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Senator Schumer Brings Cheryl Brannan to State of the Union



U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer with Yonkers community leader Cheryl Brannan

Senator Worked with Brannan to Deliver Fed \$\$\$ to Upgrade St. John's Riverside Hospital Maternity Unit For Critical New Equipment & New Programs Focused On Black Maternal Health

On Feb. 7, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer announced that he will bring Yonkers's Cheryl Brannan, founder of Sister to Sister International and a maternal health advocate, as his guest to attend President Biden's State of the Union address. Schumer worked hand-in-hand with Cheryl last year to deliver critical upgrades to Yonkers's sole maternity unit, and helped create new programs to improve maternal health outcomes for Black women.

"I am thrilled to announce that Yonkers's own Cheryl Brannan, an ardent advocate for maternal health, will be my guest to President Biden's State of the Union address. Cheryl is a trailblazer and a leader for improving the lives of black women and girls across the Hudson Valley with her nonprofit Sister to Sister International. When Cheryl and the frontline workers at St. John's Riverside raised alarms on the maternal health crisis I promised them I would not stop fighting until they got the funding needed to make critical renovations to the maternity ward to improve the care for the over 1,300 moms who come through the maternity unit every year. And I am proud to say a promise made is now a promise kept," said Senator Schumer.

"For far too long, Black women in New York and throughout the country have faced a disproportionate risk of complication, risk, and death during child birth, falling behind the rest of the developed world in maternal health. I can think of no better person than Cheryl Brannan to join me at the State of the Union – because she helped me tackle this issue in the Hudson Valley, and I continue to work with her to pass meaningful legislation to improve maternal health outcomes for all."

Born in Yonkers, Brannan is the founder of Sister to Sister International (STSI) a nonprofit established in 1994 that educates, advocates and uplifts Black women and girls in Westchester County and across the world. In 2019, Brannan led the effort for the creation of the first-ever research report entitled "Still I Rise: Status of Black Women and Girl's in Westchester County," which highlighted significant disparities in the birth outcomes for Black women compared to their white counterparts. The report found that Black women in the Hudson Valley were 2.3 times more likely to experience complications during birth.

Soon after the report in July 2022, Schumer stood at St. John's Riverside

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Yonkers Native Brian Sweeney Joins KC Royals as Pitching Coach



Brian Sweeney

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Yonkers native Brian Sweeney, who was recently named the pitching coach for the Kansas City Royals. Sweeney, 48, has worked his way up the ranks for different Major League Baseball teams, as a pitcher and a coach, to get his first pitching coach job.

Brian Sweeney played for the North Yonkers Boys & Girls Club and Yonkers PAL baseball when he was young boy. He attended high school at Stepinac where he played baseball, football and basketball. He attended Mercy College in Dobbs Ferry, where he played baseball for 4 years.

Sweeney spent 18 years working his way through the Minor Leagues as a pitcher in the Seattle and San Diego organizations, as well as a three-year stint in Japan. He appeared in 73 Major League games with a 3.38 ERA and two saves.

He started coaching professionally in 2015 and became a respected coach because of his willingness to embrace analytics and data, and using that to help his players improve. Sweeney also has an ability to connect with players and pitchers, which helped him in his first job in the Philadelphia Phillies minor league organization before joining the staff of the Cleveland Guardians in 2018, and becoming the team's bullpen coach in 2020.

In his four years in Cleveland, Sweeney worked under Manager Terry Francona, one of the best managers in baseball for the past two decades, and who praised Sweeney, saying last year, "He will be a pitching coach somewhere. Don't be surprised when you see that happening pretty soon, because he's good. He's real good."

Sweeney's work in Cleveland was appreciated by many, including Royals General Manager JJ Picollo. "Knowing what our pitchers need, where they are in

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Yonkers Teacher's Children's Book a Hidden Treasure



4th Grade School 30 Teacher Gavin Curtis, with his students holding his book

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Public Schools teacher Gavin Curtis recently participated in the districts Read Aloud Day by reading from his own children's book. Curtis, a 4th grade teacher at School 30-International Studies, wrote "The Bat Boy & His Violin" The title captured our interest, so we purchased and read the book, and spoke to Curtis about it.

The Bat Boy & His Violin is a hidden treasure in the world of children's books. Curtis was able to bring together a love of baseball with a love of music, and weave them into a thoughtful story about a father-son relationship. The book is also illustrated by Caldecott Medal winner E.B. Lewis who won the Coretta Scott King Award Winner for his designs in this book.

"I'm not a big baseball fan, but it is my favorite sport. I love the lore of baseball and the connection between fathers and sons. I grew up without a dad, but I remember watching other kids with their dads, and how baseball was central in their connection. My big brother took me to Mets games at Shea Stadium, and I wanted to touch on that nostalgia and relationship. I also wanted to revisit the Negro Leagues and that part of our history," said Curtis.

The book is set in 1948 and Reginald, the main character, is an aspiring violinist. His father, Papa, is the manager of the Dukes, a baseball team in the Negro

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Shatika Parker Announces 1st Council Run; Breen Announces Re-Election Bid in 5th District



City Councilman Mike Breen, left, announced his reelection campaign in the 5th District, and Shatika Parker, right, announced her campaign for City Council in the 1st District

By Dan Murphy

Two more announcements for elected office in Yonkers since our last issue. City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen kicked off his campaign for reelection in the 5th council district, and Democrat Shatika Parker announced her campaign for City Council in the First District.

Minority Leader Mike Breen announced his candidacy for re-election on February 2nd at an event attended by many supporters, friends and family. Breen explained that he is honored to represent the 5th Council District and still has the fire in the belly to continue to serve. Breen said, "Yonkers is moving forward and I'd like to continue to be a part of that progress. Working with my Council colleagues, and Mayor Mike Spano, the City of Yonkers is undoubtedly moving in the right direction."

