

Asylum Seekers Vacate Ramada Hotel, Yonkers for Alternative Housing: City Collects \$515k Fine



By Dan Murphy

On Jan. 24, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced over 100 families seeking asylum who were housed at the Ramada by Wyndam in Yonkers since 2023 have vacated the hotel and are transitioning to permanent housing or to shelters operated by New York City Department of Homeless Services (DHS). The vacancy comes after the City of Yonkers successfully sued the hotel for violations of the Yonkers City Code and its Certificate of Occupancy.

“While the City of Yonkers was not initially notified by New York City of the asylum seekers’ arrival two years ago, we have since supported these families,” said Mayor Spano. “Their transition to alternate housing is the result of the hotel’s irresponsible refusal to adhere to Yonkers’ local zoning, housing and fire ordinances, which placed many of the hotel’s residents in danger.”

Mayor Spano continued, “As a result, we decided to take legal action against the hotel to pay for lost revenue and violations against our local laws. Through a settlement with Ramada, the residents have now vacated without disruption. I am pleased that through our partnerships with local non-for-profits and social services, these families now can continue their journey in seeking asylum in our country.”

Despite claiming the housing at the Ramada would be temporary, the hotel boarded the asylum seekers for nearly two years, violating the Yonkers City Code and the hotel’s certificate of occupancy, which prohibits non-transient residences. Subsequently, the Ramada has paid the City of Yonkers \$515,000 in penalties, an amount which exceeds the City’s estimated loss of hotel tax revenue for the 20-month occupancy.

In May 2023, New York City transported 100 families to the Ramada, located at 125 Tuckahoe Road, in response to the surge of asylum seekers brought to the New York area.

There are two other locations in Westchester that have been housing migrants since 2023, at the Ardsley Acres Motel and at the Central Motel in White Plains.

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Mayor Spano Endorses Ken Jenkins for County Executive Special Election Feb 11



On Jan. 28, Mayor Mike Spano announced his endorsement of County Executive Ken Jenkins in the special election scheduled for February 11, 2025. Jenkins, who has been serving as County Executive since January 6, 2025, following the resignation of George Latimer, is seeking to continue his leadership for the remainder of the term.

“I have had the privilege of knowing and working alongside Ken Jenkins for nearly 30 years,” said Mayor Spano. “His dedication to public service and his commitment to the residents of Westchester County and the City of Yonkers are unparalleled. Ken has consistently demonstrated strong leadership and a deep understanding of the issues that matter most to our communities. I am proud to endorse him for County Executive.”

Ken Jenkins has a long history of public service in Westchester County, including serving as Deputy County Executive from 2018 to 2025 and as Chair of the Westchester County Board of Legislators from 2010 to 2013. He has been instrumental in various initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for residents across the county.

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County Executive Jenkins & Westchester County Announce \$4.6M Grant to Palisades Towers Residents



County Executive Ken Jenkins at podium, with Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, left, Mayor Mike Spano and Councilwoman Tasha Diaz, right

County Executive Ken Jenkins joined Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, the Yonkers Housing Authority and residents of Palisade Towers to announce a \$4.6 million grant from Westchester County’s Landlord Tenant Assistance Program. The funding will help convert the 415-unit complex from gas to electric following a major gas leak that left more than 1,000 residents without service since August. This collaborative effort highlights the County’s commitment to preserving affordable housing and improving living conditions for families across Westchester

Jenkins said: “Westchester County is proud to join forces with The City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Housing Authority to address the challenges faced by the residents of Palisade Towers. Through our Landlord Tenant Assistance Program, we contribute to this collaborative effort to make critical upgrades and improve living conditions for the families here. This project reflects our shared commitment to preserving affordable housing and supporting the wellbeing of residents across Westchester County.”

Temporary boilers and cooking appliances have been provided during repairs to support residents while the work is underway.

Mayor Mike Spano said, “Thank you Westchester County Government and County Executive Ken Jenkins for partnering with us and Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers to assist residents of Palisade Towers who have been impacted by last summer’s gas leak. The County pledged \$4.6M to help navigate the conversion to electricity for the residents living there. This funding will help with repairs needed to convert these homes to electricity. Over 380 families (or over 1000 people) including children, seniors & disabled tenants have been impacted. The CITY & MHACY’s #1 priority is restoring stoves since the domestic hot water is currently supplied by temporary boilers.

