

## The "Dream Lives on" at Dr. MLK Jr. Breakfast at NCC



City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy with honorees, Joanne & Roberta Robinson and Cheryl Brannan

By Dan Murphy

On January 20, City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy and the City of Yonkers hosted the annual MLK Jr. Breakfast at the Nepperhan Community Center.

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## County Executive Jenkins Announces Members of Gun Violence Prevention Task Force



County Executive Ken Jenkins with County Legislator Shanae Williams and members of the Gun Violence Prevention Task Force

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and County Legislator Shanae Williams have appointed all members to the Westchester County Gun Violence Prevention Taskforce. The taskforce, appointed by both the County Executive's Office and the Board of Legislators, consists of experts, advocates and diverse community representatives from across Westchester County.

Under the leadership of the Office of the County Executive, the taskforce is committed to unifying and strengthening efforts across Westchester to combat gun violence. Deputy County Executive Richard Wishnie to Co-Chair the taskforce, ensuring collaboration between the administration and community stakeholders as they address this issue.

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## Yonkers Step Dad Who Gave Gun to Son and Said "Do What You Gotta Do"-Gets 25 Years

Zyaire Fernandez, right

Defendant Phillip Ferrell provided the gun that was used to shoot and kill Zyaire in March 2023.

On January 16, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Phillip Ferrell, 48, of Yonkers, was sentenced to 25 years in prison over his role in the killing of 14-year-old Zyaire Fernandez in March 2023. Mr. Ferrell was sentenced this morning by Westchester County Court Judge George Fufidio, Jr., who further order-

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## Tasha Diaz Announces Run for Council President Pineda-Isaac Announces Reelection to Council



City Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, left, and Councilwoman Tasha Diaz  
By Dan Murphy

The political season in Yonkers has begun, with two announcements and campaign kickoffs from two City Councilwoman. Councilwoman Tasha Diaz announced that she is running for City Council President, and Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac announced that she is running for reelection to the Council in District 2.

In an email to Yonkers democrats, Councilwoman Diaz writes,

Dear my fellow Democrats,

I am writing to you today to proudly declare my candidacy for Yonkers City Council President. My past 5 years on the City Council has been hallmarked by a focus on PUBLIC SERVICE. I have worked tirelessly on fighting for my constituents to fully fund our schools, improve quality of life for every corner of our city, and bring real attention to our seniors. I want to bring my constituent orientated approach to the Office of the City Council President, where I will be accessible and deliver on the needs to every constituent across Yonkers. As a District Leader for many years, I have stood strong in supporting the efforts of this City Committee under the leadership of Chairman Meier whether during the redistricting of City Council Districts or joining fellow district leaders every year in March to get our candidates on the ballot.

On the other hand, the incumbent City Council President's 1st term in office has been hallmarked by SELF SERVICE. Despite receiving a salary much higher than the average median income in Yonkers for the part-time role as City Council President, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy first order of business when elected was to secure a lucrative arrangement at the Municipal Housing Agency for the City of Yonkers (MHACY), which is the agency responsibility for overseeing our city's affordable housing. Lakisha Collins-Bellamy used her influence as City Council President to secure this lucrative arrangement by MHACY. Not only is this arrangement a clear conflict of interest, but I believe Collins-Bellamy's employment was and continues to be a no-show job where illicit activity occurred.

I have been a staunch supporter of Mayor Spano and his agenda to keep the city moving forward. The word racist is a strong word, and when our former Congressman called Mayor Mike Spano a racist, I was proud to go on public record and state the truth- that our Mayor stands for inclusion, respect, and that as

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## Westchester Republicans Nominate Christine Sculti for County Executive -Special Election February 11

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**FEBRUARY 11, 2025**

**EARLY VOTING INFO:**

<b>FEB 1: 10AM-6PM</b>	<b>FEB 6: 12PM-8PM</b>
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<b>FEB 3: 8AM-4PM</b>	<b>FEB 8: 10AM-6PM</b>
<b>FEB 4: 12PM-8PM</b>	<b>FEB 9: 10AM-6PM</b>
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**Christine SCULTI**  
for County Executive  
\* SPECIAL ELECTION \*  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

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## Empowering Health: Prostate Cancer Awareness Seminar Luncheon



By Dennis Richmond Jr.

On Saturday, January 18th, 2025, there was an important event at the Yonkers Riverfront Library. The third prostate cancer awareness seminar luncheon brought together nearly two dozen attendees for an insightful and impactful event aimed at increasing awareness about prostate cancer, particularly within the Black community. This event was made possible by a collaboration of five groups: Luther V. Garrison Masonic Foundation, James H. Farrell Lodge #34, Fans for the Cure, Covenantstone LLC., and RISEUP.

Prostate cancer is a significant health concern for men, especially Black men, who are diagnosed with the disease at a rate of one every 13 minutes. Dr. Michael Feuerstein, Chief of Urology at New York Presbyterian Hospital in Westchester and Assistant Professor at Columbia University, served as the guest speaker for the event. His presence added a critical layer of expertise, as he emphasized the importance of early detection, which can save lives. Dr. Feuerstein explained that nearly 100% of prostate cancer patients diagnosed early will survive for at least five years. However, the reality is stark—nearly 17 Black men die every day from the disease, highlighting the urgency for education and early intervention.

The seminar not only focused on statistics but also shared personal stories, including a moving testimonial from a man who had undergone surgery for prostate cancer. His story resonated deeply with the audience, illustrating both the emotional and physical challenges of facing the disease and the importance of seeking medical care when necessary.

Dr. Feuerstein's speech emphasized the role that women play in encouraging men to seek medical help. He explained that women are often the ones who push men to see a doctor, making them vital allies in the fight against prostate cancer. His remarks were met with appreciation from the audience, many of whom nodded in agreement, recognizing the truth in his words.

Reflecting on his experience at the event, Dr. Feuerstein shared his gratitude: "As a man... this was a great experience," he said. "I'm glad to be reaching out to the community." His words highlighted the importance of engaging directly with the public to share knowledge and empower individuals to take control of their health.

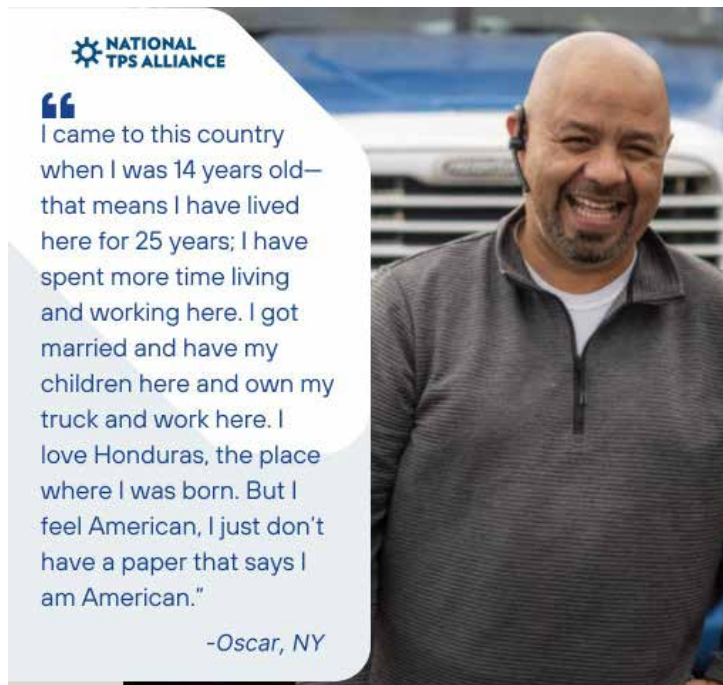
The seminar provided not only valuable information but also a sense of community, as attendees connected over shared experiences and a common goal: to spread awareness and improve health outcomes for men facing prostate cancer.

The event's success underscores the power of collaboration between community organizations and medical professionals in fostering awareness and providing support for those affected by prostate cancer. The hope is that by continuing these discussions and encouraging early screening, more lives will be saved, and the statistics will begin to shift in a positive direction.

For those unable to attend, the message remains clear: early detection is key. Prostate cancer can be managed effectively if caught early, and all men, especially those in high-risk groups, should be proactive about their health.

**Dennis Richmond, Jr., an educator, historian, and writer, illuminates the experiences of Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ communities in Yonkers and NYC through his journalism. Stay connected with him by following @NewYorkStakz on social media.**

## The Debate Over ICE in Westchester & Deporting Illegal Criminals



ICE agents are currently searching for illegal resident criminals, and not those like Oscar, left

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“I came to this country when I was 14 years old—that means I have lived here for 25 years; I have spent more time living and working here. I got married and have my children here and own my truck and work here. I love Honduras, the place where I was born. But I feel American, I just don't have a paper that says I am American.”

-Oscar, NY

By Dan Murphy

Westchester residents will soon be seeing more agents from the US Immigration Custom & Enforcement, (ICE). With the election of President Trump, a new policy will be enacted regarding the detaining and deporting of illegal migrant criminals.

Westchester currently has a law that does not allow law enforcement in our communities to cooperate with ICE when they are detaining illegal migrants. This law, the Immigrant Protection Act (IPA), does not prohibit ICE from doing its job but requires it to go before a Federal Judge and get a court order before they detain these individuals in Westchester.

Opinions are split on the Westchester IPA, with supporters saying it helps protect the migrant community while opponents say it makes ICE's job tougher to complete.

Recently, ICE has worked in Westchester without the help of local law enforcement and will continue to do so.