Councilman Breen, one of only two republican Councilmembers, has consistently worked across party lines in order to deliver for the 5th District and Yonkers. Breen stated, "I believe Yonkers is the blueprint for bipartisanship. If Republicans and Democrats in Yonkers can work together there is no reason that those in Washington and Albany couldn't do the same thing".

It is expected that Councilman Breen will receive his party's endorsement at the convention in the coming weeks.

Yonkers Native, Democrat and Community Advocate Shatika Parker has officially launches her campaign For Yonkers City Council in the 1st District. A Yonkers native, Parker, 31, is born and raised in Yonkers and a graduate of the Yonkers Public Schools, and is proud to be raising her daughter in her city.

Unlike other candidates, Parker brings a unique perspective developed from a lens of lived, educational, and career experience. She is no stranger to the issues of the 1st District, namely the housing crisis – having lived in a vast array of housing this city has to offer, including but not limited to, Municipal Housing, Section 8,

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Yonkers Swim Team Claim Conference Championship



Yonkers Public Schools Men's Swim Team at the Section 1 Conference C Divisional Championships at Yonkers Montessori Academy, January 28th 2023. Photo by Meet Official Yaritza Esteban

By Derrick Touba Jr.

From January 26-28 2023, The Yonkers Public Schools Boys Swim Team competed at the Section 1 Conference C Divisional Championships. Yonkers scored a large victory scoring 421 points, 56 points ahead of the next closest team to gain Conference honors.

A key contributor was sophomore Miguel Gaviria who contributed a whopping 103 points for Yonkers. Gaviria earned Gold in the 100 Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:07.43, a new school record for the event.

He also earned silver in the 200 Yard IM earning a time of 2:14.25 and contributed to the 200 Yard Freestyle Relay and the 200 Yard Medley Relay with times of 1:56.75 and 1:43.68. Earning silver and bronze respectively.

When asked how it feels to be a conference champ Gaviria said “ being a conference champion was something I put as a goal after last year’s divisionals, where I missed medaling by 0.07 seconds. Throughout that race seeing one of my club teammates cheering for me and seeing them congratulate me after the race really makes this race 10x more special”

The 200 Yard Medley Relay and 200 Yard Freestyle Relay consisted of three other athletes who all severely contributed to Yonkers. Seniors Franklin Lopez and Sean Reardon and 7th grader Justin Soriano.

Standout swimmer Lopez contributed towards 92 points, along with the relay he placed fourth in the 50 yard freestyle with a time of 26.05, and 6th in the 100 yard freestyle with 1:00.43

“Seeing how it was my first season on the swim team, I’m very proud of myself since I haven’t swam in 4 years. I came back strong for this moment and I’ll remember this moment as one of my best. And of course I wasn’t alone, this was a team effort to pull off a conference championship. I’m truly glad to have a supportive team.” Lopez said on the accomplishment.

Additionally, Reardon individually earned a bronze medal in the 100 Yard Breaststroke with a time of 1:14.62, and 6th in the 100 Yard Butterfly with a time of 1:07.30. He tallied for 95 points Justin Soriano, despite being in middle school, rose to the occasion adding a bronze medal in the 100 Yard Freestyle finishing with a time of 1:43.68, and earned 5th in the 100 Yard Backstroke with a time of 1:08.00 adding 96 points overall to Yonkers’s total.

Other notable performers include:

- Thomas Letona: fourth place in the 100 Yard Freestyle: 58.14
- Joshua Marroquin: fourth place in the 500 Yard Freestyle: 5:42.24

While the implications of this meet on the teams schedule remain unknown, the team continues to prepare for Sectionals which will take place on February 12-13.

Look Out for the DPW’s New Litter Vacuum



On February 6th the Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront Business Improvement District (YDWBID), in conjunction with The City of Yonkers, unveiled a new, upgraded litter vacuum which is bolstering the district’s sanitation and street cleanliness efforts. The new piece of machinery not only replaces but exponentially upgrades a 2018 litter vacuum that was no longer functional.

Supplementing the overnight cleaning carried out by the City of Yonkers, this new litter vacuum is utilized by the YDWBID Rangers almost every day of the week and multiple times per day. The diesel vehicle has a cab to guard against the cold weather and windy conditions, allowing for more consistent and frequent usage throughout the Downtown. Purchased from ExproLink, the litter vacuum’s mechanical suction arm not only provides great leverage to clean between parked cars but also gives the ability to train all rangers as opposed to the only ones strong enough to manually move the suction arm. Currently, three YDWBID Rangers are utilizing this machinery, with additional Rangers in the process of being trained.

“One of our main objectives as a Business Improvement District is to maintain the cleanliness in our community, and this new litter vacuum helps to achieve this goal,” said Sara Brody, Executive Director, Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront Business Improvement District. “Since its arrival on January 11th, the litter vacuum has already made a noticeable impact on the district. We could not be more thankful to the City of Yonkers for partnering with us to invest in this much-needed piece of equipment so that we can continue to keep the Yonkers Downtown area inviting for people to live, visit and patronize all our great businesses.”

“We are happy to partner with the YDWBID on this initiative to help make the Downtown area even more welcoming,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “Yonkers is a beautiful city, and it’s important to maintain a clean, healthy environment that attracts businesses and residents alike to live, work and play here.”

Keeping Yonkers Downtown clean is an endless task that the BID Rangers tackle on a daily basis. Litter vacuums allow the BID Rangers to work faster and more efficiently due to the vacuum’s ability to quickly process and compact debris. This vacuum is just one of the many machines that the YDWBID has on hand to help keep the district beautiful and clean.

This investment was made possible through the City’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which contributed \$22,000. The remaining \$27,000 was paid for by the Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront BID.

