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Mayor Spano Presents Budget Plan to City Council; 2.95% Tax Increase; Under Tax Cap;



Mayor Mike Spano presents budget to the City Council photo by Maurice Mercado

City of Yonkers Budget Plan \$1.4 billion total budget

- Proposes increase in property tax rate of 2.95%, staying within state-mandated tax cap
- Maintains city services and municipal workforce
- \$704.8 million appropriation for the Board of Education, the largest ever budgeted by an Administration. \$21M More for Education

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano released his Fiscal Year 2024 Executive Budget proposal, which contains no cuts to the City workforce or services, provides its largest contribution to Yonkers Public Schools and stays within the state-mandated tax cap.

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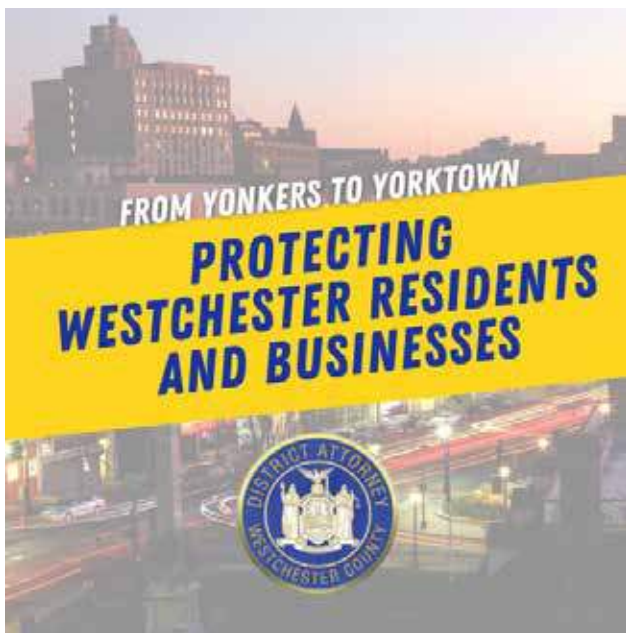
Meet the Yonkers Pride Girls Flag Football Team; Wins 1st Game 1st Season



In their first ever season, the Yonkers Pride Girls Flag Football team won its first game ever in its history. The team is made up of girls from all 8 high schools in Yonkers. Yonkers beat Somers High School 13-8. They did this after trialing 8-0 by giving up a safety and a loan Somers touchdown. After a couple of stalled drives, Yonkers' QB Kelsey DeRubeis got the offense clicking with two touchdown passes one for 30 yards and the second for 20 yards to Adrianna Quishpe for the first touchdown of the game. Then with 17:25 to go in the 2nd half, Kelsey DeRubeis rumbled into the end zone for a 10 yard touchdown rush. She later finds Kaitlyn De La Cruz for the 1 point conversion. Then Yonkers defense led by Yaleliza Salas, Maya De Sena, and Elizabeth Wallace, had a series of stops and shut out Somers the rest of the game. In the end, with 35 seconds on the clock, and five yards to go, Adriana Quishpe ices the game with a 12 yard rush up the gut behind blockers Janel Martin, and Samantha Campos to secure the win for Yonkers! Coaches Elie Moise & Nuriel Benitez are very happy, and proud of the girls! They made history, and won their first game in their first season of a brand new sport!

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DA Rocah Cracks Down on String of Robberies and Burglaries; From Yonkers to Yorktown,



Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah recently announced a crackdown on burglaries and robberies across Westchester County highlighting a string of felony charges for defendants arrested in connection with recent alleged break-ins and theft at homes and local businesses.

DA Rocah said: "Ensuring residents feel safe at home or when doing business in Westchester is an important priority for the DA's Office. The latest indictments and charges for recent incidents across Westchester should send a strong message that my Office and the 42 police departments we work with on a daily basis across this county remain committed to protecting Westchester residents and businesses."

The following select cases of interest note indictments and arraignments of defendants between January 1 and April 12 of 2023 charged with felonies connected to home or business burglaries and robberies:

The Yonkers Police Department arrested Damien Anthony Arias, 25, on February 12 for allegedly stealing 43 pairs of sneakers valued at more than \$1,100 from Burlington Coat Factory in Yonkers. The defendant was arraigned on February 14 in Yonkers City Court, where he was charged with Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree, both felonies, and False Personation, a misdemeanor. On April 12, the defendant was arraigned on 24 felony counts (Burglary in the Third Degree and Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree) for allegedly stealing a total of \$17,480.00 in merchandise from Marshalls in Yonkers over 13 different occasions in January and February. Bail was set at \$5,000cash/\$50,000 bond/\$100,000 partially-secured bond, which is in addition to bail set at \$5,000 cash/\$20,000 bond for prior cases in 2022, and \$1 for the February 12 case. The defendant had two bench warrants out of Yonkers—one for an incident in September 2022 (Petit Larceny, Criminal Possession of Stolen Property in the Fifth Degree, a misdemeanor) and another in December 2022 (Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, a felony)—for allegedly stealing merchandise from Marshalls in Yonkers. The defendant is currently in custody and scheduled back in court April 26.

The Mount Vernon Police Department arrested Nathaniel Gordon, 65, of Mount Vernon, on January 20 for allegedly breaking into two Mount Vernon homes (one home twice on the same day) and stealing three laptops, cooking pots and a tool bag. The defendant was also charged with attempting to break into a home he previously burglarized, and another residence, in Mount Vernon. The defendant was indicted by a Westchester County Grand Jury for three counts of Burglary in the

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Underage Sex Sting Nabs Fired West. BOL Staffer Anand Singh



Anand Singh, left, texting his nude photo to someone he believes to be a 14-year old girl. Photo from OBL Global

Coverup Alleged: Some on the BOL knew in December; No Arrest Made Yet

By Dan Murphy

A YouTube channel named OBL Global caught a former democratic staffer at the Westchester County Board of Legislators, Anand Singh, in an undercover, underage, sex sting in New Jersey.

The video can be found at this link- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kUNpG5HP4s&t=262s>

The video is graphic in content, and in the comments and messages by Anand Singh, who thought that he was chatting with a 14-year old girl.

Singh asks for the two to meet on Snapchat, to exchange photos and videos. "I want to share something with you. I'm doing something and I want you to watch."

After many inappropriate sex messages, Singh backs off, messaging, "Save my number and in a few years hit me up," and "I am into it but I have to be the adult in this situation."

But shortly after Singh returns to explicit sex chat, including questions about the 14-year olds sexual history, and the type of sex he hopes to have with her. "are you on birth control—I could def hold you down lol."

Some of the chat messages have the name Hidley Anand, perhaps his Giglio name.

Then the conversation turns to inviting another underage girl to join them. "Do any of your friends like older guys too? Maybe we can all get together and party."

