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Good Police Work Helps YPD Subdue Man with Knife by Taser



Just after 3:30pm on March 25, 2025, Curtis GREENE, (41) of Yonkers, brandished a large kitchen knife on North Broadway and began walking toward the busy Getty Square area which was filled with pedestrians. 4th Precinct Anti-Crime Unit Officers McGill and Mendelson saw this and tried to contain

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Kenneth Jenkins Sworn In as Westchester County Executive in Historic Ceremony



The Hon. Kathie Davidson delivers the oath of office to Ken Jenkins as Westchester County Executive

Westchester County witnessed a historic moment today as Kenneth W. Jenkins was officially sworn in as County Executive, making history as the first Black County Executive in Westchester. The ceremony, held at Westchester Community College, was attended by dignitaries, elected officials and community leaders, all gathered to celebrate Jenkins' commitment to service, equity, and the future of the County.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Belinda Miles, President of Westchester Community College, who highlighted the institution's alignment with Jenkins' vision for education and opportunity. The Emerald Society Pipes and Drums then delivered a stirring performance to set the tone for the momentous occasion.

New York State Senator Shelley Mayer, serving as Mistress of Ceremonies, led the formal proceedings, which included the Presentation of Colors by the Westchester County Police Department Color Guard and the Pledge of Allegiance, led by West

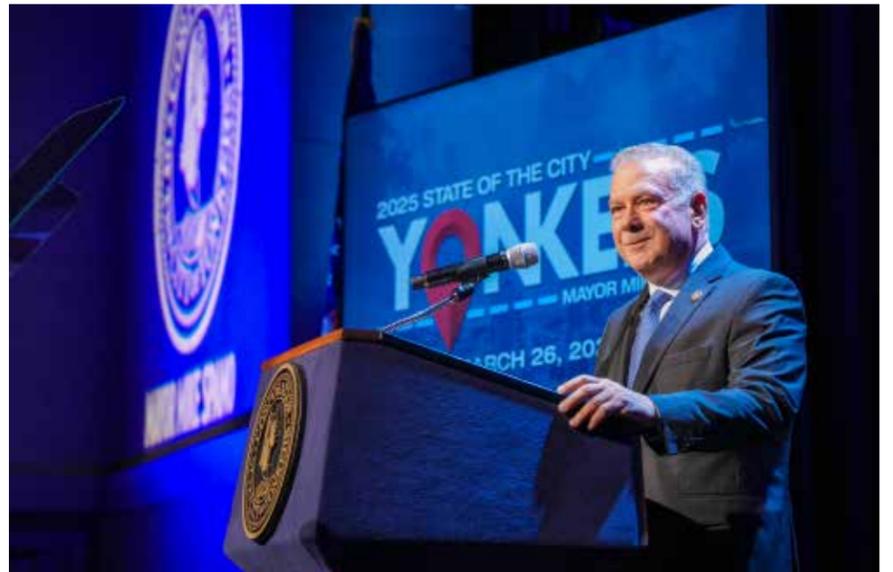
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Westchester County to Fund \$15 Million for Riverfront Park in Ludlow-Yonkers



Rendering of new Riverfront Park - See Story on Page -15

Mayor Spano Gives Tour of "Destination Yonkers" in 13th State of the City Address



By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano made history on March 26 when he delivered his 12th State of the City Address. Spano has served longer than any Yonkers Mayor and has delivered more State of the City addresses than any other Mayor.

The School 30 Choir and the Yonkers Eagle Scouts opened up Spano's address. "It's no secret Yonkers continues to see incredible transformation yet still possesses limitless potential for even more. No longer is Yonkers just a pin drop on the map or a pass-through to New York City or Upstate.

"So join me tonight on a tour of our great City – the dynamic, diverse, and thriving community that is "DESTINATION YONKERS" — where our journey is just beginning," said Spano, who focused on two important development projects for

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Councilwoman Diaz Calls for Investigation into Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac Over SBBID Firing



City Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, left, is accused of playing a role in the firing of South Broadway BID Executive Director Jessica Gordon, right
By Dan Murphy

Yonkers City Councilwoman Tasha Diaz says that a recent firing of a South Broadway Business Improvement District employee was done for political reasons. Diaz, says that SBBID Executive Director Jessica Gordon was fired because she was collecting petition signatures for the opponent of Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, and that it was Pineda-Isaac who called for Gordon's termination.

Diaz shared an email exchange between South Broadway BID Chairman Dennis Monasebin and Gordon in which Monasebin writes, "I got a call from Corazon, she said that several people told her that you were helping her opponent in

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Yonkers Celebrates Women of Distinction



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Who Gets Justice?

The Fight Against Racial Bias in Our Courts



By Maya Kollarmalil

The justice system portrays the main idea that everyone is treated equally under the law, but in reality, that isn't always the case. Racial bias—the unfair treatment of individuals based on race—plays a major role in court decisions. One of the most harmful effects of racial bias is wrongful convictions, where innocent people, especially people of color, are found guilty of crimes they had nothing to do with.

How Racial Bias Influences Convictions

Bias exists at every level in the legal system, from policing to jury decisions. Studies show that Black and Latino individuals are more likely to be stopped, searched, arrested, and convicted than white individuals, even when accused of the exact same crimes.

Juries are supposed to make fair decisions based on evidence, but racial bias can affect how they view defendant in a court case. Research has found that jurors are more likely to believe any negative stereotypes about Black and Latino individuals, making them more likely to convict, even with weak evidence. According to the “National Registry of Exonerations”, nearly half of all wrongful convictions in the U.S. involve Black defendants, and in murder cases, Black individuals are seven times more likely to be wrongfully convicted than white individuals. Mistaken eyewitnesses, confessions, and racial profiling all contribute to these injustices.

The Impact on Lives and Society

Wrongful convictions don't just harm those who are imprisoned—they also affect families, communities- like Yonkers, and the entire justice system. Innocent people lose years of their lives behind bars, while their families suffer. When an innocent person is convicted, the real criminal remains free, making communities less safe. These injustices also weaken public trust in the legal system, making people less likely to believe in fair trials.

How We Can Help

Even if we're not in the courtroom, we can still act:

Educate Ourselves and Others: Raising awareness about racial bias helps push for change.

Support Organizations Fighting Injustice: Groups like the “Innocence Project” work to free the wrongfully convicted.

Advocate for Policy Change: Calling lawmakers, signing petitions, and voting for reforms can make a difference.

Speak Out Against Injustice: If we see racial bias in our communities, we must challenge it. Stand up for the unheard.

Racial bias in the justice system affects all of us. By demanding fairness and supporting reforms, we can help build a system that truly delivers justice for everyone.

Maya Kollarmalil is a student at Yonkers Middle High School. She will be writing for Yonkers Rising and Yonkers Times.com about local food establishments and other Yonkers-centric happenings. If you have a story suggestion for Maya, her email is MayaK@Yonkerstimes.com.

Yonkers True Crime Discussion at Beczak April 5

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with historian Eric Nelsen

"Found Drowned"

In the summer of 1873, the body of an "unknown woman" was recovered from the Hudson River along the Palisades. Her identification by her fiancé a few days later would lead to racially charged accusations of "a brutal murder" in the New York City press – and by September, a trial in Hackensack. Public historian Eric Nelsen will tell how the story behind the lurid headlines of the day in fact helps reveal a rich picture of life along the Hudson.

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When? Thursday, April 10th, 9:30AM-1:15PM

What? Presentations start promptly at 10:00; consultations start at 11:45AM. Topics include:

- Getting Organized for Aging
- Mapping Out your Estate Planning Documents
- What To Do When Someone Passes Away
- Special programs on housing and advanced directives

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[seniorlawday.info/ysld](https://www.seniorlawday.info/ysld)

Questions? Alan Houston (ahouston@ypl.org) or Bruce Segall (914) 980-4703

Free 15 Minute Consults with an Attorney, Certified Financial Planner, Care Manager or Medicare Specialist will start at 11:45AM. No cost & no obligation! Limited sign-ups via pre-registration April 9th.

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Experts Explain New Data Showing Nonprofits Value at Nonprofit Westchester Forum



During a time of uncertainty about federal funding for safety net programs, more than 200 nonprofit, healthcare, government and business leaders from across Westchester met to underscore the importance of nonprofits, not only to the people they serve but to the health of the entire region.

Speaking at a special program, Strengthening Westchester's Health and Economy: New Data Revealed, experts shared recent data on how nonprofits help to drive Westchester's economy, improve health outcomes, and reduce healthcare and other social services costs through programs that keep residents healthy and safe. Nonprofits provide services including mental health, early childhood education, shelter and services for the homeless, recovery aid from storms and other weather events, public safety, and arts and cultural programs and so much more.

"The health of the nonprofit sector is critical to the social and economic health of Westchester County," said Nonprofit Westchester Executive Director Jan Fisher during the program at C.V. Rich Mansion in White Plains. "Yet this impact is not fully understood or capitalized on. Today we are here to increase that understanding as well as opportunities to strengthen our community."

Fisher said for nonprofits to remain strong and sustainable the state needs to reform an inefficient contracting system where payments are chronically late and provide more competitive salaries to nonprofit workers to attract and keep quality talent. She also issued a call to action to the business sector, urging them to collaborate with nonprofits on advocacy efforts, including pressing for these essential contracting reforms. Fisher emphasized that strengthening the nonprofit sector is not just a nonprofit issue—it is a business and economic issue that affects the entire community.

Megan Allen, CEO, New York Council of Nonprofits, said that as of December of 2024, there were over 119,000 nonprofits in New York operating in nearly every industry, which account for over 1.3 million jobs. Nonprofits employ more New York State residents than the construction and insurance industries combined, accounting for 16.8 percent of the total workforce. In Westchester, that number is about 56,000 people or 16.2 percent of the workforce, she said.

Tom Gabriel, President and CEO of the United Way of Westchester and Putnam, said according to the latest ALICE® (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) Report released by United Way of New York State, more than a third of Hudson Valley households were living paycheck to paycheck. From 2019 to 2025 the cost of groceries for a single parent, one-child family rose from \$600 a month to \$1,500. He said inflation had risen another 3 percent since January.

"This is the real world in which nonprofits are responding. They are not getting free money. They are responding to hunger, homelessness, and real needs in our community," he said.