For more information on happenings in Yonkers, visit www.YonkersDowntown.com.

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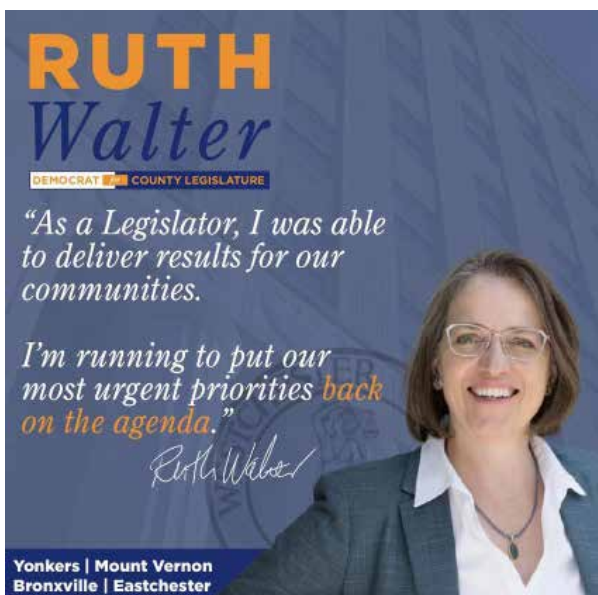
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Former County Legislator Ruth Walter Runs to Take Back Seat from James Nolan



Vows to 'Deliver Results for Residents who have been Under-represented.' With Campaign Rematch, Walter Joins a Growing Chorus of Voters Unhappy with the Lack of Leadership Under Current Representative

Former County Legislator Ruth Walter has announced her candidacy for Westchester County Legislative District 15.

A local small business owner, Ruth Walter served as County Legislator representing the district from 2020 – 2022. Unhappy with the direction and lack of focus Jimmy Nolan has paid to local issues, Walter plans to be more accessible if re-elected.

“For the past year, our communities have been under-represented in their local representative. The County Board isn’t Albany and it isn’t Washington, D.C. We need someone who will focus on the everyday issues we face in Yonkers, Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe, and Mount Vernon, not whatever issue of the day garners the most attention,” said Ruth Walter.

“As Legislator, I was able to deliver results for our communities. We advocated for flood relief along the Bronx River, supported small business throughout the pandemic, brought over \$330,000 in contracts to local non-profits, and more. Innovative solutions I championed like senior fitness parks, fast-fill bottle refill stations and noise cameras will make Westchester more livable and cleaner for all residents. We also fought to decrease the ever-high taxes that our Westchester residents face. These are the issues I care about and results I have and will continue to deliver,” explained Ruth Walter.

Ruth Walter grew up in Westchester as the youngest of eight children. As the daughter of a journalist and a public-school teacher, the importance of public service and community involvement were instilled in her at a young age. After graduating college, Ruth began her career as an investment analyst for a multinational investment firm. She went on to coordinate technology operations for several companies, including leading Y2K digital readiness operations for a regional department store chain, and creating the digital systems and employee training as a local shop owner.

Ruth and her husband own Dobbs & Bishop Fine Cheese, a mom-and-pop shop that is a vibrant part of the Bronxville community and continues to thrive in the challenging retail environment. Over the past thirteen years, the shop has employed more than 125 people from neighboring communities and generated more than \$6 million in economic activity.

In addition to previously serving as County Legislator, Ruth has served on many local non-profit Boards, including Groundwork Hudson Valley, Foundation for Yonkers Public Library, Bronx River Parkway Reservation Conservancy. As Chair of the Westchester County Cybersecurity Task force, Ruth has highlighted the growing threat to our digital lives. She formerly served as the President of the Bronxville Library Board of Trustees and as the Bronxville Village Justice Court Clerk. Ruth Walter is active in Aquehung, the Yonkers Democratic Women’s Club, Bronxville Rotary and Zonta, an international organization for women and girls.

Two years ago, Walter lost to County Legislator James Nolan. The two will face off again in November.

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their careers, the urgency while they’re in the Major Leagues to continue to develop and get on a path that will allow them to be successful, I think Brian has the ability to get the most out of them. He’s great at building relationships. Great at understanding the data, and great at collaborating,” said Picollo.

The Sweeney family in Yonkers is proud of Brian and his accomplishments. Brian’s dad Edward Sweeney, is a retired Lieutenant from the Yonkers Fire Department. When he was coaching in Cleveland, Brian started the Ready to Respond program, which honors all First Responders. Brian is also a volunteer firefighter in upstate New York where he lives with his family.

“Whenever that pager goes off, you have to make a choice,” Sweeney said. “It doesn’t go off because people are happy. Somebody’s calling 911 and it’s an emergency, and I feel like it’s my responsibility, regardless of the situation, if it does go off and I’m able to respond, I should go.

Sweeney took the firefighters test in Yonkers when he was 18, but knew that baseball was his true calling. “I have huge respect for first responders that do it full time. It’s a really hard job. You never know what to expect. It’s really cool to see how a volunteer company can come together in a community and help.”

Brian would go into the Yonkers firehouse with his dad and hang out. “I’ve seen the camaraderie. It’s very similar to what a locker room is like.”

With spring training around the corner, Brian Sweeney is looking forward to his first job as Pitching Coach for an MLB team. “We’d like to build something here. It’s not just me as the pitching coach, we want to build a pitching team to support these players. They deserve it, and the organization deserves it. We’re excited about getting that process going.”

And there is a lot of family, friends and firefighters in Yonkers who will be watching alot of Royals baseball this year.

Animals are People Too



By Eric Wolf Schoen

At first everyone thought it was a joke. Nova, a 25-pound clouded leopard was taken or allowed to escape through a hole cut in the heavy metal mesh of her enclosure at the Dallas Zoo. A police SWAT team was dispatched to the scene. Police drones were flown overhead. Within hours Nova was found and reunited with her sister, Luna.

