

MLK in Yonkers: Two Historic Visits Remembered



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., stands beside a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at an arts festival at Temple Emanu-El in Yonkers, May 28, 1965. With King are Rabbi Abraham Klausner and Yetta Colin, sculptor of the bust. Photo courtesy of Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El.

By Dan Murphy

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. visited Westchester on 12 occasions over an 11-year period (1956-1967), before his life was cut short on April 4, 1968, at the age of 39. In 2007, a memorial was erected in front of the county office build-

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Fire Commissioner William Fitzpatrick Named Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal



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Yonkers Fire Unions Endorse Democrat Frank Jereis for State Assembly



Frank Jereis, right, with Yonkers Uniformed Fire Officers Association President Robert Clarke

Two major Yonkers fire unions have announced their endorsement of Democrat Frank Jereis for New York State As-

sembly District 90, giving his campaign an early boost as the race takes shape. Yonkers Fire Fighters Local 628 and Yonkers Uniformed Fire Officers Association (UFOA) formally endorsed Jereis this past week, citing his commitment to public safety, tier 6 reform, and securing additional state resources for the city.

Yonkers Fire Fighters Local 628 represents 342 firefighters who serve the City of Yonkers. Local 628 President Steven "Bubba" Philp said the union believes Frank Jereis is the right choice to represent Yonkers in Albany. "The choice for

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\$8 Million Jury Verdict Against City of Yonkers for DPW Truck Hitting A Driver in Parked Car



National trial law firm Napoli Shkolnik announced a significant \$8 million jury verdict against the City of Yonkers after a municipal truck hit a driver, resulting in severe injuries.

The incident occurred when the plaintiff was parked, and a City of Yonkers truck turned onto Ashburton Avenue, striking the plaintiff.

The collision resulted in injuries to the plaintiff's neck, left shoulder, lower back, and left knee, and has altered his quality of life and ability to participate in the community activities he loved.

"This case exemplifies our firm's commitment to fighting for those who have been injured and securing the justice they deserve," said Joseph Napoli, partner at Napoli Shkolnik. "It was clear there was negligence in this case, and we were able to secure an \$8 million verdict that will provide our client with the resources he needs for his healing and future care."

Stephen J. Maloney, Jr., junior partner at Napoli Shkolnik, shared: "Our client was an active member of his community and an avid soccer player before the accident. This verdict ensures he will have the resources necessary for his ongoing recovery and the medical care he will require to regain his quality of life."

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Serial Sexual Assailant Sentenced to 45 Years in State Prison for Sex Abuse with a Minor



Eleuterio Duran, left, with attorney

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Eleuterio Duran, 38, of Yonkers, was sentenced on Tuesday to 45 years total in state prison.

In December, Duran was convicted of numerous felonies in relation to his violent, sexual abuse of two individuals, one of whom is a minor. The breakdown of the sentence is 25 years in state prison for offenses committed against the minor child victim and 20 years for the offense committed against the second victim. These sentences will run consecutively.

Duran, who was sentenced by Judge Robert Prisco, was further sentenced to 20 years of post-release supervision. "You believed that they would remain silent, allow it to continue, and

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Happy 100th Birthday Elena Cefola!



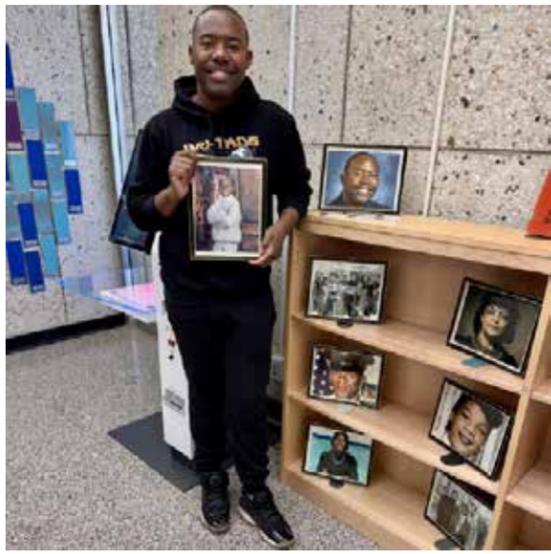
On Feb. 4, the Yonkers Police Department helped celebrate the 100th Birthday of Elena Cefola, by driving a motorcade of Police and Fire vehicles by her home.

Elena has been a proud Yonker's resident for nearly 70 years and spent most of her life as a highly skilled seamstress. Later on, she turned that talent into her own seamstress business- doing what she loved, on her own terms.

We credit her long and healthy life to simple, steady choices: fresh, healthy food, no smoking, no drinking- and a whole lot of love. She is loved by everyone she meets, and

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Documenting Black and LGBTQ+ History in Yonkers



Dennis Richmond Jr. with personal photos. Photo by Hortena Richmond

By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

This month, my family’s history is officially on display at the Grinton I. Will Branch of the Yonkers Public Library, and it feels magical. To walk into a public institution and see my own family represented—our pictures, names, and stories—is a powerful reminder that Black American families are history too.

For so long, history has been something we’ve been taught to search for in textbooks, museums, or distant archives. But this display challenges that idea. It shows that history lives in our living rooms, in our grandparents’ memories, in church records, census documents, family Bibles, photographs tucked into drawers, and stories passed down at dinner tables. My family’s story—rooted in South Carolina, Connecticut, and New York, stretching back generations—is not exceptional because it is famous, but because it is real.

The goal of this display is simple: to make history feel accessible. I want people in Yonkers and across Westchester County to see themselves reflected in the past and to realize that their own families are worthy of preservation, documentation, and celebration. Too often, especially for Black folx, our histories are fragmented by migration, enslavement, segregation, name changes, and lost records. This small display is my way of showing that even with gaps, we can still reconstruct meaningful narratives about where we come from.

In partnership with the Grinton I. Will Branch, I am also hosting two community events this month that build directly on that mission: a Genealogy 101 workshop and a Black LGBTQ+ history program.

On Wednesday, February 18th, I will lead Genealogy 101: How to Trace Your Roots, a workshop for teens and adults focused on practical tools for beginning family research. Participants will learn how to use census records, birth, marriage, and death certificates, military files, church archives, and online databases to start building their own family trees. More importantly, the program emphasizes that genealogy is not about perfection—it is about curiosity, patience, and learning how to ask the right questions.

