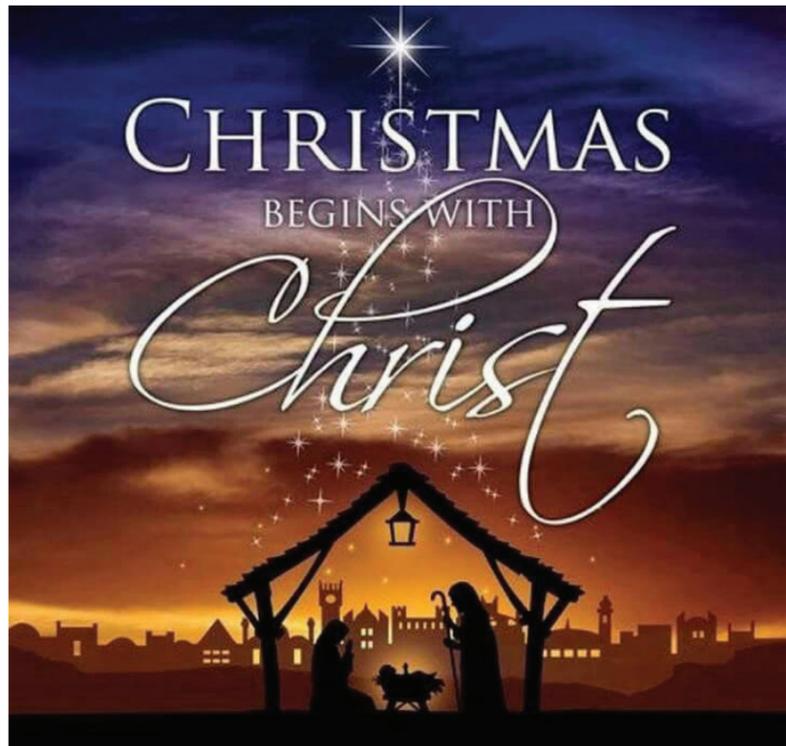


High Hopes for YMA Lady Eagles Girls Basketball Team -Starts the Season at 5-0

The Birth of Christ: the Redeemer Has Come



The YMA Lady Eagles girls basketball team is off to a dominant start this season, boasting a perfect 5-0 record and an eye-popping average margin of victory of 35 points. The defending Class B champions returned three All-State players this year, providing leadership and championship experience to an already talented roster. Their

By Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

When Adam sinned, giving in to the temptation to be “as God,” determining what is good and what is evil, he passed that physically and spiritually corrupted nature on to every human being except one: the promised seed of the woman: “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” (Genesis 3:15)

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The Old Testament records some of the utter depravity man fell to—brother murdering brother because of jealousy and the unwillingness to do things

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Whether You Spell it Chanukah, Hanukkah, or Hanukah, it’s Always the Festival of Lights



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left: Photo (c) Robert Kalfus

(L-R) Chabad Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz lights the Menorah with Dr. David Dickoff

Councilman Breen: Issue a Fourth Gaming License and Give it to Yonkers



Shortly after the NYS Gaming Commission approved Casino licenses for three applicants, two in Queens and one in the Bronx, Yonkers City Councilman Mike Breen called for Governor Kathy Hochul to reopen the process and issue a fourth gaming license.

Yonkers Minority Leader Mike Breen today sharply criticized Governor Kathy Hochul and the New York State Gaming

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Mayor’s Toy & Coat Drive A Big Hit! Santa is Still in the City!



Huge thank you to Santa Claus for making the journey from the North Pole to Yonkers for our annual toy and coat drive. Seeing how happy our Yonkers kids were when he arrived made my day! Thank you to our Office of Constituent Services and all our volunteers for helping make this Christmas extra special with toys and warm coats for our kids!

Yonkers Mayor Spano to Open Mobile Tax Office for Residents

city of YONKERS

Mayor Mike Spano's 2025 MOBILE TAX OFFICE 2026

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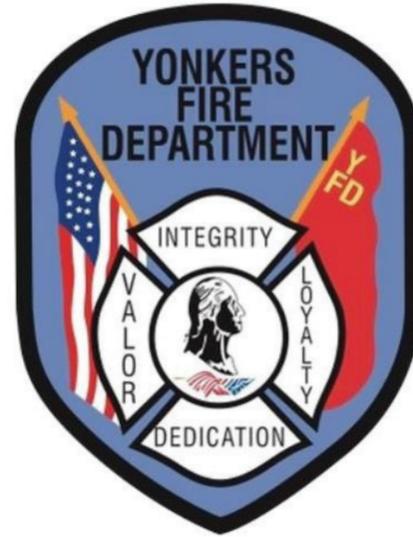
FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, FROM 9AM TO 7PM
Coyne Park/Bernice Spreckman Community Center
777 McLean Avenue

MONDAY, JANUARY 5, FROM 9AM TO 7PM
Homefield House
911 Saw Mill River Road

The third installment for the 2026 City property tax is due Tuesday, January 6.

Staff members from the Finance and Constituent Services departments will be in attendance to collect property taxes and water bill payments.

Yonkers Fire Department Earns Prestigious Hazardous Response Team Accreditation



Highest Level of Hazardous Materials Response Capability Recognized in New York State

Three Convenient Locations to Be Made Available for Yonkers Residents to Pay City Property Taxes

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the upcoming schedule for the City's Mobile Tax Office locations. Staff members from the Finance and Constituent Services departments will be in attendance to collect property taxes, water bill payments, and answer any questions on Tuesday, December 30, from 9AM to 7PM at Grinton I. Will Library (1500 Central Park Ave.); Friday, January 2, from 9AM to 7PM at the Coyne Park/Bernice Spreckman Community Center (777 McLean Ave.); and Monday, January 5, from 9AM to 7PM at the Homefield House (911 Saw Mill River Rd.). The third installment for the 2026 City property tax is due Tuesday, January 6.

"I acknowledge the importance of convenience for our Yonkers residents. We have reopened our Mobile Tax Offices to help residents access city services and pay their property taxes or water bills more easily. Those in need of assistance or who prefer a location close to home are encouraged to visit any of the three locations," said Mayor Mike Spano

For more information, residents are encouraged to contact the Office of Constituent Services at (914) 377-6010 between 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM or contact the 24/7 Mayor's Help Line at 377-HELP (4357) for assistance.

Mayor Mike Spano today announced that the Yonkers Fire Department (YFD) has officially been accredited as a Type 1 Hazardous Materials Response Team by the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control (OFPC), the highest level of hazardous materials response capability recognized in New York State, and the only accredited team in Westchester County.

"This is a tremendous achievement for our Yonkers Fire Department and for our entire City," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Earning Type 1 accreditation means our firefighters are trained to the highest standards and ready to respond to the most technical, high-risk emergencies anywhere in the region. Yonkers is now home to one of the most capable hazmat teams in New York State, and that speaks to the professionalism, dedication, and courage of our men and women in the YFD."

"This has been a tremendous team effort putting together all of the training and equipment requirements," said Yonkers Fire Commissioner William Fitzpatrick. "This recognizes all of the hard work of our team being certified to the highest standards to respond to and mitigate hazardous materials incidents in Yonkers and the region."

Type 1 accreditation recognizes departments equipped and certified to manage the most complex and high-risk hazardous materials incidents, including large-scale chemical, industrial, and transportation-related events.

This rigorous accreditation confirms that YFD meets the most demanding state-wide standards for training, equipment, operational readiness, and response capability.

New York State Fire Administrator James B. Cable said, "I congratulate the Yonkers Fire Department on taking this step to achieve New York State accreditation as a Type 1 Hazardous Materials Response Team. This accreditation aligns with Federal standards, demonstrating the Department's commitment to meeting State and National standards to respond to hazardous materials incidents as safely and effectively as possible."

The certification ensures that Yonkers is fully prepared to lead or support multi-jurisdictional hazardous materials responses and strengthens statewide mutual aid capabilities through consistent standards and enhanced readiness.

Help Wanted

Ultima Genomics, Inc. needs Field Service Engineer to install, repair biotech instruments & impr mech eng dsgr.

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To apply, email with resume, title, transcript, and ref#9913 recruiting@ultimagen.com.

Community Baptist Church located in Yonkers, NY is seeking a Worship Director & Musician to lead weekly services and grow our vibrant music ministry. Candidates should be skilled in piano/keyboard, passionate about worship, collaborative with pastors and choir, and gifted in leadership. Responsibilities include directing rehearsals, mentoring musicians, and supporting special events. We offer a welcoming, Christ-centered community and compensation based on experience.

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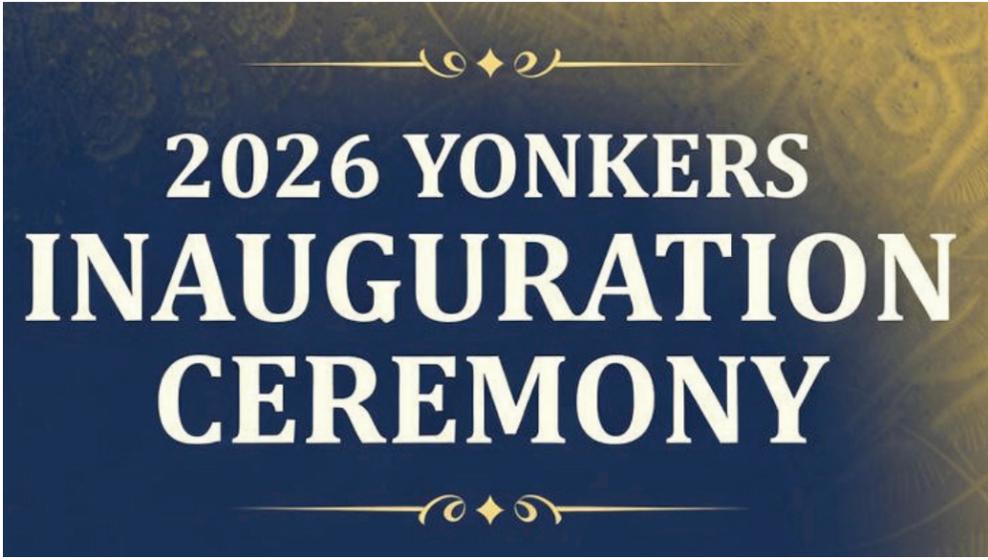
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Yonkers City Clerk Vincent Spano to Host Swearing in Ceremony on New Year's Day



Yonkers City Clerk Vincent E. Spano to Host City of Yonkers 2026 Swearing-In Ceremony on New Year's Day
 City Council Members and City Court Judge to Take Oaths of Office at Riverfront Library Auditorium

The Office of the Yonkers City Clerk, under the direction of City Clerk Vincent E. Spano, will host the City of Yonkers 2026 Swearing-In Ceremony on Thursday, January 1, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. The ceremony will take place at the Riverfront Library Auditorium, located at 1 Larkin Center in Yonkers.

