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Does Yonkers Have Too Many Marijuana Dispensaries?

Yonkers Community Pushes Back on Proposed Cannabis Store on McLean Avenue

left: proposed site of new cannabis dispensary at 865-867 McLean Ave.

By Dan Murphy

In a recent State of the City address, Mayor Mike Spano asked why there were so many Cannabis Dispensaries along Central Avenue.

The Mayor makes a good point, which is now being discussed by many Yonkers residents: Are there too many Cannabis dispensaries in Yonkers, or do they need more? The latest applicant for a new legal Marijuana store is Green Zephyr LLC, who has an application filed with the NYS Office of

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Yonkers Man Pleads Guilty to Brutal Murder of Great Grandmother, For What?

Deshawn Nunez why did he do it?

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Deshawn Nunez, 24, of Yonkers, pleaded guilty to Murder in the Second Degree, a class A felony, for killing 68-year-old Renee Spencer in 2022.

Nunez is expected to be sentenced to 25 years to life in prison, the maximum possible sentence for this charge, on Sept. 25.

DA Cacace said: "Our hearts break for the family of Renee Spencer, who was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. The defendant has permanently robbed this grieving family of her warmth and companionship. This guilty plea now provides closure for a terrible chapter in their lives and will ensure that Mr. Nunez is held accountable for his depraved conduct."

In the late-night hours of Aug. 9, 2022, Nunez stabbed the victim 17 times inside her Nepperhan Ave. apartment, killing her.

ICE's Biggest Blunder: Scarsdale HS Grad Yeonsoo Go is Released After 5 Days Detention

Yeonsoo Go, left

By Dan Murphy

A "worst case scenario," and the fears of many undocumented residents in Westchester played out last week when 20-year-old Yeonsoo Go was detained by ICE for five days for no legal cause.

Known as Soo to family and friends, Yeonsoo came to New York from South Korea in 2021, with her mother on a religious Visa. She attended Scarsdale High School and graduated in 2024. Her mother is an Episcopal church pastor and works at a church in Scarsdale.

Soo is attending Purdue University and was attending what was to be a routine Immigration hearing in NYC when ICE detained her.

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Police from Dominican Republic Celebrate National Night Out in Yonkers

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Mayor Spano's Backpack to School Drive

Mayor Spano has officially launched the 14th Annual Yonkers "Backpack to School" Drive! Through August 18, you can donate new backpacks and school supplies at the following drop-off locations: Yonkers City Hall (40 S Broadway), Riverfront Library (1 Larkin Center) Grinton I. Will Library (1500 Central Park Ave), Crestwood Library (16 Thompson St), Police Precinct 1 – 730 E. Grassy Sprain Rd, Police Precinct 2 – 441 Central Park Ave, Police Precinct 3 – 435 Riverdale Ave, Police Precinct 4 – 53 Shonnard Pl, Let's help every Yonkers student start the school year strong! More info: yonkersny.gov/backpackdrive

My Brother's Keeper Yonkers Celebrates Graduating Seniors at Annual Sendoff

MBK Program Coordinator Greg Joyner, graduating seniors, U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman Treat Williams, Yonkers Superintendent Aníbal Soler Jr., and MBK Yonkers Executive Director Dr. Jason Baez.

A Powerful Gathering Honoring Legacy, Reflection, and Encouragement as Students Prepare for Their Next Chapter

My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Yonkers proudly hosted its Annual Senior Sendoff on June 24, honoring 25 graduating MBK seniors from Yonkers Public Schools. The powerful celebration of accomplishment, reflection, and future aspirations was led by the voices and presence of the students themselves. The event brought together students, families, educators, and community leaders for a meaningful gathering focused on legacy and next steps.

Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Aníbal Soler, Jr. reflected on the im-

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New discoveries in Alzheimer's and Dementia Research Highlighted at Alzheimer's Conference

New research results reported at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference® 2025 (AAIC®) advanced scientific understanding of risk, diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

This year's conference in Toronto attracted nearly 19,000 registered attendees and included more than 6,400 scientific submissions.

"AAIC is a cornerstone event for Alzheimer's researchers—and for everyone committed to a future without Alzheimer's and dementia," said Anthony Marino, regional vice president of the Alzheimer's Association New York City Chapter. "As the world's leading nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Association recognizes that the discoveries shared at this conference are vital to deepening our understanding of the disease, reducing risk, and supporting caregivers."

Here are eight major takeaways from this year's conference:

Two lifestyle interventions in the U.S. POINTER clinical trial improved cognition in older adults at risk of cognitive decline. Both interventions focused on increasing physical activity, improving nutrition, cognitive and social challenge, and health monitoring. These positive results underscore the message that healthy behavior has a powerful impact on brain health and encourage us to look at the potential for a combination of a lifestyle program and drug treatment as the next frontier in the fight against cognitive decline and possibly dementia.

The Alzheimer's Association released its first evidence-based clinical practice guidelines on use of blood biomarker tests by specialists to assist in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. The guidelines – aimed at a variety of specialists in settings like neurology, psychiatry, geriatrics and more who diagnose and evaluate cognitive impairment – provide rigorous, evidence-based recommendations for using these tests more confidently and consistently.

Taking a combination of common drugs to treat blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes may slow cognitive decline, according to data from five studies. A study of more than 4,500 older adults showed cognitive test scores similar to people three years younger for participants who took a combination of drugs targeting vascular or metabolic conditions like high cholesterol or blood pressure, all of which are known risk factors for dementia.

Lead in the atmosphere and environment may be linked to memory problems 50 years later, based on a study of more than 600,000 people. Researchers tracked how exposure to airborne lead from 1960-1974 — when leaded gasoline use was at its highest — impacted brain health later in life. The report estimated that half the U.S. population at that time, more than 170 million people, were exposed to high lead levels in early childhood. While leaded gas has long been phased out, other sources of exposure remain, such as old lead paint, pipes and industrial pollution. Experts say people who had past lead exposure should focus on reducing other risk factors for dementia, including

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Yonkers Arts to Present Yonkers Comic Con 2025 at Riverfront Library

Get ready to assemble, Yonkers—Comic Con is back and bigger than ever! Yonkers Public Library is thrilled to announce that Yonkers Arts will serve as the official presenter of Yonkers Comic Con 2025, returning to the Riverfront Library on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

Now in its third year, Yonkers Comic Con has grown from a grassroots celebration into one of the city's most anticipated cultural events. With Yonkers Arts at the helm, this year's convention promises a dynamic fusion of creativity, community, and inclusivity, featuring new programming, expanded space, and immersive fan experiences for all ages.

"The origin story of Yonkers Comic Con began with Yonkers Arts in 2022-23. Having the support of Yonkers Arts again will prove to be a great addition to the trajectory of our hero's journey," said Evan Bishop, educator, artist, and founder of the event.

"This partnership with Yonkers Arts takes Comic Con to a whole new level," said Jesse Montero, Director at Yonkers Public Library. "Both our organizations, and comics fandom as a whole, are dedicated to creativity, expression and storytelling. It makes the collaboration a great fit and we're thrilled to be a part of it."

What's New in 2025?

HEROES & VILLAINS Fashion Show featuring superhero/villain-inspired designs by local creators

Children's Cosplay Parade and Power Pose: Cosplay Showcase with fan voting and photo ops

Superhero Storytelling Station with mask making, face painting, and interactive tales

"I AM A HERO" Talk Show spotlighting creators, artists, and industry pros

Expanded Artist Alley & Talent Showcase highlighting rising stars in comics and illustration

Fan-favorite return: Hall of Heroes Art Exhibition

Whether you're a lifelong comic enthusiast or new to the fandom universe, this year's Comic Con invites you to celebrate storytelling, identity, and imagination—all through the lens of community art.

Location: Yonkers Riverfront Library

Date: Saturday, September 27, 2025

Admission: Free, but we are encouraging attendees to register at EventBrite.

Follow: @YonkersComicCon on Instagram | #YonkersComicCon2025

Let the countdown begin—Yonkers Comic Con 2025 is ready to make history.

About Yonkers Comic Con Founded by educator and artist Evan Bishop, Yonkers Comic Con began as a classroom comic book project in 2020 and has grown into a city-wide celebration of creativity and community. What started with empowering students through storytelling has evolved into an annual event that brings fans, artists, and families together through cosplay, comics, and culture. Now in its third year, YC continues to spotlight local talent and inspire everyday heroes. To learn more, visit www.yonkerscomiccon.com

About Yonkers Public Library

Yonkers Public Library is the largest library in Westchester County. It consists of three locations: Riverfront Library, our main branch, in downtown Yonkers, the Grinton I. Will Library on Central Avenue, and the Crestwood Library in the Crestwood section of the city. Our mission is to change lives every day. Our expert, trusted staff help all the people of Yonkers find the information they need, the programs they enjoy, and the reading they love. For more information about Yonkers Public Library, visit www.ypl.org.

