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## Mayor Spano's Backpack to School Drive Collects 400 Backpacks with Supplies for Students

First Day of School September 5



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today joined Yonkers Board of Education President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio, Superintendent of Schools Anibal Soler, Jr., Yonkers City Councilmembers, Montessori School 27 Principal Lourdes Cruz and event sponsors to present 400 backpacks, filled with school supplies, to the students at Montessori School 27 as part of the Mayor's annual "Backpack to School Drive."

"I am always deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our community and sponsors," said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. "Collaboratively, we have collected an abundance of back

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## Dominican in Yonkers, DIY! Large Crowds Attend First Dominican Festival in Yonkers



City Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, left, with Council President Lakisha-Collins Bellamy

The first Dominican Festival in Yonkers was held along Main Street on Aug. 24. The energy was electric, with vibrant music, rich cultural displays, and delicious food that brought the community together in celebration of our heritage. A huge congratulations to Marisol Mancebo and all the organizers for putting together such a spectacular event. It was a day filled with pride, joy, and unity,

**See More Photos on pg 8-**

## Mayor Spano & Yonkers Public Schools Announce 3-Year Capital Plan for AC in all School Buildings



NYSUT President Melinda Person (left), with Kathleen Richmond, 2nd Grade Teacher at School 21, discussing the high temperatures in school. See story on pg 2

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Superintendent of Schools Anibal Soler, Jr. today announced the City of Yonkers will commit \$5.8 million in capital funding over the next three years to invest in air conditioning in all of the District's 39 public school buildings.

"Investing in the spaces in which our students learn is equally important as the funding needed to educate them," said Mayor Spano. "For nearly ten years, the City of Yonkers has invested over \$300 million in the aging infrastructure of our Yonkers Public Schools in order to provide them every possible advantage to learn, grow and flourish. With this dedicated capital funding, we are continuing our commitment to improving every aspect of our students' academic journey."

Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr. commented, "In just over three months as Superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools, I have seen firsthand the significant efforts made to enhance our educational facilities. Collaborating closely with Mayor Spano, I am fully committed to advancing the comprehensive three-year capital plan that addresses the growing need for climate-controlled learning environments. This plan reflects our dedication to providing every student and staff

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## Yonkers Police Search for Shooter at Doyle Park That Killed One Man

Just after 5pm on Aug. 26, Yonkers Police responded to 911 calls from Doyle Park, on Ashburton Avenue, of shots fired. Upon arrival, Officers located two adult male victims with gunshot wounds; both were transported to area hospitals where a 28-year old Daquan "Drizzy" was pronounced deceased and the other is currently in stable condition.

A large police presence deployed in and around the park, looking for the suspected shooter. This included help from the Westchester County Police Department and the Helicopter unit.

Detectives continue to actively investigate this incident, and more information may be released as it becomes available. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact Yonkers Detectives by calling 914-377-7724, or by submitting an anonymous tip- just text the keyword "YPD" + your tip to 274637 (CRIMES).

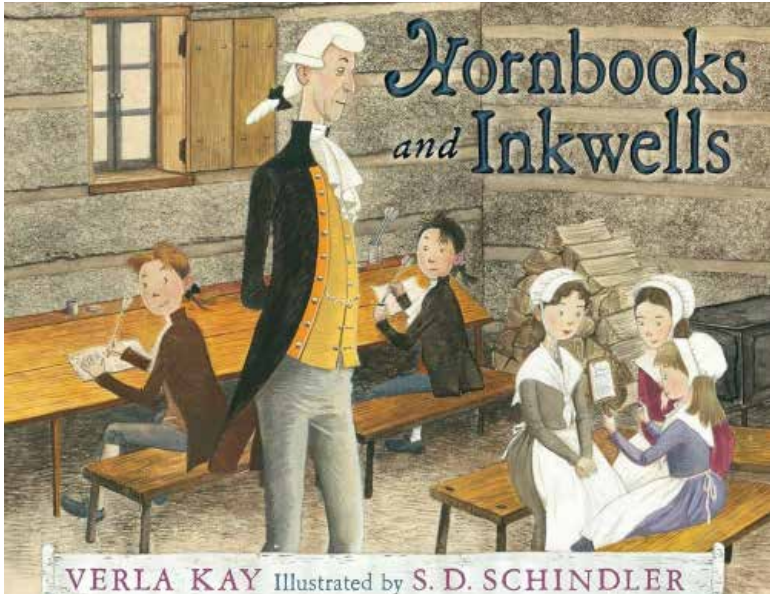
This is one of the few acts of violence this summer in Yonkers, but some residents are concerned about the time that the shooting took place, 5pm, and the fact that the park is used by families and young children.

Last month the Yonkers Fire Department and Mayor Spano opened a pop-up Water playground at Doyle Park.

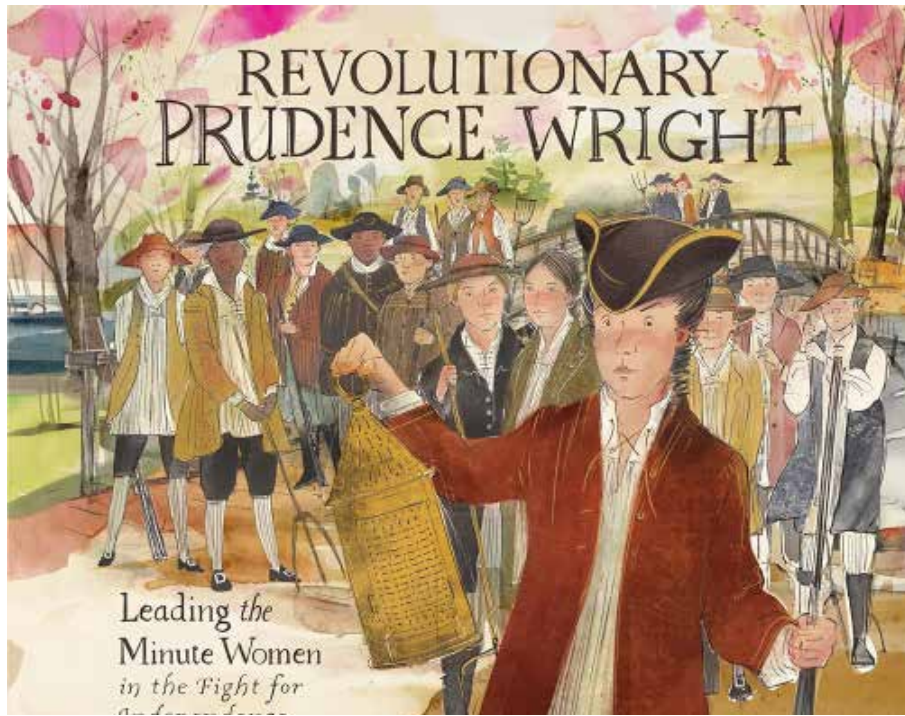


Doyle Park

**Philipse Manor Hall Hosts Yonkers Public Library for Story Time September 7**



Free program coincides with monthly Historical Games



Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site is pleased to host librarians from Yonkers Public Library, Riverfront Branch, for our monthly First Saturday Story Time program. Join us on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. for this free, family-friendly program.

We'll be reading Hornbooks and Inkwells by Verla Kay, a story of school in the 18th century, and Revolutionary Prudence Wright: Leading the Minute Women in the Fight for Independence by Beth Anderson, based on a true story about a woman who rallies her town in the face of the British. Free! No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Also on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., Philipse Manor Hall will offer Historical Games. How did people entertain themselves in the past? Join us indoors (outdoors, weather-permitting) at Philipse Manor Hall to try your hand at all kinds of historical games. Learn the history behind these games and then learn how to play Quoits, Nine Men's Morris, Shut the Box, Mancala, Graces, Ninepins, Captain's Mistress, and more! For children and adults. Free! No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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**NYSUT President Person visits Yonkers Schools, Encourages Governor to sign Classroom Heat Bill**



NYSUT President Melinda Person (left), with Jennifer Vizcaino, 4th Grade Teacher at MLK Jr. Academy School

NYSUT President Melinda Person visited three schools in Yonkers City School District today to talk to educators about how they are dealing with extreme heat in the classroom. President Person heard first-hand from educators — Kathleen Richmond at School 21, Jennifer Vizcaino at MLK Jr. School, and Jacqueline Daoud at Enrico Fermi School — and encouraged Gov. Kathy Hochul to sign the classroom heat bill passed by the Legislature into law as students and educators head back to classrooms next week.

“With a heat advisory here today and temperatures feeling close to 100 degrees, we’re encouraging Gov. Hochul to sign the classroom temperature bill into law,” said President Person. “Even animal shelters have maximum heat limits, but our classrooms do not. It’s dangerous for our students and not conducive to learning.”

“We are just a few people here today,” said teacher Jacqueline Daoud during a tour of her first-grade classroom at Enrico Fermi School. “Imagine 26 to 28 students in the classroom, my aides and then myself. So, it does get very hot in here.”

Temperatures inside Yonkers classrooms over the years have been recorded at over 100 degrees on classroom thermometers.

