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## Man Gets 14 Months for Throwing a Dog Out of Moving Car; Will 13 Time Shoplifter Go to Jail?



By Dan Murphy

One story that received great interest from our readers was the sentencing of a Mount Vernon man for killing a 12-week old puppy in Yonkers. According to Westchester DA Mimi Rocah's office, "Thaddeus Jones, 34, a passenger in a car that was driven by his friend, grabbed the friend's 12-week-old Pitbull puppy named "Lady" and threw the puppy into oncoming traffic on Yonkers Avenue. The puppy was immediately struck by a car and killed. When questioned by police following the incident, the defendant yelled "F\_\_k your dog," to his friend."

"Jones pled guilty last November to Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, a felony, and was sentenced on Jan. 5 by Judge James McCarty to 14 months in jail. DA Rocah said: "This defendant killed a puppy for no reason and will now face consequences behind bars. This kind of depraved conduct toward animals will not be tolerated in Westchester County. My Office will continue to direct resources to prosecute animal abuse and mistreatment and hold offenders accountable."

Jones could have received up to a 2-year maximum jail sentence. Rocah's office sought a sentence of 18 months. Two of our readers wanted Jones to receive the maximum sentence. "Since animal cruelty is a heinous crime and needs to be treated as such, It is good to hear that the despicable human who threw a puppy out of a moving car into traffic, killing the innocent pup, has been sentenced to 14 months behind bars - and I hope there is such a thing as "prison justice" and this scum gets a taste of his own medicine. However, the sentence must also include a life-long ban on this monster ever coming into contact with an animal again. Animal abusers are a danger to all," writes Christina DeRespiris, from New Rochelle.

M. Lebrya, from Cortlandt writes, "What's to say... when an act is so heinous as to be almost unbelievable. Such as a 34 year old grown man violently killing & cursing his victim in the vilest, ugliest words in front of the whole world to hear. His victim? A 3 month old female puppy. There is nothing, absolutely nothing, that a 3 month old puppy could've possibly done to deserve this fate, ending her life before it's hardly begun. Or should being thrown out of a car window into traffic be anyone's life-ending fate? If any animal cruelty case deserved the two year allowable maximum jail sentence, it would seem to be this one. Yet the prosecuting Assistant District Attorney & Animal Cruelty Coordinator, MaryAnn Liebowitz & Judge James McCarthy apparently agreed on a lesser 14 month sentence "for some reason." Meanwhile County DA, Miriam Rocah, proudly announced the lesser jail sentence on Jan. 5, 2023. And then goes on to pontificate about how her office is holding animal abusers accountable, saying, "This kind of depraved conduct

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## YPD vs YFD Toughman Raises \$90K For Great Causes



PBA President Keith Olson, left, Len Spano, 2nd left with members of the YFD and YPD, present checks to the Yonkers PAL and the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center for \$40,000 each, from proceeds of the annual YPD vs YFD Toughman held in Oct. of last year.

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## City Councilmember Shanae Williams to Run for County Legislator Will Challenge Johnson in Dem. Primary



City Councilmember Shanae Williams

By Dan Murphy

On Jan. 9, Yonkers City Councilmember Shanae Williams announced her candidacy for Westchester County Legislator, in the 16th District. "Today marks the day the residents of Yonkers' 16th Westchester County Legislative District can expect accountability, transparency, and above all else, action from your County Legislator. I am running for County Government to ensure that we finally address issues that affect our everyday quality of life such as homelessness, affordable housing, better youth supports and safety nets, and equitable access to county resources," said Williams, who has served for 4 years on the Yonkers City Council, and whose term expires at the end of this year.

"My experience, history and record on the City Council, coupled with my dedication to the community has primed me to serve as the next County Legislator. I have been a resident of the 16th District for over 24 years. I have spent 12 years working in city government with the last 6 years on the City Council creating policies and initiatives that impact the people of Yonkers. These include fighting for more affordable housing, providing funds for education, youth programs and nonprofits, creating the homeless task force that led to solutions for this vulnerable population, allocating funding for our public servants including police, fire and public works employees, and having invested in the city's infrastructure while focusing on climate solutions."

Williams will challenge the incumbent democrat, County Legislator Christopher Johnson, in a democratic primary in June. The winner of the democratic primary in June will almost certainly get elected in November in the democratic 16th district.

We spoke to Williams, who told us:

Why I am running. "I don't see the current legislator representing our district. The reason why I'm running for County Legislator is to help the people in my district. We need representation and that's why I'm running."

On the City Council, Williams has worked on the issue of homelessness, with many residents and businesses in the first council district seeing more homeless on the streets. Westchester County is responsible for the services and funding of the homeless population throughout Westchester, and in Yonkers.

"The issue of homelessness has been near and dear to my heart since I started on the council. There has been an increase in our homeless population in our city and our streets, and it impacts that quality of life for all of us. This is a county issue, and I have tried to work with our county legislator on this issue, but I think we need someone else representing us, to make sure the county steps up.

"If elected, I would try to combat homelessness by supporting issues and

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## Melvina Lathan to Lead Nepperhan Community Center



By Dan Murphy

In an effort to re-new the neighborhood center, the Nepperhan Community Center Board of Directors decided to appoint a new Executive Director and re-organize its board.

On January 4 at 10AM Mayor Mike Spano swore-in members of the NCC Board of Directors and welcomed the new Executive Director, Melvina Lathan.

Lathan is a Former Commissioner for the New York State Athletic Commission, Former Director of Youth Development with Yonkers PAL, Board of Directors of International Boxing Federation, President of American Association for the Improvement of Boxing, a Yonkers Community Advocate, and a member of Mayor Spano's Women's Advisory Board.

NCC Board President Evan Inlaw said, "We as the board of Nepperhan Community

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L-R-Diana Temple Brown (Happy 75th Birthday!), Arthur Melendez Jr., Councilmember Shanae Williams, NCC Exec. Director Melvina Lathan, Mayor Mike Spano, Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz, and Dwanita Crosby, Dorothy Swinton. photo by Donna Davis. Temple-Brown, Melendez, Crosby and Swinton are NCC Board members.



## Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus Yonkers Presents New Year New Beginnings



*Honorees Mae Williams and Symra Brandon (seated) with WBWPC Countywide President Subomi Macauley, Yonkers Chapter President Charlotte Vinson, WBWPC Yonkers Chapter Founder Cheryl Brannan & Yonkers Chapter Past President Kisha Skipper (L-R)*

On Jan. 8, The Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus-Yonkers Chapter hosted a New Year Event at Castle Royale in Yonkers. The more than 100 attendee event, honored two members of the organization, Honorable Symra D. Brandon (40 years) who is the First African American Woman elected to the Yonkers City Council (First District) and Honorable Mae Williams (38 years) who served as the Countywide President, President of the Yonkers Chapter and is currently the Chairperson of the Bylaws Committee.

The event was organized by co-chairpersons Robin Brumfield and Ghia Clarke with the support of chapter treasurer Debra Williams. Dr. Alexandria Connally served as the Mistress of Ceremony and led the event with a combination of comedy and heartfelt storytelling of accounts that included both honorees and other present. The history of the organization was presented by the chapter founder Cheryl Brannan, as several past presidents of the chapter were in attendance including Tai Johnson, Kisha Skipper and Beryl Weaver.

Those in attendance included New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senator Shelley Mayer, New York State Assembly Member James Gary Pretlow, six members of the County Board of Legislators, including Majority Leader Christopher A. Johnson presented the honorees with proclamations. Also in attendance was Yonkers Mayor Michael Joseph Spano and three members of the Yonkers City Council (Merante, Pineda-Isaac and Williams), two of whom are members of the Yonkers Chapter.

Yonkers City Court Judges Doran, Scatterico-Nabor, Inlaw and Shako, as well as many other elected officials from around the County of Westchester were also in attendance. There were representatives from the offices of Congressman Jamaal Bowman, County Executive George Latimer, and Deputy County Executive Kenneth Jenkins.

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## Student Stabbed at Yonkers Middle High School by Two Other Students



On Jan. 6, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to reports of a stabbing incident at Yonkers Middle High School at 8:40 AM. Preliminary investigation has yielded that a 16-year-old student victim was assaulted by two 17-year-old student suspects: a dispute that originated in the area of a second-floor bathroom escalated to physical violence when the two older students punched and kicked the younger student, and then one of the older students stabbed the victim with a knife. School Security immediately responded and stopped the fight.

The victim was transported to a local area trauma center in stable condition and is undergoing surgery to treat his injuries. Both suspects were placed under arrest and it is anticipated they will be charged with felony assault; due to their ages, no identifying information will be released. The knife has been recovered. The motivation for this incident remains under active investigation.

There were no threats to public safety and the school resumed normal operations.

Both 17-years-olds have been charged with second-degree attempted murder and first-degree assault, according to Yonkers Police.

The two suspects are considered Adolescent Offenders and will appear in youth criminal court. Their names will not be released.

"The situation was quickly brought under control by school personnel. There is no threat to public safety," Yonkers Public Schools Communications Officer Jerilynne Fierstein said. "The school's Pupil Support professionals are available to assist students or staff. There will be additional District staff at the school throughout the day."

Mayor Mike Spano said, "We believe this is an isolated incident, I want to assure students and parents that we continue to review all school safety protocols and make appropriate changes as needed. The safety and security of our students and staff remain a top priority, while providing them with a safe space to learn and thrive."

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## City of Yonkers Sues Mt. St. Vincent College, Contractor, for lack of work at City Park



overgrown ballfield at Fay Park

By Dan Murphy

The City of Yonkers recently filed suit against Mt. Saint Vincent College and Concrete Contracting Construction, for their lack of completion of renovations at Fay Park, located in the Ludlow neighborhood of Yonkers at Abeel Street and Depeyster Street.

On Nov. 27, 2018 the city and college entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for the purpose of collaborating on a large project to redo/restore the softball and baseball fields located at Fay Park.

The purpose of the arrangement was to help the college meet its need for additional athletic playing fields to serve the students at its adjoining Bronx campus. The arrangement would also allow Yonkers residents to benefit from these improvements at a reduced cost to the city.

The project was to be completed in two phases. The college was responsible for completing Phase I, at its expense, and the City of Yonkers would complete Phase II at a cost not to exceed \$560,000.

The First Phase involved renovating two fields both the infield and outfield and drainage and irrigation systems. The college retained Concrete Contracting Construction, to perform the Phase I work.

On March 30, 2019 the college and contractor entered into an agreement for the college's portion of the work at Fay Park, which the city was not a party to.

It was believed that the City of Yonkers would be a third party beneficiary for the construction contract and the contractor knew that. The work was set to begin on June 15, 2019.

As of Jan. 2020 the work was still incomplete and failed to progress from that point forward and work that was performed was unfinished or defective.

Eventually, the City claims in its suit, defendants abandoned the work at Fay Park, and due to defendants negligence and abandonment, Fay Park was left in a state of disrepair and the fields were effectively destroyed. And City residents were unable to use Fay Park, and still are to this day.

The ballfields are now overgrown with vegetation and dirt, left in a hazardous condition. Starting in the spring of 2020, the city and the college began conversations about how to fix the problem, with the college explaining that it had no intention of continuing to work with the contractor, who failed to perform the agreed upon work.

The City received numerous complaints about the park from residents and organizations. Sports teams could no longer play on the field and some residents complained of flooding from the damage at the park.

The City hired its own contractor to complete the work at a cost of \$700,000 in March 2022. In April 2022, the City proposed that the college pay \$250,000 of the cost, with the City paying for \$470,000.

The College did not agree to move forward, and the City is now suing the college for breach of contract, with damages of \$700,000.

The City is also suing Concrete Contracting Construction for \$700,000 for their failure to perform their contract with the college and the damage to Yonkers.

The City is also claiming damages because the park and ballfields are now in worse condition than when the agreement was made, and that the subsequent lack of performance created a nuisance for the residents and taxpayers of Yonkers. The total amount sought by the City is \$3.5 Million.

Residents in the Ludlow neighborhood have been complaining about the damages at Fay Park for some time. Resident Eileen O'Connor said, "Residents of Ludlow Park were without a safe, open neighborhood space, in the middle of the pandemic of the century. Both Adults and Children were unable to walk to their field and play ball for the last 3 years. We are very glad the COY did the repairs needed so these fields can be used in the spring. We can't wait!!"

## Have They Finished the Vote for Speaker?



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Democracy was in action last weekend in Washington, D.C. Screw the people. Screw the Congressmen and their families. They came to see their loved ones sworn in. Normally a 2-3 hour event. But some Republicans were not happy with candidate Kevin McCarty, so 15, yes 15 votes were taken before he won the Speakership.