City Clerk Vincent E. Spano will preside over the administration of oaths of office to the following officials:

- The Honorable Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, Yonkers City Council President
- The Honorable John Rubbo, Yonkers City Council Member, Fourth Council District
- The Honorable Corazón Pineda-Isaac, Yonkers City Council Member, Second Council District
- The Honorable Timothy J. Hodges, Yonkers City Council Member, Sixth Council District
- The Honorable Alexandra R. Bisesi, Esq., Yonkers City Court Judge

The Swearing-In Ceremony, hosted by City Clerk Vincent E. Spano, is a longstanding civic tradition that formally marks the start of a new governing term for the City Council and City Court. The City Clerk's Office is responsible for maintaining the official record of the proceedings and ensuring the lawful administration of oaths.

Members of the public, elected officials, community leaders, and invited guests are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. Seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For additional information, accessibility accommodations, or media inquiries, please contact the Office of the Yonkers City Clerk.

Remembering the Victims of Yonkers Largest Loss of Life in a Fire-60 Years Ago



By Eric Wolf Schoen

We have good news to report on the health of feature columnist Eric Schoen

Eric is sitting up and talking !!!!!

He would like you to put this in his column THIS WEEK:

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HAPPY CHANUKAH. MERRY CHRISTMAS

Every December, Eric would write, "Every year when I think about JCC and Christmas and Easter visits to St. Joseph's Hospital I think of the tragic fire at the JCC that took the lives of so many beautiful people, young and old early in December 1965. 52 years ago. Family friends perished in the fire and so many lives were shattered. I remember seeing my father crying when he heard the tragic news of those who died, and the many who were scarred by the flames. I know of a leader in our community whose father was called upon to identify the deceased, bodies badly burned. The largest loss of life in a fire in the History of the City of Yonkers.

We can't bring them back, but we can take time every year during the holiday season to think of them and what they could have contributed to make our world a better place. Some were talented musicians or in the process of becoming ones. A Beethoven. A Schubert or a Chopin. Please remember them in your prayers.

Our family was close with Dr. Shirley Werthamer who tragically lost her daughter in the JCC fire and had gone to college with my mom. Used the handle to open the curtains, my vote was counted and I walked out proud to be an America

Reach Eric Schoen at ewschoen@icloud.com

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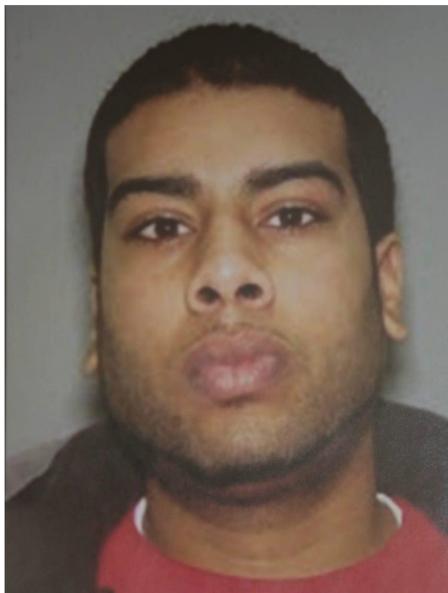
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Tejmitra Singh Released Early for His Role in Murder of Baseball Star Michael Nolan in 2015



Tejmitra Singh

By Dan Murphy

County Legislator James Nolan called out the New York State criminal justice system for allowing an individual involved in the shooting death of Michael Nolan, in 2015. Tejmitra Singh was released on Dec. 16, after serving 10 years of a 11 year sentence for his role in Michael Nolan's death.

"I need to warn everyone in the community and ask for everyone to share that the lowlife murderer who planned my brother's shooting, Tejmitra Singh, is being RELEASED today. Singh, who orchestrated my brother's murder, was sentenced to 12 years, but due to the failed and dangerous pro-criminal bail reform and perceived "good behavior," he's being released early and will be home in time for Christmas.

"Tejmitra Singh will also be working at his parent's paint and hardware store located at 180 Gramatan Ave in Mount Vernon. Stay away from someone responsible for taking a life, or protest the business if you choose.

"People have asked why I am so outspoken against elected officials supporting pro-criminal laws and the laws themselves. It's because these laws have profoundly affected my family, and I refuse to let others suffer the same. My fight has only just begun, and my brother's memory will never die.

"The pro-criminal New York State Parole Board has yet to contact me regarding the denial of my request to keep him behind bars for his complete sentence, and neither my family nor I have been notified of his release," said Nolan.

On Sept. 18, 2015 at approximately 12:38am Yonkers Police received calls for a shooting in the area of 826 Central Park Ave. Units arrived to find victim Michael Nolan, a Yonkers resident and Major League Baseball Prospect suffering from gun shot wounds

An extensive investigation was carried out by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, the Yonkers Police Department and the Westchester County Intelligence Center. That investigation revealed that the shooting was in retaliation for the beating of an individual known to the defendant and related to events that began during a drag race two nights before the shooting.

Tejmitra Singh, now 23, from the Bronx was sentenced to eleven years in state prison after having pled guilty to one count of Assault in the First Degree, a class "B" Violent Felony

Get Rid Of Chronic Pain: St. John's Riverside Hospital Uses Interventional Pain Management Techniques



Dr. Steven Erosa

By Dan Murphy

Pain management can be challenging for people with chronic pain conditions, but Steven Erosa, DO, at St. John's Riverside Hospital and St. John's Medical Group, is using interventional pain management to help patients.

"What we're trying to do at St. John's is to provide advanced interventional pain care and rehabilitation without the need for opioid or long-term medications," says Dr. Erosa. "Pain management has a reputation or a history. It's all over the news. It's all over Netflix, Hulu, and TV shows—which are great, by the way. But they talk about a time when pain management was just Oxycodone and OxyContin. Now there is a replacement for these medications. There are patients who need these medications, but their overutilization led to a national crisis."

Over 20 percent of Americans experience chronic pain, and many struggle to find relief. Opioid pain medications come with a risk of dependence, and may cause side effects like drowsiness that make driving or working unsafe. Often, patients search for other solutions to their pain.

Dr. Erosa explains that interventional pain care offers options for many people dealing with chronic pain.

"Interventional pain medicine is a specialty where we focus on diagnosing and treating complex pain problems from head to toe, all throughout the body," he says. "We utilize diagnostic testing and imaging to identify the actual source of the pain, what we call a pain generator, and then apply an intervention—a procedure, a nerve block, maybe an ablation or some other minimally invasive treatment for that problem."

Dr. Erosa attended osteopathic medical school and became a D.O. (Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine), which led him to explore the many options for helping people with chronic pain.

"As a D.O., I was trained in using my hands to treat conditions of the spine, joints, nerves, and bones," he says. "I do utilize it in my practice when appropriate for patients, and that led me down the path of wanting to do something in the musculoskeletal medicine orthopedic realm. As I rotated through sports medicine, orthopedic surgery, and other fields, I found myself in physical medicine and rehabilitation, and it gave me everything I wanted out of medicine. I wanted continuity of care with my patients. I wanted to see them through the long-term problems they were having and help them find solutions to very complicated conditions. That led me to pain practice because I like doing procedures, I like hands-on work, and I like seeing patients get better."

After completing a residency and fellowship in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Interventional Pain Medicine at Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Dr. Erosa began treating patients with a wide range of conditions.

Common issues that bring patients into the clinic include arthritis, spinal stenosis, and spondylosis. As opioid use has declined in the treatment of chronic pain in recent years, Dr. Erosa has witnessed the arrival of new techniques for treating pain.

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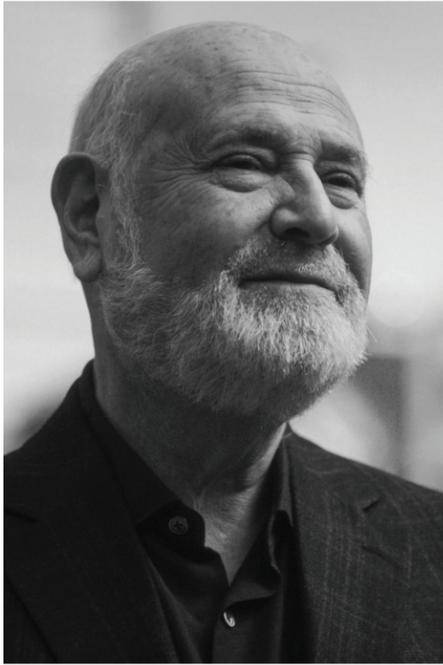
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Rob Reiner, From New Rochelle, Mourned and Remembered

Trump Ignore's Commandment Don't Speak Ill of the Dead



left: The Reiner's outside their New Rochelle Home

By Dan Murphy

As our readers mourn the passing of Rob Reiner and his wife, Michele, memories of Rob Reiner from our Westchester readers depend on how old you are. If you are in your 50s or older, you can remember Reiner on All in the Family on TV.

