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“Stewart-Cousins (Not Hochul), Leading New York Democratic Party Right Now”



By Dan Murphy

NY Governor Kathy Hochul’s pick for Chief Judge of the NYS Court of Appeals, Hector LaSalle, appears to be halted after the Democratic controlled State Senate Judicial committee rejected moving the nomination to the full senate for a vote last week.

LaSalle was viewed by a majority of state senate democrats as too conservative and pro-life, and the decision not to allow an up or down full senate vote for LaSalle, came from State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, from Westchester, and her caucus.

The debate over LaSalle continues, with Hochul and LaSalle’s supporters claiming that the entire senate needs to vote on his confirmation, and that the Governor might sue to get that full senate vote. But those sour grapes shown by Hochul and Co., resulted in Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins releasing a statement, which read,

“This ongoing attack makes it clear that there are those that don’t accept the Senate’s role in this process, and will not be happy unless we simply act as a rubber stamp. This is a dangerous infringement of the separation of powers. More and more people are waking up to the importance and impacts of the courts based on the events of the past year. This senate takes our role seriously and we will continue to represent the best interests of the people. Justice LaSalle was rejected based on his record and after 5 hours of testimony.”

That comment was viewed across New York political circles with joy or concern. Her supporters included progressive democrat Tom Watson who tweeted our headline, “Stewart-Cousins is leading New York’s Democratic Party right now”

The Upstater Tweeted, “I don’t think is NY politics folks talk enough about how great Andrea Stewart-Cousins is, and how much of a legacy she is going to leave as Senate leader.”

Former Governor George Pataki was not a fan of the power move. “This is a very big deal. It’s a question of who we have running the state – the governor or radical leftists in the legislature.”

Stewart-Cousins took questions from the media about the decision not to allow LaSalle’s confirmation a full senate vote. “We had the hearing we said we would always provide. The committee has spoken. The nomination was lost and I’m hoping we can move forward. It’s clear that this nominee was rejected and that’s it. We have to find a nominee that will be supported by the majority of the Senate and then get on with that.”

The Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal said that progressives democrats who now control both the senate and assembly, should not accept judicial nominations from anyone who is also running on the Conservative party line. LaSalle had run for Judge before on the democratic, re

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Schumer Comes to Yonkers, With Grant Money to Continue to Connect Yonkers Greenway Path



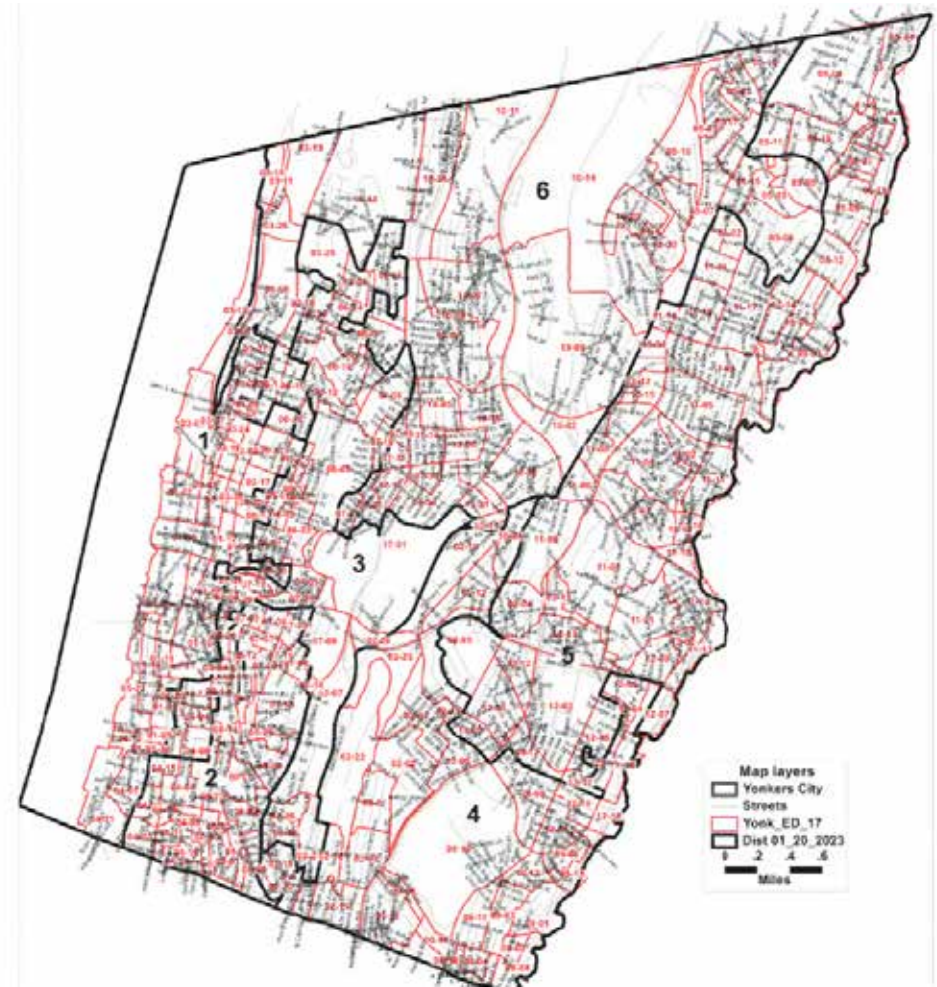
L-R-ZBA Chair Wilson Kimball, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Ellen Theg, Groundwork Hudson Valley, US Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, Candida Rodriguez, Groundwork Hudson Valley

Standing at the abandoned old Putnam Railroad’s former Lowerre Station alongside advocates that worked tirelessly to transform it into the Yonkers Greenway Park, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer today announced his major new push to deliver over \$5.4 million to the City of Yonkers through the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (USDOT) first-ever Reconnecting Communities Pilot Program to transform the long-abandoned Old Putnam Railroad into a first-of-its-kind greenway to reconnect Southwest Yonkers communities segregated by the Saw Mill River Parkway to the Bronx and parts of Westchester while breathing new life into historically redlined neighborhoods’ through revitalization of the South Broadway central business district.

