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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Westchester: Twelve Historic Visits over Eleven Years



L-R-Ossie Davis, Dr. King, Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, Rev Ralph Abernathy, Phyllis Brown, Rev. Richard Dixon Jr. photo from White Plains Library Collection
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 built in front of the county office building in White Plains to memorialize his life and his time spent in Westchester. Dr. King's birthday on Jan 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.

Dr King's visited to Westchester to give speeches, visit friends and colleagues in the civil rights movement, and to raise money for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, his organization that was fighting to secure civil rights for black Americans in the south. We have taken out King's two visits to Yonkers, to use as a separate story for our Yonkers Rising paper and online at Yonkerstimes.com.

Dr. King's first visit to Westchester was in May of 1956, when he stayed at the Hastings on Hudson home of Psychologists Kenneth and Mamie Phipps Clark. The Clark's studies on the effects of racial segregation on black children were used in the Brown vs. Board of Education case before the United States

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Yonkers Gets its Second Regeneron Science Semi-Finalist Ever: Rania Khan, Gorton HS



Rania Khan

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers is abuzz after hearing the great news that Gorton High School Senior Rania Khan, was selected as one of the top 300 semi-finalists for the Regeneron Science Talent Search! In the country!

Rania is the first YPIE Regeneron Science Research Scholar to be selected and the second ever from #Yonkers. Her research focuses on the effects of combined sewer overflows on phytoplankton populations in the Hudson River.

The Regeneron Science Talent Search is the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition. Rania was selected from more than 2,100 applications and will receive \$2000 for herself and her school.

The official announcement from Regeneron reads, "Rania Khan, 18, Charles E. Gorton High School, Yonkers, NY. Project Title: Combined Sewer Overflow Neutralizing Agent Sodium Hypochlorite (NaOCl) Ramifications on the Vitality of the Tetraselmis Population Within the Hudson River."

On January 24, 40 of the 300 scholars will be named Regeneron Science Tal-

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St Mary's -Immaculate Conception Church, Yonkers Oldest Catholic Church to close Donations of \$10 Million Needed for Repairs



St. Mary's Church

By Dan Murphy

The people of Yonkers received shocking news over the past week when St. Mary's-Immaculate Conception Church, located at 103 South Broadway, will have to close its doors due to an overflow of capital projects and work required.

\$10 Million is the dollar amount believed to keep the doors open. As a result, it is anticipated that St. Mary's parishoners will merge with St. Peter's Church close by on Ludlow Street.

A petition has been started to get support to keep the church open. The link to the petition is

Three months ago, Yonkers Rising and Yonkerstimes.com featured the church in a story celebrating their 175th Anniversary. Read that story at <https://yonkerstimes.com/st-marys-immaculate-conception-church-celebrates-175th-anniversary/>

The expected time for the merger is in June. In the mean time, an effort will be made to raise funds, and or find a generous donor to come to the aid of a

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\$802 Million in Private Investments in 2023 Yonkers IDA Supported Several Projects



A rendering of Teutonia Hall

The Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (IDA) continued its key role as a driving force in Yonkers economic renaissance with another record year of voting approvals of financial incentives for residential and commercial projects representing a total private investment of \$802 million. The developments are projected to create approximately 1,700 new residential units and approximately 1,800 construction jobs.

Since 2019, the Yonkers IDA has voted financial incentives to development projects representing a total private investment of \$2.6 billion. The developments are projected to create over 5,450 new residential units and approximately 6,400 construction jobs. Ten percent of all new residential units are set aside for affordable housing.

"Thanks to the tremendous record of success achieved by the Yonkers IDA, our city is experiencing an economic expansion unmatched in the region. Major real estate companies are discovering the many benefits that our great city has to offer. The financial incentives provided by the IDA are paying significant dividends with more housing – both market rate and affordable – as well as thousands of construction jobs," said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano who serves as Chair of the Yonkers IDA.

The largest project to come before the IDA in 2023 was Teutonia Hall,

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Teach (NYS) Announces Nonpartisan Get Out the Vote Initiative in Westcheter's Jewish Community Ahead of 24' Election



Effort Includes Multiple Voter Sites Which Will Offer In-Person Voter Registration, Voter Education, Absentee Ballot Assistance, Jewish Community Engagement, and Volunteer Opportunities

Teach New York State (NYS), a division of Teach Coalition, has announced a new and unprecedented nonpartisan 'Get Out the Vote' initiative focused on the upcoming elections in Westchester County. Teach Coalition advocates for equitable funding and resources for all nonpublic schools including Jewish day schools and yeshivas.

The Jewish community of Westchester County is mobilizing to counter a wave of anti-Jewish hate incidents and other antisemitic threats and rhetoric in New York in the aftermath of the 10/7 attacks in Israel. Teach Coalition is responding to and providing support for the parents of children in Jewish schools who are concerned about security threats to their children, their educational institutions, and their houses of worship.

As a part of this campaign, Teach Coalition will open a voter site at 1297 North Avenue in New Rochelle, offering residents voter-registration support, absentee-ballot assistance, as well as community outreach to engage current and newly registered voters. The voter site will open in early February. In the following weeks, Teach Coalition will open other field offices for nonpartisan voter mobilization across southern and central Westchester County.

Teach Coalition is preparing to spend up to \$1.6 million on voter-registration and voter-turnout operations and has already raised over \$1 million to fund the initiative. Teach Coalition has set a goal of registering thousands of new minority voters.

This initiative builds on prior successful 'Get Out the Vote' campaigns organized by Teach Coalition across multiple states and communities. This includes the recent New Jersey election which saw the Jewish community voting in higher numbers than district averages across the state. In Florida, the Jewish community more than doubled average citywide voter turnout in the 2023 Miami Beach and North Miami Beach mayoral elections following Teach Florida's efforts.

"Now more than ever, it is essential that our communities come out and vote," said Dan Mitzner, Director of Government Affairs for Teach Coalition. "We are excited to leverage our expertise in voter engagement to work with the Westchester community at this time. This is a first of its kind effort, and we are confident Jewish communities across the county will do their part to vote and make a difference."

Synagogues, Jewish day schools and Jewish institutions throughout Westchester representing the broad Jewish community have signed on in support of this effort, encouraging their communities to mobilize and vote. The full list of partner organizations is in formation and can be found below.

"These elections hold critical implications for our Jewish communal institutions and especially for our schools," said Rabbi Dani Rockoff, Principal of

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Mayor Spano & Yonkers Public Schools Launch Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Art & Video Contest



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Luis Rodriguez launched the 2024 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art and Video Contest. This year's theme, African Americans and the Arts, takes a look at how African Americans have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment.

The arts are the soul of humanity, the voice of the oppressed, and the bridge of understanding," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Dr. King taught us to dream of a better world and to act with courage and compassion. Let us honor his legacy by using the arts to inspire, educate, and transform ourselves and our society. I'm excited to witness how our students will express their interpretation of his lasting message."

All students from grades 1 to 12 in Yonkers are eligible to enter the contest. Three winners will be selected. One piece of artwork from grades 1-4, one from grades 5-8, and one video from grades 9-12 will be selected. The winning pieces and video will be showcased at Yonkers City Hall and online for the enjoyment of Yonkers residents. Winners will receive a certificate from Mayor Spano and will be invited to present their work at the City's Annual Black History Month Celebration at Yonkers City Hall on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, at 6:00 pm.

"Art is more than a form of expression; it's a reflection of our community's heart and soul," said Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Luis Rodriguez. "Through the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Art and Video Contest, our students in Yonkers Public Schools become ambassadors of change and hope. Their creativity and insight into African Americans' contributions to the arts not only honor Dr. King's vision but also ignite a powerful dialogue about empowerment, history, and the enduring impact of art as a tool for social change. Let's encourage our young artists to use their talents to keep the spirit of Dr. King alive, fostering a community that thrives on understanding, respect, and unity."

Artwork and video submissions are due February 14, 2024 and may be emailed to contest@yonkersny.gov or sent by mail to MLK, Jr. Contest, Mayor's Office, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701. Guidelines and specifications for the contest can be found at www.yonkersny.gov.

Winners will be selected by the Mayor's African American Advisory Board and will be notified on February 16th. For questions regarding the art/video contest email Dwanita Crosby at dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov.

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DiNapoli: School District Tax Levy Cap Set at 2% for Third Straight Year

Property tax levy growth for school districts and 10 of the state's cities will be capped at 2%, the same as last year, according to data released today by State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli.