First time this happened in 500 years. And here, we thought Republicans were going to come in with a bang. Deal with all the issues Democrats didn't like. My guess is the Republicans wanted to fill hotels which normally would have been empty. It's good for the economy..

Yes, if your family doesn't have babies and young children in school and elderly relatives in town for this special Occasion, But this is something they will witness once in a lifetime. Instead of witnessing the swearing in, they stayed in a hotel room for 4 days waiting for McCarthy to gather the necessary votes. They had to be at the Speaker's beck and call.

Moral of the story ? Mr. McCarthy, count your votes before you drag families with children to our Nation's Capitol. The Democrats just sat back and enjoyed the Republican chaos. The kids missed school and the representatives have elderly relatives who may have difficulty traveling.

And what does the vote say? If it was one vote or two, no big deal. But 15 votes. Means for the next two years we will have 'trouble in River City' aKa Washington.

George Santos

We had Richard Blumenthal lie about his military background on the way to Congress from Connecticut (He was Attorney General before Congress). He's still in office. Bruce Caputo who represented Yonkers lied about his military service and he was forced to resign from Congress. Double standard. And now we have George Santos from Long Island who lied just about everything.

I'll tell you about some of Santos lies shortly. How do these men and woman get elected to office. Doesn't their opponent check them out. Years ago it was a hard thing thing to check someone's background, but with the internet and computers it's a piece of cake today. And people react violently and want the liar out of office

Santos lies: said he went to Horace Mann School and they have no record of his attendance and neither does Baruch College where he claimed to have gotten a degree. Goldman Sachs and Citigroup where he claimed to have worked and neither has any record of him.

He claimed to own 13 properties which he does not. He said he was Jewish and admitted he was Catholic. He said he was Jewish and when the Post questioned him said he was Catholic. Are your nauseous at this guys lies yet?

He does win the prize for most lies by a Congressman elect. So how do we get this criminal out of office. Both the Speaker and the leader of the minority Democrats should be calling for his resignation. He should not be assigned an office in the Capitol nor district and they should take away his budget. Let him work in the hallway. Residents of his district should continue their boycotts ferociously.

George Santos is in the swamp. Isn't that the kind of elected official they want to get rid of! And now we hear he is wanted in Brazil. Oy!

My Congressman, Jamaal Bowman

So Jamaal Bowman, Congressman for the North Bronx and Southern WEST-CHESTER including Yonkers got re-elected by a large margin. This despite our newspaper and me personally going after him for his position on the issues, particularly his no vote on the the Infrastructure Bill. Time for a truce.

I hope to have him on my radio show and discuss with him some of my concerns about some of the positions he has taken. I want to encourage him to visit events in his district more and improve constituent services more including to Yonkers residents.

To the winner goes the spoils. If you can't beat him join him the old expression goes. I wish Congressman Jamaal Bowman good luck and many victories as he goes on to a second term,

Barbara Walters

I remember sitting in the living room as a child watching the Today Show with Hugh Downs and Barbara Walter's at the anchor table. We lost a premier journalist with the death of Barbara Walters this week.

Barbara was cut and dry. She didn't in her early years wear flashy clothes. She was sitting next to Hugh Downs, not America's flashiest anchor nor dresser. They presented the news cut and dry by today's standards.

The best salute to Barbara was a few years ago when on her baby, The View they brought out all of the women whose careers she influenced. There must have been 50 top female journalists. She was someone special, and influenced so many female journalists on television today.

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# Yonkers Police Warn of Key Fob Hacking Scheme



## Yonkers Police warn of car key fob hacking scheme.

Keyless entry systems, which allow drivers to unlock and start their vehicles without a physical key, have become a common feature in many new cars and can also be added as an upgrade. While this technology is convenient for drivers, it has also made it easier for thieves to steal vehicles. Using advanced hacking techniques, thieves can gain access to a car's computer system and drive the vehicle away without ever having to possess the owner's key fob. As a result, it is important for car owners to take precautions to protect their vehicles from theft.

In order to keep your key fobs from getting hacked, keep them away from parts of the house that are within a close range of your car, such as near your front door or garage. For more information on how to prevent key fob hacks, read this article.

### What is signal boosting?

Unlike signal boosting important information on social media, the "boost" in this context means stealing a signal. Hackers can use a device that tricks the car and your key fob into thinking they're within proximity of each other, then emit the fob's unlock signal without touching any buttons on the fob or car.

Signal boosting is normally used to unlock a car, but a similar tactic can turn on vehicles with keyless ignitions, too. There are also other remote key fob hacks, such as rolljamming, that record and spoof your key fob's unlock signal, though they're much harder to pull off. But all that someone needs to perform a signal boost is about \$20 of equipment.

### How to stop thieves from signal boosting your car fob

So how do you prevent a signal boost attack? It's not like you can activate two-factor sign-ins or install anti-malware on your key fob. The solution is actually pretty simple: block signals from reaching your key fob.

There are several ways to do this, but a Faraday bag is the most reliable. These bags create an electro-magnetic barrier that stops any signals from getting in or out of the bag, just like the "Faraday cages" the bags are named after.

You can buy inexpensive Faraday bags, boxes, and wallets online. Just put your keys (or other wireless devices you want to sequester) in the bag while you're home, especially at night.

If you don't have a Faraday bag, putting your keys in a thick metal object—like a refrigerator or a safe, for instance—would be better than leaving them out in the open, but we can't promise it will block a hacker's signal boosting as effectively as a Faraday bag. At the very least, keep your keys at the other end of your house while you're at home. The further away your keys are from your car, and the more walls and other obstacles there are between them, the harder it will be for the signals to reach.

Couple a Faraday bag with other anti-theft measures like a steering wheel claw and security cameras, and the chances of someone breaking in and potentially stealing your car become much lower. Oh, and don't keep spare keys, fobs, garage door remotes, or other valuables in your car. That way, if someone still manages to get in (windows are breakable, after all), they won't find much to steal.

## MAYOR MIKE SPANO & YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS LAUNCH

### 2023 REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. POEM/VIDEO CONTEST

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada today launch the 2023 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poem/Video Contest. This year's theme, Black Resistance, takes a look at how African Americans have fought repression from America's earliest days.

"Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is notably remembered for his persistent leadership and spreading inspiration through his speeches and writings," said Mayor Mike Spano. "It is our responsibility to accept the torch of change and continue to spread Dr. King's message of nonviolence and equality to new generations. Each year, I'm excited to launch this contest in remembrance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and witness how students are able to express their interpretation of his lasting message."