The school temperature bill, which passed the Legislature with overwhelming bipartisan support, requires schools to implement practical measures to manage extreme heat, but does not call for districts to make mandatory investments in costly HVAC systems or resort to school closures. If classrooms reach a temperature of 82 degrees or higher, districts must have a plan in place to cool temperatures, including turning off lights, pulling down shades, using fans and other methods. If a classroom’s temperature reaches 88 degrees, districts need to find an alternative learning location that is cooler for the safety of students and staff.

The bill is awaiting the governor’s signature.

“We had weeks of sweltering temperatures in classrooms at the beginning of last school year, and another few weeks at the end,” said President Person. “When classrooms are that hot, it is not safe for students and educators. They cannot learn and they cannot teach. We need the governor to take action to keep our classrooms safe. Our children are worth it.”

NYSUT compiled hundreds of testimonials from teachers around the state into its “Overheated” report, presented earlier this year. The union also held a demonstration at the state Capitol, setting up a portable sauna so legislators could experience the extreme temperatures students and educators face in classrooms on a regular basis.

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## Recent Court Decision: Mail in Ballots are Here to Stay in New York State

By Dan Murphy

The recent decision by the New York State of Appeals, that the law passed by the NY Legislature allowing all registered voters to be able to vote by mail, is constitutional, means that voters in the Empire State will be allowed to cast their ballots by mail for the foreseeable future.

The court ruled 6-1, in affirming a lower court decision that the vote by mail law in NY did not violate the NYS constitution.

In 2020 and in the middle of COVID, Governor Andrew Cuomo signed an executive order permitting voters to cast their ballots by mail. More than 1.5 Million New Yorkers cast their ballot by mail during a Presidential year.

In 2021, a referendum on mail in ballots was rejected by New Yorkers. But the state legislature moved forward with a law to permit mail in voting, which passed easily and was signed into law by Governor Hochul.

Most democrats support mail in voting, while republicans have opposed the concept, not only in New York but across the country. "The Court of Appeals decision today to uphold the legislature's mail-in early voting scheme is an affront to every New Yorker," said New York State Republican Chairman Ed Cox. "In 2021, voters soundly rejected a constitutional amendment to permit no-excuse absentee voting. Yet despite that decision, Gov. Hochul and the legislature decided to enact the functional equivalent of no-excuse absentee voting when they adopted mail-in early voting in 2023. This holding is clearly contrary to what generations of New York legislators, attorneys and judges had decided and what the people said in 2021 when they rejected the amendment.

For decades, the ability for New Yorkers to cast a vote by mail, or an absentee ballot, was difficult. Voters had to provide an explanation for their paper ballot, be it illness or vacation or otherwise.

New York Attorney General Letitia James, who defended the law in court, said, "The right to vote is the cornerstone of our nation, and government should make it easier for citizens to have their voices heard, not harder. While some want to put up roadblocks and stifle New Yorkers' ability to exercise their Constitutional right to vote, I will always stand up and protect this basic, yet essential, freedom. Every election, at every level of government, is a beautiful celebration of patriotism and civic responsibility, and I encourage all New Yorkers to exercise their right to vote and to hold their public servants accountable. I will keep working to protect our state's laws, and will do everything within my power to push back against anti-voting rights efforts and instead empower New Yorkers' access the polls."

In 2023, the state legislature passed the New York Early Mail Voter Act to allow all authorized registered voters to apply to vote by mail for any election in which they were eligible to participate. Since the legislation was signed into law, all eligible New York voters have been able to request mail-in ballots in multiple elections including both major political parties' presidential primaries, and special elections to fill vacancies around the state. Opponents of the legislation filed a lawsuit that, if upheld, would have undone the reform and meant that eligibility for requesting vote-by-mail rights would have been severely curtailed. The lawsuit was rejected by a trial court and the New York State Appellate Division, Third Department, and has been again rejected by the Court of Appeals, meaning that this voting reform will remain in effect going forward.

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## Summertime-Was Your Living Easy?

By Eric Wolf Schoen



What better way to end Summer 2024 than to reference Ella Fitzgerald, the lady from Yonkers, New York who sang Summertime, one of the most covered songs of all time with over 25,000 recordings to be exact. Her original jazz ballad from George Gershwin's Porgy & Bess is a summer classic.

So how was your summer? I was thinking about the last week of summer, a time when my family made our annual pilgrimage to the Catskills to our favorite hotel, Brickman's in South Fallsburg. Summer 2024 is by far the warmest summer we have had in a while. The temperature as we go to press is scheduled to rise to 94 degrees. But for some reason, when we would trek up to the beautiful Catskills as a kid, the weather the last week in August was 15 to 20 degrees below 94. Cooler at night.

Dad and I loved the outdoor Olympic sized pool at Brickman's, but if the weather cooled we were quite often the only ones in it. But on warm days like last week and 94 this week, everybody would be in the pool. It was so refreshing, and as the daughter of the owner of the hotel pointed out on Facebook, she would be in the pool too. Check out Patti Posner's book, 'My View from the Mountains' available on Amazon, a true thriller about the Catskills experience.

This has been a busy summer. After I wrote last week about the crazy NYC Congestion Pricing game played by Governor Hochul we learn that 50% of those who take public transit are not paying their fares! And she wants the motorists to pay the bill! Let the Governor and all those in favor of congestion pricing go down to the subways and onto the buses and teach the people that in America, when you use heavily subsidized public transit you still have to pay your fare.

I am hopeful that Congressman Elect George Latimer gets on the House Post Office and Civil Service committee because my article about the postal service drew complaints from all over the country. My latest Yonkers Post Office drama. My sister found some old stamps that required a 25 cent stamp to bring them up to 73 cents. The 10704 and 10710 Post Offices only had 1, 2 and 3 cents stamps. Using a 1 and 3 cents stamps, that meant 10 stamps on the envelope.

I went to the Scarsdale Post Office, and they had 28 cent stamps, the price for a second ounce

On a first class envelope. There are still many people who must mail things, many with a second ounce. The 10704 and 10710 don't have 28 cent Stamps. Unbelievable. I have a nice mail carrier, but for some reason there is a delay in him getting the mail. The delay? Postmaster General DeJoy is playing games delaying the mail to save money. This man has got to go.

In the radio news business, the sudden loss of WCBS NEWSRADIO 880 is sad. You could at certain times of the day pick up WCBS at points all over the country! It is now a sports station. Just what we need. The only other news station is WINS, which covers New York City news, not suburban and New Jersey and Connecticut or regional news like WCBS, 3 weeks short of its 100th Birthday.

You want to fight back. Listen to 880 and jot down the advertisers and call the advertisers and tell them you want more news brought back together with the sports on 880 or you won't listen to the new station. The mighty dollar talks loud and clear! By the way text AM TO 52886 to show your support to keep AM radio in cars, something car manufacturers want to do to cut down the costs of producing cars.

Boars Head cold cuts had one of the biggest recalls of deli meats in history. Merchants cleaned their deli cases, threw old deli out and brought new meats and cheeses back into stores. A proactive move on Boars Head and delis par

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# Letters to the Editor:

Hussars!-The DNC Dog & Pony Show is over!!

In the 3 days of this "classic" we heard a lot of crowd pleasing rhetoric telling us how they loved America so much, that they will cure "all the ills" and bring our country back to "greatness:"

Among the "distinguished guests were:

(1)- Kamila (giggles) Harris, who, when standing at the Korean DMZ , accompanied by American military officials, blandly stated " I'm glad we are friends with North Korea.(or words to that effect)!

(2)-The Obamas-With Michelle Obama when speaking to the assemblage, stating "Someone has to split up the pie"--  
The Obamas own 2 mansions: (A)-Kalama Wash. bought in 2019 for \$ 8.1million, (B)-Oak Bluffs, Martha's Vineyard MA.- purchased In 2019 for \$11.75 Million!

(3)-Hilary BENGAZI Clinton,(4) Bill Clinton ("I did not have sex with that Woman".) and others too innocuous to mention.

"It may be true that cannot fool all the people all the time, but you can fool enough of them to rule a large country." (Will Durant)

Joe Pettit  
Yorktown HTS NY

# Westchester County Health Department Offers Free Back to School Vaccines

## IN WHITE PLAINS AND YONKERS

Call the Westchester County Health Department to Make an Appointment and Determine Eligibility

With only a week to go until school starts, now is the best time to book appointments with the Westchester County Department of Health for the free vaccines children need to attend and stay in school. New this year, the County Health Department is adding an extra day each week at its clinic in Yonkers. Appointments are required; to schedule, call 914-995-5800.

Immunizations are available for any student that is eligible for the state's Vaccines for Children program. The County Health Department clinic hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as follows:

- Mondays at the White Plains clinic at 134 Court Street;
- Thursdays and Fridays in the Yonkers clinic at 20 South Broadway.

Westchester County Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "Now is the right time for all parents to schedule vaccine visits for their children. If your child is eligible for Child Health Plus, Medicaid or has no insurance, we can help. You also can call your child's healthcare provider. Making sure that your child is vaccinated against childhood diseases is one of the best ways parents can help their children learn, because vaccines help keep children healthy and in school."