Younger readers know Reiner from the movies he directed, like When Harry Met Sally, A Few Good Men, and The Princess Bride. For those of us still looking for the truth behind the JFK Assassination, last year Reiner produced a 10-part documentary with Soledad O'Brien, which concluded that Oswald didn't do it, before the release of many of the JFK files this year that prove his claim.

In 1953, Carl Reiner, his wife, Estelle, and their two children, 6-year-old Rob and 3-year-old Annie, moved to their first home at 148 Bonnie Meadow Road in New Rochelle. They paid about \$30,000. Reiner's life here in New Rochelle inspired The Dick Van Dyke Show, in which the fictional Petrie family lived on 48 Bonnie Meadow Road in New Rochelle. The Reiners moved to Hollywood in the early 1960s.

Though I disagreed with Rob Reiner politically, I mourned his passing, as did most Americans.

When Charlie Kirk died, Rob Reiner, who held the polar opposite political viewpoint, had kind words. During a September episode of Piers Morgan Uncensored, Reiner called the murder of Kirk an "absolute horror," and noted that he had "unfortunately [seen] the video" of Kirk being shot.

"It's beyond belief what happened to him. That should never happen to anybody. I don't care what your political beliefs are. That's not acceptable. That's not a solution to solving problems."

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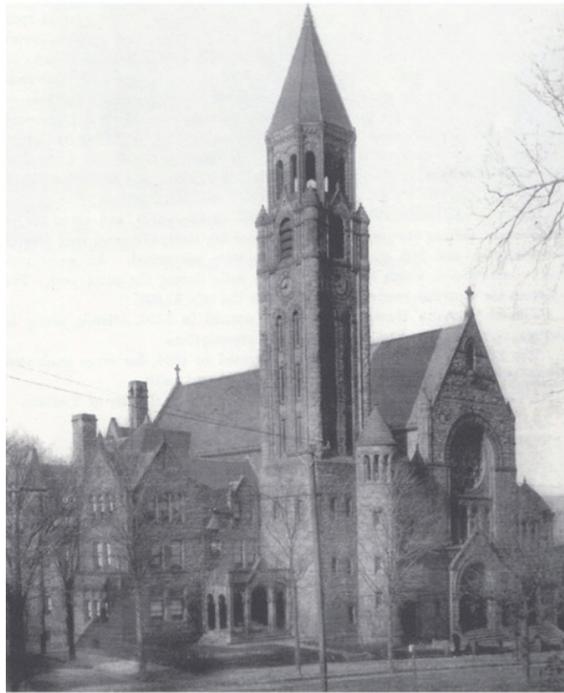
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On This Day in Yonkers History ...



The first Mass at St. Mary's Church in Yonkers was on Christmas Day 1848

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

Monday, December 22nd

December 22, 1894: St. Andrew's Golf Club of Yonkers-on-the-Hudson, joined with four other golf clubs to form the Amateur Golf Association of the United States; the name soon would be changed to the US Golf Association.

December 22, 1943: Because nearly 1400 Smith Carpet Company workers were in the military, the company initiated a program to "take care" of employees after they were discharged from the service and returned to work.

Carpet Shop management met with the Textile Workers Union of America to draft a program to return employees to the company workforce, while taking into consideration some workers would be physically handicapped.

Tuesday, December 23rd

December 23, 1863: Yonkers held a Special Town Meeting at the Getty Lyceum. President Lincoln asked for 300,000 volunteers to reinforce the US Army; Yonkers' quota was 168 men. If not enough men volunteered by January 5th, they would be drafted as provided by the March 1863 Conscription Act.

Yonkers decided to give men an additional \$300 bonus to volunteer, in addition to the bounty offered by the State government.

December 23, 1928: Severe flooding in downtown Yonkers caused more than \$100,000 damage in Getty Square alone. The Yonkers Statesman managed to get out the paper, even though the pressmen sloshed around six inches of water in their boots!

Wednesday, December 24th:

December 24, 1863: The Statesman, "a Union of the Yonkers Examiner and The Clarion," announced a Public Meeting December 29th to begin arrangements for the "Grand Fair" to be held in February to support the Sanitary Commissions. A special invitation was extended to women, with the statement, "Ladies are especially invited to be present."

December 24, 1937: Litigation over the attempted removal of Reverend John Kushwara of Holy Trinity Church Russian Orthodox Church, was submitted to State Supreme Court Justice Raymond Aldrich; it requested Kushwara obey Bishop Theophilus' order transferring him to a Watervliet parish.

The hearing turned into a dispute as whether Bishop Theophilus had the right to remove a priest or to function as a church dignitary. Attorney David Gorfinkel submitted an affidavit from Adam Philippovsky of Manhattan, stating he, not Theophilus, was the Archbishop of the New York Diocese; hence he was the reigning authority of the Church in North America.

Father Kushwara and his wife refused to leave the parish. When his replacement Father Dzvonchik attempted to enter the church to say Sunday service, parishioners pushed the good Father back into his car!

Thursday, December 25th

December 25, 1848: The first mass was offered in St. Mary's Church by Father John Ryan.

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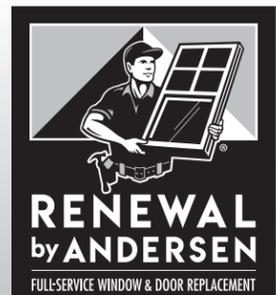
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Notice of Formation of IT TAKES ALL KINDS PICTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/21/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to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

Notice of Formation of SteenShotz LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/2025. Office Location: 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, 343 South 3rd Avenue, Mt. Venron NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

Notice of Formation Hinman Hall, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/08/2025. 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, 9 Landing Drive, Dobbs Ferry NY 10522 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of BLUEPRINTS AND BEYOND LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 4th, 2025. 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 the process to the LLC: 70 Ashburton Avenue, Apt. 7H, Yonkers, New York, 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Supreme Court: Westchester County Acqua Capital LLC v Che Li et al. Defts Index#: 58090/2020 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed and entered October 1, 2025, I will sell at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd White Plains NY 10601, on December 18, 2025 at 3:30 pm the premises located in the Village of Tarrytown, County of Westchester, State of New York known as Section 1.190, Block 115 Lot(s) 21. Sold subject to the terms of sale and filed judgment of foreclosure. Bank Checks Only, must be payable to the Referee for 25% of Bid Price, No Cash Accepted. Jerrice D. Epps, Esq. Referee.

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 Publication of Hari Govinda LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 10/19/2025. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Prajwal B Shrestha, 12 Vista Court, Ossining, NY, 10562. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of FirstLine Infusion LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 16, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail process to: FirstLine Infusion LLC, 30 Winthrop Ave., Elmsford, NY 10523. Purpose: Any lawful purpose permitted under New York State law.

Notice of Formation of Marayjay, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/04/2025. 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 Entity Protect Registered Agent Services LLC, 447 Broadway 2nd Fl. - #3000, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Sprites' Hollow LLC, formerly What Are We Making LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/2021. 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, 88 Colgate Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Line Dot Line, LLC; Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 8, 2025; 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 Line Dot Line, LLC, 34 Mountain Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538; The registered agent is Lauren Cogan, 34 Mountain Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538; Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York; Duration: Perpetual.

Notice of Formation of Elsie Legacy Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/26/2025. 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, 41 Woodland Road, Bedford Hills, NY 10507. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

**CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 13th, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following General Ordinance, to wit:

PROPOSED GENERAL ORDINANCE

A GENERAL ORDINANCE CHAPTER 43 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, AND THE ACCOMPANYING ZONING MAP: A) TO RECLASSIFY AND REZONE THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT: BLOCK 621 LOT 25, BLOCK 622 LOT 11, BLOCK 621 LOT 1, BLOCK 625 LOT 1, BLOCK 625 LOT 100 RESPECTIVELY FROM I DISTRICT TO D-MX DISTRICT; AND B) TO AMEND 43 ATTACHMENT 13 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE ENTITLED "MAP A: KEY STREETS" TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE REFERENCED PROPERTIES; C) TO AMEND 43 ATTACHMENT 14 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE ENTITLED "MAP B: HEIGHT DISTRICT MAP" TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROPERTIES AND TO ALLOW A MAXIMUM PERMITTED BUILDING HEIGHT OF 150 FEET AND OTHERWISE CLARIFY THE MAP; D) TO AMEND 43 ATTACHMENT 15 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE ENTITLED "MAP C: ADDITIONAL SIDEWALK WIDTH REQUIREMENT MAP" TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROPERTIES; AND E) TO AMEND 43 ATTACHMENT 16 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE ENTITLED "MAP D: DISTRICTS" TO INCLUDE THE ABOVE-REFERENCED PROPERTIES.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said General Ordinance, may be obtained at the Yonkers City Clerk's Office located at City Hall — Room 102, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701

VINCENT SPANO, City Clerk, December 15, 2025

How Scarsdale's Nativity Scene Landed in The U.S. Supreme Court: Creche Committee Keeps the Tradition Alive



By Dan Murphy

Here's a holiday story that you may not have heard about. After watching Nativity scenes across the county, and the country, removed from public property, I wondered how I continued to see a Creche in Scarsdale ever December before Christmas. And next to the Nativity is a sign, "This Creche has been erected and maintained by the Scarsdale Creche Committee a private organization."

The Village of Scarsdale permitted the Nativity scene for many years to be erected by the Scarsdale Creche Committee in Boniface Circle for around two weeks during the Christmas season, from 1957 to 1981.

However, in 1981, after complaints from several residents who characterized the Creche as being insensitive, the Village Board barred the Nativity scene.

Several Scarsdale residents and the Creche Committee sued the Scarsdale Board in Federal Court, claiming that their First Amendment rights of free religion and free speech were violated. US District Court Judge Charles Stewart ruled in 1983 that the nativity scene improperly constituted an "impermissible establishment of religion on public land," making the Village square in Scarsdale "the message-bearer" for one religious belief.