The tax cap, which first applied to local governments (excluding New York City) and school districts in 2012, limits annual tax levy increases to the lesser of the rate of inflation or 2% with certain exceptions. The law also includes provisions that allow school districts and municipalities to override the cap. DiNapoli's office calculated the inflation factor at 4.12% for those with a June 30, 2025 fiscal year end.

"While inflation continues to decline from recent highs, it remains well above 2%," DiNapoli said. "With one-time pandemic relief aid nearly exhausted, school district and municipal officials should carefully monitor cost growth to effectively manage their budgets and ensure they comply with the tax cap law."

The 2% allowable levy growth affects the tax cap calculations for 676 school districts and 10 cities with fiscal years starting July 1, 2024, including the "Big Four" cities of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers.

Award-Winning Documentary on Greyston Bakery to Screen at The Picture House Bronxville



Reception and panel discussion featuring filmmaker and Ben & Jerry, pictured above, will follow

Zen Brownie, an award-winning documentary on the story behind Greyston Bakery, will be shown January 25 at The Picture House in Bronxville followed by a panel discussion and special reception featuring famous ice cream makers Ben & Jerry.

The documentary by Emmy Nominated & Award-Winning Writer/Director Alison Bartlett and narrated by Jeff Bridges tells the tale of Buddhist Monks and how leading with inclusivity, kindness, and compassion has created a well-known profitable business in Greyston Bakery.

Zen Brownie recently won Special Mention from 2023 Impact DOCS Awards Competition. The film was also selected to be part of the YOFI Film Festival in November.

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Enforce Handicap Parking; No Pedaling Frozen Deserts on Highways?

By Eric Wolf Schoen



The column this week will have a serious part and a not so serious, what were they thinking, did anyone in City Hall read the legislation before they approved it part. Let's start off serious.

Yonkers and WESTCHESTER County have too few handicap parking spaces particularly in areas such as Ridge Hill where parking on the streets has been taken over by many OFFICIAL USE ONLY' signs and '15 minutes only for Loading and Unloading' signs. Handicap parking must be adjacent to stores where people go shopping, not far away in parking lots making it difficult for people with mobility issues to access.

The big problem with handicap parking is people who do not have a handicap parking placard or handicap license plate using the spot. If I have seen it once I have seen it a thousand times on the streets and in the parking lots of Yonkers and WESTCHESTER. The spots cannot be used if you are running into a store quickly to get something. They can't be used by people waiting to pick up a friend or relative from the supermarket. They can't be used by the Uber or Lyft driver waiting for their fare. Nor the food delivery man running in to pick up their order.

Handicap spots are only to be used by handicapped persons with plates or placards who would otherwise find it difficult to walk to and from a regular parking place. If a non-handicap driver is in the car, he/she must be sure the handicapped person is safely where they need to be and park in a regular parking place. During Christmas and Chanukah the handicap parking spot is not for those who want a closer place to park.

The placard is to be used by the handicap person it was issued to and not by family members or friends. If someone makes a request for a street parking handicap spot on the street where they live, anyone with a handicap parking placard or license plate can use the spot at all times. The spots are not reserved exclusively for the one who initially requested the spot.

The Yonkers City Council refined the schedule of and types of fines for cars and trucks illegally parked in December. The legal notice was posted in this fine, no pun intended newspaper. For some reason the fine for illegally using a handicap spot on the street was set at \$200 and the fine for illegally using a handicap spot off street was set at \$100. There is no difference in the violation so why the different fees. And some communities in WESTCHESTER charge \$250 in fees or jail time and have severe penalties including loss of license if you do it too often, let's say 3 or more times in a year.

Yonkers likes to put the dangerous, unfair, light time uncoordinated Red Light Camera fees in full effect collecting \$50 plus a \$15 surcharge. If the handicapped parking fines are enforced at full strength, the city would make a lot more money. But thereby lies the problem. Who is going to enforce these fines and ticket the vehicles.

Is it the job of the Police? The City Parking agents who ride in their cars giving out tickets? Or as some communities do, have volunteers who take pictures of the illegally parked cars and turn them into the court who sends out a summons signed by a judge.

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US Secret Service Partners with Iona to Forge Hiring Pathway for Students



Left, Assistant Special Agent Kent McCarthy

Iona University will serve as the recruitment hub for Hudson Valley college students interested in joining the Secret Service

Iona University is proud to announce a partnership with the United States Secret Service that will include campuswide recruitment sessions for Gaels and other college students from across the Hudson Valley to help expedite the hiring process. Kicking off the partnership this week at Iona, U.S. Secret Service agents spoke to six criminal justice classes about various career opportunities available within the agency as well as agency qualifications and duties. The special agents recounted their own academy experiences, providing valuable insights and advice so students are well-prepared for the rigorous process.

College seniors will be eligible to apply January 1, 2024. Students can visit USAjobs.gov or contact the Career Center for the latest list of vacancies. Underclassmen will also be aware of the agency's requirements and policies early in their college career to ensure preparedness.

"The Secret Service is excited to partner with Iona University as we work to recruit the next generation of Secret Service agents, officers and professionals," said Patrick J. Freaney, Special Agent in Charge of the Secret Service's New York Field Office. "Our goal for this partnership is to provide students with the insight and information they need to jumpstart a career with the Secret Service."

Matthew Cardin, assistant vice president for Enrollment Management and Career Initiatives at Iona University, said: "We are excited to partner and serve as a recruiting hub for the Secret Service and see it as a great fit for some of our students and the agency. We look forward to seeing the placements that will come from this partnership overtime."

The Gerri Ripp Center for Career Development will also offer guidance to interested students throughout the entire application process. The Secret Service will return in the Spring 2024 semester to host additional recruitment sessions and administer interviews, written examinations, and a fitness test. Applicants from the Hudson Valley will be welcomed to visit Iona University's New Rochelle campus.

To learn more about the opportunity, please contact Matt Cardin at mcardin@iona.edu.

Westchester County Legislators from Yonkers Given Committee Leadership Posts

The Board of Legislators have completed their committee assignments for the 2024-2025 term, including the creation of a new Information Technology and Cybersecurity Committee to address the challenges and needs that arise as technology continues to unfold.

Board Chair Vedat Gashi (D- New Castle, Ossining, Somers, Yorktown) said, "This is the most diverse board that the Board of Legislators has ever had. These appointments highlight the respective strengths of our Legislators who bring a dynamic range of skills and diverse perspectives to County government. The establishment of several new committees reflects the Board's commitment to addressing 21st century problems. There is so much work to be done. We are excited to get to work delivering meaningful change for the people of Westchester County."

The list of Committee Chairs is as follows:

- Budget & Appropriations by Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson (D - Elmsford, Greenburgh, Tarrytown, White Plains)
- Legislation by Legislator Colin Smith (D - Cortlandt, Peekskill, Yorktown)
- Public Works & Transportation by Legislator Erika L. Pierce (D - Bedford, Lewisboro, Mt. Kisco, North Salem, Pound Ridge, Somers)
- Labor & Human Rights by Legislator Emiljana Ulaj (D - Cortlandt, Ossining, Briarcliff, Buchanan, Croton)
- Public Safety by Majority Whip Terry Clements (D - New Rochelle, Pelham, Pelham Manor)
- Economic Development by Legislator Benjamin Boykin (D -White Plains, Scarsdale, Harrison)
- **Veterans, Seniors, & Youth by Minority Whip James Nolan (R-Bronxville, Yonkers)**
- Law & Major Contracts by Legislator David Imamura (D - Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Edgemont, Hartsdale, Hastings-on-Hudson, Irvington)
- Information Technology & Cybersecurity by Legislator Judah Holstein (D - Eastchester, New Rochelle, Tuckahoe)
- **Housing & Planning by Legislator Shanae Williams (D - Yonkers)**
- Human Services by Legislator Nancy Barr (D - Harrison, Port Chester, Rye Brook)
- **Parks & Environment by Legislator David Tubiolo (D - Yonkers, Mount Vernon)**
- Appointments by Legislator Catherine F. Parker (D- Harrison, Larchmont, Mamaroneck, New Rochelle, Rye)

Committee meetings are expected to begin the week of January 22. A full list of the new committee assignments can be viewed at <https://www.westchester-legislators.com/committees>

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ent Search finalists. The finalists will then compete for more than \$1.8 million in awards during a week-long competition in Washington, D.C., taking place March 6-13, 2024.

Rania is one of only 25 Regeneron semi-finalists from Westchester.

"Congratulations to the Regeneron Science Talent Search 2024 scholars, whose exceptional projects demonstrate their ability to use science to improve the world," said Christina Chan, Senior Vice President, Corporate Affairs at Regeneron. "In partnership with the Society, we are proud to provide this prestigious national platform that recognizes, celebrates, and rewards students for their curiosity and innovation and encourages them to push the boundaries of science to tackle society's most pressing issues."