Children attending daycare and pre-K through 12th grade in New York State must receive all required doses of vaccines on the recommended schedule to attend or remain in school. Visit School Immunization Requirements to learn what vaccines your child needs.

Health Navigators available through the County Health Department can help families and individuals sign up for the health insurance they need. Those without a regular doctor can learn where to go for ongoing primary care. For more information, call (914) 995-6350.

*Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-*

has restored consumer confidence in the brand. As we go to press we learn that Stop and Shop will stop selling cigarettes and tobacco products. Very smart move.

The political scene. We got a New Democrat in Kamala Harris as the party nominee for President, and sadly some deranged individual got close in his attempt to assassinate Donald Trump. We learned what we have known for years. Democrats or Republicans in Control, the secret service is severely flawed. And a Kennedy, member of a Democratic family endorsed a Republican. Unheard of, absurd!

The political parties had their conventions, exciting but not as exciting as in 1980 when as a greeter for a local organization I shook the hands of a peanut farmer from Georgia as he arrived in New York. All the WESTCHESTER delegates had a great time. It's a once in a lifetime experience everyone should have.

The issue of Cell phones in schools still plagues America, particularly in this post 911 world. Bottom line is students and parents will continue to do as they please. We have the technology and people want to feel safe.

We lost Hollywood Squares Peter Marshall, the man responsible For the format for many daytime talk shows the great Phil Donahue, Bob Newhart who entertained us on his own shows and others and the great baseball player Willie Mays. They had a Willie Mays night that I attended at Shea Stadium before his retirement winning tickets from a team sponsor, Dellwood Dairies from Saw Mill River Road in good little old Yonkers.

Our schools open next week, a time when we know Summer is officially over. I hope summer 2024 was easy for you and your family, and that we will have a fall and winter that is extra special for you, those you love and our country.

*Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com, or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!*

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## On This Day in Yonkers History...



**Ziegfeld Follies dancer and Miss Yonkers 1925, Wilma Ansell Ziegfeld,** in Atlantic City.

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

Monday, September 2nd

September 2, 1921: Many people witnessed a daring daylight hold-up on Glen Road! Two men from Hudson Street's Metropolitan Tobacco Company, were delivering to a Thomas Plaza shop on Glen Road. Three men with revolvers jumped out of a nearby car. The Metropolitan employees had just started the day's delivery, so didn't have much money. The men jumped into the truck and searched it; they ended up with \$50 in bills, ignoring hundreds of dollars of checks and loose change.

Walking home, sisters Anna and Margaret Coyne spotted one of the robbers with a pistol, ducked into a store and called the police.

September 2, 1944: Metropolitan Airways of New York City filed proposed fares and flight schedules for helicopter service between Yonkers, Westchester, Connecticut and Manhattan. The Yonkers to New York flight would last ten minutes... and cost 65 cents! Metropolitan had arranged several New York City roof top terminals in the entertainment, shopping and financial districts. Their next step? Making sure they could buy helicopters!

Tuesday, September 3rd

September 3, 1948: An unusual circumstance caused City Judge Albert Fiorillo to fine himself for a parking ticket! He parked behind a cab on South Broadway and saw time on his meter. He assumed the cabdriver put a nickel in the wrong meter, so Fiorillo put a nickel in the cab's meter, not realizing his own was about to expire.

He was ticketed by Traffic Division Officer George Nichols for an expired meter. When Officer Nichols appeared in Traffic Court for the complaint, he found Fiorillo was the hearing judge. After hearing the charge, Fiorillo announced, "I'm guilty. I fine myself \$2," then paid it!

Wednesday, September 4th

September 4, 1942: John Acropolis, Secretary-Treasurer of Local 456 Teamsters and Chauffeurs' Union, was appointed a physical education instructor in the public school system at \$1575 a year. Acropolis, star athlete at Yonkers High School, was a Colgate graduate and captained its basketball team.

September 4, 1944: Although it was a federal holiday, and many people would enjoy the Labor Day holiday, Yonkers war workers were on the job, continuing needed production to "bring our boys home." Companies kept a small, minimal office staff, but our defense plant workers were in full force, especially at Otis, Habishaw Cable, and Blair shipyards. Smith Carpet company war workers were on full force, but a shortage of materials gave workers making "civilian goods" had the day off.

Thursday, September 5th

September 5, 1925: A committee of artists, sculptors and a swimming teacher selected Wilma Ansell to be Miss Yonkers of 1925. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Engle of 134 Nepperhan Avenue, Wilma was a talented dancer and entertainer; she was about to start her third season in the Ziegfeld Follies.

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## Governor Hochul: Three-Month Blitz Shuts Down 345 Unlicensed Cannabis Stores

**Task Force Led to the Padlocking of 345 Unlicensed Cannabis Shops and the Seizure of Nearly \$29 Million in Illegal Product**

**In Response to Enforcement Efforts, 136 Locations Selling Illicit Cannabis Closed on Their Own, Were Vacated, or Ceased Selling Product**

**Since May, Legal Sales Have Increased By 51 Percent, Contributing to Over \$368 Million in YTD Sales, More Than Doubling 2023's Total Sales**

Governor Kathy Hochul today provided an update on the State's efforts after a three-month blitz by the Illicit Cannabis Enforcement Task Force (ICET). Since launched, the task force – in collaboration with the State Police, the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM), Department of Tax and Finance (DTF), local law enforcement, and over a dozen other state agencies – deployed 150 investigators to inspect, reinspect, padlock, and seize products from illicit operators.

"Thousands of illegal cannabis storefronts across the State have plagued our communities and siphoned business from licensed retailers," Governor Hochul said. "I launched the Illicit Cannabis Enforcement Task Force to quickly close these unlicensed shops, and today, more than 1,000 have been shuttered. I look forward to building upon that success to continue our enforcement efforts across New York."

On May 21, Governor Hochul launched the first-of-its-kind Illicit Cannabis Enforcement Task Force to conduct statewide operations across every region, with a particular focus on supporting legal cannabis market retailers. Led by the State Police First Deputy Superintendent, the Task Force leveraged new enforcement powers enacted by Governor Hochul earlier this year, to padlock illicit storefronts and take action against landlords who failed to comply with the law.

Since its launch, the ICET reports:

More than 700 inspections, resulting in 7,485 pounds of illegal cannabis seized (estimated value of \$28.9 million).

789 inspections leading to 345 padlocks and 596 Notices of Violation issued.

136 locations closed on their own or ceased illegal cannabis operations in response to enforcement action.

79 administrative hearings, resulting in 57 administrative decisions to date, 52 of which upheld the emergency padlocking.

OCM Director of Investigations and Enforcement Daniel Haughney said, "I am extremely proud of the Taskforce members, OCM's agency partners and our collaboration with local law enforcement. It has been an incredible collective effort, from the long hours in sweltering heat, to travel crisscrossing the State. The Taskforce has made enormous strides in shifting the cannabis landscape in New York, although there remains much work ahead. I commend Governor Hochul for putting in place the structures to take swift and decisive administrative action."

New York State Police Superintendent Steven G. James said, "Efforts to intercept illegal business practices are an integral part of protecting our communities and sends a clear message to business owners that there will be consequences. The New York State Police stands ready to assist the Office of Cannabis Management and our other state agency partners in halting illicit operations by unlicensed cannabis dispensaries and stopping the distribution of their products. I want to thank Governor Hochul for her leadership and for providing the resources needed to make this a successful, ongoing effort."

Across the State, legal cannabis sales saw a surge following Governor Hochul's enactment of expanded enforcement powers. As of August 23, New York's sales year-to-date in 2024 reached \$368.4 million, more than doubling the \$160 million total sales amassed in 2023. Enforcement efforts have pushed the State's total retail sales to over \$520 million, sales since May 2024 making up over 43 percent of that total. Licensed retailers report an average increase of 50 percent in sales statewide and 97 percent in New York City.

As part of OCM's continued commitment to organizational transformation, the agency is prioritizing the hiring of investigators and attorneys to manage the ongoing work of enforcing a well-regulated cannabis market.

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# Federal Civil Rights Complaint Filed Against SUNY Purchase for Antisemitic Targeting by Student Gov't

By Dan Murphy

Two SUNY Purchase students and the group StandWithUs, filed a Title VI complaint with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) on August 20. The complaint alleges that SUNY Purchase has failed to remedy a pervasively hostile campus climate for Jewish, Zionist, and Israeli students through its inaction, refusal to enforce its own policies, dismissiveness toward Jewish students' concerns, and at times unequal treatment of its Jewish, Zionist, and Israeli students as compared with other groups on campus.

The complaint details a Purchase Student Government Association ("PSGA") leadership-driven effort to ostracize, excommunicate, and retaliate against Hillel, the sole campus group dedicated to Jewish life and Jewish culture at SUNY Purchase, apparently because of Hillel's Zionist-Jewish identity. Instead of remedying this retaliatory targeting of SUNY Purchase's Jewish student group and its members, the administration ignored it and then actively encouraged student government leadership to continue its discriminatory harassment of the Jewish community.