Later in the month, on Saturday, February 28th, I will present Black LGBTQ+ History: From 1926 to 2026, a community discussion tracing a century of Black LGBTQ+ life, culture, and preservation. As the LGBTQ+ community continues to make social and political strides, it is imperative that our history is not only told, but actively protected. Too often, Black LGBTQ+ people exist in the margins of both Black history and LGBTQ+ history, leaving our stories erased, hidden, or treated as footnotes.

This program centers Black LGBTQ+ voices—with a twist. It weaves together ballroom culture, personal family histories, and community memory, with a focus on how Black LGBTQ+ folx document their lives. History is not just about the past—it is about memory, survival, and legacy.

Together, these programs reflect what this library display represents for me: that history is communal. It is something we build together, share together, and pass down together. Libraries are not just places for books; they are living archives of people’s lives.

If my family’s story can inspire even one person to ask their grandmother a question, search their last name, or feel seen in a historical space, then this display has already done exactly what it was meant to do. Happy Black History Month.

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

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State Senator Mayer Proposes Bill to Prohibit ICE from Access to Schools without Judicial Order



By Dan Murphy

Westchester State Senator Shelley Mayer has submitted Senate Bill # S8597, which would prohibit children from being denied access to a free public education due to citizenship or immigration status, and would deny ICE access to any NYS public school without a Judicial warrant.

Mayer recently appeared on the Susan Arbetter show on Spectrum, State of Politics.

“Our districts have done everything they should to keep enforcement activity outside of schools. Schools should be, I say, a sacred or secure place. And

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129 Westchester Jewish Leaders Speak out against ICE

Love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. (Deuteronomy 10:19)

By Dan Murphy

A petition that started circulating last week among Westchester Jews has already been signed by 14 rabbis and more than 100 local Jewish residents from across the county.

It reads, We, Jews living in Westchester County, condemn the violent methods used by the Department of Homeland Security in enforcing U.S. immigration laws, particularly in Minneapolis and other communities across the country. Whether or not we fully agree on political issues like border control, immigration, political asylum and the current administration’s policies, we believe this moment calls not only for concern, but also for visible moral clarity.

We wish to lift up the recent statement by the rabbinic and lay leaders of the Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist movements and call on fellow Westchester Jews to speak out as well.

ICE and CBP agents have acted with impunity, using lethal force, mass intimidation and tactics that terrorize immigrant families, traumatize children, and destabilize entire communities. Renée Good and Alex Pretti were com

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deeply cherished, by her family and friends.

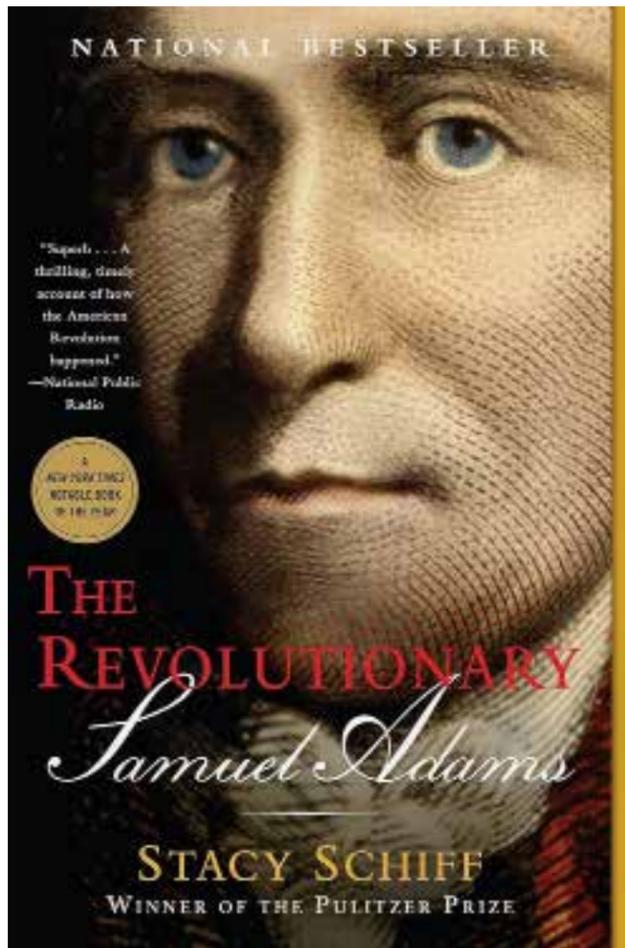
When she knows her family is going to visit she immediately goes into cleaning and cooking mode- making sure the house is spotless and that there is more than enough food for everyone. Taking care of others has always been her way. In one of her family surprises, it took her ninety years to try chinese food and sushi, and discovered that she can’t get enough of either.

Happy 100th birthday to a remarkable woman whose life has been stitched together with hard work, generosity, love and joy.

About a dozen members of Yonkers Finest stopped to personally greet her and sing Happy Birthday to her.

Note: Special Thanks to Ru Ros and the Yonkers Voice for videotaping this event, which can be viewed at <https://www.facebook.com/ru.ros.2025/videos/2671672789878637?idorvanity=517208621663478>

To celebrate USA 250, all 38 Westchester Libraries will read: The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams



The John C. Hart Memorial Library will participate in the first One County, One Read initiative, a Westchester-wide literary event designed to foster community through a shared reading experience.

In honor of the upcoming 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, all 38 public libraries in Westchester County will encourage residents to read the same book: The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Stacy Schiff. The acclaimed biography explores the political brilliance of Samuel Adams, providing a detailed look at the strategic maneuvers that birthed the revolutionary era.

“I can’t think of a more appropriate way to recognize our country’s 250th anniversary than to join together to read about one of the most influential founding fathers of our nation,” said Hart library director Yvonne Cech, chair of the One County, One Read committee.

One County, One Read’s highlights include:

Book Giveaway: Starting in February, the John C. Hart Library will give away 50 free copies of The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams. Visit the library website: yorktownlibrary.org for details for a chance to win.

Meet The Author: On April 25 at 3:00 p.m., Schiff will appear in person at the Grinton I. Will Library in Yonkers during an event sponsored by the Westchester Library System. Mary Calvi, a 14-time Emmy Award-winning anchor and historical novelist, will join Schiff in conversation.

Book Signing: Both Schiff and Calvi will be available to sign books following the discussion.

While admission to the April 25 event is free, tickets are required and can be reserved online. The Hart Library will host various Revolutionary War-themed programs throughout the year to continue the celebration of America’s independence.