Mayor Spano will select one poem from grades 1-4, one poem from grades 5-8 and one video from grades 9-12. The winning poems and video will be displayed at Yonkers City Hall and online for Yonkers residents to enjoy. Winners will be presented a certificate from Mayor Spano and will be asked to present their work at the City's Annual Black History Month Celebration at Yonkers City Hall on Friday, February 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm.

"The relevance of Dr. King's universal message for equity, human dignity and peaceful coexistence is as powerful today as it was over half a century ago," noted Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada. "In 1964, Dr. King was recognized as a champion for civil rights earning the Nobel Peace Prize nonviolent resistance to achieve equal rights for Black Americans. Every occasion that we, as a community of learners, can encourage young people to reflect on his work and put their voice onto Dr. King's message provides an opportunity for future civil rights leaders to begin their personal journey."

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poem/Video Contest is open to all primary and secondary Yonkers students; only one poem and video may be submitted per student. Guidelines and specifications for the contest can be found at <https://www.yonkersny.gov/mlk>.

Poems and video submissions are due February 14, 2023 and may be emailed to [contest@yonkersny.gov](mailto:contest@yonkersny.gov) or sent by mail to MLK, Jr. Contest, Mayor's Office, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701. Winners will be selected by the Mayor's African American Advisory Board and will be notified on February 17th. For questions regarding the poem/video contest email Dwanita Crosby at [dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov](mailto:dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov).

## Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins to Hold Open House at Yonkers Office

New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins is inviting her constituents to an Open House to be held at her District Offices on January 19 at 5 p.m. to celebrate her new district and the New Year. The new 35th State Senate District includes the city of Yonkers and the Towns of Greenburgh and Mount Pleasant.

The event is open to constituents of the 35th State Senate District. There will be music and refreshments, as well as visits by local dignitaries. Those interested in attending the open house should RSVP by January 15 by emailing [nysenatemajorityleaderevents@gmail.com](mailto:nysenatemajorityleaderevents@gmail.com), calling (914) 423-4031 or visiting [tinyurl.com/35OpenHouse](http://tinyurl.com/35OpenHouse).

Thursday, January 19, 5 p.m.-7 p.m. 35th State Senate District Office, 28 Wells Avenue, Bldg. #3, 5th Floor, Yonkers, NY 10701.

### Williams, county board, continued from pg 1

funding programs on the county level. There has to be shared accountability and partnership. We have been doing that on the city level, with a program called Project Outreach, with Westhab, where caseworkers have worked with the homeless on the streets and get them into drop-ins, feed them, cloth them and help them with issues like substance abuse or mental illness. It's more about finding them a shelter, most need treatment.

"The program has been successful, but the city cannot sustain the program. The City Council funded the program for \$2 Million, but long term, it's the county government's responsibility.

The County has not stepped up for Yonkers, and the current legislator has failed to make sure that it happens. The county, through the DSS, and its temporary housing assistance program, needs to work with non-profits to keep this going. I'm running to make sure this happens.

Williams wants to make sure that Westchester County government funds the city of Yonkers, the county's largest city, fairly and that Yonkers gets its fair share of funding.

"I want to make sure that county government prioritizes the people of Yonkers. In Mount Vernon, the county funded Memorial Field with \$40 Million, and it needed to happen. But in Yonkers, the kids in this district did not have a pool for last summer when the pool at the Y broke. We asked the County for \$1 Million to fix the pool and they said no. We need leaders who make sure we get equitable access and funding for the people of Yonkers.

As the biggest city in Westchester, Yonkers deserves its fair share. Right now, we have leaders who can't deliver.

When we asked Williams if she was surprised by the lack of results by Legislator Johnson, she said, "No, I'm not surprised. He is absent and doesn't follow through. We need someone to do the work that is required. We don't have a fighter for us on the county board and we have to put the people of this district first. I want a fighter for Yonkers, and we don't have that now.

Williams ran for Westchester County Clerk in 2021, and narrowly lost to longtime clerk, democrat Tim Idoni, receiving 49% of the vote. "It was a great experience, and I learned a lot about the county. I ran a race with no support and little funding and almost won. The people knew I care and that we needed change and I hope that those democrats will help me in this race. I'm the same person and I'm here to inspire and help.

Williams and Johnson also differ on another issue, banning Menthol cigarettes. Johnson voted yes for the ban, which was vetoed by County Executive George Latimer. Williams did not support the ban and wrote a letter to Latimer urging him to veto. "We need legislators to focus on common sense laws and not harm small businesses and communities of color. This ban would have directly affected small businesses and the black and brown and Arab population.

Williams has served on the council since 2018. "We have done a lot of good things on the council and I'm so proud of the work I have helped accomplish. But I see that there is so much more that can be done for the people of Yonkers on the county level, and I want to go up to White Plains and get it done.

"I believe in democracy and earning the vote of the people. I believe that any candidate who wants to make an impact as a leader must take their case to the people by sharing their views, their record, and an action plan for change. I am optimistic that after a review of my record and ideas, the voters of the 16th district will vote for me as their next County Legislator to bring the much-needed change and a breath of fresh air to the county."

Williams was appointed to her council seat in 2018, and won election in 2019. She also ran for Westchester County Clerk in 2021 and got 49% in the democratic primary, coming very close to beating longtime County Clerk Tim Idoni.

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# Latimer Gives COVID Update: 9 Deaths in Westchester Last Week

	2021	2022	2023
Active Cases	10,238	36,345	3,028
Hospitalized	489	627	263
Infection Rate		21.4	10.9
Fatalities	38	47	9
Percentage Fatalities	2.3	1.1	0.9

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Executive George Latimer delivered in his weekly address, an update on the number of COVID cases to residents of the county. Latimer, as he has done for the past three years, calmly presented the data and the facts, which showed the following:

9 COVID Deaths in Westchester last week. In comparison, Westchester had 47 deaths for same period in 2022 and 38 deaths in 2021. 3,028 active cases, compared to 36,345 in 2022 and 10,238 in 2021. 263 Hospitalizations in 2023, compared to 627 in 2022 and 489 in 2021.

Latimer's message was that while COVID cases, hospitalizations and deaths are rising they are no where near the numbers of 2022 and 2021. Vaccinations began in 2021.

Hospital beds filled with COVID cases are also down compared to 2022 and 2021. April 2020-1,194 residents--2,7000 hospital beds total. -44% at one time occupied from COVID. Only 9.7% of total capacity of hospital beds are filled with COVID cases now.