Anand then makes the decision to meet this young girl at 1am that evening. He traveled 2.5 hours, and during the drive made 5 phone calls to the young girl decoy. The explicit audio of these calls is in the YouTube video. Arriving at 1am at the designated location in Newark, Anand is confronted by Ramy and OBL. He then gets back into his car and leaves.

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HOLTEC Delays Plans to Dump in the Hudson 5 HV County Exec's Say "Don't Ever Dump"



County Executives from, L-R, Orange County Steven Neuhaus., Westchester County George Latimer, Ulster County Jen Metzger, Rockland County Ed Day, and Putnam County Exec. Kevin Byrne

Holtec, the owner of the closed Indian Point Power Plant in Buchanan, has pulled back on its threatened plan to dump one million gallons of Nuclear waste into the Hudson River in May. The announcement came after elected officials, and environmental groups began to organize and rally against the dumping, which was planned for August, then moved up to May after State legislation was submitted to make their dumping plan illegal.

On the banks of the Hudson River in Peekskill, and flanked by leading environmentalists, the County Executives from Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, and Ulster Counties said the pause on the May planned release of treated wastewater from Indian Point Energy Center into the Hudson River isn't enough. The County Executives are demanding that any planned dump of the toxic water be abandoned, and that Holtec launch a transparent and thorough review, including hearing from local residents and officials, on how best to deal with contaminated wastewater at the plant.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "Holtec heard the clear call by all concerned parties to stop the plan to dump Indian Point wastewater into the majestic Hudson River – but this battle is far from over. We need a plan for this radioactive wastewater from Indian Point, and we need the plan to protect the health of the people who call the Hudson Valley home. We also need good faith commitment from Holtec to have discussions about the plan in a transparent and forthcoming manner. Decisions need to be made considering the welfare of the residents and the environment – not just Holtec's bottom line."

As the situation continues to develop, the County Executives from Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Orange, Dutchess, and Ulster Counties remain committed to advocating for the safety and well-being of local communities and the environment.

Rockland County Executive Ed Day pointed out, "Holtec is also looking to dump 1.1 million of wastewater from the Pilgrim nuclear power plant into Cape Cod Bay. Let me say this – if Holtec is willing to risk an entire fishing industry clearly they will not blink an eye at dumping radioactive waste into our Hudson River here,

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A New Generation of Environmental Leaders: Fighting for Environmental Justice in Yonkers



Green Team members, Ulizes Atlixqueno (left) and Jada Chang (right).

Photo and story submitted by Groundwork Hudson Valley

"Dying from heat is not something that I considered to be a prominent top ten killer of people." The incredulity was not missed on Jessy Zhang who is part of the Green Team, a group of Yonkers public high school students putting their boots on the ground and working on environmental restoration each year. Excessive heat, also known as the "silent killer," takes more lives than any other natural disaster. The other climate crisis, flooding, stands as the country's most common natural disaster, costing the City of Yonkers millions of dollars in damages.

Yonkers is a unique city both geographically and socio-economically. Its entire west side borders the Hudson River, and three additional north-south rivers create steep hills that contribute to extreme flooding. South-west Yonkers is unlike the rest of the city due to poor policy decisions. Through historic racism and redlining practices, it has a high population density, a neglected infrastructure, a low rate of employment, and environmental contamination that goes back over a century. All this adds up to a significant vulnerability to excessive heat.

Many of the Green Team come from this part of Yonkers, living on the front line of today's most pressing environmental issues, such as extreme heat, flooding, air pollution, and land use. They are also increasingly aware of the risks the climate crisis poses to our society and the need for solutions. Young people make up 25 percent of Yonkers' population, and although they are among the most climate-vulnerable population, they are oftentimes underrepresented in decision-making and planning processes.

"I live in a low-income area, I'm in a house that has cooling and heating cut out during the summer and winter, and the area near me has a park with too few trees and too much trash to make it a suitable option." Ulizes Atlixqueno shared.

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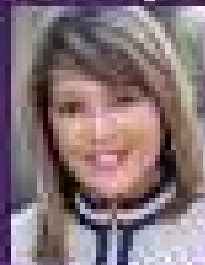
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This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

What Can I Say?

By Eric Wolf Schoen



So you walk down the street and what is that smell on every street corner you pass. The lovely, fragrant smell of marijuana. As for me I can vomit when I smell it, and not only is the fragrance annoying but people carry it back with them to their offices and everywhere they go on their clothing. Has anybody examined the affects of second hand marijuana smoke? People drop their loose used joints on the ground, and animals digest them as well inhale the horrid smell.

This is only the beginning kids, this is only the beginning of Cannabis comes to New York!

Congress has hearings on the crime problems in New York and the affects of District Attorney Braggs now referred to as turn 'em loose Braggs after the famous New York City Judge Turn 'em Loose Bruce. The D.A. Is letting criminals go free and case after case decisions are made off the cuff and with little thought. Hey Congress, did you forget about holding your hearings on Congressman George Santos, the man who lied his was to the halls of Congress. It's 3 months into Santos' term and the fraudster continues to serve the public as little as he can do with so much hanging over his head.

The people in his Congressional district, Democrats and Republicans want him out, but the Republicans in Congress don't want to lose his vote as the Chamber is split almost evenly. Congress is worried about crime and Santos is the guy who lied ad nauseam to get elected. Is there no one in Washington that has the strength to take on this man. Does anyone in WASHINGTON have principles and character to get this guy out of the halls of Congress?

And Santos has the nerve to announce his reelection bid, 4 months into his first term. I say let's see who supports him and puts their name on his petitions when they are due. These are the people who should be whisked out of any office they hold. Our local legislators pass a law that sets up a screening body to review candidates like Congresspeople and other elected officials to make sure they are telling the truth. What happened to the political parties who would screen candidates running for office. Are our political parties that weak that they can't properly vet candidates running for Congress or any office. I say get rid of the political parties who either don't have the courage to tell the truth or are so obsessed with a vote they will let criminal and civil actions proceed the proper operation of government.

I should have been a Supreme Court Judge when I picked a career. Can you believe all the benefits Clarence Thomas and his lovely wife Ginny are receiving. Private plane rides, fancy private houses, estates at their pleasure. Now we learn other Justices have received these 'perks' of the job. How can we expect a fair and impartial court system then the Jurists are getting all these free bonuses. You expect in life certain individuals to be above the law, and here we see Justices showered with goodies for themselves and their families.

I also have major problems with the wife of a Supreme Court Justice getting

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My Strange Encounter with Michael Cohen-Can He Be Trusted?

By Frank Spotorno, with Dan Murphy

Now that Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg has charged former President Donald Trump with a crime, I wanted to remind the DA, the Judge and Trumps attorneys about my shocking experiences with Michael Cohen. Cohen, who worked for the Trump organization for many years, is the key witness for Bragg in the criminal case against Trump.

I wanted to remind the court and the public about an unfortunate interaction between Mr. Cohen, myself and Dan Murphy in 2015, when Cohen asked me to "bring my friends with baseball bats" and remove a number of Mexican protestors outside of Trump Tower.