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Clothing Insecurity in Westchester Grows Rapidly 26% of Sharing Shelf's Served from Yonkers

By Deborah Blatt

Clothing insecurity is dramatically increasing in Westchester County, with more children in need of basic essentials than ever before. At The Sharing Shelf, the nonprofit Clothing Bank serving children and teens in need in Westchester, demand for clothing increased 43.5% in the first half of 2025, compared to the same period last year.

The Sharing Shelf supports area schools, nonprofits and government agencies, providing a seasonal wardrobe – a week's worth of clothing matched to a child's sizing need – to children from birth to age 19 who face clothing insecurity. In the first six months of 2025, 4,324 children and teens secured clothing from our program. That's an increase of 1,310 children compared to the first half of 2024, when we supported 3,014 children and teens. More than a quarter of those we serve—26%—live in Yonkers.

Clothing insecurity—the lack of sufficient, clean, seasonal, and size-appropriate apparel—has profound implications throughout the year. It's well documented, for instance, that children who are clothing insecure are more likely to endure bullying and miss school. Children facing clothing insecurity withdraw from social engagement and suffer from a lack of confidence and lower self-esteem.

Historically, summer has been a quieter period for our program. With schools on hiatus, we see a correlating drop in demand. This year, that pattern changed. For the first time in our 15 years, demand during summer months is on the rise and dramatically so. In June 2025, The Sharing Shelf received the second-highest number of requests in a single month: 738. That's a staggering 78% increase compared to the 414 requests received in June 2024.

One might assume that clothing insecurity would take a vacation in the summer, or be a less pressing issue since children are not in school. Unfortunately, that's not the case, and summer presents its own challenges for those facing clothing insecurity.

Every summer, The Sharing Shelf receives requests for children and teens who don't have the clothes needed to participate in ordinary summer activities. Many children, for instance, have the chance to take swim lessons or attend day camps with a swimming pool, but they don't have a bathing suit or flip flops, and their parents can't afford to buy them.

Overnight camps are often offered to low-income children as a chance to leave an urban setting and experience the outdoors. Yet for many families, meeting the camp packing list—seven pairs of socks and underwear, a rain jacket, and a sturdy pair of shoes—is simply out of reach.

The combination of the incresed demand for clothing in the first half of 2025, combined with the spike in June, should sound alarm bells about rising poverty in Westchester, because these numbers are being reported in real time. Typically, childhood poverty is measured by analyzing data collected several years earlier, which tells the story of what was happening at that time recounted today, but that's not today's reality. The data we are measuring, the reality we are seeing, is what's happening right now.

It's especially worrisome, because this is taking place in Westchester, one of the nation's wealthiest counties. Despite our county's affluence, the county's poverty rate for children under five was 11.1% in 2023 (the latest available data), according to Westchester Children's Association. In Yonkers, 8 in 10 public school children live in poverty or a low-income home. According to the United Way's ALICE (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed), nearly 1 in 4 Westchester households are income-constrained, and a family of four with children in childcare in Westchester needs $131,316 in income just to cover the essentials.

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Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

On This Day in Yonkers History...

Nationally known dramatic actor and operatic baritone Hubert Wilke

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

Monday, August 11th

August 11, 1927: Property and store owners in the Main Street area met with Alderman Joseph Curran and Deputy City Engineer Norman Henderson; they voiced their protests and concerns about recent flooding by the new City Plaza. The group feared the new Nepperhan flume wasn't large enough to carry off heavy rainfall.

August 11, 1948: Steve Lysak and Steve Macknowski won Olympic Gold in the 10,000-meter canoe race with a craft built at the Yonkers Canoe Club.

Tuesday, August 12th

August 12, 1942: Habirshaw received its Army-Navy flag for exceeding production expectations; the flag was flown proudly over the plant, and each worker wore a miniature as the symbol of their "permanent contribution to human freedom."

Former Councilmember Al Richter made his first appearance in his US Navy Warrant Officer uniform at the event. A boatswain, Richter was in the Incentive Division in Washington.

The same day, City Clerk Francis Heafy administered the Oath of Office to Thomas Sheridan, elected Councilman to fill the vacancy caused by Richter's enlistment in the US Navy.

August 12, 1943: Traffic came to a dead stop on the Saw Mill River Parkway shortly after 8 pm. A dozen drivers stopped just north of the Tuckahoe Road exit… to let a flock of gray-green ducklings—led by their mother duck—cross the highway for an early evening swim in the Saw Mill River!

Wednesday, August 13th

August 13, 1901: Burglary at the home of Columbia University Professor Michael Pupin, at the corner of North Broadway and High Street, was discovered by William Allen Butler's coachman. Noticing the door was open, he watched the home for a short time, thinking family members had returned from their Connecticut farm and were airing the house. Seeing no movement, he investigated. The house was empty and a mess, papers thrown about.

Police concluded burglars tried to find drawings and plans for the Professor's ground-breaking work. Pupin panicked, believing his drawings were in boxes at the house; he later remembered they were in a New York City safe.

August 13, 1943: A motion for reargument of a writ of habeas corpus for Ivan Johann Zdunic was denied by Judge John Bright in Federal Court. Zdunic, deemed an enemy alien, worked for the American Electro Metal Company, 300 Yonkers Avenue. Taken into custody right after the start of the war, he was in custody on Ellis Island.

Judge Bright called Austria, Zdunic's birthplace, a part of Germany. His lawyer argued Secretary of State Cordell Hull had stated the US never recognized German rule over Austria. Bright ruled since Austria was overrun by Germany, Zdunic had lived in a German controlled country, and would remain in custody.

Thursday, August 14th

August 14, 1910: Hubert Wilke, 161 Shonnard Terrace, signed for the role of Herr Pappellmeister in Zangwill's play "The Melting Pot" in New York.

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Letter to the Editor: Obviously

Anyone who has ever listened to Rep. Lawler's commentary knows that he begins nearly every statement with the word "obviously"—as if the devastating consequences of his priorities are self-evident and beyond debate. Yet, for the millions of Americans whose lives will be upended by the reconciliation bill, nothing could be further from obvious or acceptable.

Rep. Lawler's repeated use of the word "obviously" subtly undermines honest debate and dismisses legitimate concerns as if only his view makes sense. But let's not allow that rhetoric to obscure the ugly reality: the One Big Beautiful Bill (OBBBA) is a direct assault on some of our country's most vulnerable populations, and Lawler proudly supports it.

Here's what the OBBBA will truly mean for individuals and families across the nation:

Cuts and restrictions to Medicaid causing millions to lose healthcare coverage.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) cutbacks resulting in food insecurity, poorer health outcomes, and economic hardship.

Clean energy tax credits are gutted, meaning fewer green jobs, higher household energy costs, and worse pollution.

Massively expanded immigration enforcement with quotas resulting in illegal kidnapping and the blatant disregard for the rule of law.

Tax provisions that overwhelmingly favor the wealthy, adding to income inequality while potentially exploding the national debt.

The elimination of investments in education, public health, and infrastructure.

Congressman Lawler's mantra—"obviously"— highlights a refusal to acknowledge facts and the widespread harm this bill will inflict. I urge our community to see through the superficial rhetoric and demand accountability for a lawmaker who uses language to conceal the true human cost of their policies.

Mark A. Lieberman
Yorktown

Schumer and Jeffries must go
By Jon Hochschartner

In this historical moment, as President Donald Trump and his fascist allies are dismantling American democracy, I'm frequently unsure what the best progressive strategy moving forward is. One thing of which I'm certain, though, is Democratic congressional leadership, in Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, must be replaced.

They've proven themselves to be wildly out of step with their party's base. The pair are more interested in fighting leftists in their own ranks than the right-wing authoritarian menace engulfing this country and setting us back generations. It's a particularly shameful state of affairs, given both of these conservative Democrats are from New York, which should be a progressive powerhouse.

For instance, both Schumer and Jeffries have so far refused to endorse the winner of the New York City Democratic mayoral primary, Zohran Mamdani, a democratic socialist. The Big Apple, of course, is home to a massive number of people who voted for them and their party. The pair's Mamdani snub is a betrayal of these voters, who have clearly expressed their preference in the contest.

Vice President Kamala Harris was to my right on just about every issue. Still, I voted for her in the 2024 presidential race, and urged others to do the same, in the name of unity against a looming fascist threat. How will Schumer and Jeffries have any creditability urging leftists to rally behind a centrist primary winner, at any level, if they won't back Mamdani, when the shoe is on the other foot?

More recently, Schumer voted against a resolution put forward by Senator Bernie Sanders, blocking the sale of bombs to Israel. I'm by no means an expert on foreign policy or the precise scholarly definition of genocide, but how can you see what's happening in Gaza as anything less than a deliberate effort to exterminate an unwanted ethnic group or force them to move elsewhere?