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Letter to the Editor:

Lawler Funds ICE — Not Healthcare

Letter to the Editor:

Congressman Lawler is killing us on all fronts. Lawler says he supports “humane” immigration enforcement, yet his record tells a far harsher story. Lawler voted for the Republicans’ so-called “One Big Beautiful Bill”. This was a deliberate effort to send a tidal wave of new money to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Under this deficit raising bill, ICE’s annual budget exploded from roughly \$10 billion to nearly \$85 billion, making it one of the most heavily funded law enforcement agencies in the country. Those billions now fuel mass deportation operations like “Operation Metro Surge and Midway Blitz” which sound like violent movie titles. It’s sick! But it’s now reality TV where masked federal agents sweep through cities and suburbs, tearing apart families, frightening law-abiding immigrants, arresting reporters, and killing American citizens.

Meanwhile, that same bill gutted public health coverage for seniors, children, and low-income families, and it will leave 1.5 million New Yorkers uninsured. And the reduction in public health coverage results in increased premiums for nearly all other insurance policy holders like seniors with Medicare.

Lawler defends these priorities as “keeping our communities safe and reducing fraud”. But according to The Brennan Center for Justice, substantial research consistently shows that immigration is not linked to higher levels of crime but rather the opposite. And with cuts to the FBI and IRS there’s even less effort to investigate fraud.

Lawler must know that there is nothing safe or moral about stripping health coverage from New York State residents. Now Lawler has been proposing stopgap measures to help rural hospitals and ACA policy holders. First he breaks the ACA, then he acts like others broke it and he’s here to fix it.

This is cruelty by choice.

If Lawler truly wants to “rebuild trust and act in America’s common interest,” he can start by standing up for our healthcare. Lawler can stop feeding ICE’s endless appetite for Lawless power and money.

New Yorkers deserve a representative who invests in our health, not in fear.

Mark A. Lieberman, Yorktown, NY

Notice of formation of Hardcore In The 914 LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/5/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Hardcore In The 914 8 Arden Drive, Hartsdale New York 10530. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Israelov Law, PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 01/27/2026. Office Location: Westchester. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC is: 51 Nethermont Ave, White Plains, NY 10603. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Senara & Co, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/29/2026. NY office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served is 455 Tarrytown Road, Suite 1307, White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose/character of LLC: Any lawful purpose.

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

Notice of Formation of S.I.T. Staying In Touch LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the New York Secretary of State on December 25, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. New York Secretary of State designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process may be served. New York Secretary of State shall mail process to: Donald George McIntosh III, 137 Morningside Pl, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Fire Commissioner William Fitzpatrick Named Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade Grand Marshal

Congratulations to Yonkers Fire Commissioner William Fitzpatrick on being named the Grand Marshal for the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade on McLean Avenue, which will be held on Sat. March 21 at 1pm.

Fitzpatrick’s Biography reads: William Fitzpatrick is one of six children born in Yonkers to Thomas and Margaret Fitzpatrick. He traces his Irish roots to Counties Waterford and Monaghan through his great grandparents, who immigrated to the United States in the 1860’s.

He was educated at Sacred Heart Elementary and High Schools. William joined the Yonkers Fire Dept in 1979, beginning at Station 3 on Vark Street. Later, as Lieutenant, among his assignments were Instructor at the Probationary Academy and Hazardous Materials Instructor. He was also assigned to Tower Ladder 71 on School Street.

As Captain, he was Commanding Officer of Hazardous Materials Squad 1, and later CO of the newly formed Rescue Company. On September 13, 2001, William was promoted to Assistant Chief, and assigned as Asst. Chief of Training and Special Operations. In 2004, he was appointed Deputy Chief of Operations, and retired at that position in December 2011, after serving Yonkers for 32 years. He has earned Class 1 and 3 awards, a Class B award, and numerous unit citations. He also participated in rescue efforts at Ground Zero.

In January 2024, William was appointed the 15th Commissioner of the Yonkers Fire Department. Commissioner Fitzpatrick continues to lead the Department he served so well, and from which his father and three brothers retired. He is grateful for this opportunity to serve again, and has expressed pride in the high standards met by the members of the Department, as when, for example, years of preparation and teamwork earned Type 1 Hazardous Materials Response accreditation, the highest level in New York State.

He has a long relationship with the Yonkers Firefighters Pipes and Drums, and is an honorary member. He is a member and former President of Yonkers Fire Department Holy Name Society.

In 1989, William was an Aide to the Grand Marshal in our Yonkers St. Patrick’s Parade. In 2012, he represented the Grand Council of United Emerald Societies, as Aide to the Grand Marshal in the NYC St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

He has been active in the community, with organizations like the North Yonkers Boys and Girls Club, and coaching girls’ softball for 10 years.

William and Debi, his wife of almost 42 years, reside in Yonkers, where they raised their three children: Meagan, Tara and William Jr., and their five grandchildren: Gabriella, Gianna, Fiona, William III and Lucy. They are parishioners of St. Anthony’s.

The eight Aides to the Grand Marshal for 2026 are:

- Danny Browne
- Sean M Drain
- Caitlin Geraghty Liberatori
- Kate Kiernan Goodwin
- Sheila M Halligan
- Geoffrey Keating
- Jennifer Murphy Oelkers
- Frank O’Keefe

\$8 Million Verdict, continued from pg 1-

Verdict Breakdown

- The jury awarded:
- \$2 million for past pain and suffering
- \$4.5 million for future pain and suffering
- \$1.5 million for future medical expenses

After a \$35,000 pre-trial offer, our trial team Partner Joseph Napoli, and Junior Partner Stephen J. Maloney, Jr. tried the case—and delivered this multi-million-dollar verdict.

Notice of Formation of Sets n Sweats LLC, filed with SSNY on August 24, 2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to LLC: 515 Boston Post Rd, #1034 Portchester, NY, 10573, USA Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

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

Notice of formation of MPMX, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/06/2025 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, 8 Lane Street Fl. 1 Yonkers, NY 10601 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Westchester County Consumer Protection Dept

All are welcome.

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that your criminal offenses against them would remain hidden. Clearly, you underestimated their courage and strength. These brave young women relived the abuse that you subjected them to in front of a jury box full of strangers and in front of you, their abuser, and they did so credibly and with poise and fortitude," said Judge Prisco.

DA Cacace said: "We are pleased with the substantial prison sentence given to Eleuterio Duran. We hope that this sentence will offer some relief to the victims in this case, both of whom testified courageously in this trial. They will continue to be in our thoughts and prayers.

"The hard work and determination of the investigators and prosecutors in this case have not gone unnoticed. I am extremely grateful for their efforts."

Between 2020 and 2023, Duran repeatedly sexually abused raped an underage victim. Between 2012 and 2013, Duran also raped another victim who was incapacitated.