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In Trouble with the IRS or the NYS Tax Department?

In trouble with the IRS or the New York State Tax Department? I can help.

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Money Makes the World Go Around



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Our country is so divided politically right now, it's hard to tell the Democrats from the Republicans or the Conservatives from the liberals.

People are realizing they have to do something other than stand on the street corner holding up a sign expressing their wishes to their neighbors or driving a golf cart around the course splattered with signs Letting fellow Floridian or California golfers know their take on the world today.

Yes it's time to use the mighty power of the dollar bill to let friends and countrymen know their feelings about the issues that matter to you. Bottom line: Money makes world go around, and without it it's hard to survive.

Do you realize how many merchants large and small make donations to candidates we may not agree with. Florida grocer Publix donated \$570,000 to Republicans versus

Almost \$200,000 going to Democrats. New York grocer Gristedes gave a measly \$79 to Democrats with thousands going to Republicans.

Large donations to Republicans came from companies including Ace Hardware to George Foreman Grills (how topical!) and GNC (General Nutrition Company) to GMC (General Motors Company.) The diversity of companies show that they all want a piece of the action.

Democrats also received large donations from some of America's biggest companies including Microsoft, Warner Brothers, George Soros and more. Are these companies in love with these candidates? No. But they are looking to influence government in the specific fields through fields they.

So what should we as consumers do if we don't want the dollars we give going to causes or people that we don't support. Plenty of resources online that tell you what you want to know about the political family and where your money is headed for.

We all like a big macs, fries and an Ice Cream Cone. So it's ok to cheat once in a while. But make sure you talk to the store message through it you are unhappy with companies they support!

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What to Know About Responsible Gaming During Problem Gambling Month

Responsible Gaming:
How the Regulated Market Protects Players

Responsible Gaming (RG) is at the forefront of the regulated online gaming industry's mission. Combined, Sports Betting Alliance (SBA) member companies BetMGM, DraftKings, Fanatics, and FanDuel have over 200 RG personnel on staff dedicated exclusively to building and operating comprehensive RG programs that include making a variety of data-driven tools available to help players make responsible play decisions starting at player onboarding and throughout the product journey. In contrast to unregulated and illegal operators, which offer little to no player protections and prey on anyone with a method of payment, the SBA companies invest tens of millions of dollars to develop and deploy RG tools and programs to help players use their products responsibly.

How to Play and Play Responsibly
New players receive messaging upon onboarding age, fit, and about available RG tools to explain and encourage the use of such tools. Players are then immediately reminded of these tools and resources available to them upon subsequent log-ins, and is further supplemented through direct messaging, marketing, and social media channels.

By Dan Murphy

March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month, a timely reminder that legal, regulated sports betting isn't just about convenience or access—it's about protecting players. While illegal gambling sites offer zero safeguards, the legal industry has built in tools, policies, and partnerships that put responsible gaming front and center.

In a recent op-ed, *More Than Just a Game: How Mobile Betting is Keeping March Madness Safe and Regulated*, Jeremy Kudon, President of the Sports Betting Alliance, highlights how the growth of legal mobile betting has done more than just meet demand—it's helped create a safer environment for fans and a real boost to New York's economy.

"Last year alone, bets placed on March Madness through legal sportsbooks generated over \$85 million for New York State. That money directly supported public education and programs that help those struggling with problem gambling," Kudon wrote. "With tools to monitor transactions, flag concerning activity, and promote responsible play, legal sportsbooks are able to protect consumers in a way illegal operators never could."

Today, responsible gaming isn't just a box to check—it's a core value shared by legal operators like BetMGM, DraftKings, Fanatics, and FanDuel. These companies have invested tens of millions into responsible gaming initiatives, employing over 200 staff focused solely on player safety and wellbeing.

From the start, players are encouraged to set limits on deposits, wagers, and time spent. They can also take breaks or opt out entirely. These tools aren't buried in the fine print—they're integrated into the experience, from onboarding messages to app notifications and ad campaigns.

Technology is also helping detect risky behavior early, allowing RG teams to reach out if someone might be struggling. And it's not just digital support—players can connect to treatment providers like Kindbridge and Birches Health, or take a quick Gambling Disorder Screener from FanDuel and Kindbridge. Help is always available through resources like 1-800-GAMBLER, which is free, confidential, and available 24/7.

Before legal betting came to New York, there were no protections. Offshore sites like Bovada let anyone bet, no questions asked—no spending limits, no self-exclusion options, no help if things went too far. That's what we're trying to prevent.

Problem Gambling Awareness Month is about putting a spotlight on these issues—not just for the industry, but for the people who might be struggling in silence. It's a chance to remind everyone that resources exist, help is available, and responsible gaming is more than a policy—it's how this system stays fair, safe, and sustainable.

If you or someone you know needs help, call or text the National Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-800-GAMBLER or visit www.1800gamblerchat.org.

Congressman Latimer Discusses House Shutdown Over Allowing Female Members to Vote by Proxy



Congressman George Latimer has been updating his district through his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/RepGLatimer> where he also posts short videos explaining his views on the issues of the day

On Tuesday, April 1, the House of Representatives shut down for business for the week when 9 republicans joined with all of the House Democrats to vote against a Rule to conduct business.

The normally non-controversial Rule Vote was blocked on April 1 because several House Republicans, including Congresswoman Anna Paulina Luna, wanted to force a House vote which would have allowed new parents the ability to vote by proxy, or remotely.

Republican House Speaker Mike Johnson was not happy stating, "If a career in politics doesn't work out for me, I have ample credentials to work at a circus,"

Westchester Democratic Congressman George Latimer commented on the shut down "The April fools joke played here in the House of Representatives is that all business has stopped.

"The republican majority has a disagreement over a rule that would allow women members to be able to vote by proxy when they are in the period of time right after giving birth to a child. That seems to be a very reasonable thing to do on behalf of women and on behalf of their supportive husbands or partners.

"But this battle, because there is no agreement, has shut down all business. These are the type of things that are happening in Washington that are very discouraging. We want to work as a democrat in the minority alongside the majority to work through the differences we have and try to come up with solutions to issues that are important to us. We care about improving the economy. We care about securing our border.

"We're not doing that if we are not doing our work," said Latimer.

End Solitary Confinement and Decarcerate Now

By Anisah Sabur

Solitary confinement is torture. Every day in New York, people are locked away in isolation for up to 24 hours a day, often for months or years at a time. The devastating mental and physical harm of solitary confinement is well-documented—leading to extreme trauma, self-harm, and higher rates of death post-release. It does nothing to improve safety and instead perpetuates cycles of violence and harm.

New York has taken steps to limit this practice through the HALT Solitary Confinement Law, but the reality is that solitary—under different names—remains rampant in state prisons and local jails. Now because of the illegal work stoppage, thousands of people have been locked down in solitary confinement in life-threatening conditions for weeks, all to try to distract from the brutal killing of Robert Brooks at Marcy Correctional Facility and Messiah Nantwi at Mid-State Correctional Facility.

We need real accountability, full enforcement of the HALT Solitary Confinement Law, and bold action to decarcerate. The only way to stop this inhumanity is to stop locking people away.

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Hudson Valley Restaurant Week Kicks Off in Westchester-Through April 13



Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins announced the arrival of the Spring 2025 Hudson Valley Restaurant Week (HVRW) at The Sailhouse in Tarrytown, which is a new addition to HVRW this year. From March 31 to April 13, 2025 diners will have the chance to experience the culinary creativity and fresh local ingredients from over 70 restaurants from all corners of Westchester.

Jenkins said: “Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is a favorite event here in Westchester. It’s a time when our vibrant culinary scene comes alive with creativity, community and flavor. Whether you’re a longtime local or visiting for the first time, I encourage everyone to make reservations, explore new menus, try unique outdoor dining experiences, and enjoy the best of what our region has to offer — it’s a great way to support the small businesses and dedicated restaurateurs who make Westchester such a delicious and dynamic place to live.”

Westchester County Tourism & Film Director Natasha Caputo said: “Spring is such a wonderful time to explore Westchester’s attractions and experience a delicious meal. We encourage both residents and visitors to make their reservations and get out and dine. The Sailhouse is a perfect example of what Hudson Valley Restaurant Week in Westchester is all about, offering a feast for the senses with its fresh, local ingredients, live music, and majestic sunsets.”

After the kickoff, guests were invited to tour the nearby historic Tarrytown Lighthouse, located in Sleepy Hollow along the Riverwalk. Built in 1883, the sparkplug lighthouse underwent a full restoration and is a new tourist attraction — now both inside and out.

Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Commissioner Kathy O’Connor said: “The Tarrytown Lighthouse reopened for tours this past fall after the completion of a years-long restoration capital project. The tours were in high-demand and were met with rave reviews from attendees. It truly is a one-of-a-kind gem in Westchester, and I encourage residents and visitors to sign up for the free tours when they return in April.”

Hudson Valley Magazine and Hudson Valley Table Associate Publisher Lauren Buerger said: “Hudson Valley Restaurant Week highlights the bounty of culinary greatness our region has to offer. We’re excited to have a number of new restaurants joining us this year, making our Spring Hudson Valley Restaurant Week bigger and better than ever. We will continue to offer four different price points, giving diners a variety of options to choose from.”

Local ingredients and culinary creativity take center stage from March 31 to April 13, 2025, when the Hudson Valley will be celebrating restaurant dining with fresh, delicious fare. Prix-fixe lunches and dinners will be offered at \$24.95, \$29.95, \$39.95 or \$44.95. (Price does not include tax, beverages, or gratuity.) Prix-fixe menus may be offered for both dine-in and takeout.

Make sure to check out HVRW newcomers, among others: Inca & Guacho in White Plains, La Crémaillère in Bedford, Olibar Peruvian Cuisine in New Rochelle, and Scalini Osteria in Bronxville.

The complete list of restaurants and menus can be found at valleytable.com/hvrw. Reservations are suggested as space fills quickly.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Actress Gloria De Haven, left, had a Yonkers street named after her. She married a developer from Yonkers

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

Monday, April 7th

April 7, 1926: The gala opening of the beautiful and artistic Park Hill Playhouse on South Broadway, featured the world premiere of the eagerly awaited picture “Sandy,” starring Madge Bellamy and Harrison Ford. Besides the movie, the theater showed two cartoons, Mutt and Jeff and an Aesop fable, two comedy shorts and an animated short.