Specifically, the complaint alleges that "the SUNY Purchase administration was derelict in its obligation to protect Jewish, Zionist, and Israeli students from known discrimination by the PSGA," and "by capitulating to the demands of anti-Zionist aggressors on campus, the Purchase administration itself was responsible for directly contributing to the blatantly hostile antisemitic environment."

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## Two Local Businessman Plead Guilty to Serious Crimes:

### Dry Cleaners Owner Pleads Guilty to Sex Crimes;

### Peekskill Businessman Pleads Guilty to Million \$\$ Dumping & Bid Rigging Scheme in Cortland

Two local Westchester businessman recently pled guilty in Federal Court to serious crimes. Fred Mastroianni, 53, of White Plains pled guilty to sex crimes described by US Attorney Damian Williams as "Horrible" and was sentenced to 35 years in prison.

Glenn Griffin, of Griffin's Landscaping in Peekskill, also pled guilty to illegal dumping in the Town of Cortland and for a bid rigging scheme.

Mastroianni, 53, operated several dry cleaners in Westchester County. He was sentenced by Federal Judge Philip Halperin for sexual exploitation of a child and distribution and possession of child sex abuse material. MASTROIANNI previously pled guilty to one count of receiving and distributing child sex abuse material and one count of sexual exploitation of a child.

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September 5, 1953: An Air Force helicopter joined the New York State Police, 50 people and bloodhounds in the search for Mary Kozier of Livingston Avenue, lost in the wilds of the Adirondack Mountains. She and her husband Basil had left their cabin to pick mushrooms but got separated. Search parties were a mixture of troopers, park staff, family members and volunteers. She was found.

Friday, September 6th

September 6, 1941: The 56th Regiment of the New York Guard practiced mob and riot control at Tibbetts Brook Park... in the dark! They were under the supervision of Lieutenants James Arbuckle and Henry Fiedorowicz.

September 6, 1958: Three teenagers from Glover and Sterling Avenues were stopped by YPD Patrolmen Peter McMahan and Armando DeBlassis in the early morning hours in a pickup truck filled with AV equipment stolen from Lincoln High School! The boys entered the school through an unlocked window, and took sound systems, typewriters, tape recorders, phonographs, and more. When arrested, they were on their way to sell the goods to a Bronx man at a rendezvous on the 241st Street Bridge!

Saturday, September 7th

September 7, 1918: The Yonkers Statesman announced Colonel William Boyce Thompson of Yonkers had decided, as part of his contribution to war work, to send a Westchester County newspaper to each man enlisted from our county while on duty "away from home" engaged in military service.

September 7, 1948: One-third of the New York State War Service Scholarships awarded in Westchester were won by Yonkers residents. Open to World War I and World War II veterans, they took a competitive exam to win up to \$350 annually for four years. Veterans could use the funding for any college, business, technical or vocational schools approved by the State Board of Regents.

Sunday, September 8th

September 8, 1938: Uncle Sam didn't forget! Boone Street's Henry Fiedorowicz, a former lieutenant in the 37th Signal Company of the NY National Guard, was heading to work when his doorbell rang. A mail carrier handed him an envelope; he was shocked to find a check for \$21.60, his December 1918 pay!

While serving in France with the 107th Infantry, 27th Division of the AEF that month, Fiedorowicz was gassed and too sick in a French hospital to think about pay. Uncle Sam reissued the check and delivered it to Fiedorowicz twenty years later.

September 8, 1944: Yonkers learned the story of John Murphy, a quiet, modest WWI war hero, whose service was so outstanding, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Corporal Murphy, serving in Company C, 107th Regiment, 27th Division, crawled into "No Man's Land" under heavy enemy fire to bring back a seriously wounded American soldier, saving his life. Murphy, of course, denied he was a hero and paid homage to those serving in World War II.

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## DiNAPOLI: HATE CRIMES SURGED IN NEW YORK OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS

New York state has seen a surge in hate crimes over the last five years with 1,089 reported instances in 2023, marking the highest number since data collection and annual reporting were mandated by New York's Hates Crimes Act of 2000, according to a report by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. The number is 69% more than in 2019.

"New York is a diverse hub of cultures, beliefs and identities, whose strength has always been in the creation of community bonds that unite us," DiNapoli said. "Fighting hatred and bigotry demands that we communicate with, respect and accept our neighbors. It requires our spiritual, political, community and business leaders to take active roles in denouncing hate, investing in prevention and protection efforts, and increasing education that celebrates the value of New York's diversity."

A hate crime is an offense that is motivated by a perception or belief about the victim's race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity or expression, religion, age, disability, sexual orientation or another protected characteristic. Hate crimes can be committed against a person or property.

Except for 2020, which may reflect artificially low reporting due to COVID, there has been a steady rise in hate crimes over the past five years, with the number of reported incidents more than doubling between 2018 and 2023. Moreover, the available data may not capture all relevant crimes, as underreporting may occur for several reasons. Victims may be hesitant to report incidents due to reasons that include language barriers, fear of retaliation, mistrust in law enforcement or lack of confidence that justice will be served.

A decade ago, New York City and the rest of the state reported roughly equal shares of hate crime incidents. However, between 2013 and 2019, reported hate crime incidents in New York City increased by one-third, but declined by 25.8% in the rest of the state. Between 2019 and 2023, these incidents grew in New York City (59.3%) and more rapidly in the rest of the state (87.5%). In 2023, the New York City Police Department reported 669 hate crimes, an increase of 12.6% from 2022. In the rest of the state, the Division of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) reported 420 incidents in 2023, a 12.9% increase from the year before.

### DiNapoli's report also found:

The most common bias motivation reported in New York state in 2023 was for religion, with 543 incidents or nearly half. Race, ethnicity and national origin constitutes approximately one-third, and sexual orientation/gender identity (LGBTQ+) almost 17%.

In 2023, 44% of all recorded hate crime incidents and 88% of religious-based hate crimes targeted Jewish victims, the largest share of all such crimes.

Hate crimes against Jewish and Muslim New Yorkers rose by 89% (253 to 477) and 106% (18 to 37), respectively, between 2018 and 2023.

The share of racially motivated incidents in the state is now greater than it was five years ago. Nearly 17% of all recorded hate crime incidents and 52% of racially motivated hate crimes were anti-Black.

71% of hate crimes based on an anti-LGBTQ+ bias targeted gay male victims, almost 12% of all incidents. Over the past five years, anti-gay male incidents have risen by 141% (54 to 130) and hate crimes against transgender New Yorkers have risen by 140% (10 to 24).

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## SUNY WCC Selected for Fifth Year of All Within My Hands' Metallica Scholars Initiative



*Metallica*

### \$5,000 award at SUNY WCC will provide scholarships for Advanced Manufacturing students

SUNY Westchester Community College has been selected for another year of funding by All Within My Hands (AWMH), the non-profit, philanthropic organization created by the members and management of Metallica. SUNY WCC will continue to use the Metallica Scholars Initiative's (MSI) \$5,000 funding to support students looking to enter or further their careers in Advanced Manufacturing.

SUNY WCC will focus its efforts on programs that provide students with the opportunity to develop the skills increasingly needed in the regional job market. Students will take coursework in machine learning, CNC, and other National Institute of Metallurgy (NIMS) certified competencies that lead to high-skill, high-wage career pathways in advanced manufacturing. No prior knowledge of manufacturing is necessary.

Launched in 2019 by All Within My Hands in partnership with the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC), MSI began with 10 community colleges and primarily manufacturing programs. With steady development by creative and dedicated leadership, MSI offers diverse workforce opportunities for students interested in gaining the skills and training necessary to find meaningful and well-paying careers. To date, AWMH has invested over \$10.5M in the American workforce, reaffirming a commitment to career and technical education at the local level. This year marks the expansion of MSI into all the 50 states.

"When we launched the Metallica Scholars Initiative, it really spoke to me," said James Hetfield of Metallica. "A collective goal of breaking the stigma of trade skills. Trade skills are vital to society, and what's even more important is to support the many folks who are trying to create a career by learning and using these skills. I am so proud - we all are - to see how this program is changing lives by providing much-needed resources to empower students."

"SUNY WCC has been a proud partner of Metallica's All Within My Hands for the past four years," said Dr. Belinda Miles, President of SUNY Westchester Community College. "Metallica Scholars all across the United States are often considered non-traditional students, as many have families to support or they are the first in their families to pursue a college education. This scholarship program has enabled diverse, motivated and ambitious students to receive the education and training they need to become valuable contributors to our regional economy and better support themselves and their families."

"Our partnership with All Within My Hands has been invaluable," said Terista Wisell, Vice President and Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development at SUNY Westchester. "In addition to providing funds that have covered the cost of tuition for our Metallica Scholars, as well as other costs incurred in their studies, the Metallica brand has brought greater awareness to our efforts to prepare those seeking middle skills jobs in high demand fields. This program has also enabled us to braid funding from other grantors, enabling SUNY WCC to better serve our workforce development students."

To learn more about the Metallica Scholars Initiative at SUNY Westchester Community College, please visit [www.sunywcc.edu/metallica](http://www.sunywcc.edu/metallica).

