2026 Prom Formal Wear Giveaway will take place at the Westchester County Center Friday, May 1 – Sunday, May 3.

On Friday, May 1, dresses and tuxedos, as well as shoes and accessories, will be available to school groups.

On Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., high school seniors with a valid school ID or report card can come on their own without a school group for free prom wear. Register online here: <https://forms.gle/MgV763VyrKfyEvS16>

After they gear up, students can join Operation Prom on Saturday for a prom prep event just up the road from the County Center at the College of Westchester at 325 Central Avenue. There will be makeup tutorials, mini-makeovers, a raffle for free prom tickets, food and other prizes.

On Sunday, May 4, Operation Prom will be open at the County Center to all high school students from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. You can register to attend on Sunday here: <https://forms.gle/CH3hveAfCg4t8uft8>

After the students are done on Sunday, there will be a public dress sale until 2 p.m. with prices beginning at \$10. Proceeds will benefit Operation Prom.

More information is available on the Operation Prom website events page: <https://promnationalnetwork.org/events/>


To help students get to Operation Prom, the County is making Bee-Line Bus Rides free to the County Center for students who show their student IDs.

Boston College economist Jay L. Zagorsky, who created a prom index to track prom expenses, told The Washington Post last month that the cost of prom dresses is up 10% from this time last year, hair and makeup services are up more than 5% in that same period, and the cost of prom tickets is up 128% since 2000.

With current costs, prom expenses can run into the hundreds and in some cases thousands of dollars, making prom affordability a major challenge for many Westchester families.

County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "The high school prom is a rite of passage when lasting memories are formed. It's not just a night out or a big date, but it's a chance for students to celebrate together as part of a shared community. We want to make sure that every child in Westchester, regardless of the means, has a chance to feel both the excitement of the big night, and the sense of community inclusion. For 22 years we've been proud to work with Noel D'Allacco and Operation Prom to make that happen for an entire generation of school kids."

## The Autism Project-FLOS Inc. 5th Annual Mother's Day Honors Luncheon,



*5th Annual Mother's Day Honors Luncheon*  
Sunday, May 3, 2026  
12 pm - 3 pm

Featuring Keynote Speaker & 2026 Honoree  
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Marcus L. Boyd

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On May 3, we will host our 5th Annual Mother's Day Honors Luncheon, celebrating four community leaders who have made measurable impact in the autism and disability community.

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- Marcus L. Boyd – Autism Global Activist and Keynote Speaker
- Devaron King – Advocate for inclusive education and parent leadership
- Carmine La Manna – Community wellness and inclusion champion
- Jaci LaGala Pino – Leader in inclusive sports and recreation

Each of them represents a different lane of impact within our city and beyond. In addition, we are working to sponsor 50 mothers raising children with life-long disabilities so they can attend as honored guests.

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## Latimer Lays out Challenges Ahead for Americans

By Claudine Hutton

Congressman George Latimer says that even if he and his fellow Democrats don't like today's no-rules "mixed martial arts" style of politics, they're going to have to figure out how to land punches better if they want to stop President Trump.

"Trump has redefined — and I have to give him credit — the way people pay attention to politics, and it has thrown off kilter those who were not ready to engage in that kind of public display," Latimer said

In a standing-room-only gathering of elected officials and constituents at the April 14 Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit, Congressman Latimer spoke about the stakes of the upcoming midterm elections and what Democrats need to do to win back majorities in one or both chambers of Congress.

"This is, without question, the most daunting period of time, perhaps in our lifetime," he said.

With Republicans in control of both the House and Senate, Democrats have had little ability to slow the administration's aggressive policy rollout. Latimer said some of its consequences — from the human toll of mass deportations, to the cost of the war in Iran, to Medicaid cuts in the so-called "Big Beautiful Bill" — have yet to be fully felt by the American public..

Beyond the procedural protection of the 60-vote filibuster, he said Democrats have had few tools at their disposal to oppose or modify legislation, policies, or appointments. Given the strict loyalty of Republicans in Congress and in Trump's cabinet, calls to impeach the president or invoke the 25th Amendment to remove him from office have been, in Latimer's view, largely futile — though he stopped short of dismissing the idea entirely. "Do I think he's committed impeachable offenses? Yes, but they have to be researched, they have to be proven," he said.

