

Yonkers HS Football Teams Reduced from 2 to 1



By Dan Murphy

The decision by the Yonkers Public Schools to merge the two high school varsity football teams into one is being met with hope for the future, but also with some opposition and concern that half of the players will be taking the field as the Yonkers Force and Yonkers Storm merge into the Guardians.

Here is the press release from the Yonkers Public Schools. “Former foes are now united on one football team for all Yonkers high schools. The Yonkers Public School District introduces the Guardians. Since 2018, the Yonkers Brave and the Yonkers Force have competed as crosstown rivals.

The team names paid tribute to the Yonkers Police and Fire Departments, whose members have long supported and mentored student-athletes. The Guardians name continues to honor the courageous protectors of the city, under one banner. District leaders believe the combined muscle and might of these

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Latimer: Close All Detention Facilities Operated by ICE



Rep. George Latimer

By Dan Murphy

On August 4, Congressmen Ritchie Torres (NY-15) and George Latimer (NY-16) conducted a Congressional oversight visit at the Delaney Hall Immigration Detention Center in Newark, New Jersey. Delaney Hall is the largest immigration detention facility on the East Coast. The facility, which is privately owned and operated by the GEO Group, currently holds hundreds of detainees. In reaction to the visit, Rep. Torres said:

“The vast majority of detainees at Delaney Hall have no criminal history. There has been virtually no criminal activity on the part of the detainees. They should not be here. The Trump administration is wasting \$1 billion on a facility that should not

NY’s SAFE Act for kids requires social media companies to confirm users’ age to restrict personalized feeds and nighttime notifications



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15-Year Old Shoots Four, One Dead

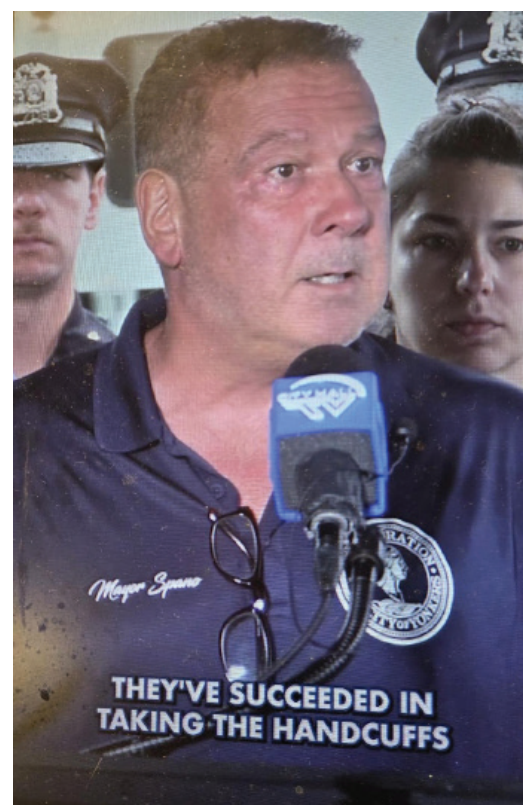


20-year old Brandon Garcia, right, was killed on Aug. 2. Photo from his GoFundMe page—<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-brandon-garcias-funeral>

At approximately 8:43 p.m. on August 2, 2026, an on-duty Yonkers Police Captain heard multiple gunshots in the area of Palisade Avenue and Elm Street, immediately responded toward the scene, and observed the suspect

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Mayor Spano Calls out State Legislators After Shooting



The State Legislature “Took the Handcuffs off the bad guys and put them on Law Enforcement and Judges”

-Mayor Mike Spano

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano challenged the state legislature in Albany to modify their laws on cash bail and raise the age during a press conference after the shooting of four by a 15-year old

“The incident took all of maybe five seconds, and we have five people shot and one person dead,” said Spano

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State Senator Mayer Introduces Legislation Prohibiting Humanoid AI Robots in Schools



Realbotix humanoid robots

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Read it all Online at [Yonkerstimes.com](https://www.yonkerstimes.com)

Our Youth Keep Killing Each Other

By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

Mothers in America keep burying their sons. New York, Chicago, Detroit, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and New Orleans see it. Sons are constantly being buried. Funeral homes keep making money and they barely close. Prisons keep filling up and folks continue to open more. Lawyers continue to take on new clients. Yet somehow, nobody wants to have this conversation.

According to the Violence Policy Center, “Missouri has ranked either first or second in the nation for Black homicide victimization 18 years in a row.” Every summer, more Black teens and young adults are killed, and the outrage fades almost as quickly as the headlines. The same excuses are repeated every time. People blame society. They blame the family, the community, or the government. Folks love to say that a community doesn’t have enough youth programs. Some people even blame music. Everyone points a finger, but the body count keeps rising.

Then comes the aftermath. Families who can barely afford groceries or an electric bill, now have to pay thousands of dollars for a funeral. Not to mention GoFundMe pages pop up too. Social media fills with dove emojis, prayer hand emojis, and “RIP” posts on stories. Candles are placed on sidewalks and sometimes T-shirts are printed.

But then... the tears eventually dry, and the city moves on. The family is left to remember in silence.

This is America folks.

Dennis Richmond, Jr. (@NewYorkStakz) is a journalist, historian, and educator from Yonkers, NY. He writes to uplift unheard voices, honor history, and inspire change.

Yonkers National Guard Soldier Receives

New Rank, New Responsibilities

Major General Ray Shields, the adjutant general for the state of New York, announces the recent promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Nikita Idoni from Yonkers, N.Y., and assigned to Bravo Company, NY Recruiting and Retention Battalion, received a promotion July 30, 2026 to the rank of private first class.

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State Senator Mayer Introduces Legislation Prohibiting Humanoid AI Robots in Schools

State Senator Shelley Mayer, Chair of the Senate Committee on Education, introduced legislation today, S.10671, to prohibit the use of artificial intelligence-enabled humanoid robots in instructional roles in New York's schools.

The legislation is in response to the Salamanca City Central School District’s plan to introduce an AI-enabled humanoid robot into a classroom. The robot, known as “Sally,” was designed to appear between 16 and 24 years old, exhibit a positive personality, and possess knowledge of the city’s local history. The district proposed using the AI robot as a tutoring aide, capable of interacting with students, helping with assignments, explaining lessons, and offering personalized educational support.