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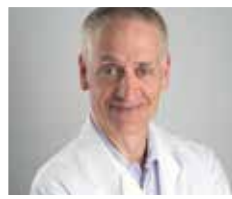
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**Letter to the Editor: Don't Fear "Climate Change:"****Classifieds****The Earth is a Self-Adjusting System**

Recently several women wrote in worried about nature and climate change. Don't worry: Nature is fine. Fear distorts perception and leads to distorted, not thoughtful, evidence-based thoughts and decisions. Expensive, ineffective government policies will do more harm to our lives than nature or "climate change."

First of all, God has promised that "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. (Genesis 8:22.) Each of these aspects of life on earth is emphasized by figures of speech—the repetition of linked pairs of opposites and the use of the figure polysyndeton, that is the use of many "ands" more than would be used in normal grammar. In the thousands of years since those words were written down, this truth has proved itself every day.

God designed the Earth as a self regulating system. Wind and ocean currents, tectonic and volcanic activity as well as extraterrestrial events such as sunspot cycles, and the varying temperature of the sun all serve to keep the Earth in balance. Even the least educated of us knows from experience that wind changes temperature. Hurricanes move heat from the tropics to the temperate and polar regions, keeping their temperatures within a range. These three major climate zones have multiple climates within them.

Tectonic events recycle carbon, and volcanic activity generally cools the Earth by putting ash into the atmosphere. Both of these are constantly acting to keep the Earth in balance. Everyday there is a volcano erupting or an earthquake somewhere. (There are two erupting volcanoes in Alaska as of 11:15 p.m. EST Aug 25, 2024 per USGS.) These natural Earth regulating events are so common that we only hear about them when they are exceptionally large or local. The coastal areas of continents that border on the Pacific Ocean is known as the Ring of Fire for its frequent volcanic and tectonic activity. (A great book and video on the unique construction of the Earth is *The Privileged Planet* by astronomer Guillermo Gonzalez.)

Government policies can neither destroy nor fix the Earth. No matter how much power they may seize using fear of "nuclear winter, "global warming," or "climate change," there is nothing governments can do to change any of Earth's climates. The best they can do is clean up and prevent local pollution. But a thoughtful citizen should be asking why and how they use fear of "climate change" to control people for political and monetary advantage. Governments are made up of people who are as imperfect as, and usually less informed and skilled, than the people they wish to control who work in a broad diversity of occupations. In fact, instead of admitting they were wrong when their dire predictions prove untrue, politicians simply change the terminology. When Earth moves into a cooling cycle, its "Awk, gasp, global cooling, we're going to freeze." (1970's), then as sunspot activity moved into its active cycle, it become "YOU [not me nor we politicians or wealthy elites] must do without gas and oil and oven baked pizza to stop "global warming." The sunspot cycle ended and then, to not have to think of excuses for their false predictions (ice at the poles was supposed to be melted, cities flooded, etc, etc) gw in the mid 2000's became the all-inclusive "climate change." Everything fits in that basket.

But there is more than one climate. I've asked the fearful and fear mongers for years: "Which climate is changing and what is it changing into" only to be met with the stupefied silence of a deer after he's been hit by the headlights. Few people are aware that there are multiple climates in each major zone, several just in New York State. Climate is primarily determined by latitude—the distance North or South of the equator. Other factors include: altitude, proximity to large bodies of water, relative location (coastal or internal, leeward or windward side of a mountain range), ocean and wind currents and other factors. The water in coastal California North of San Diego is colder than the water off New York because the Alaska current cools the water on the West Coast; the Gulf stream warms the water on the East Coast.

God does not want us to live in fear. 2 Timothy 1:7 "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind." A sound mind means whole thoughts, holding the truth in mind. But you have to seek the truth to find it.

Just because you experience a couple summers than are hotter than average (and let's be real—you don't really remember how hot or cool it was two or three years ago.) does not mean the climate is changing or Nature is distorted. It's normal. Feelings and human memories do not guarantee truth, and do not mean that we are in danger from variations in weather and temperature. Average temperatures are simply an average of multiple numbers some of which are higher and some of which are lower.

There will always be ice at the poles as long as the Earth is tilted on its axis (21 degrees). There is nothing that man can do to change that—nuclear weapons from Hiroshima and years of nuclear testing did not change that. The only thing that could change the tilt of the Earth on its axis is a massive asteroid strike. Should that happen it would not matter. The last one, the asteroid that killed the dinosaurs 66 million years ago was large enough to affect Earth's core and plate tectonics and immediately killed 75% of the species on Earth.

Take a trip to the Grand Canyon in Arizona and Canyonlands in Utah and you will be amazed at how much undeveloped land there is. (And much of it would be better maintained if it were privately owned.) Eighty percent of American land is undeveloped—most of it in areas lefties disparaging deign "flyover country." Take a drive—New Jersey has massive amounts of wilderness area. The Delaware Water Gap is about an hour and a half away. Or trek up into the Catskills or Adirondacks.

Man cannot change the atmosphere. Our atmosphere is 78% Nitrogen, 21% and 1% other gases, 0.93% of which is argon. Less than 0.04% is carbon dioxide. Earth's atmosphere is 5.5 quadrillion cubic tons. The biggest greenhouse gas in the atmosphere is water vapor which isn't even counted and is constantly recycled via the water cycle. There is also a natural carbon cycle by which the Earth recycles carbon. What man does has less effect on any climate than a single ant farting in the Grand Canyon. Trees and plants LOVE carbon dioxide—it's plant food for them—and they give us oxygen. When the amount of CO2 increases, plants thrive. When it's a bit warmer (and it was in recent history before the use of cars and gas) people are able to grow more food and live longer and healthier lives.

Reject fear and rebuke politicians who attempt to drive you by fear. They are seeking their own gain—not serving the people. Follow the money. Who is making money on these taxpayer funded projects? Keep government out of it. Private sector solutions to problems are less expensive, more aligned to what people need and want, and far more effective. An example: buffalo were almost extinct when they were under the control of the government. A few private individuals bought and started building up herds — and eventually made a profit renting them out for movies and selling buffalo meat. Buffalo are no longer in danger of becoming extinct. You can even see Buffalo from the Bronx River parkway if you drive by at the right time. (They're in the Bronx Zoo.) The animals that man owns, for example cows, horses, chickens, pigs, dogs, cats, don't go extinct. Why? Because people take care of what they own but often overuse, damage or show no care for what is not theirs. Yonkers is always looking for volunteers to clean up the aqueduct and trails. But those of us who own property pick up trash as soon as we see it, even if it's in the street in front of our house.

Fear not ladies, you're not going to die from "climate change." Many of us have changed our climates in just a few hours—by hopping a plane and flying to Florida or Hawaii and lived to tell about it. Ecomarxists have built fear into our culture to manipulate you. Look at all the billions that NY and the feds have spent on solar facilities. NY wasted almost a billion taxpayer dollars on solar projects upstate and we got nothing from it except higher taxes. Think—in thousands of years of human history we came further in 50 years using oil and gas than in all the years preceding put together.

Ask why local governments pushing ineffective forms of energy. Our electricity costs keep going up—people who thought Sustainable was going to save them money got a big surprise. Politicians lie for their own ends—which are usually power over all and money. But God never lies. His promises are true. "While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease." (Genesis 8:22) That's a promise you can trust and be not afraid.

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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

*Backpack to School Drive, continued from pg 1-***Friday August 30**

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

Beach Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

The beach is open Fridays through Sundays through Monday, Sept. 2; weather permitting; no admittance after 6 p.m.; parking and beach admission fees apply. Westchester residency is not required.

Get details <https://parks.westchestergov.com/pools-and-beaches>

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla: (914) 231-4033

Robison Summer Concert Series-Jam at the Dam, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Tonight's concert features The Dave Matthews Tribute Band. Free parking and admission.

<https://parks.westchestergov.com/press-releases/3369-the-free-robison-summer-concert-series-heats-up-with-jam-at-the-dam>

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Kids' Community Farm-to-Table, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Ages 7 through 13 can start the last Saturday of each month by harvesting and making their own breakfast, fresh from the farm! Also: Sept. 28.

Get details and register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kids-community-farm-to-table-tickets-934715839237>

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

Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Every Saturday through November.

Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad/2024-08-31/>

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Fear to Fact: Poison Ivy, Ticks, Bears, Oh My!, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Learn about common "forest fears" and how to identify them, protect yourself and hike with no fear! The program will meet at the nature center for a short presentation, followed by a short hike.

Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Community Farm-to-Table, 12 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Today's class features guest presenter Sheila Narayanan of Simply Masala. Also: Sept. 28.

Get details and register <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event/2024/08/31/1725123600/community-farm-to-table-with-guest-presenter-simply-masala/491058>

Willson's Woods Park, Mount Vernon: (914) 813-6990

DJ Day, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Come for a swim and enjoy music at the pool! Participation is free; admission and parking fees apply. Westchester County residency is required; weather permitting.

Get details <https://parks.westchestergov.com/family-fun-days>**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

Alfred B. DeBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Our market, which supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, features more than 25 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 17.