"More Westchestser residents are vaccinated 85% estimated. We made no vaccinaton mandate in Westchester. This was the residents of Westchester making an educated decision to get vaccinated," said Latimer. 85% vaccination rate has gotten us a lower number of cases and a lower number of hospitalizations and deaths," said Latimer. "COVID is going to be with us, it will not be eradicated. We have not reached anything like the point of going back to 2022 and 2021 numbers. This is not the centralizing force of our society. we have tried to strike that balance in Westchester County."

A total of 2,943 Westchester residents have died since the pandemic began in 2020.

## Fourth Precinct Community Council Meeting Jan. 19

The Fourth Precinct's Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, January 19, 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.

Send us your letters, opinions, photo and story ideas to [dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com](mailto:dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com)

### 14 month jail sentence, continued from pg 1-

toward animals will not be tolerated in Westchester County." & "My Office will continue to direct resources to prosecute animal abuse & mistreatment & hold offenders accountable." However the focus is no longer on the victim at this point, or if the lesser than two year maximum sentence, lessens it's deterrent effect for would be domestic animal killers. It took 9 months from the crime, to get the killer sentenced. It's time to hope most of the sentence will be served before a parole date will be announced. RIP little 'Lady.'

Some residents are wondering if another individual will serve jail time after being arrested. The Yonkers Police wrote on Jan. 6. "Remember him? Franklyn Rosario, 25-years-old and from the Bronx, was arrested yesterday for shoplifting from Marshall's on Central Park Avenue - again. Only this time 1st Precinct Officers Joseph DiBenedetto and Keith Terraforte were on scene before he could leave the area...with help from Marshall's loss prevention who followed and pointed him out. Franklyn was a real tough guy the other day when a couple of good Samaritans tried to stop him from shoplifting and he pushed past them; this time when approached by police, he tucked tail and tried to run, but didn't get too far. Now he faces felony larceny charges including weapons and drug possession, obstruction, resisting arrest and more. We think it's fair to say that society is fed up with blatant thieves like Franklyn, to the point that civilians are now taking action - which we advise against for your own personal safety. But to stop recidivist criminals like him - this is his 13th arrest - there must be consequences for bad behavior. And no, shoplifting is NOT a victimless crime: prices go up, quality-of-life goes down, criminal acts beget other criminal acts, businesses leave, etc. The Yonkers Police will always do our part to deliver perpetrators of crime into the legal system where they must be held accountable.

"Watch the video link <https://twitter.com/i/status/1611762377703260160>.

The thief walked to the nearest bus station, when YPD arrived. He claimed that the bag full of stolen items "isn't his," and then attempts to flee before being placed under arrest."

We agree with the YPD, that the community is getting fed up with shoplifters walking into stores and cleaning out the shelves. It means that there are fewer items for us to shop, and guess who has to pay for the shoplifting in the end? We-the consumers do-because the business just raises prices.

We will follow the progression of this case and report back.

# On This Day in Yonkers History...



1930's movie star Mary Pickford

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

Monday, January 16th

January 16, 1928: The monoplane owned by A. R. Martine of North Broadway was forced to abandon its third attempt to break the world's endurance record because of sleet. Piloted by Clarence Chamberlin and Roger Q. Williams, another attempt was made within a few weeks.

January 16, 1945: Accused of altering a signal monitor report by a handwriting expert, Lieutenant Edward O'Connor offered testimony of fellow officers to prove he was not involved in the Copcutt Lane gambling incident. Officer John Terry, Radio Telegraph Division, was on duty at the time of the incident. He stated no calls had come through from the area of Copcutt Lane. O'Connor's attorney Paul Bleakley asked the charges be dismissed for lack of evidence; Trial Commissioner Francis Duffy reserved decision. While questioning Patrolman Fred Connolly, Broderick intimidated Connolly, claiming he pushed aside the night watchman, and threatened to arrest all the men there. It was the first time anyone had suggested Connolly had entered the building, and there was no evidence presented to support the claim.

Tuesday, January 17th

January 17, 1928: After several long moths of litigation, Surrogate Judge George Slater announced the estate of Charles Otis of Buena Vista Avenue, the last surviving son of Elisha Otis, was settled. At the time of the probate, Margaret Otis Nesbit Otis announced she was the widow of the deceased. A cousin of Otis, she was his housekeeper, and eventually married him. She settled for \$131,000. The remainder was split between nieces and nephews who were named in Otis' will.

January 17, 1949: John Flynn, former president of the Yonkers Junior Chamber of Commerce (Jaycees) received the US Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award, presented for his "outstanding service and accomplishment contributing to the enrichment of a NY community." He was the originator of the Yonkers Civic Service School in 1945, a project that won both national and state awards and was adopted by other municipalities throughout the country. Flynn was Yonkers Mayor from 1961-1966 and NYS Senator from Yonkers 1967-1986.

Wednesday, January 18th

January 18, 1933: The protest by Alberta Miller, mother of slain fire fighter Warren Miller, over daughter-in-law Anne Miller receiving her son's pension after fatally stabbing him, was denied. Assistant Corporation Counsel Raymond Hannon stated Yonkers had no legal grounds to withhold the pension since Anne was exonerated in the fatal stabbing of her husband; Medical Examiner Amos Squire ruled the stabbing was "justifiable homicide" and she acted in self-defense.

January 18, 1954: Robert Jacobson Pharmacy and YPD helped save a NYC life! Jacobson's had a large refrigerator, and was able to store a variety of serums. St. Elizabeth's Hospital desperately needed a rare gas gangrene serum. The hospital sent out a call... Jacobson's had it! Sergeant Lester Brent sped to the pharmacy to pick up the lifesaving medicine, then raced to the city line where NYPD officers waited to rush it to the hospital.

Thursday, January 19th

January 19, 1944: Yonkers Postmaster William Cronin announced 38 postal workers were given 60-day deferments by local draft boards. Cronin filed deferment applications with local boards and sent copies to the Post Office Department in Washington as additional depletion of the Yonkers staff for war service would cause sharp curtailment of service and elimination of some deliveries.

January 19, 1954: School 26 mothers kept their children home from school because of the "hazardous conditions" of roads leading to the school. The day before, one of the school buses had gotten stuck in a snow bank on the school grounds; it took an hour to extricate it. Only 44% of the children attended and just 24 of the 165 students who rode school buses went to school.