On July 24, the State Education Commission Betty Rosa wrote to Salamanca Superintendent Mark Beehler expressing concern over the effect the humanoid robot may have. The letter stated: “The Department remains concerned about the effect that a humanoid robot may have within a high school classroom. Although you confirmed that the robot would not have any role in delivering classroom instruction, a recent presentation to the board characterized the robot as a ‘tutoring platform.’ Many parents, teachers, and stakeholders, are understandably concerned about the presence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology in classrooms, particularly when it involves robots that resemble humans.”

Salamanca City Central School District announced later that day that the “Sally” pilot program with Realbotix was put on hold while they “work through enhanced student data privacy agreements with the New York State Education Department and continue engaging with [our] community and stakeholders.”

Senator Mayer's legislation would require every school district, charter school, and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to adopt a written policy governing the use of humanoid robots in schools. This policy must prohibit the use of AI-enabled humanoid robots to perform the responsibilities of a teacher, including delivering or leading classroom instruction, providing one-on-one or small-group instruction, tutoring students, offering educational support services, assessing or evaluating student performance, grading student work, or carrying out any other duties ordinarily performed by a certified teacher.

State Senator Shelley Mayer said, “Humanoid AI robots designed to look and interact like people present unique concerns in schools, not the least of which is the impact on children. These systems have the potential to foster inappropriate emotional attachments or relationships with students, and like any technology, cannot be used to replace the human interaction that is so critical to intellectual, social and age-appropriate development. Artificial intelligence has an important place in education and can be a valuable tool. But as we begin to determine the optimal way to use AI in our schools, it can never replace the knowledge, compassion, and human connection that our educators and other staff bring to the classroom – and to the school building – every day.”

Senator Kristen Gonzalez, Chair of the Senate Internet and Technology Committee, said, “Before any new technology is introduced in educational settings, it should have evidence-backed and clear guidelines on how to achieve learning objectives. AI-powered humanoid robots lack any research and raise serious concerns about how these devices could impact the social and emotional development of children. What should be clear is that no such device could ever replace the role of teachers in the classroom. Teachers are an essential part of students’ education and their instruction and guidance cannot be automated. I have passed legislation protecting these jobs, and this bill strengthens these protections and prevents potentially harmful impacts of AI on our school communities. I am excited to have worked with Senator Mayer on this bill and look forward to continuing our work to make sure our schools use technology responsibly.”

Melinda Person, NYSUT President, said, “Sen. Mayer moved quickly, and we thank her for her leadership to create statewide guardrails so districts don’t become testing grounds for humanoid robots. This legislation begins the crucial process of defining which technology belongs in our classrooms and what should be limited. NYSUT looks forward to working with our education partners across this state to give our kids what every child deserves — meaningful human connections in the classroom — even as we teach them to navigate the technology that will shape their lives.”

NYS PTA President Patty Frazier said, “We thank Senator Mayer for starting this critical conversation about the appropriate role of technology in the classroom. While we recognize certain education-based technology may have use in instructional settings, we agree that AI technologies such as this should not have any instructional role with our students. We hope that school districts looking to expand and implement technology have meaningful conversations with parents, families, and educators about its use with our children.”

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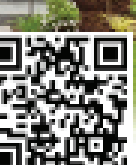
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By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Municipal Historian, 1977 recipient of the Key to the City of Yonkers, President Emeritus Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board Member, Founder

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By Dan Murphy

She adds that the SIM lab walks students through a wide variety of potential pa

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Yonkers Married Couple Sentenced for Defrauding NYC Department of Education out of \$170,000

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a married Yonkers couple were sentenced for their roles in a fraudulent scheme that netted them and a co-conspirator more than \$170,000 in illicit proceeds from the New York City Department of Education.

District Attorney Clark said, “The female defendant, a longtime employee with the New York City Department of Education used her position to falsify purchase orders. She engaged her husband and a friend in this crime of greed that stole more than \$170,000, money that should have been used for the education of our schoolchildren. I would like to thank our law enforcement partners at SCI who worked with our Financial Frauds Bureau in this investigation.”

District Attorney Clark said defendant Rusnelly Clase, 42, was today sentenced to six months in prison with five years’ post-release supervision and defendant Justin Echevarria, 38, was today sentenced to five years’ probation before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Steven Horsntein.

The pair pleaded guilty to fourth degree Corrupting the Government on April 9, 2026.

To date Clase has paid \$50,000 in restitution. She’s been ordered to pay an additional \$36, 654.88.

Echevarria was also ordered to pay \$47,448.63.

Special Commissioner Anastasia Anastasia Coleman said, “The New York City public school system is not a personal piggy bank. Every dollar stolen from our schools is a dollar taken away from New York City’s students. SCI will continue holding accountable anyone who exploits their public position and misuses resources that belong in our classrooms. We like to thank the DA’s Financial Frauds Bureau for working closely with our investigators on this important matter.”

According to the investigation, from 2018 through February of 2022, Clase, a community coordinator with Middle School 302 in Longwood for over ten years, used her access to the school’s procurement and accounting systems to register her husband and another co-conspirator as non-contracted vendors with the New York City Department of Education.

Clase filed a substantial number of fraudulent vendor invoices, along with falsified purchase orders for clothing such as sweatshirts, shorts, t-shirts, and jackets. Clase then used unauthorized access to approve the invoices and trigger over \$90,000 in fraudulent payments to her husband and \$75,000 in fraudulent payments to the other co-conspirator, both of whom “kicked back” some of the illicit proceeds to Clase. No items were ever delivered.

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tient scenarios.

“So our first-year students get a low-fidelity respiratory simulation. In our final semester, students who are doing a lot of cardiac and neuro will get maybe a patient who has an arrhythmia or is having a myocardial infarction, and they’ll be taking care of that patient in the SIM lab.”

This experience prepares students for interactions with real patients and helps build confidence.

“This is where they learn the first steps of teamwork,” says Dr. Davé. “You get to see who the leader is in the room, who’s delegating, who’s just standing in a corner, who needs to be coaxed out of their shell a little bit. There’s progression as they go through the curriculum, so you get to see the students develop more. And that translates to what the instructors see on the floor. They get to see that confidence.”