“In August, more than 800 people living in Palisade Towers were left without gas. But together, our business owners, restaurants and neighbors stepped up to help. This week, Westchester County financially committed their support as the residents continue to navigate this ongoing challenge. In times of adversity, we show what Yonkers is all about — a community that comes together to support one another. We remain committed to securing additional state and federal support to complete the project and ensure sustainable, comfortable housing for all residents,” said Spano.

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Yonkers Couples Married 50 Years or More The City Wants to Honor You



Mayor Mike Spano announced 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. Proof of marriage will be required.

Black History Month 2025: Group Economics VS. DEI Rollbacks



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By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

As Black History Month unfolds, a crucial question emerges: How can Black Americans secure economic empowerment in an era of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) rollbacks? With major corporations scaling back DEI initiatives and President Donald Trump vowing to eliminate them entirely, the Black community must revisit a time-tested strategy—group economics.

In November 2023, during a campaign speech in Iowa, Trump declared that on “day one,” he would dismantle what he called “woke” DEI programs, stating, “We will restore merit-based education, hiring, and advancement in America.” This rhetoric has been echoed by several corporations, including Target, which quietly pulled back its DEI commitments in late 2023 after facing conservative backlash. Now, Target is in the spotlight. Other companies have followed suit, adjusting or eliminating DEI efforts in response to legal challenges and political pressure.

For Black Americans, economic self-sufficiency is not a new concept. History proves that collective financial action can be a powerful tool for justice. One of the most famous examples is the Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955-1956). After Rosa Parks’ arrest for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger, Black residents of Montgomery, Alabama, organized a year-long boycott of the city’s bus system. Their refusal to spend money on segregated buses ultimately forced the transit system to desegregate, proving that Black spending power—when strategically wielded—can bring about systemic change.

Another pivotal moment was the rise of Black Wall Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma. In the early 20th century, the Greenwood District was a thriving Black economic hub, home to Black-owned businesses, banks, and professionals. Tragically, in 1921, white mobs destroyed the community in one of the worst race massacres in American history. While Black Wall Street was burned down, its legacy underscores the power of Black economic cooperation and the threat it poses to systemic racism.

Today, as DEI policies face political opposition, Black communities must look

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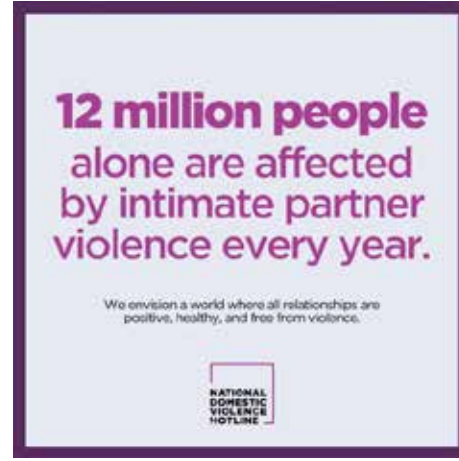
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“Menace to Society” Who Beat Ex-Girlfriend in Yonkers Gets 10 Years



Also Robbed Good Samaritan Who Tried to Stop Attack in Yonkers

Paul Price repeatedly attacked his ex-girlfriend and robbed a Good Samaritan who sought to intervene.

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a Connecticut man was sentenced yesterday to 10 years in prison on robbery charges following an August 2023 incident where he repeatedly attacked his ex-girlfriend, at one point causing her to lose consciousness.

D.A. Cacace said: “This merciless assault against a former partner highlights the everyday danger of domestic violence. Yesterday’s sentence is a sobering reminder that this type of violence can affect anyone, regardless of circumstance. Anyone experiencing violence from a current or former partner should reach out to my office or their local police department for assistance. We are committed to protecting the safety and privacy of domestic violence survivors.”

Paul Price, 41, of Torrington, Conn., pleaded guilty in December to Robbery in the Second Degree, for robbing a Good Samaritan, and Assault in the Second Degree, for attacking his ex-girlfriend in her apartment.

On Thursday, Westchester County Court Judge James McCarty sentenced Price to 10 years in prison on the robbery charge and seven years in prison on the assault charge, to run concurrently with the robbery charge.