Police noticed a similar cut to an enclosure that held langur monkeys, but none of them were missing.

Next it was Pin, an endangered lappet faced vulture who turned up dead, apparently by an injury described by the authorities as a ‘wound.’ As these are exotic, rare animals Federal agents joined the case.

Theories flew left, right, backwards and forwards. Was it a disgruntled zoo-keeper? International exotic animal traffickers? A mysterious looking man was scene on zoo security cameras eating Doritos. The Dallas Police installed it’s own camera towers to keep watch.

Nothing stopped the person or those involved from continuing their escapades. Next it was two emperor tamarin monkeys, escaped or removed through a hole in the mesh. The pair were found boarded up in a home next to a church 15 miles south of the zoo.

Who was involved? Who was playing games endangering the lives of these animals? The man eating Doritos was observed in a Dallas aquarium three miles north of the zoo. Was he an ‘International Animal Trafficker?’ Nope, a man with a crazy obsession.

Texas is known as among the top states in the country for exotic animal ownership. The state also has vast undercover trade in these exotic animals, most of which are barred by law from being bought or sold.

I give you this background so you can understand what’s happening with exotic animals not just in Texas but throughout the country. The loss or theft of one of these animals years ago brought with it the adventure of who would bag the animal and bring it back to the zoo. The reaction in Dallas this time was different. People understand that the animals are not exhibits anymore. They are living, feeling creatures and should be respected as such.

People don’t treat animals with respect like they use to. And we are coming upon the ‘bunny’ season where thousands of people will adopt bunnies only to find out that these animals are not good family house pets. After a few days with a bunny the family realizes how difficult they are to handle and dumps them in the woods where they are killed or consumed by other animals as the bunnies are not bred as wild animals.

Right here at home the Central Park Zoo has been tracking an owl that has been flying all over New York City. For kicks people are throwing animals out of car windows or abandoning them on the side of the road. Poor animals abandoned on the side of road where they are eventually if not promptly run over by trucks and cars and killed.

What has made the animal scene worse is the pandemic. People were lonely and adopted animals. Shelters were emptied. But as things have gotten better, people find they can’t care for their adopted animals and either let them go in a forest or bring them back to overfilled shelters.

Some 6 million animals are sitting out there waiting for adoption. Yonkers has a beautiful shelter filled with many types of animals including precious dogs as does New Rochelle. If a new pet is in your future, please consider adoption!

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO ‘Customer Service?’

I hark back to the days of B. Altmans and Wanamaker’s when if a store didn’t have the size or color you wanted they would scour their whole chain to find what you were looking for. If they found it and it didn’t work, no big deal they would take it back and do the same thing over again.

Now no one hears anything. I chalk it up to these headsets blasting with music that are destroying America’s hearing. Couple with that the Covid plexiglass and no one can hear anymore. The cashier can’t hear what we are saying as the loud music destroyed their hearing and add to that the plexiglass and no one hears anything.

I was in Dunkin’ Donuts the other day and ordered one of their wraps ‘extra crispy.’ I repeated myself 3 times to 2 different Clerks, and after Clerk 1 took the wrap out After the prescribed heating, she. Again said, ‘Sir, you want that extra crispy?’

Stores like McDonald’s have kiosks where you type in your order. Both the cashier and customers inability to hear each other is the reason why more stores will be installing order taking kiosks in the near future.

Can a store come up with a drive through that doesn’t have scratchy sound on either the customer or clerk’s side? If I bothers me I am sure it bothers you. We will explore these issues further but I wanted to give you some, no pun intended food for thought!

Happy Valentine’s Day!

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Yonkers Kiwanis, Board of Education, and City Partner for 2023 Teacher of the Year Awards



Nominate a Teacher at www.YonkersNY.gov

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the Yonkers Kiwanis Club in collaboration with the City of Yonkers and Yonkers Board of Education will present the 2023 Teacher of the Year Awards to three deserving members of the Yonkers Public Schools' faculty. Nominations can be submitted by students, parents, teachers and administrators today through March 1 at www.YonkersNY.gov.

Established in 1956, the Teacher of the Year Award celebrates Yonkers teachers who further excellence in education. A committee comprised of members of the Yonkers Kiwanis Club and Trustees of the Board of Education selects the honorees.

"Teachers do some of the most important and amazing work in our community and they deserve to be recognized with honor," said Mayor Spano. "The partnership between the City, the Yonkers Kiwanis Club and the Yonkers Board of Education celebrates the exceptional dedication and commitment of our everyday heroes in the classroom and, at times, even beyond the classroom."

"In every Yonkers school, teachers create meaningful age-appropriate learning experiences leveraging technology to support and nurture our children's curiosity, social-emotional and academic growth," noted Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada. "Great teachers respect and believe that every child possesses something special and has the ability to reach their potential. As a community of learners, let's embrace this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the diversity and talents of great Yonkers teachers."

Board of Education President Rev. Steve Lopez added, "The Trustees are intentional about taking every opportunity to recognize the outstanding work of our teachers. This annual partnership with Kiwanis and Mayor Spano brings together everyone in Yonkers to recognize the hard work and commitment of Yonkers teachers. Everyone remembers great teachers who not only creatively taught us but truly cared about us. We are confident that these are the teachers who will be nominated this year."

Three Yonkers Public Schools teachers, representing the elementary, middle and high school levels will be selected. Students, parents, teachers and administrators are encouraged to nominate a teacher at www.yonkersny.gov. Eligibility requirements for selection as Teacher of the Year include employment as a teacher in the Yonkers Public Schools for at least five years; demonstration of dedication to the teaching profession which has led his/her students to both knowledge and understanding; and initiation of new, meaningful programs for either students, teachers or parents, or been innovative in the use of existing programs, and display significant community involvement.