As students train in the lab, Dr. Davé continues to work to increase enrollment and attract new students to Cochran. Scholarships are available, and she continues to seek additional funding from local foundations to make nursing education more accessible.

“We have set up some fantastic scholarships for our students,” says Dr. Davé. “We have at least four students who pretty much get a full ride because of the generosity of some of our donors. We also have donations earmarked for some physical and capital improvements.”

Dr Davé hopes not only to bring more students to the school but also to attract more people to the field of nursing.

“I think people should study nursing and come to Cochran, because it provides such a foundational experience for the rest of your life,” she explains. “You know, if you can look after people, that means you can certainly look after yourself and your own family. You can build on that foundation to take you anywhere that you want to go. If you want to be an ICU nurse, it’s going to prepare you for that. If you want to look after pediatric patients, it will prepare you for that. If you want to be a school nurse, it will prepare you for that. If you want a career that you can really apply your focus to and that has ever-expanding opportunities, nursing is there for you.”

To apply or learn more about nursing programs, please visit the Cochran Nursing School website.

Governor Hochul Announces Cybersecurity Grants for Five Westchester Water Systems

Governor Hochul Announces More Than \$9 Million in Cybersecurity Grants to Help Protect 153 Water Systems Statewide

Governor Kathy Hochul announced more than \$9 million in grants awarded to 153 local government projects statewide through the Strengthening Essential Cybersecurity for Utilities and Resiliency Enhancements (SECURE) grant program. This funding will support communities in their efforts to bolster their cybersecurity posture against increasingly sophisticated and dangerous cyber threats while strengthening services that millions of New Yorkers rely on every day.

“New York is taking action to protect our critical water infrastructure from cyberattacks that could disrupt services and threaten public health and safety,” Governor Hochul said. “As we have seen with recent malicious cyberattacks on water systems across multiple states, these threats are real and escalating. These investments give local governments the tools they need to strengthen their defenses, safeguard essential services, and keep delivering safe, reliable water to New Yorkers.”

SECURE grants and no-cost technical assistance from the Environmental Facilities Corporation will help local governments implement the State’s new minimum cybersecurity standards for drinking water and sewer systems. The grants will fund local cybersecurity assessments and implementation, helping water systems build stronger, more secure operations.

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Empire Center’s Energy Data Bulletin shows New York households paid the third-highest residential electricity prices in the country in May 2026, trailing only Hawaii and California. The latest U.S. Energy Information Administration data put New York’s residential electricity prices at 29.93 cents per kilowatt-hour in May 2026.

“Third highest in the nation is not where New York should want to be on electricity prices,” said Zilvinas Silenas, president of the Empire Center. “If this is affordability, New Yorkers cannot afford it.”

New York’s prices rose 12 percent from a year earlier, twice the rate of increase for the U.S. average.

New York’s prices are 62 percent higher than the national average, nearly double Florida’s and more than 80 percent higher than Texas’s. Households in neighboring New Jersey and Pennsylvania paid lower prices, at 23.27 cents/kWh and 21.55 cents/kWh, respectively.

“New York’s energy policy is contributing to the higher costs we have warned about for years,” said Silenas.

New York’s average residential natural gas prices were 15 percent above the national average and ranked 19th highest in the U.S.

Read the August release of the Energy Data Bulletin here.

The Empire Center, based in Albany, is an independent, not-for-profit, non-partisan think tank dedicated to promoting policies that can make New York a better place to live, work and raise a family.

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Letter Opinion-

Stop the NYSDEC Pheasant Hunt

The NYS Dept of Environmental Conservation (DEC) runs a yearly ‘Pheasant Hunt’ – which in fact consists of the DEC stocking non-native baby birds specifically to be released ‘good training tools’ for hunters to kill. One hunter happily refers to them as birds “planted here’ for hunters. Another stated, “It’s unrealistic for an aspiring hunter in the East to plan a trip to South Dakota to hunt wild pheasants on public ground. But if they can find a place near home to chase some planted birds and get an idea of what pheasant hunting is like, well, maybe they’ll eventually grow into a dedicated bird hunter one day.”

The facts are each year the DEC places orders for thousands of non-native baby birds raised in confinement, dependent on humans for everything, including food, water, and shelter. They are then shipped to unfamiliar surroundings with none of the necessary survival skills to find their own food, escape predators, avoid cars etc....and are released to be shot by hunters as a bizarre, cruel ‘target practice.’ The DEC justifies this pitiful slaughter as “offering a highly accessible gateway to the outdoors and an ideal introduction for hunters from non-traditional pathways.’ In meetings with DEC officials, we pointed out that an activity like skeet shooting would do the same, and no animals would have to die; this suggestion was ignored. The DEC admits this program is losing participants – but their response is to expand kill sites instead.

No living beings should be used as target practice for hunters. This unconscionable project was began by the NYS Conservation Fund Advisory Board, a DEC openly discriminatory division that deliberately excludes non-hunters from serving on its advisory board.

The DEC calls the slaughter of these birds ‘good training tools.’

It’s an election year. Please ask Governor Hochul to help terminate this program, which is a disgrace for NYS. Shooting stocked pheasants, dependant on humans for survival, isn’t hunting – it’s killing. Neither our wildlife, nor any living beings, are “training tools.”

Kiley Blackman
Founder
Animal Defenders of Westchester
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In Loving Memory of Vincent Pastore



L-R-Louis Spotorno, Vincent Pastore, Frank Spotorno, 2016

By Frank Spotorno

In 2016, when I was running for Congress for Joe Crowley’s seat, I personally asked Vincent to play at my one and only campaign fundraiser at Russo’s on the Bay in Howard Beach. He didn’t hesitate for a second — he said yes immediately. His band, The Gangster Squad brought the house down that night.

Although we didn’t win the race, that night was a win because of Vincent. All my family and friends were there, some of whom have since passed on themselves. I still remember my mom saying, “He really sings good,” and how much she enjoyed his music.

Today, we pause to honor and remember Vincent Pastori, whose passing leaves a deep void in the hearts of all who knew him. Vincent brought so much light, warmth, and life into the world, and his memory will forever remain a cherished blessing to his family, friends, and community.

In times of profound loss, we turn to prayer for comfort and hope.