More important, according to Tom Homan, Director of ICE, agents are focusing on removing illegal aliens that have committed crimes. Families and illegal migrants who have not committed crimes are not the current target of ICE.

A review of recent ICE activities in the NY Metropolitan area shows ICE activities occurring for noncitizens who presented a danger to the American public specifically targeted noncitizens for apprehension who had felonies or misdemeanors for domestic violence, sexual abuse or exploitation, burglary, unlawful possession or use of a firearm, drug distribution or trafficking, and driving under the influence. Drug traffickers and cartel members have also been detained and deported.

There have been no detentions of family members or persons in the US illegally who have not committed a crime, according to their website news, //www.ice.gov/news/releases/ero.

Homan has called this policy detaining the worst -first. "Right now, we are concentrating the worst first-public safety and national security threats. We gave them the direction to prioritize public safety threats. That's what we're looking for. We've been working with a target list."

"ICE officers throughout the country were told today, 'Go make arrests of those here illegally that have a public safety threat.' So, they've developed target sheets, an operational plan to go out in the field ... so they're out there right now looking for the most serious public safety threats throughout the country," Homan said.


On the first day under President Trump, ICE, under the guidance of Tom Homan, has reportedly arrested 308 individuals in the past 24 hours, focusing on those illegally in the U.S. who are considered public safety threats, such as murderers and rapists. This operation is part of a broader policy shift aimed at reducing illegal entries, with border apprehensions significantly dropping.

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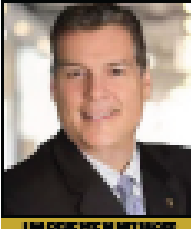
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Yonkers Attorney Joe Romano Joins Enrico Fermi Education Fund of Yonkers Board of Trustees



Joe Romano

The Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of Yonkers proudly announces that Joseph A. Romano has joined the Board of Trustees effective immediately. Rich Poccia, Co-President said “We are so honored to have Joe Romano join our Board of Trustees. The Romano family has a rich history in Yonkers, just as Enrico Fermi - now in our 62nd year - does. The Romano family has carried on the legacy of their father, John Romano, who was one of the forefathers of Enrico Fermi and they have been providing scholarship funding for scholarships in their fathers and uncle’s name through Enrico Fermi for the past several years for students from Yonkers”.

Enrico Fermi was founded on the principles of giving back to the Community by providing college scholarships to residents of Yonkers, and more recently, Westchester County who excel academically, have an impact in the community and are of traceable Italian heritage.

Joe Romano said “I am so delighted to join the Board of Enrico Fermi. The core values and mission is very much aligned to my family and I know that I can help make even a bigger impact in our community. As an attorney, I see the value of education and look to this as one way to make a difference and carry on in the great wishes of my Dad. I encourage others to make a difference too”.

Joe Romano, an accomplished Yonkers based attorney has been active in many community activities, in addition to his robust legal practice.

Rich Poccia concluded by saying “Joe and the Romano family is an asset to the City of Yonkers and Westchester County and we are glad that he will be by our side as we continue to carry on the legacy of the Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of Yonkers and provide scholarships for years to come

Joseph A. Romano attended Roosevelt High School in Yonkers and is an alumnus of Hobart and William Smith College, where he contributes annual scholarship donations and supports the university’s endowments. In loving memory of John N. Romano, the Romano family continues to support various educational programs. Helping others is fundamental to Joseph’s nature and has become the most rewarding aspect of his life. He believes that the first fruits of your labor are never solely yours; he was taught to give freely. Over the years, his support has benefited numerous organizations that make a difference, including law enforcement, political parties, civil court judges, unions, societies, and the Dominican Cultural Association of Yonkers, among others. Joseph A. Romano is the proud father of two children, Nicole and Michael, who are the pillars of his existence and will continue his legacy for years to come.

Poccia continued, “In 2025, we are so pleased to be offering a total of nine (9) scholarships which will be awarded to five high school students residing in Yonkers (from four) and to three high school students (from two) residing in Westchester County. These are in addition to our Annual Science Scholarship. Further, total scholarships will now total \$50,000. We are grateful to our supporters, contributors and sponsors who help make this possible“

The Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of Yonkers online scholarship application process is now “live” and available at [www.enricofermi.org](http://www.enricofermi.org) through March 10, 2025, at which point the Scholarship application process will close. Paper applications will not be accepted. Recipients will be notified on or about April 5 and we will celebrate the awarding of these nine scholarships at our 62nd Annual Scholarship Breakfast to be held on May 4, 2025 at Mulinos at Lake Isle in Eastchester, New York. Scholarship applications, eligibility criteria and the application timetable- applications must be submitted by March 10, 2025 - can be found on our website at [www.enricofermi.org](http://www.enricofermi.org).

“The Donald” is Here!  
Congestion Pricing DISAPPEARS!



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Governor Kathy Hochul, under pressure from officials and voters in the New York counties outside the city, stopped a steep toll regime also known as congestion pricing that would have charged drivers \$15.

Mr. Trump vowed to “TERMINATE” that version “in my FIRST WEEK back in Office!!!”

After Trump was elected, she raced to put a cheaper version in place, knowing she might have a harder time doing so once he was running the country.

In a letter after Mr. Trump was elected, New Jersey Governor Murphy wrote that New Jersey planned to amend a pending lawsuit against federal transportation agencies that helped pave the way for congestion pricing. He also requested that New York’s congestion pricing scheme “receive the close look it deserved but did not receive from the federal government last year.”

And so my dear friends, we have a new President of these United States. I have to be honest. I enjoy reviewing the Presidential Inauguration ceremony when it is outside on the beautiful grounds of the city. You really think that the cold weather would have forced George Washington or Abraham Lincoln to change their minds and hold the festivities inside?

Can you imagine the Times Square New Years ball drop indoors? Or the NYC THANKSGIVING PARADE indoors? Or a Ticker Tape parade indoors as opposed to the Canyon of Heroes!

And Washington and Lincoln didn’t have the warm clothing we have. Do you think Mrs. Washington or Mrs. Lincoln were able to pick up a warm coat on sale from our beloved Macy’s or Saks off 5Th? Maybe a good price from Target? And my guess is if the coat needed hemming the ladies had to do it themselves. Same goes for the men.

Neither Washington nor Lincoln were ‘off the rack’ kind of guys. And how easy would it be to have a hat made like Mrs. Trump wore, covering her eyes? What was up with that hat? I doubt George or Abe would want their wives eyes covered unable to see the electorate.

That In fact is what the purpose of the parade down Pennsylvania Avenue is for. It gives people the impression that the President and his family are real people just like they are. There are very few events like this during a President’s term of office. I particularly like when the President and his wife get out of their limousine and stroll hand in hand down the ‘Avenue.’

Now if the venue change was for security I might understand that. But I am sure we have had Inaugural Parades in colder, snowier, icy weather! Or have we become a nation of woosies? Frightened by weather observed in most of these states.

So Mr. President, what happened here. I was shocked that the last time this occurred was under Reagan. Two tough guys. That had to be security related.

Getting back to congestion pricing, a week is going by very fast. Monday at noon. I didn’t say it, my highly taxed readers didn’t say it, you said you would terminate congestion pricing in one week.

The American people like honesty from their elected officials. They are not happy with pardons by you of a drug dealer or associates with familial connections or Mr. Biden of similar people. Though it is your right!

We wish you Godspeed even if we didn’t vote for you or dislike every action that you take. The red/orange hair dye? I think you found the right hairstylist. The make-up? It looks more natural. Jergen’s makes an excellent product for men to give you that ‘glow’ and it is not expensive. Just trying to save our country some money!

God Bless America, my home sweet home!

Reach Eric Wolf Schoen at [thistooisonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistooisonkers@aol.com). Speak up America! Send your thoughts to [Risingmediagroup@gmail.com](mailto:Risingmediagroup@gmail.com).

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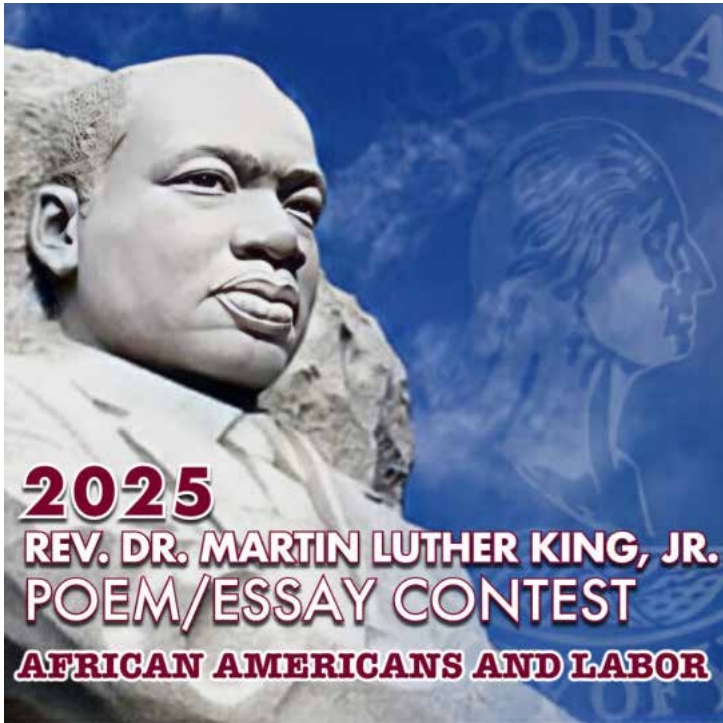
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Mayor Spano & Yonkers Public Schools Launch Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Poem & Essay Contest



On Jan. 15, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Superintendent of Schools Anibal Soler, Jr. launched the 2025 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poem/Essay Contest. This year's theme, African Americans and Labor, focuses on the impact of work on the experience of African Americans, ranging from the past agricultural labor of enslaved Africans to today's African American professionals providing leadership as corporate executives and entrepreneurs.