Based on Elinore Meheri’s novel “Sandy,” the book was serialized in almost one hundred newspapers throughout the country and was followed by thousands.

Theater owner and Managing Director Harold Eldridge emceed the opening ceremonies; he promised the Park Hill would provide clean, wholesome entertainment for Yonkers’ residents. Mayor Whalen and other officials spoke; music was provided by the Park Hill Concert Orchestra. A special vaudeville program and variety show featuring stage and radio stars, added to the evening’s festivities. The audience’s favorite performer was Yonkers’ own “jolly Jim Macdonald,” who brought down the house with his version of “Mother of Mine.” A reception for invited guests and performers was held after the performance.

The second largest theater in the city, the Park Hill had many modern conveniences: chairs designed for comfort and beauty, good vision from any seat in the house, and a “marvelous ventilating system” to circulate the “proper warmth and clean, good air.”

The Park Hill joined Yonkers Chrisedge Theaters and was planned to be a “sister theater” to the Broadway, just a few blocks south near Lawrence Street.

Tuesday, April 8th

April 8, 1952: President Harry Truman named former Yonkers resident William Draper Jr. as permanent US Representative to the North Atlantic Council. Draper, one of Yonkers five Generals during World War II, represented President Truman, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director of the Mutual Security Program in Europe. Draper would ensure US activities in NATO and Mutual Security Fields were integrated to “assure the defensive strength of the nations concerned shall be built as quickly as possible on a basis of continuous and effective self-help and mutual aid.”

A Yonkers High School graduate, Brigadier General Draper was appointed Under Secretary of War in 1947. In 1953, President Eisenhower appointed him the first US Ambassador to NATO.

Wednesday, April 9th

April 9, 1942: The Associated Press reported US Industrial Chemical, Inc., foot of Federal Street, would participate in the War Production Board experiment to make industrial alcohol from 120 to 130 proof beverages. The plan was for the Yonkers Company to redistill output from distilleries in Pennsylvania and

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484 SAW MILL LLC - Notice of formation of 484 SAW MILL LCC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/05/2025. Office: 7 Burkewood Road, Hartsdale NY 10530 Westchester County. SSNY designated Ciaran Rogers as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 7 Burkewood Road, Hartsdale NY 10530. Purpose: Real Estate

Notice of formation of Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/2024. 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: Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC PO Box 36 Valhalla, NY 10595 Purpose: any lawful activity.

Name of formation of THEOAK LLC. Date of filing Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 6/14/24. The LLC is located in Westchester County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served is to the principal business location at c/o 669 Main Street, Unit 605, New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of ME YOU & BIJOU, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the State of New York (SSNY) on 02/03/2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to ME YOU & BIJOU, LLC, 1585 Central Park Ave, Unit 157, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

Notice of Formation of 130 FRANKLIN AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 10/15/2024. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 68 North Steet, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. 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 the LLC, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of 1M Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Granola Girl, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/19/24. 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, 206 B Heritage Hills Drive, Somers, NY 10589. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. 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 THE LLC, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of JJJ Roadside Solution, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01-07-2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Joel Armando Mena, 25 Knowles Street, Yonkers, New York 10705. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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SUPREME COURT - COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY A/K/A M&T, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER WITH HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff -against- MICHAEL FRITH, LAURA DESHON, et al Defendant(s). Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered herein and dated March 5, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., White Plains, NY on April 3, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. premises situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortlandt, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the easterly side of Sunny Way, where the same is intersected by the division line between Lot Nos. 266 and 267 on Map No. 6584; being a plot 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet by 100.00 feet by 200.00 feet.

ALSO, situate, lying and being in the Town of Cortland, County of Westchester and State of New York, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point on the dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 on the above mentioned map where the same is intersected by the northerly line of Lot 267 as shown on Map entitled, as filed Map No. 6584 and which point is distant 99.58 feet southerly as measured along said dividing line between Lot 37 and Lot 38 from the southerly boundary of Red Oak Lane as same is shown on Filed Map No. 25985; RUNNING THENCE South East, 24.00 feet; South West, 89.53 feet; South West 13.64 feet; THENCE North East, 100.00 feet. Section: 34.17 Block: 1 and Lot: 14

Said premises known as 10 SUNNY WAY, CORTLANDT MANOR, NY 10567 Approximate amount of lien \$432,385.27 plus interest & costs.

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment and Terms of Sale.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Index Number 53628/2017.

STUART I. BALL, ESQ., Referee
David A. Gallo & Associates LLP
Attorney(s) for Plaintiff
47 Hillside Avenue, 2nd Floor, Manhasset, NY 11030
File# 7777.122

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, Westchester County, New York, at a meeting held on the 25th day of February 2025, duly adopted the resolution published herewith to restate the City's commitment to fair housing and officially designate the Mayor or his designee as fair housing officer as required for NY CDBG Cares Act Grant:

RESOLUTION NO.33-2025

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY'S COMMITMENT TO FAIR HOUSING LAWS AND POLICIES

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City shall, within available resources, assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against under one of the aforementioned categories, to seek equity under federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the New York State Division of Human Rights and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, as appropriate; and

RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Planning and Development, or her designee, is designated Fair Hearing Officer. The Contact information for said Fair Hearing Officer is: Planning Commissioner, City of Yonkers, Department of Planning & Development, 20 South Broadway, Suite 923, Yonkers, NY 10701, 914.377.6150; and

RESOLVED, the City Clerk shall publish this resolution in the official newspaper; post a copy in a conspicuous place in City Hall; and cause it to be posted on the City's website and social media; and be it further

RESOLVED, the City, through this publicity, shall cause owners of real estate, developers, and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under any applicable fair housing laws; and be it further.

RESOLVED, the City's Department of Planning and Development shall maintain and distribute literature related to federal, state, and local fair housing policies and laws; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution will take effect immediately.

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

Dated: March 25, 2025

Vincent Spano

City Clerk

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Yonkers Celebrates-Women of Distinction

In honor of Women's History Month, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano presented "Women of Distinction" Awards to Yonkers women whose distinct achievements have improved the lives of others in the community and whose impact has changed Yonkers for better.

"Women's History Month celebrates the significant achievements of women, and Yonkers has the opportunity to honor the local leaders who live or work in our midst every day," said Mayor Spano. "Their contributions enrich our community and inspire future generations. Whether they are leading in business, education, healthcare, public service, or championing social change, these women are the foundation of progress in our city. This month reminds us to not only celebrate their accomplishments but also reflect on the continued work needed to ensure equality and opportunity for all."

This year's honorees include:

Girl Scout Troop 1787— Girl Scout Troop 1787 began with 14 enthusiastic Kindergarten girls as Daisies, all students from Yonkers Public Schools. In their first year, they completed the Daisy flower on their vests, with each petal symbolizing skills or adventures. They often meet at the Crestwood Cabin in Yonkers, fostering a sense of community and teamwork. They participated in parades and won "Best Scout Marching Unit" at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 2024. The troop visited Manhattan College to learn about Women in Engineering and their contributions. Under leaders Clara Barragán and Christine Serini, the troop expanded to include more members and levels like Brownies, Juniors, and Cadets. New leaders Esmeralda DiBari and Yoli Benscome joined the troop. Troop 1787 engaged in activities such as honoring veterans on Veterans Day and hosting tables at community events. They supported causes like the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation and breast cancer awareness walks. Cadets created cards and packages for veterans, leading their Silver Award literacy project, "Little Readers."

Elvina Schullere— Elvina Schullere was born in Woodbrook, Port-of-Spain, Trinidad, and moved to Yonkers in 1976. Elvina and her husband Kenneth Schullere, a fellow Trinidadian, raised three children — Franz, Darius, and Karen — while she pursued her passions for education and the arts. She earned multiple degrees, including a Ph.D. in clinical nutrition, and worked in roles such as medical assistant, property auditor, and music performer. Her love of singing led her to perform at prestigious venues like the Museum of Modern Art and Alice Tully Hall. Recently, she studied under classical concert artist Cecilia Tucker Myers, a retired vocal instructor. A dedicated community advocate, Elvina has volunteered extensively. She was a member of the Hudson River Community Association and organized teams during their community cleanups. She has been an active participant in the Yonkers PAL food distributions, served as a Citizen Farmer with Groundworks Hudson Valley in Yonkers, and is an avid volunteer with the Saw Mill River Community Cleanup. She was also featured in a Lohud for her gardening efforts. Additionally, she has been kayaking with the Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club and cycling with the Yonkers Bike Club since 2008. Elvina reconnects with nature through gardening, biking, and kayaking, and plans to resume traveling, starting with a cruise. She follows a gluten-free vegan diet, enjoys cooking, and experiments with fresh flavors.

Jaci LaGala-Pino— Jaci LaGala-Pino has lived her entire life in Yonkers, growing up on McLean Avenue. She is a proud graduate of St. Paul the Apostle, Our Lady of Victory Academy, and Manhattan College. Jaci has actively served her community, including a decade as Co-Op Board President, and now works in property management. Raised with compassion and determination, she was deeply influenced by her community-minded family, including her mother, father (a Yonkers Police Department member), sister (a NYC school guidance counselor), and husband (a NYPD detective). Softball played a key role in Jaci's youth, as she competed for school teams and local leagues, coached by her parents. Her most cherished role is being a mother to her son, who is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Realizing her son needed inclusive social activities and team experiences, Jaci searched for adaptive sports programs but found none locally in Yonkers. After disappointing commutes to distant Challenger Division teams, Jaci sought to create a community-based solution. Through perseverance, she partnered with the Hillcrest Lakers Community Club to establish Yonkers' first Challenger League. The league debuted in September 2023 with 14 special needs players and 18 student volunteers participating in soccer. It quickly expanded, launching Winter Workouts and Spring Baseball. Within a year, the league grew to include 45 players and over 50 volunteers, doubling its original size. The Hillcrest Challenger League now provides opportunities for adaptive sports, fostering connections among families and establishing a supportive community for children with special needs. Jaci's initiative demonstrates the demand for inclusive programs and exemplifies her commitment to both her family and her hometown.