Friday, January 20th

January 20, 1932: City Judge Charles Boote ordered police to arrest any young man who attempted to "pick up" an unescorted girl on the street. Enraged by a lothario who not only tried to entice a girl into his car, he insulted and used profane language to the officer who attempted to reprimand him. Boote directed, "Officers, from now on, whenever you see any boy stop an automobile and attempt to speak to girls they do not know, place everyone in that car under arrest immediately."

January 20, 1939: The Yonkers Academy of Medicine asked city officials to help eliminate people with "political influence and financial means" from receiving free medical treatment at the municipal clinics!

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Yonkers Workforce Development Board would like to inform the public of our January 27, 2023 Board meeting.

The meeting will take place at the Hudson River Museum, 511 Warburton Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701 at 10:00am.

Free parking is available.

*Eric Schoen continued from pg- 3*

Sussman vs. the Term limit abolitionists

So happy that Michael Sussman is representing those who want to keep term limits for Mayor and City Council offices. Let's just say Michael has a lot of experience in dealing with issues related to our fair city!

Masks

So everyone is masking up again. Far be it from me to tell you what to do. But I think I would not be suffering from the sniffles if I had worn a mask, particularly in public places with a lot of people.

**Listen to Eric Schoen on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge**

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Notice of formation of PERIGONMED LLC. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/2022. 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, 73 Market st suit 300 Yonkers NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Castillo Adventures LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 9/7/2022. Office: Westchester County. United States Corporation Agents, INC. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served, and they shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 8084 Woodruff Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10708. Purpose: Real Estate and Rental Property.

Notice of formation of JCJ Electrical LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on 01/06/2022. 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, 15 Dexter Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of KMCG LLC filed with the SSNY on 1/9/2023.

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, 221 Devoe Ave, Yonkers NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

## Yonkers Toughman--Finest vs Bravest-Raises \$90,000 for Chairty -\$40k to the Yonkers PAL; \$40K to the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center

On Jan. 4, the Yonkers PBA presented checks for \$40,000 to the Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and \$40,000 to the Yonkers PAL. The money was raised at the October 28th YPD vs YFD Toughman boxing competition.

Brian Harrington from ESPC was on hand as well as Lenny Spano and Marisol Mancebo from the PAL. Also in attendance were many members of the YPD and YFD, including some of the fighters.

The toughman competition raised \$90,000 in one night! The remaining \$10,000 went to two other great, local, Yonkers causes. More on this next week!

Great job YPD and YFD!

### WBWPC, continued from pg 2-

Honoree Symra Brandon commented "As a former city councilperson and trailblazer it was important to lay the groundwork for African American women coming after me." Honoree Mae Williams mirrored the sentiment adding "we have worked diligently to ensure that Black women have a seat at every table and there is still more work to do."

The welcome speech by Countywide President Subomi Macauley included "As we begin this new year, we are honored to recognize our living legends, one being the First Black Council Woman here in the City of Yonkers and a 40-year member of our organization... We are SOLD OUT and this is wonderful".

Yonkers Chapter President Charlotte Vinson concluded the program stating, "I am very excited about the turn-out for our honorees including Mae Williams who has been a member of our chapter for 38 years and a trailblazer throughout the county."

Officers and members of the County-wide Executive Committee and others from each of the remaining five chapters that represent the non-partisan political organization joined the Yonkers Chapter for the celebration. The event was a great success and hopes to be the first of many.

### Yonkers History, continued from pg 5-

Saturday, January 21st

January 21, 1931: H. H. Sheldon, Professor of Physics at NYU, labeled the laying of beer hose through the Yonkers sewer system as "the outstanding engineering feat" in bootlegging! "...a four-inch hose made of rubber and copper was strung through the city sewer system for a distance of 6,000 feet. It ran from a soft drink brewery to a garage more than a mile distant. To lay such a tube, bend it around corners, would be an engineering job of high order, even if done openly. To lay it secretly presents extraordinary difficulty. Yet it was done."

January 21, 1931: Yonkers gave a ticket to Mary Pickford's car! She was in Yonkers to attend a preview of her latest picture "Kiki," at the Strand Theater. Her chauffeur parked in front of the World War Memorial, and received a summons. Because he was unfamiliar with our parking regulations, Judge Boote gave him a suspended sentence.

Sunday, January 22nd

January 22, 1931: A solemn High Funeral Mass was said at St. Denis Church for Alfred McCann, pure food crusader, lecturer, author, radio star and Park Hill resident. Because of the popularity of McCann and his radio show, WOR Radio broadcast it outside the church for the large crowd there. The family received many messages of condolence, including from Cardinal Hayes and former Governor Alfred Smith.

January 22, 1958: Public Safety Commissioner Milton Goldman announced all-night-traffic-lights would be turned off, either at 10 pm or 1 am. Only lights at 16 major intersections, such as McLean and South Broadway, would remain on 24 hours a day.

Questions or comments? 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.

## Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers

### Public Notice of Revised Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan

In accordance with federal law and regulation, the Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY) is revising its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Administrative Plan. The proposed revisions to the HCV Administrative Plan are available for review and comment from Monday, January 16, 2023 to Wednesday, February 15, 2023, on the MHACY website: [www.mhacy.org](http://www.mhacy.org). To review the revisions to the Administrative Plan Chapter 4-1B Applying for Assistance [CV GB, 4-11-4-16]; Chapter 17-VI.D Selection from the Waiting List [24CFR 983.251 (c)]; and Chapter 18-V.E. Selection from the Waiting List [24 CFR 983.251 (c)] in its current and revised form, please visit the MHACY website at <https://www.mhacy.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023/01/Redline-Chapter-4-MHACY-Admin-Plan.pdf>

Written comments on the proposed revisions must be addressed to "Attention: Marcie Ciuffetelli, Leased Housing Director, MHACY Administrative Plan" at the MHACY Main Administrative Office, 1511 Central Park Avenue, P.O. Box 35, Yonkers, NY 10710-0035, and must be received by the close of business (5:00 pm) on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

Public hearings to receive public comments on the proposed revisions to the HCV Administrative Plan will be held on Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 11:00 am and 6:00 pm via the Zoom format. The Zoom meeting information can be accessed

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88678012872?pwd=cEJZMU1DZHkrM0FyEiMTXhYUHZIZz09>

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For questions regarding the HCV Administrative Plan proposed revisions, please contact Marcie Ciuffetelli at (914) 793-8400 ext 123.