Heavenly Father,

We gently place Vincent into Your loving hands. Grant him eternal rest, Lord, and wrap his soul in Your everlasting light and peace. May he rest in comfort, free from pain, fully embraced by Your grace.

We pray for the Pastori family during this painful season of grief. Bring them solace in their sorrow, strength in their togetherness, and comfort in the enduring legacy of Vincent’s love. Amen.

To the entire Pastori family, please accept our deepest and most heartfelt condolences. May you find strength in the support of those around you and comfort in the beautiful memories you shared with Vincent.

You remain in our thoughts, our hearts, and our prayers.

Rest in peace , Vincent. You will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.

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Yonkers Mayor Spano to Commission New Public Mural Honoring Indigenous Heritage; Accaimed Muralist Richard Haas and Artist Robin Alcantra Creators



Left to Right: Lisa Austin, National Museum of the American Indian; Laura Vookles, Hudson River Museum; Mayor Mike Spano; Richard Haas, artist; Congressman George Latimer; Shawn “Standing Eagle” Stevens; Robin Alcantara, artist. Photo by Maurice Mercado/City of Yonkers

On August 6, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the City’s commissioning of a new public mural at Many Trails Park commemorating United Nations International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples, observed annually on August 9.

This mural, to be created by acclaimed muralist Richard Haas and artist Robin Alcantara, will honor the rich history, culture and enduring legacy of the Lenape, Munsee and Mohican people whose ancestral homelands include present-day Yonkers.

“Yonkers is proud of its diversity, and that begins with recognizing the first people who called this land home,” said Mayor Spano. “This mural will serve as a lasting tribute to the Indigenous communities whose history is deeply woven into our City’s story. It is a place where residents and visitors alike can reflect, learn and appreciate the cultures that helped shape Yonkers.”

The mural will be painted on the prominent wall overlooking the Many Trails sculpture at the park, located at 2 Mill Street. Last November, the park, containing a portion of the daylighted Saw Mill River, was re-dedicated in honor of the City’s Native American heritage to Many Trails Park. Native American artist Al Wadzinski created a metal sculpture to tell the story of Yonkers’ first beginnings.

Together, the sculpture and mural will tell the story of the Indigenous peoples who lived, traveled and thrived along the banks of the Hudson River long before Yonkers became the City it is today.

“I am both proud and challenged by the City of Yonkers’ decision to ask me to design a mural dedicated to the history of the Indigenous people who inhabited this area,” said muralist Richard Haas. “I honestly hope that I can do some justice to this rich heritage and that through this mural, the people now living in Yonkers and beyond will reflect on and better appreciate the importance of and great contributions the Lenape, Munsee and Mohegan tribes made to our history.”

Artist Robin Alcantara said, “Our goal is to create a mural that honors the memory of the Indigenous people who called this place home, and whose descendants continue to preserve that heritage today.”

The announcement coincided with the City’s observance of the United Nations International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples, a global recognition of the cultures, traditions, languages and contributions of Indigenous peoples around the world.

Many Trails Park was created to acknowledge the deep historical connection between Yonkers and the Lenape, Munsee and Mohican people. The addition of the mural will further transform the park into a space for education, reflection and cultural appreciation while reinforcing the City’s commitment to preserving and sharing Indigenous *history*.

The mural is expected to be completed early next year.

The Hudson River Museum, accredited by the American Alliance of Museums, served as as the backdrop for this announcement. This award-winning museum has been a proponent in promoting Native American art and culture in exhibits such as Smoke In Our Hair: Native Memory and Unsettled Time.

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A 41-year-old Ossining man has been charged with shining a green laser at a Westchester County Police helicopter on Friday night as it traveled along the Hudson River shoreline in Ossining.

Ossining Police Department officers responded and took Anthony Lopez, 41, of Main Street into custody and confiscated a green laser. He was turned over to County Police. Lopez was transported to County Police headquarters in Hawthorne and booked on charges of Directing a Laser at an Aircraft 1st Degree and Assault 2nd Degree, felonies. He was held overnight for arraignment in Ossining Town Court.

Lopez was arraigned Saturday in Ossining Town Court and remanded to the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla. A criminal complaint is merely an accusation, and a defendant should be presumed innocent until found guilty in court.

People want to know who to blame—go to the state Legislature,” Spano said. “They have succeeded in taking the handcuffs off the bad guys and putting them on law enforcement and the judges. And we can blame the democrats at home, we can blame the Republicans in Washington for their inability to do the things that will allow law enforcement to take illegal guns off the streets. How does a 15-year-old end up with a gun like that?”

“Look, I’ve been mayor now for 15 years, and I spent 20 years in the state Legislature, so I get it,” Spano said. “We do things like Raise the Age, and there were a lot of positives to raising the age. There were reasons for cash bail reform. But there was never a look back to say, ‘You know what? Where did we go too far? How can we change these laws so we’re not handcuffing law enforcement and we’re not handcuffing our judges?’ That’s what I’m concerned about.”

Spano also called on state lawmakers to seek greater input from mayors, police officials and prosecutors before enacting major criminal justice changes.

“Go back to bail reform. It happened in a budget bill, and we had no input on it—none whatsoever,” Spano said. “Neither did law enforcement, and neither did the district attorneys. It was passed in a budget bill without their input, and a call like that usually doesn’t work.”

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY 2027 ANNUAL PLAN

The Public Hearings will be on Monday, September 21, 2026, at:

Ross F. Calcagno Home
10 Brook Street (Gymnasium)
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6:00 P.M.

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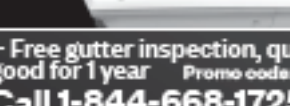
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Nation-Leading SAFE for Kids Act Protects Children’s Mental Health by Limiting Addictive Social Media Features Known to Cause Depression and Anxiety
Final Rules Outline How Social Media Companies Should Confirm Users’ Age to Stop Addictive Feeds and Nighttime Notifications for Children

New York Attorney General Letitia James today released final rules on how social media companies must restrict addictive features on their platforms to comply with the Stop Addictive Feeds Exploitation (SAFE) for Kids Act and protect children’s mental health. The SAFE for Kids Act, championed by Attorney General James, sponsored by Senator Andrew Gounardes and Assemblymember Nily Rozic, and signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul, requires social media companies to restrict algorithmically personalized feeds and nighttime notifications for users under the age of 18 unless they obtain parental consent. Algorithmic feeds and nighttime notifications are tied to depression, anxiety, eating and sleep disorders, and other mental health issues among children and teenagers. The rules released today establish criteria to determine which companies must comply with the law and outline standards to determine users’ age and obtain parental consent.