Loniece Edwards— Loniece Edwards, a Yonkers native raised on School Street, is deeply dedicated to her community. A graduate of Charles E. Gorton High School, she now works there as a teacher's assistant in special education and serves as Liaison for My Sister's Keeper. Loniece holds two associate's degrees: one in liberal arts from CUNY Bronx Community College and another in education from Eastern Gateway Community College, while pursuing a third degree as an interventional specialist. Known for her warm and giving nature, Loniece is admired as a social butterfly by her family and peers. Over two decades, Loniece has volunteered at sports camps, contributed to ministry at Resurrection Deliverance Church International, taught sex education and peer pressure at the Nepperhan Community Center, and worked as an assistant dance teacher. Loniece co-founded a nonprofit organization with her niece Arleth Ruiz Clark called the Exquisite Academy of Arts, which features her dance team, Exquisite Force. This program impacts approximately 65 children, offering dance training, academic support, and mentorship. Losing her mother at the age of eight, Loniece devoted herself to being a mother figure to countless youths. Her mission is to empower Yonkers youth and provide a safe, enriching space for their growth, particularly in the performing arts. Loniece collaborates with community leaders and former students, extending opportunities for others to succeed. She lives by her own motto: "I was created to be different and born to be the best." Her philosophy encourages being the supportive presence you always wished for in your life, guiding her impactful work and relationships.

Mayor Spano presented the "Women of Distinction" Awards at a ceremony held at Yonkers City Hall on March 31st.

Letters to the Editor: How Can We Build National Unity?

Is it really worth destroying a relationship because of political disagreements? Let's focus on building unity in our nation.

"E pluribus unum—out of many, one," an unofficial motto of the United States appears on the Great Seal, reflecting how people came from all over the world, put aside old world hatreds based on ethnicity or religion, and became Americans together. Sadly, the recent spew of aggressive marxist identity politics has divided Americans to levels approaching that of the antebellum period. Marxism has numerous guises (eco, racial, gender, socialism, progressivism). This totalitarian ideology substitutes the state for God and the family, and is incompatible with America's founding principles, which are based on God's natural law. "One Nation Under God," our official motto is a guiding principle for how many states and ethnicities can become one united nation. Without God, it degenerates into conflicting self-serving tribes.

Representative Barbara Jordan was a substantive representative who understood the Constitution, and brought the country together unlike the attention-seeking marxists spewing racial and gender marxist ideology and ready to throw down on the House floor, attacking those who don't share their skin color, gender or political views. Representative Jordan lived through the contentious Civil Rights era, yet concluded: "America is the most successful multi-ethnic society in human history." It was, because legal immigrants put aside Old World political, religious and ethnic hatreds to be something new and better: Americans bound together by common principles articulated in the Declaration: "We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

America is the only nation in history based on godly principles. All others were based on language or ethnicity—things that divide. Anyone can become an American by adopting those principles; none of us can ever become French, Chinese, Ugandan or Dominican if we do not have ancestors from those countries.

Key to building unity is to not vaunt yourself or your external characteristics above others, but to view other as equals. Rep. Jordan found unity on issues and did not divide herself from others by constantly talking about her race, gender, nor whom she was living with. But marxists constantly labor and propagandize to divide us by superficialities. It's not about justice, our common principles have to be the basis of justice—it's about power and money for them. No country, business nor family can be strong and healthy if its members constantly elevate their personal characteristics above others. Unity takes diligent effort. But its result is peace.

Ephesians 4:3 Endeavoring [making a diligent effort] to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. If your mindset is "someone who looks like you did something to someone who looks like me decades or centuries ago, therefore I am going to make your life miserable for the rest of my life and demand reparations and preferences," you are not building godly peace and unity. If you want peace and unity with your neighbors and co-workers, work with them as individuals who have the same rights as you. The first three chapters of Ephesians tell us what God made us in Jesus Christ; chapters four through six provide practical instructions for how to live in that power, peace, and unity.

Unity requires searching for and building on the positives in each other, forgiving mistakes and working together for common goals. Unity is not built by formalized bullying sessions pestering people for something they had no part in. Early Christians lived in a culture where Jews and Gentiles did not socialize nor enter each other's homes. Their countries were controlled by a pagan Roman empire held together by military prowess. Only Roman citizens had rights. Early Christians were diverse in culture and language, but united in what God had done for them by Jesus Christ's achievements despite superficial differences. Galatians 3:27, 28 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." We are called to a higher lifestyle

The key to living abundantly, spiritually and physically as God wants for us (John 10:10) is what you feed your mind and what comes out of your mouth. Does it edify? Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. People reveal their inner soul by what they focus on and promote. Marxism is anti-Christian, anti-Semitic, anti-God; there is no peace in an ideology that preaches continuous revolution to empower itself by promoting strife via group identity. American marxists failed to divide US by economics because everyone in the world knows that you can come to America, work and get comfortable and even unimaginably wealthy. Unlike most of the world, America never had classes, nor nobility. Marxists latched on to the civil rights movement after Martin Luther King was murdered. Their three pronged attack to divide and conquer focused on race, gender and sex (i.e sexual perversions) as excuses for grievances. Being grievance minded worsens division by alienating people who would be your allies. Focusing on real or imagined grievances degenerates your physical, mental, and spiritual health. Proverbs 23:7a For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Change to a vision of building something better for the here and now.

Focus on the vision: Psalm 133:1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Working together on a peaceful and prosperous community instead of being in bondage to ethnic and religious hatred, we all win.

Judith Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

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MGM Women Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts Champions Opportunity for Women to Advance Their Careers



*Far left-Ann Granville
2nd left-left-Mary Jane Mills
left-Theresa Tirado*

Nearly half of all leadership roles across MGM Resorts are held by women, including nearly 40% at Empire City Casino, higher than industry average

Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts (“Empire City”) is committed to providing opportunities for employees to grow within the company, including women, where nearly 40% of Empire City’s leadership team are women. Empire City has been focused on providing opportunities for growth, mentorship, and community support, key values employees often elevate as reasons why working at MGM Resorts is meaningful to them.

According to a 2021 report, women held approximately 25% of senior managerial roles in the gambling sector. Empire City is proud to have strong, inspirational women in leadership roles well above the casino industry average. From food and beverage to operations, women are enjoying long tenures and opportunities to support their communities and paving the way for up-and-coming employees at Empire City.

Overall, 46.5% of leadership roles across MGM Resorts are held by women. MGM Resorts has won various awards for its efforts to diversify the workplace, including America’s Greatest Workplaces for Diversity 2023 presented by Newsweek and the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council’s America’s Top Corporations for Women’s Business Enterprises among countless others.

Several female members of Empire City’s leadership team, who have gained invaluable experience rising through the ranks during their tenures, include:

Ann Granville, a resident of Mount Vernon, serves as Food & Beverage Floor Manager and has been with Empire City Casino for over 12 years. She now oversees the day-to-day operations for the front-of-house, food and beverage department, including The Pub and Chophouse. Granville is a member of the Social Impact & Sustainability (SIS) Council at Empire City, volunteering with programs across Westchester and the Bronx that have a positive impact in communities.

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Yonkers Wrestling Event Draws Over 800 for My Brother's Keeper Night of Unity



On Friday, March 14, My Brother's Keeper Yonkers (MBK Yonkers) delivered an unforgettable night of wrestling and community engagement to a city where large-scale family events are rare. More than 800 attendees packed The Arena at Yonkers Middle High School for the MBK Community Night Out Wrestling Event, bringing together students, families, and staff for an electrifying evening celebrating unity, community, and opportunity.

The event featured exciting performances from former WWE stars and local WrestlePro wrestlers, who energized the crowd while highlighting the strength of the community.

"We have the opportunity to offer the community more here in Yonkers," said MBK Yonkers Executive Director Dr. Jason Baez. "In other communities, I have witnessed how wrestling events can bring families and the community together. That was the goal here – to create something for families to enjoy – and we succeeded."

While the matches delivered high-energy action, the real highlight was the connections formed in the crowd. Staff and attendees alike felt the impact, with one longtime staff member saying, "I've been here for over 25 years, and this is the best event I've attended."

Students from multiple schools in Yonkers shared their excitement with chants of "MBK! MBK! MBK!" filling the venue. Young students were imitating the performances, forming friendships, waving MBK signs, and celebrating the sense of community. The energy was electric, and the enthusiasm didn't stop when the matches ended.

"Right after the event, WrestlePro was reaching out to me with bigger ideas for future collaborations," said Dr. Baez. "Their excitement, along with the overwhelming energy from our students, families, and staff, is exactly why we want to make this an annual tradition – bringing families together year after year. This is just the beginning."

"Events like these showcase what makes Yonkers so special – our community spirit, diversity, and commitment to coming together for our youth," said Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr. "I'm proud of the way our students and families turned out to celebrate, and we're excited to support more community-driven experiences in the future."

In the days leading up to the event, MBK Yonkers experienced a significant spike in social media activity, including a 600% increase in Instagram engagement – with nearly 78% coming from new followers. This surge in digital engagement underscores the strong community interest and sets the stage for future growth.

For Baez, the overwhelming enthusiasm and turnout reinforced just how impactful community-driven events can be – seeing families and students come together in such a meaningful way was a powerful moment.

Beyond the action in the ring, the event significantly boosted awareness of MBK Yonkers, highlighting the initiative's commitment to building a strong, inclusive community for young men of color and their families. MBK Yonkers is already planning future events to continue bringing the community together.

Yonkers Girls Scouts Featured on Good Morning America



March 12 was National Girl Scout Day and the girls from Yonkers Troop 1787 were invited to Good Morning America to be a part of the celebration! Today marks 113 years of Girl Scouting in America.

National Girl Scout Day, celebrated annually on March 12th, commemorates the founding of the Girl Scouts of the USA by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 when she organized the first troop meeting in Savannah, Georgia.

National Girl Scout Day is a time to celebrate the history and legacy of Girl Scouting, and to thank Girl Scout volunteers.

It's not too late to celebrate National Girl Scout day by doing what else, buying some Girl Scout Cookies.