"This year's theme resonates with the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who championed the dignity of labor and the fight for economic justice," said Mayor Mike Spano. "As we reflect on these contributions, let us honor the past and continue to strive for a future where equality and opportunity are accessible to all."

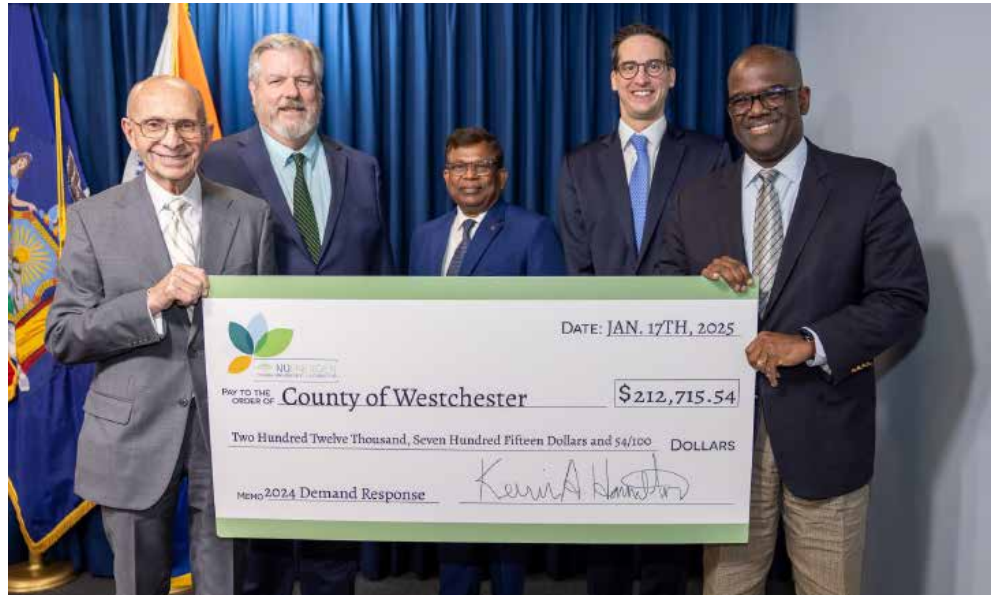
Mayor Spano and his African American Advisory Board will select one poem from grades 1-4, one poem from grades 5-8 and one essay from grades 9-12. The winning poems and essay will be displayed at Yonkers City Hall and online for Yonkers residents to enjoy. Winners will be presented a certificate from 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 28, 2025 at 6:00 pm.

"This annual contest is a testament to the enduring legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose vision of justice, equality, and understanding continues to inspire us all," noted Superintendent of Schools Anibal Soler, Jr. "By reflecting on this year's theme, our students honor the contributions of African Americans throughout history while embracing Dr. King's dream for a future rooted in tolerance, acceptance, and the celebration of our shared humanity. I strongly encourage our students to participate to ensure that Dr. King's dream lives on through their voices and actions for generations to come."

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

Poems and essay submissions are due Friday, February 14, 2025 and may be emailed to [contest@yonkersny.gov](mailto:contest@yonkersny.gov) or sent by mail to Mayor's Office (Attention: Dwanita Crosby), Yonkers 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 Friday, February 21st. For questions regarding the poem/essay contest email Dwanita Crosby at [dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov](mailto:dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov).

Westchester County Earns Over \$212k in Energy Conservation Incentives Through



Through Demand Response Program

Westchester County received \$212,715.54 in total earnings for its participation in the NYISO and ConEdison Demand Response program(s), an initiative designed to reduce energy consumption, strengthen grid reliability during peak usage periods and prevention of blackouts. As part of the recognition for last year's performance, the County's Demand Response provider, NuEnergy, presented the County with a ceremonial check, reflecting payments earned for remaining on standby to reduce energy usage when the New York State energy grid is at risk of overload.

The Demand Response program is a vital tool in managing the stability of the energy grid, preventing blackouts and mitigating the need for new carbon intensive power plant construction(s). Westchester County earned \$31,196.62 during the winter season and \$181,518.95 over the summer, demonstrating the year-round importance of the initiative. By reducing power consumption during critical periods, the County not only generates significant revenue but also contributes to environmental preservation by curbing greenhouse gas emissions, lowering the overall strain on the grid, and minimizing brown-outs and blackouts.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "Our participation in the Demand Response program is a prime example of how Westchester County is leading the way in energy conservation and environmental stewardship. This initiative provides direct financial benefits that can be reinvested into the community and reinforces our commitment to reducing emissions and promoting grid stability. We are proud to partner with NuEnergy as our demand response provider and to continue taking steps that benefit both the environment and our constituents."

Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability Peter L. McCartt said: "The Demand Response program allows our County to take meaningful action in addressing energy challenges faced by the energy transition. By strategically reducing energy consumption during periods of high demand, we are helping stabilize the grid, contributing to dirty emissions reductions, and improving air quality. This program exemplifies how local governments can drive impactful change, proving that sustainability efforts can generate environmental and economic rewards for our community."

NuEnergy's Representative Scott Besada said: "Westchester County continues to demonstrate exceptional leadership in energy conservation and sustainability. Their active participation in the Demand Response programs reflects a forward-looking energy management approach that benefits the County and the broader region. We are thrilled to present this ceremonial check to recognize Westchester's commitment to responsible energy usage and environmental stewardship."

President at Environmental Energy Solutions (EES) Dr. Kasi Rengasamy said: "Demand Response programs greatly facilitate environmental compliance by providing substantial support and supplemental energy to the high energy producing power plants, thus easing Utility grids' stress, thereby reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Environmental Energy Solutions (EES), a subsidiary of NuEnergy, is proud to be a part of the county's effort in energy savings and maintaining energy and environmental sustainability by meeting the federal, state and all applicable local governments air pollution regulations."

Westchester County's active involvement in the Demand Response program is part of a broader effort to keep the grid balanced from a supply and demand perspective while enhancing environmental sustainability. The County remains committed to pursuing energy-saving opportunities that benefit the community, contribute to New York State's clean energy goals and reinforce the County's position as a leader in environmental responsibility.

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## Susan Spear Named Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services



Susan Spear, First Woman to Head DES in its History

Susan Spear has been appointed commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services, becoming the first woman to hold that post in DES history, County Executive Ken Jenkins announced.

Spear, who served as deputy commissioner at DES since November 2020, replaces Richard G. Wishnie. He was named by Jenkins as his Deputy County Executive last week.

“Susan Spear has done a tremendous job as deputy commissioner, and she is the right person to lead the Department of Emergency Services into the future. I am grateful for her leadership at DES and for her exemplary service to our County during the Covid-19 pandemic and other major events in Westchester.”

Spear said, “I am thankful to County Executive Jenkins for the trust he has placed in me and for his longtime support of this Department. I am proud to lead the outstanding men and women at DES who play such a vital role in keeping Westchester safe. On behalf of all of us at DES, I would also like to thank Richard Wishnie for his leadership and significant contributions to DES during his tenure as commissioner.”

The Department of Emergency Services, which just celebrated the 25th anniversary of its creation, consists of four divisions: Fire Services, Communications (60 Control), Emergency Management (OEM) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The Fire Services Division is comprised of four units: fire training, fire inspection, special operations, and fire prevention and protection. The division administers, coordinates and maintains the fire training program that is available to Westchester County’s 59 fire departments. It also oversees specialized units, including the Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Technical Rescue Team.

The Emergency Communications Center, commonly referred to as 60 Control, provides primary dispatch service for 54 fire departments and 34 EMS agencies in Westchester. The center is staffed by communications specialists 24 hours each day and also handles all fire and EMS mutual aid requests going in and out of the County.

OEM provides planning, preparedness training and emergency response to major events. It works collaboratively with local, state and federal agencies to prepare Westchester for disasters and related response. During a major emergency and significant weather events, OEM may activate the County’s Emergency Operations Center, a state-of-the-art facility where the County, local municipalities, hospitals, utilities and other agencies work together to keep Westchester safe. The division also maintains a stockpile of critical supplies that can be dispensed to local communities during an emergency.

The EMS Division collaborates with local, regional and state agencies to enhance the effectiveness of the County’s Emergency Medical Services system. It provides medical training to County employees, EMS providers, firefighters, police agencies and other organizations. It also assigns EMS personnel to County events and facilities, and provides mutual aid coordination and incident management assistance during large-scale events.

“The next few years will bring new challenges, which DES is well-prepared to address with the support of County leadership. We plan to continue making progress on important capital projects and facilities improvements that will further enhance our training programs and resource capabilities,” Spear said.

Spear’s appointment as commissioner must be confirmed by the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

## On This Day in Yonkers History...



*You’re Out! Major League Umpire Bill Klem, from Yonkers, 1914*

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

Monday, January 27th

January 27, 1923: Sara McPike was appointed secretary of the State Department of Labor; her official duties would start a month later on March 1st.