"The Yonkers Kiwanis Club is once again honored to sponsor the prestigious 'Teacher of the Year' award," said Ralph J. Vasami, Yonkers Kiwanis President. "We are proud to have the opportunity to join the City of Yonkers and the Board of Education to honor these deserving Yonkers Public School teachers for their exceptional and dedicated service."

Online nominations must be submitted by March 1 at 5PM.

Yonkers Police Bust Another "Smoke Shop" Selling Cabbabis, & Other Unlawful Substances



The City of Yonkers smoke shop task force recently conducted an inspection at 15 Palisade Avenue and discovered numerous violations and unlawful substances stored in a hidden room which were being sold to the public, including unlicensed and or illegal THC edibles, vaping products, cannabis and cannabis oils, and more. Police confiscated the offending products and issued citations to the business.

When the New York State Legislature decriminalized cannabis, they did so without providing any structural support to local municipalities who are now dealing with the consequent quality-of-life issues. This is not about going after local businesses - the City and #YonkersPD support and respect our business community. It is about going after entities that peddle in unlawful substances, potentially dealing with minors, and generate complaints in our neighborhoods.

Children's Book a Hidden Treasure, continued from pg 1-

Leagues. Jackie Robinson had just broken the color barrier in major league baseball and the Negro League is struggling to stay afloat.

Papa, needs a batboy for his team and recruits his son for the job. Reginald brings along his violin and soon the Dukes' dugout is filled with Beethoven, Mozart, and Bach—and the bleachers are filled with the sound of the Dukes' bats. Has Reginald's violin changed the Dukes' luck—and can his music pull off a miracle victory against the powerful Monarchs?

"I'm not a musician, but I used to play the French Horn in 7th grade. I do like film scores and classical music. When I taught pre-K, took my students to Lincoln Center for a performance, and they loved it," said Curtis, who wrote the book before he began teaching in Yonkers, when he was a teacher in the NYC schools.

"I wrote the first draft of the story 29 years ago, and it took 4 years for the illustrator to complete it. It came out 25 years ago, and I'm glad that people are rediscovering it, on its Silver Anniversary."

Curtis has been teaching in Yonkers for 24 years. "I have taught in the 3rd grade; 5th grade, kindergarten and Pre-K before settling on the 4th grade." Curtis read his book to students at Cross Hill Academy.

How do you write a Children's Book? "You start with an idea, or concept, that comes to you. I was always fascinated with music and the positive impact that it can have on people's lives, and how it has medicinal purposes with cancer patients. It eases their pain when they listen to music."

"This book tells the story of how music can have a magical aspect and help a struggling baseball team do better. It also touches on the historical aspect of how the Negro Leagues are coming to an end, adding to the father's frustration. The book also shows the journey of Reginald convincing his father the value of the violin while serving as a bat boy."

Curtis explained that a children's book is usually 32 pages, so 32 illustrations are needed. At the time, E.B. Lewis was not the award-winning, well renowned artist that he is today. "I was looking for something like an evocative baseball movie, like Field of Dreams. He sent me one of his breakout books, and I'm fortunate to have partnered with him."

Curtis said that he was glad to read his book to students for Read Out Loud day. "Marian Wright Edelman said, 'You can't be what you can't see'. As educators, we want our students to be writers and readers, and when they can meet a living, breathing author, it makes it more possible for them to achieve."

The Bat Boy & His Violin is still in print 25 years later. I was able to purchase the book on Amazon and have it delivered the same day. "It's rare to still be in print so many years later, but I'm still getting royalties from it," said Curtis who estimated that more than 10,000 copies have been sold.

While reading this book, I wondered why a short film or movie had never been made. "From your lips to Hollywood's ears," said Curtis. "I have had options on another book idea, but it never materialized into animation."

I would encourage everyone in Yonkers to read *The Bat Boy & His Violin*. It made me think about the times with my Dad playing catch in the front yard. And if you love it as I did, you will be interested to know that Curtis wrote another children's book - *Grandma's Baseball*, about a fictional grandma mourning the loss of her husband- a baseball player. That book is harder to find in hard cover, but Curtis said they are working on bringing it out in paperback.

Cheryl Brannan, State of the Union, continued from pg 1-

Hospital with Brannan and health leaders to propose measures to fight the maternal health crisis locally in Yonkers and to address racial disparities in the maternal health outcomes more broadly. St. John's Riverside Hospital is the only full maternity services provider in Yonkers, New York's third largest city. SJRH provides millions of dollars annually in uncompensated care each year and 67% of their maternity services are delivered to women on Medicaid or Medicaid-managed care. Schumer pledged to deliver funding to help provide critical upgrades to Yonkers's sole maternity unit, and later that year after working with Cheryl he delivered on that promise.

Specifically, the nearly \$1 million in federal funding Schumer-secured working with Cheryl will fund renovations to SJRH's existing labor and delivery space to enhance and support focused and targeted care. The room itself will be renovated to reflect a space that is large enough for extended family and community support, including the support of other birthing professionals such as midwives and doulas. It will also incorporate state-of-the-art telehealth equipment to allow the families and community to be connected. The facility enhancement will also support SJRH's current partnership with Sister-to-Sister International and its coalition members, including a team of local Black women experts in the field.

Schumer continues to work with advocates like Cheryl Brannan to pass meaningful legislation to support maternal health, child care, as well as protections for pregnant workers.

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Left, Yonkers resident Earl Browder, Community Party candidate for President 1940

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

Monday, February 13th
 February 13, 1940: The New York State Education Department declared the election of Board of Education Vice President Sylvester Del Bello to the Library Board of Trustees was illegal. Yonkers was informed no member of the School Board was eligible to serve as a library trustee since the Board of Ed appointed the Library Trustees and it violated the State Education Law.