Beyond the profound moral emptiness of Schumer's stance, from a political perspective, he's completely out of step with the mainstream of the party he nominally leads. Poll after poll show Democratic voters are opposed to Israel's one-sided 'war.' I have no reason to believe Jeffries — a longtime, unquestioning supporter of Israel — would have taken a different position from Schumer.

The Democratic Party's progressive base has a wide variety of policy goals. For example, as an animal activist, I'd like to see a massive infusion of state and federal funding into cultivated-meat research. The new protein is grown from livestock cells, without slaughter. However, none of our goals can be achieved under fascist rule, which Trump and his gang of criminals is trying to establish.

Unfortunately, Schumer and Jeffries are willing to sacrifice party unity and political effectiveness in order to retain their vision of a conservative Democratic Party. They have shown themselves fundamentally incapable of standing up to right-wing authoritarianism, perhaps because they view leftists as a greater threat. We have to replace these two so-called leaders of the opposition.

Jon Hochschartner lives in Connecticut. He is the author of a number of books, including The Animals' Freedom Fighter: A Biography of Ronnie Lee, Founder of the Animal Liberation Front.

Promises, Promises

By Eric Wolf Schoen

So where do we go from here. We were promised a wall. A wall to keep our people safe and that will keep those who do not belong here out of four country,

So we got a half a wall.

We were promised an end to the conflict in the Middle East and it still goes on destroying lives, property with no end in sight.

Government agencies, many doing important work had their employees fired or drastically cut back. With no backups put in face. This continues destroying lives and and putting people in a massive ,state of confusion. And they get mixed information as to how to proceed

It's time that we consumers boycott agencies that take away jobs from Americans and our friends!

Reach Eric Wolf Schoen at ewschoen@icloud.com.

Reality Bites, A Poem by Bob Abate

REALITY BITES: although a new film in '94
Descriptive of life as ever before and forever more
Bright lights, big city sights, inner-city blight
Violent nights, endless fights ... Reality Bites!
Competition, confrontation, civil-rights, gay-rights and slights
Discrimination, Integration, blacks versus whites

Christians, Muslims, Hindus and Jews
All claim/ing to be God's Chosen Few
And also/therefore the right to never unite
Demagogues all! - except for "my type."

A "New World Order" ... or Global Disorder?
The Third World in turmoil with fighting and flight
Heard in neat little sound bites night after night
Bosnia, Somalia, Korea, Rwanda, Cuba and Haiti too ... Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Korea, Egypt and Syria too
Does anyone in Wangton have the slightest clue?

What each of us need/s to do
Is LISTEN to other points of view
Because whether we really like it or not
Mother Earth's/is the only planet we've got!

We're in it all together
Now, In addition to all the above and everything else
We've got to deal with "Exhibit A" - THE WEATHER !!

Westchester BOL Approves $158 Million WCC Budget, Boosting Funding by More than 10%

Westchester Community College President Dr. Belinda Miles

Investment to Expand Access, Enhance Student Services and Upgrade Campus Facilities

The Westchester County Board of Legislators today approved a significant investment in higher education, adopting the SUNY Westchester Community College (WCC) 2025–26 budget which includes $158.8 million in total funding—a more than 10% increase over the prior year, to strengthen student services, academic offerings, and campus facilities.

The budget includes $127.5 million in operating funds and $31.3 million in capital investments, with a notable increase in the County Sponsor Contribution to $26.2 million, up $350,000 from last year. This enhanced County support will help maintain WCC's affordable tuition and high-quality academic programs, while directly funding critical upgrades in technology, infrastructure, and student-facing services.

Board Chairman Vedat Gashi (D- New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) said, "This budget represents our commitment to making quality higher education accessible and affordable for all Westchester residents. The increased funding will help WCC continue to provide excellent academic programs and student services, which keeping tuition costs manageable for families. It's a smart investment that meets the college's critical needs, maximizes value for taxpayers, and fuels opportunity, innovation, and workforce development across the region."

Key Budget Highlights:

$158.8 million total investment ($127.5M operating + $31.3M capital) – up from $144.1 million in 2024–25

$26.2 million County contribution – a $350,000 increase from last year

$31.3 million in capital improvements – up from $21.6 million

Support for 571 full-time positions to ensure robust instruction and student services

Funding is supported by student tuition ($51.9M), state aid ($30.5M), County sponsor contribution ($26.2M). Additional revenue sources include departmental income, chargebacks, fund balance, and investment interest totaling approximately $18.9M.

The increased capital funding will allow for facility upgrades and technology enhancements that benefit both students and the broader Westchester community. The operating funds support academic programming, student advisement, and essential campus services that help students succeed whether they are transferring to four-year institutions or entering the workforce directly.

Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson (D- Elmsford, Greenburgh, Tarrytown, White Plains) Chair of the Board's Budget & Appropriations Committee, said, "I'm proud to represent the district with the most enrolled students at Westchester Community College, and I remain deeply committed to the success of its students, faculty, staff, and more than appreciate President Belinda Miles. This fiscally responsible and forward-looking budget strengthens WCC's ability to remain one of the most affordable and impactful institutions in our region. With increased support for both operations and capital improvements, we are ensuring that WCC continues to grow, adapt, and serve as a vital educational and economic engine for Westchester County."

Westchester Community College is public two-year institution that serves 13,000 students across more than 70 degree and certificate programs each year. The College plays a vital role in regional workforce development through partnerships with local businesses and training programs aligned with emerging industry needs. WCC offers transfer programs, career training, continuing education, and workforce development for students across Westchester County and the surrounding region.

Dr. Belinda Miles, President of SUNY Westchester Community College said of the budget approval, "The SUNY WCC community appreciates the support of the County Legislature for the college's mission of ensuring accessible, high quality, and affordable education to meet the myriad needs of our dynamic and evolving student population. By passing this budget, the County affirms its commitment to student success, academic excellence, workforce development, economic mobility, and lifelong learning." The 2025–26 fiscal year begins September 1, 2025, through August 31, 2026.

Latimer Votes Against Cutting Big-Bird-PBS, Wants Answers on Amtrak Metro-North Bronx Delay

Rep. George Latimer

Congressman George Latimer released the following statement after he voted against rescinding funding, that is already law, for public broadcasting and life-saving foreign aid: "This rescissions package reflects the extreme and out-of-touch DOGE agenda. It slashes civilian aid to Ukraine and Eastern European allies, strips access to basic family planning for 48 million women worldwide and eliminates the U.S. contribution to UNICEF. It even eliminates funding for public broadcasting, jeopardizing PBS Kids, local public TV and radio, and the emergency alert systems communities rely on during natural disasters.

"Republicans call these cuts 'savings,' but this is funding they voted for in the bipartisan Continuing Resolution. This isn't about fiscal responsibility. It's about imposing a harmful, ideological agenda at home and abroad. It is an agenda that will destroy America."

"The recissions bill pulls back $9 billion in funding Congress already voted on and President Trump signed into law this year. This package codifies cuts that Elon Musk and the so-called Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) recommended that will destroy the government and weaken U.S. power and standing in the world," said Latimer, who also recently joined with other elected officials in the Bronx to ask Amtrak for answers after it was reported that four new Bronx Metro North stations will not be opened until 2028 at the earliest. The project will extend Metro North access to Penn Station. This is the third time this project has been delayed since breaking ground in 2022.

"This is an incredibly frustrating setback for many of my constituents who will greatly benefit from access to these stations. East side Metro North access will cut work commutes, open up new job opportunities, and increase economic development in the Bronx," said Rep. Latimer. "Many of us who commute on Amtrak through Penn Station understand these benefits and how a new world would open up if Metro North ran to Penn Station. This project needs to get done."

In the letter Rep. Latimer sent to Amtrak, he requests additional information for yet another delay to this critical project and what it will mean for the project's future. When the project broke ground in 2022, Amtrak contributed $500 million to the project while also committing to pay delay costs if Amtrak was unable to meet its labor and outage commitments. In the letter Rep. Latimer cites that President Trump's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2026 cuts Amtrak's budget by 25%, so any subsequent delay could have compounding consequences for the future of this project.

"I thank Congressman Latimer for his focus on this critical issue. The Penn Station Access project is one of the most transformational infrastructure investments our region has seen in decades. Residents along Westchester's Sound Shore have waited far too long for equitable, efficient transit access. This delay is deeply disappointing, and I urge all partners—especially Amtrak and the MTA—to work together to accelerate the timeline. Establishing a one-seat ride into Penn Station is essential. The economic opportunity, improved healthcare access, and enhanced quality of life this project promises are simply too important to delay any further," said Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins.