There is always pressure on the opposition party to pick up seats in a midterm election, but perhaps never more so than this coming November. Democratic control of Congress would dramatically slow — or even freeze — the President's agenda, as well as open the door to various oversight investigations. A Democratic-majority Senate could also block what is expected to be a wave of conservative judicial appointments.

To win in November, Latimer says his party needs to present a clear and viable alternative to Trump. "Sensible policies," he said, would "gain back the faith that people vote for you for a reason — not just because they're against him." Making a strong economic argument will be especially critical to winning back African-American and Latino voters, he added.

But first, he said, Democrats will have to figure out how to break through the noise without alienating the voters who are already put off by the toxicity of this political moment.

"We have to fight fire with fire and get outside of our normal comfort zone — and our base has wanted to see that — but we also have to figure out what the people in the middle want," he said.

While predicting that House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries will remain in his position, Latimer acknowledged that he and others at the top of the party still have significant work ahead of them.

"We have to learn how to be more assertive and more visibly aggressive, but we can't go so far that it looks like you're insane too," he said. "That's a balance that I don't think the leadership has fully assessed yet."

The Larchmont-Mamaroneck Local Summit is an informal community council that seeks to make a better life for the community by keeping it informed of major issues of concern. Our next meeting, on May 12 at 8 am at the Nautilus Diner in Mamaroneck, will discuss Community Planning. For more information: <https://www.localsummitlm.org/>. To view recorded programs on LMC Media: <https://lmcmedia.org/>.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following Local Law, to wit:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

A PROPOSED LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 43 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS TITLED "ZONING" BY AMENDING ARTICLE XV IN RELATION TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information,

including access to a copy of said Local Law, may be obtained at the Yonkers City Clerk's Office located at City Hall — Room 102, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701

April 14, 2026 VINCENT SPANO

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Thursday, April 23rd

April 23, 1943: Aranya Smart, Chairman of Yonkers War Savings Staff Women's Division, announced results of Yonkers schools' ongoing "Schools-at-War" jeep campaign. Six Yonkers schools financed 38 Army jeeps! Crestwood's School Fifteen bond drive slogan, "The Sky's the Limit," facilitated 15 jeeps. School Seven financed seven and Roosevelt High purchased bonds for six. School Twenty-Six only had 100 students... yet financed five jeeps! Other schools purchased thousands of dollars of bonds and stamps.

April 23, 1953: The US State Department announced the Chinese Communist Government had taken Hugh Francis Redmond of Floral Lane prisoner. Redmond had been overseas for five years, working as an importer.

Friday, April 24th

April 24, 1937: Westchester, especially Yonkers, was hit with a food poisoning epidemic; Yonkers, with 75 people sick, had 1/3 of the county cases. Our Health Officials blamed Cushman Sons bakery, as every affected Yonkers' resident either had eaten a Cushman cream puff or a Cushman éclair with dinner before getting ill! Yonkers' City Laboratory staff members Dr. Frederick Weedon and Florence Knacke tested Cushman bakery's sample pastries, including feeding a piece of a Cushman éclair to a little white mouse.

April 24, 1942: Yonkers learned machine shops at Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company were manufacturing "heavy parts" for the US Navy. Although no exact information was released, pictures the Navy cleared for publication showed unfinished cylindrical parts, believed to be for machine guns, heavy naval guns, and/or battleships.

Saturday, April 25th

April 25, 1932: Cardinal Hayes promoted Reverend Joseph Pernicone, Assistant Pastor of Mount Carmel Church, to pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Poughkeepsie. While pastor in Poughkeepsie, he served as Master of Ceremonies at the 1937 Requiem Mass for Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of wireless telegraphy. In 1954, Pernicone was appointed an auxiliary bishop of New York and titular bishop of Hadrianopolis in Honoriade by Pius XII.