The Creche Committee and one resident Scarsdale attorney Kathleen McCreary, who the case is named for (McCreary v. Stone) appealed to the US Court of Appeals, which ruled in 1984 that while the Village Board's denial of the nativity scene was correctly based, another case, Lynch v Donnelly, which found that "an equal access policy would not contravene" having religious symbols on public property, reversed the lower court's decision.

The Scarsdale Board then voted to appeal to the highest court in the land. The issue was, and still is, whether a religious symbol like a nativity scene, or a Menorah, placed on public property, was a violation of the Establishment clause of the First Amendment, which calls for the separation of church and state. The case was heard in 1985 by only eight USSC Justices: Justice Lewis Powell was absent due to illness. With a 4-4 split, the Justices affirmed the court of appeals decision.

Since then, this simple and traditional Nativity Scene has been placed for two weeks in the middle of Scarsdale. And every year, the Scarsdale Board votes on whether to allow the request by the Scarsdale Creche Committee to do so, including this year, Nov. 2021, and the Creche will go up starting Dec. 15.

I recently drove by to make sure it was up and took the photo above. This shows the importance of highlighting all religious celebrations. So Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and Happy Kwanzaa Westchester!

Yonkers Public Library awarded \$40,000 by the New York State Council on the Arts



Yonkers Public Library (YPL) announced today a grant award totaling \$40,000 from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) to support the arts and culture sector. Through New York State's continued investment in arts and culture, NYSCA has awarded \$80.9 million in fiscal year 2026 to arts and culture nonprofits across all 10 regions and a historic number of artists.

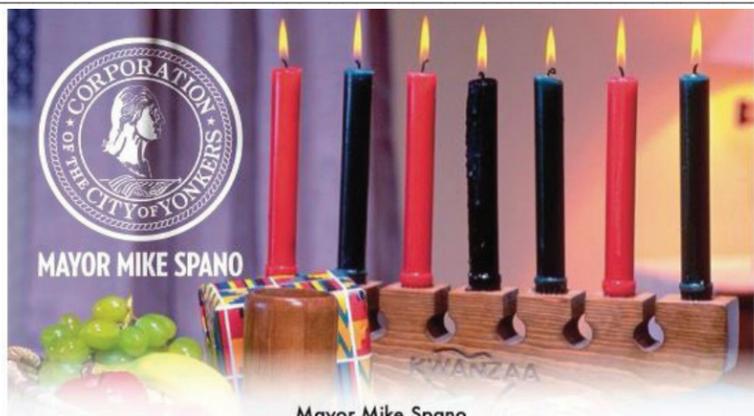
This is the third year YPL received a NYSCA grant. The library will use the grant to support exhibitions at the Riverfront Art Gallery, fund arts programming at all three YPL locations, purchase memberships at local art museums through its popular Museum Pass program to facilitate free arts experiences for Yonkers families, and commission permanent public art works from local artists throughout the YPL campus. In the year to date, NYSCA funds supported four exhibitions at Riverfront Art Gallery and nearly 400 arts events at YPL attended by over 11,900 people. It also funded the "Everybody Belongs Downtown" mural by Victor Alexander St. Hilaire (VASH) in the Riverfront Library Children's Room.

"New York's arts and culture sector is a cornerstone of the state's identity, and we're making bold investments to ensure it remains strong," Governor Hochul said. "These grants will lift up artists and organizations in every region, fueling local economies and expanding access to the arts. Congratulations to all the grantees – your talent and dedication help power New York's future."

New York State Council on the Arts Executive Director Erika Mallin said, "During these challenging times, the New York State Council on the Arts has been a stalwart and innovative funder. These grants will serve artists and organizations in every region and county, fueling our economy and serving our communities. We know this support isn't just an investment in the arts; it's an investment in New York's future. Congratulations to Yonkers Public Library and thank you for your perseverance, your creativity, and your tireless service to New York State."

New York State Council on the Arts Chair Patrick Willingham said, "With the unwavering support of Governor Hochul and our Legislature, the Council is proud to congratulate this year's grantees, whose collective efforts strengthen and benefit us all. I also want to recognize the work of NYSCA's panelists, staff, and the entire Council, whose dedication has ensured that this critical support will reach every corner of New York State."

"We are proud that NYSCA recognizes Yonkers Public Library as a leader in offering free, accessible and high quality arts programs and experiences to all members of the Yonkers community, and grateful for its continuing support," said Library Director Jesse Montero.



Mayor Mike Spano
Mayor's African American Advisory Board and Yonkers Public Library
Host

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Whether You Spell it Chanukah, Hanukkah, or Hanukah, it's Always the Festival of Lights



Members of Pey Dalid



L-R-Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, State Senator Shelley Mayer, Mayor Mike Spano, Councilman Anthony Merante

Photos (c) Robert Kalfus



Fairy on Stilts and a juggler



At Cross County, Heavily armed and well prepared Yonkers Police officers

By Robert Kalfus

Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz joyfully “spreads the light” of Chanukah, explaining that “Chanukah is a holiday celebrated at home. But we bring the light out into the street and share the light, to shed light, to illuminate and push away the darkness,” as he started Chanukah first night’s lighting, Sunday, December 14, at the Ridge Hill Shopping Center in Yonkers, with a giant menorah. Standing in the bucket of Yonkers Tower Ladder 75, Rabbi Hurwitz lit the shamash and said the traditional Chanukah blessings. Braving the bitter freezing cold, and the wind swaying the Tower Ladder, the first light’s torch was then lit by Dr. David Dickoff, a neurologist and synagogue member.

About 40 people danced to the music of the Pey Dalid band’s five members, playing their instruments barehanded, sans gloves, despite the cold.or to keep warm. A juggler and stilt-walking fairy entertained. Rabbi Mendy, his wife Chanie and children gave free traditional sufganiot, sugar topped, cream filled icing donuts of icing and chocolate, and hot latkes (potato pancakes fried in oil), and gave Chanukah gelt to both adults and children.

At least six heavily armed Yonkers police wearing body armor and Ridge Hill Security officers were visible, guarding against any unwanted intrusion or a repetition of the Bondi Beach, Sydney, Australia massacre. Westchester elected officials Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Assemblywoman Shelly Mayor, and Yonkers Assemblymember Anthony Merante joined Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz denouncing senseless anti-Semitism and the tragedy, and voiced their support for the Jewish community.

Monday night saw the second night’s lighting of the second light of Chanukah moving to the Cross County Center, where Yonkers Councilman John Rubbo and his son joined the celebration, again with Pey Dalid music, dancing, sufganiot, and warm latkes. Chanukah, the Festival of Light, remembers the miracles of a small outnumbered band of Jewish partisan fighters defeating the overwhelming Syrian-Greek forces, liberating the Jewish nation and bestowing independence, and the miracle of the single cruce of undefiled oil, sufficient for only one day of kindling the lights in the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, lasting for eight days, the length of time necessary until new pure olive oil could be pressed, allowing the defiled Temple to be rededicated.

Despite the bitter freezing cold, the five members of Pey Dalid performed barehanded.

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Saint Joseph's Medical Center Celebrates Children's Holiday Party



L-R: Saint Joseph's Medical Center President & CEO Michael J. Spicer; Cristal Lucero (Mrs. Claus); Dr. John Auricchio (Santa); Ana Ayala, (Sr. Elf) and Saint Joseph's Medical Center Board Chairman James J. Landy

More than 500 children enjoyed a very special holiday experience as they celebrated with Santa and his Elves at the Saint

Joseph's Medical Center's 7th Annual Children's Holiday Party at the Saint Joseph's Medical Center Thomas and Agnes Carvel Foundation Family Health Center in Yonkers.

The event, which was held on December 12, is a way for the hospital to say Thank You to the families and children they serve. This year's theme was Candyland. Children had the opportunity to sit with Santa and have their photos taken. There was also face painting. Each of the 550 children attending the event was presented with a gift. The gifts were donated by multiple community groups as well as hospital staff and board members.

Enrico Fermi School Choir Sing to Seniors



At the top of the month, the Enrico Fermi School choir sang in full Christmas spirit at the Office of the Aging Senior Citizens Holiday Party! Led by Ms. Olivieri-Reyes, the students' joyful voices filled the room with holiday cheer, bringing smiles and the #YonkersMagic to everyone in attendance. What a magical start to the holidays!

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Office of State Senator
Shelley B. Mayer

Applications Being Accepted for Seasonal Park Rangers-Deadline to apply is Feb. 22

The Westchester County Department of Public Safety is accepting applications for seasonal park rangers to patrol County parks next summer. Applications are due by February 22 and are available online at the Department of Public Safety's web pages: <http://publicsafety.westchestergov.com>. Uniformed park rangers work under the supervision of County Police officers to maintain a safe and enjoyable atmosphere in the County's parks. They assist park users, provide information on park rules and procedures, help in searches for lost children, perform basic first aid on occasion and make regular security checks of buildings and facilities. First-time park rangers are paid \$17 hourly. Salaries are higher for those who have worked as a ranger for the County before. To qualify, applicants must be a high school graduate, at least 18 years of age, a U.S. citizen, and possess a valid New York State driver's license by the time of appointment. Preference in hiring may be shown to Westchester residents. The application form may be found in the Employment: Seasonal Park Rangers section of the Department website. Accepted candidates must complete a 162-hour peace officer training program at the Westchester County Police Academy. Park rangers are paid during this Academy training.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

-----X Index No.
Date Summons Filed:
LAZIZI KHAMIDOV,
Plaintiff,
-against-
TONYA DAZIAH JAMES,
Defendant.

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial.
The basis of venue is Defendant's residence.

SUMMONS

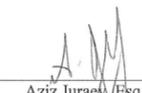
Defendant resides at 185 Riverdale Avenue, Apt. 8I, Yonkers, New York 10705.