In 2015 I began to volunteer for the Trump for President campaign, based on our shared belief that our country needed to re-shore some of the millions of manufacturing jobs back to America.

I began visiting Trump Tower in the days and weeks after Trump kicked off his presidential campaign June 16, 2015. I already knew a few Trump employees from my work in the elevator industry in NYC.

Eventually, I was introduced to Michael Cohen, who was then the Trump Organization's vice president and special counsel. I volunteered my services to try and help Trump win the presidency. That brief conversation with Cohen led to more discussions and eventually an exchange of cell phone numbers.

As a card-carrying union member, I was also active in leading protests against construction projects that did not hire union employees. In July and August 2015, opponents to Trump and his anti-immigration stances began to protest outside Trump International Hotel in Washington. I was asked to travel to Washington to highlight the fact that the hotel was being built with union labor, and to contrast the Trump opponents with a group of Trump supporters.

The same protests in DC ended up in Manhattan, outside of Trump Tower. Cohen wanted to have supporters of Trump also show up at Trump Tower. At this time, I gave Cohen's cell number to Dan Murphy, who had been working on my political campaign for Congress.

Dan and I wrote about this incident in 2018. Dan writes, "Frank also gave me Cohen's cell number and told me to call him to coordinate. I was surprised to find that Cohen answered my phone call on the first attempt – from an unknown 914 area code number. I briefly explained to Cohen who I was and on behalf of Frank, offered to help. We briefly discussed the protests outside of Trump Tower, and then Cohen spit out the words I will never forget:

"We need Frank to get down here with his friends and bring baseball bats," said Cohen.

I immediately knew what Cohen was asking me to do, but I was stunned and shocked at what he had said, and I wanted to make sure that I had heard him correctly. After a few awkward moments of silence, I simply replied, "What did you say?"

"Frank should come down here with his guys and bring their baseball bats," repeated Cohen.

Stunned once again, I replied, "I will speak with Frank and get back to you," and quickly hung up.

Frank Spotorno is a proud union member, supporter, and organizer. He is also a proud Italian American. Cohen, in my view – and based on what he said to me – believed that Frank would or could do something based on his membership in a union and his heritage.

I took offense to what Cohen had implied in our conversation, and I called Frank and told him what was discussed. Frank was also surprised that he was indirectly being asked to do something that he would never do. Based on Frank's support for then-candidate Trump, we agreed not to discuss the matter with anyone else and for me not to write about it.

According to many media reports, Cohen had a practice of tape recording his conversations with many people, including Trump. After our conversation I thought about how foolish and reckless Cohen had been during a conversation with someone he never met or knew. I wondered to myself... What if I had recorded the conversation with Cohen?

We both agreed that now was the best time to tell our story about Michael Cohen and my uncomfortable conversation with him three years ago," end of 2018 story. <https://yonkerstimes.com/my-uncomfortable-conversation-with-michael-cohen/>

Michael Cohen asked me to commit a criminal act, and inflict violence on Mexican immigrants and migrant groups who were exercising their First Amendment right to protest. I find Cohen's request of me to be a true indication of his racist views, not only towards Mexican immigrants, but Italian-Americans as well.

Does Cohen believe that all Italian-Americans are thugs, and would attack Mexican immigrants with baseball bats? What if those same protesters ended up in the hospital because of his instructions?

Is Michael Cohen a racist? I believe so, but I will let you decide. But I do want DA Bragg and the Judge to know about this incident. Michael Cohen can't be trusted and should not be called by the State of NY as their key witness, take the stand, and swear an oath on the Bible to tell the truth.

This is not about Trump or Biden. This is about someone who tried to get me to commit a violent criminal act. Perhaps he should go back to jail instead of being called to testify. I also want to know if the FBI was recording Cohen's conversations back in 2015. It is possible that there is a recording of this conversation.

We will be forwarding this story to Trump attorney Joe Tacopina and are willing to sign an affidavit and if necessary, testify against Michael Cohen.

He's showed his true prejudice against Latinos and Italian-Americans.

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BOL Chair Catherine Borgia Statement on Termination of Anand Singh

Westchester County BOL Chairwoman Catherine Borgia issued a video statement in response to reports regarding the termination of a former employee. In addition to the statement, the Chair has also shared a copy of a letter addressed to the Chief of the White Plains Division for the US Attorney's Office.

The link to the video statement can be found here: <https://vimeo.com/818888076>.
VIDEO TRANSCRIPT

"I'm Catherine Borgia, Chair of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, and I'm here to address the matter of the Board's terminated employee. As Chair, I am responsible for all staff at the Board. When it was brought to my attention that the Board received the first email about the employee's actions, I immediately referred it to the Westchester County Department of Public Safety.

As a mother of daughters, I took this matter very seriously. At the time, Public Safety was unable to substantiate the claim that a video existed.

While the video investigation was occurring, the employee was removed from public facing duties. When the April 13 video was released, I immediately terminated the employee-that day. The allegations are very serious and I referred the matter to the FBI, as it involves New York State and New Jersey jurisdictions. I learned the FBI Safe Streets Task Force is investigating.

This is a serious matter, and I am limited as to what I can say while the investigations are occurring. I thank you for your time, and I want you to know I am always acting with the best intentions to do what is right for Westchester County Residents. The video statement was released on April 18.

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Two police officers show up and are filmed speaking with Ramy, the creator of OBL Global. The incident occurred in Newark and the New Police Department responded to the 911 call, but arrived after Singh had left.

No charges have yet to be filed by the Newark PD.

We spoke to Ramy to verify this story and he was shocked at the depravity of Singh's messages and graphic sexual comments. "-I've caught over 300 of these guys, before millions of viewers, and this was one of the worst chat logs I have ever seen. There are more stuff and posts that I couldn't post. And the fact that he was a government official is heartbreaking. He violated our trust, and even the decoy, who is in her 20's was traumatized at what he was saying.

Singh worked for former Yonkers City Council President Mike Khader, from 2019-2021. And until his recent termination, Singh worked for the Westchester County Board of Legislators, on the staff of both the Legislation and Economic Development committees

To date, Singh has not been charged with a crime. The confrontation with OBL was not with law enforcement.

There are more layers to this story.

Yonkers City Councilmember Shanae Williams has called for an investigation into who, if anyone, knew about Singh's behavior. Williams, who is challenging Johnson for County Legislator, accused Johnson of "concealment of staffer accused of sexual misconduct with a 14-year old minor," in a press release.

"County Board of Legislator's staffer Anand Singh was not only caught on video targeting a 14-year-old minor for sex, but Majority Leader Johnson learned of his actions months ago and quietly tried to conceal it. For months while the District Attorney's office investigated the staffer, Johnson allowed this staffer to continue to work rather than suspending him and making a public statement that they do not condone that sort of behavior. Johnson only fired his staffer on April 13th due to a youtuber named Ramy from OBL Nation exposing Anand Singh on camera.," end of press release.