“The SAFE for Kids Act leads the nation in keeping our children safe online and protecting youth from the devastating effects of unchecked social media,” said Attorney General James. “These rules set standards for age verification and parental control to ensure tech companies are doing their part to keep kids safe on their platforms. Young people are particularly vulnerable to addictive social media features, and my office is committed to protecting all New Yorkers from potentially harmful technologies and companies that try to take advantage of them.”

“When I came into office, our children were in the throes of a full-blown mental health crisis, and as New York’s first mom Governor, I felt a moral imperative to act,” said Governor Hochul. “Today, we’re sending a clear message: our kids’ mental health isn’t for sale. We promised action and the SAFE For Kids Act is delivering by ensuring that any platform that targets our children with addictive feeds will face legal consequences. Instead of clicking and scrolling, our kids will be learning and growing.”

Algorithmically personalized feeds, or addictive feeds, recommend or personalize content for users in an endless stream based on data that the platform gathers about the user. They are designed to encourage a user to continue to use and return to a platform. Content displayed in addictive feeds is often from accounts that a user does not follow and is often displayed out of chronological order.

Addictive feeds are known to drive unhealthy levels of social media use in minors that can affect their mental health. Research shows that children as young as 10 to 14 years old experience addictive use of social media, and the more time children spend on social media, the more likely they are to experience negative mental health outcomes such as depression, anxiety, and eating and sleep disorders.

The SAFE for Kids Act addresses these mental health concerns for children by requiring social media companies to restrict addictive feeds for users under 18. Instead of the default algorithmically personalized feeds designed to keep young people on the platform, users under 18 will only be shown content from other accounts they follow or otherwise select in a set sequence, such as chronological order, unless they get parental consent for an addictive feed. Users cannot be cut off from the platform simply because they either do not want or do not have parental consent for an addictive feed. Instead, all users will still be able to access all the same content they can access now. The law also prohibits social media platforms from sending notifications to users under 18 from 12 a.m. to 6 a.m. without parental consent.

Signed into law by Governor Hochul in June 2024, the SAFE for Kids Act authorized the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) to promulgate rules on how companies should comply with the law before the statute goes into effect, including rules that set industry standards for determining a user’s age and securing parental consent. The OAG issued an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking on August 1, 2024, and provided the public with a 60-day period to submit comments. The proposed rules were made public for review on September 15, 2025. The OAG incorporated public input, industry research, and its significant experience to inform the proposed and final rules.

Age Assurance

For users above the age of 17, social media companies must determine that the user is an adult before allowing them to access algorithmic feeds and/or nighttime notifications. Companies may confirm a user’s age using any existing method, as long as the methods are shown to meet accuracy benchmarks and protect users’ data. Companies can use options such as:

- Requesting an uploaded image or video; or
- Verifying a user’s email address or phone number to cross-check other information that reflects a user’s age.

Social media companies must offer at least one alternative method for age assurance besides providing a government-issued ID.

Any information used to determine age or obtain parental consent must not be used for any other purpose and must be deleted or de-identified immediately after its intended use. Social media companies must use only the minimum amount of data necessary to confirm a user’s age.

Minor users must have an option to update their age status on the platform when they turn 18.

Social media companies must choose an age assurance method with a high accuracy rate, conduct annual testing, and retain the results of the testing for a minimum of five years.

Parental Consent

Minors must affirmatively seek access to prohibited features and must consent to their parent being notified. Any parent who wants to grant consent must go through age assurance. The platform may not block a minor user from generally accessing the platform or its content through, for example, searches, simply because they or their parent has refused to consent.

The platform is not required to show parents the user’s search history or topics of interest to obtain parental consent. Parents and minors must also have the option to withdraw their consent at any time.

The SAFE for Kids Act goes into effect on January 25, 2027.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ALSO KNOWN AS “GARBAGE AND REFUSE” IN REGARD TO ROLL-OFF AND UNDERGROUND REFUSE SYSTEM COLLECTION FEES

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the above-mentioned legislation to amend the City Code to permit collection via underground refuse system and amend the fee structure by removing a rental service and providing flexibility to recoup actual cost of provision of service.

Section 1. Chapter 91 of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled “Garbage and Refuse”, is hereby amended in part by amending Section 91-19 “Scope of City Collection” to read as follows:

§ 91-19. Scope of City collection.

A. No residential collections will be made from receptacles that are not made of metal, plastic or other suitable material, including heavy trash bags approved by the Commissioner of Public Works. However, the use of canisters in excess of the volume and weight set forth in § 91-17 hereof is authorized upon approval by the Commissioner of Public Works.

B. Except as may be provided pursuant to Subsection C of this section, no collection of ashes, garbage, refuse or other waste of any kind or description, including trade waste, will be made by the Department of Public Works from any business, industrial, manufacturing or other establishment conducted for profit.

C. The Commissioner of Public Works may collect garbage, refuse and waste from multiple dwellings by use of roll-off service or other refuse collection service approved by the Commissioner of Public Works pursuant to the fees authorized in § 91-24.

Section 2. Chapter 91 of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled “Garbage and Refuse”, is hereby amended in part by amending Section 91-24 “Collection Fees” to read as follows:

§ 91-24. Collection fees.

The fees authorized in this chapter shall be as follows:

A. Rental of containers for roll-off service:

- (1) Twenty-cubic-yard container: \$125 per month.
- (2) Thirty-cubic-yard container: \$150 per month.
- (3) Forty-cubic-yard container: \$200 per month.

B. Roll-off service: \$100 per ton for in excess of two collections per week.

The City shall charge a fee for the provision of refuse collection via roll-off service and other refuse collection service approved by the Commissioner of Public Works. The fee shall be in an amount fixed by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor. Any fee so fixed shall be effective 48 hours after it is posted in the office of the City Clerk and shall be payable by the applicant to the Comptroller of the City of Yonkers.