January 27, 1942: An anonymous Yonkers housewife offered \$500 to establish a fund for sponsorship of a Navy bomber to be called “The City of Yonkers.” The woman, a client of attorney Albert Jordan, was a housewife of moderate means who wanted to do something concrete in the war effort.

January 27, 1943: Thousands of Smith Carpet workers at a company rally pledged to “...to work as hard for our boys on fronts all over the world as they are fighting for the people at home.”

Major Clement Bishop addressing the workers the workers reminded the crowd they were “...the army behind the Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard—the soldiers of the production line.”

Tuesday, January 28th

January 28, 1943: Yonkers Fire Chief Edward Siller began a campaign to compel people to remove “encumbrances from fire escapes!” Firefighters on inspection duty reported “flagrant violations” all over Yonkers. Siller believed people didn’t think of fire escapes as emergency exits; instead, they thought the exits were “part of their apartments,” using them to store food, put chairs on them and decorated them with flowerpots. He reported several firefighters were injured by falling items; worse, some fire emergency escapes were blocked, making them useless.

This was the first and “final warning; summonses would be issued” because it was the “only way the law can be enforced.” Yonkers imposed fines ranging from \$5 to \$50 for a first offense, depending on how bad the blockage was.

Wednesday, January 29th

January 29, 1944: While on routine patrol, Patrolman Michael Novotny spotted what could have been the answer to a prayer for a thirsty police officer; being a good officer, Novotny followed the rules and reported a keg of beer rolling down Herriot Street! The keg had fallen off an Eichler Beer truck as the driver turned the corner. Novotny was able to grab it and called the Third Precinct to send a car to bring it to the station house.

What was its final disposition? Third Precinct Lieutenant Sheeky called

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Notice of formation of Granola Girl, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/19/24. 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, 206 B Heritage Hills Drive, Somers, NY 10589. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Name of formation of THEOAK LLC. Date of filing Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 6/14/24. The LLC is located in Westchester County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served is to the principal business location at c/o 669 Main Street, Unit 605, New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Hampton Estate Care LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/17/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35 Greenacres Avenue, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

Notice of Formation of 130 FRANKLIN AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 10/15/2024. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 68 North Steet, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice of formation of Ambit Psychological Services, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY 12/17/24. Office: Westchester County.. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 933 Mamaroneck Ave Ste 202, Mamaroneck NY 10543. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

## AARP Offers Free Tax Assistance at New Rochelle Library

*Assistance offered Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Tuesday, February 4*

Free, in-person tax assistance through AARP Tax Aide will again be offered at the New Rochelle Public Library this tax season. Assistance will be provided on a first come, first served basis; no appointments will be available. Assistance will be provided on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning Tuesday, February 4 through Tuesday, April 15, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Main Library, 1 Library Plaza, New Rochelle. Trained AARP volunteer counselors will meet with patrons in the library's Meeting Room and on the stage of the Theater, in the order in which they arrive. If demand is high, some days there may be a need to stop accepting new patrons before 2:00 pm to ensure service for those already in line. Participants are reminded to bring with them last year's federal and state returns and supporting documentation, as well as an official photo identification and a social security card, or other comparable documentation. Tax documents should be printed out to ensure accuracy. Learn more at nrpl.org.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins and County Legislator Shanae Williams have appointed all members to the Westchester County Gun Violence Prevention Taskforce. The taskforce, appointed by both the County Executive's Office and the Board of Legislators, consists of experts, advocates and diverse community representatives from across Westchester County.

Under the leadership of the Office of the County Executive, the taskforce is committed to unifying and strengthening efforts across Westchester to combat gun violence. Deputy County Executive Richard Wishnie to Co-Chair the taskforce, ensuring collaboration between the administration and community stakeholders as they address this issue.

The following individuals have also been appointed:

- Sam North, Teacher at Ossining High School
- Barry Graubart, NYS Advocacy Lead at Moms Demand Action
- Rev. Shaun Jones, Pastor at STAR Bethlehem
- Joanne Dunn, Executive Director of Youth Shelter Westchester
- Charles Barnette III, Community Activist and former SNUG Employee
- Sharon Rubinstein, Lawyer and Advocate
- Detective Dave Clarke, Mt. Vernon Police Department
- Elise Margolis, Healthcare Professional
- Debbie Burrell, Executive Director of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau United
- Yocasta Jimenez, LMSW
- Stephanie Dotel, Director of Youth Empowerment Programs at O.Y.P. and Court Mentor Coordinator in New Rochelle
- Rev. Dr. H. Lee Jordan, Jr., Pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church
- Kailani Ledesma, Youth Member
- Alejandro Leon, Youth Member

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

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the Sealed Bids opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid No. RFB-7361A – Opening date 02/07/2025: Purchase of Peerless Snow Chains, tighteners, and hardware or Yonkers approved equal (FB).
2. Bid No. RFB-7368A – Opening date 02/07/2025: Purchase Action Target, TAC House, or Yonkers approved equal, moveable shooting range target system (VB).
3. Bid No. RFB-7369A – Opening date 02/07/2025: Purchase various DeWalt Tools cordless nail guns, cordless reciprocation saws, cordless circular saws, cordless angle grinders, cordless work lights, cordless rod cutters, cordless drills, cordless impact drivers, cordless impact drivers, cordless wrenches, cordless leaf blower, cordless hammers, and chargers, or Yonkers approved equals (KAS).
4. Bid No. RFB-7382 – Opening date 02/07/2025: Purchase of ten Elkay model LZS8WSLP, or Yonkers approved equal, drinking fountains (MM).
5. Bid No. RFB-7383 – Opening date: 02/07/2025: Purchase of Midmark, or Yonkers approved equal, animal cages and accessories. (VB).
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## New Real Estate Report Reveals Dramatic Growth In Westchester County



A new real estate report authored by RM Friedland reveals the explosive growth of housing in Westchester County since 2021, with about 12,500 new residential units delivered and another 15,000 units under construction.

Representatives from RM Friedland delivered their findings on January 14 in White Plains at the Business Council of Westchester's and the Fordham Real Estate Institute's annual real estate development conference.

"The amount of residential development that has occurred in Westchester County in recent years is unprecedented," said BCW president and CEO Marsha Gordon. "The report explores the impact of this development on the local economy and the countywide school system."

RM Friedland president Sarah Jones-Maturo said that Westchester County is responding to the national housing shortage head-on. "We believe Westchester serves as a microcosm for the nation, demonstrating how strategic planning, innovative policies and balanced development can create thriving communities," said Jones-Maturo.

One of the report's surprising findings is that Westchester County's new construction has not overcrowded schools. Westchester cities experiencing the most substantial new development activity, such as New Rochelle and Yonkers, have seen a notable decline in their overall student populations between 2018 and 2023. This trend challenges the commonly held assumption that increased residential development leads directly to overcrowded schools.

"The impact of these developments on the schools is minimal at this point," said David Cortez, CEO of Foretold Predictive Analytics, one of the keynote speakers. "I often hear from other people in the community, particularly homeowners, saying our schools are going to become overcrowded. That's not the case at all."

The report noted that New Rochelle has emerged as the clear leader in development within Westchester County, with more than 6,145 residential units currently under construction. This rapid growth is due to the city's strategic investments, its emphasis on transit-oriented projects, and the transformative impact of its Master Development Plan.

The report also pointed to Yonkers, whose key strength is the scale of its development potential, particularly as its downtown area expands further into Getty Square. This expansion is expected to unlock massive opportunities for mixed-use and residential projects.

John Barrett, co-managing director at RM Friedland, explained that the report does not include proposed housing units that are still under review for approval.

"As a company, we are tracking another 10,000 units that are not under construction yet, but they are appearing before boards, or the ideas have been floated with local municipalities. This is unprecedented for Westchester County," said Barrett.

The BCW-Fordham event featured two dynamic panels with members of the community that brought a tremendous diversity of perspective. The panels were moderated by Dr. Joshua Harris, executive director of the Fordham Real Estate Institute, addressing RM Friedland's findings.

The first panel: A Reality Check: The Impact of New Development included luxury and affordable housing developers and government officials with opposing views.

Kenneth Morrison, managing member of Lemor Development, an affordable hous-

ing developer with proposed projects in Yonkers, reflected upon the challenges of building affordable housing. "Our 80-20 is 80 percent affordable and 20 percent market rate, so the uniqueness about that is that it is extremely expensive to build that kind of housing. This project that we're working on in Yonkers would be 166 units.... Interest rates went up over the last 12 months, turning a project that was feasible into a project that has a tremendous gap.... The issue that we have is trying to plug that gap without having to raise the rents."

Peter Chavkin, managing partner of Biddle Real Estate Ventures, a luxury housing developer that is best known in Westchester as one of the developers of Edge on Hudson in Sleepy Hollow, spoke of his success at the project. "In our condominium product called the Daymark, the first waterfront condominium project in the Edge on Hudson community (Sleepy Hollow), we have about eight months left on construction. We've sold 70 of the 100 units already. That's about two and a half times faster than we would have expected."

Mayor Yadira Ramos-Herbert provided further details on the status of new development in New Rochelle. "The model that my predecessors on the City Council experimented with is working. We have 11,000 units approved within a nine-year period, which is remarkable.... It's the opportunity to really reimagine your city, and so we're entering phase two of New Rochelle's renaissance, which is investment in that downtown and activating the first floors."