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Woman Saved by Yonkers Police & County Police During Storm Flooding



From the Yonkers Police Department: During the intense storm earlier this month the Yonkers Police Department and Westchester County Police Department received reports of a motorist trapped in her vehicle in rising floodwaters on the Bronx River Parkway. Both departments responded to assist, as the Yonkers Police Department Emergency Service Unit donned their water rescue suits and deployed our rescue boat.

Officers were able to reach the motorist by breaking the driver's window and extracting her through it, lifting her onto the rescue boat and bringing her to safety. Her vehicle was completely submerged underwater just 30 seconds after she was removed from the vehicle. Thankfully, the motorist was uninjured.

We are thankful to have and be able to deploy these specialized resources to help our residents. We do this all with the assistance of our neighboring Law Enforcement partners at the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, as well as the many departments that protect the Cities, Towns, and Villages that make up this County.

It's no secret that we've been seeing increased flooding in our area in recent years. If you must drive during inclement weather, please be cautious of pooling water and roadways that are prone to flooding. Even just a few inches of standing water is enough to disable a small vehicle. If you see a flooded roadway, play it safe and turn around. The long way to your destination is always faster and easier than getting there in our boat. Any time you are trapped in flooded waters, call us- we'll always be there to help."

Great job!

Greyston Movie, continued from pg 3-

Greyston Bakery in Yonkers creates gold standard brownies enjoyed daily around the world through its inclusion in Ben & Jerry's ice creams. Bakers are employed through an Open Hiring® policy which means no interviews, no background checks, and no resumes are required.

"For 41 years Greyston has been unlocking human potential through inclusive employment. It began with a Buddhist and a bakery and desire to help make communities thrive by being supportive of folks society has cast aside. It has evolved into an employment model known as Open Hiring®, which is being replicated by a growing number of companies," said Greyston's CEO & President Joseph Kenner.

Clayton Bushong, Executive Director of The Picture House Regional Film Center, said The Picture House is excited to bring Zen Brownie to its Bronxville theater: "There is a lot of interest in the film and tickets are selling fast."

The film will be shown at The Picture House, 85 Kraft Avenue in Bronxville, at 6:30 p.m. followed by a second feature Wide Open Dreams and a panel discussion featuring the filmmaker, producer, wife of founder Bernie Glassman and Ben Cohen of Ben & Jerry's.

Tickets are \$20 for the general public and \$15 for TPH members and are available online at Zen Brownie at The Picture House Bronxville. The show is almost sold out.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Nationally known dramatic actor and operatic baritone Hubert Wilke

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

Monday, January 22nd

1947: Thanks to Alfred Reeves of Bronxville Road, Grand Central Terminal had hundreds of "key-locker-checking boxes" at the station. Reeves had almost missed a train several months earlier because of slow service in the checkroom. He devised a plan and presented it to Edwin Carey, head of services at Grand Central. After months of discussion and lobbying by Reeves and friends, his boxes were installed!

1952: The Common Council was asked to purchase part of the old right of way of the abandoned Putnam Railroad Getty Square spur, the area behind City Hall; the 500' by 85' property would be used to create 80 to 100 metered parking spaces. The property was bought from Petycon Realty, owned by Edward Petrillo, S. Cyrus Lewis and State Senator Will Condon; the trio had acquired most of the right of way property from the south city line to the First National Bank building. From the proceeds of the sale, the real estate company paid "reverter interests" to the estates of William Nesbitt and James and Carlton Aborn.

Tuesday, January 23rd

1929: After a 31-hour race through treacherous seas, Captain George Fried of the United States Liner America found the disabled Italian freighter Florida 700 miles off the coast of the Virginia Capes, rescuing the ship's crew of 32 people just in time. This was the second time in three years; he and his crew saved 25 officers and men from the sinking British freighter Antiope in the middle of the Atlantic.

1934: The Crestwood Citizens Association sent a formal letter asking Governor Lehman to intervene in Yonkers' proposed tax rate hike, declaring it would be "ruinous to the citizens of Yonkers." It specifically requested the State declare a moratorium on all bond payments, especially payments to the state on Yonkers securities it held.

Wednesday, January 24th

1921: The Forbes Players gave their first performance of "The Merchant of Venice" at the Warburton Theater. The company augmented its usual cast with players from the New York theater, including Yonkers own Hubert Wilke, noted dramatic actor and operatic baritone.

1942: City Manager and Acting Public Safety Commissioner Raymond Whitney "declined to comment" on Charles Burgess' allegations the large number of Yonkers' "bingo parties" were "war waste" and drained thousands of dollars from Yonkers residents. Officials were torn; although the ring of "big game operators" was very profitable, many Yonkers churches and charitable organizations ran bingo games.

Thursday, January 25th

1922: Republican Assemblyman Russell Livermore from Yonkers introduced a bill ensuring women were given equal representation on county political committees; it amended NYS election law because it increased the number of county committee members from each election district from one member to two.

Livermore's mother Henrietta, the leading suffragist in Yonkers and New York State, was the founder and first president of the Women's National Republican Club. She also was the first woman Vice Chair of the New York Re-

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following General Ordinance, to wit:

PROPOSED GENERAL ORDINANCE

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 43 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, AND THE ACCOMPANYING ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY AND REZONE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 900 NORTH BROADWAY ON THE TAX MAP AS BLOCK 3415, LOT 23, SECTION23, SECTION 3, FROM ITS PRESENT PEP DISTRICT DESIGNATION TO THE MG DISTRICT.

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

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Obituary: Dennis Richmond Sr.



Dennis Richmond Sr.

It is with deep sadness that the Yonkers Times announces the passing of Dennis Richmond, Sr., a beloved member of our community. On January 11th, 2024, he peacefully departed this life at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx, New York. Dennis, born on September 30th, 1955, in New Rochelle, New York, was a loving father, a pillar of strength, and a source of inspiration to many.

Survived by his children, Denise Richmond, Charnise Richmond, and Dennis Richmond, Jr., Dennis leaves behind a legacy of love and enduring connections with family and friends. His impact extends beyond his immediate circle, touching the lives of numerous individuals in the Yonkers community.

Residing in Yonkers from the 1980s until approximately 2022, Dennis became a familiar face through his work at Total Automotive Warehouse, where he delivered car parts. His dedication to his job mirrored his commitment to his family and community. In his retirement, Richmond loved to play at the Empire City Casino. He would have good days, sometimes bringing home prizes worth close to \$3,000.

To celebrate Dennis Richmond, Sr.'s life, a private dinner will be held in Mount Vernon, New York, on Thursday, January 18th, 2024. Yonkers Times extends heartfelt condolences to Mr. Richmond's family during this difficult time, acknowledging the profound loss felt by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

"He was my Superman," said his son Dennis Richmond, Jr. I cried so much on Thursday and Friday that it almost became a normal part of my day.

Instead of flowers, the family kindly requests that you cherish the fond memories shared with Mr. Richmond. May he rest in peace, and may his memory forever live on in the hearts of those he touched with his warmth, kindness, and spirit.-We Love You Dad.

Westchester County Parks Hiring Lifeguards for Summer 2024

Work outdoors, build your resume and make new friends as a Westchester County Parks Lifeguard this summer. Applications are now available to be considered for employment as a Westchester County Lifeguard. Applicants must be 15 years of age or older to apply. Lifeguard training courses will be announced for those who need to train to become a lifeguard.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Lifeguarding teaches teenagers and young adults a great deal of responsibility and makes for a great first job to lay the foundation of what is to be expected in the work force. I encourage those who are interested to apply and sign up for training."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "By becoming a Westchester County Parks Lifeguard, you will be joining an esteemed team that teaches life-long skills, while working in the beautiful Westchester County Parks system."

Applicants should possess a current American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid and CPR/AED for Lifeguards certifications or equivalent, and pass the Westchester County practical skills test. County parks offers training for new guards, which includes waterfront training for the option to guard at either a pool or beach.

Those applying must be able to work at varied locations including Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains, Sprain Ridge Pool and The Brook at Tibbetts in Yonkers, Willson's Waves Pool in Mount Vernon, as well as Croton Point Park Beach in Croton-on-Hudson and Glen Island Beach in New Rochelle if waterfront certified. For more information contact the County's aquatics team at pre-aquatics@westchestercountyny.gov or (914) 231-4556.