ACTION FOR DIVORCE

To the above named Defendant:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer on Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State of New York, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: 03/12/2025


Aziz Juraev, Esq.
Law Office of Aziz Dzhuraev
Attorneys for Plaintiff

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

-----X Index No.
LAZIZI KHAMIDOV,
Plaintiff,
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VERIFIED COMPLAINT

ACTION FOR DIVORCE

The Plaintiff, complaining of the Defendant, alleges the following:

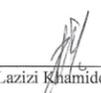
- FIRST:** The parties are over the age of 18 years.
- SECOND:** This court has jurisdiction to hear this action for divorce. The Plaintiff has resided in New York State for a continuous period in excess of two years immediately preceding the commencement of this action.
- THIRD:** The Plaintiff and Defendant were married to each other on July 16, 2021, in Bridgeport, Connecticut.
- The marriage was not performed by a clergyman, minister or leader of the Society for Ethical Culture.
- FOURTH:** There is no child as a result of this marriage, and no child is expected.
- The Plaintiff resides at 515 E 7th Street, Apt. 3S, Brooklyn, New York 11218. The Defendant resides at 185 Riverdale Avenue, Apt. 8I, Yonkers, New York 10705.
- The parties are covered by the following group health plans:
Plaintiff
Group Health Plan: NOT APPLICABLE
Defendant
Group Health Plan: NOT APPLICABLE
- FIFTH:** The grounds for divorce are as follows: Irretrievable Breakdown of the Relationship for at Least Six Months (DRL Sec. 170(7)): The relationship between the Plaintiff and Defendant has broken down irretrievably for a period of at least six months.
- SIXTH:** There is no judgment in any court for a divorce and no other matrimonial action for divorce between the parties is pending in this Court or in any other court of competent jurisdiction.
- SEVENTH:** Neither the Wife nor the Husband needs maintenance.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant, dissolving the marriage between the parties to this action, and granting the following relief:

- That the parties do not require maintenance and no claim will be made by either party for maintenance.
- That the parties do not require payment of counsel and experts' fees and expenses.
- That the Court grant such other and further relief as the Court may deem fit and proper.

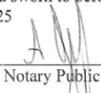
The parties have divided up the marital property, and no claim will be made by either party under equitable distribution.

Dated: 03/12/2025


Lazizi Khamidov

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF Kings, ss.
I, Lazizi Khamidov, am the Plaintiff in the within action for a divorce. I have read the foregoing Complaint and know the contents thereof. The contents of the Complaint are true to my own knowledge, except as to those matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.


Aziz Juraev
Notary Public
Registration No. 02DZ6409183
Qualified in Kings County
Commission Expires 09/21/2028

Subscribed and sworn to before me on 03/12/2025

Notary Public

My commission expires on 09/21/2028

Yonkers History, continued from pg 5-

December 25, 1887: St. Aloysius Boarding Academy for Boys was destroyed by fire. Opened in 1868 by the Sisters of Charity on the late Judge Aaron Vark's South Broadway property, St. Aloysius prospered right from the start; there was a need for a good school for pre-college boys. Among its students were notables John and Lionel Barrymore.

Sadly, the school burned down Christmas Day 1887. A notice appeared in the Yonkers Statesman ten days later informing the public "the loss by the burning of St. Aloysius Academy will be considerable, and it is only partially covered by insurance." The school would be no more.

The Sisters of Charity long had wanted a Yonkers hospital to "aid and support the indigent sick." St. Joseph's Hospital was built on the school property and opened the following year.

Friday, December 26th

December 26, 1937: Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church presented a monetary gift to former Assistant Pastor Reverend Jeremiah Nemacek, at a celebration of his service to the church and his "spiritual labors" among the Parishioners. Pastor Reverend John Kubasek praised his nine years of service, wishing him "success and every happiness" in his new post at Our Lady of Refuge in the Bronx.

After thanking the parishioners, Fr. Nemacek thanked Fr. Kubasek for his help, guidance and advice while at Most Holy Trinity.

December 26, 1945: Mayor Frank, speaking for the incoming Common Council new fusion majority, announced they would appoint Robert Craig Montgomery of Yonkers as City Manager since he was the most qualified candidate. Montgomery was fired as City Manager after serving for 110 days earlier that year.

According to the incoming majority, Montgomery accepted the job because it "would give him the opportunity to render real public service to the people of our city... and the natural desire to complete the job so rudely interrupted this year."

Saturday, December 27th

December 27, 1927: Show Boat, with music composed by Yonkers' Jerome Kern at his home on Dellwood Road in Cedar Knolls, opened at the Ziegfeld Theater to great acclaim!

December 27, 1925: Billy Cook's Inn, on the east side of Broadway between Post and Randolph Streets, was purchased by a NY realty company. Originally the Lowerre homestead, the Inn would be replaced with stores and apartment house.

Sunday, December 28th

December 28, 1955: Third Ward Councilman Michael Nugent introduced legislation asking City Manager Curran to create a pamphlet with accurate 1949 to 1956 Yonkers Public Schools' data to assist councilmembers refute "vicious propaganda" circulated by school administrators, men Nugent termed to be "morally dishonest." Information he wanted in the pamphlet was: the number of students enrolled in public schools and the number who actually attended; number of textbooks, desks, chairs and equipment; all school facilities; and all capital expenditures.

Fourth Ward Councilman Dr. Louis Keating asked Nugent to move the resolution to the next meeting so Councilmen-elect Peter Birrittella and Arthur Richardson could vote on it. After councilmembers criticized and personally attacked Keating, he withdrew the request. The resolution passed 9 to 3, with Councilmen Keating, Moczydlowski and Cooke dissenting.

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

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8 Days Later and Fugitive James Vastola Still on the Loose in Westchester?



Have You Seen

James Vastola, left ?

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Police at

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Police from the Pleasantville Police Department on December 10, 2025. A 911 call from the home of a residence, reporting that his son, James Vastola, had started a fire in the basement of the family home. The Pleasantville Fire Department and the Pleasantville Ambulance Corps were dispatched via County Fire Control, and responding officers arrived to find a heavy smoke condition originating inside the home, and that the son had left the scene.

The caller was taken to the hospital for smoke inhalation, and eventually released. James Vastola is a 32-year-old man; 6' 2" tall and 210 pounds. He was last seen in a black and green sweatshirt, black sweatpants and white sneakers. Despite multiple ongoing investigative techniques, his whereabouts are still unknown.

In close coordination with the Superintendent of Schools, and out of an abundance of caution, the decision was made to delay the opening of Pleasantville Schools and to place all three school buildings in Lockout status. A Lockout restricts outdoor activities and limits building access to ensure the safety of students and staff from a potential external threat. At no point, however, was there any evidence to suggest that Mr. Vastola posed a specific threat to the schools or anyone inside. The delay allowed investigators valuable time to advance the case.

Anyone with any information about this incident, or Mr. Vastola's whereabouts, is asked to contact the Pleasantville Police Department at (914) 769-1500. End of statement.

Vastola was arrested in 2021 for attempting to have a friend kill a woman for him for \$1,000. The offer was serious enough for Vastola to be charged by Pleasantville Police with second-degree criminal solicitation to commit murder, and was sentenced to 1-3 years. Initially Vastola was to be sentenced to parole, but parole violations put him in prison for three months, until he was released on Dec. 4, 2024.

Vastola is well known to Pleasantville Police, who responded to several domestic violence cases and complaints made against Vastola. The Journal News reported that the domestic violence files are sealed, but other media outlets are attempting to get those files unsealed to try and determine if Vastola is a threat to surrounding communities in Westchester.

The Pleasantville School District had a 3-hour delay during the Police hunt for Vastola. Despite the manhunt being unsuccessful, students attended school in the afternoon.

When asked about expanding the search to other areas of Westchester County, Pleasantville Police Chief Erik Grutzner said officials are "utilizing every means possible" to search for Vastola and "trying to be as all-encompassing as possible."

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

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- 1) Bid No. RFB-7559 – Opening date 01/09/2026: Purchase of Decorative Black Heads Tops for Street Lightning Maintenance (TN).
- 2) Bid No. RFB-7562 - Opening date 01/09/2026: Purchase of Peerless Snow Chains, tighteners, and hardware (or Yonkers approved equal) (FB).
- 3) Bid No. RFB-7558 – Opening Date: 1/02/2026: Purchase of Eaton Batteries for YFP/YPD Radio Sites (or Yonkers Approved Equal) (KS).
- 4) Bid No. RFB-7560 – Opening Date: 1/2/2026: 12-month contract with an option to renew for an additional 12-months to purchase Sigma Valve Boxes as needed by the Water Bureau (AC).
- 5) Bid No. RFB-7561 – Opening Date: 1/16/2026: 12-month contract to furnish and deliver IT Hardware and Technology Products for Yonkers Public Schools (MM).
- 6) Bid No. RFB-7563 – Opening date: 1/23/2026: Furnish, deliver and replace existing audio visual equipment in the City Council Chambers (NG).

JENKINS SIGNS 2026 BUDGET IN FACE OF HISTORIC FISCAL PRESSURE FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

\$2.5B Plan Cuts Nearly Every Department by 8% While Preserving Essential Services and Avoiding Layoffs

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins officially signed the 2026 Westchester County Budget. The \$2.5 billion dollar, tax cap compliant, budget cuts almost all County Department budgets by 8%, including the County Executive's budget, and eliminates 180 positions, essentially cutting the County workforce by almost 5%.

Jenkins said: "Let me be clear: this budget was not shaped by ideology or politics, but by reality. In uncertain times, our responsibility is to lead, and this budget does exactly that. The \$2.5 billion dollar budget was shaped by one of the most challenging financial climates we have faced in years. The difficulties of 2025 will carry into 2026 and likely beyond, and this budget reflects the hard, necessary choices before us. This budget is a direct response to Trump turmoil coming out of Washington."