Mayor Mary Marvin expressed some concern about the impact of new development on the Village of Bronxville: "We're an outlier on the school issue.... We have 35 children that joined the last week of August. (The superintendent) had to add a sixth second grade, which took away the art room at the Bronxville schools, so now they have what they call 'art on a cart.' The current taxpayers are not thrilled about what happened to the art room."

The second panel featured representatives that support the infrastructure of our county. Leaders from the sectors of early childcare, energy/sustainability, healthcare and education were all represented. The panel was titled: The Development Surge: Community Opportunities and Challenges Faced.

Noam Bramson, acting in his role as Executive Director of Sustainable Westchester, urged consideration of the environment when discussing new development and touted Westchester's success. "A zero-growth philosophy is completely unrealistic and undesirable from a wide spectrum of considerations. The better way to look at it is to say we are going to grow. We should grow, but how do we want to grow? The sort of development that we're all talking about is entirely consistent environmental values and climate action because it's concentrated in areas that are walkable and that have access to mass transit."

Dr. Joseph Ricca, superintendent of the White Plains public schools, asked that developers work collaboratively with school administrators to ensure a healthy community. "With all the challenges, one of the things that we benefit from is a strong community. Even what we're doing right now, collaborating, and talking about how we can work together. I've had the privilege of working with Mayor (Tom) Roach for the last eight years in partnership with the Common Council and talking about smart choices that we can collaborate on for the benefit of the city and the children. That's what's attractive, the commitment to community throughout Westchester County."

Mark Mathias, Lightbridge Academy/The Barley House, expressed further concern about the environment and how that may affect his clients with young children. "I love the idea of emboldening the downtown areas of our Westchester communities.... I'm a big proponent of it, but I do share the concerns about impervious surface areas, the flooding issues that we've had in Westchester. Traffic is always an issue in every town we're in."

Tina Macica, AVP of design and construction, Department of Facilities & Real Estate at Montefiore Health System, provided insight into how her health system is addressing Westchester's growing population. "From a broader perspective, how do we serve the growing need? Being proactive and staying ahead of growth is crucial. We remain focused on recruiting top healthcare professionals and expanding access to high-quality care to meet the increasing demand."

Marsha Gordon said in closing: "As the report mentions, the collective efforts of all parties involved in Westchester County's development projects offer valuable lessons for regions grappling with housing shortages. By harmonizing development with community needs, the county has created a sustainable model for growth that fosters economic resilience, preserves quality of life, and positions itself as a beacon for modern urban and suburban planning."

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top left: Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy with the Yonkers Knockouts and Coach John Morrison. top right-L-R-Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Council President Collins-Bellamy, former Councilwoman Symra Brandon, County Executive Ken Jenkins. Below: Council President Collins-Bellamy with students and staff of the YPS My Brothers Keeper Program




This year’s honorees included Joanne & Roberta Robinson with Keeper of the Flame awards & Cheryl Brannan with Keeper of the Dream award. Students from the YPS My Brother’s Keeper program were in attendance, and together with the Yonkers Knockouts served as Student Ambassadors. Roosevelt HS Senior Jasmine Pugh was one of the speakers.

“It was truly uplifting to see the community come together in such a meaningful way, serving as a powerful reminder of Dr. King’s vision for justice, equality, and peace. As we reflect on these images and moments captured, we are reminded of our collective commitment to advancing his work and upholding his values in our communities,” said Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy.

The MLK Jr. Breakfast served as a beautiful reminder of the power of community and the vital role each individual plays in shaping a brighter future for Yonkers. Joanne & Roberta Robinson recipients of the “Keeper of the Flame Award,” has dedicated her life to advocating for social justice and ensuring that the voices of the marginalized are heard. Cheryl Brannan, honored with the “Keeper of the Dream Award,” exemplifies the spirit of hope that Dr. King envisioned.





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## Black Heritage Concert: Celebrating the Legacy of Black Composers

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Sunday, February 9, 2025  
3:00 pm  
Saunders Trades and Technical High School  
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Take a tour from classical to modern, blues to soul featuring viola soloist Amadi Azikiwe and with a rousing finale from the Antioch Baptist Church Choir of Bedford, New York (music director—James Farley)

2:00 pm Pre-concert Talk with Maestro Rudiakov

The Yonkers Philharmonic invites you to a Free concert celebrating the contributions of Black composers from classical music to modern, blues to soul. The concert is Sunday, February 9, 2025 at 3:00 pm at Saunders Trades and Technical High School and is FREE. Join Maestro Rudiakov at 2:00 pm for a pre-concert talk.

Amadi Azikiwe, violist, will perform Adolphus Hailstork's Two Romances for Viola and Orchestra. This piece creates a simple yet beautiful wash of color and light. Joseph Bologne, Scott Joplin, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Florence Price and Ellington pieces tell the story of composers from the time of Mozart to the present. Their works have and continue to make indelible marks on the music world. Gospel music from the Antioch Baptist Church choir will send the audience home with their ears ringing and their hearts rejoicing.

Whether you're a dedicated concert goer or just dipping your toes in to see what classical music has to offer, there's something for everyone. Bring your children and because the concert is free you can stay as long as you like (although we do ask that you not enter and exit while the orchestra is playing.)

This concert is made possible through a generous NYS Legislative Grant sponsored by Nadar Sayegh and Sen. Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins. YPO concerts are produced by the Fine Arts Orchestral Society of Yonkers - a 100% volunteer led and run organization.

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Thursday, January 30th

January 30, 1920: For the second time, Stephen Roberts made a hole-in-one on the Dunwoodie Country Club thirteenth hole. His first ace, on the very same hole, happened three years earlier.

January 30, 1923: Motion Picture heartthrob Rudolph Valentino was guest speaker at the Westchester Federation of Women's Club meeting at the Yonkers YWCA. He addressed more than 250 women on "What the Public Gets."

January 30, 1943: Boyce Thompson Institute dismantled a large crane used to provide night light to their greenhouses; once taken apart, it was donated to the Yonkers Scrap Metal Drive.

Friday, January 31st

January 31, 1916: Theater operator F. F. Proctor opened his 27th theater on South Broadway across from City Hall; it was known as the Palace.

January 31, 1919: Nationally known baseball umpire William J. Klem of 610 South Broadway, declared it was only a matter of time until baseball would become "America's national game and the world's favorite sport."

A member of the Baseball Hall of Fame, Klem had an uncanny eye for calling balls and strikes and was nicknamed the "Old Arbitrator."

Saturday, February 1st

February 1, 1927: Yonkers residents in the Gray Oaks area protested the change of name of the City Tuberculosis Hospital on Saw Mill River Road to Grey Oaks Hospital. The protesters maintained the hospital was not in the Grey Oaks community, but in Nepera Park, and the name would reduce their property value. They did not win. The property was sold to Precision Valve in 1957.

February 1, 1934: A flashlight proved to be the undoing of three teenage thieves caught in the act! While Patrolman Edward Merlin was walking his night beat, he noticed a moving light in Joseph Kohn's Rug and Linoleum Shop on New Main Street. Investigating, he found one teen and arrested him. After turning the fellow over to the Emergency Squad, he went back and found the other two hiding behind rolls of linoleum. When searched at Police Headquarters, one of the teens had money taken from Kohn's register.

Sunday, February 2nd

February 2, 1918: The weather in Yonkers was so cold there was a three inch layer of ice on the Hudson off Yonkers! The steamer Ben Franklin had to cut her way through the ice on the Hudson. The Hudson was frozen over for more than a month, and coal supplies were running low. Since Otis had not received word from the government a shipment of coal was on its way, the company closed down at noon to conserve fuel. The temperature at the Empire City Racetrack at 10 a.m. was six below zero.

February 2, 1931: For the second time, Yonkers' Carlos Henriquez won Wrestling Champion of all Spanish Speaking countries! Henriquez defeated Jack Russell in Mexico City after 32 minutes of grappling; the winner employed a flying tackle, throwing Russell flat. The audience of 8000 people included President of Mexico Ortiz Rubio, the American Ambassador Dwight Morrow and Governor Alfred Gomez of Toluca. This was one of the largest wrestling tournaments ever staged in Mexico City.

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## Letters to the Editor:

“LEGISLATING” GOD OUT OF AMERICA—

A distinguished historical novelist, author of six N.Y Times best sellers, who has appeared on major news TV, as well as giving hundreds of interviews on presidential politics, the economy, and Iran, in one of his novels, he wrote, “I explored how the ACLU has twisted the first Amendment and Thomas Jefferson’s articulation of a “wall of separation” between church and state to transform what previous generations of Americans believe can only be “freedom from religion”. In my book I argued that since the end of World War II, the United States has witnessed the ACLU wage a “war on God”, determined to systematically remove any and all references to Judeo-Christian faith from our public schools and our public squares.

I was distressed when the U.S. military in 2013 threatened to court martial soldiers and chaplains for proselytizing religion to troops not initially receptive to a biblical message, despite the importance of evangelical work has always played in the historical mission of Christianity. I am especially troubled for our future when the Obama administration’s decision to abandon the “Don’t ask, Don’t tell” standard for military conduct means the LGBT community is now pressing to have joining the ranks of the U.S. Military declared a Constitutional right. How long will it be before a Christian chaplain faces discipline and possibly court-martial for refusing to perform a same-sex “marriage” of two military personnel the chaplain feels violates his or her Judeo-Christian religious beliefs?