Schumer explained that the new \$1 billion infusion over five years for the Reconnecting Communities Program he championed in the Bipartisan Infrastructure & Jobs Law presents the perfect opportunity for Yonkers to finally break ground on its 15-year community-led vision to reconnect communities west of the Saw Mill River Parkway that were once linked by industrialization and the old Putnam Railroad. Schumer wrote to Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg advocating for Yonkers’ selection, explaining that the project would transform the abandoned old Putnam Railroad spur to reconnect Southwest Yonkers to Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx through tree lined biking and walking paths, and revitalizing Southwest Yonkers’ main business corridor with a multimodal Complete Street, laying the

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City Council to Vote on Mandatory Redistricting of Council Districts



By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers City Council is moving forward with a required redistricting of the six council districts, including two Town Halls held this week, and a public hearing and vote expected on Jan. 31. Democrats hold a 5-2 majority on the city council, and as Eric Schoen so aptly said it in his column this week, “to the victor go the spoils,” with democrats redrawing the districts with the help of the consultant the city hired for the process-Andrew Beveridge, PhD.

The City Council is required to redraw their council districts every ten years. While we have a photo of the proposed new districts, please view the link provided by the city to view your district at <https://davesredistricting.org/maps/#viewmap:a7f9c0da-1bf5-485b-9488-223f27a60863>

At the Town Hall held at the Riverfront Library on Jan. 23, 40 people showed up. In a city of 200,000 that is not even one-tenth of one percent of the population, which means in our view that there is no conspiracy with this process, or any serious concern from the public.

Some concerns raised at the Town Hall included the redrawing of Warburton Ave., north by the Hastings Border. Currently, that part of Warburton is in the 3rd district, represented by Majority Leader Tasha Diaz. Diaz correctly wanted to consolidate her district to include the southwest portion of Yonkers. We agree with her request.

The other concern was in the 5th and 6th council districts, represented by the two council republicans, Mike Breen and Anthony Merante. Both districts were redrawn, with Merante and the Yonkers republican party claiming that they were “Gerrymandered.”

“I just learned of these Town Hall meetings on Friday Jan 20th with a notification by email. Sadly, as your councilmember I was totally cut out of the

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Beczak & Bob Walters Present 2023 Hudson River Talk Series



Beczak Environmental Education Center President Bob Walters

Join us around a cozy fire this winter for a series of talks about the beautiful Hudson River at the Beczak Environment Education Center at 35 Alexander St. Yonkers NY. Co-sponsored by: Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association and the Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club.

About the series, Bob Walters, President of the Beczak Environmental Education Center, said, “In the tradition of the great environmentalist Pete Seeger, this series of talks is designed to teach us about the Hudson River and make us aware of its great beauty and the importance of the river to all of us.” The series of talks this Winter at the Beczak Center includes:

* **“Historic Yonkers/Alpine Ferry Talk”** with Eric Nelsen Saturday, February 4th - 2:00 PM. Eric Nelsen, a historical interpreter at the Palisades Interstate Park, takes us back in time to learn about the historic ferry route between Yonkers and Alpine, New Jersey. Learn about the boats, the crews, the passengers, and the commerce that connected the Palisades to Yonkers.

* **“Hudson River Oysters: Past, Present, and Future”** with Kevin Horbatiuk Saturday, February 18th - 12:00 PM. Kevin Horbatiuk is the Oyster Research Station Ambassador with Billion Oyster Project; Volunteer, City Island Oyster Reef, and former Commodore Yonkers Paddling & Rowing Club.

* **“Hudson River Pilots Association”** Saturday, February 25th - 2:00 PM Started in 1958, the Hudson River Pilots Association are both Federally and State licensed pilots employed to safely and efficiently guide vessels to the ports along the Hudson River. The State of New York relies on the Hudson River Pilots Association to be the front line in the effort to protect the river environment and maintain safe commerce to all the ports along the river.

There is free parking and light refreshments. To learn more, visit, www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsBeczak.

Ranger Great Adam Graves Helps Kick Off YPS-Junior Ball Hockey Program



Adam Graves, left, with Teacher and lifelong Rangers Fan Patrick Levins, and Andres Carbajal and Marleny Polanco

On Jan. 20, Adam Graves, of the New York Rangers, kicked off the Junior Rangers Ball Hockey Program with Yonkers Public Schools at Eugenio Maria de Hostos Microsociety School. A ribbon cutting event was held to celebrate the launch, which included a large donation of hockey equipment as well as a Try Ball Hockey for Free event for over 50 participants, inclusive of hour-long skills, drills and games to celebrate the partnership. This donation will help kids stay active and healthy, as well as introduce them to a sport they otherwise may not have the chance to try out. As part of the Rangers and the City of Yonkers initial partnership, the Rangers have hosted Learn to Play and Rookie League programs with E.J. Murrays Memorial Ice Rink since 2017.

Over 1,500 kids have been introduced to the sport of hockey through this partnership, by providing free equipment, access to ice time and professional instruction. The Rangers have also hosted the Try Ball Hockey for Free program and Ball Hockey League at E.J. Murrays Memorial Ice Rink during the spring and summer months. Ball Hockey Programs allow children of diverse and economically challenged backgrounds the opportunity to play without the barriers of ice time and full equipment.

This equipment donation will help reach 27,000 students from 100 cultures, backgrounds, and nationalities in grades prekindergarten through Grade 12 across 39 schools throughout the City of Yonkers. This donation will help kids stay active and healthy, as well as introduce them to a sport they otherwise may not have the chance to try out.

Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

“I Love Your Paper and Your Website! Keep Up the Good Work!”-Helen McCabe, Yonkers

Ricardo Osmondo Francis: The Black Iconic New Solo Exhibit at Riverfront Library



“daughters of the revolution”

by Ricardo Osmondo Francis, pictured below



The new solo exhibition “The Black Iconic” from Newark-based artist Ricardo Osmondo Francis opens at the Yonkers Public Library, Riverfront Art Gallery on Thurs., Feb. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in participation with the First Thursday Gallery Hop in downtown Yonkers.

“The Black Iconic is one of the most exciting and impactful exhibits we’ve ever had,” said Haifa Bint-Kadi, curator and arts educator at the Riverfront Library. “Our community will be seen, heard and affirmed which is a testament to the power of art and its ability to shape perceptions and raise narratives that are often hidden or disappeared. Our gallery has been transformed into a space for reflection and intimacy that will leave all observers feeling they’ve witnessed an unforgettable moment in history.”

This exhibit features a wide array of Francis’ luminous paintings and is a brooding elegiac vision of the Black visage delineated in both grand decadence and technically through densely evocative images that are steeped in multicultural symbolism.

Francis’ work is inspired by the complexity of African American identity, mythology, and painting itself, and examines how Black people are perceived both socially and politically on the world stage through a spiritual gaze. The exhibition runs through March 26, 2023 and is curated by Bint-Kadi.