Williams said, "It's disturbing to know that Majority Leader Johnson allowed this staffer who engaged in horrific conduct to continue working as a legislative staffer in his office. It's even more disturbing that Majority Leader Johnson who is also someone who works with minors in our public schools, chose to sweep this under the rug. If we cannot trust that he will do the right thing as Majority Leader and hold his staff accountable, how can anyone in the community trust his leadership in our government? Sexual predators that target our children have no place in our community and that should be the message, no exceptions!"

Williams continues, "The people of Westchester deserve better leadership. Majority Leader Johnson is only concerned with one thing: political expediency. He does not have the people's interest at heart. We deserve someone who will always be transparent with us, not someone who hides the truth about their staff for months and continue to allow them to collect taxpayer dollars while harming our children. We deserve leadership that will do the right thing for all families throughout Westchester. It is time for change and I am ready to bring that positive change!"

Legislator Johnson denied Williams allegations. "As a legislator, an educator, a Yonkers resident, and a father, I'm committed to protecting children from the clutches of predators. Like the public, I was appalled to learn that a Westchester government employee is accused of a heinous crime. Equally disturbing is Councilmember Williams' shameful attempt to exploit this unfortunate situation with blatantly false and misleading claims.

"The staffer in question worked for the central staff of the Board of Legislators, which is the sole responsibility of the Chair of the Board. Neither the Majority Leader nor any other legislator has or had individual direct hire/fire authority over central staff/committee coordinators. I became aware of these allegations only 30 minutes before the staffer in question was terminated from employment," said Johnson.

Ramy said that he was not sure if Singh will be charged in Newark, because of the higher priorities of the police in Newark with violent crime. He added that Singh was wise to leave and not stick around and confess what he did. "He committed felonies and by showing up he can be charged with child endangerment. He crossed state lines to have sex with a minor. And the duffle bag he showed up with was filled with sex toys. But he didn't stay around and incriminate himself."

According to Ramy, he posted the video of Singh sometime in mid-december, but then took it down after the livestream. Many people watching the livestream recognized Singh and started notifying officials in Westchester four months ago.

Ramy said that County Legislator Colin Smith reached out to OBL for more information.

Westchester County Police have reached out to OBL and Ramy shared the email from Detective James Roselli, requesting information.

It will now be determined what crimes, if any, Singh made at his home in Westchester, or wherever he was messaging.

Several questions to be answered:

Who knew about this incident and when?

Why did this not get reported for three months?

Why did it take three months to fire Singh?

What if any crimes were committed by not reporting this incident when they became aware of it?

Maybe the powers that be thought that the incident would never get to the public, because Ramy and OBL didn't post it to YouTube until April 11. Ramy explained that after the livestream in December, their YouTube channel was taken down and he had to create another channel. OBL was also involved in two other high profile cases, and the Singh incident got pushed back.

Shortly after the Singh video was posted, Anand was fired from his county job. "I think they thought they got lucky when the video wasn't posted right away. I know my viewers bombed them (county government) with emails and messages and Colin Smith reached out. They wanted to protect themselves from the heat," said Ramy.

Editor's Note: As we go to press, we were forwarded a letter from DA Mimi Rocah's office to BOL Chair Catherine Borgia. The letter, dated April 18 reads: "On April 14, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, WCDAO, was made aware of allegations that an employee of the Board of Legislators, Anand Singh, engaged in criminal conduct in December 2022 of a sexual nature related to a purported minor. Further, the WCDAO has reason to believe that, on or about the time of the incident, members of the BOL were made aware of the allegations.

In connection with an inquiry regarding the incident now being conducted by the WCDAO, we request the preservation and production of all materials and information relating to the incident be preserved...including Notice to any member or employee of the Board of Legislators related to the incident; Notice to any government agency, or employee thereof, by any member or employee of the BOL related to the incident; Content of any and all computers, cell phones and other electronic devices and computer networks -Amy Finzi, Chief ADA

We received the letter from a concerned Westchester parent who wondered, "Why they didn't let the DA know about this back in December. By waiting until April, they may have allowed this predator time to delete or trash all of his illegal documents, photos and videos. I also want to know who else this predator contacted here in Westchester, and during his two years that he worked in Yonkers. I watched the video and it's obvious to me that he had experience talking to, and convincing underage girls to do things that are illegal." "I'm glad that DA Rocah's office and the FBI are looking into this."

Yonkers Police Make Arrest in Fatal Stabbing

At 2:16 AM on April 12th, 2023, members of the Yonkers Police Department discovered an unconscious male inside the parking garage at 25 Prospect Street. This male was pronounced deceased by EMS on the scene. The area was cordoned off as units initiated a criminal investigation.

Detectives from the Major Case Squad, Crime Scene Unit, and Digital Forensics Unit all began in-depth investigations into this incident, as they discovered that the victim sustained multiple stab wounds. Investigation yielded that the victim possessed cell phones that did not belong to him. Records indicated that the phones belonged to a Necker CHARLES (51) from White Plains, NY.

Detectives followed additional leads, including surveillance camera footage and witness accounts which identified CHARLES as the primary suspect. Investigation yielded that CHARLES was involved in a dispute with the victim over property. Additional surveillance camera footage was located that captured CHARLES discarding a knife in a nearby sewer. The knife was recovered and will be processed for forensic evidence.

Detectives located CHARLES in a vehicle in Getty Square later that day. CHARLES was apprehended without incident and was ultimately charged with Manslaughter 1st Degree. The victim's identity is being withheld pending family notification.

"I applaud our Detective Division for their tremendous work on this case," said Yonkers Police First Deputy Chief Joseph Monaco. "In just 14 hours from the discovery of the crime, Detectives were able to place a suspect into custody and recover the potential weapon used in the stabbing. We do not tolerate acts of violence in this City, and perpetrators should be aware that our Officers and Detectives will work tirelessly to bring you to justice should you attempt to do so here."

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Ulizes is also a member of Groundwork's Green Team and is one of the many affected by too much asphalt and too little tree canopy coverage and viable green spaces. Oftentimes, this causes people to feel trapped in their apartments without a place to cool off during the hottest days of the year. That is why Ulizes and 29 other teenagers who make up the Green Team decided to be part of the solution to these environmental injustices.

In the past year, the Green Team tackled the impacts of climate change by planting hundreds of trees, building pollinator and rain gardens, installing infiltration drainage trenches, and removing invasive plants across Yonkers and Westchester County. Lily Bartlett, Groundwork Hudson Valley's Youth Programs Manager highlighted, "Youth are the driving force for environmental justice in our communities."

At the Smith O'Hara Levine Park, the site of the old Putnam rail line and the future Yonkers Greenway, the Green Team has maintained greenery at the new playground, and planted a shade tree to provide respite from the extreme heat. During a heatwave in July 2022, the temperature at the playground reached 101 degrees — 5 degrees hotter than the city's official temperature. An adjacent shaded seating area constructed by the youth also helps the community escape the brunt of the heat.