“If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools.”(Plato)

Joe Pettit  
Yorktown Hts. NY  
Source-Bad Samaritans –Author-Jerome Corsi

Editor’s Note: We received several letter concerning the US Senate confirmation of Kath Patel to become FBI Director. Here is one of those letters

To the Editor:

Only weeks away from his presidential inauguration, Donald Trump continues to tack on more unqualified nominees to his incoming cabinet including Kash Patel, who if confirmed by the Senate as the new head of the FBI, could be Trump’s most dangerous nominee of all.

Trump could have nominated an FBI director who would prioritize protecting Americans, instead he nominated a MAGA loyalist.

Patel is an extreme and unqualified individual who met the only qualification that mattered to Trump: unquestionable allegiance to him over the American people.

Trump would direct the Patel-led FBI to use the nation’s law enforcement apparatus to enable his self-centered agenda and protect his billionaire friends.

Patel is motivated by political revenge, not delivering justice.. He has reiterated his blind loyalty, implying he’d use the FBI to prosecute perceived enemies and publicly threatened media figures and journalists with jail time.

Patel could steer the FBI to deem progressive organizations and certain progressive leaders as terrorists, target marginalized communities, and strike at those who don’t align with MAGA views.

Patel seeks to divide the American people instead of unite them. He lacks the judgment and temperament needed for leadership.

Our Senators must vote against Trump’s nomination of Kash Patel as FBI director. I urge my neighbors to contact Senators Schumer and Gillibrand and ask the to take leadership roles in opposing Patel’s nomination.

Respectfully,  
Sincerely, Ronald Eligator

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Homan also reported that over the first 24 hours of President Trump total apprehensions on the southern US border were 766. That compares to 10,000 to 12,000 per day under President Biden.

A Department of Justice memo states that federal prosecutors must “take all steps necessary to protect the public and secure the American border by removing illegal aliens from the country and prosecuting illegal aliens for crimes” committed in U.S. jurisdiction.”

Westchester’s two members of Congress disagree on the best course of action. Congressman George Latimer signed the IPA as County Executive.

Congressman Mike Lawler has supported ICE, and the removal of illegal criminals. Last year, a report from ICE revealed that there are tens of thousands of illegal immigrants with convictions for sexual assault and homicide convictions loose on American streets. The report from ICE specifically cites sanctuary city policies as “shielding dangerous criminals, who often victimize those same communities.” Of a staggering seven million illegal immigrants not in detention as of July 2024, 425,431 were convicted criminals and 222,141 had pending criminal charges.

“As I have said again and again, sanctuary city policies are putting Americans in danger and getting people killed,” said Lawler.

Immigration support groups in Westchester fear that the ICE policies will include detaining and deporting illegals who have not committed a crime.

The New York Immigration Coalition recently highlighted Oscar, a NY resident alien, from Honduras. “I came to this country when I was 14. I have lived here for 25 years. I have spent more time living and working here. I got married and have my children here and own my truck and work here. I love Honduras, but I feel American. I just don’t have a paper that says I am an American.”

There is no evidence that ICE is working to detain and deport illegal residents like Oscar and his family. Currently ICE is limited to working off a list of illegal alien

## Mayor Spano Call on All Yonkers Couples Celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary



Wedding Anniversary Vow Renewal

Mayor Mike Spano announced today his call to all Yonkers residents who are celebrating their 50th, 55th and 60th wedding anniversaries in 2025. In honor of these remarkable milestones, Mayor Spano invites couples to participate in a special vow renewal ceremony on Valentine's Day at Yonkers City Hall.

"As Mayor, I am looking forward to recognizing and celebrating the enduring love and commitment of our residents. It is truly a privilege to honor these couples who have shared decades of life together, facing both joys and challenges with unwavering support and love," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Their dedication to one another is an inspiration to us all. It will be an honor to celebrate their milestones with them."

The ceremony will take place on Friday, February 14th at 12 p.m. at Yonkers City Hall, where couples will have the opportunity to renew their vows in a heartfelt ceremony officiated by Mayor Spano. Following the ceremony, there will be a reception with light refreshments and each couple will receive a commemorative certificate to mark the occasion.

Yonkers residents who wish to participate in the ceremony are encouraged to register by Friday, February 7th, by contacting Dwanita Crosby at (914) 377-6084 or [dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov](mailto:dwanita.crosby@yonkersny.gov). Proof of marriage will be required.

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a woman of color, I stand with Mike Spano any day. In my eyes, the word racist does not define our Mayor. Lakisha Collins-Bellamy ran to the hills and refused to state the truth and defend our Mayor against unwarranted attacks.

I understand I will be an underdog in this race, but this is not unusual for me considering I was an underdog my first campaign for City Council in 2019. I hope you can consider supporting my campaign and please feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank you for your time and consideration," writes Diaz.

Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy is running for reelection. If both Diaz and Collins-Bellamy collect enough signatures to get on the ballot, the two will face off in a democratic primary in June.

Other rumored democratic candidates are interested in running for Council President. We wait for them to formally announce their candidacy and also wait to see who the Yonkers Republican Party will nominate.

Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac made her announcement on Jan. 21, stating “It is the honor of my life to represent the people of the 2nd Council district in Yonkers. Throughout my time on the Council, we have accomplished so much to help our city stay affordable, safe and full of opportunity. But today brings new challenges and there is still so much work to be done.

“The families of the 2nd district are struggling every day to make ends meet. Inflation has driven the cost of food, healthcare, transportation and other essentials out of control. Tenants of my district don’t just need -- they demand more affordable housing, and homeowners are desperate for relief so they can live in this great city and still provide for themselves and their families.

“As Councilwoman, I have fought to double the city’s affordable housing requirement for new developments, and I will not quit until that ordinance is passed and signed into law by the Mayor. I plan to work with my colleagues to introduce innovative programs that put money back in the pockets of homeowners, such as down payment assistance and an affordable housing registry.

“On public safety, I have been a reliable advocate for budget initiatives that support our police department, provide the tools they need to keep our communities safe and address the root causes of crime. And I’ve been equally committed to ensuring accountability by sponsoring and passing body camera requirements which today protect residents and police officers alike.

“And last but certainly not least, I have been a leading champion for our public schools, fighting for and winning tens of millions of dollars of additional city funds for the Yonkers Public Schools, saving jobs and enhancing education for our students. As a mother of three children in the Yonkers Public Schools, this is a personal fight for me and I will never waiver in making sure students like my children have the opportunities they deserve to be successful in life.

“My favorite part of campaigning is lacing up my pink sneakers and going door to door in my district. It gives me the chance to hear firsthand the challenges and the hopes of the people I represent, and it allows me to share my vision for this district and this city. I look forward to having these conversations with my constituents for the next several months and asking for their votes.” said Councilwoman Corazón Pineda-Isaac.

Petitioning for candidates will begin next month.

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ordered that he undergo 5 years of post-release supervision following his release from prison.

D.A. Cacace said: "Mr. Ferrell set off the chain of events that resulted in Zyaire Fernandez's death. Today's sentence reflects the seriousness of his role in this tragedy. My office is committed to ensuring that our children are kept safe from gun violence and that our communities remain safe places for them to live, learn, and grow."

In November of last year, a jury convicted Mr. Ferrell of Manslaughter in the First Degree, among other charges. At trial, prosecutors showed that Mr. Ferrell provided his 9 mm pistol to his stepson, Tyrese Coghiel, and told him to "do what you gotta do." Shortly thereafter, Mr. Coghiel used the pistol to shoot and kill Zyaire.

After the killing, Mr. Ferrell retrieved the gun and proceeded to hide it in his oven alongside two explosive devices and ammunition, all of which were recovered by law enforcement during the execution of a search warrant.

At sentencing, Zyaire's mother stated: "Ever since that day, my life has not been the same. I miss my baby. He was 14 years old. He didn't deserve what happened to him."

The trial jury additionally found Mr. Ferrell guilty of several related charges and Judge Fufidio sentenced him on these charges as follows: two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree (15 years' imprisonment on each), two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree (3 to 6 years' imprisonment on each), Hindering Prosecution in the First Degree (3 to 6 years' imprisonment), and Tampering with Physical Evidence (2 to 4 years' imprisonment). All of these sentences are to run concurrently with the 25-year sentence for Manslaughter.

Mr. Coghiel, 23, pleaded guilty to Murder in the Second Degree in February of last year. Because of his cooperation with Mr. Ferrell's prosecution, it is expected that he will be allowed to change his guilty plea to Manslaughter in the First Degree. He is scheduled to be sentenced Feb. 20 before Judge Fufidio.

The investigation was conducted by the Mount Vernon Police Department's Major Case Bureau with the assistance of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Safe Streets Task Force and D.A. Investigator Jed Salter.

The case was prosecuted by Lana Hochheiser, Chief of the Homicide Bureau, and Assistant District Attorney Adrian Murphy.

Tyrese Coghiel used the gun to shoot Zyaire Fernandez at the Levister Towers housing complex in Mt. Vernon.