Bronx Woman Sentenced to Two Years Prison for Assaulting a Metro-North Conductor



Defendant threw a pumpkin in victim's face following dispute over train fare; caused lacerations under victim's eye that required stitches

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah and Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Chief of Police John Mueller announced today that a Bronx woman was sentenced to two years in state prison for assaulting a Metro-North Railroad conductor.

DA Rocah said: "Today's sentence holds the defendant accountable for violently attacking an essential worker who was simply doing her job. We thank the MTA Police Department for their collaboration on this case."

Chief Mueller: "Any attack against an MTA worker is unacceptable, and this case demonstrates again that perpetrators of such assaults will face justice. We are grateful to the Westchester County District Attorney's Office for ensuring successful prosecution and for its continuing collaboration to protect Metro-North employees who are serving the public."

The defendant, Alexis Adams, 23, pleaded guilty on Dec. 7, 2023, to Assault in the Second Degree, a felony. In addition to her term of incarceration, the defendant will be subject to three years of post-release supervision.

On Oct. 11, 2021, at approximately 6:02 p.m., the defendant, following a verbal dispute over train fare, struck the conductor in the face with a pumpkin before fleeing the train at the Mount Vernon West station, leaving behind her purse and IDs. The victim was transported to a local hospital where she was treated for lacerations around her eye and ear.

The defendant was arrested by the MTA Police Department following their investigation.

The case was before Judge James McCarty in Westchester County Court and was prosecuted by the Trials and Investigations Division.

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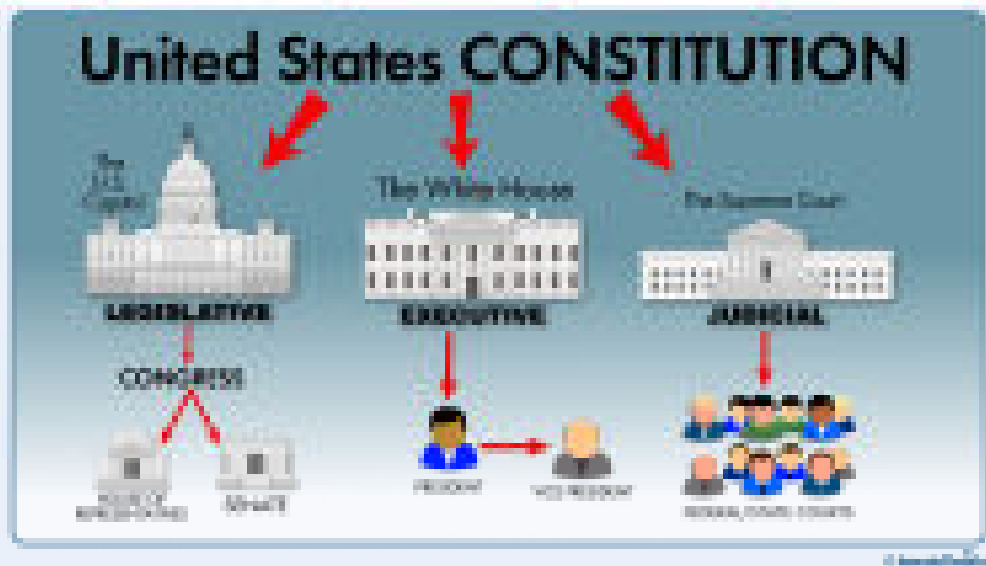
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So why does a government that works for and represents us refuse to answer our questions?

Where are the citations that create specific liability for federal income taxes?

Section 1 of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) provides a general provision creating specific liability for those responsible for the U.S. Public Law Resolutions which apply only to federal government employees, passed in the Public Salary Tax Act; the only other statute that creates a specific liability for federal income taxes are those federal tax statutes of “withholding agent” IRC section 3401(a)(1). For example, under section 3401. A specific liability statute for “employment” taxes imposed by section C is located in section 3401.

After a number of years ago, a special notice is published, typically by completing Form W-4, the payroll officer then becomes a withholding agent who is legally and specifically liable for payment of all taxes withheld from an individual's paycheck. Until such time as those taxes are paid into the Treasury of the United States, the withholding agent is the only party which is legally liable for those taxes, under section 3401 (The only other United States).

If the worker fails to complete a Withholding/Compliance Certificate, required under IRC section 3401(a), **the payroll officer is not legally liable for federal income taxes.** In this latter situation, there is no specific liability for the worker as for the population, in other words, there is no liability (IRC) specifically for someone if an withholding agent.

What is a “Withholding Exemption Certificate”?

Section 14 of the “Withholding Exemption Certificate” is a reference to Form W-4, required by IRC section 3401(a), and required under all Form W-4. It is a reference to the 3401(a) and the Certificate that the IRS has never adopted, regarding income tax withholding under the United States Code.

What is “tax evasion” and who might be guilty of this crime?

Section 7201 of the Code is the crime of evading federal tax. In the context of federal income taxes, this crime can only be committed by persons who have a legal liability to pay, i.e. the withholding agent. If one is not employed by the federal government, one is not subject to the Public Salary Tax Act, and one chooses to be treated as if one is a federal government employee. This is typically done by executing a valid Form W-4.

However, as discussed above, **Form W-4 is not mandatory for workers who are not employed by the federal government.** Corporations chartered by the 50 States of the United States are technically “foreign” corporations with respect to the IRC; they are definitely not the federal government, and should not be regarded as if they are the federal government, particularly when they were never created by any Act of Congress.

Can the IRS levy bank accounts without a valid court order?

Section 6331 of the Title Attachment prohibits all depositions of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. One process of law is another historical and well developed feature of American constitutional practice. Put simply, no person's life, liberty, or property can be seized by any federal government employee, agent, department or agency.

Has the so-called “14th amendment” properly ratified?

Section 5 of the 14th Amendment prohibits all depositions of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. One process of law is another historical and well developed feature of American constitutional practice. Put simply, no person's life, liberty, or property can be seized by any federal government employee, agent, department or agency.

The U.S. Constitution requires that constitutional amendments be ratified by three-fourths of the several States.

The so-called “amendment” allegedly submitted to the States, even though it contains no provision expressly repealing the Constitutional Clause, is not a valid amendment. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court have both held that such a purported amendment is not valid. See *Confederacy Co. v. IT-Gilman, Inc.*, 402 U.S. 407, 408 (1971).

For more questions and answers go to: <http://www.mca-procedure.org/14th%20amendment.htm>

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publican State Committee and the first woman Vice Chair of the Westchester County Republican Club.

1955: Yonkers Common Councilmembers lashed out at the New York Herald Tribune for printing “half-truths and distortions” about Yonkers public schools. Edward O’Neill, Daily News reporter and Ninth Ward Councilman, stated the newspaper community considered the Tribune to be the “least likely to succeed, and the paper with the least circulation” The Council unanimously passed Michael Nugent’s resolution condemning the Tribune’s “scurrilous attack against the City of Yonkers... particularly the members of the Common Council.” They asked the Corporation Counsel determine what action could be taken to ensure The Herald Tribune renounced the allegations and print an honest “appraisal of the Yonkers school situation.”

Friday, January 26th

1942: The first Yonkers’ case of “illegal disposition of new rubber tires” was reported to Maurice Neufeldt, Director of the State Rationing Board. A Yonkers man had new tires put on his car at a local garage; the car owner claimed the tires were purchased in Pennsylvania before a purchase permit was needed. Neufeldt would determine if the dealer should be prosecuted; if so, his stock would be seized and business shut down for the duration of the war.

January 26, 1955: The B’nai Brith Veterans Recoding Group, members of the Yonkers B’nai B’rith Lodge, provided free recording sessions for families to send messages to relatives serving overseas. People jumped on this opportunity; within a few days, 25 wives and parents recorded messages to send to their loved ones in the service.

Saturday, January 27th

1939: DPW Commissioner Edward Murray chastised Yonkers’ sanitation workers, reminding them to “exercise their rights in an orderly manner.” President of the Sanitation Employees’ Association Carmine Pagano was personally rebuked because 250 city employees protested loudly at the Common Council meeting the previous day. Murray said it wasn’t “a nice thing for city employees to crowd the Council Chambers...” and it wasn’t “becoming” for city workers to “boo and hiss the Aldermen.”

1945: City Manager Robert Montgomery implored Yonkers homeowners to use fuel other than coal to heat their homes during the coal shortage; city officials met two days later to decide if public buildings would be closed to alleviate the shortage, a decision other municipality had made.

Sunday, January 28th

1923: Yonkers Police watched a demonstration of a “bullet-proof” vest. Although interesting, Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Tobin reserved decision on whether to buy them.