The Green Team has also worked to address flooding in climate-vulnerable areas. They installed a rain garden at the Francis Reagan Townhouses, a municipal housing property affected by flooding every time it rains. Rain gardens filter storm water before entering the local waterways, alleviating and reducing flooding issues. They also serve as a nourishing habitat for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife, while providing a green space and beautification. Something as simple as a rain garden can prevent millions of dollars of damages due to flooding and improve the safety and quality of life for vulnerable tenants.

Groundwork Hudson Valley is working to address these issues caused by climate change through hyperlocal nature-based solutions and by expanding its Green Team program to build the capacities of future environmental leaders. "Our programs provide a platform for youth's voices to inform organizational and political decisions in the community. With Groundwork, they transform their community, and themselves, through technical training and skill building." Bartlett added.

Future plans are in place to pilot a workforce development program for young adults ages 18 to 24. This program is used by other Groundwork organizations across the nation to propel young adults into prosperous technical and vocational careers, providing industry-standard training and certifications, work experience, and mentorship. This model creates a pathway that youth can use to transition to a professional network in the workforce.

For now, Groundwork's determined Green Team high school students will continue to devote themselves to providing cooler and healthier green spaces in their communities, gaining the skills necessary to one day become environmental leaders.

Groundwork Hudson Valley is an environmental justice non-profit working with communities to improve climate resilience, promote sustainability education, and nurture the next generation of environmental leaders. Visit us at: groundworkhv.org for more information.

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River here."

Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne said, "There are absolutely other alternative solutions and we need to be very clear in our resolve and say under no circumstances will any of our local officials support any effort to dump wastewater into our beautiful Hudson River."

Latimer added that more than 1 million people reside in the five counties and their county executives united in their opposition to Holtec dumping.

Efforts are now being made to get Governor Kathy Hochul to join the effort and tell Holtec don't dump in the Hudson.

On April 27, in Cortlandt Manor, the Decommissioning Oversight Board will be convening to discuss next steps on the closure of Indian Point, including what to do with Holtec's onsite radioactive waste. After the rally calling on Hochul to step up and take action to prevent Holtec from dumping toxic waste into our water, there will also be an opportunity to give comments to the board and support others inside the meeting.

"Holtec International, the company in charge of decommissioning the Indian Point nuclear plant, wants to dump the radioactive waste from the plant's spent fuel into the Hudson River, instead of holding and safely breaking down the toxic waste on site as soon as this summer!

"The wastewater from Indian Point's spent fuel contains tritium, among other contaminants. Tritium is highly radioactive and linked to higher rates of cancer, and it threatens our Hudson River ecosystem.

We cannot afford radioactive pollutants in our Hudson River, which supplies drinking water to local municipalities and hosts a vibrant marine ecosystem," writes food and water watch, foodandwaterwatch.org, one of the many groups standing up for a clean Hudson River.

Riverkeeper has provided alternative options for Holtec, in lieu of dumping into the Hudson. "Holtec's decision to pause its hastily planned release of 1 million gallons of radioactive wastewater into the Hudson River demonstrates the power of local residents organizing to protect their communities and our river. While the expedited release timeline starting as early as May has been suspended, the tritiated wastewater could still be discharged during the summer while people are swimming and fish are migrating and spawning in the Hudson. This plan is totally unacceptable," said Tracy Brown, President of Riverkeeper.

"We have a decommissioning oversight board for Indian Point to ensure environmental and public health don't lose out against corporate profits. Riverkeeper stands with our community and our elected officials, calling on Holtec to engage with that board and agree upon a disposal plan for the radioactive wastewater that supports the current health of our Hudson River and Valley."

The delay by Holtec allows state legislation submitted by State Senator Peter Harcham and Assemblymember Dana Levenberg to continue to make its way through the legislature. If both state houses pass it in time, it will go to the Governor for her signature.

County Executives Latimer, Day and Byrne, were joined by Orange County Executive Steven Neuhaus and Ulster County Executive Jen Metzger.

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Obituary: John Hugh Smith



It is with deep sorrow the family of John Hugh Smith announces his passing after a lengthy illness stemming from COVID-related complications. Surrounded by his family, he died on March 17, 2023 at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville at the age of 67.

A native of New York City, John was born on May, 10 1955 in Manhattan to the late Hugh John Smith and Teresa Elaine DeRienzo. Raised in the Morris Park section of The Bronx, he attended Our Lady of Solace Grammar School and Cardinal Hayes High School.

John earned a B.S. in Accounting and an MBA in Finance from the City University of New York and Manhattan College, respectively.

John worked for several noteworthy financial institutions in the City of New York, particularly Chase Manhattan Bank and Credit Suisse as a Senior Financial Analyst.

Devoted to his parish and community, John served as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Margaret of Cortona Church for a number of years. He was also a member of the American Irish Association of Westchester County.

Left to mourn his death is his devoted and faithful wife, Mary Patricia (née Marshall), of 35 years, whom he married on August 22, 1987 at St. Margaret's. The bereaved include his loving sons, Joseph Hugh and Christopher John, for whom he set a sterling example of kindness, patience, and generosity.

John is also survived by his sister Jane (Joseph) Jerabek, nephews Joseph (Brandi) Jerabek and James (Carolyn) Jerabek, grandnephews, Joseph and James, and grandnieces Riley and Nicole.

He will be deeply missed by his sister-in-law, Catherine T. Marshall. She was fond of referring to John as "the brother she never had." It is a fine testament to his love and thoughtfulness.

A wake for John will be held at Riverdale-on-Hudson Funeral Home on Thursday, March 23rd from 3 to 7 pm. A Mass of Christian of Burial will be offered at St. Margaret of Cortona Church on Friday, March 24th at 9:45 am. Burial to follow at St. Joseph's Cemetery, Yonkers NY..

The family wishes to express its gratitude to the faculty, administration, staff, and students of St. Margaret of Cortona School and St. Joseph's Seminary for its thoughtfulness, prayers, and support during this very difficult time.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that memorial gifts be made in John's memory to the St. Francis Breadline. John deeply believed in the mission and ministry of the Franciscan, 144 West 32nd Street, New York, NY 10001, phone (212) 564-8799.

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Second Degree, Attempted Burglary in the Second Degree, Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree, Attempted Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree, and two counts of Petit Larceny. He was arraigned on the indictment in Westchester County Court on April 4, and remanded.

The New Rochelle Police Department arrested a Suffolk County man, Michael Bagley, 32, of Corham, on March 16 for allegedly robbing and assaulting an employee of a downtown New Rochelle business before fleeing on foot into a nearby residential neighborhood where he robbed a second victim on the street, and then breaking into a home occupied by a homeowner and a minor child. The defendant was arraigned in New Rochelle City Court on March 17 for Robbery in the First Degree, Assault in the Second Degree, Burglary in the Second Degree, and Robbery in the Third Degree, all felonies, and Unlawful Imprisonment in the Second Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, both misdemeanors. He was remanded.