Get details <https://parks.westchestergov.com/muscote-farmers-market>

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

Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays/2024-09-01/>

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

Nan's Secret Garden Tour, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Join one of the gardeners to learn about the native plants showcased behind the stone moon gate. Meet at the kiosk entrance; no registration is necessary. Rain or shine. Also: Sept. 29.

Saxon Woods Park, White Plains: (914) 995-4480

DJ Day, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Come for a swim and enjoy music at the pool! Participation is free; admission and parking fees apply. Westchester County residency is required; weather permitting.

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“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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packs and school supplies for Yonkers students, empowering them on their journey toward academic achievement this year. To all those who donated, your generosity and dedication to our city's future are greatly appreciated.”

Donations were provided by Yonkers residents, city employees, and local corporate and nonprofit sponsors including: Heavenly Productions Foundation, Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, Castle Royale, Adonis Crosby, Rock & Rod's Collector Car Club, Ridge Hill, PCNY, Garden of Eden and Elite Investigations.

“On behalf of the Yonkers Board of Education, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mayor Mike Spano for his commitment to our students,” said Board of Education President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio. “Mayor Spano, the countless residents and community partners in our great city and beyond have demonstrated a strong dedication to ensure that every child starts the school year equipped with the tools they need for success. We are truly fortunate to have a Mayor who brings the community together to invest in our children's future.”

“Mayor Spano's annual backpack drive is a testament to the passion our city has for our students and their success,” said Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr. “Year after year, Yonkers ensures students at our schools receive the support they need for a seamless start to the academic year. This ongoing support sets our students up for success and highlights the powerful partnership between the city and schools. We're grateful for everyone's continued support in building a brighter future for Yonkers children.”

Chairwoman of Heavenly Productions Foundation, Dr. Kathy Reilly Fallon added, “On behalf of Heavenly Productions Foundation, we are thrilled to support Mayor Mike Spano's Backpack Drive and donate 210 backpacks and 350 sets of school supplies. Best wishes to all the students of Yonkers.”

This year's youngest sponsor, Adonis Crosby added, “I enjoy giving back to my community. It feels great to help people around our city and put smiles on the faces of Yonkers' children. I hope every student has a wonderful school year.”

Rock N' Rod's Collector Car Club Member, James Guccione added, “Our club is always happy to support the Mayor's Backpack Drive. This is another way for us to show our commitment to the City of Yonkers and the children.”

Since 2012, Mayor Spano's annual donation drive has distributed over 18,000 backpacks and school supplies to public school students. Due to the continuous outpour of support, each year non-profit organizations, churches and clients of the Westchester County Department of Social Services in the City of Yonkers are also able to receive backpacks and school supplies.

According to the National Retail Federation the average amount spent on back to school supplies is \$38.8 billion. Parents spend hundreds of dollars on back to school items, including school supplies, clothing, shoes, and electronics, totaling \$874.68 per child.

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tion that would require the air conditioning of all public school learning facilities in New York State.

Mayor Spano added, “With rising temperatures here and across our nation, this type investment is not a luxury but a necessity for students and staff. I encourage our state officials to extend their commitment in supporting our students and their learning environments.”

The average age of Yonkers Public Schools is 75 years old with many as old as 100 years old, making them some of the oldest in New York State. In 2016, Mayor Spano embarked on an advocacy campaign to rebuild Yonkers Public Schools. With the assistance New York State legislation, Yonkers Public Schools is opening the new Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community School, for grades Pre-Kindergarten to 8th grade, located on Lawrence Street at the start of the 2024-2025 academic year – the District's first new school constructed in 20 years.

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*“The key to the future of the world, is finding the optimistic stories and letting them be known.”— Pete Seeger*

The complaint outlines the rhetoric and actions of PSGA leaders, including the following:

Posting a video on the official PSGA Instagram account in which a PSGA leader is seen holding a watermelon-shaped eraser, a symbol that has been used to show support for Hamas in the aftermath of October 7, while expressing solidarity with anti-Israel students.

Desecrating and damaging private property (including sacred religious items) belonging to Hillel by removing them from a locker and throwing them on the floor in a larger attempt to kick Hillel out of space it has used for over a decade—in violation of the Student Code of Conduct’s provisions regarding respect for property.

Publicly slandering Hillel with antisemitic stereotypes and conspiracy theories, including calling Hillel an “illegitimate club,” “occupiers,” and “privileged.”

Embarking on a campaign to remove Hillel from campus by selectively applying rules only to Hillel and, when that failed, arbitrarily creating a new “rule” and, again, applying it only to Hillel.

The complaint explains that University administrators were aware of the PSGA’s pointed retribution toward Hillel and the Jewish community but chose not to intervene, despite having the authority and obligation to do so under applicable policies and laws.

“Intentionally turning a blind eye from – and at times appearing to openly encourage – the student government’s antisemitic targeting of the SUNY Purchase Jewish community is a clear violation of Title VI, and the administration’s capitulation to pro-Hamas encampment members only served to exacerbate the problem,” said Yael Lerman, Director of the StandWithUs Saidoff Legal Department. “To our knowledge, no SUNY Purchase student government leader has been disciplined for the conduct alleged in the complaint, which includes violating numerous school policies. We hope OCR will intervene to remedy this deeply troubling violation of the rights of Jewish, Israeli and Zionist students and to prevent these students from being subjected to such hostile treatment in the school year ahead.”

StandWithUs is an international, non-partisan education organization that supports Israel and fights antisemitism. StandWithUs informs through social media, print and digital materials, films, weekly newsletters, and missions to Israel. StandWithUs takes legal action through the StandWithUs Saidoff Legal Department. Founded in 2001 and headquartered in Los Angeles. More at [www.standwithus.com](http://www.standwithus.com).

A current student and a recent graduate joined in the complaint. Also not identified is the Student Government Association leader who allegedly engaged in the antisemitic activity. We hope to identify that individual and interview them. StandWithUs is registered as a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit.

In a statement provided to JNS, Jewish News Service, Milagros Peña, president of Purchase College, said, “We reject antisemitism. We stand firmly against any discrimination or marginalization of any group of students or individual students in clubs or other organizations,” Peña stated. “We are committed to being welcoming and inclusive to students, faculty and staff of all religions, ethnicities, backgrounds, races, identities and viewpoints.”

“As the semester is starting, the campus is continuing mandatory training in Title VI, which started this spring, and will be working to ensure all campus community members are aware of how to report any incidents of bias that they witness or experience, so that it can be thoroughly investigated and addressed,” Peña added.

In May of this year (2024) a group of Palestinian protestors set up an encampment on SUNY Purchase. The protestors included many Purchase students and faculty members, but also groups including WESPAC.

After the protestors were asked to leave by police, the SUNY Purchase administration decided to permit police to remove the demonstrators and arrested 70.

“Students were allowed to protest peacefully, which they did for several hours, as long as they followed SUNY’s rules for the maintenance of order and the student code of conduct,” said SUNY Purchase spokesperson Betsy Aldredge.

“Quiet hours are especially important during the lead up to the end of the semester when students need time to sleep, study, and complete final projects and go to dorm rooms without fear or concern for personal safety. We received numerous complaints that this did not happen last night due to the fire alarms being repeatedly pulled by students in protest,” said President Pena.

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester Action To Foreclose A Mortgage Index #: 67747/2023 U.S. Bank National Association, As Trustee, Successor In Interest To Wilmington Trust Company, As Trustee, Successor In Interest To Bank Of America National Association, As Trustee, Successor By Merger To Lasalle Bank National Association, As Trustee For Lehman Xs Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-6 Plaintiff, vs Desmond Dunchie If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Dorothea Shepherd Aka Dorothea Leslie, Alicia Leslie Aka Alicia Leslie Dunchie, Mooi River LLC, Ocwen Loan Servicing, Llc Successor By Merger Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 439 Homestead Avenue Mount Vernon, Ny 10553 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Desmond Dunchie Defendant In this Action. 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# 100 Years of the Yorktown Grange Fair “Family Days and Date Nights”

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When it comes to planning weekend activities from September 6th-8th, look no further than the 2024 Yorktown Grange Fair! The Fair is your one stop destination for all things fun all weekend long. For 100 years, the Grange Fair has been a welcome party for the Fall season - giving the community a chance to gather and celebrate all the things and people that make Westchester County so spectacular. It is the perfect place to spend the day with the family and an ideal place to get out of the house during the evening with a date or with friends. The best part is that admission is only \$10 per carload and parking is free- so bring the whole family and all the friends - the Centennial Celebration is going to be a blast!

The Grange Fair truly has an embarrassment of riches when it comes to the entertainment included in the price of admission. East Coast Pro Wrestling will be showing off what they've been cooking up in the ring since their triumphant Fair debut last year. Mighty Mike's Strongman Show, the newest addition to the Yorktown Grange Fair, will feature a multiple Guinness World Record holder performing 1920s era feats of strength with a modern twist. Musical acts scattered throughout the day and night are a perfect option for music-loving families or a night out without the kids. Grange Fair favorites will be on stage all weekend, from youth oriented acts Kurt Gallagher and Annie & the Natural Wonder Band to the groups for all ages, No Options, the Knuckleheads, House Arrest, and The Whiskey's Edge Band. Big Apple Circus alum Adam Auslander will be strolling through the fairgrounds with his sensational Variety Show full of magic and clowning fun. These shows and performers are top notch and it is truly amazing that everyone can see them for just the low cost of admission to the Fair.