The investigation was conducted by the Yonkers Police Department and the Special Prosecutions Division. The case was prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Stephanie Baehr and former Senior Assistant District Attorney Charlotte Gudis, of the Special Prosecutions Division.

Editor's Note: This is the third criminal case involving rape and sexual assault in Yonkers in the month of January. On Jan. 21, Josue Samuel Cabrera, 40 years old from Yonkers, was charged with Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child- 2 counts, Rape in the 1st Degree- 2 counts and Sexual Abuse in the 1st Degree- 2 counts.

Also on Jan. 21, Gerardo Flores, 50, from Yonkers, was charged with Rape in the 1st and 3rd Degree, Burglary in the 1st Degree- 4 counts, Assault in the 2nd Degree- 3 counts, Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 4th Degree, Criminal Trespass in the 2nd Degree- 2 counts, and Stalking in the 1st Degree, in connection to the alleged rape and assault of a woman in Yonkers in December of 2024

Notice of Formation of JB HUDSON LINE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/20/2026. Office location: Westchester County, NY. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may bse served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 59 Alta Vista Dr, Yonkers, NY, 10710. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Lifestyle Rehabilitation, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/27/2025. 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, 56 Martha Place, Chappaqua, NY, 10514. Purpose: Physical Therapy.

Notice of formation of JJ VILL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/2025. 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, 64 Mountindale Road, Yonkers , NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Samuel Untermyer

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

Monday, February 9th

February 9, 1943: While waiting to testify before the Grand Jury, Councilman Edith Welty was approached by a Yonkers man, who wished her luck. The man told her when she got back to Yonkers, gambling still would be happening. She was to go to Central Park Avenue just north of the Post Office, and watch. "Every day, between 2 and 4 O'clock, a short stocky man wearing eye-glasses, stands on the sidewalk... that man makes book."

An hour after Councilman Edith Welty testified before the Grand Jury on Yonkers gambling, she witnessed a "sidewalk gambling scene!"

In a car with Deputy Public Safety Commissioner Frank Wartur and Patrolman John Bishop, she saw a transaction by the bookmaker! Bishop called it in. Lieutenant Henry Murphy and Sergeant John Kennedy arrived quickly and arrested the man.

Tuesday, February 10th

February 10, 1943: Yonkers celebrated the birthday of its last living Civil War veteran Charles Frazee, who had served two years with Company N, Second Pennsylvania Heavy Artillery. He celebrated his 97th birthday with friends at his 46 Douglas Avenue home. One friend, Calvary Baptist Church's Reverend Harry Stevenson, reported Frazee was in fair health; he passed away less than a year later.

February 10, 1947: Contractors doing reconversion work could not get into the Labor Temple at 307 Walnut Street, so called a locksmith. They found a deserted room with five telephones, and tables littered with bet records and pads! Someone immediately notified The Herald Statesman a "horse room" was found. Commissioner O'Hara went to the building with Captain James McCue and Lieutenant William Comey; they confiscated all the materials they found. The scratch heats were dated two years earlier.

Wednesday, February 11th:

February 11, 1922: Rabbi Jacob Tarshish announced Samuel Untermyer was named honorary chairman of the Yonkers Jewish War Relief campaign. Yonkers' quota was \$35,000.

February 11, 1923: After a public hearing at which not one speaker appeared, the Common Council voted to change the name of Kellinger Street, the continuation of Park Hill Avenue running from Linden Street to South Broadway, to Park Hill Avenue

Thursday, February 12th

February 13, 1942: Adult Advisor Abe Cohen's Club Maccabee held a "Gift

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Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins Hosts Black History Month Reception



L-R- African American Advisory Board Chair Barbara Edwards, County Executive Ken Jenkins, Reverend Kymberly Mcnair

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins hosted the County’s annual Black History Month Reception at the Michaelian Office Building, welcoming residents, community leaders and elected officials from across Westchester to recognize the enduring contributions of Black Americans to the County’s history and culture.

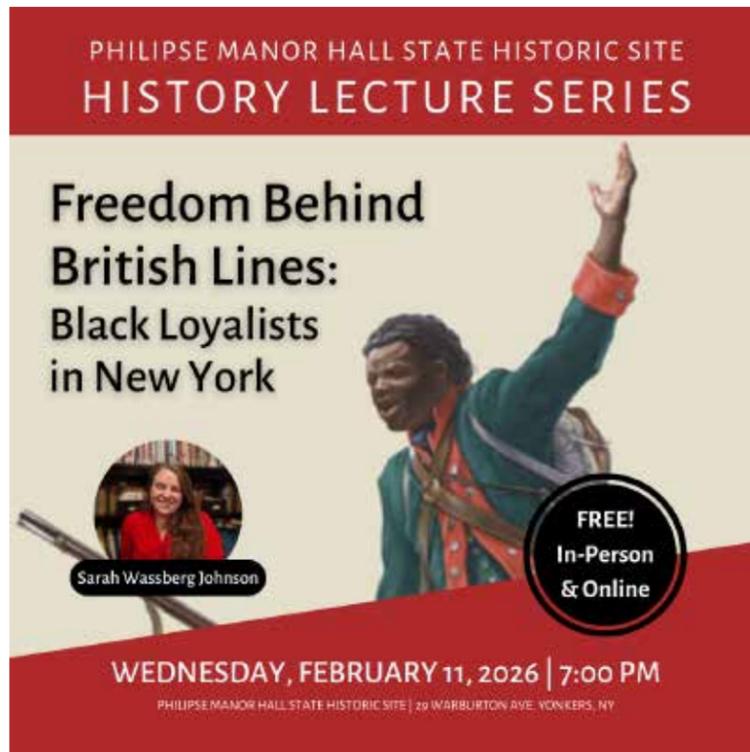
The reception highlighted Westchester’s longstanding role in Black history, including its place along the Underground Railroad and its legacy of Black leadership in all sectors of our local economy. Attendees reflected on the progress made while acknowledging the work that remains to ensure opportunity and inclusion across every community in the County.

Jenkins said: “Black History Month gives us the opportunity to pause and recognize the people whose contributions helped define Westchester and strengthen our communities. The achievements we celebrate today were built through perseverance, sacrifice and leadership. Honoring that legacy means continuing to work toward a County where opportunity is real and accessible for everyone.”

African American Advisory Board Chair Barbara Edwards said: “This reception brings our community together to honor a history that is deeply woven into Westchester’s identity. Black history lives in our schools, neighborhoods, houses of worship and civic life. I am grateful for the County’s continued commitment to recognizing that legacy and ensuring it is preserved and celebrated.”