"Many New Rochelle residents commute on Metro North and will benefit from direct access to Penn Station. Each delay means lost time at work or with their families. I urge Amtrak and the MTA to work together to expedite the work needed and get this project back on track," said New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK WESTCHESTER COUNTY

In the District Court

25CV005296-400 Child Custody Proceeding To against Andre Peart:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled Child Custody proceeding. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Child Custody Complaint in Guilford County, North Carolina

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than August 23, 2025 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 28th day of July, 2025

Kelley Brosky, Atty. for the Plaintiff

122 N. Elm St., Suite 900, Greensboro, NC 27401

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

Notice of formation of LCS Advisers LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/11/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 260 Garth Road, Apt. 2d4, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of PRINCE & BROADWAY PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/22/25. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 172 Rockne Road, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to THE LLC, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Super Smart Future LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/20/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Super Smart Future LLC, 58 Valley Rd, Katonah, NY 10536. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of IT TAKES ALL KINDS PICTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/21/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY. shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Republic Registered Agent Services Inc. 54 State Street Suite 804 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful

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County Executive Jenkins Announces Nearly $400k in Funding for TeamBirth Program

$384K for TeamBirth Program at St. John's Riverside Hospital is Part of the Westchester County Maternal Mortality Initiative

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins has announced $384,311 in funding for the TeamBirth Program at St. John's Riverside Hospital in Yonkers. The TeamBirth Program, which is funded by Westchester County's Maternal Mortality Initiative, was created to improve the safety, quality of care, and experience of childbirth by enhancing communication and teamwork between expectant mothers, their clinical care professionals, and their family members. St. John's Riverside Hospital is the first hospital in Westchester County to provide the TeamBirth Program.

Jenkins said: "Westchester County is proud to partner with St. John's Riverside Hospital in providing the first opportunity for expectant mothers to participate in the TeamBirth Maternity Program in Westchester. By funding this Program as part of the County's Maternal Mortality Initiative, we are sending a clear message to the many mothers who may be facing disparities in their care. In Westchester County, we are committed to breaking down those barriers and ensuring that every mother, regardless of race or zip code, receives the support and quality care she deserves. This initiative is a vital step towards building a healthier, more equitable future for our families and our communities."

New York's Medicaid Spending Rate Remains the Highest of Any State

By Bill Hammon, Empire Center NY

New York's Medicaid program remained a spending outlier in 2024, with per-resident outlays that were 24 percent higher than those of any other state and 77 percent above the national average, according to a federal report released on Thursday.

The report provides timely context for the current discussion about how state leaders should respond to looming cutbacks in federal health funding. Its data suggest that New York has the capacity to absorb billions of dollars in reduced federal aid while continuing to operate a generous and well-funded Medicaid program by national standards.

Medicaid is a safety-net health plan for the low-income and disabled that is jointly financed by the federal government and the states. Friday's report from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services summarizes almost $1 trillion in nationwide spending on the program for the fiscal year ending in September 2024.

Although New York represents less than 6 percent of the U.S. population, its $98 billion Medicaid budget accounted for more than 10 percent of national spending on the program.

New York's Medicaid spending per resident, at $4,942, was by far the highest among the 50 states. The second-highest state was Kentucky at $3,989 per resident, and the national average was $2,791 per resident.

New York's No. 1 status reflects a combination of factors, including

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WPF Removes Over 7,200 Pounds of Invasive Water Chestnut from Tibbetts Brook Park Lake

The Westchester Parks Foundation (WPF), the only organization dedicated exclusively to promoting and supporting Westchester County Parks, has reached a major milestone in its multi-year Lake Revitalization Project at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers.

During the month of June, over 7,218 pounds of invasive water chestnut and other aquatic species were removed from the park's ten-acre lake as part of the ongoing effort to restore its ecological balance and recreational potential. A remote-control harvester called the Waterbug was deployed this year to tackle both open water and hard-to-reach areas. Since the project's launch in July 2018, more than 52 acres of invasive plants have been cleared, including over 121,000 pounds pulled by hand.

The Lake Revitalization Project is supported by long-time partnes Xylem Inc.

Among the many contributors to this initiative, Gus Bova has emerged as a standout leader and driving force. A recent graduate of Mamaroneck High School and a three-year summer intern with WPF, Gus has made remarkable contributions to the project through both hands-on work and scientific research. He provided educational workshops to new interns as well as impromptu lessons for curious park visitors who would pass the Waterbug launch site throughout the season. His commitment to improving the lake's ecology earned him the prestigious Stockholm Junior Water Prize at the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair (WESEF) for his studies on water health and aquatic ecosystems.

"Gus has been an inspiration to our team and a shining example of how young people can have a real impact on the environment and our parks," said Mary Benjamin, Director of Volunteer Programs. "His dedication, knowledge, and passion for ecological restoration have elevated this project and given us a glimpse of the environmental leaders of tomorrow."

Gus will attend the University of Vermont this fall to study Forestry, continuing his journey toward a career in environmental science.

Westchester Parks Foundation is deeply grateful for the support of Xylem and for the dedication of individuals like Gus, who help bring lasting change to Westchester's parks and natural spaces.

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Yonkers Native Madison Nero, Miss Earth USA-Water, Brings the Fight for Climate Policy to DC

Madison Nero

By Bryan Fumagalli

Whether she is wearing a bikini on a reality TV show or addressing congress, Westchester's Madison Nero is making waves from Michigan to Washington.

Nero, 21, who holds the title of Miss Earth USA Water, finished as the second runner up in the Miss Earth USA competition, a leading environmental pageant that combines the beauty pageant industry with pressing environmental issues.

The Miss Earth USA 2025 pageant was broadcast this summer through a reality show "Pretty Down To Earth" exclusively broadcast on QBN, the Queen Beauty Network.

"The preliminary competition included a private impact statement, swim wear, evening gown and abbreviated on-stage impact statement,"

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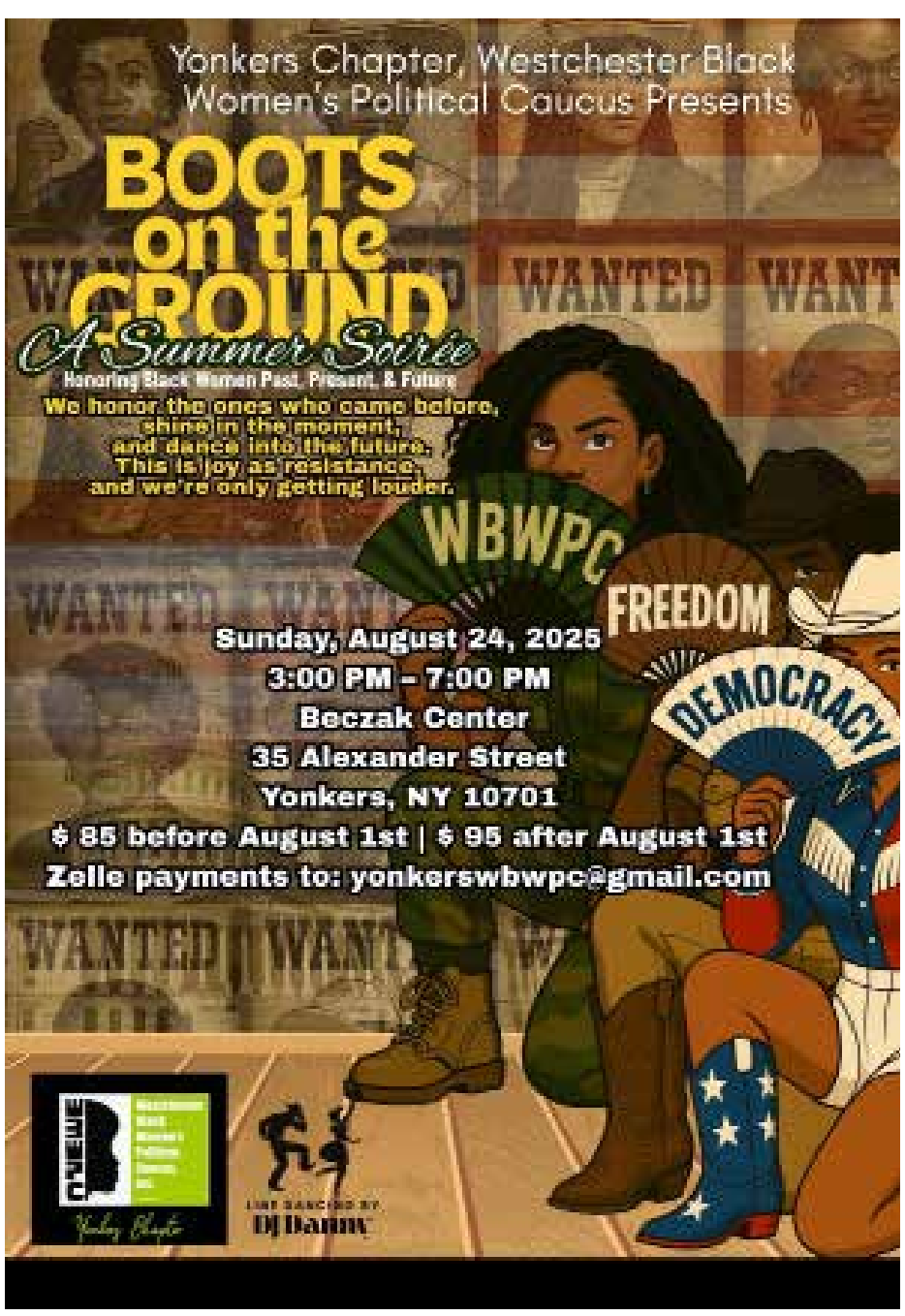

Scarsdale Celebrates First Municipal Electric Garbage Truck in Westchester County!