Sleepy Hollow Police Department arrested two Queens men, William Sierra-Galeano, 57 and Cristian Eduardo Espinosa-Silva, 26, on March 16 for a residential burglary in Sleepy Hollow on March 4 where they allegedly stole approximately \$40,000 cash and \$20,000 worth in jewelry. Both defendants were arraigned March 16 on felony charges of Burglary in the Second Degree. Bail was set at \$50,000 cash/\$100,000 bond/\$200,000 partially-secured bond with 10%. This followed their arrest by Dobbs Ferry Police Department on March 15, along with a third Queens man, Manuel Marin-Jimenez, 42, for a residential burglary in Dobbs Ferry where they allegedly stole cash, jewelry and handbags valued at approximately \$25,000. All three defendants were arraigned for the Dobbs Ferry incident on March 16 in the Village of Dobbs Ferry Court on felony charges of Burglary in the Second Degree. Bail was set for Sierra-Galeano at \$2,000 cash/\$10,000 bond, \$50,000 partially-secured bond; for Marin-Jimenez at \$4,000 cash/\$20,000 bond/\$100,000 partially-secured bond; and for Espinosa-Silva \$4,000 cash/\$15,000 bond/\$100,000 partially-secured bond. Greenburgh, Sleepy Hollow, Tarrytown, Irvington, Hastings and Ardsley police assisted with the arrests.

Harrison and North Castle police arrested four men, Oscar Dario Nino Franco, 42, Andres Felipe Albarracin Rodriguez, 34, and Jonathan Alejandro Cogua Osuna, 40, on March 10 and Javier Nino-Franco, 44, on March 28, for allegedly using force to enter a North Castle home and stealing approximately \$4,000 in coins. Franco, Rodriguez and Osuna were arraigned on March 10 and Nino-Franco on March 28 in North Castle Justice Court on the felony charge of Burglary in the Second Degree. Bail was set for all four defendants at \$100,000 cash/\$250,000 bond/\$500,000 partially-secured bond; after a review by a Westchester County Court judge the bail was increased for Nino-Franco to \$200,000 cash/\$500,000 bond/\$1 million partially-secured bond.

Yorktown Police Department arrested two NYC residents, Shayolanda Lewis-Major, 24 and Dasani Mack, 21, on March 7 for allegedly stealing merchandise valued at more than \$5,000 from Ulta Beauty in the Jefferson Valley Mall in Yorktown Heights. The defendants were arraigned on March 7. Lewis-Major was charged with Grand Larceny in the Third Degree, a felony, and both defendants were charged with Criminal Possession of Stolen Property and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Seventh Degree.

New Rochelle Police Department arrested two New Rochelle males, Brandon Scott, 18, and one juvenile defendant, on March 7 in connection to multiple robberies that occurred in the West End area of New Rochelle. Scott was arraigned on March 8 in New Rochelle City Court on two felony counts of Robbery in the Second Degree; and the juvenile defendant was arraigned in Youth Court.

Keith Olson, President of the Yonkers PBA said, "The District Attorney's press release shines a light on the amazing work and diligence of our local police officers and detectives. Our police officers continue to arrest, and in many cases, rearrest those most responsible for the uptick in crime. Despite the difficulties of dealing with the so called criminal justice reforms, local law enforcement continues to keep our communities safe."

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Yonkers Superintendent of School Charles E. Gorton, often called The Father of the Yonkers School System. He was with the Yonkers Schools for a few months short of 50 years.

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

Monday, April 24th

April 24, 1935: Yonkers and Westchester County were hit with a wave of food poisoning; Yonkers alone had 75 cases! Officials blamed Cushman Sons Bakery; everyone affected had either a cream puff or éclair at dinner. Yonkers' City Laboratory staff Dr. Frederick Weedon and Florence Knacke fed a piece of pastry to a little white mouse.

April 24, 1943: Aranya Smart, Chairman of the Women's Division of the Yonkers War Savings Staff, announced results of the Yonkers Schools-at-War Jeep Campaign: Yonkers schools sponsored 38 Army jeeps! School Fifteen's bond drive, "The Sky's the Limit," raised enough to purchase 15 jeeps; School Seven financed seven. School Twenty-Six, with only 100 pupils, financed five jeeps.

Tuesday, April 25th

April 25, 1917: Schools Superintendent Charles Gorton was pleased to learn more than four thousand students were cultivating gardens, not only at home but on every vacant plot of land they could find! Addressing the high school boys, he suggested they take summer jobs on upstate farms, guaranteeing every boy reporting to farm work after May 1st would receive full credit for the academic year. Applications for farm positions were passed out with a guarantee New York authorities would place them in the farming type they were interested in, whether dairying, general farming, or truck farming. To aid the cause, Trades School Principal Joseph Eaton borrowed picks, shovels and gardening tools in poor condition from DPW. His students restored them, working in teams in the school shops from early morning until night.

April 25, 1935: Yonkers food poisoning cases more than doubled to 156 cases, and tripled in the rest of the county, officially making this the worst food poisoning epidemic in the history of Westchester. Bacteriologists in five laboratories worked on the investigation, analyzing pastries. The Cushman bakery, believed the epidemic source, was tested and pronounced clean; investigators found no trace of bacteria in the plant.

Wednesday, April 26th

April 26, 1935: As the Yonkers Health Laboratory tests narrowed the field to two main possibilities of Staphylococcus and the paratyphoid group, Yonkers now had 175 cases of food poisoning, and the county had 703.

April 26, 1937: Hawthorne Junior High School graduate Leslie Klein starred in the Broadway production of "Dead End" at the Bellasco Theater under the name Leslie Barrett. The show was about adolescents who grew up during the Depression, graphically depicting their lives. It was the first project featuring the "Dead End Kids," later brought to the movies without Barrett.

Barrett appeared in several Broadway productions, including "Primrose Path" (1939), "Rhinoceros" (1961) and "The Dresser" (1981); an accomplished Shakespearean actor, he was a member of the Shakespeare Theatre Workshop under the direction of Joseph Papp. He was a founder of the American Mime Theater and appeared in several TV programs, as varied as "The Twilight Zone," "Dennis the Menace," "Dark Shadows," and "The Honeymooners."

Thursday, April 27th

April 27, 1861: The first company of Yonkers Civil War volunteers marched down Main Street through a vast number of cheering Yonkers well-wishers to the railroad station to leave for battle.

April 27, 1935: Yonkers Health Commissioner Clarence Buckmaster announced Dr. Frederick Weedon, Yonkers City Laboratory, identified the bacteria responsible for causing the food poisoning epidemic was staphylococcus. Weedon also found a large number of toxic coli. The next step was to determine where the bacteria entered the food.