Director of Operations Joan McDonald said: "As County Executive Jenkins has stated, 2026 will be a challenging year on multiple fronts for Westchester County government. To insure that we did not go into the County reserve fund and to insure that we are property tax compliant, we instituted an average 8% reduction in operating costs across all County departments; instituted a hard hiring freeze and eliminated 180 positions from the County workforce. We are able to do this without compromising Westchester County delivery of services."

Westchester County Board of Legislators Chairman Vedat Gashi said: "This balanced budget would not be possible without the input of residents from every corner of the County and the partnership of County Executive Jenkins. We are operating in a moment of unprecedented instability created by the Trump Administration. The Board has done everything possible to protect essential services, provide for our most vulnerable neighbors, and keep Westchester on stable financial footing. I am deeply thankful to everyone who made their voices heard throughout this budget process."

Legislator and Chair of the Board's Budget and Appropriations Committee Jewel Williams Johnson said: "Today, with the County Executive signing the 2026 Budget, we conclude one of the most difficult budget seasons in recent memory—marked by federal decisions that slowed the economy and strained our local revenues. Working together, the Board of Legislators and the Administration made hard but necessary choices: every department absorbed cuts, hiring was frozen, and our nonprofit partners faced significant reductions, even as we worked to restore support and protect critical investments in child care and maternal health. As Chair of the Budget and Appropriations Committee, I am grateful to my colleagues, County Executive Ken Jenkins and his team, our staff, the County workforce, nonprofit partners, and every resident who engaged in this process. Together, we remain grounded, collaborative, and prepared to meet whatever the future may bring, with Westchester families at the heart of every decision."

Majority Leader David T. Imamura said: "I am happy to support a budget that prioritizes the working people of Westchester. This budget keeps tax increases to a minimum while delivering essential services. At a time when the federal government uses human suffering as a weapon, we have been able to mitigate at least some of the harm imposed by this administration on Westchester residents."

Vice Chair José I. Alvarado said: "Today's signing by County Executive Jenkins marks the culmination of a year-round effort to address the diverse needs of our residents during times of unprecedented federal instability. As Vice Chair, I'm proud that this budget demonstrates financial accountability and our deep commitment to the well-being of the people of Westchester. Despite difficult decisions including department cuts and workforce reductions, the 2026 County Budget prioritizes childcare assistance, health programs, and support for our most vulnerable neighbors while keeping the tax increase as modest as possible."

County Departments to Undergo an Average of 8% Savings Across-the-Board
 Hard Hiring Freeze and Elimination of 180 Positions - \$28 million
 Reductions in Contracts, Technical Services and Expenses - \$34.5 million
 Reductions in Overtime/Hourly - \$11.6 million, Right Sizing Social Services Relief - \$5.2 million, Reductions Equipment - \$4.5 million
 Reductions Materials and Supplies - \$2.6 million
 Increasing Costs
 For the 2026 adopted Operating Budget, the County is facing unavoidable financial pressures from the federal government that are largely mandated or tied to essential services.

The main contributors include:

Rising Healthcare Costs - \$46.4 million, Pension Growth - \$14 million
 Transportation and Utilization for Children with Special Needs - \$10 million
 An Increase in Debt Service - \$13 million
 Prioritized Essential Service

Despite the mounting financial pressures, Jenkins remained committed to protecting the programs that residents rely on most, maintaining essential services, ensuring that funding continues for the programs that support those most in need, from vulnerable children to critical social services and community resources.

Program funding will include supporting food security efforts, ensuring that victims of domestic violence have the protection and resources they need, offering free vaccine clinics, recycling opportunities, and maintaining free workforce development programs and services including our One Stop, local job fairs, job training and entrepreneurial support. The County has also budgeted to include continuing senior nutrition programming and our TIPS telehealth initiative, and keeping our mobile crisis teams and youth mental health programming in place.

Additional Allocated Dollars:

Low Income Child Care - \$16.6 million, Access to Counsel Eviction Prevention Programs - \$3.7 million, Child Care Scholarships - \$2.5 million
 Mental Health Clinic - \$1.5 million, Federally Qualified Health Centers - \$1 million, Maternal Health - \$500 thousand, HERRO Program - \$300,000.

The \$2.5 billion dollar, tax cap compliant budget means that the average homeowner will pay roughly \$3 dollars more per month to sustain the level of service they have come to expect and deserve.

Jenkins said: "The chaos and uncertainty coming out of Washington forced hard choices on Westchester County and on every other level of government. Here in Westchester we met that moment with discipline, honesty and resolve. We cut where we had to, protected what matters most, and delivered a budget that keeps Westchester County stable, compassionate, and fiscally sound."

Merry Christmas , continued from pg 1-

God's way, human sacrifice, war, infanticide, rape, sodomy, the lust for power over other men, the desire to be worshiped like god. But at the very moment Adam was confronted, God also gave man the hope of the one perfect man, who would pay the price for all.

That promised Messiah was born in Bethlehem of Judea, but the spiritual darkness was so great even in Israel, that those who wanted to rule, who wanted worship that they did not deserve, who should have rejoiced at his birth, attempted to murder their savior. The only witnesses to the birth of Jesus Christ were shepherds doing their job and directed to him by angels. In the corridors of power in Jerusalem, no one knew until Magi from Persia, who had carefully studied and maintained the record written in the stars, (which taught by visual reminders and cue words in their ancient names) arrived in Jerusalem. (Matthew 2:1, 2) Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him." Far from rejoicing at this news, (Matthew 2:3) "When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him."

Mary and Joseph Were Neither Poor Nor Lawbreakers

Obedient Roman law, Mary and Joseph made a five to six day journey to Bethlehem, their ancestral community, to register for the census and taxing. They were not unable to afford an inn for their stay in Bethlehem, there simply was no room because of the large number of people of the line of David traveling into the area.

Scriptural narratives give the essential facts. By the time the Magi arrived, Mary, Joseph and Jesus were living in a house, likely back in Nazareth. (Matthew 2:11) "And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child (not a newborn babe) with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." Rare and precious, frankincense was worth as much as gold per pound. At the time of Christ, myrrh was valued at least eight times the value of gold. Gifts fit for a king, frankincense and myrrh were used in temple ceremonies and to scent the garments of kings and priests. (Exodus 30:34-36)

God is omniscient and not limited by time. He warned both the Magi and Joseph, telling Joseph that Herod would try to murder his stepson and specifically where to go to be safe. (Matthew 2:15) "And was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt have I called my son." Contrary to those who pursue their own agenda and not the truth of God's Word, since Herod, would send soldiers into Bethlehem to slaughter boys aged two and under, Mary and Joseph might be considered political refugees because they are unfamiliar with the history and Biblical record (or willfully reject it.) But they were NOT illegal immigrants for journeying to and residing in Egypt temporarily as both Judea and Egypt were provinces of, and ruled over by the Roman Empire, with local rulers approved by the Roman government. In that framework, Joseph, Mary, and Jesus' journey would be comparable to moving from New York to Florida. Herod had limited jurisdiction—in Judea only—and ruled at the good will of the Romans. Had Herod sent soldiers into Egypt to pursue Jesus Christ, the Romans would have used Roman soldiers to stop him—and likely removed and possibly executed for invading another province ruled by another Roman approved king. Mary, Joseph, and Jesus' travels were legal and self supported. They did not break into Egypt, they went legally and supported themselves. Living quietly, they had additional resources from the gold, frankincense and myrrh that the Magi had brought as gifts and were not poor.

The word "poor" in scripture often has nothing to do with money or wealth. It must be studied from the original languages and the context. Often what is translated as "poor" actually means humble, willing to learn, willing to submit to what the Word of God says. The vicious King Herod was a faux Jew, an Edomite who pretended to be a Jew to gain and keep his position. Though Roman approved, Herod was not the legitimate king of the Jews, as he was not of the line of David, nor did he live the law and heart of God's Word. His response shows the devilishness of his mind.

The political and religious hierarchy in Jerusalem were not aware that the Messiah had been born. Yet Magi from Persia, recognized the signs in the astronomical record and spent over a month traveling to Jerusalem, the capital, where they expected to find the child. But Jesus Christ was born in the ancestral home of the true kings of Israel, which was full of families descended from the royal line of David. Humble shepherds (working men, not beggars) working in the fields received the royal and spiritual birth announcement from angels, while the counterfeit king in Jerusalem had no idea that that day, the great promise had begun to be fulfilled. Politician that he was, when he heard, his poisoned heart saw only a threat to his power.

Human nature has not changed. Today, Christians are the most persecuted group in the world. Thousands are being murdered in Nigeria, in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and other countries around the world. Even in the United States, Christian churches are vandalized (as are synagogues). Christians have been jailed for merely praying outside an abortion clinic or attacked for saying what God's Word says about marriage (one man and one woman) and homosexuality. God's Word is the standard, not the trends of society.

The Witness of the Stars, E.W. Bullinger

Jesus Christ Our Passover, Victor Paul Wierwille <https://www.str.org/w/mary-joseph-and-jesus-were-not-refugees>

Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

DiNAPOLI: NEW YORK CAN DO MORE TO ENHANCE STRATEGIES TO LOWER SUICIDE RATE

Counties across New York aren't getting the timely data they need to help them prevent suicides, according to an audit released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. While the Office of Mental Health (OMH) has implemented or partially implemented most of the recommendations from the state's Suicide Prevention Task Force, auditors found that gaps in oversight and data-sharing have left the state unable to measure whether these efforts are reducing suicide deaths, which have not declined in recent years.

"Every life lost to suicide is a devastating tragedy for families and communities," DiNapoli said. "The Office of Mental Health could improve efforts to implement the recommendations made by the New York State Suicide Prevention Task Force to ensure timely and accurate data is shared with counties. With stronger monitoring and coordination, New York can save lives and better protect people in crisis."