Ricardo Osmondo Francis was born September 8, 1976, in Houston, Texas. He attended the Maryland Institute College of Art in Baltimore, MD, and received a BFA in 1998 in painting. Inspired by Classical art, multi-ethnic antiquity, and present day advertisement imagery, Francis’ vivid pictorial works present a torrent of imagery culled from every possible corner of the visual culture. His lush elaborately graphic surrealistic paintings and drawings often depict the social constructs of humanity and the complexity of our existence through conceptually layered portraiture, still life, and abstract compositions.

For more information about the Yonkers Public Library, visit www.ypl.org.

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Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra Presents -8th Annual Beethoven Festival-Free-Feb. 5th

Feb. 5 -3pm-Saunders High School -Free

On Sunday February 5th, 2023 at 3pm, the Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra presents its 8th Annual Beethoven Festival concert, with a varied program, conducted by guest conductor Andrés Rivas.

The program features Beethoven's magnificent third symphony "Eroica", a revolutionary work in its time, written at a major turning point in Beethoven's life and career. Into this music, Beethoven poured his passion, fury and anguish as he dealt with his developing deafness, with a depth of musical expression that moves away from his roots in the classical and baroque styles and into the Romantic era.

Beethoven's Romance no. 2 in F major for violin and orchestra is admired for its lyricism and poetic qualities, expressed through beautiful melodies in cantabile (singing) style, decorated with virtuosity in baroque turns, trills, and grace notes. YPO concertmaster, Urara Mogi is highlighted as violin soloist.

Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture "Fingal's Cave" was inspired by the magic of Fingal's Cave on the uninhabited island of Staffa in the North Sea, which the composer visited at the age of 20 on his first visit to Scotland. In the true Romantic sense, Mendelssohn's inspiration became the source of his music. The cave is named after a Scottish hero in an epic poem by 18th century Scots poet-historian James Macpherson.

Cherubini's Concert-Overture is an exhilarating curtain-raiser, encompassing all the drama and character of his music for opera. Beethoven regarded Cherubini as the greatest of his contemporaries, particularly in the operatic genre and this work offers an exciting opening for our program.

The concert is free and all are welcome to join us for this exciting afternoon of music. Pre-concert lecture 2:15 to 2:45, presented by Dr. Margaret Benedict. Further information: www.yonkersphilharmonic.com. Phone: (571) 310-7060.

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foundation for a better future in Yonkers.

"As Yonkers saw an unprecedented industrial expansion in its Southwest neighborhoods, communities of immigrant workers formed along the Old Putnam Railroad, connected by its four stops running from Getty Square to Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. This all changed when the Saw Mill River Parkway divided the city, relegating low-income housing projects to the west side of the parkway, and more expensive, split-level homes to the east. Soon after, the Old Putnam Railroad ended service, not only separating Southwest Yonkers' historically redlined communities, but also suddenly removing the jobs, education, and services in New York City and Westchester. Without proper maintenance, the old Put soon became a ghost railroad snaking through working-class communities as an abandoned, overgrown, network of separate, polluted dumping grounds," said Senator Schumer. "Now, with this first-ever Reconnecting Communities program, we have an opportunity to right this wrong for future generations of residents living in Southwest Yonkers. That's why today I am calling on U.S. DOT to fully fund the City of Yonkers proposal to reconnect its historically redlined communities west of the Saw Mill that once relied on this abandoned spur."

Schumer explained that a lack of trees, green space, and parks has long plagued Southwest Yonkers, not only limiting recreation and connectivity, but creating wide stretches of concrete and pavement trapped heat without natural landscapes to absorb it, leading to urban heat islands. This is most noticeable along the derelict former Putnam Railroad, which had once served as a connecting artery for Yonkers to New York City from 1888-1943, but now serves as a barrier rife with abandoned lots.

The \$5.4 million that Schumer said he is pushing for represents approximately 40% of the estimated cost of the total project. Specifically, the Yonkers Greenway will transform the derelict old railroad corridor into a 3.1-mile multi-use transportation and recreational trail. The project will run from the #1 subway in the Bronx to Yonkers MetroNorth Station and along multiple Westchester bus routes.

CORPORATION NOTICE CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following Local Law, to wit:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION C1-4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED "CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS"

VINCENT SPANO,
City Clerk, Dated: January 23, 2023

Is January Over Yet?



By Eric Wolf Schoen

It is so hard to believe that the month of January is almost over and February will soon be upon us. So, Where is the snow, ice, sleet, etc.? There are many who will blame this on global warming, but I will not blame it on anything. Anyone who grew up in this region is well aware of the 'feet' of snow we use to get, forcing us to stay in the house for days on end eating homemade cake (the house smelled so good!) and big bowls of soup

The pandemic has forced so many families to get computers that distant learning is a reality, not a dream.

Turn on the computer and you have practically everything you need. So you say why do we need classroom teachers. Simply, without them and without group learning students would not interact with each other and socialization would not take place. It is so crucial to all parts of learning and we should never forget it. Let's hope those who fund our schools understand this unlike an elected official who once said to me, 'Why do we need libraries when so many books are on CD?' This same official could not understand why our libraries needed a magazine budget because they too are electronically available.

There is nothing like picking up a hard or soft cover books and flipping the pages. Let's hope our society doesn't get away from this for a long time!

The Washington Documents

If we keep a \$100,000 piece of jewelry in the vault but want to take it out for a special occasion, we take it out and put it in a place we will never forget. After the occasion is over we take it out and return it to where we got it from.

The places are so finite. I can't image keeping a \$100,000 piece of jewelry in room the size of a mud room with no security. Just like at home, the document is stored in a small appropriate place.

So President Biden and Former President Trump have documents of top security stored in their respective homes since in Biden was Vice President and Trump has documents from over 4 years in Mar Lago. The document are just being found in searches of the homes of the two men. Most of the document are stored in the Library of Congress. Like a regular library, no one checks to see what books are checked out? If we didn't have a document system like a regular library, no one would ever check the whereabouts of these documents supposedly crucial to our nation's security? I'm sorry friends, I just don't get it.

And who else knows what is out there? And how long these documents have been known to be under no security? Should we been examining the homes of all our Presidents and Vice Presidents and Government Officials and have them look for missing documents. Should. We bring in an inventory company to take a non-partial examination of what exists and what is missing? This mess is beyond ridiculous.

Should there be a 'give back' where the families going back to George Washington can return classified documents without a penalty. Should there be fines based on how long a document is in circulation. Why just penalize George Washington's family without the Lincoln and Eisenhower's. This could go on for ages. Penalize the Library of Congress employees and their families who allowed the materials to go into circulation and never checked? Maybe we could solve our nations financial problems. Crazy!