In August 2023, Price went to his ex-girlfriend’s Yonkers workplace and directed her into her car. During the ride back to her apartment, Price struck her and then pulled her out of the car by her hair and slammed her to the concrete. At her apartment, he continued to strike her repeatedly and then choked her to unconsciousness.

The victim eventually managed to flee to a nearby mechanic. Price pursued her there and assaulted and robbed a Good Samaritan seeking to intervene.

During sentencing, prosecutors read aloud a victim impact statement from the domestic violence victim where she described the incident as “one of the worst days of my life.”

“I was physically, verbally, emotionally, and mentally assaulted by a menace to society,” the victim said.

DA Cacace commends the Yonkers Police Department and the DA’s High-Tech Unit for their thorough investigation of this incident and Assistant District Attorney Daniela Parra of the Domestic Violence Bureau for her effective prosecution of this case.

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Yonkers Mayor Spano Announces Free Curbside Pickup for Textile Recycling

Scheduled Pickups, Including Saturdays, Available at www.YonkersNY.gov/Helpsy



On Jan. 27, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the City's partnership with Helpsy and the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities, to offer a free and easy home pickup textile recycling service for residents to responsibly dispose of clothes, shoes, towels, rugs, and other textile materials.

"Spring cleaning comes early this year thanks to Yonkers' partnership with Helpsy and Westchester County," said Mayor Spano. "Our combined sustainability efforts will prevent unwanted textiles from entering the waste stream and give residents peace of mind knowing that their disposed textiles will be properly recycled."

Starting today, residents can visit www.yonkersny.gov/helpsy to schedule an appointment for Helpsy to pick up bagged clothes and other textiles placed at the curb. Appointments may also be scheduled using the Recycle Coach app, available to all residents at www.yonkersny.gov/recyclecoach or by downloading the app on a mobile device. Yonkers joins 15 other Westchester County municipalities participating in Helpsy's free textile pickup service under the Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities.

"As the largest municipal recycler in Westchester, Yonkers DPW is proud to offer residents convenient ways to recycle a wide range of items, from paper and plastics to electronics, paint, and organics," said Yonkers DPW Commissioner Thomas Meier. "Diverting textiles from our solid waste stream through this new program is yet another impactful way to reduce waste while achieving taxpayer savings."

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, textile waste is the fastest-growing type of trash in the country. Americans throw 85% of their clothes in the trash. Lowering the amount of textiles in the solid waste stream not only supports the City's zero waste climate action goals, but will also help further reduce City spending on solid waste disposal.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said, "Westchester County is proud to partner with the City of Yonkers and Helpsy, to provide our residents with an easier way to dispose of unwanted clothing, rugs and other textiles. The benefit of this partnership is two-fold, and will allow us to more easily divert unwanted textiles from our waste stream, while saving taxpayer dollars. I want to thank Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano for his leadership in ensuring all items will be recycled in the proper manner."

As a clothing collection company and a certified B corporation with an environmental mission to extend the useful life of clothing, Helpsy partners with municipalities and organizations across 10 states to collect unwanted clothing. Helpsy operates 1,200 clothing collection points and provides free curbside

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



The Park Hill Train Station elevator house, part of the Getty Square Spur of the Putnam Line

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

Monday, February 3rd

February 3, 1942: Robert Oliver, Local 222 Textile Works Union, made a prediction. Although Smith Carpet workers faced layoffs because of little work, they would have extensive government contracts by summer to produce needed cotton duck! Duck manufacturers couldn't handle the 200,000,000 yards duck needed for war, so the country would turn to the carpet mills whose machines easily converted to manufacturing duck.

February 3, 1948: Firefighter James Delahanty was lowered into a 40-foot coal pit to rescue William Woodson, covered with 40 tons of Gramatan Coal Company coal.

Delehanty, Engine 10 firefighters, YFD's Rescue Company, and Gramatan workers frantically shoveled to reach Woodson. When they found him, Delehanty tied a rope around Woodson's shoulders, then all pulled him out.

Unfortunately, Woodson died hours later at St Joseph's Hospital.

Tuesday, February 4th

February 4, 1943: Truman Avenue's Sergeant John Quinlan was one of the heroes of a daylight attack on Germany! Quinlan was tail gunner on the Memphis Belle, the Flying Fortress piloted by Captain Robert Morgan. Quinlan's job was to keep the enemy off the plane's tail.