The Village of Scarsdale recently celebrated its first-ever electric truck—and the first municipal electric truck in Westchester County, under the environmental leadership of Mayor Justin Arest and Deputy Mayor Dara Broxmeyer Gruenberg, and with the guidance from the Scarsdale Conservation Advisory Council (CAC), an advisory body to the Village Board of Trustees. The Council studies issues affecting the local environment and also maintenance of the Village's "natural" character. Issues may include open space, trees, waste reduction, energy conservation, and other sustainability issues.

Over the last 6 years the CAC has helped the Village of Scarsdale implement a growing EV fleet of pool cars and trucks.

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Follow Madison on Instagram at https://www.instagram.com/maddie_nero.

National Night Out 2025 in Yonkers

On National Police Night Out, Yonkers welcomed the delegation from the Dominican Republic to the City of Yonkers: the Honorable José Rijo Presbot, Director General of the Budget; General Juan Hilario Guzmán Badia, Deputy Director of the National Police; the Honorable Dioris Anselmo Astacio Pacheco, Mayor of Santo Domingo Este, Council Member, and delegates.

This event was sponsored by Sergeant Héctor López, President of the New York Hispanic Law Enforcement Organization (H.A.L.E.O.) and its board of directors; the Honorable Wilson Terrero, founder of the Dominican Cultural Association of Yonkers; Claudia Espinoza-Terrero, President of the Dominican Cultural Association of Yonkers; Luis Muñiz, President of the Hispanic Cultural Foundation of Yonkers; and Captain Brian Burke, Third Precinct Commanding Officer in Yonkers.

The purpose of their visit is to attend the National Night Out celebration. The delegation's objective is to learn and gather information about the process of implementing National Night Out in the Dominican Republic, as well as to maintain a collaborative relationship with the city of Yonkers for its implementation.

Westchester Rallies Around Buddy White's Back-to-School Giveaway

By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

On Saturday, August 2nd, The Jewel of Westchester pulsed with unity, generosity, and joy as residents gathered at The Doles Center in Mount Vernon for the Buddy White Project's annual Back-to-School Backpack and School Supply Giveaway.

A beloved tradition, the event brought together families, nonprofit organizations, elected officials, celebrities, and local influencers for a day dedicated to school readiness, celebration, and community spirit.

Free backpacks were distributed to children of all ages, helping ensure students across the region are prepared to return to school with confidence. The festive atmosphere featured a bouncy house with a water slide, resource tables hosted by local organizations, and a crowd favorite—mascot Kletis 2 Kool—who posed for photos and kept spirits high.

Dignitaries in support and attendance included New York State Assemblymember J. Gary Pretlow, Westchester County Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Mount Vernon Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard, and many others.

"I think it's great to see the community come together," said Penika Anderson of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau.

In addition to civic leaders, several celebrities with ties to Mount Vernon surprised attendees by mingling with guests, taking photos, and offering words of encouragement to both students and parents.

For Buddy White, founder of the national Buddy White Project, the event was another step in his ongoing mission. "There's a void," he said. "I'm filling that void by showing up… I'm not stopping."

White has hosted similar giveaways across the country, but there's always a lot of love in Monut Vernon. "Come on out. Enjoy yourself," he said, smiling as families lined up to meet him and enjoy the day's offerings.

Saturday's event was more than a school supply drive—it was a powerful testament to what can happen when a community unites around its youth. The Mount Vernon Police and Fire Departments, Youth Bureau, and other local entities showed their support throughout the day.

As some children played basketball across the street, others made bracelets with Tia Williams of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau. Lloyd Shields, also of the Youth Bureau, was in attendance as well. Both Williams and Shields are pillars of the Mount Vernon community. The Buddy White Project's annual Back-to-School Backpack and School Supply Giveaway is proof that when people come together with purpose, everyone wins.

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above-average enrollment (currently 35 percent of the population, including 47 percent of New York City residents), a broad array of covered benefits and relatively high payments to providers.

New York also operates the Essential Plan, an optional benefit under the Affordable Care Act that was exercised by only two other states, Minnesota and Oregon. New York's version is offered to people with incomes above the cut-off for Medicaid, from 138 percent to 250 percent of the poverty level, and covers 1.7 million enrollees, or 9 percent of the population.

The federal government currently foots the bill for the Essential Plan's entire $13.7 billion budget, an amount not included in Friday's report.

Recently enacted federal budget legislation – known as the One Big Beautiful Bill Act – would scale back federal funding for both Medicaid and the Essential Plan. State officials have estimated that the changes will ultimately displace 1.5 million New Yorkers from coverage and cost the state $13 billion in lost revenue or added expenses.

In the shorter term, the Budget Division has put the direct cost to the state health budget at $3 billion to $4 billion annually.

Significant as those amounts are, they are still smaller than the spending gaps between New York and neighboring states as documented in Thursday's CMS report.

If, for example, New York lowered its per-resident outlays to match the No. 2 state, Kentucky, its overall Medicaid spending would be $19 billion less and the state government's share of those savings would be about $8 billion.

If New York matched the spending rate of Massachusetts, its total Medicaid savings would be $25 billion and the state-share savings would be $11 billion.

And if New York matched the per-resident rate of New Jersey, the total savings would be $48 billion and the state-share savings would be $20 billion.

"The key to the future of the world is finding the optimistic stories and letting them be known."

-Pete Seeger-

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managing high blood pressure, quitting smoking and avoiding social isolation.

People with a higher genetic risk for Alzheimer's disease may benefit the most from healthy lifestyle interventions like walking, according to a decade of data from three large international studies. Older adults who carry the Alzheimer's risk gene known as APOE4 had higher cognitive benefits from non-drug interventions like exercise, diet and cognitive training than non-carriers. In this study, walking was found to be the most effective healthy habit for slowing down cognitive damage. Like many healthy lifestyle changes, the key was making it a habit, as the study showed that sticking with it for at least two years produced cognitive benefits up to seven years later.

While newly available anti-amyloid Alzheimer's disease drugs have shown effectiveness in tightly controlled clinical trials, they have not been tested in real-world settings until now. Dozens of abstracts reported at AAIC 2025 showed that real world experience with the drugs lecanemab and donanemab produced comparable or better safety to large clinical trials, and patients were satisfied with the results.

People who participated in the U.S. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) had slower cognitive decline over 10 years than non-participants, according to new research reported at AAIC 2025. Scientists compared participants in SNAP, which helps low-income individuals and families buy food, to those who were eligible for the program but didn't participate. They found that SNAP participants had a 0.10% slower decline in overall cognitive function, adding up to an estimated two to three additional years of cognitive health over the study's 10-year period.

New research announced at AAIC 2025 shed light on crucial differences between men and women in risk for Alzheimer's and other diseases that cause dementia. One study found that traumatic brain injuries (TBIs, a well-known risk factor for dementia) were more likely to shrink dementia-related areas of the brain in women than men. Another looked closer at "chemobrain" — declines in thinking and memory reported by about one-third of women receiving breast cancer chemotherapy. Women make up nearly two-thirds of the more than 7 million Americans living with Alzheimer's. The chemobrain study is the first to show that brain changes, inflammation and shrinkage related to the cancer treatment are connected to symptoms like memory lapses and trouble focusing or finding words. The study adds to growing evidence that chemotherapy impacts brain health.

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Yeonsoo Go is Free, continued from pg 1-

The explanation from the Department of Homeland Security was, "Yeonsoo Go, an illegal alien from South Korea, overstayed her visa that expired more than two years ago," said DHS Assistant Secretary Tricia McLaughlin. "President Trump and Secretary Noem are committed to restoring integrity to the visa program and ensuring it is not abused to allow aliens a permanent one-way ticket to remain in the U.S. ICE arrested her on July 31 and placed her in expedited removal proceedings."

That explanation appears to be unfounded, because Soo was released 5 days after being detained, and after an outcry from religious leaders, elected officials, and the Scarsdale community.

DHS gave no reason why Soo was released. Soo's visa was valid through December 2025.

We have questions for ICE:

I- What mechanisms in the review of immigration cases flagged Soo's case? Who in ICE was responsible for initially signing off on her detention?

II- Why didn't a supervisor, or a superior ICE officer, review and reject the detention of Soo? What are the operational procedures at ICE to review cases that might not warrant detention and removal?

III- The fact that Soo and her mother are here on a religious Visa, and that Soo's mother is an Episcopal minister, should have been a flag NOT to detain Soo.