Attention 23AndMe Customers: As the Company Files for Bankruptcy, Contact Them to Delete Data

After 23AndMe Filed for Bankruptcy, AG James Reminds Customers They Have a Right to Delete Their Genetic Data and Destroy DNA Samples

New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued a consumer alert to customers of 23andMe, a direct-to-consumer genetic testing company, urging them to take action to protect their data. 23andMe collects and analyzes people's genetic code and uses DNA samples to help people trace their ancestry or detect personal health risks, among other factors. The company filed for bankruptcy and announced plans to sell its assets. Due to the trove of sensitive consumer data 23andMe has amassed, Attorney General James would like to remind New Yorkers that they are able to request that 23andMe delete their personal data and destroy any samples of genetic material held by the company.

"New Yorkers' genetic data is sensitive information that must be protected at all costs," said Attorney General James. "23andMe's bankruptcy announcement is concerning and I am urging New Yorkers to take action to safeguard their data. New Yorkers can follow instructions offered by my office to delete their data or destroy any DNA samples held by 23andMe. Anyone experiencing issues deleting their information stored with 23andMe should contact my office."

Attorney General James is offering New Yorkers tips on how to delete their data that is stored with 23andMe or destroy test samples. Consumers can delete their account and personal information by taking the following steps:

Log into your 23andMe account on their website.

Go to the "Settings" section of your profile.

Scroll to a section labeled "23andMe Data" at the bottom of the page.

Click "View" next to "23andMe Data."

Download your data: If you want a copy of your genetic data for personal storage, choose the option to download it to your device before proceeding.

Scroll to the "Delete Data" section.

Click "Permanently Delete Data."

Confirm your request: You'll receive an email from 23andMe; follow the link in the email to confirm your deletion request.

If you previously opted to have your saliva sample and DNA stored by 23andMe, but want to change that preference, you can do so from your account settings page, under "Preferences."

If you previously consented to 23andMe and third-party researchers to use your genetic data and sample for research, you may withdraw consent from the account settings page, under "Research and Product Consents."

Attorney General James encourages New Yorkers who experience issues deleting their data with 23andMe to contact her office by filing a complaint online.

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When asked how she inspires other women, Granville references this quote: "Always stay true to yourself and never let people distract you from your goal. Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle."

Mary Jane Mills, a resident of Yonkers, NY, serves as VGM Shift Manager and has been with Empire City Casino for over 18 years. Mills manages the casino floor, working with attendants, dispatchers, cash boxes and other departments. She enjoys volunteering with her colleagues on the Empire City Social Impact & Sustainability Council, participating in the annual Hudson River clean up, walking in community parades, and participating in fundraising events to support the company foundation. Mills credits the company's mentorship program for allowing her to support the career growth of her female colleagues.

"Being a part of the mentorship program has given me the opportunity to offer guidance to women in my field," said Mills. "I also feel fortunate to work for a company that prioritizes community service. It's a privilege to have been able to support women's shelters and women-owned businesses."

Theresa Tirado, a resident of Yonkers, serves as Slot Operations Shift Manager and has been with Empire City Casino for over 18 years. She began her career as a cocktail waitress and bartender in New York City before joining Empire City and working in the Food and Beverage department in a variety of roles. Tirado was recently promoted to Shift Manager in the Slot Department, where she assists in overseeing day-to-day operations. Tirado is also a part of the SIS Council, where she volunteers with Feeding Westchester and Catholic Charities of New York to combat food insecurity, among other initiatives.

"MGM Resorts provides many opportunities to grow our careers into management and I'm thrilled to have a position that allows me to support the team and empower others," said Tirado. "I believe women should support and empower each other."

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OPEN/CONTINUED HEARINGS

5850 – Area Variance – Kathleen Bradshaw, Esq., on behalf of 194 Yonkers Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 182 Fillmore Street aka 194 Yonkers Avenue, Block: 405, Lots: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7,8, 9,13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Zone: BA - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rmdP3X61js_cy3P25c-FkrsMpUyXHf34?usp=sharing

5836 – Use & Area Variance – Mastrogiacomo Engineering PC, on behalf of My Main Man LLC, Owner, on premises known as 47 High Street aka 102 Park Avenue, Block: 2167, Lot: 1.3, Zone: G (B32874) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KcvFoSwZw6ljqBkVUcJQsWyXq4z4Pn-x?usp=sharing>

5855 – Area Variance – Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 160 Stanley Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 160 Stanley Ave, Block: 184, Lots: 68, Zone: A (B00033778) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sBCFaH0Iubtvx_DMeIZGYwbaUBYOPlzH?usp=sharing

#5864 - Area Variance - James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of T&H 1828 LLC, owner, On premises known as 1828 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4615, Lot: 22, Zone M (B0034059) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tvmzVMblrm8eG1pWxNYvpLQoJ90JLi02?usp=sharing>

#5867 – Area Variance - Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 221-223 Buena Vista Avenue, Block: 172, Lot: 92 & 94.98 Zone: UR-LD, (B0035075), Two Twenty One Vista Group LLC owner, on premises know as 221 Buena Vista Avenue

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#5868 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly on behalf of 221 Lake Avenue, Block: 2179, Lot: 02 Zone: A&I District; 222 Lake Partners LLC, owner, on premises know as 222 Lake Avenue* Adjourned https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mf7O9_0k7lCtg3VjstKmCYFc2p9cjd?usp=sharing

#5852 - Area Variance - Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 94 St. Andrews Place, Block: 133, Lot: 3 , Zone: A, (B0033786), Pleasure Home Improvement LLC, owner, on premises know as 94 St. Andrews Place * Adjourned <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-WAnk-6N6D-BLNUSRfplEp6VBcZd6V80?usp=sharing>

#5880 – Area Variance -Shahin Badaly on behalf of Eric Byars Freeman, 5 Woodworth Avenue, Block: 2008, Lot: 14, Zone: D-MX,(B0035418) owner, on premises know as 5 Woodworth Avenue. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Ig4amV3RGTnsYwNnd2nJ4lhMsNslXN8r?usp=sharing>

#5881 – Area Variance – Snyder & Snyder LLP on behalf of New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless , owner , on premises know as 701 Ridge Hill Blvd, Block:4076, Lot: 1;Zone: PMD, (B0035684) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Dx2f1v4Z1mnJP017NrrHU2eUuB0otXz?usp=sharing>

#5882 – Use Variance and Area Variance – LHP Architects, PLLC on behalf of New York City department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) owner, of the Hillview Police Precinct Headquarters property located at 750 Mclean Ave aka 81 Cumberland Drive, Block: 6224, Lot:32 Zone: BR ,(B0034792) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NdJNyt-b99owA9BTcTebt0_uzGFrihSU?usp=sharing

#5883 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates, P.C. on behalf of 105 Deerhurst LLC , owner , on premises know as 105 Deerhurst Road, Block: 4961, Lot:31,Zone: S-100 (B0035444) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12GjoDuEcYkvzuhMQufvMhA8pKEcd_Mjb?usp=sharing

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#5885 (case #5417 previously) – Appeal from a Interpretation/Decision/Order of the Commissioner of Buildings – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of 494 Palmer LLC, owner, on premises know as 494 Palmer Road, Block:5450, Lot:52 (B0034253) Zone: S-50 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jNC8gKMT4TCAFT02pyISZm2QX6JsAXAa?usp=sharing>

#5886 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of San 81 LLC, owner , on premises know as 78 Sweetfield Cir, Block:6050, Lot: 65 (B0035290) Zone :S-50 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YOdTAXIX7BE54av49BzDLDK823C6rSyr?usp=sharing>

#5887 – Area Variance- Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of San 81 LLC, owner , on premises know as 70 Sweetfield Cir, Block:6050, Lot: 371 (B0035297) Zone :S-50 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YOdTAXIX7BE54av49BzDLDK823C6rSyr?usp=sharing>

#5888 – Area Variance— Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of San 81 LLC, owner , on premises know as 61 Morningside Ave, Block:2163, Lot: 10 (B0035486) Zone :M <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-OMTpgVs9R0m5liVcv4kSnTyOtBxsg9?usp=sharing>

#5889 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates, P.C. on behalf of Francisco Barbedo, owner, on premises know as 58 (aka 40) Halley Street , Block:5220, Lot:58 (B0035747) Zone: T <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HHPXOEwob2X0XtgUSyJWzPCOgpSHAqGC?usp=sharing>

#5890 – Use Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates, P.C. on behalf of 31 Palisades Associates LLC, owner, on premises know as 31 (aka 29) Palisade Avenue, Block:2027, Lot:56 (B0035775) Zone: D-MX <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Jxvr6COVf21MEBwJa0DOWZn0o6lHrpDn?usp=sharing>

#5891- Area Variance & Improvements to a Non-Conforming Use- Shahin Badaly, on behalf 1061 Nepperhan Ave, Owners, on premises know as 1055 Nepperhan Avenue , Block;3089 Lot:22.27 (B0035701) Zone: T <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SdwOqOgHX95cDFBg-dLS6ugSwKXc6Z-A?usp=sharing>

#5892- Area Variance - Shahin Badaly, on behalf 1 Monroe Street LLC, Owners, on premises know as 1 Monroe Street , Block;3130 Lot:30 (B0034022) Zone: T <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yGupHWbPIBM8ISUchcb2uLkv2xYdCm5J?usp=sharing>

#5893 – Area Variance – Zarin & Steinmetz, LLP on behalf of 13 Hawthorne Yonkers, LLC; 15 Hawthorne Yonkers AMS LLC; 17 Hawthorne Yonkers AMS LLC; 62 BV Yonkers AMS LLC; Miroza Tower LLC, owners, on premises know as 62 (aka 64) Buena Vista Avenue; 60 Buena Vista Avenue; 13 Hawthorne Avenue; 15 Hawthorne Avenue; and 17 Hawthorne Avenue, Block: 511, Lots: 28,30,11,12 &13 (B0036206) Zone: DWD https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AtqP6cCvp_7eyzT-1If3CA7dMzCsNi_u?usp=sharing

Letter to the Editor:

THE ULTIMATE HYPOCRACY—

Year after year, the “Lords of Baseball” have denied Pete Rose, a/k/a “Charlie Hustle” his rightful place in the Baseball Hall of Fame, using the excuse that he “bet on Baseball games”—while there is some amount of truth to this allegation, Pete never bet on his team, and always gave 100% of effort to winning while he played.

Now, in this year of 2025, one Major League Baseball team has partnered with a gambling syndicate so that people watching their games on TV can place bets on the outcome (with the club getting a “big cut” of the profits).