The Germans desperately tried to drop bombs on the American forces, while their fighter planes attempted to crash into the unescorted Fortresses.

The weather was extremely cold and cloudy, so cold Belle passenger Colonel Stanley Wry had with frostbite on both feet!

The Memphis Belle returned to base with a few bullet holes but otherwise in good shape.

February 4, 1944: Acting on orders from City Manager William Walsh, YPD Chief William Kruppenbacher notified Precinct Captains to "get after speeders!" Many speeders were night shift defense workers on their way to or from work during late hours. Kruppenbacher said most were out of towners; the worst complaints were speeding on North Broadway, Warburton Avenues, and the pre-dawn speeding on Riverdale Avenue.

Wednesday, February 5th

February 5, 1943: By unanimous vote, the Yonkers City Council voted to immediately restore YFD's Rescue Company with 18 fire fighters, dropped to save money. The move to restore the company was in response to the death two young firefighters, Thomas Corbilis and James Kane, a few days earlier in a terrible Warburton Avenue fire. Not only were two men lost, five other firefighters were seriously injured, including Chief Siller. Fire Surgeon William Gaul, MD, brought Dr. John Moorhead of New York's Surgical Reconstruction Unit to Yonkers; Moorhead had extensive experience with burns at Pearl Harbor and previously had consulted with Yonkers General Hospital.

February 5, 1944: Herbert Hearst, President of Beverly Crest Community Association, announced creation of his brainchild, the Beverly Crest Commando Corps!

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County Executive Jenkins: Westchester County Plans to Open Playland for 2025 Season



Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins announced that the County intends to open Playland for the 2025 season, despite ongoing legal challenges with Standard Amusements.

Jenkins said: “We have long said that Playland is the crown jewel of this County. Since 2018, the County has made every effort to ensure this beloved park thrives for future generations and today that commitment continues.”

At this point, the County is in the early stages of what is expected to be a complex legal battle. Jenkins also said that it is untrue that the County had prior knowledge of the termination in November, noting that the County had a conversation with Standard Amusements where they expressed an interest in potentially negotiating a settlement, but nothing came from that conversation.

Jenkins said: “The bottom line is this: Standard Amusements was losing money. They couldn’t make Playland work, and now they are trying to place the blame on the County for their failure – after the County has spent close to \$150 million pursuant to the PMA.”

The agreement between the County and Standard Amusements was originally established during the Astorino administration, under a public-private partnership model. This arrangement required the County to reimburse Standard for their investments into Playland and expenses.

Jenkins said: “While the original contract was flawed, we managed to renegotiate it to implement a cap on reimbursements, protecting taxpayers from an even greater financial burden. Despite our efforts, we were ultimately blocked from fully walking away from the deal due to a bankruptcy court ruling that sided with Standard Amusements.”

The County has invested \$150 million dollars to upgrade and restore Playland, while Standard Amusements has repeatedly neglected its responsibilities and mismanaged the Park.

Standard Amusements’ poor performance is evident through the following failures:

- Inadequate Ride Operation: Numerous rides were closed throughout the seasons, a violation of industry standards.
- Insufficient Maintenance Staff: The lack of adequate staffing affected both daily operations and preventative maintenance.
- Unresolved Maintenance Issues: Several repairs identified in the October 2024 safety audit remain unfinished.
- Withholding Money from County: Standard Amusements is withholding money from the County citing delays in project completion. Despite the County providing proof that all projects, including the Switchgear, were completed.

Republican County Executive candidate Christine Sculti warned the taxpayers of Westchester over the recent developments at Playland.

“The recent news that Standard Amusements is terminating its management agreement for Playland is shocking enough,” said Sculti, “What’s totally unacceptable is that Ken Jenkins has kept this information secret since Thanksgiving of last year when it should have been openly discussed during the budget process, particularly since there may be an enormous \$57 million hit to the taxpayers for this monumental screw-up.”

MBK Newark & MBK Yonkers Share Best Practices For Improving Outcomes For Young Men Of Color



Roger León, Superintendent of Newark Public Schools and Anibal Soler, Jr., Superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools, meet with the MBK Newark and MBK Yonkers teams.