IV- The fact that Soo is a graduate of Scarsdale High School and is attending Purdue University should have been another flag NOT to detain Soo.

What this error by ICE does harm to is the original intent of ICE and DHS, which is to detain and deport criminal, illegal residents.

And in January, ICE claimed that they were only deporting criminal illegal residents. But that mission has been changed now to, when ICE enters a home to deport a criminal illegal, any other illegal residents in that home will also be removed.

But Soo is not a criminal. She lives in a religious home with her mother in Scarsdale, not a hotbed of illegal resident activity because of the cost of housing. And no criminal illegals were living with Soo and her mother.

So what happened? While we are glad that Soo was released, we would like to know the process by which she was identified for removal.

Scarsdale resident and Assemblywoman Amy Paulin led the public outcry to have Soo released. She had planned a rally in Scarsdale to keep the pressure on ICE to release her.

"I am overwhelmed with gratitude and relief. After five long days, Yeonsoo Go has been released from ICE custody and is back with her family. She is home, she is safe, and she is so grateful for the outpouring of love and support from this incredible community.

"The pain, fear, and uncertainty she and her family endured over the past five days should never have happened—but tonight we celebrate her freedom and the strength of a community that refused to stay silent.

"I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to Senator Chuck Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman George Latimer, Congresswoman Grace Meng, and Congressman Mike Lawler for their swift efforts to help secure Yeonsoo's release.

"Let this moment remind us of the power we have when we come together, and of the work we must continue to ensure that no one is unjustly detained in this country," said Paulin.

Go was sent to federal immigration detention in Louisiana. Her lawyer says ICE has not explained why. Her case made national news on the Rachel Maddow show on MSNBC.

"Yeonsoo Go is the daughter of an Episcopal priest who is here legally with what's known as an R2 Visa. Yeonsoo went to Scarsdale HS and was accepted into Purdue. She was abducted by 5 ICE agents. Nobody knows where she is located. My eyes teared as I watched this on the Maddow show. I can't imagine the horror this beautiful young woman is going through. I look at her and think this could happen to many innocent granddaughters," said a viewer.

Senator Shelley Mayer said, "I am deeply relieved that Yeonsoo has been released from ICE custody and has been reunited with her family. While I am grateful for the swift actions of my colleagues Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, Congressman George Latimer, Congressman Michael Lawler, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and Senator Chuck Schumer, the Episcopal Diocese of New York, and the advocacy of so many in our community, we must not forget that Yeonsoo should have never been detained. Based on the information provided by her lawyer, Yeonsoo is a lawful, law-abiding resident of the United States and has not been accused or convicted of any crime.

"ICE's actions against Yeonsoo, like their actions against thousands of others across this country, were unconstitutional and unacceptable. There is no justification for detaining law-abiding individuals who are residing lawfully in the United States and attending immigration hearings as required," said Mayer.

To Mayer's credit, she has previously stated that, "Those who have been convicted of major criminal wrongdoing are rightly subject to deportation. What is not acceptable is the seizure and detention of thousands of people who are not violent criminals, or criminals at all, but simply those seeking a better life here in America."

We agree that criminal illegal residents should be deported, but not hard-working illegal residents who have lived here for years and have no criminal record. As a country, we have not had that debate; we are not there yet.

But one thing we can agree on is that Soo and her mother are welcome here in the United States of America. "I always had faith that [I'd] be out soon," Go said. "I wish for everyone to be safe, everyone that supports me to be safe, and have hopes to be told and heard."

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Cannabis management to open at 865-867 McLean Avenue.

County Legislator and Yonkers resident David Tubiolo, wrote a letter to the NYS OCM in June, expressing his opposition to the dispensary.

"I write you to join with my community partners and stakeholders to voice our opposition to the proposed application filed by Green Zephyr LLC for the opening of a cannabis dispensary located at 865-867 McLean Avenue.

"Although I fully respect the legal process by which your office operates, I have very serious concerns about the location of this dispensary. The location is very close to bars, restaurants, places of worship and schools. It is my hope that you evaluate the application before you," writes Tubiolo.

We will delve more into the application at 865-867 in a future issue, but the larger question is how many dispensaries in Yonkers is enough and can the city do anthing about it? People in the marijuana business will tell you that the market will dictate whether Yonkers can sustain another legal pot shop. Opponents of legal pot in Yonkers will say that they can't stand the smell of marijuana and smell it all over the city. In my travels delivering this paper, I have found the following Cannabis dispensaries open in Yonkers.

1-The Plant -2595 Central Park Ave, on the Yonkers-Scarsdale border.
2-Central Budz-2247 Central Park Ave, Yonkers
3-Budr Cannabis-887 Yonkers Ave, Yonkers
4-NUG Yonkers 2371 Central Park Ave, Yonkers
5-Sunny Grams, 48 Ravine Ave, Yonkers,
6-Cloud Nine- 305 Saw Mill River Rd, Yonkers

#1,2 and 3 are very close to each other on CPA. This is what the Mayor was referring to. #3 is very close to the proposed location on McLean. If you know of more legal dispensaries let us know. Much more on this issue in future weeks.

Clothing Insecurity Up, continued from pg 3-

A survey conducted in the Fall by The Sharing Shelf revealed the views of more than 120 individuals from the schools, social service agencies, and other nonprofit organizations served. It found that the most needed items of clothing are as follows: sneakers, 85% cited; coats, 81%; shirts, 80%; jeans/pants, 61%; underwear or diapers, 57%; sweatshirts or sweaters, 45%; sweatpants or leggings, 43%; shoes, 34%; socks, 20%.

It's especially notable that underwear or diapers were cited more than half the time. That's why, this year alone The Sharing Shelf has already distributed 157,000 diapers.

What then can residents of Westchester do to make a difference? First, one can donate seasonally appropriate, new or gently used clothing to a nonprofit Clothing Bank like The Sharing Shelf, where the clothes will go directly to children in need. Donating clothing to nonprofits that resell the clothes to benefit their missions may support other wonderful causes, but they won't ensure that the clothing reaches the children who need it most.

Second, one can make a financial contribution to a nonprofit Clothing Bank such as The Sharing Shelf. Financial support is crucial to maintaining and growing their essential work. That includes buying things like underwear and socks that must be new, and sneakers that are rarely reusable.

Third, one can volunteer. In the first half of 2025, The Sharing Shelf had to fill 1,625 individual volunteer slots, compared to 1,042 volunteer slots in the first half of 2024, an increase of 60%.

The rapid growth of clothing insecurity in Westchester should be the focus of public discussion – not only in the county but statewide and nationally. If it's happening here, it's likely to be happening in less prosperous communities. We shouldn't wait for the next census to tell us what we already know.

The author is Founder and Executive Director of The Sharing Shelf, the nonprofit Clothing Bank serving Westchester County, NY.

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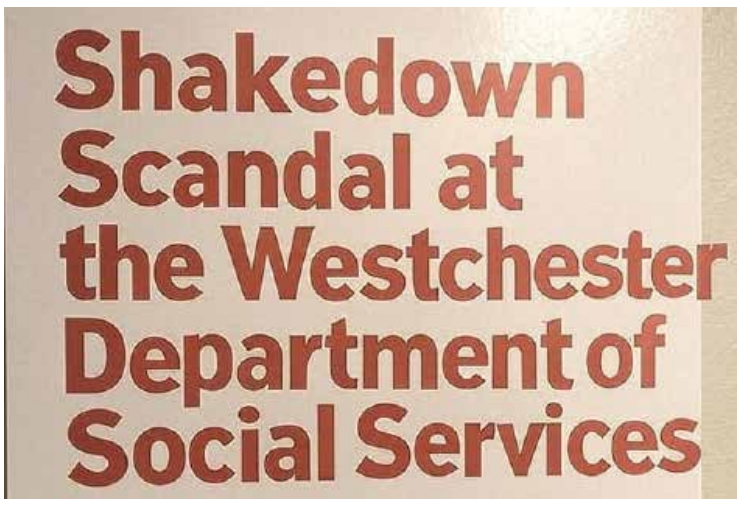
Westchester Social Services Clerk Arrested in Daycare Shakedown Scheme



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Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a Department of Social Services (DSS) Senior Audit Clerk was arrested Tuesday and charged as part of an alleged shakedown scheme involving daycare providers that serve underprivileged residents.

Cheryl Spencer, 61, of Mount Vernon, was arraigned Tuesday afternoon in White Plains City Court on five counts each of Bribe Receiving in the Third Degree, a class D felony, Criminal Solicitation in the Fourth Degree, a class A misdemeanor, and Official Misconduct, a class A misdemeanor.

Judge Eric Press released the defendant on her own recognizance, as none of the charges are bail-eligible. Judge Press provided temporary orders of protection to each of the victims in this case and ordered the defendant to surrender all of her firearms.

DSS has placed Spencer on administrative leave, without pay, pending disciplinary charges or any further action by the county.