The following individuals have also been appointed:

- Sam North, Teacher at Ossining High School
- Barry Graubart, NYS Advocacy Lead at Moms Demand Action
- Rev. Shaun Jones, Pastor at STAR Bethlehem
- Joanne Dunn, Executive Director of Youth Shelter Westchester
- Charles Barnette III, Community Activist and former SNUG Employee
- Sharon Rubinstein, Lawyer and Advocate
- Detective Dave Clarke, Mt. Vernon Police Department
- Elise Margolis, Healthcare Professional
- Debbie Burrell, Executive Director of Mount Vernon Youth Bureau United
- Yocasta Jimenez, LMSW
- Stephanie Dotel, Director of Youth Empowerment Programs at O.Y.P. and Court Mentor Coordinator in New Rochelle
- Rev. Dr. H. Lee Jordan, Jr., Pastor at Shiloh Baptist Church
- Kailani Ledesma, Youth Member
- Alejandro Leon, Youth Member
- Cynthia Lobo, Attorney

The following County employees will also be part of the taskforce: Dr. Christopher John, Head of the Mobile Crisis Team; Liz Oliveto from Youth Development; Ernest McFadden, Director of the County Youth Bureau; Rachel Kotzur from Probation; Michael Gerard from Corrections; and James Luciano from Public Safety.

Jenkins said: "We are proud of the dedicated individuals we have assembled to confront this urgent and serious issue. This taskforce will be a vital platform for addressing the root causes of gun violence while championing effective prevention strategies."

Williams said: "There is so much work to be done to eliminate gun violence from our communities. Given the background and expertise of each member, I am confident that they are up for the task. I am thankful for the members' willingness to serve Westchester County and I look forward to the work that we will accomplish together."

Wishnie said: "Gun violence prevention is a priority for this administration. By assembling this taskforce, we are demonstrating our commitment to creating safer communities through collaborative efforts. Every member brings invaluable experience to the table, and together we will work tirelessly to address this issue head-on."

County Legislator Terry Clements said: "This gun violence prevention task force is vital because it will implement programs that help rehabilitate our youth by providing mentorship, guidance, and alternative opportunities. By engaging young people and offering them a new perspective on life, we can steer them away from crime and empower them to build brighter futures."

County Legislator James Nolan said: "Illegal gun violence impacted my life tragically with the loss of my younger brother, Mike. Being part of this task force with my colleagues means everything to me. Together, we have the chance to change lives and stop these terrible crimes. We need to do what it takes to keep our young people off the streets and out of a life of crime. This task force is all about passing the initiatives and laws that will make that happen!"

The goals of the Taskforce:

- Change the social conditions and address the influences that lead young people to resort to gun violence.
- Foster collaboration across all agencies and levels of government, including county, town, village, city and law enforcement agencies.
- Facilitate collaboration between nonprofit and for-profit businesses already engaged in this work.
- Engage the community in meaningful dialogue, including victims and perpetrators of gun violence.
- Develop prevention and intervention strategies tailored to eliminate gun violence.
- Advocate for the necessary resources to support these efforts.

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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

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SATURDAY, JAN. 25

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

Waterfowl Migrants and Shorebird Sightings, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Community Science: Climate Watch, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

How can community members participate in conservation research projects? Join the staff in the meadow behind the mansion to learn about Climate Watch and how you can get involved. Dress for the weather. Also: Feb. 1.

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Second Photography and Art Exhibit, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

View people's talents and love for wildlife and nature through photography and artwork. Tomorrow is the exhibit's final day.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Shelter Building, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

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Hilltop Hanover Farm and Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Pyrography: Beginner's Techniques, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Ages 10 and older can learn the basics and take home their own wood-burning art piece in this introductory class. No experience is necessary. \$17.85 per person. Also: March 15.

Registration required <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pyrography-beginners-techniques-tickets-1124535498949?aff=oddtcreator>

SUNDAY, JAN. 26

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Community Science Series: Trail Camera Workshop, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Learn from the conservation staff about the proper use and setup for on- and off-trail wildlife cameras. Find out about the lake's wildlife and how we study their use of the preserve.

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050

Westchester Wedding & Bridal Expo, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

\$10 general admission.

Get details <https://countycenter.biz/event/westchester-wedding-bridal-expo/>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Guided Farm Tours, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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***Sculti for County Executive, continued from pg 1-***

Republican Christine Sculti of Mamaroneck, the former Chief Advisor to County Executive Rob Astorino, has kicked off her campaign in the special election for Westchester County Executive against Ken Jenkins, who was not elected to the seat, but was appointed this month. Sculti's campaign will focus on repealing Jenkins' controversial Sanctuary Law. Sculti is also committed to reining in out-of-control county spending, cutting the confiscatory sales tax and to establishing an Office for Parental Rights in order to ensure Westchester parents maintain oversight of the health and well-being of their children.

Sculti said it is time to put the safety of Westchester families first, "For too long, our appointed County Executive, Ken Jenkins, has prioritized the welfare of dangerous criminal illegal aliens over our safety. On March 20, 2018, he celebrated the passage of a law that made Westchester a Sanctuary County—a law that sets free these violent criminals to commit even more crimes in our neighborhoods. This isn't just bad policy; it's a direct threat to our residents' safety."

Sculti continued, "A law that limits information the County will share with federal immigration authorities is the very definition of sanctuary."

Sculti also promised to cut the extreme taxing and spending that have been the hallmark of the past 7 years under one-party Democrat rule. "Ken Jenkins has raised the sales tax by a whopping \$452 million, making everything you buy more expensive," said Sculti. "He has recklessly increased the county budget by \$656 million over the last seven years. Families, seniors, and young people are being priced out of Westchester—unable to stay in their homes, unable to build their futures here. I will put a stop to this out-of-control spending, prioritize fiscal responsibility, and make sure that your hard-earned dollars are used to benefit YOU, not the bloated bureaucracy."

Reflecting the collective conscience of Westchester and the nation, Sculti is committed to a return to common sense and reality in the social fabric of the county by establishing an Office of Parental Rights. Sculti said, "I know how important it is to ensure parents have a say in their children's education and well-being. I will fight to stop the dangerous, woke ideologies that push life-altering drugs and surgeries on children and that allow men to compete in girls' sports and enter girls' private spaces like locker rooms. Parents, not the government, should decide what is best for their children. It's time to give back control of our schools to parents."

Westchester Republican County Committee Chairman Doug Colety expressed great confidence in the GOP's return to the executive's office. "New York and Westchester are in crisis. Governor Hochul has the state on the precipice of financial and social collapse and the time for serious leadership is now." Colety continued, "Westchester taxpayers deserve serious leadership to stand up to a disastrous governor and Christine Sculti has the experience and the intelligence to do exactly that. She will make a great county executive."

Christine Sculti is a highly skilled professional with extensive experience in government and the private sector. As Chief Advisor to the County Executive, Christine was the highest-ranking woman in County Executive Robert P. Astorino's administration, which cut taxes and kept spending flat for eight years. She has also served as Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Westchester County Taxi & Limousine Commission, as Assistant to the Mayor of Yonkers, spearheading a 1.5 billion dollar redevelopment project, as Regional Director and Statewide Troubleshooter for the New State Consumer Protection Board, and in economic development for New York State as Mid-Hudson Regional Director. She currently works as Deputy Commissioner of the Westchester County Board of Elections.

As Vice President of a family-owned business and a corporate business development manager for an international business, Christine knows the importance of business-friendly policies that reduce regulations and keep taxes low in order that businesses can thrive and create jobs. She faced adversity when she was present for the bombing of the family's satellite office at the World Trade Center in 1993. Her experience during that traumatic terrorist attack led her to embrace public service.

A lifetime Westchester resident, Christine graduated from Fordham University. Dedicated to community service, she served on the Hudson River Valley Greenway Board, Harrison Board of Assessors, Rye City Rotary Club, Yonkers Downtown Waterfront Development Corp., the Mamaroneck Village Tree Committee and the Vice Chair of the Saint Pio Foundation.

**Notes:**

This will be the first election in Westchester after President Trump took the oath of office for a second term.

Sculti ran for County Executive four years ago, losing to Latimer-62%-38%. Some Westchester Republicans we spoke to said that although many of the bigger-name Westchester Republicans (County Legislator James Nolan, Assemblyman Matt Slater, Eastchester Supervisor Tony Colavita) declined to run, Sculti could do better this time.

"Trump did better in Westchester last November, and I think some of the issues she (Sculti) is running on could resonate. Plus, turnout will be lower in a special election," said a Yonkers republican.

On Nov. 5, 2024-Trump got 37% of the vote in Westchester, with Vice President Kamala Harris winning the county with 63%. In 2020, Biden beat Trump in Westchester -68%-32%. So Trump improved his totals in Westchester by 5% from 2020-24.

In 2022, Lee Zeldin got 40% of the vote for Governor, with Governor Kathy Hochul winning Westchester with 60% of the vote.

Sculti has also been involved in a group -Save our Schools for Westchester Children, which has advocated against DEI education and as she mentioned in her release-gender transitioning and boys playing in women's high school sports.

We are glad that the residents of Westchester County will have a choice when they vote on February 11 for County Executive.

But as one Westchester Democrat put it "Ken has to be elated that he is running against Sculti. But I'm not sure there is any republican who could beat Ken for County Executive. And that includes Trump, Astorino, you pick one."