Since its inception 100 years ago, the Yorktown Grange Fair has been a true country fair - so there are a wide range of contests and shows that feature the work of local artisans and farmers as well as community participation contests. These are also 100% included in the admission price. The Livestock Show has furry and feathered friends cared for by local farms and 4H families. Dusty Stables will be on hand Saturday and Sunday to do horse riding demonstrations during the afternoon. Take a stroll through the Grange Fair's blue ribbon shows to be astounded by the craftsmanship and skill of our neighbors. For those who love to compete, there are a wide range of participation contests - including Pie Eating, Bubble Gum Blowing, Rubber Chicken Throwing, and the Topsy Waiter Relay. Young and old, no one can resist the hilarity that ensues! The

Blue Ribbon Shows run Fair open to close and the contests are scattered throughout the day and evening hours to give fairgoers ample opportunity to either experience or take part in all the fun.

No fair would be complete without a midway experience and the Yorktown Grange Fair has one of the best. Tickets for rides are available (\$1 per ticket or 28 tickets for \$35) or ride wristbands (\$30-\$35/day) and offer an amazing option of unlimited rides all day. Play a game to win a fabulous prize, or savor the delicious Fair food. The craft beer selections are sure to hit the spot during the warm afternoons or the cool Fall nights. There is nothing like taking a walk through the Fair midway - during the day with kids smiling and shouting for joy; or under the moonlight with colorful lights flashing, couples holding hands, and friends laughing.

The Grange Fair understands that the raucous atmosphere is sometimes too much for some community members, so the first hour of each day is “Quiet Hour”. to accommodate those who want to come out and enjoy some of the aspects of the Fair in a slightly less overwhelming environment. The Livestock Show and Blue Ribbon Shows are open and there are children's games and activities, as well as a tractor display. Let a quiet morning at the Grange Fair start the day off right!

It's a full day and a fun night with so many different activities and entertainment opportunities at the 2024 Yorktown Grange Fair - all for the low price of \$10 per carload! Add with a wide variety of food and drink options and it's easy to spend the day at the Fair with the whole family and come back for a sensational night out. Visit [www.yorktowngrangefair.org](http://www.yorktowngrangefair.org) to check out full schedule of events. The 2024 Yorktown Grange Fair will take place September 6th, 7th, and 8th at at the Yorktown Grange Fairgrounds (99 Moseman Rd, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598). See you at the Fair!

During the pandemic, anti-Asian hate crimes spiked from five reported incidents in 2019 to 140 in 2021. In the last two years, the number of anti-Asian incidents has dropped by half, but remains 11 times the number of incidents reported in 2019.

## *Types of Hate Crime Offenses*

Hate crimes targeting individuals and property both rose since 2018, but hate crimes involving assaults on people grew faster and were more common than property crimes starting in 2021. In 2018, crimes against persons were 41% of all hate crimes; in 2022 they rose to 52%. In that year, nearly half of all hate crime reports carried an assault charge compared to 39% in 2018. 2023 data for areas outside of New York City detailing types of hate crime offenses has not yet been published by DCJS. Available data for New York City shows 58% of all New York City hate crime incidents in 2023 were committed against a person; of these, 32% were egregious enough to be felonies, including 72 felony assaults, 47% of which were committed on an anti-Jewish or anti-gay male bias. Incidents against Jewish New Yorkers accounted for 65% of all felony hate crime incidents (people and property) in New York City in 2023.

The most common offense in New York City in 2023 was aggravated harassment in the first degree. There were 145 incidents of this type in New York City, and all but 14 of them were committed with an anti-Jewish bias. The two other most common offenses were misdemeanor assault crimes against persons, which were predominantly motivated by anti-gay male, anti-Jewish, anti-Asian, and anti-Black biases.

“We commend State Comptroller DiNapoli for this vital report and for his unwavering commitment to justice across our great state,” said Dr. Hazel N. Dukes, President, NAACP New York State Conference. “The NAACP New York State Conference of Branches stands united with State Comptroller DiNapoli and other stakeholders in condemning racism, discrimination, antisemitism, and homophobia in all its forms. New Yorkers will not stand by or accept these heinous acts. We remain steadfast in our collaboration with elected officials and community organizations to eradicate hate based on race, creed, color, religion, or sexual orientation. This report provides us with the critical data and insights needed to advance our mission effectively.”  
**Read the report at [https://www.osc.ny.gov/reports/concerning-growth-hate-crime-new-york-state?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.osc.ny.gov/reports/concerning-growth-hate-crime-new-york-state?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).**

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 58236/2023 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A Plaintiff, vs WILLIAM D. NYE AKA WILLIAM NYE, DEBORAH A. NYE AKA DEBBIE NYE, BARBARA A. MCEVOY, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WACHOVIA BANK, NA, SOUND SHORE MED CTR OF WESTCHESTER, CITIBANK SOUTH DAKOTA NA, PAULA JACKSON AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES, HEATHER J. ARMINIO AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES, DENISE J. MACDONALD AS HEIR TO THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES, UNKNOWN HEIRS OF PATRICIA F. HAVILAND AKA PATRICIA H SAYLES IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, JPM-ORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS PURCHASER OF THE LOANS AND OTHER ASSETS OF WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, FA (THE “SAVINGS BANK”), FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE DIME SAVINGS BANK OF NEW YORK, FSB, FORMERLY KNOWN AS UNION SAVINGS BANK OF NEW YORK, FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE UNION SAVINGS BANK OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY FROM THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, ACTING AS RECEIVER FOR THE SAVINGS BANK AND PURSUANT TO ITS AUTHORITY UNDER THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE ACT, 12 U.S.C. SEC. 1821 D, BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER A POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 31, 1992-B, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 11 Winans Street Larchmont, NY 10538 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Patricia F. Haviland AKA Patricia H Sayles Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by William D. Nye AKA William Nye and Deborah A. Nye AKA Debbie Nye dated the February 26, 2008, to secure the sum of \$102,041.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 480850572 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on April 3, 2008. The property in question is described as follows: 11 Winans Street, Larchmont, NY 10538 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 8, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82085

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

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

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

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

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

1. Bid No. RFB-7169A – Opening date: 09/13/2024: Purchase of 44 Dayton Armor Level III, or Yonkers approved equal, rifle plates (VB).
2. Bid No. RFB-7218 – Opening date: 09/13/2024: Purchase of 100 Frigidaire model FFRE 153 WAE, or Yonkers approved equal, 3 fan speeds, 115V, 15K BTU air conditioners (KAS).
3. Bid No. IFB-7228 – Opening date: 09/20/2024: Twenty-four-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide on-call maintenance and repairs of water pumps and motors in the Yonkers water distribution system (AC).
4. Bid No. RFB-7229 – Opening date: 09/13/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide General Motors repair parts and repair services as-needed (FB).
5. Bid No. RFB-7330 – Opening date: 09/20/2024: Twelve-month contract to purchase up to 25 vehicles. The initial purchase will be for 3 Kia Niro's, 1 Kia Sportage, and 1 Kia Sorrento, Yonkers approved equals (MM).
6. Bid No. RFB-7332 – Opening date: 09/13/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase diesel exhaust and automotive fluids as needed (FB).
7. Bid No. RFB-7333 – Opening date: 09/20/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide unarmed security guard services at Untermyer Park (KS).
8. Bid No. RFB-7335 – Opening date: 09/13/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide on-call maintenance and repair services for Ingersoll-Rand and Atlas Copco air compressors (AC).
9. Bid No. RFB-7339 – Opening date: 09/13/2024: Printing and mailing of 250,000 PVB late notices per City specifications (KS).
10. Bid No. RFB-7340 – Opening date: 09/13/2024: Purchase of various biology consumable, biology non-consumable, ESS consumable, and ESS non-consumable science supplies, 66 items (VB)

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 69679/2023 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff, vs PAUL MCGRATH IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, KATHLEEN OAKES-MCGRATH IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 23 Tatomuck Road Pound Ridge, NY 10576 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Paul McGrath, Kathleen Oakes-McGrath Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Paul McGrath and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath dated the August 26, 2006, to secure the sum of \$405,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 462830253 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on December 21, 2006. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed May 27, 2008 and recorded on June 30, 2008, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 481720016. Plaintiff is also holder of a mortgage dated April 24, 2008 executed by Paul McGrath by the attorney in fact and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath to secure the sum of \$19,653.77 and recorded at Instrument Number 41720024 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on June 30, 2008. Said mortgage was consolidated with the mortgage referred to at Instrument No: 462830253 by a Consolidation, Extension and Modification Agreement executed by Paul McGrath by the attorney in fact and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath dated April 24, 2008 and recorded June 30, 2008 at Instrument Number 481720032 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk to form a single lien in the amount of \$417,000.00. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed June 5, 2012 and recorded on June 15, 2012, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 521643051. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 9, 2015 and recorded on March 6, 2015, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 550483378. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed July 18, 2019 and recorded on July 19, 2019, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 592003133. The property in question is described as follows: 23 Tatomuck Road, Pound Ridge, NY 10576 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 Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. 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. § 1303 NOTICE 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. 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Mastroianni, 53, operated several dry cleaners in Westchester County. He was sentenced by Federal Judge Philip Halperin for sexual exploitation of a child and distribution and possession of child sex abuse material. MASTROIANNI previously pled guilty to one count of receiving and distributing child sex abuse material and one count of sexual exploitation of a child.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: “The sentencing of Fred Mastroianni holds him accountable for years of horrific sexual abuse of children and for distributing and possessing a massive collection of child sex abuse material. Mastroianni is being punished for the devastating harm and trauma he inflicted on his minor victims and their families. This Office will do everything in its power to protect children and bring those who sexually exploit them to justice.”