The audit was requested by New York City Council Member Erik Bottcher, who has advocated for LGBTQ+ mental health and suicide prevention and championed legislation to expand mental health resources.

DiNapoli went on to state, "I thank Council Member Erik Bottcher for requesting that my office examines this serious issue. Erik Bottcher has been a leader in advocating for strategies to prevent suicides, especially among vulnerable communities. The Council Member's sponsorship of Local Law 35, which requires mental health professionals in Department of Homeless Services' shelters, serving families with children, has made a positive impact for people in New York City."

"Suicide prevention depends on timely, accurate data and strong coordination across every level of government," Bottcher said. "As a survivor myself, I know how much it matters when systems work and how devastating it is when they fail. Comptroller Tom DiNapoli has shown extraordinary leadership by bringing rigor, transparency, and moral urgency to this issue year after year. His audits have not only identified gaps in our systems, they have forced government at every level to confront hard truths and do better. Once again, the Comptroller is performing a vital public service by ensuring that mental health and suicide prevention remain matters of accountability, not abstraction. This report makes clear that while progress has been made, too many counties and communities are still operating without the information they need to save lives. We owe it to New Yorkers, especially those most vulnerable, to act decisively on the Comptroller's findings, close these gaps, and ensure our prevention strategies are guided by real, usable data."

The task force was created in 2017 and brings together experts, state agencies and community partners to recommend strategies for reducing suicide. OMH was charged with guiding the implementation of its recommendations and ensuring counties had access to up-to-date data. The audit was conducted from July 2023 to July 2025 to review OMH's progress.

Progress Made, But Gaps Remain

Auditors found OMH had implemented or partially implemented 46 of 51 recommendations reviewed. However, shortcomings remain in how progress is tracked, data is shared and results are documented. OMH has also not set clear goals or measurements to determine if the task force's recommendations are reducing suicides. As a result, OMH and counties don't know if programs like school-based trainings or hospital initiatives to improve suicide care are working or need to be changed.

Important Data Delayed

Most counties (80%) reported they did not have access to timely data on suicide-related hospitalizations, and 66% reported they did not have access to timely crisis hotline call data. While the Department of Health (DOH) collects this information, auditors found OMH did not establish data sharing agreements to provide direction for statewide, regional and local efforts. Local officials often said they waited months or years for critical data, preventing them from identifying important trends that could help save lives.

Missing Details to Identify At-Risk Populations

Key demographic data, such as race, ethnicity, veteran status and sexual orientation or gender identity, were incomplete. Without this data, counties may miss disparities and fail to target resources where they are needed most. Between 2018 and 2021, the national suicide rate increased by 26% among Native Americans, 19% among Blacks, and 7% among Hispanics, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. In New York, this data is not consistently tracked. Auditors determined the state needs to prioritize collecting and reporting key demographic data to better inform prevention strategies for those most at risk. OMH acknowledged the gaps identified in the audit and said it will use this data once DOH makes it more readily available.

Recordkeeping

OMH has not kept full records of task force meetings. These records are meant for task force members, OMH leadership and partner agencies to track what was decided, what actions were assigned and what progress was made. Without minutes or documentation, there is no accountability or institutional memory, making it harder for agencies to follow through, adjust strategies or learn from past decisions, especially during emergencies like the pandemic when quick, coordinated action was needed.

Recommendations

Auditors recommended OMH develop and implement practices to monitor, evaluate and document efforts to implement task force and/or other specified recommendations for suicide prevention activities, and develop practices to improve accuracy and completeness of core suicide surveillance data and information sharing.

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most recent win secured the Yonkers City Championship, marking an unprecedented fifth consecutive city title. This is an achievement never before accomplished in Yonkers history. With a deep and talented roster of 13 players, the Lady Eagles showcase both skill and experience, as 12 of the 13 athletes also compete at the AAU level. Excellence extends beyond the court, with 12 players earning academic honors, underscoring the program's commitment to both athletic achievement and academic success.

Look for continued coverage here at Yonkerstimes.com and in print in Yonkers Rising as we follow the Lady Eagles and their Coach Elie Moise all the way to?

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Westchester County Parks Events at

Lenoir Nature Center-Yonkers

Saturday, December 20

Hudson River Audubon FeederWatch - 10 AM-12 PM at Lenoir Nature Center, Yonkers

Sunday, December 21

Hudson River Audubon FeederWatch - 2-4 PM at Lenoir Nature Center, Yonkers

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volunteers served as "Angels," which included residents from Greenburgh, Yonkers, Scarsdale, White Plains, and New Rochelle.

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "I call it the Angel Project because I am asking people to do a little something for someone they do not even know, who they probably will never meet, but whose life will be changed by their generosity."

The Senate Majority Leader explained many families do not want to lose a child to the foster care system and grandparents often become the primary parent. Additionally, grandparents caring for their grandchild often do not qualify for various types of assistance. The Senate Majority Leader said the Angel Project was her way of ensuring grandparents are not "overlooked" during the holidays.

Get Rid of Chronic Pain, continued from pg 4-

"Now what we're seeing is an evolution of the practice into the interventional space, where we can actually do things for these chronic pain patients to alleviate the pain and let them live their lives more functionally," he says. "At St. John's, we perform all the regular traditional interventional treatments—from epidurals to nerve blocks to ablations and joint injections. We use both ultrasound-guided procedures in the office setting and in the hospital, and X-ray-guided procedures in the hospital proper. One of the new or novel procedures that I'm very proud of is neuromodulation, which is a fancy term for nerve stimulators. We are changing the way the nerves are processing pain and stimulating these nerves in a way to calm down focal pain in the joints, in the back, and in the upper and lower extremities."

Dr. Erosa adds that not all implants are permanent. "We have temporary treatments that you use for a short period of time, but could give you up to a year or longer of relief. It really is amazing, because up until maybe 6 to 7 years ago, when it actually came out, there was no temporary implant that provided durable relief."

At St. John's Riverside Hospital, Dr. Erosa and his team work to find the right treatment for each patient. They begin with less invasive procedures, such as injections or nerve blocks, then move on to minimally invasive procedures if necessary.

"We're now on the cutting edge of interventional spine therapies," says Dr. Erosa. "We can implant very small devices, whether it's a tiny screw or a tiny spacer, right next to certain areas of the back or spine. This is all done through a small incision and under local and twilight sedation. That way, you are able to get up and leave the hospital and go back to your normal activities the following day."

He recalls one patient who suffered from Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) following a foot operation. "It's very debilitating," Dr. Erosa explains. "The typical treatment is medication and physical therapy. She saw me maybe eight months into her treatment course and was not seeing any improvement. We decided to do some shots and nerve blocks first, and they provided only minimal relief. But then we discussed a temporary stimulator option that doesn't require permanent implantation and doesn't require any cutting. It's all done through the skin, through a needle. So it was very minimally invasive, and she wanted this option because of her history. So we did it, and after 60 days, we removed that wire. She was 90% pain relieved. And now the best part is that to this day, five years later, she still has 90% pain relief."

In addition to procedures and other treatments, Dr. Erosa often recommends physical therapy.

"At the end of the day, the one thing you're always going to do is physical therapy, regardless of what you try," he says. "If you need a shot first to get your pain down, great. Your pain is better. Now we need to start moving because sometimes part of the reason why you experienced pain is that you weren't moving enough. I'll summarize with this: There are diseases of activity and diseases of inactivity. And whether you're pitching a baseball at 90 miles an hour and have shoulder pain, or you just don't move your arm all day and have shoulder pain, you can have rotator cuff disease in both situations. It's that Goldilocks zone. The right amount of physical activity is going to keep your body maintained."

For more information about Dr. Erosa and interventional pain management, please visit St. John's Riverside Hospital's pain management page.

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Commission following the Commission's decision to move forward with three downstate casino licenses that exclude Yonkers.

"The rules were changed midstream," Breen said. "The Gaming Commission prematurely signaled license terms months earlier than promised, and once again the people of Yonkers are left paying the price for a process that does not feel fair or transparent."

Breen noted that New York City, already the world's largest economy, did not need all three downstate licenses, while Yonkers, a city that has hosted gaming responsibly for nearly two decades, was shut out despite doing everything asked of it.

"The Empire City Casino property received unanimous approval from both the Casino Locations Board and the Yonkers City Council," Breen said. "That level of agreement almost never happens in government. Every local body, across political lines, was aligned. That unanimous support reflects a clear mandate from Yonkers for smart, responsible economic growth at the former Yonkers Raceway."

For 18 years, the Yonkers property has generated billions of dollars for New York State and provided critical funding for public education. "Yonkers carried the load," Breen added. "Now the state should stand with us."

Breen called on the Governor and the Legislature to authorize a fourth downstate casino license specifically for Yonkers. He also urged the state to keep its options open if the current operator chooses not to proceed.

"If the current operator no longer trusts the State of New York, the state should allow the property and license to be transferred to a major casino operator that previously sought to invest in Manhattan but failed to secure local approval," Breen said. "Caesars. Wynn. Mohegan. All major players that could come to Yonkers if MGM decides not to move forward. Yonkers should not be punished because New York City politics could not deliver consensus."

"This is about fairness, economic justice, and respect for a city that did everything right," Breen concluded. "Allow a fourth license. Give it to Yonkers."

On Dec. 16, The New York State Gaming Commission approved licenses for three new commercial casinos in New York City: Bally's Bronx, Hard Rock Metropolitan Park in Queens, and an expansion of Resorts World New York City. The unanimous decision was the final administrative step in a multi-year licensing process.

Bally's Bronx at Ferry Point: This project received a 15-year license and plans to build a casino-hotel complex on an existing golf course.

Hard Rock Metropolitan Park (Flushing, Queens): A joint venture with New York Mets owner Steve Cohen, this project received a 20-year license due to its higher committed investment.