1939: The World’s Fair Corporation notified the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce it bestowed the official title “Yonkers, Gateway to the New York World’s Fair” on the Terrace City. The title recognized the Corporation’s appreciation and approval of Yonkers efforts to promote the fair!

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.

Mt. Vernon Man Sentenced to 10 Years Prison for 2021 Fatal Shooting at Sleepy Hollow Park



Manuel Salazar, right, with his family

Defendant also injured a second victim who survived shooting

On Jan. 5, Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced that a Mount Vernon man was sentenced on Thursday to 10 years in state prison for the fatal shooting of 32-year-old Sleepy Hollow father of two, Manuel Salazar.

DA Rocah said: “This senseless act of gun violence took away a father and husband leaving a family devastated. We must be vigilant in our fight to keep guns out of the hands of people who use them for harm.”

The defendant, Emmanuel Valentin Perez, 21, pleaded guilty on Aug. 17 to Manslaughter in the First Degree and Assault in the Second Degree, both felonies. He will be subject to five years of post-release supervision.

On June 28, 2021, at approximately 9:32 p.m., the defendant, who was 18 at the time of the incident, used a Lorcin pistol to shoot the victim once in the abdomen during a confrontation at Margotta Courts Park in Sleepy Hollow. The victim was transported to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, where he was pronounced dead. The defendant’s gunshot also wounded a second victim, who was taken to the hospital, treated and released.

An investigation conducted by the Sleepy Hollow Police Department, with assistance from the Tarrytown Police Department, the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, the FBI’s Westchester Safe Streets Task Force and the Greenburgh Drug and Alcohol Task Force, utilized surveillance video, ballistics evidence and witness interviews to recover the loaded gun and identify the defendant as the shooter. The defendant was arrested outside of his Mount Vernon home on June 29, 2021.

In a victim impact statement to the court, the victim’s wife stated: “Imagine waking up the next day and telling your kids they will never be able to see, hear, touch, talk, or hug their dad again. Manuel was the most loving husband.... Losing him has changed my life forever.”

The case was before Judge James McCarty in Westchester County Court and prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Catalina Blanco Buitrago, with assistance from Counsel John O’Rourke and Senior Felony Counsel Perry Perrone, all of the Trials and Investigations Division.

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Grounds for Invalidating a Prenup in New York



Michael Liptrot, Esq.

By: Michael Liptrot, Esq.

Prenuptial agreements are legal contracts that outline the division of assets and responsibilities between spouses in the event of a divorce. While these agreements are generally enforceable, there are specific grounds for invalidating a prenup in New York. Understanding these grounds is essential for anyone considering entering into a prenuptial agreement or facing a divorce where one is in place.

Validity of Prenuptial Agreements: The permissibility for a couple to enter into prenuptial agreements in New York is codified in Domestic Relations Law 236 (B)(3). The statute states, “An agreement by the parties, made before... the marriage, shall be valid and enforceable in a matrimonial action if such agreement is in writing, subscribed by the parties, and acknowledged or proven in the manner required to entitle a deed to be recorded.”

Accordingly, prenuptial agreements, or premarital agreements, are legally binding documents that will generally be enforced so long as they meet the following criteria: The agreement is in writing, The parties actually get married, The agreement is signed and acknowledged in a manner sufficient for a deed to be record, The person seeking to enforce the agreement is doing so within a divorce action.

Prenuptial agreements are capable of outlining precisely how the couple’s assets, debts, and other financial matters will be handled in the event of a divorce and, as such, must be afforded careful consideration before execution. Due to the significant consequences of signing a prenuptial agreement, parties are strongly encouraged to have an independent attorney of their own choosing represent them to negotiate and review the prenuptial agreement prior to execution; however, this is not a requirement, and individuals should not rely on their lack of representation as a means of potentially invalidating the agreement in the future.

It is clear from the foregoing that prenuptial agreements are binding upon the parties once properly executed. However, there are specific circumstances under which a prenuptial agreement can be invalidated. These range from issues related to fraud to the absence of proper legal representation. Understanding these potential pitfalls is critical when considering entering into such an agreement, defending against a challenge in the event of divorce, or even challenging the prenup yourself.

Challenging the Validity of a Prenup: If you believe your prenuptial agreement is invalid, there are legal avenues you can explore to challenge it. The New York Court of Appeals, the highest court in the State of New York, set the standard for overturning prenuptial agreements in its decision *Christian v. Christian*, 42 N.Y.2d 63 (N.Y. 1977). In that case, the Court acknowledged that an agreement may be set aside in whole or apart upon a finding of fraud, duress, mental incompetence, or fundamental unfairness.

However, the Court signaled that such grounds to overturn an agreement, if alleged, will be subject to strict scrutiny. The Court opined, “Judicial review is to be exercised circumspectly, sparingly, and with a persisting view to the encouragement of parties settling their own differences in connection with the negotiation of property settlement provisions. Furthermore, when there has been full disclosure between the parties, not only of all relevant facts but also of their contextual significance, and there has been an absence of inequitable conduct or other infirmity that might vitiate the execution of the agreement, courts should not intrude so as to redesign the bargain arrived at by the parties on the ground that judicial wisdom in retrospect would view one or more of the specific provisions as improvident or one-sided.” *Christian*.

Fraud is often difficult to prove but can include instances where one spouse hides assets or misrepresents their financial situation. Case law in New York has shown that the courts take allegations of fraud very seriously, and evidence of such fraud may result in substantial portions of a prenup, or even the entire agreement, being thrown out.

A common belief is that an individual may set aside a prenuptial agreement on the grounds that they did not have proper legal representation when entering into the agreement. However, lack of counsel is not specifically recognized as a grounds for invalidating an agreement, and while New York law emphasizes the importance of each party having independent counsel when entering into a prenuptial agreement, this alone would be an insufficient basis for invalidation.

Mistakes in Prenuptial Agreements: A Legal Perspective: Even minor errors in a prenuptial agreement can have significant legal consequences. Given the significant burden an individual would have to set aside a prenuptial agreement once entered into, it is critically important for the prospective husband and wife to fully understand the full impact of the agreement. The best way to do this, of course, is for each party to retain experienced legal counsel.

Protecting Your Interests with a Solid Prenuptial Agreement: A well-crafted prenuptial agreement can safeguard your financial interests and provide a clear roadmap for asset division in the event of a divorce. To ensure your prenup stands up in court, make sure to follow New York’s legal requirements to the letter.

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Pace Women’s Justice Center Kicks Off “LOVE Isn’t” Campaign

To Promote Awareness and Dialogue on Intimate Partner

In anticipation of Valentine’s Day 2024, Pace Women’s Justice Center (PWJC) is kicking off its ‘Love Isn’t’ campaign for the second year. The focus of the campaign is to engage teens and young adults in the conversation of what ‘Love Isn’t’ – insulting, threatening, gaslighting, controlling or assaulting.

According to the Center for Disease Control National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS), females 18-34 experience the highest rates of intimate partner violence. Up to 20% of both men and women, between the ages of 11-17yrs old, first experience some form of physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner. That means the key to prevention is providing earlier education, awareness, and having important conversations around what ‘Love Isn’t’ with teens and college students. PWJC is dedicated to educating and mainstreaming information on how to identify if you are in an unhealthy or abusive relationship and how to get help.

Beginning January 15th, PWJC is excited to reintroduce the ‘Love Isn’t’ media campaign. The focus is to promote awareness and communication on the warning signs of unhealthy and abusive relationships, with an emphasis on positivity and healthy love at the campaign’s center.

PWJC Executive Director Cindy Kanusher shares: “Intimate partner violence is a pervasive problem affecting women and men at alarming rates. Education and conversation are critical tools for prevention and intervention on this issue. This is especially important for young individuals as they formulate an understanding of what love feels and looks like. PWJC is dedicated to providing critical educational resources and sparking dialogue among our community. The Love Isn’t campaign carries an empowering message that recognizes and celebrates real love—not love that exhibits abusive behaviors. We are greatly inspired by the engagement around the Love Isn’t campaign and aim to bring greater awareness toward intimate partner violence this year through ongoing social media and outreach initiatives.”

On February 12th, PWJC will represent the ‘Love Isn’t’ campaign at the Pace University Wellbeing Fair, featuring 70+ info tables hosted by members of the Pace Community and more. Campaign outreach will also include work with Ardsley High School, including participation in their Wellness Fair for students, as well as making presentations to all Seniors during their Government class. The PWJC outreach team is actively preparing additional events in the ‘Love Isn’t’ campaign across Westchester and Putnam. These events will focus on sharing key information and engaging discussions with community audiences.