This is the very thing the Baseball “Execs” have been screaming, and railing against for years—it is very evident that now these club owners and their “commissioner” have sold out to “THE ALMIGHTY DOLLAR”.

The old adage applies here: “Don’t do as I do—Do as I say.”

Joe Pettit
Yorktown HTS

SUMMONS Supreme Court of New York, Westchester County. GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1, Plaintiff, -against-

CLAUDIA C. HUIE A/K/A CLAUDIA COLLEEN HUIE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF IONA HUIE A/K/A IONA J. HUIE; UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF IONA HUIE A/K/A IONA J. HUIE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT) O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE" AND "JANE DOE" said names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants of the premises being foreclosed herein,, Defendants Index No. 75940/2024 Mortgaged Premises: 550 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue Yonkers, NY 10705 n/k/a 552 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue Yonkers, NY 10705 TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above captioned action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a Defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service hereof. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT THE OBJECTIVE of the above captioned action is to foreclose home equity conversion mortgage to secure \$780,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on October 7, 2009, as Control Number 492650633, covering the premises known as 550 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705 n/k/a 552 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. The relief sought herein is a final judgment directing sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the mortgage described above. Venue is based upon the County in which the mortgaged premises is located. 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. FRIEDMAN VARTOLO, LLP 1325 Franklin Avenue, Suite 160 Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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Yonkers. The first is the attraction of TV and Film production companies to Yonkers, which the City has rebranded as Hollywood on the Hudson.

Before the address, a video featured Great Point Studios CEO Robert Halmi driving the Mayor around London. Halmi said that Lionsgate studios in Yonkers are now the largest in the northeast.

“Just look at the lights and cameras of Hollywood on Hudson. Film and television production is in almost every corner of the City. From public streets and public properties to studios steps from this auditorium, Yonkers is a filming center thanks to our diverse landscape, skilled talent pool, and proximity to the biggest City in the country.

Spano continued, “You just saw our friend Robert Halmi of Great Point Studios spotlight how Yonkers is now home to the largest studios in the northeast. Just this past year, we hosted 124 film days that generated close to one million dollars in permit fees—the most ever for us. And this is just the beginning.

“Media Pro is set to open in a few weeks and two new studios are on their way to be approved at the former Rising Ground property.”

Mayor Spano pointed out that Yonkers’s TV and film production boom helps create jobs for its residents. “At Great Point Studios alone, 60% of their employees live in or are from Yonkers – and many are graduates of Yonkers Public Schools.

“Those numbers are going to get even better. The Robert Halmi Senior Academy of Film & Television is creating a direct pipeline to high-paying jobs for its students. It only opened this year, but by twenty-thirty-one, RHA will graduate a class with seven years of hands-on film experience that will transfer their skills to the workforce or use them for their post-secondary education. Our students can go from graduation from our newest school to a great job at our newest studio.”

Mayor Spano next turned to a project that has yet to be approved: a full-scale gaming license for MGM Empire Casino. “Now, let’s talk about potentially the most significant boost to our economy going forward. MGM’s Empire City Casino is vying for a full gaming license, one of three that the State will award by the end of this year.

“This is a make-or-break situation for Yonkers. Empire City is already the City’s biggest private employer. A full gaming license will add table games plus a concert venue. It means more than one billion dollars in economic activity and two billion dollars in private investment.

“It means thousands of jobs and more than two hundred million dollars in additional wages. And virtually all of those jobs are local.

“But, let’s be clear. If Yonkers does not get full gaming and the licenses go to other locations in the New York City area, then it’s very unlikely that Empire City will survive long term. So, not only would Yonkers miss out on two hundred million in new salaries and tens of millions in new tax revenues, but we would probably see the City’s largest private employer close altogether.

That would be disastrous. “We recognize that more people coming to Empire City means more traffic, which means more upgrades to the surrounding area. We also recognize that more traffic means more people and more investments to improve the area. We are working closely with the neighbors and MGM to develop a community benefits package that best handles the surge of visitors and commerce.

“But if we fail to preserve our City’s biggest private employer, we will regret it. I urge Governor Hochul to keep playing her hand and secure this gaming license because, with a revitalized southeast Yonkers, more jobs, and even more visitors, there’s no question Yonkers will win big as a destination.”

Other items highlighted by Mayor Spano include:

Yonkers Public Schools and My Brother’s Keeper: “Now, let’s turn to the next generation. That means our schools. Yonkers Public Schools are stronger than ever. You’ve heard about its nationally recognized mentor programs like My Brother’s and Sister’s Keeper, increased testing scores, and certified biliteracy programs. Yonkers has led the Big 5 in graduation rates for the past nine years and is designated a model community by the Obama Foundation.

“We’re not stopping there. Yonkers MBK is reaching new heights and embarking on new milestones. We’ve increased our graduation rates, but now we want to make sure students are ready for a career or trade. Teaming up with Monroe University, MBK students will soon be able to enroll in an accredited pre-teaching CTE program. This provides a clear pathway into the teaching profession and equips our students with the skills and credentials needed to thrive as future educators. “

The Mayor also announced a new school planned for the Yonkers Public Schools. “At the site of the old Mulford Gardens housing complex adjacent to Grant Park, we will erect a grade school for 800 students. Just as we did at Sotomayor, this will be a community school – that includes an auditorium, full gym, library, music and art space, plus medical offices and a pool for neighborhood access. I want to take this opportunity to thank our State delegation, led by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, for rallying around this visionary project.”

Spano also appointed the first two student representatives to the Yonkers Board of Education. “Tonight, it is with great pleasure that I introduce to you William Willams and Jaelynn Wesley, seniors who will serve as ex-officio trustees on the Yonkers Board of Education for the remainder of their school year. They will provide insight into how the policies and procedures affect our students and serve as a conduit to the student body. Thank you, and welcome to the Yonkers Board of Education.”

The Mayor also proposed the construction of a new Yonkers Library. “Two years ago, I stood here and announced my proposal for a fourth library branch to accommodate our flourishing City. Tonight, I am happy to share that we’ve identified the former Lincoln Park Jewish Center on Central Avenue as a potential location. Accessible and centrally located, the Center can be repurposed into another home for learning and community. I look forward to working with Majority Leader John Rubbo and the rest of the Council, the Library Board led by Nancy Moran, and Director Jesse Montero as we foster our City’s connection to literacy.”

Other interesting parts of the Mayor’s address included:

Crime: “In just the last year, major crimes have decreased by double digits and by over 30% since 2011 — all by building relationships with the community, embracing technology, and diversifying our force.”

Untermeyer Gardens. “Record-breaking crowds. In 2024, Untermeyer reached an extraordinary milestone, welcoming 300,000 visitors, the largest in the garden’s history. This remarkable achievement goes beyond the numbers—it speaks to the impact of the Persian Gardens in making Yonkers a true cultural hub. What once was a well-kept secret is now a place of beauty and history, drawing visitors near and far.”

Remembering Lucia Trovato: “I also want to take this opportunity to give a special thank you to our dear departed friend Lucia Trovato. If you ever attended a City Hall event, including this annual address, then you enjoyed the fruits of Lucia’s labor. Maybe you came across her at Will Library, where she volunteered for years, or at the many. Columbus Day festivities she so proudly organized. She was a walking treasure trove of local history and shared it with all who would listen, delivering it with her signature smile and engaging wit. There was no question, Lucia loved Yonkers. And we loved her right back. We miss Lucia and thank her.”

Note: Former Yonkers Mayor Kristen Kristensen (1950–1961) appears to have served the longest before Mayor Spano, who is now in his 14th year of service.

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Westchester County Parks Hole in One Junior Golf Camp Returns

Young golfers can tee up for success!

Fore! Hole-in-One Junior Golf Camp returns to Westchester County Parks' six golf courses this summer for children ages 7 to 17. Registration opens Monday, April 7 at noon.

Junior Golf Camp locations are Dunwoodie and Sprain Lake in Yonkers, Hudson Hills in Ossining, Maple Moor in White Plains, Mohansic in Yorktown Heights and Saxon Woods in Scarsdale. Camp will be held Monday through Thursday, from Monday July 7 through Thursday, Aug. 14. Dates and times vary per course.

County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Junior Golf Camp provides a comfortable learning environment, an excellent opportunity for young golfers looking to improve their game and create a chance for kids to fall in love with the game of golf. Campers are taught in small groups by PGA professionals who will inspire the young athletes to cultivate their golf skills."

At Hole-in-One Junior Golf Camp, kids of all skill levels will learn the game's fundamentals, hone their skills and develop their confidence.

Commissioner of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "Our six pro-level golf courses offer beautiful landscapes, top-notch facilities and well-maintained grounds. Their locations—at the top, in the middle and in the lower part of Westchester—are convenient to everyone."

Tuition is \$100 per Westchester resident camper, per session. For more information, call (914) 231-2146.

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Gabriel added that recent proposed federal cuts triggered by the President's executive orders would not only devastate vulnerable populations who receive assistance, but result in a loss of jobs that would strike a blow to the economy given that nonprofits account for nearly 17 percent of jobs in New York State.

"When you are cutting food stamps, SNAP benefits etc. there are people who administer those programs, those are jobs," he said. He added, "There is so much uncertainty around some of these executive orders and in some cases, the rule of law is not being followed, they are just being implemented."

Gabriel said executive orders have targeted basic services such as \$1 billion to help schools and food banks purchase food, proposed cuts that would make 12 million children ineligible for school meals. In addition, more than 42 million Americans would be affected by cuts to SNAP or food stamps as well as cuts to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) that would cause Westchester to lose \$500,000 from its Emergency Food and Shelter program.

Judith Watson, CEO of the Westchester Community Health Center, emphasized that nonprofits have a large role in supporting the health and well-being of a community. She highlighted that essential services such as economic stability, education, housing, food, and childcare — among other supports provided by nonprofits — are key social determinants of health that directly impact health outcomes. "It impacts the health of each and every one of us. We can't do this work alone. We have to do it together," she said.

Monica Hidalgo, Corporate Director of Community Relations for New York Presbyterian, and Taryn Duffy, Founder and President of Tarsam Public Affairs, both discussed how businesses and hospitals work with nonprofits to keep the community healthier and advance other people-focused goals.