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

Dated: July 28, 2026

Vincent Spano
City Clerk

BID ADVERTISEMENT LEGAL NOTICE

Town of Eastchester will receive sealed bids for Caterer Congregate and Home Delivered Meals for Senior Nutrition Program, Eastchester, New York 10709, in accordance with the related documents.

Bid documents will be made available at 9:00 AM on August 10, 2026 and may be obtained at no charge online at the Town Clerks page on the Eastchester website (www.eastchester.gov) OR bids can be picked-up at the Office of the Town Clerk.

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at the site on August 17, 2026 at 10:00 AM local time. Please call ahead the Senior Nutrition Center main office number, 914-337-0390, Press 1.

Any request for information or technical questions should be directed to Sally, sveltidi@eastchester.gov or (914) 771-3313 and shall be made by 3:00pm local time on August 21st, 2026.

Proposals will be received until 11:00 AM local time on August 24, 2026 at the Office of The Town Clerk, Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Base Bid.

Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain Insurance and Bonds required for the Work.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the total Contract Amount.

All bids shall be submitted in an opaque, sealed envelope clearly marked for “Caterer Congregate and Home Delivered Meals for Senior Nutrition Program”, addressed to: Town Clerk, Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York 10709. Unless otherwise permitted by law, no bids may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after the date of the bid opening.

The Town of Eastchester reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any informality or irregularity in any or all bids.

LATE BIDS - All bids received after the deadline date and time stated above will not be considered and will be returned to the bidder unopened. The bidder assumes the risk of any delay in the mail or in the handling of the mail by Owner’s employees or volunteers. Whether sent by mail or by means of personal delivery, the bidder assumes all responsibility for having the bid deposited on time at the place specified.

Dated: August 5, 2026

Town of Eastchester, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, NY 10709



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fleeing on foot. He tracked the suspect while coordinating the response of additional officers.

Responding officers arrived within moments, locating five victims suffering from gunshot wounds while additional officers converged on the area of the fleeing suspect. Officers immediately rendered all available medical aid to the victims while simultaneously establishing a perimeter and coordinating the suspect’s apprehension.

Five individuals were struck by gunfire during the incident.

A 20-year-old male suffered a gunshot wound to the back. He was rendered aid on scene and transported to an area hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. He has been identified as Brandon Garcia.

The remaining four victims sustained non-fatal gunshot wounds. They include:

- A 16-year-old male who suffered a gunshot wound to the left shoulder
- A 15-year-old male who suffered a gunshot wound to the left thigh
- A 15-year-old male who suffered a gunshot wound to the stomach
- A 14-year-old female who suffered a gunshot wound to the left leg

All surviving victims were rendered aid at the scene before being transported to area hospitals in critical but stable condition. All are expected to recover from their injuries. There will be no further information released on these victims.

Within minutes of the shooting, officers safely took the 15-year-old suspect into custody approximately one block from the scene.

Detectives from the Yonkers Police Department Detective Division Major Case Squad assumed the investigation, assisted by members of the Crime Scene Unit, Digital Forensics Unit, Gang Unit, and other specialized personnel. During the apprehension and subsequent investigation, Detectives recovered the firearm believed to have been used in the shooting, ballistic evidence, surveillance camera video, and other items of evidentiary value.

The investigation determined the shooting was a targeted act of group violence and not a random attack. Investigators found that the suspect approached the intersection of Elm Street and Palisade Avenue on foot, fired eight rounds from a handgun across the intersection toward a group of individuals gathered on the corner, and then fled eastbound on Elm Street. Guided by the Patrol Captain’s observations and the coordinated response of responding officers, the suspect was apprehended approximately one block away on St. Casimir Avenue. The recovered firearm was a 9mm Taurus Semi-Automatic handgun that was reported stolen out of Georgia. The suspect’s immediate apprehension eliminated any ongoing threat to the public.

The suspect is being identified as a 15-year-old Yonkers resident and has been charged with Murder in the Second Degree, Attempted Murder in the Second Degree, Assault in the First Degree, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, and Reckless Endangerment in the First Degree. New York law prohibits the release of identifying information regarding juvenile offenders; therefore, no further identifying information about the suspect will be released at this time.

The suspect was arraigned in the Youth Part of Westchester County Court during the afternoon of August 3, 2026, and was remanded into custody. He remains in custody pending his next court appearance later this week.

The City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Police Department extend their deepest condolences to the family and friends of the deceased as they mourn this tragic loss.

SUMMONS–SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER – GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1, Plaintiff, -against- JAMES DUNPHY A/K/A JAY DUNPHY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JON R. WEDEN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, BENEFICIARIES, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT JON R. WEDEN, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants - Index No. 60320/2026. Plaintiff Designates Westchester County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Westchester County. To the above named Defendants– YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon the Plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated July 1, 2026. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME – If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Robert S. Ondrovic, J.S.C. Dated: July 1, 2026 Filed: July 1, 2026. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 92 Pleasant Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Dated: March 26, 2026 Filed: March 27, 2026 Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Jordan J. Manfro, Esq., 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591 Phone: (914) 345-3020

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sewing machine design. His design enabled better thread control, creating tightly drawn stitches.

August 12, 1920: George McLean of Dunwoodie qualified for the national professional golf championship tournament by winning on the Flossmoor links at Chicago. He went on to represent the New York district.

August 12, 1933: Samuel Untermeyer pledged to buy \$100,000 stock in the new First National Bank... if depositors pledged to purchase \$700,000 of the \$800,000 in stock needed to establish it. Mayor Joseph Loehr announced \$520,000 already was pledged.

Thursday, August 13th

August 13, 1940: Supreme Court Justice Raymond Aldrich ordered Yonkers to give the Board of Ed \$64,000 to buy the Elks’ Clubhouse on South Broadway. Aldrich found Education Law made it obligatory for the Common Council to borrow money to make a lump sum payment to the Yonkers Lodge of Elks but did not order them to do so. Instead, he ordered Corporation Counsel Leonard McAneny to certify that the contract between the Board of Education and the Yonkers Lodge was valid.

August 13, 1947: Police Chief William Kruppenbacher announced the early morning fire at the Kimball Theater that destroyed 15,000 feet of film was “of suspicious origin!” Firefighters found a film reel had been unwound in the film vault; its end was carried through the theater to the office and lit. The fire traveled the length of the film back to the vault, where it set off the other films.