February 13, 1946: Because the fuel shortage had gotten so acute, City Manager Robert Montgomery declared a state of emergency, and closed all Yonkers schools, the Yonkers Public Library, and the Hudson River Museum for the rest of the week. He ordered wartime brownout regulations returned, including no window displays, outdoor electric signs, billboards and theater marquees. Theaters and "places of amusements" could continue to operate as long as they had fuel, but were not allowed to accept new deliveries.

Tuesday, February 14th
 February 14, 1927: The Federal Sugar Refining Company after converting part of its plant to manufacture a brand new product, began manufacturing "dry ice," making it the very first dry ice plant in the world! Dry ice, or solid carbonic acid gas, was the byproduct of the Federal's Syrup Products Company division. Previously, the gas was stored in tanks and sold to soda manufacturers.

February 14, 1938: Justine Meredith of Meadow Road West filed an appeal of a decision against her law suit against the Dravo Corporation, the NYC Board of Water Supply, New York City and Yonkers. Night blasting at the Delaware Aqueduct shafts disturbed the sleep of Northeast Yonkers residents. Justice Witschief granted an injunction against the company, but denied \$10,000 for Mrs. Meredith's claimed damages.

Wednesday, February 15th
 February 15, 1925: Billy Cook's Inn on South Broadway closed its doors indefinitely. Cook, who went on a vacation with several prominent Yonkers residents a few days earlier, paid the staff through the end of the week before he left. He was arrested ten days earlier for selling liquor; the raid was conducted while the Yonkers Republican Club was holding their annual dinner on an upper floor. Mayor Ulrich Wiesendanger had stopped the Prohibition agents from checking dinner attendees for flasks.

February 15, 1943: In an effort to alleviate the late night noise nuisance and parking issues caused by the Glenwood Habirshaw Cable and Wire plant, City Manager William Walsh ordered a report on the situation from Captain John McCormack after Navy Chief Petty Officer Bert Rothing of Ravine Avenue had a public confrontation with Mayor Benjamin Barnes. Plant workers took all the parking spots in the Ravine Avenue area, and the heavy winter snow made it worse. People parked four to five feet from the curb on both sides of the streets, leaving only narrow driving lanes.

Thursday, February 16th
 February 16, 1934: At a rally to protest high electric rates, George Kay, President of the Yonkers Merchants Association, urged Yonkers merchants to create a weekly lightless window night, explaining darkening windows the same night every week would be an "impressive protest." Kay felt the company had too long ignored merchants complaints.

February 16, 1936: Ruth Dresser, head of Yonkers' Big Sister Organization, found out how

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Democrats Oppose Hochul's Plan to Allow More Charter Schools and Ban Menthol Cigs,

By Dan Murphy

Governor Kathy Hochul released her budget plan for New York State last week. The \$227 billion spending plan for the 2024 fiscal year is a 2.3% increase from last year. Two items in Hochul's budget plan drawing criticism from NY Democrats are her call to ban Menthol cigarettes in NY State, and her call to revise the Charter School requirements to permit more Charter schools in New York City.

California and Massachusetts are the only other two states to have banned Menthol cigarettes. The Westchester County Board of Legislators passed a ban on Menthol cigarettes last year by a vote of 11-6, but County Executive George Latimer vetoed the ban.

Opposition to Hochul's proposed ban, which also includes all flavored tobacco, is drawing the same opposition, and arguments, heard in the debate in Westchester.

Yonkers Assemblyman Nader Sayegh called it, "harsh legislation," and "Unjust." "It's not equitable to say: 'Stop smoking hookah but you can go smoke pot.'"

Sayegh, a Jordanian-American, said that Hochul's plan would end many hookah bars in Middle eastern communities in New York City and Yonkers. "I enjoy smoking hookah - I don't abuse it - once in a while. It's very enjoyable. It's a cultural experience."

Supporters of the menthol ban include New York NAACP State president Hazel Dukes, who testified in White Plains last year. "I'm glad Gov. Hochul is taking up the cause. This tobacco ban is on the NAACP's legislative agenda,"

Hochul's spokeswoman Hazel Crampton-Hays said, "With commercial tobacco use the leading cause of preventable deaths, Gov. Hochul is leading the way to a tobacco-free generation to reduce youth smoking and prevent senseless deaths. As with any budget proposal, we will work with the legislature on the final details for the best way to protect public health."

No word yet on the opinions of State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie on this issue.

The other Hochul proposal that has brought even more fervent opposition is her proposed modification of New York's Charter School law. There is currently a cap of 460 Charter Schools in NY, but only around 360 are open and operating.

Part of the existing law also restricts the number of Charter's in each region of the state. In New York City, around 275 Charter Schools are open and operational. Under Hochul's plan, more than 80 Charters would be allowed to open in NYC. This legislature approved 460 charter slots in New York state. That number has not been achieved."

That plan has been met with opposition from NY Senate Democrats.

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Not only the first person in her family to graduate high school, Parker earned her Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from SUNY Albany. She's also had the opportunity to help the 1st District through her nonprofit organization, Project Inspire Yonkers, as well as through her previous 6-year tenure as Legislative Aide to County Legislator Christopher Johnson, where she fought for Yonkers residents and their concerns.

As a City Council Member, Parker intends to push back against the status quo, using her deep roots, community engagement, education, and career experience to drive change for better housing, education, and employment opportunities for the people of the 1st District, who have been often underserved by current city government.

"I am a product of the best and the worst of this city" said Parker, "and I vow to fight for funding and legislation that will improve the quality of life for residents in the 1st District. This race is not about me, it's about finally having a community voice on the City Council and with community support and action, we will have just that."