Truck on the Hutchinson River Parkway

2023. There my friend is stuck in traffic on the Hutchinson River Parkway. A truck hit the overpass knocking off its roof. Road closed. Cars waiting for hours. Maybe it's time that the people revolt.

There has got to be a solution. We've tried bars, stripes, signs, signals with and without noise and many other solutions. Nothing will work until we put up a barricade window high that hits the truck when it comes too close to it. Watch how quickly the truck backs up when they come close to a metal sign attached to a barricade that says no entrance or no entrada.

Everyone of these trucks costs time for removal, to fix the bridge that it hit as well as time for the motorists stuck in traffic. I don't care what the State Department of Transportation says against this. Do we ever see boats hitting bridges on our nation's roadways?

Yonkers Redistricting

'To the Winner goes the Spoils!' 'Yonkers' in the process of less than 5 days Redistricting city political districts to better align them with population shifts. And the Republicans are all in a huff as it dilutes their power. Haven't we gone through this game before!

When the Republicans were in power they did the same thing. So you expect the Democrats to do it different. Robocalls went out over the weekend telling about the process but not explaining what was going. It's simple. Even out the districts. With more Democrats it means more Democrat control districts county-wide. There is no law that you have to carve out a district to meet the needs of a political party. I'll say: To the Winner goes the spoils.

It will be interesting to see what happens. This is not easy business and requires distinct knowledge of the process. And remember, Republicans make up a small % of Yonkers population. The City Council has 5-2 Democrats to Republicans. It will be interesting to see what comes out in the end!

THIS WEEK WITH GEORGE SANTOS

Don't complain that Congressman George Santos got appointed to committees that are meaningless in Congress. Complain that he got elected to Congress, lying to his constituents. Complain that he doesn't know his name. Complain he doesn't know where he lives. Or family history.

How sick could a man be to raise funds for an ill dog and never turn the funds over to his keeper? Sadly just like we have sick people shooting up stores in California, we have disturbed people lying to get elected. And dumb people who never checked out the disturbed person running for office.

One thing is very important. Congressman do a lot of constituent service for those in their district. It is important that the work of his predecessor be continued on. People are waiting for Government monies for help from their last Resource, the Congressional office, and wait for benefits they deserve. There needs to be staff under the direction of the Congress who make sure 'We, the People' are not forgotten.

Editorial note: thank spell check last week for turning RED into READ.
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Mary Calvi Pens Second Presidential “First Love” Book, About Teddy Roosevelt

Editor’s Note: Last week, we incorrectly printed the following story, and did not provide our readers with the proper conclusion. Our readers contacted us and wanted to read the entire story. Here it is.

In 2019, Mary Calvi, morning anchor for WCBS-TV and the First Lady of Yonkers, penned *Dear George, Dear Mary: A Novel of George Washington’s First Love*. The book’s success, which included being turned into a made for TV documentary by the Smithsonian channel, included references to her home in Yonkers, and one of the oldest buildings in New York State, Philipse Manor Hall.

Through extensive research, Calvi wondered whether George Washington’s heart belonged not to Martha, but to his first love, Mary Philipse, in her book. Now, in her second work of historical fiction, *If A Poem Could Live and Breathe*,

Calvi again questions the history books. Using her journalistic skills to uncover the previously unpublished love letters written between Theodore Roosevelt and first wife, Alice Lee, Calvi provides a new understanding of their romance and ill-fated marriage. (Lee died post-childbirth at the young age of 22).

The love letters, long thought to have been destroyed, allowed Calvi to illustrate how Lee, a woman many historians wrote off as unimportant to the development of Roosevelt, did indeed help shape him into the man and future president he would become.

History has dismissed Alice Lee, possibly because of how biographers portrayed her and her relationship with Theodore. Edmund Morris, in his Pulitzer prize-winning biography of Roosevelt, wrote “... all love-letters between himself and Alice—with four trivial exceptions—were destroyed. Photographs of Alice were torn out of their paper frames.”

But Calvi discovered nearly 40 love letters and never-before-published photographs between Roosevelt and Lee, donated to Harvard University by Alice Lee’s great grand-daughter in 1990. Calvi included 36 of the letters in *If A Poem Could Live and Breathe*.

During her research at Harvard, Calvi writes in the book, *“After reading through the last of the letters, I decided it might be a good idea to take a photograph with them while seated at one of a number of long wooden tables inside Houghton Library at Harvard University where they are stored. As I did, I was taken aback by what was hanging on the wall behind me: a portrait of President Roosevelt. Maybe he wanted them to be seen.”*

Calvi meticulously transcribed each letter and donated those transcriptions to Harvard University for future researchers. The book, and the love letters show that Theodore fell madly in love with Alice, won her heart, and married her. So why, after her tragic death, did Theodore never say her name again? This is the question Calvi attempted to answer with this book, and relishes in portraying Alice Lee in a new light.

Calvi’s publisher St. Martin’s Press will release the book on Valentine’s Day, February 14, for print and for kindle and audible. On February 17, Calvi will discuss her book at the Riverfront Library Auditorium. Doors will open for “An Evening with Mary Calvi” at 6:15 p.m. and will include a presentation, followed by Q & A and book signing. Copies of her book will be available onsite for purchase, through a partnership with Womrath Bookshop. The public is invited to attend this free literary event, but registration is strongly encouraged, particularly for those wishing to purchase a book onsite.

This event is sponsored by the Foundation for the Yonkers Public Library. “We’re delighted to have Mary share her new work with the people of Yonkers,” said Nancy Maron, President of the Foundation, “People of all ages will love hearing about her passion and skill for uncovering stories that others have missed. And helping people seek out information is one of the greatest strengths of a library.”

Copies of primary source materials, including many of the love letters, will be on display at the event. “We’re excited to have Mary return to Yonkers Public Library to discuss *If A Poem Could Live and Breathe*,” said Jesse Montero, library director, “This will be our biggest in-person author talk since the pandemic began, and there’s a real hunger for these events.”

Publishers Weekly has already lauded it as a “solid presidential love story” with a “magnetic narrative.”

Yonkers Historian Mary Hoar read the book and said, “Mary Calvi’s second novel is an amazing trip back, not only to late Nineteenth Century America, but also to the world of the innocence and romance of the first love of Theodore Roosevelt and Alice Hathaway Lee.