Friday, August 14th

August 14, 1914: Monsignor Lings, pastor of St. Joseph’s Church on Ashburton Avenue, cut his European vacation short to return home. War had broken out in Europe.

August 14, 1933: YPD Detectives Robert Philp and Patrick Sullivan solved a burglary more than three hours before the victims discovered they were robbed! Former San Quentin inmate Arthur Avalos betrayed himself “by his greed.” He robbed the Stuber home on Huntsbridge Road of \$1,000+ of jewelry and property, packing it into three suitcases. The Yonkers detectives became suspicious as they watched him walking down the street, struggling with heavy bags. His story? He was helping “some lady” move from Yonkers to New York City! Searching him, they found several watches and pieces of jewelry. Once in custody at the Central Avenue Station, he admitted the crime.

Saturday, August 15th

August 15, 1916: The Chamber of Commerce and Merchants’ Association announced the Yonkers Carnival, scheduled for early September, was postponed indefinitely because of the paralysis (polio) epidemic. One of the special guests scheduled to attend had been New York Governor Charles Whitman.

August 15, 1934: After the USS Salt Lake City anchored in the Hudson River, just off Yonkers, Yonkers held a block dance in Larkin Plaza, the first of a series of events to welcome them!

Sunday, August 16th

August 16, 1776: Colonel Tupper, using the few naval resources he was given, courageously attacked the British warships Phoenix and Charlotta; other British ships quickly took refuge in the Nepperhan Harbor near Philipse Manor Hall.

The Phoenix escaped, but Tupper succeeded in burning the tender Charlotta. They salvaged a six-pound cannon and three smaller canons from her charred remains.

August 16, 1923: Former Socialist candidate for President Allan Benson of Hawley Terrace, published a 300+ page biography of Henry Ford.

August 16, 1929: To speed up the work pace, Yonkers Electric Light and Power Company increased the number of workmen installing wires underground in the Getty Square area.

Any questions on this column, email yonkershistory1646@gmail.com.

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



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two fine programs will position Yonkers as a formidable contender in pursuit of victory. The last time a Yonkers school captured the New York State High School Football Championship was 30 years ago, in 1996.

“Even as we embark on a new chapter for high school football in Yonkers, it is important that we continue to recognize the contributions of our first responders,” said Superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools Anibal Soler, Jr. “We were at a cross-roads with our football program and I believe merging into one team will give our student-athletes a stronger, richer experience and be more sustainable for the district. We also celebrate the new head coach who is a hometown hero.”

At the helm for the Guardians is head coach Doug Hogue, whose own football career started right here, in Yonkers. In 2006, Hogue earned First-Team All-State while playing for Roosevelt High School. He excelled at Syracuse University, where he was named the team’s Most Valuable Player. He later played in the National Football League for the Detroit Lions and the Carolina Panthers.

“I view the football field as an extension of the classroom, where the ultimate goals are building character, fostering teamwork and helping young men develop into successful leaders,” Hogue said.

The Guardians’ new emblem features a plumed Corinthian helmet centered within a shield. The helmet’s nose guard and angled eye protectors combine to form the letter, “Y,” creating a symbol of strength and Yonkers pride.

The district will invest in the future of the program by adding a freshman football squad beginning with the 2027-2028 school year. This will strengthen the player development pipeline and produce more talent for the existing junior varsity and varsity teams, end of release.

One question many of our readers had was why the decision was made? Was it budget related or where there fewer interested players?

We asked Superintendent Soler, who stated, “Budget constraints put pressure on our football program. I believe merging into one team will give our student-athletes a stronger, richer experience and be more sustainable for the district. We also celebrate the new head coach who is a hometown hero.”

We would have liked the opportunity to determine how much money is needed to field a second football team, and see if the Yonkers community would be willing to raise the funds needed to keep 2 teams. Or perhaps there is a corporate sponsor out there interested.

We firmly believe that fielding one team instead of two teams, limits the opportunities of at least 40 possible players for a second team. And one, or a few, of those players who won’t play might have been able to grow as a player and become college scholarship worthy.

But even for the 40 or so who won’t get a scholarship, they do get the experience of working hard, teamwork, responsibility and satisfaction, win or lose.

“This is the chance you get to turn some lives around. Going to practice, working hard and coming home gives the student players little time to get into trouble,” said one Yonkers football fan.

We did hear that the coaching responsibility for the Yonkers Police Department-with the Force, and Yonkers Fire Department-with the Brave, was significant, and ongoing for the past six years.

Notice of formation of CONNECTED EXPERIENCES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/30/2026. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail copy to LLC at 212 Colabaugh Pond Rd, Croton On Hudson, NY, 10520. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of DVH List Services, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/05/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 69 Johnson Rd, Scarsdale NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of W4J9R1 Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/23/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2 Gedney Park Drive, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of Infinity Strategies Group LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on September 1, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 255 Huguenot Street, Apt 913, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of M.C.K. VENTURES LLC of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/31/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to MCK VENTURES LLC 465 TUCKAHOE ROAD, #1304 YONKERS, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Frontline Restoration Partners LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on July 7, 2026. Office Location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 333 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 359, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Moving Minds LCSW PLLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/02/2026. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Nichole Rankin, 8 Oakbrook Road, Ossining, NY 10562. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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exist.

“When we saw the faces of the detainees, they were visibly traumatized and shocked. I’m concerned about the lack of medical care. There’s only one doctor for 893 detainees, which, to me, is woefully insufficient. I’m deeply concerned about the continued operation of the Delaney Hall detention center, which is part of a larger private-prison mass-deportation complex that is a stain on the soul of America.

“It is a disgrace, and this facility has no business operating.”

Congressman Latimer, in a recent interview with USA today, called for Delaney Hall, and all other detention center used by ICE should be closed.

Rep. Latimer said that Delaney Hall, which houses 835 people, reminded him of “an Amazon distribution warehouse, and instead of boxes, I was looking at human beings. Nothing about it respected the humanity of the individual. This is a different America.”