Petitions for all offices will begin on February 28th.

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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, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following Resolution and General Ordinance, to wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS AND PLAN MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY OF YONKERS GETTY SQUARE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, RIVERVIEW URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN, AND GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 4-2000 AND THE ACCOMPANYING MAP, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 43 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT BY AMS ACQUISITIONS, LLC OF PROJECTS ON PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS: THE TEUTONIA HALL SITE (LOCATED AT 41 BUENA VISTA AVENUE, SECTION 1 BLOCK 512, LOT 11); THE CHICKEN ISLAND SITE (LOCATED AT 20 PALISADE AVENUE AND 32 JOHN STREET, SECTION 1, BLOCK 485, LOT 1 AND SECTION 1, BLOCK 475, LOT 51); AND THE NORTH BROADWAY SITE (LOCATED AT 7 OVERLOOK TERRACE, 15 OVERLOOK TERRACE, 23 OVERLOOK TERRACE, 14 OVERLOOK TERRACE, 12 OVERLOOK TERRACE, 14 NORTH BROADWAY (PART), 16 NORTH BROADWAY, 18 NORTH BROADWAY, 28 NORTH BROADWAY, 30-32 NORTH BROADWAY, 50 NORTH BROADWAY, 2 BALDWIN PLACE, 10 BALDWIN PLACE, AND 18 BALDWIN PLACE, SECTION 2, BLOCK 2018, LOTS 8, 12, 16, 18, 20, 25, 48 (PART), 50, 51, 56, 57, 67, 71, 75 AND 79).

VINCENT SPANO, City Clerk

**CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK
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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 5:10pm, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

AMENDING CHAPTER 56 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED 'BUILDING AND ELECTRICAL CODE' IN RELATION TO RODENT ABATEMENT DURING CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION WORK.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO, Mayor, Date: February 2, 2023

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Fourth Precinct Community Council

The Fourth Precinct's Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, February 26, 2023, in the meeting room at the Fourth Police Precinct, at 53 Shonnard Terrace. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the fourth police precinct is welcome to attend. All elected officials are also welcome. Captain Michael Messar, Precinct Commander, and Lieutenant Patrick Curtis will be available to discuss your issues and matters of interest.

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Westchester State Senator Shelley Mayer, chair of the senate education committee, joined with other democratic senators in opposing Hochul's plan.

In a letter – As of October 5, 2022, the State Education Department recognized 357 Charter Schools operating across the state, of which 287 are located in New York City. By removing the geographic restrictions on for charter authorization, NYC could see an increase of more than 100 new charter schools. This will further increase the financial burden on NYC traditional public schools, taking much needed resources away from schools serving the vast majority of our children.... Governor Hochul decision will leave students in our public schools with less," writes Sen. Mayer, Sen. John Liu, Sen. Robert Jackson.

Westchester Congressman Jamaal Bowman said, "As a life-long educator and former middle school principal in the Bronx for over a decade.. I am extremely disappointed by her proposal to remove the regional cap on charter schools which will dramatically divert critical resources from traditional public schools, especially for the almost 90% of minority children who are currently enrolled in public schools."

Charter school supporters praised Hochul's plan. "Governor Hochul has set the table, and we must ensure the legislature listens to parents and delivers a much-needed win for New York City families," says Crystal McQueen-Taylor, Executive Director of @StudentsFirstNY,

Success Academy founder and chief executive officer Eva Moskowitz said, "Now Albany needs to get behind this common sense solution and ensure it becomes law — that kids win over politics."

The final decision on these two budget items, and the entire state budget, will be made by the "three people in the room," Governor Hochul, and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.

Stewart-Cousins and Hochul have been clashing over Hochul's nomination of Hector LaSalle to be the Chief Judge in NY. Stewart-Cousins, and a majority of State Senate democrats, who must confirm the appointment, oppose LaSalle.

Last week, reports said that Hochul and Stewart-Cousins had not spoken for two weeks since the State Senate Judiciary Committee rejected the nomination, and the full senate has yet to vote on LaSalle's appointment.

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READOPTING SECTION C1-3 REAFFIRMING THE WARD BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF YONKERS.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO, Mayor, Date: February 2, 2023

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AMENDING VARIOUS CHAPTER OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS IN RELATION TO SIGN AND SCAFFOLDING FEES

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO, Mayor, Date: February 2, 2023

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famous she really was! Former Yonkers resident Dr. Albert subscribed to The Herald Statesman while living in Arizona. When he spotted her picture in the paper, he cut it out, pasted it to the front of an envelope with the words "Yonkers, NY" and mailed it. Ruth got the letter!

Friday, February 17th
February 17, 1928; Dunwoodie Heights residents learned "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds on their appointed rounds," did not apply to mud! Postmaster Albert Bogert advised residents parcel post deliveries were suspended until the muddy streets were cleared, and the muddy conditions from heavy, slushy snow were getting worse. Carrier delivery continued, but would stop if the sidewalks became bad as postal rules required walks and streets be kept passable for the safety of their personnel.

February 17, 1941: The United States Supreme Court unanimously upheld the conviction of Yonkers resident Earl Browder, 1940 Communist Party Presidential candidate, for "willfully using a passport obtained by false statements." Browder had applied for a passport in 1934, swearing he had did not have a passport. They alleged he got a passport under three aliases.

Saturday, February 18th
February 18, 1928: Mabel Carr's second grade class at School 22 decided they had to have a cat! They set up a mini-farm on their classroom sand table, and after seeing a cat in the hallway, thought that cat was the perfect way to complete it. The cat belonged to Janitor Edward Jakorsky, who agreed to allow the cat to spend time in their classroom.