My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Newark, an initiative of Newark Opportunity Youth Network (NOYN), met with representatives from MBK Yonkers to share best practices on the key life milestones that are improving outcomes for boys and young men of color in their respective communities. The Obama Foundation identified both programs as national leaders for their exceptional progress supporting young men of color.

Since its inception as a White House Task Force in 2014, My Brother’s Keeper has been a beacon of hope and change, inspired by the vision set out by President Obama and fueled by the dedication of communities like ours. Through evidence-based programs and community engagement, MBK has addressed systemic challenges and empowered young people to reach their full potential. MBK Newark and MBK Yonkers are part of the extensive network of over 100 MBK communities across the nation creating pathways to opportunity for boys and young men of color.

“MBK Newark appreciated the opportunity to meet with the MBK Yonkers team so we could share our efforts to reduce violence in our city and learn about successful efforts in Yonkers to increase the graduation rate,” said Robert Clark, Founder & CEO, Newark Opportunity Youth Network.

“MBK Newark looks forward to incorporating what we learned from MBK Yonkers into our programming and initiatives that are aimed at giving more young people an opportunity to receive a quality education and ensure our youth are college and career ready,” said Mark Comesañas, Executive Director of MBK Newark.

In 2023, Newark and Yonkers were two of four cities nationwide to be designated as a My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Model Community. Each selected MBK Model Community has achieved significant impact in at least one of the six MBK Milestones by instituting programming and initiatives that have positively shifted outcomes in the educational or violence reduction ecosystems throughout their municipal areas. Research has shown that the MBK Milestones

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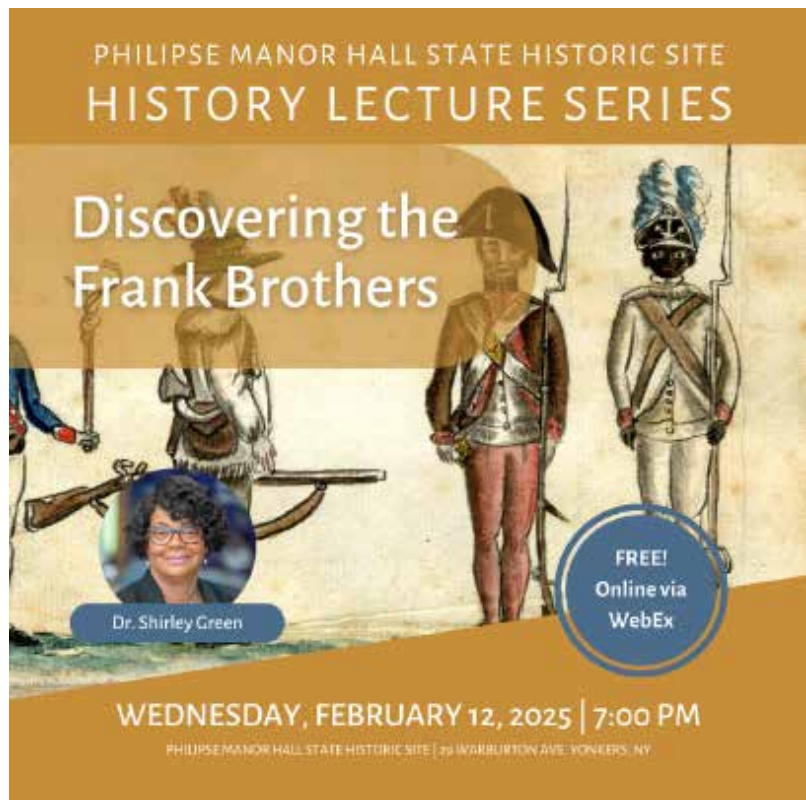
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Follow the lives of William and Benjamin Frank, men of color who joined the Second Rhode Island Regiment during the American Revolution, as they navigate the challenges of war, ultimately ending up on opposite sides of the conflict. Join Dr. Shirley Green for this fascinating talk based on her book, *Revolutionary Blacks: Discovering the Frank Brothers, Freeborn Men of Color, Soldiers of Independence*.

The narrative follows the lives of William and Benjamin Frank during the American Revolution. In the book, Dr. Green takes the reader on a journey based on her family’s history, rooted in its oral tradition. Putting together the pieces of this puzzle through archival research, interviews, and DNA evidence, the author authenticates and expands the family’s oral history.