The Black History Month Reception served as both a celebration and a call to action, encouraging residents to attend local Black History Month events, visit historical sites and support local black-owned businesses. Westchester County remains committed to honoring Black history throughout the year and ensuring its lessons continue to guide the County’s progress.

Talk on Black Loyalists During the Revolutionary War at Philipse Manor



Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are proud to present “Freedom Behind British Lines: Black Loyalists in New York,” a talk about those who sought freedom with the British military during the Revolutionary War by Sarah Wassberg Johnson. This event will take place in-person and online via YouTube Live on February 11th at 7: PM at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site at 29 Warburton Avenue in Yonkers. In-person admission is \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, while virtual access is free.

People of color fought on both sides of the American Revolution. But for some enslaved people, the British Army offered a unique opportunity for freedom. Learn about the three British proclamations enslaved people used to find freedom behind British lines, the lives of formerly enslaved individuals from Westchester County, New York, and New Jersey who fought for and worked with the British Army, and what happened to the Black Loyalists after the war.

Registration is recommended for this event. To reserve your spot call 914-965-4027 or email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov. Virtual access is free and open to everyone. Access at www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events

Sarah Wassberg Johnson is the education and programs manager at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site. She has an MA in public history from the University at Albany. She has spent the last several years researching the American Revolution in New York, especially Westchester County and connections to Philipse Manor Hall. You can read her previous research into the Philipsburg Proclamation and Black Loyalists here: www.philipsemanorhall.com/blog

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Yonkers' First Negro "Cop" Who is Now "Breaking In" On Force Here	Second Negro Appointment is Made In Safety Department Police Bureau	Devlin Names Third Negro Cop To Force
		
Thomas Brooks, April 1925	James Martin, August 1928	Stewart L. Freeman, November 1928

History of African Americans in the Yonkers Police Department

Thursday, February 19
6 pm,
Yonkers Room

Join Yonkers native and veteran Yonkers Police Detective Ken Davis and learn about the first three African American patrol officers serving the City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Police Department: Thomas P. Brooks (1925-1959), James F. Martin (1928-1940), and Stewart L. Freeman (1928 - 1954).



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Is There a Patriot in Your Tree?

Workshop Helps Participants Explore Ancestry and America's Diverse Founding Roots

The Hudson River Patriots Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), invites the public to a special genealogy workshop, "Is There a Patriot in Your Tree?" Co-sponsored with the Westchester-Putnam Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution and featuring special guest Mary Hoar, Yonkers Historian, this free, educational event welcomes people of all backgrounds to explore their family history and discover possible connections to those who contributed to America's independence.

Many people are surprised to learn that patriots of the Revolutionary War came from a wide range of ethnicities, faiths, and walks of life. Participants will learn how to begin tracing their ancestry, use historical resources, and document potential Revolutionary War lineage. DAR members will be available to offer guidance and answer questions.

"America's story was shaped by people from many cultures," said Cindy Pramann, Regent, Hudson River Patriots Chapter, DAR. "This workshop is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to connect with their heritage and discover how their ancestors may have helped build our nation."

The event will take place on Wednesday, February 11, at 6:00 pm at Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Ave, Yonkers. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

For more information, please contact HRPDAR@gmail.com.

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for Yanks" dance, with admission being items that soldiers might need or want. Most people brought razor blades, writing paper, shoe polish, toothbrushes and toothpaste, things any serviceman could use. The committee received some unusual items such as bed socks, sets of dice, one copy of Robinson Crusoe, and an electric pants presser! These donations were sent to members of the Jewish Community Center serving in the armed services.

February 12, 1944: Colonel John Stilwell of North Broadway, Director of Civilian Protection in Yonkers, and brother of General Joseph Stilwell, also happened to be President of the National Safety Council and a man with a sense of humor.

He came across some Victory Valentines; he quickly adapted them to "with love and hisses to highway heels." One example of a valentine dedicated to a wartime speeder telling off the "wartime traffic pests:" "We want you to know just how we feel. We love you like Hitler, you wartime heel!!"

Friday, February 13th

February 13, 1933: Believing that roller skating was just as dangerous as coasting, the Community Service Commission began campaigning to make it safer in Yonkers. They asked the Board of Education to use the paved schoolyards on weekends and after school hours to create a safer place for citywide public skating.

February 13, 1941: Deputy Superintendent of Yonkers Schools William Williams announced Fred Lena, Principal of Girls' Vocational High School (Commerce) was the only principal in the entire school system who did not sign his "voluntary" salary contribution waiver. Instead, he returned it to Superintendent Ankenbrand with the notations: "It is intended to impose conditions that have been modified to such an extent as to make the content of this waiver inapplicable."

Williams said the reason for not signing would not be recognized.

Saturday, February 14th

February 14, 1932: Park Hill's Dr. Alfred Flinn of Glenbrook Avenue, Director of the Engineering Foundation in New York City, stated there was a world need for a new and universal language. He wanted this language taught by radio and sound or a book... without the need of a teacher. He said this language had to be "responsive to a culture about our present highest level... yet be very simple."

February 14, 1941: City Manager Raymond Whitney submitted a budget including a 15% pay cut for Dr. Ward Cook, the only City Hall employee who did not turn in a signed waiver authorizing a 15% salary deduction!

Sunday, February 15th

February 15, 1931: Former Mayor John Andrus celebrated his 93rd birthday by going to his New York headquarters! Although known as the "millionaire straphanger" because of his preference for taking the subway to work, his last ride on a subway was November 1926.

No big celebration was planned, other than the usual good wishes from his associates at the Arlington Chemical Company. Andrus hoped to pass the day with little fanfare. He served as Yonkers Mayor from 1903-1905, and as Congressman from 1905-1913. He finished his last year as Mayor while serving in Congress!

February 15, 1934: Mrs. Arthur Maudlin, wife of the County Register and Yonkers Republican City Chairman, with two other teachers (Harriet Gehr and Elizabeth Vail), were back on the city payroll after their jobs were abolished by the Board of Education as an economy measure. The reinstatement was kept a secret; Schools Superintendent Lamont Hodge refused to discuss the case.