Friday, April 28th

April 28, 1908: After receiving word Governor Hughes signed the Yonkers Manor Hall bill to preserve the structure as NY State property, it was announced Eva Smith Cochran donated \$50,000 for the purchase of the property, with an additional \$5,000 for any needed repairs when Yonkers finally vacated the property. At that point, the Manor Hall had been used for thirty-six years as a municipal building. The last department left for City Hall in 1911.

April 28, 1933: Ninth Ward Alderman William Slater brought national attention to Yonkers when he initiated his anti-shorts campaign in Yonkers. Declaring the girls, "so scantily clad they would make the Angel Gabriel blush," were offending the residents of his ward. Slater said girls were picnickers who left the New York Aqueduct at McLean Avenue to wander Yonkers streets clad in "short pant."

Saturday, April 29th

April 29, 1921: Yonkers tennis star Vince Richards was ranked third in the country by the United States Lawn Tennis Association; Bill Tilden and William Johnson were ranked #1 and 2.

April 29, 1935: Because of the food poisoning epidemic, County Health Commissioner Matthias Nicoll announced he would ask the Westchester Board of Health to ban sale of custard cream-filled baked goods during the summer. Twenty-five additional cases erupted at the Jennie Clarkson Orphanage, raising the county toll to 772 cases. The County now believed it was caused by toxic Coli, or intestinal parasites.

Sunday, April 30th

April 30, 1935: New York State Health Laboratories reported they had found the same toxic bacteria causing the county-wide food poisoning in unopened cans of eggs! Dr. Edgar Maillard reported guinea pigs and white mice

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“The City’s ability to remain successful over the last decade is due in part to the Administration’s fiscal responsibility and frugal spending,” added Mayor Spano. “We’ve increased revenues and made financial decisions that have allowed us to stay on the road toward fiscal stability.”

Mayor Spano added, “This year’s Executive Budget is based on the Governor’s proposed Executive Budget, as we await the New York State Legislature to vote and adopt its 2024 Budget. Since the City needs to adjust to rising inflation and interest rates for the years ahead, this Executive Budget is honest and lean, maintaining our workforce and services while reaffirming our commitment to education.”

Executive Budget Overview:

The Executive Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024 for the combined City and Board of Education (BOE) Operating Funds is \$1.4 billion, an increase of \$21.3 million or 1.54%.

Yonkers Board of Education

The Executive Budget includes a record \$704.8 million appropriation for the Board of Education, the largest ever budgeted by an Administration.

For FY24, the Maintenance of Effort contribution to education will go up by \$5 million. The Administration’s contribution to the Maintenance of Effort has increased \$418.4 million cumulatively since 2012.

Municipal Operating Budget

Included in the Executive Budget is a municipal General Fund operating budget of \$696.4 million. General Fund Departmental Expenditures are budgeted at \$330.2 million.

The Administration took the slowing economy and rising costs under consideration producing a FY24 Executive budget that, excluding contractual fringe benefits, such as, pension, health insurance, and social security, and legal debt service obligation costs, proposes General Fund expenditures to decrease by \$20.9 million, or 5.3%. Reducing budgetary slack, removing non-essential vacancies, and concentrating on departmental efficiencies while not reducing services help produce this year over year budget reduction of 5.3%.

The Executive Budget stays within the state mandated tax cap with a proposed 2.95% increase in the property tax rate. Under the proposal, a typical one-to-three family home at the median assessed value of \$10,900 would see their annual property tax bill increase by \$277, or approximately \$23 per month.

Mayor Spano added, “My hope is that the 2024 Executive Budget is a basis for discussions and decisions. I ask our City Council members to continue to build upon the spirit of cooperation that has passed ten consecutive bipartisan budgets during my time in office.”

The complete Fiscal Year 2024 Executive Budget can be downloaded at www.yonkersny.gov.

City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy and Majority Leader Tash Diaz said that Mayor Spano’s proposed 2023-24 budget, strikes the right balance between maintaining City services while staying within the State’s tax cap. They also said they supported the Mayor’s plan to again increase funding for the City’s public schools.

“Staying within the tax cap during a time of roaring inflation is a major challenge, and this budget meets that challenge,” said Collins Bellamy, adding, “Costs are going up near double digits, but this budget keeps spending increases to the low single digits, which is not easy.”

Said Majority Leader Diaz, “The City Council will now consider the budget line-by-line to see where we can make improvements, but the budget as proposed by the Mayor gives us a good place to start. Maintaining services while keeping costs down is where we want to be.”

They noted that the proposed budget keeps spending increases to 1.55 percent, despite the City having settled virtually all its outstanding labor contracts and having to deal with substantial increases in mandated health care and pension costs.

“This is the right budget for these times,” said Collins Bellamy, “It maintains the services that people count on, but while also keeping the tax burden under control.”

“People are faced with cost increases in every aspect of daily life, and they are being forced to cut back, so it’s nice to see a budget that controls costs without unacceptable cutbacks in services.”

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fed the eggs died within 24 hours. That morning, the County Board of Health banned the manufacture and sale of custard filled pastry “until further notice.”

April 30, 1935: Mayor Joseph Loehr signed two historic documents notifying the Yonkers Railroad Company the city intended to end a franchise agreement in one year. Yonkers had issued the franchise to former Mayor Leslie Sutherland in 1911 for one dollar.

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 emailinfo@yonkershistoricalsociety.org

Legal Notice:

The City of Yonkers Draft 2022-2023 Annual MS4 Stormwater Report will be available for review Friday April 14, 2023 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 28, 2023 will be included and summarized in the Final 2022-2023 Annual MS4 Stormwater Report, which will be available for review June 1, 2023 on the above referenced website.

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Happy 100th Birthday Barbara Jackson



The Osborn in Rye held a special Centenarian Luncheon on April 14, 2023, to honor their 15 residents who are 100+ years old, even ranging up to 112 years of age. This event kicked off the historic Osborn's Founders' Week to recognize the senior living community's history which dates back to 1908. Pictured is Matthew Anderson, President & CEO of The Osborn, interviewing Barbara Jackson on her secrets for longevity.

Registration Open for Westchester Parks Pickleball Tournament



Join the Pickleball craze! Registration is now open for the Westchester County Parks Pickleball Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 3, at 9 a.m. at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Pickleball is sweeping the nation and becoming America's fastest growing sport. All you need to play is a paddle, a ball and a good pair of sneakers. This is a sport for residents of all abilities and ages; young and old alike are becoming picklers."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner, Kathy O'Connor said, "Our mission includes providing safe, clean and affordable parks and programs that benefit Westchester County residents. We are happy to offer this tournament and four new pickleball courts at Tibbetts Brook Park."

The mixed doubles tournament is open to men and women, levels 2.5 to 3.5 (no beginners please). Rain date is Sunday, June 4.

The fee is \$30 per team, with a maximum of 12 teams. Deadline for registration is Friday, May 19.

For more information or to register, call 914-231-4645 (Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.). Tibbetts Brook Park is located at 355 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704.