“Using primary sources, Ms. Calvi once again has brought powerful, historic characters to life, wrapped in impeccably researched history. She uses their own words to weave a tale of two young people meant to be together, sensitively writing of their discovery of each other, their journey to love, happiness and the anguish of loss.

“Theodore Roosevelt was a passionate man, a man of action enlightened by the beautiful, intelligent, passionate and gentle soul of his first love, Alice, a woman who sought to break the bonds restraining nineteenth century women, gently shaped Roosevelt’s personal and political philosophies, forever changed by great love and tragedy,” said Hoar.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB 2023-01
FOR ELECTRICAL ON-CALL SERVICES AT PROPERTIES OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (“MHACY”) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms for Electrical On-Call Services at various MHACY sites as specified in this Invitation for Bids (“IFB”).

This IFB package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This IFB is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter “Responders” or “Respondents”) and is available online starting January 27, 2023, at www.mhacy.org.

The IFB questions deadline is February 14, 2023, at 3:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any and all questions must be emailed to procurement@mhacy.org by the deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted.

Proposals must reach MHACY no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on February 21, 2023. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B.

Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria stated in the IFB. Negotiations may be conducted with contractors who have a reasonable chance of being selected for the award. After evaluation of the proposal revision, if any, the contract will be awarded to the responsible firm(s) whose qualifications, price and other factors are considered to be the most advantageous to MHACY.

MHACY reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any irregularities or informalities if it is in MHACY’s best interest to do so. MHACY reserves the right to cancel this IFB or to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals received in response to this IFB, upon its determination that such cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of MHACY.

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Contact, related to this procurement, with members of MHACY’s Board of Commissioners, or MHACY’s officers and/or employees other than the contact person show above, during the procurement process could result in disqualification of a proposal.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) # 2023 - 02

Gov. Hochul Announces \$514k Fed. Grant to Yonkers for Juvenile Delinquency Prevention

On Jan. 13, Governor Kathy Hochul announced that police departments in Buffalo, Schenectady and Yonkers are sharing \$1.5 million in federal funding over five years to implement pilot programs designed to provide alternatives to arrest for justice-involved youth and build trust between youth and police in the three cities. New York was one of only seven states to successfully apply for the funding, which will allow each department to address needs of youth who are at-risk of becoming involved with the justice system.

“New York State is committed to ensuring that our justice system is fair to support our youth and improve public safety for all New Yorkers,” Governor Hochul said. “I’m proud to announce this \$1.5 million in federal funding, which will support our state’s efforts to help law enforcement and community leaders partner together to ensure that our youth have the services and opportunities they need to build healthy futures and safe communities.”

Each police department will receive \$514,000 over the next five years and work with the state Division of Criminal Justice Services Office of Youth Justice to tailor pre-arrest diversion and trust-building programming designed to reflect the voice and story of young people who encounter law enforcement most frequently in those communities: runaway and homeless youth, and youth of color. This pilot program is part of Governor Hochul’s comprehensive strategy, using federal and state funding, to reduce and prevent gun and violent crime; empower communities; and improve the effectiveness and fairness of the state’s criminal and youth justice systems.

Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza said, “Thank you to Governor Hochul and to our partners with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services for including the Yonkers Police Department in such an important mission. We are excited to use these much-needed funds to collaborate with the Office of Youth Justice in the ultimate goal of addressing youth crime, placing an emphasis on finding real solutions to the issues in our community. As the Police Department for the third largest city in New York State, we cherish our younger generations and recognize that fostering real connections with our youth is the only way to succeed in policing.”

While New York State has a formal diversion process, it occurs after an arrest. Those cases are sent to probation departments, which determine whether they proceed to Family Court or can be diverted (also known as adjusted). The programs developed through the grant will allow for the state to pilot pre-arrest diversion or alternative to arrest opportunities, which could potentially increase equity in the justice system and access to alternatives to incarceration while bolstering trust between law enforcement and the community.

Through the grant, Office of Youth Justice staff will help identify services currently available to homeless and runaway youth in Westchester county; explore policy and eligibility requirements to identify barriers for at-risk or justice-involved youth to access programming; and identify any service gaps and needs for those youth. Data also will be used to support implementation of evidence-informed or evidence-based programming to fill those gaps

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publican and conservative party lines.

“That’s a decision to take a line from a party that is opposed to reproductive health, that is opposed to workers rights, that is opposed to LGBTQ marriage equality. I hope we have made it clear moving forward that we will not accept the nomination of judges who run on that line,” said Hoylman-Sigal, whose comment drew the wrath of NYS Conservative Party Chair Gerard Kassar, who said “the progressive Chairman of the State Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Brad Hoylman-Sigal of Manhattan, declared today that any judicial nominee in New York running on the Conservative Party line should be summarily rejected for consideration. In other words, Senator Hoylman-Sigal wants prospective judges pre-judged in this state to meet his own ideological bent. Maybe it’s time that the Conservative Party reconsider its cross endorsements of Democrats.”

“Serious people understand that Mr. Hoylman-Sigal is not among them, but his position as Senate Judiciary Chairman is cause for genuine alarm. How is it possible that a man with such prejudices is in a position to so radically affect our judicial system and the lives of each and every New Yorker? Isn’t justice supposed to be blind?” said Kassar.

Westchester State Senator Shelley Mayer traveled to Albany last week to make sure her vote concerning Judge Hector LaSalle was heard. Mayer posted that although she tested positive for COVID, she wanted to make her voice heard as a member of the Senate Judiciary Committee on the nomination of Judge Hector LaSalle to be Chief Justice of the NYS Court of Appeals.

Mayer explained her no vote, “On Wednesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee gave Justice Hector LaSalle a thoughtful, full, and fair hearing. The issues raised in the hearing were broad and expansive; and the questions posed by my colleagues and myself over the more than 4 hours of the hearing allowed the Justice to fully explain his judicial philosophy. (I could not be there in person in the Hearing Room due to Covid, but drove to Albany to “check in” personally that day in order to cast a vote after the Committee hearing.) PJ LaSalle is an accomplished Judge, and my vote is not a personal critique of him, but rather the application of what I believe is my Constitutional duty of “advise and consent.” As a member of the Judiciary Committee, I was able to vote on the nomination. The vote was 2 in favor of moving the nomination, 10 against, and 7 to move without recommendation. As a result, his nomination was defeated.