According to the Information, plea agreement, other public court filings, and statements made in court: MASTROIANNI repeatedly victimized a young child (“Victim-1”) for his own sexual gratification. MASTROIANNI’s sexual abuse of Victim-1 began when Victim-1 was just 10 years old and continued until MASTROIANNI’s arrest. On multiple occasions until Victim-1 turned 14 years old, MASTROIANNI directed ISMET KORAC to coerce Victim-1 to engage in sexual activities on live video calls with MASTROIANNI. MASTROIANNI recorded that abuse and kept the recordings, as well as other nude photographs of Victim-1, for years. MASTROIANNI broke Victim-1’s will and spirit to resist the abuse through a combination of threats and promises of gifts.

When Victim-1 was 17 years old, MASTROIANNI continued offering Victim-1 money and clothes in exchange for more photos and videos of Victim-1 engaging in sex acts. After years of victimizing and grooming Victim-1, as soon as Victim-1 turned 18, MASTROIANNI, who was 48 years old at the time, began paying Victim-1 to have sex with himself and other men, which continued until MASTROIANNI’s arrest.

In addition, for more than a decade, MASTROIANNI amassed and maintained an extensive collection of child sex abuse material, which he shared with others online. These videos involved rape, incest, and unspeakable abuse to very young children.

Co-defendant ISMET KORAC, 49, of White Plains, New York, previously pled guilty to enticing a minor to engage in sexual activity and was sentenced to 25 years in prison by U.S. District Judge Kenneth M. Karas on April 16, 2024. Korac worked together with Mastroianni in finding underage victims.

In the Cortlandt illegal dumping and bid rigging case, Glenn Griffin had the help of Robert Dyckman, a former Town of Cortlandt Employee. The illegal dumping and bid rigging scheme was estimated to cost the taxpayers \$2.4 Million.

Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced the guilty pleas of GLENN GRIFFIN, the owner, president, and principal of Griffin’s Landscaping Corporation, and ROBERT DYCKMAN, the former Assistant General Foreman for the Town of Cortlandt, in a scheme in which DYCKMAN gave GRIFFIN unauthorized access to the Town of Cortlandt’s Arlo Lane facility to dump loads of unauthorized materials. After dumping these loads, GRIFFIN received payments from the Town for hauling away the very materials that GRIFFIN had illegally dumped. GRIFFIN also pled guilty to a separate bid-rigging scheme.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: “Robert Dyckman, a former Town of Cortlandt employee, used his important public position to enrich himself and damage public land and fragile wetlands by allowing Glenn Griffin, a business owner and president, to illegally dump harmful, unauthorized materials on public property. Brazenly, Griffin then billed and received payments from the Town for removing and hauling away the very materials that he had illegally dumped. Today, thanks to our law enforcement partners and the dedicated prosecutors of this Office, Griffin and Dyckman have admitted to their crimes and must pay \$2.4 million in restitution to their victims. Today’s pleas are a reminder that this Office will bring to justice any public official or business leader who defrauds the public and causes damage to our environment.”

According to allegations in the Indictment and Superseding Informations and statements made in public filings and court proceedings:

#### Illegal Dumping Scheme

From 2018 until February 2020, GRIFFIN and DYCKMAN engaged in an unauthorized dumping scheme. DYCKMAN gave GRIFFIN and his employees unauthorized access to Arlo Lane, a Cortlandt facility, to dump hundreds of large truckloads of unauthorized materials such as thick concrete, cement with rebar, tiles, bricks, large rocks, and soil. After the illegal dumping, GRIFFIN billed and received payments from the Town of Cortlandt for removing and hauling away the very materials that GRIFFIN had illegally dumped at Arlo Lane with DYCKMAN’s assistance.

DYCKMAN generally allowed GRIFFIN and his employees access to Arlo Lane on Saturdays or after working hours. To carry out the scheme, DYCKMAN would attempt to clear senior Town of Cortlandt management away from Arlo Lane around the time of the unauthorized dumping. When DYCKMAN arranged for a subordinate Town of Cortlandt worker to work overtime when GRIFFIN was dumping unauthorized loads, DYCKMAN would falsely record the worker’s overtime as having occurred during the week in order to conceal the scheme.

In exchange for access to Arlo Lane, GRIFFIN paid DYCKMAN cash bribes.

GRIFFIN and DYCKMAN have agreed to pay the Town of Cortlandt and the Westchester Land Trust, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization which owns damaged wetlands abutting the Town of Cortlandt’s Arlo Lane property, a total of \$2.4 million to remediate and restore their property following GRIFFIN and DYCKMAN’s criminal conduct.

#### Bid-Rigging Scheme

Between 2015 and 2018, GRIFFIN also engaged in a bid-rigging scheme. GRIFFIN defrauded the village of Croton-on-Hudson for work on its schools, and the hamlet of Verplanck for work at its fire department. GRIFFIN made sham, non-competitive, and inflated bids on behalf of entities that GRIFFIN did not work for or have authorization to submit bids on behalf of, so that GRIFFIN would be the low bidder in a pool of purportedly competitive bids and receive public money for work on the projects. Based on these sham, non-competitive, and inflated bids, GRIFFIN was awarded contracts with a combined value exceeding \$133,000.

GRIFFIN, 55, of Cortlandt Manor, New York pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit bribery and one count of conspiracy to commit wire fraud, each of which carries a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison. DYCKMAN, 52, of Verplanck, New York, pled guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit mail fraud, which carries a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison. GRIFFIN and DYCKMAN are both scheduled to be sentenced by U.S. District Judge Vincent L. Briccetti on December 5, 2024.

Mr. Williams praised the outstanding investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Westchester County Police Department in this investigation. Mr. Williams also thanked the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office and the New York City Department of Investigation for their assistance in the investigation.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE Index #: 71686/2023 Mortgage Assets Management, LLC Plaintiff, vs William J Rudy, Jr. As Heir To The Estate Of William J Rudy Sr. Who Was Surviving Spouse Of Rita J. Rudy, Unknown Heirs Of William J. Rudy, Sr. If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS, United States Of America On Behalf Of The Secretary Of Housing And Urban Development “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 Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 1 Oakhill Road Ardsley, NY 10502 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of William J. Rudy, SR. Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Rita J. Rudy (who died on November 1, 2022, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) and William J. Rudy, Sr. (who died on June 19, 2023, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$675,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 513253555 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on November 28, 2011. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 22, 2018 and recorded on February 13, 2018, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 580433468. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 17, 2021 and recorded on September 24, 2021, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 612673299. The property in question is described as follows: 1 Oakhill Road, Ardsley, NY 10502 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 9, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82120



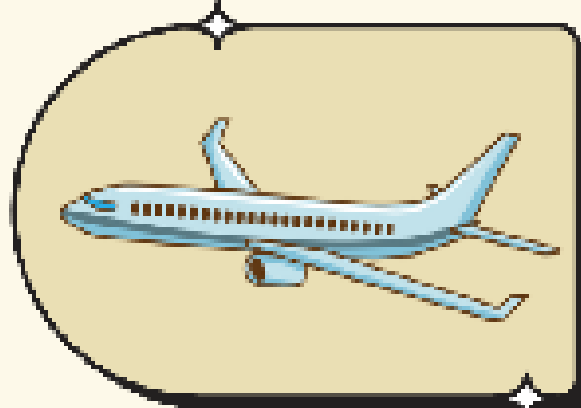
# YONKERS CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

40 South Broadway, City Hall Room 102, Yonkers, NY 10701

## Did you know?

### Passports

- You can apply for a new Passport in the City Clerk's Office
- No Appointments Necessary
- We even take Passport Photos



### One - Day Marriage Officiant License

- You can apply to officiate the wedding of any couple with a valid Marriage License from the City of Yonkers



### Domestic Partnerships

- The City Clerk's Office can formally register your committed relationship as an alternative to getting married



### City Council Meetings Translated Live

- Live City Council Meetings are available in over 50 languages using any Internet capable devices

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### Government Transparency

- Starting in September, you can access our new Legislative Portal
- Easily find scheduled meetings and proposed legislation

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Starting Fall 2024 our office will feature

## TSA Pre✓

enrollment for expedited air travel security screening

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