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involved in politics as our dear Ginny has done. In the scheme of things there are just certain conflicts a judge's wife should avoid. Doesn't Ginny realize the prestige of having a husband on the Supreme Court and that she should try to stay away from anything with even a remote conflict.

Congress wants to investigate something? Examine all the 'freebies' we now learn officials at all levels of government are receiving. No one pays for our vacations and we make a lot less money than they do.

Not only do we have local, state and county police but now the Chinese have set up a Police Headquarters in New York City that no one knew about. After Covid what else is the Chinese government going to dazzle us with. Is the Chinese police force spying on us, spying on Chinese people living in the United States or what actually are they doing. Is it a passport office speeding passport applications while our poor United States residents wait weeks for their passports, or is it a police office duplicating others we have getting special favors for the Chinese people. Or is there a major spying operation going on by the Chinese government on the people of the United States? Who knows?

We are getting older. So are our doctors and other professionals we encounter on a daily basis. We have to learn to live with their replacement, even though it may not be easy. One word of advice to doctors, a situation that my friend encountered the other day. Make sure you notify your patients of your departure way ahead of time. The worse thing in the world is to have the patient walk in and be surprised that they have a new doctor that was unannounced to them. And now, many doctors are turning their work over to physicians assistants and nurse practitioners. Though these individual are well qualified, you want to see the doctor not an assistant. You don't get a reduced copay if you see these doctors assistants, so why should you have them perform the examination.

On a positive note, McDonalds is changing up their burgers with more melted cheese and special sauce. Of course that's good for the dry cleaners, these heavenly liquids dripping from your burger on to your clothing. Well, something positive has to come out of the news this week.

A Note: The Days of Remembrance which is observed every year in April and May, is a week-long commemoration of the Holocaust. This year, it will be observed from April 16 to April 23. The Days of Remembrance was established as the country's annual commemoration of the Holocaust by the United States Congress. The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum is responsible for leading the country in commemorating Days of Remembrance and also for encouraging these commemorations. The Holocaust was the state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi rulers, allies, and collaborators.

Let us never forget those who lost their lives in this terrible tragedy.

Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge. Reach him at thistoosyonkers@aol.com.

Yonkers Historian Mary Hoar to be Honored at Woman of the Year Celebration

WESTCHESTER COUNTY FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS
SPRING CONFERENCE



Woman of the Year Celebration
Honoree Mary Hoar



Yonkers First Female Historian
President of Untermyer Arts Council

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 - 11:30 am to 3:00 pm
Westchester Hills Golf Club
401 Ridgeway, White Plains, New York, 10605

Please make sure to invite all club members to join in this, the last event of the 2022/2023 calendar year.

Installation of new Federation Officers is on the luncheon meeting agenda. Hope to see you there.

The Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs invite you to their Spring Conference, to be held on April 25, at Westchester Hills Golf Club, 401 Ridgeway, White Plains, New York, 10605. From 11:30 am to 3:00 pm. The cost is \$75.

Yonkers Historian and the President of the Untermyer Performing Arts Council, Mary Hoar will be honored. Questions? Contact Barbara at 914-948-1747/ Sissel at 914-582-5552

Yonkers Teacher Arrested, Fired

The Yonkers Police Department, Westchester County District Attorney's Office, and Yonkers Public Schools are investigating alleged criminal behavior by a Yonkers Public School teacher.

It is alleged by a student that William ARCHACKI (50), a teacher at Yonkers Public School #21, had caused a student to fear for their safety by walking up behind this student while holding a paring knife during school hours on February 8th, 2023.

ARCHACKI is a resident of Buchanan, NY, and was a 5th Grade teacher at Public School #21, located on Lee Avenue in this City, at the time of this incident. He was placed on modified duty the day after the incident, pending the outcome of this investigation. Yonkers Police Detectives arrested ARCHACKI on April 13th, 2023, and he was charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Child, an A-Misdemeanor. He was later arraigned in Yonkers Criminal Court and released on his own recognizance, awaiting future court appearances.

This case is being prosecuted by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. Additional information may be released as it becomes available; however, no information will be released as to the identities of students or other minors involved in the incident.

NOTE: Booking charges are merely accusations, and the defendant(s) are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) # 2023 - 01
REQUEST OF PROPOSALS GRANT WRITING SERVICES FOR
THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF
YONKERS

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY) is soliciting proposals from vendors to write federal, state/local, and private grant applications for funding sources for the MHACY and its affiliate non-profit, Mulford Corporation, Inc. as specified in this Request for Proposals (RFP).

This RFP package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This RFP is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter "Responders" or "Respondents") and is available online starting April 14, 2023, at www.mhacy.org.

The RFP questions deadline is April 25, 2023, at 3:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any and all questions must be emailed to Dr. Denise Wesley at compliancemonitor@mhacy.org by the deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted. Bid Submissions are due May 4, 2023, no later than 3pm. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B. After Bid Submissions are submitted, Formal Interviews will be conducted from May 8 to May 12, 2023, with Dr. Denise Wesley.

Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria stated in the RFP. Negotiations may be conducted with contractors who have a reasonable chance of being selected for the award. After evaluation of the proposal revision, if any, the contract will be awarded to the responsible firm(s) whose qualifications, price and other factors are considered to be the most advantageous to the MHACY.

The MHACY reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any irregularities or informalities if it is in the MHACY's best interest to do so. The MHACY reserves the right to cancel this RFP or to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals received in response to this RFP, upon its determination that such cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of the MHACY.

The MHACY is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sexual orientation, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, or family status. The MHACY solicits and encourages the participation of minorities and small businesses in procurement.

Contact, related to this procurement, with members of the MHACY's Board of Commissioners, or the MHACY's officers and/or employees other than the contact person show above, during the procurement process could result in disqualification of a proposal.

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1511 Central Park Avenue
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Project No. 2023-01

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Lookout for Yonkers on the Move, Walking in Your Neighborhood; 23,000 Miles Across the City



Mayor Mike Spano welcomed Yonkers on the Move to City Hall to kick off their 13th Annual Yonkers on the Move (#YOM) Kick-Off Walk 20 Challenge.

Yonkers on the Move cut the ribbon and started their walk from City Hall to the Yonkers Riverfront Library to jumpstart their seasonal goal of 23,000 aggregate miles!

"Yonkers on the Move is such a wonderful partner in helping residents of all ages achieve their walking goals and obtain the benefits walking provides to the entire body," said Mayor Mike Spano.

Phase #1 dates are April 1st thru May 31st, Phase #2 dates are June 1st thru Aug 31st, Phase #3 dates are Sept 1st thru Oct 31st

Email- yonkersonthemove@yahoo.com, for more information.

YONKERS OCA CLEAN-UP

Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park
Saturday, April 22, 2023

JOIN MAYOR MIKE SPANO
and local volunteers in beautifying our section of the Old Croton Aqueduct Trail.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER BY EMAILING PARKS@YONKERSNY.GOV
OR BY CALLING (914) 377-6429. 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

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