“After reading many of his decisions, as well as Law Review articles and speaking with legal experts, my opinion is that Justice LaSalle’s record shows a consistent pattern of very narrow interpretation of our laws and the Constitution. Whether on labor issues, constitutional issues involving juror selection, First Amendment issues regarding advertising, or a range of other matters, the Judges’ decisions default to a most limited interpretation of our laws and Constitution, even when another decision was legally justified. For me, given the fact our Court of Appeals has been a 4-3 conservative court over the past several years, taking fewer cases and yet poised to decide the critical issues before us, this default position is not what we need at this moment. In addition, the US Supreme Court has now removed some of our constitutional rights and taken us backwards. My belief is that at this moment in history, we need a Chief Judge who will ensure the highest Court’s decisions are based on a fair and broad interpretation of New York laws and the New York State Constitution, one that is consistent with legislative intent. The bills we have passed, expanding voting rights, environmental protections, civil rights, tenant rights and more all are subject to interpretation by the Court of Appeals. A limited and narrow interpretation would be inconsistent with what was intended when these laws were passed.

“While I have great respect for Justice LaSalle and for all he has accomplished in his career, for these reasons and others, I have voted “no” on this nomination. I look forward to considering a nomination from Governor Hochul that I, and my colleagues, can support and move forward to confirmation,” said Sen. Mayer.

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Planning Board Approves Chick Fil-A; Will Open in 2024, First in Westchester



A rendering of what the Yonkers Chick-fil-A will look like on Central Park Ave.

The Yonkers Planning Board, at their Jan. 11 meeting, approved the application to build the first Chick-fil-A restaurant in Westchester County, at 2205 Central Park Ave. in Yonkers.

The restaurant, known for its chicken sandwiches, will have a drive-thru and outdoor seating. The location, currently occupied by a closed Wells Fargo Bank, is a good one for any fast food type of restaurant, because of all the drivers an activity along Yonkers commercial and retail stretch of properties. And Chick-Fil-A has become so popular that it might increase buyers and shoppers to the area.

Efforts to allow Chick-Fil-A to occupy some of the food locations along the New York State Thruway were objected to because of the companies policies towards the LGBTQ+ community. "We are requesting that you re-examine the list of approved concessions for these rest spots considering Chick-fil-A's action against the LGBTQ+ community," said a number of democratic state legislators. The estimated \$1.5 Million project will also come before the City Council for final approval. All Chick-Fil-A restaurants are closed on Sunday, which originated with the founder, Truett Cathy, because of his Christian faith.

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tricting decision-making process. Equally upsetting is that you the people have not been duly informed as to how this would impact you as voters and given virtually no notice and time to absorb these pending changes," said Merante. "This is reminiscent of the ram it through process used to get Term Limits extended and it's a blatant chipping away at our democratic process. From notice received on the 20th to placement on the Council agenda for the 30th - will make it a 10-day process in total! Very sad!"

Yonkers Republican Chair John Larkin called the proposed new council districts, "Gerrymandered." "If you look up "gerrymander" in the dictionary, you will see the new District 6. Elbridge Gerry would be proud of this district. It would be unfair to allow District 6 as is to pass. It's a shame that the district I represented for 8 years has been so radically altered!"

Larkin continued, "The way Northwest Yonkers was split up is messy. In particular, the neighborhoods of Monastery Heights and Woodstock Manor have been cut street by street into Districts 1, 3, and 6. To the point that in Woodstock Manor neighboring houses are in three different City Council Districts."

Larkin continued, "This map moves around over a quarter of the Yonkers population into new districts. With such radical alterations to the City Council map, residents have three days' notice to let their voices be heard. The Districts will be on the City Council agenda for the 31st giving the Republican Party only a few days to fight this."

While some republicans will find that they have moved from the 6th to the 5th Council District, others will have moved from the 5th to the 6th. The 5th district is currently represented by Councilman Mike Breen. A piece of the newly drawn districts getting attention is the part of the new 5th district that does not include republican Ron Matten.

Matten, who ran for City Council President in 2021, was considering challenging Breen in a GOP primary in June for the 5th council seat. However, in an email to the Executive Committee of the Yonkers Republican Party dated January 5, 2023, Matten stated that he is withdrawing from consideration and would prefer to contemplate a mayoral campaign in 2027. Additionally, and in the same email, Matten resigned his position as Second Executive Director of the Yonkers Republican City Committee as he intends to "...spend the next four years working on my brand and building alliances within and across party lines. Therefore, I may be supporting some candidates who are not the party endorsed candidates."

Matten's comments have brought pause to some who have worked with him in the past. One Republican District Leader commented that "Espousing Republican ideals appears only to be acceptable when it works to Mr. Matten's benefit. Now that the Republican Party's endorsement is no longer in play for him, he is setting himself up to help run primaries against those that the hard-working members of the City Committee select in the same way he was selected just two short years ago."

Councilman Breen is expected to announce his intention to run for reelection in the coming weeks. Merante is expected to announce for Mayor later this week. Matten declined to comment for this story.

INVITATION FOR BIDS IFB 2023-01 FOR VACANCY PREP UNIT TURNOVER SERVICES AT PROPERTIES OWNED OR MANAGED BY THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers ("MHACY") is soliciting proposals from qualified firms for Vacancy Prep Unit Turnover Services for MHACY at various sites as specified in this Invitation for Bids ("IFB").

This IFB package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This IFB is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter "Responders" or "Respondents") and is available online starting January 27, 2023, at www.mhacy.org.

The IFB questions deadline is February 17, 2023, at 3:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Any and all questions must be emailed to procurement@mhacy.org by the deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted.

The contract is a non-exclusive contract for the services described. Selection may be made of one (1) or more Respondents deemed to be fully qualified and best suited among those submitting proposal. Proposals must reach MHACY no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on March 2, 2023. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B.

Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria stated in the IFB. Negotiations may be conducted with contractors who have a reasonable chance of being selected for the award. After evaluation of the proposal revision, if any, the contract will be awarded to the responsible firm(s) whose qualifications, price and other factors are considered to be the most advantageous to MHACY.

MHACY reserves the right to reject all proposals and waive any irregularities or informalities if it is in MHACY's best interest to do so. MHACY reserves the right to cancel this IFB or to reject, in whole or in part, all proposals received in response to this IFB, upon its determination that such cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of MHACY.

MHACY is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate based on race, sexual orientation, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, or family status. MHACY solicits and encourages the participation of minorities and small businesses in procurement.

Contact, related to this procurement, with members of MHACY's Board of Commissioners, or MHACY's officers and/or employees other than the contact person show above, during the procurement process could result in disqualification of a proposal.