She is due back in court on Aug. 26.

DA Cacace said: "The brazenness of this defendant's alleged conduct is particularly outrageous. As alleged, Ms. Spencer preyed on daycare providers serving financially struggling families, placing their facilities at serious risk of closure.

"Not only is she accused of a serious breach of public trust, but she allegedly exploited a vulnerable population in order to line her own pockets.

"I am grateful for the work of the New York State Inspector General's Office and IG Lucy Lang, whose partnership was instrumental in today's arrest."

IG Lucy Lang said: "Affordable child care is mission critical for many New Yorkers, but particularly for struggling families. It is shocking that a public servant responsible for supporting the daycare programs that enable parents and other caregivers to remain in the workforce or attend school would abuse the public trust. Thank you to DA Cacace, her team and my team at the Offices of the New York State Inspector General, who share a commitment to ensuring accountability for public corruption so that child care providers can do the hard work of caring for New York's children without being exploited by those who would seek to use their positions of power to enrich themselves."

As part of the Child Day Care Assistance program, the county provides financial assistance for daycare expenses to eligible families. This assistance is transmitted from DSS directly to the daycare provider.

Between June 1, 2024, and April 4, 2025, Spencer received complaints from five daycare providers located in Westchester regarding late or missing reimbursement checks, according to a felony complaint.

As a DSS Senior Audit Clerk in the Daycare Payment Processing Unit, Spencer was responsible for processing these checks and their associated paperwork.

In September 2024, Spencer received a complaint from the owner of a daycare provider (Daycare Provider 1) regarding late or missing reimbursement checks. Daycare Provider 1 explained that these late payments were causing a significant amount of anxiety and that without timely payments, her daycare facility may not be able to continue operating.

In response, Spencer told Daycare Provider 1 that she would have to pay Spencer money in order for the paperwork to be processed, the felony complaint alleges.

On Oct. 2, 2024, Daycare Provider 1 paid Spencer $200 in cash, according to the felony complaint. Daycare Provider 1 received her DSS reimbursement check in the mail several days later.

Over the ensuing months, Daycare Provider 1 paid Spencer over $1,000 to continue receiving timely reimbursement checks, the felony complaint alleges.

At least four other daycare providers in Westchester County are alleged to have been victimized in a similar fashion.

During the execution of a search warrant Tuesday morning, investigators recovered a loaded, unsecured .380 caliber Smith & Wesson from the defendant's vehicle. Spencer is a licensed gun owner, and this weapon was on her pistol permit.

Upon executing another warrant at a second car registered to the defendant, investigators recovered a loaded .45 caliber Star semi-automatic pistol. The defendant's husband, a convicted felon, was subsequently arrested and charged with Second-Degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon.

The Westchester County District Attorney and New York State Inspector General encourage anyone with information related to this scheme, including daycare providers, to contact the DA's tip line at (914) 995-TIPS (8477).

County Executive Ken Jenkins said, "The allegations against Cheryl Spencer, a Department of Social Services employee accused of accepting bribes related to the administration of daycare payment assistance, are deeply troubling and egregious. The integrity of our public assistance programs is critical to the families who rely on them, and any breach of that trust is completely unacceptable. While this matter is now in the hands of the New York State Inspector General's Office and the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, Westchester County intends to fully cooperate with the investigation, and will continue to review our internal procedures to ensure accountability and transparency. Westchester County remains committed to serving our residents with fairness, integrity, and the highest ethical standards."

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SATURDAY, AUG. 9

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

Tastings in the Field, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come with us into our field to use your taste to note the similarities and differences within the family, genus and species of one of our crops. Each class in this series will highlight a different seasonal crop and explore how and why tastes vary and the benefits of these distinctions. For ages 6 and up. $10 per person. Also: Sept. 13.

Register:https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tastings-in-the-field-tickets-1374759415419?aff=oddtdtcreator

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

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

Weekends through Monday, Sept. 1; weather permitting. No admittance after 6 p.m. Parking and admission fees apply. Westchester County residency is not required for admission. Get details: https://parks.westchestergov.com/swim

Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers: (914) 231-2870

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

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

Ecotherapy: The Benefits of Nature, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m

Master naturalist Bruce Rosenberg will lead a guided "ecotherapy" walk to explore different areas of Lasdon and experience the benefits of nature up close. Meet at the garden entrance. Also: Sept. 13.

Register: https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/echotherapy-the-benefits-of-nature-5/

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

Lasdon Green Squad, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Every Saturday from April to November join the Lasdon Green Squad to keep Lasdon, Westchester's Public Garden looking beautiful. Volunteers will work with Lasdon staff on tasks such as invasive species removal, planting, watering, weeding, trail maintenance, mulching, trash clean up, and other tasks. For those age 14 and older.

Get details and register: https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-08-09/

SUNDAY, AUG. 10

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

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

The market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 30 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 16.

Get details: https://www.muscootfarm.org/markets/

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Museum, Katonah: (914) 864-7263

Gardening Sundays and Tuesdays, Weekly, 10 a.m. - noon

Enhance your gardening skills and plant knowledge by working side by side with the gardeners at Lasdon Park. Tasks include planting, watering, weeding, pruning, staking, deadheading, potting up and more! Through November. Also: Tuesday, Aug. 12.

Get details and register: https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-08-10/

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

Curator's Tour of the Westchester County Veterans Museum, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Curator Mark Tolf leads a free guided tour of "The American Civil War: A War of Firsts" exhibition.

Registration required: https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/curators-tour-of-the-westchester-county-veterans-museum-2/

Alfred B. DelBello Muscoot Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Animal Interactions, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Enter one of Muscoot Farm's enclosures, where you will see, touch and learn more about one of our animals! For those ages 8 and older (adult supervision required). $25 for child and adult. Also: Sept. 21.

Get details and register: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-interactions-tickets-1394922503759?aff=ebdsoporgprofile

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AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA PARA EL PLAN ANUAL DEL EJERCICIO FISCAL 2026

La Autoridad Municipal de Vivienda de la ciudad de Yonkers (MHACY) celebrará dos (2) audiencias públicas el martes 23 de septiembre de 2025 para debatir y aceptar comentarios sobre su propuesta de plan anual para el año fiscal 2026.

La MHACY celebrará dos (2) audiencias públicas para debatir y aceptar comentarios sobre su propuesta de Plan Anual para el año fiscal (FY) 2026. Una copia preliminar de los cambios propuestos y la información correspondiente estarán disponibles en la Oficina de la Autoridad Municipal de Vivienda de la ciudad de Yonkers, Augustine J . Shea Administration Building, 1511 Central Park Avenue, a partir del 8 de agosto de 2025, de 8:30 a. m. a 4:30
p. m. de lunes a viernes hasta el martes 23 de septiembre de 2025, y en nuestro sitio web www.mhacy.org, bajo el título **«Borrador del Plan Anual para el año fiscal 2026».**

Las audiencias públicas se celebrarán el martes 23 de septiembre de 2025 en:

4 Curran Court
Sala comunitaria Edificio n.º 4 Yonkers,
Nueva York
2:00 p. m.

Ross F. Calcagno Inicio
10 Brook Street (Gimnasio) Yonkers,
Nueva York
6:00 p. m.

Estas audiencias públicas están abiertas a todas las partes interesadas. Se anima a los residentes a seleccionar un portavoz para presentar sus comentarios en las audiencias públicas. Los participantes en las audiencias públicas deben presentar sus comentarios de forma oral y por escrito. Las personas que deseen intervenir en cualquiera de las audiencias públicas tendrán un tiempo máximo de cinco (5) minutos cada una. Al comienzo de cada audiencia pública habrá una hoja de inscripción para los oradores.

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Autoridad Municipal de Vivienda de la Ciudad de Yonkers
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portance of celebrating the graduates' growth and leadership."Our MBK graduates have consistently shown what focus, leadership, and unwavering support can achieve," he said. "We're immensely proud of the young men they've become and incredibly excited to witness the impact they'll continue to make as they step into college, careers, and leadership roles within their communities."

Executive Director of MBK Yonkers Dr. Jason Baez added: "It is truly inspiring to witness these young men transition into their next phase of life with such promise and determination. Their journey embodies the core mission of MBK Yonkers, fostering growth, leadership, and a profound sense of brotherhood, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements and the bright futures they are building."

The ceremony featured a symbolic Libation Ceremony led by MBK Program Coordinator Mr. Greg Joyner and the 2025 MBK Fellows. Fellows poured water into the "Plant of Life" to honor mentors, family, and personal milestones, offering gratitude and reflection throughout the affirmation "Ashe," a Yoruba word meaning "we agree" and symbolizing strength in brotherhood.

MBK Yonkers alumnus and U.S. Naval Academy Midshipman Treat Williams spoke about how the program gave him the mindset and foundation to pursue high-level goals, including Navy SEAL training. He credited MBK Yonkers with instilling a sense of purpose and self-discipline, and encouraged graduates to carry that same focus into their next chapter.