Hidalgo said that New York Presbyterian, like other hospitals, uses data such as community health needs assessments to determine how they can best support a community's health needs. She said New York Presbyterian invested nearly \$1 million in Westchester this past year to support programs to combat food insecurity and support maternal child health.

Duffy, who worked for MGM and Empire City in public affairs and community outreach for many years, said that data shows that corporations benefit from philanthropy, enjoying broader support from consumers and employees when they do good work. She encouraged other companies to do the same.

"The benefits of corporate social responsibility touches every area of the business, everything from investor relations and brand reputation to customer loyalty and workforce engagement. 77 percent of consumers are motivated to purchase from companies that are committed to making the world a better place. 71 percent of employees actually care whether or not their employers are giving back through philanthropy and volunteering."

She said nearly 99 percent of S&P 500 companies filed corporate social responsibility reports in 2023 compared with only 20 percent in 2011.

Michael Schiliro, Senior Vice President, PCSB Bank, said it was not only the business community's responsibility to help support nonprofits, but it makes good financial sense. "We need to pay attention to how we can better improve society. At PCSB Bank we are proud of being engaged in the nonprofit community for over 150 years."

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins delivered the opening remarks for the program. Also speaking were: Paul J. Dunphey, Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer, NYP Westchester Hospital and Ron Abad, NPW President; CEO, Community Housing Innovations.

Westchester County to Host Four Free Compost Giveaway Event in Celebration of Earth Month

Residents Must Register in Advance to Receive Free Compost at Upcoming Earth Month Events

The Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) is celebrating Earth Month by offering free compost to residents through its CompostED program. The CompostED site, a small-scale compost education and demonstration facility, processes up to two tons of food scraps weekly, serving as a vital educational hub for composting in the County.

To promote local food composting and provide valuable resources to the community, DEF will host several compost distribution events across Westchester County.

Event Schedule:

- Saturday, April 5: Willson's Woods Park, Mt. Vernon, 10 AM– 2 PM
- Sunday, April 6: Glen Island Park, New Rochelle, 10 AM – 2 PM
- Wednesday, April 9: Household Materials Recycling Facility, Valhalla, 4-7PM
- Sunday, April 27: Household Materials Recycling Facility, Valhalla, 10AM-2 PM

Important Information:

- Due to limited quantities, registration is required for all events.
- Residents must register online for a specific time slot to receive compost.
- Registration can be completed at: <https://environment.westchestergov.com/residential-compost-distribution-events>
- Each registered resident will receive two 1-cubic-foot bags of compost.
- DEF staff will be on-site to verify registration and load pre-bagged compost into residents' vehicles.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Composting is an important way we can all reduce waste and care for our environment. Through our CompostED program, residents can learn the benefits of food scrap recycling whether through our Residential Food Scrap Transportation and Disposal Program (RFSTAD), or at home. We are pleased to offer residents access to high-quality compost made right here in Westchester at this event. I encourage everyone to register for one of our giveaway events and take part in this meaningful Earth Month initiative."

Spring is here and CompostED tours are picking back up! To schedule a tour, or learn more about CompostED, residents can contact DEF at CompostEd@WestchesterCountyNY.gov, visit our website [environment.westchestergov.com]environment.westchestergov.com or call the Recycling HelpLine at (914)813-5425.

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Westchester County Clerk Tim Idoni. Faith leaders Bishop Troy P. DeCohen and Imam Shaffieq Chace offered invocations to bless the event.

U.S. Senate Democratic Leader Charles E. Schumer spoke at the event and commended Jenkins for his lifelong dedication to public service and his commitment to the people of Westchester County. Additional remarks were delivered by U.S. Congressman George Latimer, New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli, and Westchester County Democratic Committee Chair Suzanne Berger. The program also included a video message of congratulations from U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, New York State Attorney General Letitia James and New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins.

The event also featured a special poetry reading by Westchester County Poet Laureate Phylisha Villanueva, as well as a performance by the Calvary Baptist Church Youth Choir. A video presentation titled "Kenneth W. Jenkins – Strength in Public Service that Benefits the Most People" offered a reflection on his accomplishments and aspirations for the County.

The swearing-in ceremony was administered by The Honorable Kathie E. Davidson, Dean of the NYS Judicial Institute. During his remarks after the swearing-in ceremony Jenkins reaffirmed his commitment to Westchester County, emphasizing competency, civility and stability in his administration.

Jenkins: "You voted for stability, competency, and civility. You voted to chart a course that reflects our highest ideals. Here in Westchester we don't fly the airplane on the left wing, and we don't fly it on the right wing – we fly it right down the middle. And, we are on the journey, but the journey will be long. The work is just beginning. But we will not falter. We will rise to the challenge because, here in Westchester, we vote with our hearts, we vote with our heads, and we vote to enact laws that protect, defend, and uplift one another—always—regardless of skin color, gender, religion, or anything else that some try to use as weapons to divide us. We will not be divided. In Westchester, we respond and not react. Together, we will build a future that reflects the values we hold dear. The road ahead is long, but the strength and determination of this community will guide us every step of the way. And I stand here, humbly, to serve you and this great County. Our Westchester County."

Benedictions were delivered by Arun Bhagirath from the Hindu Temple of Tri-State and Rabbi Leora Frankel of Larchmont Temple, closing the ceremony with blessings for Jenkins' tenure ahead.

The event concluded with a celebratory reception at the David Swope Student Center, where attendees gathered to honor the new County Executive and look forward to a promising future under his leadership.

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without newspapers, or newspapers without a government
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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Birding for Beginners, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. For anyone interested in bird watching, this is a great way to learn some basics. Bring binoculars and your questions! Led by Chris Mignone of Central Westchester Audubon.

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Nature Camp Open House, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. See what summer camp at Cranberry Lake Preserve is all about! Meet our camp director for games, activities and a short hike around the preserve.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Nature Camp Open House, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Drop in for a sneak peek at our summer ecology camp program ages 5 and up.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Coffee with the Camp Director, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Stop by to explore the farm, ask questions and learn about our new summer camp program for children ages 4 through 13.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Summer Nature Camp Open House, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet the director to learn about what camp is.

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Nature Camp Open House, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet our camp director for games, activities and a short hike.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322 Nature Camp Open House, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet our camp director for games, activities and a short hike around the museum.

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

History and Highlights of Lasdon Tour, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. A certified urban naturalist leads this walking tour. Stops include examining the William and Mildred Memorial Garden, the magnolia trees, lilacs, conifers and azalea garden. Visitors also learn about the history of Lasdon's main house. Also: May 3; June 7. Pre-registration required at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/history-and-highlights-of-lasdon-tour-2/>

Tarrytown Lighthouse in Sleepy Hollow: (914) 862-5297. Tours of Tarrytown Lighthouse in Sleepy Hollow, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Visit Westchester County's historic 1883 Hudson River lighthouse. Also: April 12, 19, 26; May 10, 17, 24, 31; June 14, 21, 28. Pre-register for hourly tours <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tarrytown-lighthouse-in-sleepy-hollow-tours-tickets-1291788567379?aff=erelexpmlt>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. The Farm Stand, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The stand is open today. On May 8, it returns for its regular season, running Thursday through Sunday. Buy our harvested crops as well as freshly grown greens from our greenhouse. We offer a 50 percent discount on eligible items for customers paying with SNAP benefits. For specific inquiries, call the farm stand at (914) 862-5034 during hours of operation.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Animal Meet & Greet, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. See Hilltop's animals up close! Join one of our educators to learn more about our cows and goats, how we care for them and their purpose on the farm! Also: May 3; June 7. \$15 per person; registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-meet-greet-tickets-1124513212289?aff=oddtcreator>

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Old Time Music Jam, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. This event is a monthly gathering of local, acoustic musicians who play traditional Appalachian fiddle music. Play or just listen, and enjoy the community that music can create! Musicians of all levels are welcome. Also: May 3, June 7.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322. Microscope Safari, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. All ages are welcome to join this exploration of the hidden features of our flora, fauna and fungi! Learn how to use a dissection microscope to traverse the unseen features of everyday objects.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Volunteer Work Project: Spreading Wood Chips, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Help beautify one of the unique habitats at the Sanctuary. Please bring work gloves. Hand tools will be provided. Great for service credit hours.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. How to Start Seeds Indoors: Homes & Greenhouses, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Learn the process of starting seeds indoors and the equipment needed to fit your space and resources. Other topics: the hardening-off process and transplantation into a garden. For ages 14 and up; all learners under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Free; registration required: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/04/05/how-to-start-seeds-indoors-homes-greenhouses/518688>

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Mindful in Spring: A Half-Day Nature Retreat for Renewal & Well-Being, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Explore nature meditation and mindfulness practices that enhance our connection to the earth and that offer us ease, resilience, perspective and tranquility. Activities will include sensory awareness practices, seated meditation, nourishing silence and gentle hiking and walking, led by meditation teacher, Liz Slade. \$20 per person; registration required: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/04/06/mindful-in-spring-a-half-day-nature-retreat-for-renewal-well-being/518400>

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7263. Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Enhance your gardening skills and plant knowledge by working side by side with the gardeners at Lasdon Park. Tasks include planting, watering, weeding, pruning, staking, deadheading, potting up, and more! Free; registration required: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-04-06/>

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Project Feeder Watch, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. From a warm indoor perch and in association with Saw Mill River Audubon, observe and learn about the birds that visit feeders in our area. Free. Also: April 13, 20.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Animal Interactions, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ages 8 and up can enter one of the enclosures, where they will see, touch and learn more about an animal of the farmer's choice! Also: May 4; June 8. \$25 for a group of two; registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-interactions-tickets-1264390709649?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

SBBID Firing, continued from pg 1-

the upcoming election; that she and they found it odd that you, as the face of the BID, were working for her opponent; and that she was upset that this was happening.”

“I told her that the BID does not take any positions on any election... We can only deal with those people who are already in office... we have to stay out of any campaign.”

Gordon served as the Executive Director of the South Broadway BID for five years. She now claims that she was fired for exercising her First Amendment Rights.

Diaz said, “This is disturbing and unethical. I will leave it up to the District Attorney and New York State Attorney General, who have both received my complaint in this matter, to determine if Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac’s actions rise to criminal conduct.”