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## Yonkers Represented: Mary J. and Ella Make Rolling Stones Top Singers of All Time



Two of Yonkers greatest singers of all time were recognized in Rolling Stone magazines 200 Best Singers of All Time. (www.rollingstone.com/music/music-lists/best-singers-all-time-1234642307/)

Mary J. Blige reached #25 in the rankings, while Ella Fitzgerald came in at #45.

#25-Growing up, Mary J. Blige turned to singing as an escape, and early on she often wrestled her demons in performance. “There would be times where she would be in the studio singing and it would be the dopest take in the world, but she would be crying,” producer Chucky Thompson recalled of working on Blige’s second album, My Life. But the singer took a firmer grip on her life and career, and her singing gained in turn — the deep emotion intact, the pitchiness eliminated. Most of all, the character — someone who’s been through it and refuses to give up. —M.M.

45-Voices change — that’s what aging does. But although Ella Fitzgerald’s style deepened — her voice gained in character and her phrasing in perception — her voice itself generated the illusion of youthfulness for decades, all the way to her sixties. What a run! Fitzgerald’s famously precise enunciation was right there from her first recording, 1938’s “A-Tisket — A-Tasket,” with Chick Webb’s orchestra. But if rock-raised ears may find Fitzgerald’s portrait-painter precision a mite proper, the very grain of her voice is always wonderfully earthy. She’s sensuous, learned, and spry, and she’s worth hearing in every phase of her career. —M.M.

### NCC Melvina Lathan, continued from pg 1-

Center, Inc. are pleased with our choice, in the person of Melvina Lathan, for a new director of the corporation. Ms. Lathan has a wealth of professional experience having worked many years with the International Boxing Federation and the Yonkers PAL; and she also brings a great deal of wisdom gained from life experience — along with a dedication to and passion for helping the Yonkers community.”

“Financially, the Nepperhan Community Center has gone through very difficult times; and we, as the board of directors, look forward to working with Ms. Lathan toward the goal of brighter days to come: brighter days for the Nepperhan Community Center, and brighter days for the community of people in Yonkers. Stay tuned,” said Inlaw.

We spoke to Lathan about her new position. “I got a call from the board to ask if I would be interested in helping out the Nep. (NCC). At first, I wasn’t sure what they wanted me to do. I told them I could help with some of the children’s programming from my experience with the PAL. But after 2 or 3 meetings they offered me the position of Executive Director.”

“We need some time and some help to put things back together, but the primary focus will be on providing our seniors, and youth, a place to go to that they can rely on.”

“I have my hands full but its worth it because I want to restore NCC to its place as a space where people feel they belong and where they can come and feel comfortable. We want to give the center back to the community, but I need the community to help us in this effort.”

“I am thankful that the Mayor has offered his support. We need more structure and I’m learning more about the organization every day. My vision is to move forward and not dwell on the past.

“The most valued people on this planet are our seniors. They are all family to me, and I want to show our elders that respect by making NCC a special place for them once again.”

“This is a work in progress and will not happen overnight. But it will take a village and I want and welcome the assistance of the community to make it happen. I will do anything I can to make it work, understanding that there has to be order here to function, and understanding that we are rebuilding.”

“I am not coming her to make major changes, I’m just allowing it to continue so I can watch and see where we can make improvements. And I will help make that happen.”

“We may have to make some improvements to the building and make sure there are no health issues. This will be a major undertaking but it will be a group effort. My women from the Mayor’s Women’s Advisory Board are all with me and willing to help,” said Lathan.

This reporter’s experiences with Lathan at the PAL were all positive. We would ask the people of Yonkers to help her in this effort, to help rebuild a very important place for many of the city’s residents, and pray for her success.

## YPIE Welcomes Newest Class of Scholars on the Path to College Success



L-R-YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, YPIE Exec. Director Sam Wallis, and Mayor Mike Spano, welcome the newest class of YPIE scholars

On Tuesday, December 20th, YPIE hosted its first in-person Induction Ceremony since the before the pandemic. The YPIE team was thrilled to welcome more than 200 9th-graders from all eight Yonkers public high schools as the newest class of YPIE Scholars.

Held at the Yonkers Riverfront Library, students, family members, and YPIE staff joined to celebrate the newest YPIE Scholars as they embark on their journeys to college.

YPIE’s Executive Director Sam Wallis, welcomed students to YPIE, commending them for taking the first step towards achieving their goals by applying for the program. “This group is even more extraordinary,” he shared, “because you have made this commitment to yourself amidst the most challenging times. Amidst such a tough time, you found it within yourself to think about your future.”

YPIE was grateful to have Mayor Mike Spano and Superintendent Dr. Edwin M. Quezada in attendance, both sharing inspiring words with the community.

Current Yonkers 12th grade YPIE Scholars, Hector and Josue, shared their experiences with the incoming class of freshmen. Both students discussed the ways YPIE has helped them decide what they want to pursue in college by providing additional opportunities for learning and exploration.

Josue was inspired to become an English teacher and has developed his public speaking skills in the YPIE Debate major. Hector spoke of YPIE staff directing him to All Star Code, a highly competitive program that has been his first step on the path to studying Computer Science in college.

“I’m a YPIE Scholar Year of 2027 and I’d like to welcome you into the YPIE family, every single one of you, even the parents,” said Hector. “I couldn’t be more grateful for everything YPIE has done for me and everything we experienced together.”

“YPIE helped me with college, not just helping me to fill in the application, but making sure that I didn’t feel stressed,” Josue said. “The extra peer support from YPIE will really help you.”

The Induction Ceremony concluded with new Scholars reciting the YPIE Commitment to Excellence and enthusiastic applause as their names were presented by school on the screen. “We are a community of Scholars on the path to college,” students repeated in unison after Josue, reciting the YPIE Commitment to Excellence. Learn more at ypie.org.

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**L-R-Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins, BCW Chairman Jamie Schutzer, National Resources President Joe Cotter, BCW President and CEO Marsha Gordon, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Great Point Studios CEO Robert Halmi**

More than 100 business leaders and BCW members attended a special reception at iPark in Yonkers on January 5th to get a behind-the-scenes peek at the Great Point Studios/Lionsgate facility that is transforming Yonkers into Hollywood on Hudson.

Great Point Studios CEO Robert Halmi, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins attended the evening reception, where they described a city that is quickly becoming the East Coast equivalent of Burbank, California, a satellite community of Los Angeles where many media and entertainment companies operate production facilities.