Located in Newark, New Jersey, Delaney Hall is a detention and correctional facility long operated by the GEO Group, a private prison management company. Positioned adjacent to the Essex County Jail, the site historically functioned as an assessment and treatment center for non-violent offenders, offering transitional services, educational coursework, and substance abuse counseling aimed at reducing recidivism. Over the years, its operational role shifted significantly as federal agencies, including U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), utilized the facility to hold civil immigration detainees.

The center has frequently drawn intense public scrutiny, local protests, and legal challenges from civil rights advocates. Critics have repeatedly cited concerns regarding living conditions, medical access, and the broader ethics of privatized detention. In response to growing community pressure and state legislative bans against private detention contracts, the facility’s utilization and future have remained a central point of debate within New Jersey’s criminal justice system.

At least three immigrant detainees have died over the past 9 months after being held in federal custody at Delaney Hall in Newark, New Jersey: Edwin Jovanny Lopez-Cornejo (41, El Salvador) – Died on August 1, 2026, after complaining of dizziness and collapsing at the facility. His family stated he had chronic health conditions (diabetes, high blood pressure, and seizures) and was denied required medications while in custody. Jean Wilson Brutus (41, Haiti) – Collapsed and died at the facility in December 2025. The medical examiner attributed his death to natural causes resulting from a lung blockage. Unidentified Male Detainee – Died at University Hospital in Newark in July 2026 after suffering a seizure during intake processing at Delaney Hall. U.S. Representative Rob Menendez disclosed the death, noting that ICE did not publicly report it because the individual was granted a “discretionary release” to the hospital before passing away.

Latimer said that while he understands that his plan to close all detention centers operated by ICE in a republican led congress, he did say that it is important for all members of congress, and candidates, to be on the record about where they stand.

Notice of Formation of Blossom & Spruce, LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/29/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 83 Grandview Ave., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Digital Infrastructure Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/25. Office: Westchester County. NY DOS designated as agent for service of process; DOS shall mail copy of process to 7 Ridgeway Cir White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Rat Attack Snacks, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/2/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 516 Park Avenue Yonkers NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless proposes to build a 49- foot Communications Pole/Structure at the approx. vicinity of 87 Chestnut Street, Dobbs Ferry, Westchester County, NY 10522. In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: Trileaf Corp, Benjamin Allen, b.allen@trileaf.com, 1775 The Exchange SE, Suite 525, Atlanta, GA 30339, 678-653-8673.

Notice of Formation of Laura Lucido Occupational Therapy PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/31/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 153 Fieldpoint Drive, Irvington NY 10533. Purpose: To practice the profession of Occupational Therapy.

Notice of Formation of Cortese Collective LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 1, 2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Cortese Collective LLC, 185 Ashford Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of ANVIL STAFFING LLC . Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/09/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 66 Hutchinson Blvd Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Summer Interns for Yonkers Fire Department

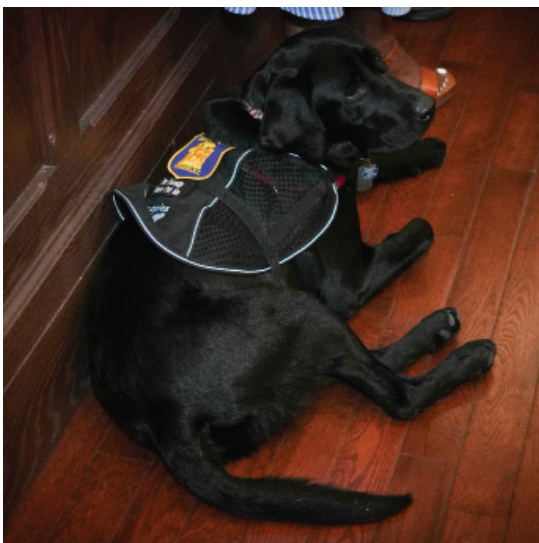


As another summer comes to a close, we'd like to extend our sincere thanks to our 2026 Yonkers Fire Department interns from the Yonkers Summer Youth Employment Program-MaryKate, Jeovany, and Jake, pictured above.

This summer, they were assigned to our Special Operations Division, where they quickly became an important part of our team. While much of the public sees firefighters responding to emergencies, these interns gained firsthand experience with the critical behind-the-scenes work that makes those responses possible. From maintaining specialized equipment and managing supplies to supporting logistics and rehabilitation operations at major incidents, they helped ensure our members had the resources they needed to serve the community. We hope this experience provided a meaningful look into the many facets of the fire service and the dedication required both on and off the fire-ground. Their professionalism, curiosity, and willingness to jump in wherever needed made a real difference, and we hope they learned as much from us as we learned from them. Thank you, MaryKate, Jeovany, and Jake, for your hard work, positive attitudes, and commitment throughout the summer. We wish you nothing but success in the years ahead and hope to welcome you back to the Yonkers Fire Department in the future!

Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

Yonkers Police Department Holds Swearing in of First Two Facility K9S



The Yonkers Police Department officially launched its new Facility Dog Program with the ceremonial swearing-in of its first two Facility Dogs, K9 Nilsen and K9 Gator. Unlike traditional patrol or detection dogs, Facility Dogs are specially trained to provide comfort and emotional support to victims of crime, children who have experienced trauma, officers and department personnel, and members of the community during times of crisis. They serve as a valuable resource during interviews with victims and witnesses, critical incidents, community outreach events, school visits, and officer wellness initiatives. Nilsen will partner with Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza, while Gator will partner with Officer Genesis Vasquez who is currently assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit. The two handlers and their partners recently completed an intensive two-week certification program through Puppies Behind Bars, preparing them to deploy the dogs in support of daily departmental operations. The Yonkers Police Department's Facility Dog Program was made possible through partnership with Puppies Behind Bars, a nationally recognized nonprofit organization that breeds, raises, and trains service dogs. Through a unique partnership with several correctional facilities, incarcerated individuals spend more than a year helping to raise and train these dogs under the supervision of Puppies Behind Bars staff. Nilsen and Gator were raised and trained at the Green Haven Correctional Facility in Stormville, New York. The program not only produces exceptional service dogs, but also provides incarcerated participants with vocational skills, personal responsibility, and the opportunity to give back by serving communities across the country. Despite the resources necessary to train and assign dogs of this caliber, Nilsen and Gator were provided to the Yonkers Police Department at no cost to the City through the generosity of Puppies Behind Bars and its supporters.

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