Sunday, April 26th

April 26, 1935: The Yonkers Health Laboratory narrowed the cause of Westchester's mass food poisoning to two possibilities: Staphylococcus and the paratyphoid group. Yonkers cases had risen to 175 cases; Westchester's cases now totaled 703, making this the worst food poisoning epidemic in Westchester's history.

April 26, 1942: Speaking at the American College of Physicians Convention in St. Louis, Arlington Chemical Company President Dr. Jewett Frazer reported the company had done 22 medical and nutritional studies on prefabricated food! Their food, made from meat, cereal, skim milk and yeast, was treated by enzymes.

According to Frazer, Arlington Chemical hoped their prefab food would aid wounded soldiers on the battlefield since blood and tissues quickly assimilated it without being digested.

Company preliminary testing found the prefab food was useful for postsurgical patients; potentially it could be used to treat burns, hemorrhages, wounds, and infections caused by battlefield injuries.

Any questions on this column, email [yonkershistory1646@gmail.com](mailto:yonkershistory1646@gmail.com).

For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, the Sherwood House Museum on Tuckahoe Road or their upcoming events, please visit their website [www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org](http://www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org), call 914-961-8940 or email [info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org).



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dedicated air conditioning and the ability to independently control the temperature in their homes year-round. This is a major step forward in our overall mission to create sustainable, modern housing for the future.”

The Palisade Towers project includes installing new electrical service and feeders, upgrading building panels, and running new conduits to support electrified domestic hot water, heating, cooling, and cooking systems. This is in addition to the energy-efficient induction ovens. Apartments will also soon have energy-saving window heat pumps that will allow residents to have air conditioning for the first time and the ability to independently control the temperature in their apartments year-round.

The transition at Palisade to all-electric service is overseen by Palisade owners L&M Development Partners and The Mulford Corporation, with Touchstone Builders as the general contractor. Palisade Towers was originally built in 1954.

In addition to a \$12.9 million grant from HCR’s Climate Friendly Homes Fund, the project is supported with \$1.5 million through NYSERDA’s Low Carbon Pathways Program, and almost \$1 million through a NYPA grant. The Westchester County Public Housing Assistance Initiative also provided \$4.6 million, as well \$835,000 secured by Sen. Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and \$57,000 from MHACY.

Tenant Carol Cruz, a resident of Building 8 at Palisades Towers said that she had been using a microwave and convection oven to cook since the gas leak, and was happy to now have a working stove. “We are very grateful for these new appliances. I know it has been a long time coming, but these stoves are much fancier than we expected. We are looking forward to new heating/air conditioning units too.”

An anonymous donor paid for new pots and pans for all the residents in the 415-unit apartment complex since induction ovens need different cookware, said Kimball.

Notice of formation of METROMEN MUSIC LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/26/2026. 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 Entity Protect Registered Agent Services LLC. 447 Broadway, 2nd Fl. - #3000, New York, NY 10013, the designated registered agent of METROMEN MUSIC LLC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of JJ VILL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 64 Mountindale Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**A GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 65 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, ENTITLED "ANIMALS AND DOGS" WITH REGARD TO AMENDING PENALTIES FOR FAILURE TO KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAR**

The City of Yonkers, in City Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. Chapter 65 of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled "Animals and Dogs" is hereby amended in part by amending Article VII, §65-26 (c) entitled "Penalties for offenses" to read as follows:

§ 65-26 Penalties for offenses.

A. Failure to properly license any animal or dog pursuant to § 65-3 and Article 7 of the Agriculture and Markets Law within five days of owning or acquiring an animal which is required to be licensed shall be a Class II offense.

B. A violation of §§ 65-8, 65-9, 65-10 B, C, D, F, G, H, and I or 65-13 of this chapter shall be a Class II offense. A violation of § 65-10 A and E of this chapter shall be a Class I offense.

C. A violation of § 65-12 of this chapter shall be a Class II offense.

D. Possession and control of a dangerous animal or dog, as defined herein, in the City of Yonkers is the equivalent of the possession of a dangerous instrument as defined. Failure to control such instrument in the City of Yonkers shall subject the owner of said animal or dog to penalties provided under the Penal Law in addition to any and all penalties established in this chapter.