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

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



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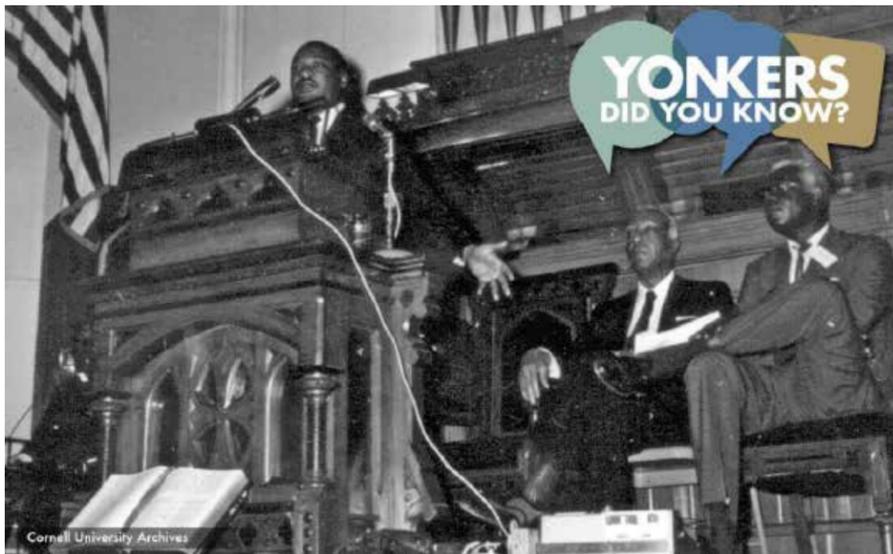
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Dr. King, speaking at the Messiah Baptist Church on Warburton Avenue. May 27, 1965

ing in White Plains to honor his life and time spent in Westchester. Dr. King's birthday on January 15, 1929, was made a federal holiday in 1983.

One of the best summaries about Dr. King's visits to Westchester was written by Andy Bass for the Westchester County Historical Society in 2018. A special edition of the Westchester Historian, the society's quarterly magazine, features Bass's lengthy, detailed, and interesting piece. We encourage our readers, and lovers of Westchester history or MLK Jr., to purchase this magazine and read Bass's piece, available at the Westchester Historical Society's office in Elmsford for \$10. This story is not online. We thank Bass for his historical masterpiece and use it as a reference for our story about King's Westchester visits for our readers.

Included in King's 12 visits were two stops in Yonkers. In 2023, Bass was interviewed by Yonkers City Hall TV to discuss Dr. King's visits to Yonkers. He wrote and shared this summary:

AUGUST 27, 1964

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. first visited Yonkers on August 27, 1964, to participate in a press conference announcing the upcoming release of a compendium of books on black history of which he had contributed a volume. At the time, King viewed the promotion of black history as "the next frontier in [the civil rights] struggle."

The collection of books titled, The Negro Heritage Library, were published by a small, new publishing company based in Yonkers called Educational Heritage, Incorporated. The company was founded by a Yonkers man by the name of Noel Marder. Earlier that year, King's Chief of staff Wyatt Tee Walker had left his position as Executive Director of King's Southern Christian Leadership Conference in Atlanta to join the Yonkers company as Vice-President in charge of marketing and services. Walker, along with his wife and four children, moved to Yonkers the month before the press conference after purchasing a home at 52 Delaware Road.

The press conference with King was held at Education Heritage's headquarters in an office building at 733 Yonkers Avenue. The inaugural release of The Negro Heritage Library consisted of ten volumes, including King's contribution, A Martin Luther King Treasury.

Perhaps the most interesting section of the King volume is the one titled "The Days of Martin Luther King: A Photographic Diary." It features exclusive, behind-the-scenes photos of King at his Atlanta home and office that were taken by Educational Heritage's staff photographer Roland Mitchell.

After the press conference, King visited the Sprain Brook Branch of the Yonkers Public Library (known today as the Will library) where the Urban League of Westchester was running a week-long voter registration drive. King was personally introduced to each of the registrars and he thanked them for the service they were performing.

Educational Heritage did not last long. Less than three years after launching The Negro Heritage Library, the company went bankrupt. The original ten volumes of the The Negro Heritage Library were the only books it ever published.

In his final correspondence with Marder, just 66 days before his assassination King wrote of The Negro Heritage Library:

"I still think those volumes are making a significant contribution to the life of young Negroes."

Wyatt Tee Walker had left Educational Heritage a few months before its collapse, landing a position as interim pastor of Canaan Baptist Church in Harlem. The following year, Walker was ceremonially installed by King as the church's senior pastor only ten days before his assassination.

Walker continued to live in his Delaware Road home, regularly commuting to the church. Over the next four decades he became a leading civic leader in Harlem. Walker retired as pastor in 2004 following a series of debilitating strokes and lived his remaining years in Virginia. At the time of their move in 2005, Walker and his wife had lived in Yonkers for 41 years.

MAY 28, 1965:

King's second visit to Yonkers on May 28, 1965, was initiated by a speaking invitation he received from A. Philip Randolph, one of the most significant labor and civil rights leaders of the 20th century. Randolph's group, the Negro American Labor Council, was holding its annual convention in Yonkers, and he implored King to come address the attendees.

Only weeks earlier, the Council's Westchester branch had been involved in a contentious labor dispute at Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville on behalf of striking service and maintenance workers. The 55-day strike featured weekly demonstrations that culminated in a physical altercation with police. Likely in response to the dispute, the group elected to hold their annual convention just two miles west of the hospital at the Westchester Town House, a motor inn and dinner theatre at 165 Tuckahoe Road.

Joint Task Force Investigation Results in Prostitution Arrests and the Closure of 3 Illegal Massage Parlors in Mamaroneck

The Village of Mamaroneck Police Department, in coordination with the Westchester County District Attorney's Office, New York State Police, and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Police Department, conducted a joint task force operation on January 29th, 2026, focusing on illegal massage parlors and prostitution related activity within the Village of Mamaroneck. The investigation was initiated after receiving a complaint and culminated in enforcement actions at 3 locations: 437 Ward Ave., 416 Mamaroneck Ave., and 172 E Boston Post Rd. Investigators conducted on-site investigations that resulted in multiple arrests for prostitution related offences and unauthorized practice of a profession. At 437 Ward Avenue, 2 individuals were arrested after investigators determined that massages were being provided without proper licensing, and an offer of a sexual act was made in exchange for money. Both individuals were taken into custody without incident, and the establishment was subsequently closed by the Village of Mamaroneck Building Department. At 416 Mamaroneck Ave., a woman offered sexual intercourse for money to an investigator and was arrested and charged with prostitution. The business was also closed by the building department. At the final location, 172 E Boston Post Rd., sexual services were offered to an investigator after a massage. Two individuals were arrested at that location and transported to police headquarters for processing. That business was shut down by the building department. All arrested individuals were charged with the felony offense of unauthorized practice of a profession. Three of the five were charged with prostitution, and one of the five was charged with promoting prostitution, both misdemeanors. All parties were issued desk appearance tickets and are scheduled to appear in the Village of Mamaroneck Court on February 12th, 2026.