Throughout the campaign and culminating on February 14th (Valentine’s Day), PWJC is asking its followers and supporters to join in sharing a post or video across social media platforms in support of the campaign. Participants are encouraged to express WHAT LOVE IS to them. WHAT LOVE IS may be a single word, a feeling, an action, or an experience—all are invited to share their take on what healthy love means. With posts and videos that are positive, inspiring, and fun, this social media initiative of the ‘Love Isn’t’ campaign will highlight the truth and power of WHAT LOVE IS. As an option, custom graphics can be found in the PWJC Dropbox folder.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/1xwbo98zqep4pggaq7apw/h?rlkey=7ljragfelkq0sj09954ocg3oe&dl=0>

Example - Love is...(Post or Video)

Patient, kind, consistent, without judgment, feeling safe, thoughtful, a partner that understands me, my partner bringing me morning coffee, a foot rub, a sweet morning text, a hug after a hard day, someone to watch reality shows with, someone who makes me feel seen

PWJC is also offering a collection of merchandise featuring the ‘Love Isn’t’ graphic on t-shirts, hoodies, tote bags, and ceramic mugs at Bonfire/Shop/PWJC. The campaign graphic identifies a series of behaviors that definitively ‘Love Isn’t’ in order to spark awareness and conversation. PWJC is accepting donations to support this campaign and empower additional programming in the spring. For more information go to PWJC or contact jkleidman@law.pace.edu Help PWJC bring awareness and prevention to stop Domestic Violence.

If you’re concerned about issues like spousal support, the division of marital property, or protecting premarital assets, it’s always a good idea to consult a legal expert. They can guide you through the complexities of New York law and help you draft an agreement that accurately reflects your wishes and protects your interests.

Steps to Take if You Believe Your Prenup Is Invalid: If you have doubts about the validity of your prenuptial agreement, take immediate action.

1. Consult with a legal expert to assess the grounds for invalidating your prenup in New York. They can help you understand whether your agreement is fraudulent, whether you lacked proper legal representation, or other issues that could make it invalid.

2. Gather all relevant documents and evidence that support your case. This could include correspondence that proves coercion or duress, or financial records that show undisclosed assets.

3. Be prepared for a legal battle. Challenging a prenup is often a complex and time-consuming process that requires strong legal representation. Make sure you’re well-prepared to present your case in court.

Speak with a Divorce Lawyer About Invalidating a Prenup in New York Understanding the grounds for invalidating a prenup in New York is essential for anyone entering into such an agreement or considering a divorce. While prenuptial agreements are generally enforceable, there are specific conditions under which they can be invalidated. Whether it’s due to fraud, a lack of legal representation, or other issues, know your rights and your options. Michael Liptrot is senior counsel in Tully Rinckey PLLC’s White Plains office, where he focuses his practice on family and matrimonial law. For close to a decade, Michael has practiced family law across the lower Hudson Valley area. He can be reached at info@tullylegal.com or at (888) 229-4988.

Latimer Addresses Federal Issues in Run for Congress: Connecting Metro-North & Penn Station

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Westchester County Executive George Latimer is taking proactive steps to address the transportation needs of the region, as outlined in a letter addressed to Chief Executive Officer of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Janno Lieber, Latimer is calling for a study to have the Hudson Line have direct one seat access to Manhattan's Penn Station.

Latimer came to Yonkers on Jan. 17 to highlight the issue.

In his letter, Latimer said: "The advantages of such a connection are abundant. Improved transportation links would not only further ease congestion but also foster economic growth, enhance accessibility to job opportunities, and contribute to the overall quality of life for residents in Westchester County, the Bronx and beyond."

Expressing his continued support for the progress made with West Side Access on the New Haven Line, which links Metro North's New Haven Line service with four new Bronx Stations into Manhattan's Penn Station on the West Side, Latimer said it is time for a parallel initiative on the Hudson River side of Metro North.

According to statistics from the MTA provided in its 2022 overview, the Hudson Line's ridership rose 56.7% from 2021 with approximately 3.6 million more rides. The total annual East of Hudson (Harlem Line, Hudson Line and New Haven Line) ridership was approximately 48 million, approximately 17.9 million more rides than the 30.1 million for 2021. These increased ridership numbers show a serious appetite for greater access to MTA trains.

Latimer wants the MTA to undertake a comprehensive study to evaluate the feasibility and potential benefits of establishing West Side Access from Westchester and the Bronx on the Hudson Line to Penn Station. The existing Amtrak line in the corridor presents a strategic opportunity to leverage the infrastructure for the benefit of the communities along the Hudson River.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said: "As the fastest growing big city in New York State and the gateway to the Hudson Valley, Yonkers support Westchester County's quest to expand transportation access to the metropolitan area. I commend County Executive Latimer for advocating for our residents and businesses that will result in economic growth and improved quality of life. Together, we can make access to Penn Station a reality."

Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy said: "I join County Executive George Latimer and Mayor Mike Spano in their call urging MTA to explore the viability of Penn Station Access on the Hudson Line of the Metro-North Railroad. The Hudson Line is a vital resource for commuters; an expansion through Penn Station will undoubtedly increase its utility. Beyond improving transportation accessibility, the West Side Access project presents regional economic growth possibilities. Increased ridership on the Hudson Line can generate employment opportunities beyond Yonkers as businesses in nearby towns and cities seek additional employees to meet the growing demand."

Yonkers Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac said: "I support County Executive Latimer's call to fund a feasibility study which in turn can increase access for Westchester residents, shorten commuter travel times and invests in transit equity."

Yonkers Councilwoman Deana Renee Robinson said: "I firmly believe that exploring the feasibility of establishing West Side access to Penn Station on the Metro North's Hudson Line is crucial for the continued growth and accessibility of our community. A comprehensive study will provide invaluable insights to ensure that we make informed decisions that benefit the residents and future generations. Let us embrace this opportunity to enhance connectivity and continue to foster progress."

Latimer said: "I am confident that the leadership and expertise of the MTA can bring this vision to fruition, ensuring that the benefits of improved transportation infrastructure are equitably distributed throughout the region."

Westchester Day School. "Right now, it is our responsibility to show up and vote in large numbers in this election. We are grateful for the efforts of Teach NYS to mobilize our communities around this."

Teach Coalition is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization and does not support any political party or candidate.

The New York State Primary Election is set for June 25, 2024; Federal Congressional primary election dates are yet to be determined. The New York State General Election is November 5, 2024. For more information, head to: <https://teachcoalition.org/voteny/>

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About Teach Coalition

Teach Coalition, a project of the Orthodox Union, is a nonpartisan, multi-state, grassroots movement devoted to advocating for equitable funding for nonpublic schools. Teach Coalition works to make nonpublic schools better, safer and more affordable. Teach Coalition advocates on behalf of approximately 90% of Jewish day school and yeshivah students nationwide and counts more than 90,000 dedicated volunteers, activists and subscribers among its supporters.

For more information about Teach Coalition, visit teachcoalition.org.

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Yonkers treasure.

"St. Mary's was my childhood church and elementary school. I was heartbroken to hear this announcement today, as I am sure many parishioners had been to hear of their church's closures through the years in Yonkers. I would also guess that more than one synagogue has seen the same fate in Yonkers through the years," wrote former City Councilwoman Joan Gronowski.

The petition reads, "As a deeply concerned community in Yonkers, NY, we are raising our voices to save our beloved St. Mary's Church from closure. This church is more than just a building; it is a symbol of our faith and unity, an integral part of our community and history. It holds countless memories for families and future generations who have celebrated life events within its sacred walls. Sign this petition today – let's keep St. Mary's open for future generations! Link to petition below.

<https://www.change.org/p/prevent-the-closure-of-st-mary-s-church-in-yonkers-ny?fbclid=IwAR2CBMpVV38R2Ugmpb3Fsj6KTeYk8-wcFXO1w3uQFmqQQrt2WiuNFzF2eY>

Former Yonkers resident and former member of the Landmarks Board Angie Piwisnki writes, "As a former decade long member of the Yonkers landmarks preservation board, and in view of the apparent closing of Immaculate Conception St. Mary's church in Yonkers, the oldest Roman catholic congregation in that city dating from late 1830s with the most beautiful and expensive church whose corner stone was laid on May 4, 1900, there is always recourse.

Generally what happens when there is a threat of demolition of a historic and well loved structure, this is when a landmarking effort typically happens.

The only designation that has any teeth at all is locally landmarking. All of the others including the national historic register and other state designations are simply honorary and do not protect the building or whatever the landmark might be."