“At a time when political retribution and retaliatory firings are being condemned at the national level under #DonaldTrump, Corazon Pineda Isaac should be ashamed of engaging in similar tactics,” said Diaz, who added that because politics has damaged the South Broadway BID’s mission to carry out its nonpartisan mission of delivering essential services to the South Broadway area, she will not be supporting the upcoming budget proposals for the SB-BID, pending an investigation.

“Councilwoman Corazon Pineda Isaac strong-armed and pressured the Chairman of a Business Improvement District to fire someone for exercising their First Amendment rights. Jessica Guisto-gordon did nothing other than exercise her constitutional right to free speech. Therefore, I will be voting no on any budget or agenda items before the City Council that allocate funding to the #SouthBroadwayBID until a full and thorough investigation is conducted,” said Diaz.

Several facts will have to be determined to see if Gordon has a lawsuit. Was Gordon collecting petition signatures on her own time, or while she was working for the SBBID?

If she was not working for the SBBID at the time of collecting signatures, then she does appear to be within her rights to support any candidate for office on her own time.

But if there is proof that Gordon was collecting signatures while on the clock for the BID, then she is in the wrong and her termination was warranted. We have heard about someone following Gordon around South Yonkers while she was collecting signatures.

The political dynamic between Diaz and Pineda-Isaac is beyond repair.

A spokesperson for Pineda-Isaac’s campaign said, “There is no merit to this, and so it’s not worthy of a comment.”

YPD Taser, continued from pg 1-

GREENE while ordering him to drop the knife, with Detective Specialist Goldberg joining and assisting shortly thereafter.

Within seconds, Officers McCormack and Petrucelli arrived on scene and rushed to assist. While GREENE continued walking towards Getty Square, he continued to ignore Officers’ orders to drop the knife. Officers McCormack and Petrucelli deployed their Tasers at GREENE resulting in a successful hit and causing him to drop the knife while falling to the ground. Officers rushed to secure the knife and apprehend GREENE who continued to struggle before being placed under arrest.

GREENE was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon, Menacing a Police Officer, Resisting Arrest, Obstruction of Governmental Administration, and Assault 2nd for injuries he caused to one of our Officers while struggling after being disarmed.

There were no injuries to GREENE or to the public as a result of this incident- but this could have ended very differently. When we equip our Officers with the best tools and provide them with the best training, we create opportunities for intense and dangerous situations to be resolved in ways that are better than expected for all involved.

Ways to avoid getting tazed? Don’t walk the streets with knives, but if you must- just listen to Officers when they tell you to put it down.

“Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

-Thomas Jefferson

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Date Filed: 12/4/2024

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS WITH NOTICE

MORTGAGED PREMISES: 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10701 aka 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10703

SBL #: 2-2164-20

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER County as the place of trial; venue is based upon the county in which the mortgaged premises is situate.

STATE OF NEW YORK

SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC4 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC4,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Derick Smith a/k/a Derek J. Smith; Patrick Mitchell a/k/a Patrick M. Mitchell, if living and if he be dead, his heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants; and all heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; Linette Roy; Rushmore Recoveries XIV LLC; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the attorneys for the Plaintiff within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after service is complete if this 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 Amended Complaint.

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 PAYMENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY WILL NOT STOP THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

THE OBJECT of the above captioned action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure \$300,000.00 and interest, recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Westchester on August 14, 2018 as CRFN 582083024, covering premises known as 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10701 a/k/a 109 Morningside Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10703, SBL #: 2-2164-20.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above. The Plaintiff also seeks a deficiency judgment against the Defendants and for any debt secured by said Mortgage which is not satisfied by the proceeds of the sale of said premises.

TO the Defendants Patrick Mitchell a/k/a Patrick M. Mitchell, if living and if he be dead, his heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants; and all heirs-at-law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated, the foregoing Supplemental Summons with Notice is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Robert S. Ondrovic, J.S.C. of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester, dated and filed February 24, 2025.

Dated: March 4, 2025

/s/ Christina A. Incorvaia, Christina A. Incorvaia, Esq.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC

420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 840, New York, New York 10170

Phone: 347.286.7409, Fax: 347-286-7414

Attorneys for Plaintiff,

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as Trustee, as successor-in-interest to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the J.P. Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Trust 2006-WMC4 Asset Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-WMC4

HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE

NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.

The State encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for

information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process.

To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York State Banking Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or visit the Department's website at www.dfs.ny.gov.

FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS

Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services.

Westchester County to Fund \$15 Million for Riverfront Park in Ludlow-Yonkers



On March 24, the Westchester County Board of Legislators approved a local law authorizing the County to partner with the City of Yonkers on a new 3.8-acre Hudson River waterfront park in the Ludlow Section. The County will convey a ½ acre of unused, vacant land to Yonkers and contribute \$15 million toward its construction, improvements and land remediation. In exchange, Yonkers will operate and maintain the park, will include a boat launch, playground and green space, offering free parking and entry to all county residents.

At his State of the City address, Mayor Mike Spano said thank you to the Westchester County Board of Legislators for partnering and contributing \$15 million toward our new waterfront park in the Ludlow neighborhood, which will be used for construction, improvements, and land remediation. The new 3.8-acre waterfront park will give residents direct access to the Hudson River, walkable open space and will have an enormous impact on the look and feel of the downtown area.

Send us your letters, announcements, opinions, photos and story ideas to

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 68714/2022

REVERSE MORTGAGE FUNDING LLC

Plaintiff,
vs.

CLARA B. SOMERVILLE; FEDERAL HOUSING COMMISSIONER,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12", the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,

Defendants.

Plaintiff designates
WESTCHESTER as the place of
trial situs of the real property

**SUPPLEMENTAL
SUMMONS**

Mortgaged Premises:
116 ESPLANADE, MOUNT
VERNON NY 10553

Section: 165.57, Block: 2086,

Lot: 2

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$912,000.00 and interest, recorded on February 27, 2019, in Instrument Number 590583180, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 116 ESPLANADE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10553.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: March 5th, 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff, Oluwatobi Adedokun, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, NY 11590, 516-280-7675

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Maryland; the beverage alcohol would be transported by tank trucks to avoid adding to railway traffic.

April 9, 1943: City Hall once again was impacted by the Selective Service; City Manager William Walsh reported six men, three firefighters and three police officers, were called into active duty in the Armed Services.

Thursday, April 10th

April 10, 1904: Former Mayor William Gibson was injured seriously falling off the steps of a bus in London!

He moved to England in 1887 to run Otis Elevator's American Elevator Company of England and contracted to provide elevators in the Eiffel Tower, and other locations in England, Scotland and the continent.

The third Mayor of our city, he served from 1876 to 1878.

April 10, 1937: Three employees of the Alexander Smith Carpet Factory, fired for union activities, were reinstated with back pay as a result of Supreme Court's decision in one of the nation's first tests of the National Labor Relations Act.

Friday, April 11th

April 11, 1933: Yonkers Common Council gave permission to Otis Elevator Company to build an enclosed bridge over Atherton Street 38 feet above street level. The bridge would connect its main manufacturing building with a proposed third story to be added to its shipping and storage building.

April 11, 1953: A Yonkers Street was named after movie star Gloria De Haven!

Originally planned as Adirondack Oval in the Greystone Gardens development, instead was called De Haven Drive at the request of developer Martin Kimmel. Kimmel, "a friend" of Ms. De Haven, married the star a few months later.

Saturday, April 12th

April 12, 1855: The Village of Yonkers was incorporated!

Our Village had a waterfront slightly more than a mile long; its average width was barely a mile. The population of the entire township, including Kingsbridge, was 7554. The village did not include the Ludlow estate nor the land owned by Shonnard, as neither man wanted their property part of the village.

The first Village President was William Radford; William Post was first Village Clerk.

April 12, 1905: The Colored Cooperative Company broke ground for a three-family house at Riverdale Avenue and Culver Street. Francis Moultrie, who lived at 140 Warburton Avenue, was Treasurer of the company, and Yonkers' first Black property owner.

Owner of the largest apartment building in our city, he also was one of the largest taxpayers of Yonkers.

Moultrie was one of the most sought-after caterers in the New York Metropolitan area; his specialty was ice cream!

Sunday, April 13th

April 13, 1775: Frederick Philipse signed a petition swearing allegiance to the King; this document later became known as the Declaration of Dependence.

April 13, 1914: S. Francis Quick, builder of more than half of Yonkers factories and many of the more luxurious homes, passed away after surgery two days earlier. He built Yonkers High School, St. John's Rectory, St. John's Hospital, and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. A few notable homes he built were Round Oaks (William Allen Butler), Duncraggan (Cochran Residence), and Glenview (Trevor), as well as homes for James Colgate, Percy Pyne, William Dodge, John Andrus, John Havemeyer, David Hawley and many more.

Questions or comments on this column? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.

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MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 AT 6PM
Bernice Spreckman Community Center
777 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, NY

Join City Elected Officials, City Commissioners and MGM for a presentation and discussion on the City's efforts in obtaining one of three full-gaming licenses New York State is expected to grant to downstate communities.

Learn more and provide your input.



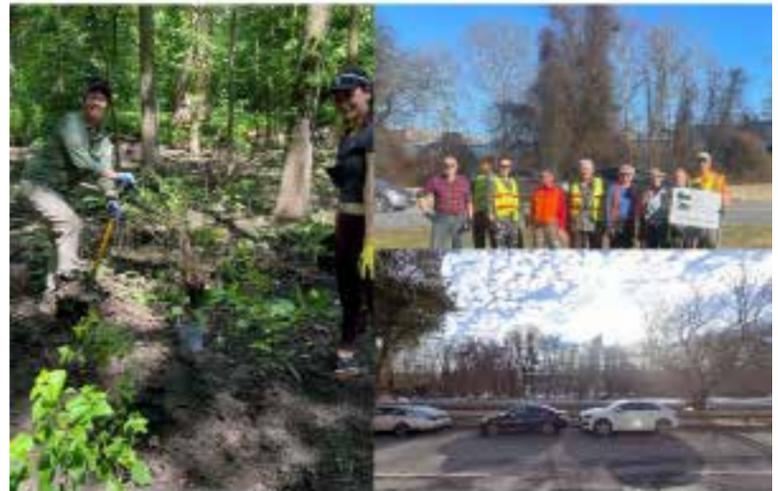
TREE PLANTING & BEAUTIFICATION

Saturday, April 5th
10am-2pm



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