Wilson Kimball, President & CEO
Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers
1511 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, New York 10710
IFB # 2023 - 01

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Loews Theatre on South Broadway opened in 1928

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

Monday, January 30th

January 30, 1931: Mistaken identity of a Yonkers soft-drink-parlor owner almost got him taken for a ride! A few days earlier, New York bootleggers thought they were being followed by Prohibition agents, so parked a truckload of 200 cases of liquor in a Yonkers garage to avoid discovery. A few local characters saw the truck driven into the garage; they waited until the bootleggers left... and stole the truck.

The bootleggers went looking for the hijackers, and mistakenly thought Michael Duchynski was part of the gang. They confronted him at his business on Clinton Street with their revolvers drawn; they forced him to put on his hat and coat, then pushed him into their car. He was able to convince the men he was not one of the thieves; after driving around the city, they tossed him out of the car while firing a few shots as a warning. Yonkers police believed he was the first person to "take a ride" in Yonkers, and the first to live to talk about it.

Tuesday, January 31st

January 31, 1951: The stolen Yonkers High School Safe was found! Found by James Copola in front of 159 Linden Street, the safe had small holes drilled into the bottom to remove money stored in it. Principal Dr. Fred Lena used the combination to open the safe at Police Headquarters and found no papers were missing, including marked Regents exams. Three youths were seen pushing the safe about 3:15 am a few days earlier, but the young men were not identified.

Wednesday, February 1st

February 1, 1918: The Yonkers Council of the State Civil Service Employees' Association hired attorney Adrian Potter to "compel Yonkers administration" to reemploy men discharged from their jobs. They claimed the Board of Estimate abolished positions to "get rid of employees", then created other jobs in the same department to give other people jobs. An example was creation of the new job of City Hall steamfitter; the job description was the same as the abolished Building Superintendent.

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 beat, he noticed a moving light in Joseph Kohn's New Main Street shop. When he investigated, he found a teen inside, and arrested him. After he turned the young fellow over to other officers, he went back in and found the two other teens hiding behind rolls of linoleum.

Thursday, February 2nd

February 2, 1928: On an evening billed as the greatest gathering of stage and screen stars in Yonkers, the new Loews Theatre on South Broadway opened to a huge theater crowd. "First nighters" inspected the theatre, admiring high ceilings, paneled mirrored walls and a massive chandelier. Former Congressman John Andrus, builder of the theater, arrived with Dr. Newell Benedict and former Mayor Leslie Sutherland. Mayor Thomas Larkin, commissioners and members of the Common Council attended. Entertaining were "The Five Maxellos," tumblers and balancers; "sparkling personality" comedian Margie Coat; and "The Plasterers" performed slapstick. Stars attending were Frances White, Priscilla Dean, "Fatty" Arbuckle, Clara Kimball Young, Madame Elinor Glyn and others. The featured film was "West Point," starring William Haines and Joan Crawford. February 2, 1959: Students at School Nineteen heartily welcomed sixth graders from School Twenty Seven! School Twenty-Seven was being demolished and rebuilt, with the exception of a four-room wing housing Kindergartners and First Graders. Second through fifth graders went to School Three.

Friday, February 3rd

February 3, 1926: Deputy Public Safety Commissioner Bernard Reardon resigned his position as aide to Commissioner Van Keuren after just a month. Rumor was Reardon flatly refused to preside at Captain O'Mara's trial, and would not take part in the Commissioner's "brutal and inhuman treatment against the police force of Yonkers." Reardon issued this statement: "The safeguarding of my reputation, my dignity and my character required I sever my connections with that department."

According to The Yonkers Statesman, O'Mara, was "recognized as one of the ablest policemen in the city."

February 4, 1927: After the Nepperhan River overflowed and caused severe damage to several businesses in the area, DPW Commissioner Goldsmith announced Anthony Cianculli had deepened the temporary flume to six times its size at the time of the flood, approximating the size original river bed.

Saturday, February 4th

February 4, 1938: Twenty-two-year-old canoeist Ralph Zimmerman of Woodworth Avenue struggled to get to safety as crowds of people watched. Zimmerman, paddling back to Yonkers returning from an afternoon picnic in Alpine, suddenly was caught between heavy ice floes and a strong current, severely buffeting his canoe midway across the Hudson. People watching at Ludlow Street realized he was in trouble and called YPD, who called the NYC Marine Police. Leo Schwartzstein of the Yonkers Ferry Company sent men out in small boats to rescue the young sailor. But Zimmerman managed to return to the Jersey shore before help arrived! He picked up his canoe, carried it to the Alpine ferry slip and returned to Yonkers on the ferry. *continued on pg 7-*

CORPORATION NOTICE CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 at 5:30pm, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE COY ENTITLED 'TAXES' IN ORDER TO CONFORM WITH THE 2022 AMENDMENTS TO THE NYS REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW IN RELATION TO PHYSICALLY DISABLED EXEMPTION

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

MIKE SPANO Mayor Date: January 20, 2023

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
AMAT HOLDINGS, LLC

Plaintiff,
v.

The Heirs at law, devisees, distributees, legal representatives, and successor(s) in interest to Anina Attanasio if they be alive, or if they be deceased, any person, entity, creditor, legal representative, or successor that may claim any right of such Heir at law, devisee, distributee, legal representative, or successor in interest to ANINA ATTANASIO; HELEN SABATINI if she be alive, or if she be deceased any Heirs at law, devisees, distributees, legal representatives, and successor(s) in interest to HELEN SABATINI; ALFRED ATTANASIO; if he be alive, or if he be deceased any Heirs at law, devisees, distributees, legal representatives, and successor(s) in interest to ALFRED ATTANASIO; CONSTANCE POST if she be alive, or if she be deceased any Heirs at law, devisees, distributees, legal representatives, and successor(s) in interest to CONSTANCE POST,

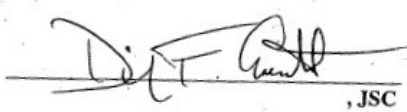
Defendant(s).
INDEX No. 69239/2018

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

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

- The property involved in the instant action is known as 156 and 158 Waverly Street, Yonkers, New York 10701, is bounded and described as follows
- Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Waverly Street where the same is intersected by the northerly line of land now or formerly of George Herriot;
- Running thence northerly along said easterly line of Waverly Street, 57.17 feet;
- Running thence westerly on a line drawn at an angle of 90 degrees 39 minutes 10 seconds from the easterly line Waverly Street, 100.01 feet;
- Running thence southerly parallel with Waverly Street, 37.22 feet to the aforesaid northerly line of land now or formerly of George Herriot;
- Running thence westerly along said last mentioned line, 109.75 feet to the point or place of beginning.
- The property is further described as Section 1, Block 477, Lot 65 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Yonkers.