A parish meeting was being held on Jan. 17, the date we go to press. More on this story next week.

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a \$458 million mixed-use complex to feature a total of 906 apartments of which 91 will be affordable. Located at Buena Vista Avenue, the two-phase project will also include 2,900 square feet of active street-level commercial use space. Developer AMS Acquisitions estimates the two-phase project will create 1,100 construction jobs.

Other important residential and commercial projects that received preliminary and final approval of IDA incentives in 2023 included:

Miroza Tower

Developer: Azorim Construction Co. Ltd.

Project Location: 44 Hudson Street

Total Private Investment: \$126 million

Description: 27-story, 267-unit rental tower to include party room, library, conference room, gym, two resident lounges, rooftop garden, and a children’s playroom. The project will also include 1,699 square feet of retail space on the first floor and a 222-space parking garage.

Construction jobs: 175

Bridgewater North

Developer: Ginsburg Development Companies

Project Location: 150 Downing Street

Total Private Investment: \$96.5 million

Description: Project will feature 208 rental apartments on seven floors above two levels of parking. Ten percent of the units will be affordable. The building’s amenities will include 24/7 Concierge Services, a Fitness Center, Club Room, and Roof Deck

Construction jobs: 250

345 McLean Avenue

Developer: Verus Development LLC

Project Location: 345 McLean Avenue

Total Private Investment: \$56.8 million

Project Description: 105-unit studio, one-and two-bedroom apartment building for low-income seniors 62 years of age and older whose income is at or below 60% of Westchester County’s Area Median Income (AMI).

Construction jobs: 125

1111 Central Park Self Storage

Developer: Hampshire Management

Project Location: 1111 Central Park Avenue. Formerly the site of Boulder Creek Steakhouse.

Private Investment: \$24 million

Description: Transform a long-vacant site into a 16,600 square foot self-storage facility building with office space on first floor and a 4-bay truck loading area.

Construction jobs: 30

Monastery Manor Senior Apartments

Developer: Monastery Manor Associates

Project Location: 2 Father Finian Sullivan Drive

Total Private Investment: \$17 million

Description: A 147-unit apartment building for seniors 62 and older of limited income. The building will include an enhanced security system with video monitoring, updated elevator cab, laundry room, parking on site, community room, library and seasonal community garden.

70 Pier Street

Developer: Ginsburg Development Companies

Project Location: 70 Pier Street

Total Private Investment: \$18.2 million

Description: Mixed-use transit-oriented development of 36 apartments in the Ludlow section of Yonkers. Site was formerly home to an office and garage used by the Yonkers Parking Authority.

Construction jobs: 77

155 Elliott Avenue Apartments

Developer: 155 Elliot LLC

Project Location: 155 Elliot Avenue

Total Private Investment: \$5.5 million

Description: Development of a 3-story residential building consisting of 24 rental housing units. Property is being developed in a way to preserve the exterior facade of the historical building

Construction jobs: 35

For more information about the Yonkers IDA, visit www.yonkersida.com.

**Good Samartinan Helps Yonkers
Police Nab Porch Pirate**



From the Yonkers PD: Christmas may be over, but the spirit of the Grinch is still alive in some people, especially Francisco Jose EDER MATEO, 27, of the Bronx. EDER MATEO decided that he was going to steal some packages from the porch of one of our residents. Unfortunately for him, our 2nd Precinct Officers were ready for him.

Despite his camouflaged jacket, Officers were able to spot EDER MATEO pretty easily. When they tried to stop him, he led them on a brief foot pursuit around the area. He thought he was getting away, until he was stopped in his tracks by a Yonkers public works employee who saw him running from the Officers. This Good Samaritan got out of his car and knocked EDER MATEO to the ground, allowing the closely pursuing Officers to apprehend him. EDER MATEO was charged with Grand Larceny 4th and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property 4th (both Felonies), among other misdemeanors. At his arraignment, he was released on his own recognizance.

This video shows what happens when everyone works together seamlessly to stop crime. A resident sees a crime and quickly calls it in allowing Officers to get on the scene quickly, Officers flood the area to ensure the suspect can’t get away despite his attempted fleeing, finished off by a Good Samaritan who saw an opportunity to help our Officers capture a suspect and took that opportunity- right to him.

To any future thieves planning to commit these crimes in Yonkers- pick somewhere else. Our residents, Officers, and City employees will not stand by and allow you to victimize people in this City. You will be apprehended and delivered to the court system to answer for your actions.

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Nick Castellano, Westlake HS, Named Con Edison Scholar-Athlete of the Week



By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Nick Castellano, a senior at Westlake High School, for being named a Con Edison Scholar-Athlete of the week.

Nick has been all league in both his junior and senior years as a member of the Westlake HS Boys Basketball team.

Nick was All Tournament team in the Rye Tournament over Christmas Break. Nick had 16 points, 8 rebounds in a 54-41 win over Sleepy Hollow and 15 points, 10 rebounds in a 57-53 loss to Hen Hud.

Nick also stars on the Westlake HS Football team, where he has been named the League Receiver of the Year as a junior.

Castellano has been the team Captain of both the Boys Basketball and Football team.

Nick volunteers for the Mt. Pleasant Youth league, and has coached the town's youth baseball team. He was the recipient of the Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award.

Academically, Nick was inducted into the National Honors Society and Spanish Honors Society. He has a 98% GPA.

"Nick is intelligent, outgoing, athletic and extremely personal. In our classrooms, Nick shines. He is a problem solver who loves to learn. Nick is a natural leader who is kind, patient, curious, determined and eager," said Nicholas DiPaolo, Coordinator of K-12 School Counseling, Westlake High School.

Editorial-Charting a Positive Course: Steering Teens Towards a Drug-Free Future

By Angelo M. Valente, Executive Director of the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey

Adolescence is a time of immense discovery and exploration, a pivotal period that, while rich with growth opportunities, can also lead children down paths of risk-taking that can have harmful consequences. A recent study by researchers at the University of California offers crucial insights into teenage marijuana use, shedding light on why some teens turn to it and the consequences that follow. This news can serve as a wake-up call for parents and communities, challenging the perception of marijuana as harmless and underscoring the urgency of guiding our youth towards safer, healthier paths.

Marijuana is the drug most widely used among teens, with nearly 31 percent of 12th graders using it within the past year and more than 6 percent using it in the past month, the researchers noted. Teens often use it for enjoyment or to escape their problems.

This usage, unfortunately, can lead to increased dependency and spending, coupled with adverse outcomes like anxiety, memory issues, and academic or workplace troubles. These findings highlight a critical need to provide our young people with supportive, engaging environments where they can thrive without the influence of drugs.

The transition from recreational to problematic use of cannabis, as pointed out in the study, is a subtle and often unnoticed shift. Our efforts must focus not just on averting drug use but on offering enriching alternatives that resonate with the youth. Engaging in fulfilling, enjoyable activities can provide the satisfaction and joy that many seek in substance use.

In New Jersey, we're taking proactive steps to fill this need. The Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey (PDFNJ) offers innovative and free school programs that provide compelling alternatives to drug use. Programs like Your Song! Your Voice! Shout Down Drugs, a statewide music competition for high school students, allows teens to channel their emotions and experiences through the powerful medium of music. This isn't just about avoiding drugs; it's about empowering teens with a voice and a means to express themselves in a positive, impactful way.

For younger children, initiatives like the Fourth Grade Folder competition lay the groundwork for drug-free living from an early age. These creative endeavors engage students in a fun, meaningful activity while subtly instilling the values of a substance-free lifestyle.

The goal is not just to prevent drug misuse among teens but to enrich their lives with positive experiences and coping mechanisms. By involving them in activities like music, art, and community engagement, we give them tools to handle stress, express themselves, and connect with others.

The insights from the study reinforce the need for a multi-faceted approach to drug prevention. It's not enough to warn teens about the dangers of drug misuse; we must also show them the immense joy in a life filled with passion, creativity, and community.

By supporting and developing programs like these in New Jersey, we are not just fighting against drug use but advocating for our youth's full, vibrant potential. Let's work together to ensure every teen has the opportunity to explore, grow, and thrive.

For additional information on PDFNJ programs, www.drugfreenj.org.

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Supreme Court in 1954.

King and Dr. Kenneth Clark became friends after the Brown decision, and the Clark's raised money to help the King family's security. When King accepted an invitation to speak at an NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in 1956, the Clark's invited him to stay in their Hastings home.

Dr. King, Coretta Scott King, and their young daughter Yolonda, stayed with the Clark's for one night. Bass writes that the 1956 visit was Dr. King's "only visit to Westchester in which he was accompanied by Coretta or any of his children, "and "the only time he stayed overnight in the country."