E. A person who willfully or recklessly violates any provision of this chapter, which violation causes physical injury to any person, shall be punishable as a Class I offense.

F. Any other violation of this chapter shall be a Class II offense.

Section 2. This General Ordinance shall take effect upon compliance with §C4-6 (c) of the Charter of the City of Yonkers and the provisions of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York.

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: April 8, 2026  
Vincent Spano

City Clerk

Investigators determined that the reported fireworks activity and the property damage were related. At that time, the Yonkers Police Department Intelligence Unit took the lead in the investigation alongside our partners with the Westchester County Police Hazardous Devices Unit and the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Investigators determined that a local teenager had been constructing homemade explosive devices consistent with the one used in the April 6th, 2026 incident. The above agencies responded to the suspect’s home and placed him into custody without incident. A search of the residence led to the recovery of materials used to manufacture explosives. The teen admitted to constructing the device used in the incident and to being responsible for several other explosions in the area over the last several weeks.

All appropriate safety precautions were taken, and all areas the suspect had access to were thoroughly searched. Investigators have determined that the suspect does not have access to other devices or explosive materials.

“Improvised explosive devices pose a significant danger to the public, regardless of who constructs them or their intent,” said Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza. “Thanks to the coordinated efforts of our Intelligence Unit and our federal and county partners, this situation was quickly identified and safely resolved. We urge parents and guardians to remain vigilant and aware of potentially dangerous behavior, and to report concerns before they escalate into something far more serious.”

Due to restrictions by New York State Law prohibiting the identification of minors charged with a crime, he can only be identified as a 14-year-old male resident of Yonkers. No further information will be released regarding this suspect’s identity. The suspect was booked by the Yonkers Police Department Youth Division for Criminal Possession of a Weapon 1st Degree, Criminal Mischief 1st Degree and Reckless Endangerment 1st Degree. His case will be adjudicated by Westchester County Family Court, as required by law for offenders of these crimes who are minors.

The Yonkers Police Department urges the community to report suspicious incidents or activity to our anonymous tipline by texting the keyword ‘YPD’ followed by your tip to 274637.

Notice of Formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

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

Notice of formation of Senara & Co, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/29/2026. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served is 455 Tarrytown Road, Suite 1307, White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose/character of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

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F.C.A. §§ 617; CPLR 315, 316

**FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

**COUNTY OF BROOME**

In the Matter of an Article 6 Custody/Visitation Proceeding

File #: 48643  
Docket #: V-02381-25

Kylie J. Luckie-Klenovic (Petitioner)

Johnnie D. Evans (Respondent)

Gianni Evans (DOB: 02/01/2020)

**SUMMONS - PUBLICATION (VIRTUAL)**

To: Johnnie D. Evans  
Address is Unknown

A petition under Article 6 of the Family Court Act has been filed with this Court requesting the following reliefs: Custody.

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to appear **VIRTUALLY** before this Court on:

Date/Time/Part: **May 12, 2026 at 03:00 PM in Part G for 15 minutes.**  
Purpose: **Initial Appearance and Virtual Courtroom - TEAMS**  
Presiding: **Hon. Brett S. Noonan**

to answer the attached petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act.

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**If you fail to appear as directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.**

Dated: March 20, 2026

Anne M. Simms, Chief Clerk

**TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:**

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Brett S. Noonan of the Family Court, Broome County, dated and filed with the petition and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of the Family Court, Broome County.

tendance were Councilwoman Deana Norman and Majority Leader John Rubbo, who joined with Mr. Degree's children and grandchildren to celebrate.