ENTER:



HON. DAVID F. EVERETT
J.S.C.

Dated: September 20, 2022
White Plains, New York

CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following Resolution, to wit:

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

A PROPOSED RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHEDULING AND CONDUCT OF A PUBLIC HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 1411(D) OF THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW IN CONNECTION WITH PROPOSED CONDITIONED SURPLUS OF CERTAIN CITY-OWNED PROPERTY TO THE YONKERS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

VINCENT SPANO
City Clerk

Dated: January 25, 2023

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SCHEDULING AND CONDUCT OF A PUBLIC HEARING IN CONNECTION WITH A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS AND PLAN MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY OF YONKERS GETTY SQUARE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, RIVERVIEW URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN, AND ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF YONKERS TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECTS ON PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AND DESCRIBED IN THE PETITION AS THE "TEUTONIA HALL SITE", THE "CHICKEN ISLAND SITE", AND THE "NORTH BROADWAY SITE"

VINCENT SPANO
City Clerk

Dated: January 25, 2023

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AMENDING CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODE OF THE COY ENTITLED 'TAXES' IN ORDER TO CONFORM WITH THE 2022 AMENDMENTS TO THE NYS REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW IN RELATION TO SENIOR CITIZEN EXEMPTION

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MIKE SPANO Mayor Date: January 20, 2023

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

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

Plaintiff,
vs.

DAWN MCMAHON, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; ANN MARIE DEMARTINO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; GEORGINA GUALDINO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon, or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; JOHN DOE S/H/A JOHN DOE #1,

"JOHN DOE #2" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,
Defendants.

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:
105 COLGATE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703

Section: 3, Block: 033, Lot: 23

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$652,500.00 and interest, recorded on December 21, 2011, in Instrument Number 513193130, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 105 COLGATE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703.

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

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

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

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

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

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

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

Dated: January 18, 2023

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
Matthew Rothstein, Esq.
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590
516-280-7675

Notice of formation of PERIGONMED LLC. filed with the SSNY on 12/30/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 73 Market st suit 300 Yonkers NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

Notice of formation of KMCG LLC filed with the SSNY on 1/9/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 221 Devoe Ave, Yonkers NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Steering The Kulture LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 12/5/22 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : C/O Steering The Kulture LLC, 227 Elm Street Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of formation of JCJ Electrical LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York on 01/06/2022. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 15 Dexter Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Covering Civil and Landlord & Tenant cases. Will do all mailings and provide Affidavit of service. Please contact me at (914) 770-0079, or email me at Tina_vazquez819@yahoo.com.

Larry Ray Sentenced to 60 Years for Sex Trafficking Cult at Sarah Lawrence College



If you believe you are a victim of this individual, call the FBI at 800-CALL-FBI.

On Jan. 20, Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced today that LAWRENCE RAY, a/k/a “Lawrence Grecco,” received a sentence of 60 years in prison for racketeering conspiracy, violent crime in aid of racketeering, extortion, sex trafficking, forced labor, tax evasion, and money laundering offenses. RAY was sentenced today by United States District Judge Lewis J. Liman after being convicted at trial in April 2022.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: “Larry Ray is a monster. For years, he inflicted brutal and lifelong harm on innocent victims. Students who had their lives ahead of them. He groomed them and abused them into submission for his own gain. Through physical and psychological abuse, he took control over his victims’ minds and bodies and then extracted millions of dollars from them. The sentence imposed today will ensure that Ray will never harm victims again. I commend the brave victims who testified in Court in the face of incredible trauma. I also thank the career prosecutors in this Office and our law enforcement partners who made the just conviction and sentence in this case possible.”

According to the Indictment and the evidence at trial: From in or about 2010 through the present, LAWRENCE RAY subjected a group of college students and other victims he met after moving into his daughter’s dorm room at Sarah Lawrence College to sexual and psychological manipulation and physical abuse. RAY’s tactics included sleep deprivation, psychological and sexual humiliation, verbal abuse, threats of physical violence, physical violence, threats of criminal legal action, alienating the victims from their families, and exploiting the victims’ mental health vulnerabilities.

Through this manipulation and abuse, RAY extracted false confessions from the victims to causing purported damages to RAY and his family and associates and then extorted payment for those purported damages through several means. The victims made payments to RAY by draining their parents’ savings, opening credit lines, soliciting contributions from acquaintances, selling real estate ownership, and at RAY’s direction, performing unpaid labor for RAY and earning money through prostitution.

Through fear, violence, and coercion, RAY forced one female victim to engage in commercial sex acts to pay damages to RAY that she did not actually owe. Beginning when she was just a college student, RAY sexually groomed this victim and collected sexually explicit photographs and other personal information, which he then used to coerce her into continued commercial sex acts. RAY also used physical violence. On one occasion, RAY tied his victim to a chair, placed a plastic bag over her head, and nearly suffocated her. RAY collected millions of dollars in forced prostitution proceeds from this victim. At the sentencing, Judge Liman underscored “the resiliency of the human spirit and the courage of the victims.”

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MLK Jr. Poem/Video Contest Open Until Feb. 14

The Deadline for the Yonkers 2023 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Poem/ Video Contest is Feb. 14. This year’s theme, Black Resistance, takes a look at how African Americans have fought repression from America’s earliest days.

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

Poems and video submissions are due February 14, 2023 and may be emailed to contest@yonkersny.gov or sent by mail to MLK, Jr. Contest, Mayor’s Office, City Hall, 2nd Floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

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Sunday, February 5th

February 5, 1954: Hundreds of people attended the funeral for Frank E. Xavier, President of the First National Bank. Fourteen priests were in the sanctuary at Holy Rosary, and it was attended by delegations from charities he supported, local banks, City Hall, YPD, YFD, the Yonkers Board of Education, present and former Yonkers Commissioners and Councilmen.

February 5, 1958: The results of the special 1957 census Yonkers ordered were released. We had 178,145 people living here, 92,048 women and 86,097 men.

Questions or comments? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com.

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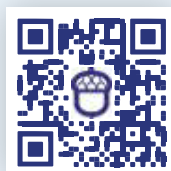
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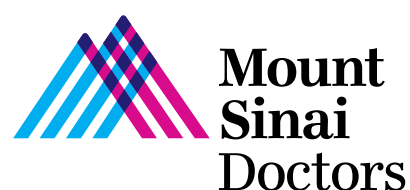
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