Resorts World New York City (South Ozone Park, Queens): This project involves an expansion of the existing "racino" at the Aqueduct Racetrack and was granted a 15-year license. It may be the first full commercial casino to open, potentially as early as March 2026.

MGM Resorts withdrew its application to build a full gaming Casino at its Empire City -Yonkers Raceway location, weeks before a decision was made by the state. Questions still remain as to why MGM bailed out at the last minute on Yonkers.

We received the following letter. "I have enjoyed your coverage of the decision by the NY Gaming Board to award three licenses, two in Queens and one in the Bronx. As a Yonkers resident, I was disappointed that MGM pulled its application at the last minute. Our city could have used the revenues and the jobs for residents. One question I can't find an answer to online is: for the Bally's Casino in the Bronx, did the Speaker of the Assembly, Carl Heastie, support the project in his backyard? Many progressive groups and Bronx residents opposed the project. Your latest story talked about the problems that Bally's has, but did not answer these questions.

Thanks Janet Antonucci, Yonkers

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 62448/2025

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

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:
421 MOUNT HOLLY ROAD, KATONAH, NY 10536

Section: 0014, Block: 10533, Lot: 041

JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION,

Plaintiff,
vs.

LAURA LAUDON, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF ELLEN MARSHALL A/K/A ELLEN F. MARSHALL; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF ELLEN MARSHALL A/K/A ELLEN F. MARSHALL, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE,

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

Defendants.

To the above named Defendants

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

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$435,000.00 and interest, recorded on August 01, 2005, in Control Number 452030784, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 421 MOUNT HOLLY ROAD, KATONAH, NY 10536.

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

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

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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

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

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

Dated: November 24th, 2025

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Morgan retweeted the clip after Reiner's death and posted, "As President Trump trashes Rob Reiner following his murder, a reminder of how Reiner responded on my show to the murder of Charlie Kirk." Nothing extraordinary from Reiner on Charles Kirk, but simple common decency.

Trump wrote in a social media post on Monday morning that Reiner's death was "reportedly due to the anger he caused by others through his massive, unyielding, and incurable affliction ... known as TRUMP DERANGEMENT SYNDROME," and he called Reiner "a tortured and struggling, but once very talented movie director and comedy star."

After the outcry against the President's post, Trump doubled down when asked in the Oval Office. I was not a fan of Rob Reiner at all in any way, shape, or form. I thought he was very bad for our country," Trump added.

Westchester Congressman Mike Lawler and many Republicans called out President Trump for his comments. "Regardless of one's political views, no one should be subjected to violence, let alone at the hands of their own son. It's a horrible tragedy that should engender sympathy and compassion from everyone in our country, period," said Lawler.

Republican Congressman Thomas Massie said, "Regardless of how you felt about Rob Reiner, this is inappropriate and disrespectful discourse about a man who was just brutally murdered. I guess my elected GOP colleagues, the VP, and White House staff will just ignore it because they're afraid? I challenge anyone to defend it."

Actor and Conservative James Woods said, "I judge people by how they treat me, and Rob Reiner was a Godsend in my life. We got along great. When people would say to me, 'What do you think of his politics?' I would say, 'I think Rob Reiner is a great patriot. Do I agree with many of his ideas on how that patriotism should be enacted to celebrate the America we both love? No. He doesn't agree with me either, but he also respects my patriotism. We had different paths to the same destination: a country we both love. Because you disagree with people doesn't mean that you have to hate people."

Just as we previously called out Westchester officials for making inappropriate posts about Charlie Kirk, we now call out the President for making similar posts about Rob Reiner. In this instance, the President turned the horrific stabbing of two people by their own son into commentary focusing on himself, rather than addressing the tragedy.

Mr. President, there is an expectation of respect: "Don't speak ill of the Dead." If you have nothing nice to say, don't say anything. Especially during the Holiday season, your remarks seem particularly inappropriate.

Let me remind my readers that I voted for Trump in 2024 (after voting 3rd party in 2016 and 2020). My main argument is that in our ever-closer elections, comments from Trump like those about Reiner risk alienating potential supporters and could cost him votes.

And here in Westchester, the #1 target for democrats is Congressman Mike Lawler. We have a whole year to talk about Lawler and his yet-to-be-nominated democratic opponent.

One Westchester republican wondered who, if anyone, could say to the President, "Don't say it." "A lot of Trump supporters in Westchester appreciate Dan Scavino, who was Trump's social media guy for years. But I wonder if Dan ever said anything to the President over the years. Any wise advice or words of wisdom? When the President doesn't take advice from anyone, this is what you get."

We say farewell to Rob Reiner and his wife. Our prayers are with their daughter. Let us remember the importance of decency, especially in times of loss.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 69477/2025
Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER
as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

HSBC BANK USA, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE FOR WELLS
FARGO HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED SECURITIES 2006-1 TRUST,
HOME EQUITY ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-1
Plaintiff,

Mortgaged Premises:
7 JAMES STREET, VERPLANCK, NY 10596
Section: 43.18, Block: 5, Lot: 11

vs.

LUIS COLUCCIO if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; BEATRIZ COLUCCIO if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; BUCHANAN VILLAGE COURT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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Defendants.

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THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$284,000.00 and interest, recorded on April 21, 2006, in Instrument Number 461050440, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 7 JAMES STREET, VERPLANCK, NY 10596.

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Dated: December 10th, 2025

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Majority Leader Stewart Cousins' Annual "The Angel Project" Thanks Grandparent Caregivers



The Angel Project

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins has helped many Westchester organizations as they work to help those helping others. Perhaps her most heart touching event every year is her "Angel Project," in which gifts are donated to grandparents who are raising children.

This year Leader Stewart-Cousins continued the tradition and fulfilled Christmas wish lists for nearly 200 grandparents as part of the "Angel Project". The Senate Majority Leader's office in Yonkers filled with gifts donated by a record number of volunteers who served as "Angels."

The Senate Majority Leader started the Angel Project after the passing of her husband, as a way to channel her grief and give back to others. This year, as in previous years, the Senator worked with Family Service Society of Yonkers and Family Ties of Westchester to connect volunteers, aka "Angels" with grandparents, caring for a grandchild. Her staff then worked to fulfill wish lists from grandparents. About 200

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One More Toy & Gift Giveaway Yonkers!



We invite the families of Yonkers to participate in our community event:

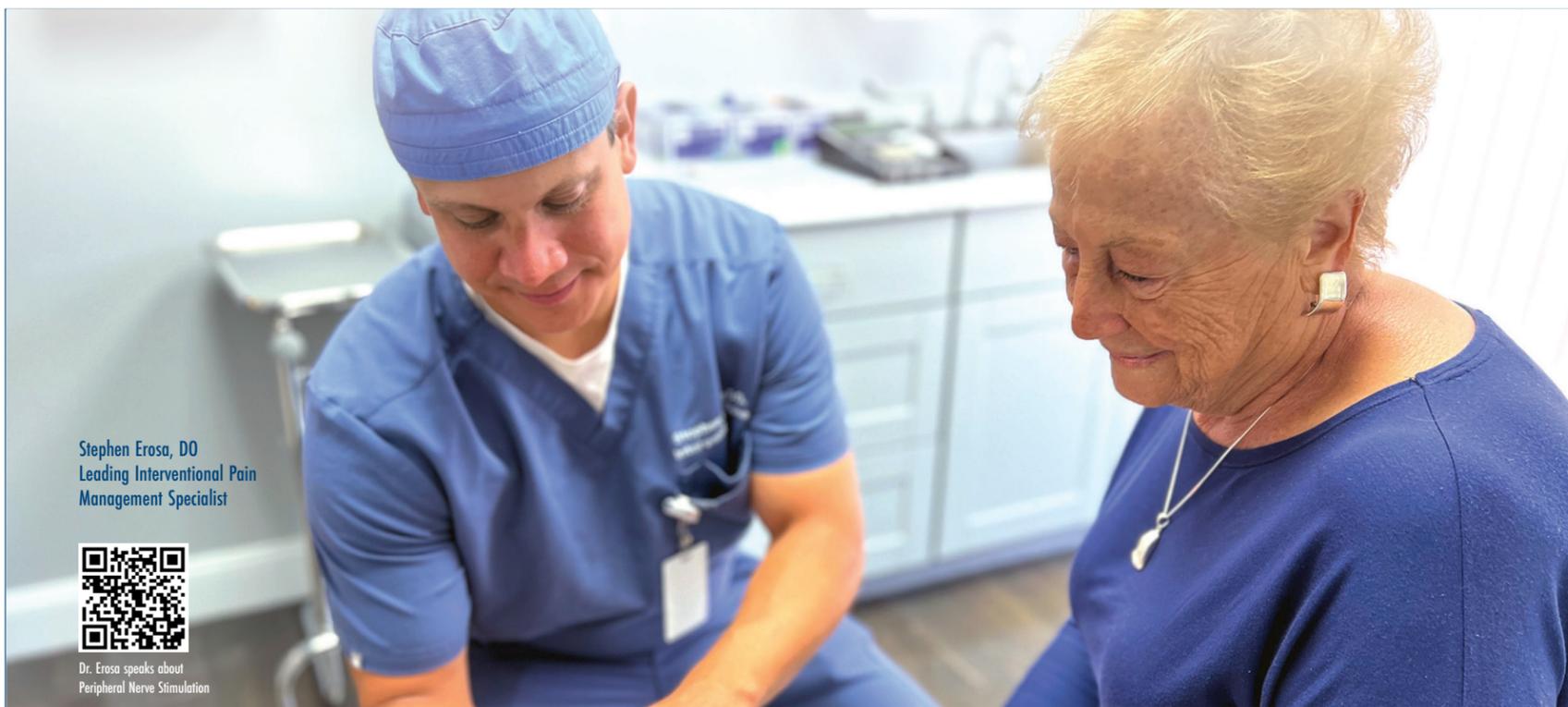
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