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State Assembly District 90 is clear: Yonkers needs Frank Jereis in Albany," Philp said. "Frank Jereis has the experience, determination, and commitment needed to be a strong advocate and fighter for the members of Local 628. He understands the urgent need for meaningful reform to Tier 6 and has made it a priority. Local 628 is fully committed to this campaign and will be actively engaged in helping elect Frank Jereis."

The Yonkers Uniformed Fire Officers Association, which represents 132 fire chiefs, captains, and lieutenants who oversee both administrative and operational functions of the Yonkers Fire Department, also announced its support. UFOA President Captain Robert Clarke said Frank Jereis has demonstrated a clear understanding of the department's needs.

"Yonkers UFOA strongly endorses Frank Jereis for State Assembly," Clarke said. "Frank is someone we can count on to help secure additional state aid for the Yonkers Fire Department and bring about long-overdue reforms to Tier 6. We look forward to supporting him through the finish line this November."

Frank Jereis said, "I am proud to have the support of the people who day in and day out risk their lives to protect others. I look forward to working closely with Local 628 and UFOA to secure additional State Aid for Yonkers and bring about much needed change to tier 6."

The endorsements mark an early show of organized labor support in the race for Assembly District 90, with the general election scheduled for November.

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Letter to the Editor:

In response to Jan. 30 article by Berger & O'Leary on page 3, **Clarity Matters in Yonkers' Budget Debate**, it should be noted that sanitation workers do not work a full 8 hour day.

Once they pick up all the garbage in their assigned area, their work day is over. Therefore, they race to finish their route as quickly as possible so they can go to their second job or go home. This often results in blocking traffic on secondary roads. A belligerent, inconsiderate attitude is fostered.

Kindly print this as anonymous
Sincerely, name withheld

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As Randolph was a revered figure amongst his civil rights peers, King readily accepted his invitation. On May 27, King spoke at two events organized by the Council. He first addressed convention attendees at a daytime session at the motel. Then that evening, he spoke to a gathering of 900 at a public education rally at Messiah Baptist Church on Warburton Avenue. The speech was noteworthy for including one of King's earliest public pronouncements against the Vietnam War.

Following the church event, King made two final stops in Yonkers. The first was to St. Joseph Hospital to visit Noel Marder's fiancée, Rita McLain of Educational Heritage, who was recovering from an illness. Afterwards, he went to Temple Emanu-El on Rumsey Road for a private viewing of an exhibit of painting and sculpture by African American artists. The exhibit was part of the Temple's annual arts festival. The festival's general chair, Yetta Colin, had created a bust of one of King's role models, Mahatma Gandhi, that was also on display in the temple. Before departing, King posed for a photo alongside the Gandhi sculpture with Colin and temple leadership.

Help Jim Killoran Help the Homeless in Westchester This Frigid Winter



By Dan Murphy

While most of us are bundled up in our homes here in Westchester watching TV, Jim Killoran is “fighting the fight” to get sweatshirts, hats, gloves, and socks to the homeless population in Westchester.

“I see people who are struggling and trying to stay warm. It’s an honor for me to know a homeless person. They are as good as the President to me, even better,” said Killoran, the CEO of the Fuller Center for Housing in greater NYC, who has spent most of his life serving others, building housing for those who can’t afford to buy a home in Westchester, or helping seniors trying to stay in their homes in Westchester, or helping hurricane victims across our area.

As the unofficial Angel of Westchester, Killoran travels around his home base of New Rochelle looking for someone to help and to serve. Often, it is the police who call him to alert him to someone who is without the essentials to survive another winter storm.

“No one should be homeless, but the reality is that those who are could use a little help, with a sweatshirt, hat, socks, or a coat, or a cup of soup, anything can help save a life,” said Killoran.

On one of his many Facebook videos, Killoran posted, “Hey. Good morning. Blessings on this cold day. I just picked up a bunch of masks, sweatshirts, ninja masks, coats, and different things that can go to people on the street. So it’s cold out. But you know what? We’re blessed. And if you see this, you have a phone. You’re alive.

“And so I know where a lot of the homeless are, so stay tuned. Say a prayer. I can get all this stuff out. I got a van full of stuff to bring out to the people on this. So if you need help, if I can be of help, and I promise nothing. (914) 406-3357, we always appreciate donations. So if you want to buy a pack of hats like the one I’m wearing or any jackets, drop them off at our headquarters at 21 Huguenot Street.

“You know, God blesses us so much with people like you who watch us, who join us, and, uh. So stay warm, be safe. We’ll get through this together. And God has blessed us to be alive another day with gratitude and with you. So thank you. God bless you.”

Another great part of the work that Killoran does through the Fuller Center for Housing of Greater NY is that he connects with young adults in Westchester and gets them “off their computers and outdoors building houses.”

Recently, members of the Eastchester High School Fuller Club dropped off coats and sweatshirts to help us assist those in need.

“Our clubs help us help so many...today they helped me help the homeless.”

We would ask our readers to help Jim Killoran “fight the fight” and help the homeless through a tough winter.

Make a contribution as I did; it’s the least we can do, and you can rest assured that your donations get to the homeless.

Visit <https://www.fullercenterny.org/> to donate.

Below: Students from the Eastchester High School Fuller Center club brought donations for the homeless

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66. Danielle Levine, Tarrytown

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community members using non-violent tactics to protect their vulnerable neighbors and protest their treatment. That they have been posthumously labeled “domestic terrorists,” while the agents responsible for their deaths face no accountability, represents a profound moral inversion. The practice of detaining children during these operations exhibits a level of cruelty that corrodes the moral core of our cherished multi-ethnic democratic society. When state power is exercised without accountability anywhere, safety erodes everywhere. We are living in a moment of rising, open antisemitism, and our safety is bound up with the safety of all of our neighbors. It has never been separable from the rule of law or from the refusal to allow any group to be treated as disposable.

Dehumanization spreads when fear replaces law and silence replaces responsibility. Democracies do not collapse all at once. They erode when violence is normalized and accountability disappears.

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel taught us by example that indifference in the face of injustice is itself a moral failure. Faith, he insisted, must be lived publicly.

By signing this statement, we commit to doing our part to come together across differences, to build coalitions with our neighbors and to nurture community partners rooted in our shared core values. We choose relationship over isolation, and responsibility over silence, and call on local Jewish leaders, representatives and community members to speak out.