Eleven years later, King would return to the Clarks' home once again.

May 22, 1957: New Rochelle

The New Rochelle NAACP invited Dr. King to speak to their branch during the Montgomery Bus Boycott's in Alabama. Reverend Melvin DeWitt Bullock, president of the New Rochelle NAACP, was the Pastor of the New Rochelle Union Baptist Church and was leading a movement to desegregate the New Rochelle public schools.

In 1962 the US Supreme Court of found that New Rochelle school authorities had in fact gerrymandered district lines to create segregated school districts. The court ordered the school desegregated and students within its district were permitted to enroll at other New Rochelle schools.

On May 27, 1957, roughly 900 people filled Bethesda Baptist Church of New Rochelle to hear King speak in Westchester for the first time. King did not return to New Rochelle despite several invitations from Rev. Bullock. During the 1960's, King was getting hundreds of invitations to speak across the country.

Bullock and King remained in touch, but as Bass writes, both died before their 40th Birthdays.

In September of 1966, Rev. Bullock was found murdered in his New Rochelle home. There was no forced entry and Bullock was found alone. 57 years later, Rev. Bullock's murder remains an unsolved crime.

April 19, 1958: White Plains

In 1957, King signed a book deal with Harper & Brothers to write about the Montgomery Boycotts. White Plains resident Hermine Issacs Popper was hired to help edit King's book. Popper had also been involved with the Urban League of Westchester. The two met at the Popper's White Plains home on April 19. King's book *Stride Toward Freedom: The Montgomery Story* was a best seller, and Popper went on to work with King on two other books, *Why We Can't Wait*, in 1964, and *Where do We go From Here: Chaos or Community*, in 1967.

April 30, 1959-Mt. Vernon. Bass writes about a little known event, when in early 1959 King was almost killed when a mentally ill woman stabbed King during a Harlem book signing. King underwent surgery and spent two weeks in the hospital. Several months after the attack, King agreed to appear at Mount Vernon's Grace Baptist Church, in part because of the large capacity in the church. More than 1000 attended and heard King urge them to become more active in the civil rights struggle, but to do so without hate or violence. More than \$12,000 was raised for the SCLC.

March 31, 1960 Scarsdale. The Reverend Dr. M Forest Ashbrook, Deacon of the Scarsdale Community Baptist Church invited King to speak. The invitation came in 1959; King agreed to speak in March of 1960, which gives us an indication of King's hectic schedule and backlog of events.

Like King, Ashbrook was a committed pacifist, and King's topic for this address was *Loving Your Enemies* Bass notes how Coretta Scott King later wrote about the importance of this sermon, which she said "was built on many private discussions we had about Gandhi and nonviolence and the power of Jesus's love to change mind's heart to behavior. A standing room crowd filled the Scarsdale community Baptist Church to hear King's words.

September 21st 1962 Mount Vernon: King was invited by Reverend Richard Dixon Jr. to speak at a large voter registration drive in Mount Vernon. Dixon was Pastor at Mt. Vernon's Macedonia Baptist Church. King and Dixon knew each other through their fathers, who were close friends.

Dixon agreed to also hold an SCLC fundraiser and King agreed to attend. The event was held at the larger First Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon. Speakers at the rally included Mount Vernon resident, actor and civil rights legend Ossie Davis. King told the crowd that "a threat to justice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We will change the discord into a symphony of brotherhood. I firmly believe that we shall overcome."

More than 1000 heard King's sermon and more than \$28,000 was raised for the SCLC. Dixon later served as the President of the Urban League of Westchester.

December 11 1962 White Plains: The biggest event Dr. King attended in Westchester was held at the County Center in White Plains. Noted civil rights activist, attorney and Rye resident William Kunstler organized the event. King took note of Kunstler's legal work on behalf of the freedom riders.

The 4200 seat county center would host King and Sammy Davis Jr. Prices ranged from \$2.50 to a \$50 ticket that include a reception with King. New York Senator Herbert Lehman and Westchester Congressman Ogden Reid were chairman of the event. Jackie Robinson, Harry Belafonte and Sidney Poitier also lent support. Expectations did not meet the actual attendance, 3500, and money raised was \$12,000.

Three months before the event, in September 1962 a member of the American Nazi party rushed to a platform where King was speaking and struck him twice in the face, explaining that he became enraged with King when he announced that Davis would be on the stage with King at the county center. Davis had married a white woman, Mae Britt, and King's attacker opposed 'race mixing.

1964 Pocantico Hills: Another fascinating part of Bass's story is the relationship between Dr. King and Nelson Rockefeller. Rockefeller became an ally of King's starting in 1958, when he paid for King's medical bills after the stabbing. writing "The importance of your work to make the American dream come true for all our citizens. All who truly share in that dream shall do everything possible to assist you. This is the great moral issue before America today I have complete faith in the ultimate outcome, the only question is how long, oh Lord how long, more power to you," wrote Rockefeller to King in 1962.

When two churches were burned in Georgia, Rockefeller donated \$10,000 to rebuild, and when the SCLC ran out of money to bail out their protestors, Rockefeller had King's NY legal advisor Clarence Jones to the Rockefeller family's Chase Manhattan bank where he was handed a bag with \$100,000 in cash for bail money.

King agreed to attend a Rockefeller fund raiser for the Urban League of Westchester in 1964. 80 guests including Jackie Robinson listened to King talk about the Civil Rights bill before Congress. King argued that the Civil Rights bill should not be watered down, King criticized Senator Barry Goldwater for saying that civil rights should be left up to the states. "If such matters were left to Wallace or Alabama, it would take 200 years to complete...No state has the right to do wrong."

Nelson Rockefeller made a personal donation of \$25,000 to the SCLC after King's remarks. He also helped pay for an organize King's funeral in Atlanta in 1968.

October 29, 1956: Eastchester & Scarsdale:

King's last public appearance in Westchester was thanks to Scarsdale resident and real estate developer John Marquesse, who was close to King advisor Clarence Jones. Marquesse made donations to the SCLC, and was active in the civil rights movement and was a board member of Abbott House. King agreed to attend a fund raiser for Abbott House at Schrafft's Country Restaurant in Eastchester. A private event at the Marquesse home before the dinner was attended by 200, with another 600 attending the dinner.

King's sermon "The Dignity of Family Life" focused on a then recent report by NY Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan about fatherless black family groups. King said that Moynihan's report was alarming" and that the need was "to see it as a social catastrophe and meet it with an adequacy of resources." The dinner raised more than \$6000 for Abbott House and \$3,000 for the SCLC. King's address for Abbott House is the only one that is recorded and published.

May 27, 1967: Hastings-on-Hudson:

King's final visit to Westchester was a return to his friends Kenneth & Mamie Phipps Clark. Kenneth Clark has convened the leaders of the Civil rights movement in the country to his home, including King and Andrew Young of the SCLC.

Some of those in attendance did not agree with King's objections to the Vietnam War, believing that opposition to the war would hurt the civil rights movement.

After King's death, Kenneth Clark said "Martin Luther King was the closest to a genuine saint that I have ever known...Even when he was angry at the thoughtless or cruel things people said or did, he never expressed his anger...Great human beings are rare. I think he is among the greatest spirits civilization has produced."

Bass ends his work by quoting King from his 1965 address-"I have always appreciated the great support and the warm expressions of goodwill that I have gained during my visits to Westchester County."

What a better way to remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. than recalling those that he touched personally with his visits to Westchester. And thanks again to Andy Bass for memorializing his 12 visits, documented with 232 footnotes, many of which were used for this story.

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MLK Jr.'s Two Yonkers Visits

Nepperhan Community Center Celebrates MLK with Annual Breakfast



On Monday January 15,, the Nepperhan Community Center hosted its annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. breakfast. This event is a yearly tradition.

Pictured from left to right: are Judge Evan Inlaw, Esq. Nepperhan CC Board President Dwanita M. Crosby, Nepperhan CC Board Vice-Chair and MLK Breakfast Chair, Melvina Lathan, Nepperhan CC Executive Director, Arthur Melendez, Jr., Nepperhan CC Board Member & Treasurer.

Happy Birthday Carole Conklin



From Assemblyman Nader Sayegh: Recently, my colleagues in government State Senator Shelley Mayer, and Yonkers City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz took time out of their busy schedules to stop by my District Office and celebrate our constituent Carole Conklin's birthday! Carole is a valued friend who is also a member of Mayor Mike Spano's Disability Advisory Board. We hope you will join us in wishing her the best on her special day!

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