Halmi, a Westchester County native, has repeatedly stated that he chose Yonkers to build three film and television production studio campuses because the city lies within a critical 25-mile radius from Manhattan. “We have everything on campus, from all the latest technology, lights, LED panels, flying cameras, anything anybody could need to make whatever they could dream of,” said Halmi, adding that his facility will transform Yonkers. “We’re building a business that will be here forever and people will move to be here. People will think that they’re coming to Hollywood, but they’re coming to Yonkers. It’s going to be the same thing.”

By the completion of construction in December 2023, the \$500 million Great Point Studios in Yonkers will be the largest media production facility in the Northeast, and it will consist of three locations. The location in downtown Yonkers on Wells Avenue will be the headquarters and primary production center. The South Campus at the former Rising Ground/Leake & Watts property will house the largest LED screen stage in the United States. The North Campus on North Broadway will be leased by Mediapro, a European film and television production company that also occupies space at the Wells Avenue location.

“This is truly Hollywood on the Hudson and I’m very excited about that,” said Mayor Spano. “We know it means jobs. We know that it means revenues for the city. We also know that it means people will have a new idea about Yonkers.”

“We all know somebody who is going to be inspired by what happens here,” said State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins. “We will compete with Hollywood with the talent and the vision, and with the cooperation of all the people here, we will become everything we all envision.”

Last month, the Connecticut-based iPark, an entity of National Resources, closed on its \$52.6 million acquisition of the former Rising Ground/Leake & Watts complex. Great Point Studios’ South Campus will also house a new media high school for the Yonkers Public Schools. The new school will open unprecedented opportunities for Yonkers youth interested in media careers at a time of explosive content production due to online streaming.

“From the fiber optic network that Great Point Studios is creating to allow instant editing of footage on site as it is recorded, to the educational initiative that will allow Yonkers students to land six-figure media jobs upon graduation, this company is at the forefront of innovation,” said BCW CEO Marsha Gordon.

## Yonkers IDA Continues Record of Success with Another Active Year Voting Final and Preliminary Approval of Financial Incentives for Developments Representing \$277 Million in Private Investment



**St. Clair rendering above, and Whitney Young rendering below**



**Over Past 4 Years, Yonkers IDA Has Provided Financial Incentives to Projects Representing Private Investment of More Than \$1.76 Billion**

Continuing its record of success, the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (IDA) reported another active year for 2022 voting final and preliminary approval of financial incentives to residential and commercial projects representing a total private investment of \$277 million. The developments are projected to create over 500 new residential units and 1,255 construction jobs.

Since 2019, the Yonkers IDA has voted financial incentives to development projects representing a total private investment of more than \$1.76 billion. The developments are projected to create approximately 3,760 new residential units and approximately 4,600 construction jobs. Ten percent of all new residential units are set aside for affordable housing.

“By providing financial incentives to residential and commercial developments, the Yonkers IDA continues to be a driving force behind the city’s remarkable economic renaissance with projects representing over \$1.7 billion in total private investment over the past four years. This incredible investment in our city is creating thousands of construction jobs and new housing, both market rate and affordable,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano who serves as Chair of the Yonkers IDA. “We look forward to another record year of success in 2023.”

Projects that received FINAL approval of IDA incentives in 2022 included:

**St. Clair Residences, Developer: MacQuesten Development, Project Location: 3 vacant parcels on 36-38 Main Street, 32 Main Street and 1-3 Riverdale Avenue, Total Private Investment: \$49.6 million. Description: 10-story mixed-use building with affordable rentals and ground-floor commercial space. Number of apartments: 76 . Construction jobs: 240**

**The Plant Manor, Developer: The Plant Manor LLC, Project Location: 1097 North Broadway, Total Private Investment: \$48.6 million, Description: Transform private estate into venue for weddings, professional events with film and audio production, Number of units: 25 guest rooms, Construction jobs: 200**

**Mary The Queen Senior Housing, Developer: Mary The Queen Housing Development Fund Corp., Project Location: 356 Vark Street, Total Private Investment: \$42.6 million**

**Description: Adaptive reuse of 4-story, 66,000 SF building for affordable housing for low-income seniors, Number of apartments: 73 , Construction jobs: 100**

**1069 Central Park Avenue , Developer: 1969 Central Park Avenue LLC, Project Location: 1069 Central Park Avenue**

**Total Private Investment: \$15.8 million, Description: 91,181 SF self-storage facility, Construction jobs: 35**

**CubeSmart, Developer: KCT Inc, Project Location: 1050 Nepperhan Avenue, Total Private Investment: \$15.4 million**

**Description: 100,000 SF CubeSmart self-storage facility Construction jobs: 50**

**Wheeler Block Lofts, Developer: Wheeler Block Yonkers LLC, Project Location: 15-23 North Broadway, Total Private Investment: \$11.5 million, Description: Combine three contiguous historic building into single building mixed-use residential building with ground-floor commercial space Number of apartments: 36, Construction jobs: 50**

Projects that received PRELIMINARY approval of IDA incentives in 2022 included:

**Warburton Avenue Apartments, Developer: Conifer Realty and Center for Urban Rehabilitation, Project Location: 321 Warburton Avenue, Total Private Investment: \$42.1 million**

**Description: Senior affordable housing, Number of apartments: 94, all affordable, Construction jobs: 140**

**Whitney Young Manor, Developer: Whitney Young Manor L.P, an affiliate of Omni New York LLC, Project Location: 354 & 358 Nepperhan Avenue, Total Private Investment: \$40 million. Description: Major rehab of two, 12-story rental buildings. Number of apartments: 195 , Construction jobs: 330**

**83-95 Vineyard Avenue, Developer: ALMF Global, Project Location: 83-95 Vineyard Avenue. Total Private Investment: \$11.5 million. Description: Four-story with ground floor apartment building to be built on a vacant lot at 83-95 Vineyard Avenue. The project will feature 24 one-bedroom and 8 two-bedroom units with on-site parking for 47 cars. Number of apartments: 32. Construction jobs: 110**

For more information about the Yonkers IDA, visit [www.yonkersida.com](http://www.yonkersida.com)

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## A Driving Force Behind the Yonkers Renaissance.

Building on a nearly decade-long economic renaissance, the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (YIDA) under the leadership of Mayor Mike Spano has been instrumental in providing financial incentives for development projects representing nearly \$5 billion in private investment and more than 9,100 multifamily units planned, completed, under construction and approved for development.

To learn more about the financial incentives provided by the Yonkers IDA, visit [yonkersida.com](http://yonkersida.com) or call (914) 509-8651.

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