We invite you to add your name and stand with Jews in Westchester who believe that defending human dignity, due process, and democratic norms is inseparable from Jewish memory, moral responsibility and the shared destiny of all who cherish freedom and democracy.

With resolve and moral clarity,

Members of the Jewish Community of Westchester County

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OPEN/CONTINUED HEARINGS

#5900 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano Esq., on behalf of WAG America LLC, on premises known as 38 Hunt Ave, Block:3137, Lot:16 (B0035424) Zone: S-50

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#5790 – Area Variance - James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of Mehranco Limited Liability Co.,

owner, on premises known as 1999 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 42.43, (B30132)

Zone: BR *Adjourned

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#5910 – Area Variances – Mark Blanchard, on behalf of Hudson Pointe, LLC., on premises known as 1205 Warburton Ave., Block: 3570, Lot: 1 (B0037131) Zone: MG.

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#5912 – Area Variances – Andrew Romano, on behalf of Centro Cristiano Jehova es Mi Bandera, Inc. on premises known as 27 Glenwood Ave., Block: 2121, Lot: 30 (B0035776) Zone: M.

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#5913 – Area Variance – Janet Giris, on behalf of Morris Westchester Upper Site Associates, LLC., on premises known as 79 Austin Ave., Block: 3285, Lot: 210 (B0034334) Zone: CM.

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#5914 – Area Variances – Stephen A. Veneruso, on behalf of AVL Homes, LLC., on premises known as 69 Spruce St., Block: 430, Lot: 58 (B0036935) Zone: A. *Adjourned

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#5494 & 5667 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of 581 Development Corp, owner, on premises know as 581 Saw Mill River Road, Block:3100, Lot: 200, (B0011017) Zone: I

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#5915 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E on behalf of Ian Kim Ramos owner of 66 Pembroke Drive , Block:4468, Lot: 10 (B202406280) Zone: S-60

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#5916 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, on behalf of Tameshwar Kallicharan owner of 25 (aka 27) Hyatt Avenue, Block: 6245, Lot:25.26 (B0036837) Zone: T

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#5917 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, on behalf of Constantinos D. Kavvas, owner of 26 Hyatt Avenue, Block: 6417, Lot: # 60 (B0037471) Zone: T

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#5918 & 5074 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates,P.C., on 264 Nepperhan Ave LLC, owner of 264 (aka 270) Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 2051, Lot: 5 (B0000970) Zone: I

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#5919 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of 231 Lockwood Ave LLC c/o Jagdish Mitter, owner of 139 Mile Square Road (aka 231 Lockwood Ave), Block: 2290, Lot: 20.25 (B0037342) Zone: T

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NEW HEARINGS

#5918 & 5074 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates,P.C., on 264 Nepperhan Ave LLC, owner of 264 (aka 270) Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 2051, Lot: 5 (B0000970) Zone: I

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#5920 – Area Variance—Leo K. Napior on behalf of Gasoline & Car Wash Corp. of Yonkers, owner, on premises known as 360 Nepperhan Avenue (aka 364 Nepperhan Avenue), Block: 2067, Lot: 69 (B0037256) Zone: I, Industry

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#5921 (5895)—Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, on behalf of Pjeter Vukajs, owner of 9 Abner Place, Block: 6163, Lot: 32.34 (A0000269) Zone: T

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our schools have done a good job so far.

“However, we see what happened in Minneapolis. And we see what happens in schools outside of Minneapolis, in the suburbs, where there are 20% of students who are immigrants children. Parents are keeping their children home because things are happening around schools.

“That little boy was picked up with his father walking home from school, the five year old boy with the hat. These are transformative events.

“Not only in that child’s life and their parents, but in the life of the school, and we have to prepare for it and take every step we can to prepare not only students, but teachers and staff.”

“My bill makes clear that schools have to have a consistent policy that’s filed with the state education department, and it has to have certain things in it. In order to come into a school, you must have a judicial warrant. And it has to be reviewed by someone with authority.

“My bill also includes that every kid is entitled to enroll in a NY public school regardless of their immigration status or their parents status. We are also saying that school activities athletics or a play is covered by the same rules.

“We want parents to be able to say, ‘ I want to see my kid play basketball. In the story about the Minneapolis suburbs, you look at the picture of how many kids and parents came to the high school basketball game. The inside of the stadium is almost empty. As someone who knows how important these things are to kids and parents, that’s what we face if we don’t do everything within our power.”

“We are drilling down to what is constitutional and that protects our families and is the most we can do right now. I’m so thankful for our leader (Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins) that we are going to do something,” said Mayer on the show, (https://nystateofpolitics.com/state-of-politics/new-york/politics/2026/02/02/n-y-senator-eyes-bill-to-prohibit-ice-from-accessing-schools-to-discuss-her-bill)

After the show, Mayer posted, “Happy to sit down with Susan Arbetter at Capital Tonight to discuss my legislation (S8597/A10021), which affirms that every child has a right to a free public education in New York, regardless of immigration status, requires schools to have procedures for reviewing requests from immigration enforcement, and to prohibit schools from admitting immigration enforcement to school property without a valid judicial warrant or subpoena. We also spoke about the Governor’s proposed education plans in the executive budget.”

Senate Bill # S8597 states,

Prohibits children from being denied access to a free public education due to citizenship or immigration status.

This bill would affirm the right of every child to receive a free public education, regardless of their immigration or citizenship status, prohibit schools from admitting immigration enforcement to school property or a school function without a valid judicial warrant or subpoena, and require schools to take steps to protect students.

Subdivision 3 prohibits schools from threatening to disclose information about a student’s actual or perceived citizenship or immigration status or the status of a person associated with them, or disclosing such information to immigration authorities or another entity if they do not have direct knowledge of the student’s actual status, and prohibits schools from disclosing anything related to the records or information about the immigration status or a student or someone associated with them unless required by law.

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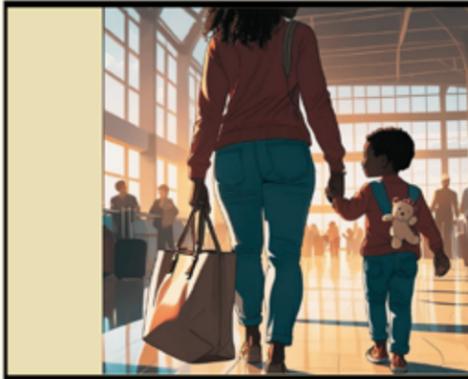


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