**TAX SALE NOTICE****CITY OF YONKERS**

Department of Finance and Management Services, Office of the Commissioner, City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 452, Laws of 1908, known as the Supplemental Charter of the City of Yonkers, as amended by Chapter 725, of the Laws of 1917, adding thereto a new article numbered Article V-a, as further amended by Chapter 487, Laws of 1922, and as further amended by Chapter 667, Laws of 1933, as amended by Article IX Section 1 of Local Law No. 20-1961, as amended by Section 57 of Local Law 11 of 1995, and any subsequent amendments thereto, known as the Charter of the City of Yonkers, I, the undersigned Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, do hereby give public notice

That the respective owners of the lands and tenements in the City of Yonkers on which any taxes or assessments have been imposed and became a lien and have remained unpaid for one year since the same were due and payable are required to pay the amount of said taxes and assessments, together with all unpaid taxes and assessments affecting such lands and tenements, which became a lien and were due and payable prior to December 24, 2024 with all penalties thereon remaining unpaid, together with the interest thereon at the rate provided by law from the time the same became due and payable to the time of payment, and the charges of this notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon to the time of payment, to the Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, at his office in the City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

And Notice is hereby given that if default be made in such payment, the lien of the City of Yonkers, upon said lands and tenements for any tax or assessment, which became a lien so as to be due and payable before December 24, 2024; will be sold at public auction in the Ceremonial Court Room, 4th Floor, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, in the City of Yonkers, on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 10:00 A.M. of that date, for the lowest rate of interest, not exceeding 12 per centum per annum, at which time any person or persons shall offer to take the same in consideration of advancing the said taxes and assessments and penalties, as the case may be, the interest thereon as aforesaid to the time of sale, the charges of notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon; and that such sale will be continued from time to time until all said liens of taxes and assessments shall be sold.

The transfer of tax liens to be executed and delivered to the purchaser thereof pursuant to the terms of said sale shall be subject to the lien for and the right of the City of Yonkers to collect and receive all taxes and assessments and penalties and interest thereon which became due and payable, of which became a lien upon said lands and tenements on and after the date mentioned in the advertisement for sale as stated herein, namely, the 24 day of December.

Each of the tax liens referred to in this advertisement will be sold subject to the provisions of the Federal Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and amendments thereto and Section 314 of the New York State Military Law.

Notice is hereby further given that a particular and detailed statement of the property affected by this sale, together with the total amount of the tax lien thereon, which are to be sold will hereafter be published in the official newspaper(s) of the City of Yonkers.

**FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL TAX SALE NOTICE**

In addition to the foregoing Tax Sale Notice and Statutes therein described, the further or additional notice is given setting forth the lots and parcels of land, including the street address thereof, on which the tax lien is to be sold together with the aggregate amount of tax lien thereon, and the assessed valuation of every said lot and parcel as described in the 2023 Tax Rolls as approved by the Department of Assessment and Taxation and confirmed by the City Council.

The name set forth is that of the person, corporation or legal entity appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the lot or parcel of land upon which the tax lien is to be sold.

The first item is the Comptroller's Tax Lien Number; the second is that of the person appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the property; the third is the location of the property as described on the tax rolls which includes the Section, Block and Lot Numbers as shown on the Official City Map; the fourth is the assessed valuation unimproved as shown on the tax rolls; the fifth is the total assessed valuation as shown on the tax rolls; the last group of figures is the total amount of the lien which is to be sold.

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Susan Spear, First Woman to Head DES in its History

Susan Spear has been appointed commissioner of the Department of Emergency Services, becoming the first woman to hold that post in DES history, County Executive Ken Jenkins announced.

Spear, who served as deputy commissioner at DES since November 2020, replaces Richard G. Wishnie. He was named by Jenkins as his Deputy County Executive last week.

"Susan Spear has done a tremendous job as deputy commissioner, and she is the right person to lead the Department of Emergency Services into the future. I am grateful for her leadership at DES and for her exemplary service to our County during the Covid-19 pandemic and other major events in Westchester."

Spear said, "I am thankful to County Executive Jenkins for the trust he has placed in me and for his longtime support of this Department. I am proud to lead the outstanding men and women at DES who play such a vital role in keeping Westchester safe. On behalf of all of us at DES, I would also like to thank Richard Wishnie for his leadership and significant contributions to DES during his tenure as commissioner."

The Department of Emergency Services, which just celebrated the 25th anniversary of its creation, consists of four divisions: Fire Services, Communications (60 Control), Emergency Management (OEM) and Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

The Fire Services Division is comprised of four units: fire training, fire inspection, special operations, and fire prevention and protection. The division administers, coordinates and maintains the fire training program that is available to Westchester County's 59 fire departments. It also oversees specialized units, including the Hazardous Materials Response Team and the Technical Rescue Team.

The Emergency Communications Center, commonly referred to as 60 Control, provides primary dispatch service for 54 fire departments and 34 EMS agencies in Westchester. The center is staffed by communications specialists 24 hours each day and also handles all fire and EMS mutual aid requests going in and out of the County.

OEM provides planning, preparedness training and emergency response to major events. It works collaboratively with local, state and federal agencies to prepare Westchester for disasters and related response. During a major emergency and significant weather events, OEM may activate the County's Emergency Operations Center, a state-of-the-art facility where the County, local municipalities, hospitals, utilities and other agencies work together to keep Westchester safe. The division also maintains a stockpile of critical supplies that can be dispensed to local communities during an emergency.

The EMS Division collaborates with local, regional and state agencies to enhance the effectiveness of the County's Emergency Medical Services system. It provides medical training to County employees, EMS providers, firefighters, police agencies and other organizations. It also assigns EMS personnel to County events and facilities, and provides mutual aid coordination and incident management assistance during large-scale events.

"The next few years will bring new challenges, which DES is well-prepared to address with the support of County leadership. We plan to continue making progress on important capital projects and facilities improvements that will further enhance our training programs and resource capabilities," Spear said.

Spear's appointment as commissioner must be confirmed by the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

## Welcome a Lifelong Friend - Open Your Home to a Foreign Exchange Student

World Heritage International Student Exchange Program (WH), a Non-Profit, Public Benefit Organization, is seeking local families to host foreign exchange students this coming school year. World Heritage students come from a variety of countries worldwide: Italy, Denmark, Spain, France, Germany, Ukraine, Japan, Australia, to name just a few. They are between the ages of 15 and 18 years, and they are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture, family life, school, sports, etc. They also love to share their own culture and language with their host families, who welcome the students into their home, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving everyone involved a rich cultural experience. Host families may be single parents, couples and single persons.

The exchange students have pocket money for personal expenses and full health, accident and liability insurance. World Heritage students are carefully selected based upon academics and personality, and host families choose their student from different backgrounds, countries and personal interests.

World Heritage also offers qualified American students the opportunity to learn another language and culture by spending a school year, semester or a summer with a host family in another country.

If interested in hosting an exchange student or becoming an exchange student abroad, please call Debra at 1-800-888-9040, visit [www.world-heritage.org](http://www.world-heritage.org) or send an email to [info@world-heritage.org](mailto:info@world-heritage.org) to request more information or start the application process. Students are eager to learn about their American host family, so begin the process of welcoming your new son or daughter today. The memories and the relationship you create with your exchange student will stay with you forever.

Contact: Debra Garbon, World Heritage Program Director, at 1-800-888-9040 or send an email to [info@world-heritage.org](mailto:info@world-heritage.org).

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester Action To Foreclose A Mortgage Index #: 56421/2024 Keybank, NA Plaintiff, vs Unknown Heirs Of Helena Daniel AKA Helen Daniel If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Mary Ann Daniel As Heir To The Estate Of Helena Daniel A/K/A Helen Daniel, Donella Marie Daniel As Heir To The Estate Of Helena Daniel A/K/A Helen Daniel, James Daniel As Heir To The Estate Of Helena Daniel A/K/A Helen Daniel, Loretta H. 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Davis If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS John Doe (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 80 Touissant Avenue Yonkers, NY 10710 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Helena Daniel AKA Helen Daniel, Unknown Heirs Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Gretchen Walsh of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Tenth day of January, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated December 30, 2011, executed by Helena Daniel AKA Helen Daniel (who died on January 20, 2019, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$150,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 520373408 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on April 11, 2012. The property in question is described as follows: 80 Touissant Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. 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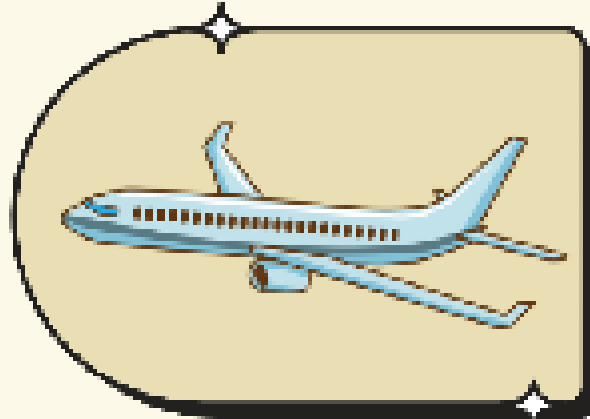
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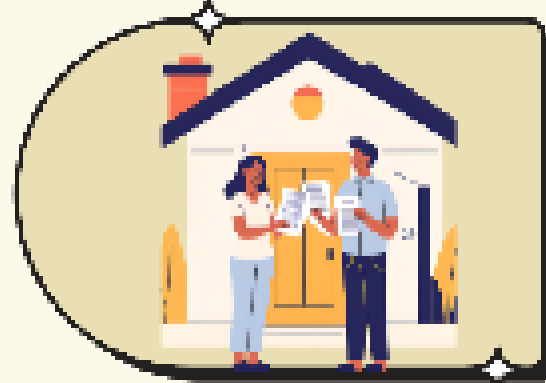


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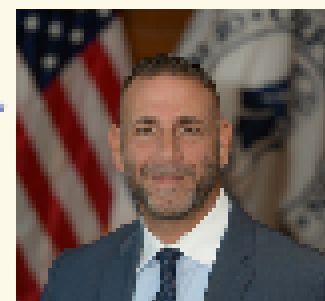


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