Mayor Spano's proclamation reads:

WHEREAS: As Mayor of the City of Yonkers, I am proud to join with the family, friends, and community members of JAMES EDWARD DEGREE as we honor their request to re-name and dedicate Prospect Street as James Edward Degree Way, in recognition of a life defined by service, strength, and community impact; and

WHEREAS: JAMES EDWARD DEGREE was born on March 9, 1935, in Shelby, North Carolina, the proud son of the late James Henry and Callie Degree. He later made Yonkers, New York his home, where he met and married the love of his life, the late Diana Lee Degree, and built a legacy rooted in family and community; and WHEREAS: A long-time resident of Yonkers,

JAMES EDWARD DEGREE worked as a professional mover for Alto Brothers for forty-one years, demonstrating dedication, hard work, and integrity until his retirement; and

WHEREAS: Known affectionately by many as the "Mayor of Yonkers," JAMES EDWARD DEGREE was a beloved figure in the community, always willing to share wisdom, guidance, and a straightforward perspective that left a lasting impression on generations of residents; and

WHEREAS: Throughout his life, JAMES EDWARD DEGREE remained most proud of his family, including his beloved wife Diana; their children, Pamela, James (Sharon), Michelle, Penni, Douglas (Patricia), Valerie, and Leroy (Hazel); as well as his twenty grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren. He was pre-deceased by his son, Harrison, and siblings, John Henry and Emma Lou; and

WHEREAS: It is fitting that Prospect Street be honorarily renamed JAMES EDWARD DEGREE WAY, ensuring that his legacy, character, and contributions to the Yonkers community will be forever remembered and celebrated by all who pass through it; and

WHEREAS: The City of Yonkers raises its voice in tribute to JAMES EDWARD DEGREE, honoring a life devoted to family, community, and uplifting others, and recognizing the lasting impact he leaves behind.

NOW, THEREFORE I, MIKE A. SPANO, Mayor of the City of Yonkers, do hereby posthumously proclaim this day, the 9th day of April 2026 to be: JAMES EDWARD DEGREE WAY DAY Honorary Street Renaming - Prospect Street in the City of Yonkers, and I call upon all residents to join with me in honoring and remembering this remarkable individual whose legacy continues to inspire our community! Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Yonkers, New York, this 9th day of April 2026."

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State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins: "I am saddened by the loss of Congressman Eliot Engel, a dedicated public servant who spent decades representing Westchester and the Bronx. I had the opportunity to work alongside Eliot for many years, and I came to know him as a steady, experienced leader who remained focused on delivering for the people he served, both at home and on the national stage. His impact will be felt for years to come, and his legacy of service will be remembered across our region, state and nation. My thoughts are with his family, friends, and loved ones."

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Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano: "I am deeply saddened by the passing of former Congressman Eliot Engel, a dedicated public servant and true advocate for our community. We worked closely on issues that mattered to Yonkers, from protecting the Hudson River to addressing local concerns, and I was proud to stand with him in his continued service. My thoughts are with his family and all who

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

Notice of formation of DoubleStripe Associates LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/7/2026. 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, 23 Mt. Joy Ave., Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

**Notice of Formation of YureeshStyle LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/10/26. 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 35 S Broadway, K6, Irvington, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.**

Notice of formation of Supreme Site Safety, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/28/2026. 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, 318 Mile Square Road, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of MPMX, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/2025 Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 8 Lane Street Fl. 1 Yonkers, NY 10601 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Monte Builders Group, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/2026. 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, 23 Bronxville Ln Yonkers, NY 10708. Purpose: Any lawful activity

not radical; they are practical, fair, and long overdue,” writes Jenkins and Spano. (<https://www.lohud.com/story/opinion/2026/04/11/new-york-car-insurance-reform-state-budget/>)

Some of the Governor’s common-sense solutions to lowering the cost of car insurance in New York State include:

- Restricting large “pain and suffering” payouts for individuals who were committing crimes at the time of an accident, such as impaired or uninsured drivers, and limiting the damages that can be recovered by drivers who are mostly at fault.
- Tightens what types of accidents result in “serious injuries” by lowering the ability to collect large compensation for minor injuries.
- Would reduce the liability for drivers, making them only responsible for their own amount of fault in the accident.

For New Yorkers without a car, there are still benefits to Governor Hochul’s plan. Many New Yorkers who use Uber, DoorDash, and other taxi services are paying the cost of high car insurance through higher fares.