The Senior Sendoff concluded with the MBK Pledge, recited by the graduates in unison as a declaration of commitment to brotherhood, purpose, and leadership: "I am My Brother's Keeper."

This celebration is part of MBK Yonkers' ongoing commitment to supporting students through the six milestones of the My Brother's Keeper framework, with the Senior Sendoff specifically aligned with Milestones 3 and 4: graduating from high school and completing post-secondary education or training. Yonkers Public Schools remains one of only four MBK Model Communities recognized by the Obama Foundation for its leadership in improving outcomes for young men of color — and proudly holds the highest on-time graduation rate for young men of color in New York State.

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MBK Yonkers helps students reach six key milestones from early education to career readiness. Through its MBK Fellows and mentorship programs, MBK Yonkers fosters equity and opportunity, ensuring all young people can succeed.

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Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE FY 2026 ANNUAL PLAN

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY) will hold Two (2) Public Hearings on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 to discuss and accept comments on its proposed FY 2026 Annual Plan

The MHACY will hold two (2) public hearings to discuss and accept comments on its proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Annual Plan. A draft copy of the proposed changes and information will be available at the Office of The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers, Augustine J. Shea Administration Building, 1511 Central Park Avenue beginning, August 8, 2025 from 8:30 A.M – 4:30 P.M. weekdays until Tuesday, September 23, 2025 and on our website www.mhacy.org. listed as draft FY 2026 Annual Plan.

The Public Hearings will be Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at:

4 Curran Court
Community Room Building #4
Yonkers, New York
2:00 P.M.

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

These public hearings are open to all interested parties. Residents are encouraged to select a spokesperson to present their comments at the public hearings. Participants in the public hearings should present their comments orally and in writing. Persons wishing to speak at any of the public hearings will be limited to five (5) minutes each. A sign-up sheet for speakers will be available at the start of each public hearing.

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY) does not discriminate because of disability, color, sex, religion, national origin, family status or race. Provisions will be made for persons with disabilities to ensure their full participation in these public hearings if they so choose. Request for any reasonable accommodation must be made to the MHACY by 4:00 P.M. on Friday, September 19, 2025. The request must be directed to:

Legal Department
Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers
1511 Central Park Avenue
Yonkers, New York 10710
jdaoud@mhacy.org
Fax: 914-793-6916

Dated: August 5, 2025

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August 14, 1927: Former Yonkers resident Ralph Lowes was the navigator of the "City of Peoria" biplane, in an air race from Oakland, California, to Hawaii. The first and second prizes of $25,000 and $10,000 were offered by Hawaiian pineapple magnate James Dole. It was disqualified because the judges didn't think its tanks held enough fuel to fly the distance. Lowes and pilot Charles Parkhurst later searched for planes that hadn't finished the race.

Friday, August 15th

August 15, 1928: Yonkers civic leader Edwin Goodhart announced Samuel Untermyer of Greystone would be the honorary chair of the cornerstone laying ceremonies for the Jewish Community Center; the structure was to cost an estimated $350,000.

August 15, 1930: The seventh airplane in four days landed at Empire City Racetrack; the pilot had lost his way while flying from Ohio to Curtis Field (Roosevelt Field).

August 15, 1942: The US Shipbuilding Corporation at Ludlow announced construction of all steel non-propelled oil tankers would soon be finished since they solved the piledriver transportation issue. The driver, too heavy to truck over the Ludlow Street bridge, was trucked it to Dock Street, ferried to a barge, then sailed down the Hudson to their South Yonkers location.

Saturday, August 16th

August 16, 1904: The popularity of the new public library was shown by the statistics announced for its first month of existence. 11,097 books were checked out, with an average of 437 books a day.

August 16, 1910: Colonel Theodore Roosevelt visited Yonkers and revealed he loved music but couldn't play the piano. He told the group of friends, "Another instrument I cannot play is second fiddle."

Sunday, August 17th

August 17, 1807: Robert Fulton's Claremont passed Yonkers on its first trip from New York to Albany, inaugurating the era of river steamboats.

August 17, 1945: The Yonkers USO received a letter from Sergeant Larry Hersh of Cliff Avenue, written from Straubing-on-the-Danube, thanking them for celebrating his birthday by proxy!

His USO hostess mom provided cake and refreshments to celebrate his 23rd birthday at the Yonkers site.

Stationed with five other Yonkers men in the Ninth Army Air Force fighter group, he said all six agreed they all wanted to be back in Yonkers. According to Hersh, "In all our travels, we have found nothing that will compare to Saturday night in Getty Square, the view of the Hudson from the Yonkers ferry or the Yonkers-Gorton football game." Hersh, a ground crew radio technician, would frequently talk about Yonkers with medic Joe Magarels, First Lieutenant Jim Hughes, driver Howie Nussbaum, and MPs Rockie Ferranne and Stewart Allen. All wished there were back in Yonkers and able to visit the USO in our fair city!

Questions or comments on this column? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com.

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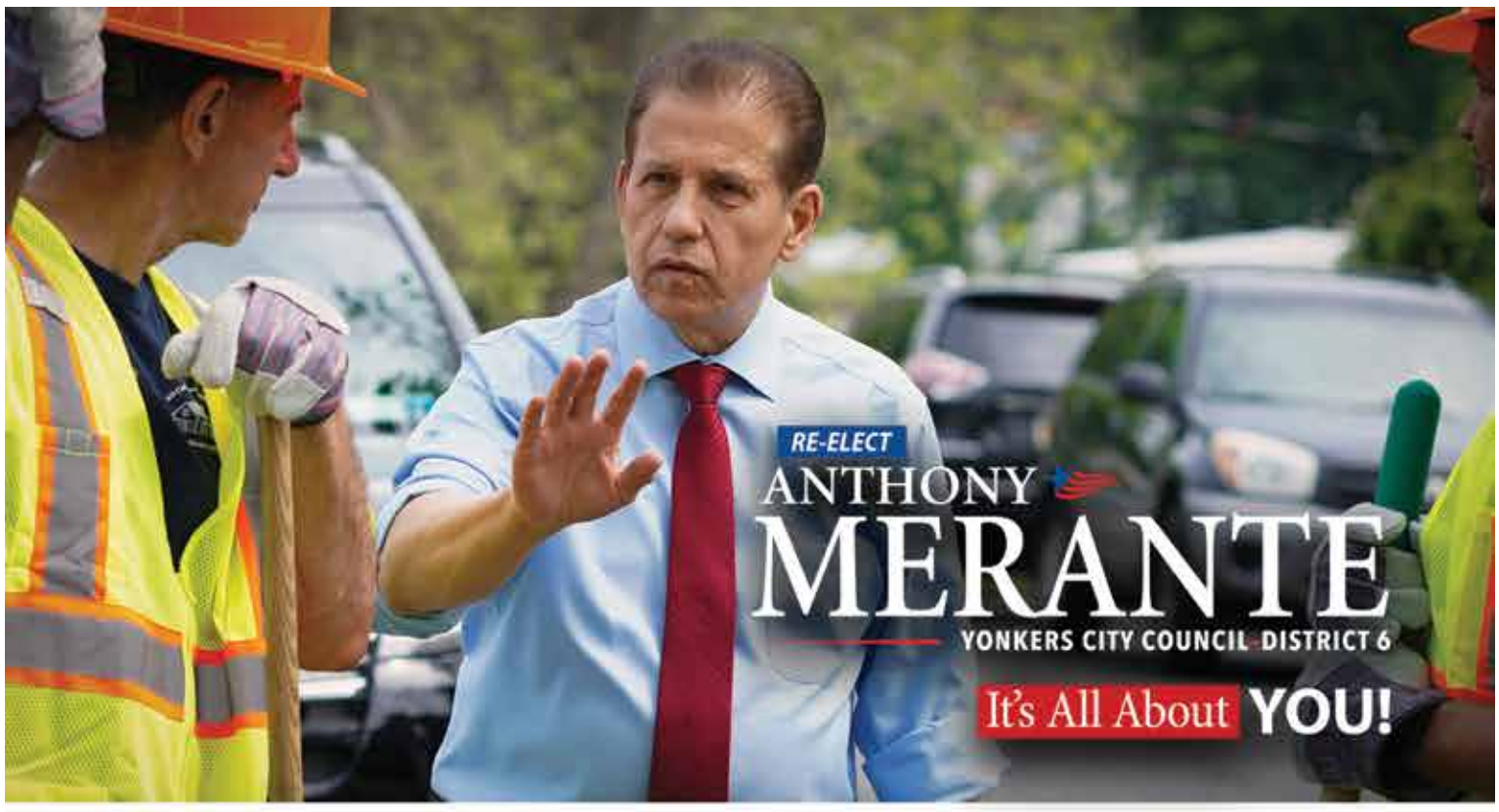

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