February 18, 1939: Mrs. Anna Baraka filed a lawsuit for \$70,000 damages against the City of Yonkers for allowing the trash at the Austin Avenue dump to be burned. The flames smoldered, making it necessary for her family to sleep with damp towels over their faces; four of her six children moved because of the constant odors.

Sunday, February 19th
February 19, 1925: Lieutenant Frederick Hopkins of Riverdale Avenue tested the practicality of a new communication method between land and air. With assistance from a copilot, his plane flew a few feet above the ground and Hopkins grabbed a note using a long string with a double hook.

February 19, 1947: Yonkers Health Commissioner Berwyn Pattison, working to eliminate noxious odors, asked Yonkers citizens to complain! His staff was interested in three "stenches:" stench 1 was described as burned corn; stench 2 was reminiscent of mucilage; and stench 3 was a barnyard odor, and wanted to know where, when, and which odor.

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

Yonkers Housing Authority Unveils Public Art Project with Mural



The Yonkers Housing Authority and Yonkers Arts recently unveiled a colorful mural at Calcagno Homes celebrating local success stories and African-American culture. The mural called the “Come up” painted by Yonkers artist Robin Alcantara is one of more than 150 pieces of art that has been added to Yonkers Housing Authority properties like Calcagno.

From colorful murals to framed watercolors, oils and pen and ink drawings, art-work has been installed at properties across the housing authority as part of a two-year public art project funded by the Mulford Corporation, which raises funds to supplement the housing authority programs. The board voted to allocate \$200,000 to commission Yonkers Arts to coordinate the project using local artists and artists of color.

The project is the ‘brain-child’ President and CEO Wilson Kimball who said she believes in the power of art to inspire. “Not only does looking at beautiful art make us feel better by raising our serotonin levels, it can also increase blood flow which increases brain function. Art is not only beautiful, but it is also beneficial to our health,” said Kimball.

So far Yonkers Arts has added artwork at the following properties: Walsh Houses, Calcagno Homes, Charles L. Curran Court, Kris Kristensen Homes, John E. Flynn Manor, Martinelli Manor, and finally, Monsignor Troy Manor.

“Yonkers Arts believes that art is multifaceted and can break down barriers. Through exploring multiple techniques and mediums, this project allowed us to understand the needs of each resident to enhance their living experiences,” said Ray Wilcox, Executive Director of Yonkers Arts. “It also had the benefit of bringing a cohort of diverse and local artists directly to these communities. Something extremely important to the organization.”

The work of the following artists are now on display at YHA properties: Shanequa Benitez, Artists in Residence Program, Luisa Baptiste, Evan Bishop, Brian Cannady, Pedro Fernandes: Walsh Road Window Installations. Biagio “Gino” Civalè – Walsh Road and Curran Court and Troy Manor. Katori Walker – Kris Kristensen Satish Joshi – John E. Flynn Manor. Emily Stedman, Lee Romero – Martinelli Manor, Mary Hardiman, and Lee Romero – Troy Manor. Nancy Mendez – Curran Court, 90 and Robin Alcantara – Calcagno Homes.

L-R: Ray Wilcox, Exec. Dir. Yonkers Arts; artist Katori Walker; City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz, City Council President Lakisha Collins Bellamy, Artist Robin Alcantara; Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano; Yonkers Housing Authority CEO Wilson Kimball and Artist Evan Bishop.

Hudson River Museum Celebrates Lunar New Year with a Museum-Wide Festival on Saturday, February 18



Hudson River Museum is celebrating the Year of the Rabbit with a Lunar New Year Festival on Saturday, February 18, 12-5pm. Join us for traditional Asian arts, crafts, demonstrations, and performances for all ages. Celebrate the fourth of the twelve animals of the Chinese zodiac, and, according to Chinese culture, the luckiest animal of all! All workshops and performances are free with general admission. Planetarium shows are ticketed. Included in the festival is at 1pm —Chinese Folk Dances Peacock Dance—Greenburgh Evergreen Club Chinese Folk Dance Class-The Peacock dance is the favorite folk dance of the Dai people, one of the 56 ethnic groups in China.-Visit-www.hrm.org/events/lunar-new-year-2023/ for more info.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
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Defendant(s).
INDEX No. 69239/2018

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled action has been commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester, to quiet title and determine the ownership of a certain piece and parcel of real property located in the County of Westchester, State of New York, and more particularly described as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

- The property involved in the instant action is known as 156 and 158 Waverly Street, Yonkers, New York 10701, is bounded and described as follows
- Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Waverly Street where the same is intersected by the northerly line of land now or formerly of George Herriot;
- Running thence northerly along said easterly line of Waverly Street, 57.17 feet;
- Running thence westerly on a line drawn at an angle of 90 degrees 39 minutes 10 seconds from the easterly line Waverly Street, 100.01 feet;
- Running thence southerly parallel with Waverly Street, 37.22 feet to the aforesaid northerly line of land now or formerly of George Herriot;
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- The property is further described as Section 1, Block 477, Lot 65 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Yonkers.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
INDEX NO. 57364/2022 COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-HB1

Plaintiff,
vs.

DAWN MCMAHON, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; ANN MARIE DEMARTINO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; GEORGINA GUALDINO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE, 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; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; JOHN DOE S/H/A JOHN DOE #1,

“JOHN DOE #2” through “JOHN DOE #12,” the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.
Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Mortgaged Premises:
105 COLGATE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703
Section: 3, Block: 033, Lot: 23

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 \$652,500.00 and interest, recorded on December 21, 2011, in Instrument Number 513193130, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 105 COLGATE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703.

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

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

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 18, 2023
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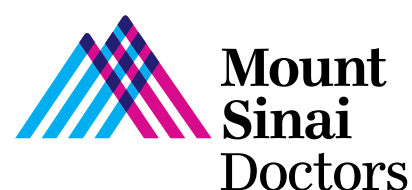
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