In a letter to state leaders, A broad coalition of major corporations and industry groups operating large vehicle fleets across New York State wrote: “We write on behalf of corporations across New York State whose workforces rely on vehicle fleets to deliver services, move goods, provide millions of New Yorkers transportation, and keep the economy running.”

They emphasized that the current system is increasing costs across the board, noting that “the current system significantly increases the cost of doing business in New York,” and that “those costs are ultimately passed along to all New Yorkers through higher prices, fares, and reduced investment.”

Fleet companies warned that frequent fraudulent claims and litigation drive up costs, divert resources from job creation and service improvements, and make doing business in New York more expensive.

A Beacon Research survey found 86% support for Gov. Hochul’s reforms, with strong backing across all political groups.

More than 50 faith leaders across NY State also wrote a letter in support of Governor Hochul’s proposed reforms, urging lawmakers to take action to address this “unjust burden” on working families. The letter also highlights the disproportionate impact of high premiums on Black communities, immigrant neighborhoods, and low-income households – particularly in areas of Brooklyn, where some drivers pay up to \$7,000 for car insurance.

“New Yorkers cannot afford inaction,” the letter concludes. “We urge the Legislature to stand with Governor Hochul and the millions of New Yorkers who need relief now.”

Citizens for Affordable Rates (CAR) recently released a new statewide television and digital ad, which says, “New York’s car insurance crisis is all about money.

The huge amount New York families spend on skyrocketing car insurance rates...And the huge amount New York legislators get from trial lawyers intent on keeping it that way. Gov. Hochul’s plan will cut rampant car insurance fraud and runaway insurance rates – putting an average of \$200 back into our wallets. But not if New York legislators keep blocking it. So if you’re fed up, speak up. It’s time to finally lower the cost of driving.” We agree.

**Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 69683/2025 U.S. BANK TRUST, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, vs MONIKA MARIE BOSTIC AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RICHARD H. BOSTIC IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, JUDITH BOSTIC O’SAVIO AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF RICHARD H. 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Defendant(s) MORTGAGED PREMISES: 422 Cedar Avenue Mount Vernon, NY 10553 To the Above named Defendant: 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 Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Monika Marie Bostic, Unknown Heirs of Beatrice D. Bostic, Unknown Heirs of Richard H. Bostic Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. William J. Giacomo of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Nineteenth day of March, 2026 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Beatrice D. Bostic (who died on August 16, 2020, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) and Richard H. Bostic (who died on March 8, 2024, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) dated the December 29, 2008, to secure the sum of \$349,500.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 462680183 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on October 12, 2006. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed December 18, 2008 and recorded on July 29, 2009, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 491960106. Plaintiff is also holder of a mortgage dated December 29, 2008 executed by Beatrice D. Bostic and Richard H. Bostic to secure the sum of \$130,213.61 and recorded at Instrument Number 491960118 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on July 29, 2009. Said mortgage was consolidated with the mortgage referred to at Instrument No: 462680183 by a Consolidation, Extension and Modification Agreement executed by Beatrice D. Bostic and Richard H. Bostic dated December 29, 2008 and recorded July 29, 2009 at Instrument Number 491960122 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk to form a single lien in the amount of \$479,700.00. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed May 12, 2014 and recorded on June 2, 2014, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 541503522. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed May 27, 2014 and recorded on June 2, 2014, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 541503523. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 10, 2015 and recorded on February 11, 2015, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 550423312. The mortgage was subsequently modified on April 16, 2017. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed April 5, 2019 and recorded on April 8, 2019, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 590983191. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed April 21, 2021 and recorded on April 23, 2021, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 611133023. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed March 1, 2023 and recorded on April 17, 2023, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 631073484. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed July 30, 2024 and recorded on August 5, 2024, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 642183162. The property in question is described as follows: 422 Cedar Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10553 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: March 25, 2026 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 89762**

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April 12, 2026

Dear Mr. Jereis,

I write on behalf of the Executive Board, the Legislative Committee and more importantly, the membership of the Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester.

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