William and Benjamin Frank joined the Second Rhode Island Regiment in the spring of 1777, following the tradition of military service established by their father, a veteran of the French and Indian War. The brothers became part of a cohort of free Black soldiers serving in an integrated Continental Army. Following the brutal winter of 1777–1778 and the pivotal Battle of Monmouth, New Jersey, in June 1778, veteran soldiers of color from the Second Rhode Island, including the Frank brothers, were transferred to the newly segregated First Rhode Island Regiment. This unit was composed of Black and Native American soldiers, including enslaved men who were promised their freedom in exchange for service.

Dr. Shirley Green is the Director of the Toledo Police Museum and Adjunct Professor of History at Bowling Green State University in Bowling Green, OH and the University of Toledo in Toledo, OH.

Tickets are for this virtual program are free, but registration is required. Register at: <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/lecture-discovering-the-frank-brothers>

DiNAPOLI: NUMBERS OF HOMELESS POPULATION DOUBLED IN NEW YORK



Homelessness in New York state has grown sharply, more than doubling between January 2022 and January 2024, according to a report released today by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Homelessness grew by 53.1% from January 2023 to January 2024, more than four times the rest of the nation. The large spike was driven by New York City and the influx of asylum seekers, but the rest of the state also had double- and triple-digit rate increases, led by Glens Falls, Saratoga and the surrounding counties.

The number of homeless children increased from 20,299 in 2022 to 50,773 in 2024. Almost one in three of New York’s homeless are children, one of the highest shares in the nation.

“New York has long had a housing affordability crisis, and more families are running out of options and ending up on the street or in shelters,” DiNapoli said. “Many of the tens of thousands of asylum seekers that came to New York had no place to stay and drove up spending and a large portion of the growth of the homeless population. But let’s be clear, this isn’t just a New York City problem, it is impacting communities all over the state. New York needs to examine how it’s using current housing resources while taking more action to address this urgent situation.”

Measuring homelessness is difficult as individuals are mobile and their situations can be temporary or hidden. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) uses a single day, point in time count of the homeless population. The most recent count was done in January 2024, the same month the number of asylum seekers in city shelters peaked.

HUD found homelessness reached a new peak with 771,480 people nationwide experiencing homelessness in 2024. There were more than 158,000 homeless New Yorkers in 2024 – about one in five of the nation’s homeless. New York’s rate of homelessness, at about 8 per 1,000 people, was higher than all states except Hawaii and the District of Columbia. According to HUD, homelessness in New York increased because of eviction proceedings, lack of affordable housing, increased rents, and the influx of asylum seekers, among other factors.

New York City accounted for 93% of the increase in the state’s total homeless population. In January 2022, there were 45,343 people in New York City shelters run by the city Department of Homeless Services (DHS). By January 2024, there were 89,119 people in DHS shelters, 34,057 of whom were asylum seekers. New York City housed approximately 68,000 asylum seekers in total at that time.

Other findings in the report:

Homelessness decreased in New York between 2020 and 2022, but since 2022 and the end of pandemic eviction moratoriums, it has increased faster than the rest of the nation, more than doubling between 2022 and 2024 compared to only 20.7% growth in the rest of the nation. Only Illinois had a higher increase at 180%.

People who were homeless were disproportionately Hispanic or Black, and 10% suffered from severe mental illness or chronic substance abuse.

Homelessness among veterans remains low, at less than 1%. New York also had among the lowest shares of senior homelessness (2.5%) and chronically homeless (3.6%) among other states.

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are predictive of later success and are moments within a young person's life where interventions can have the greatest impact. Newark was chosen for demonstrating impact in MBK Milestone Six: Remaining Safe from Violent Crime. The city's efforts to reduce violence resulted in homicides being cut by more than half, representing a 60-year low in the city.

"When it comes to improving outcomes for young men of color, Yonkers is a leader in New York State, and Newark is a leader in New Jersey, so collaborating improves both communities," said Dr. Jason Baez, Executive Director of MBK Yonkers. "We're eager to take back the lessons learned from our visit and continue to make progress in Yonkers, specifically on Milestone Six and on all of the other factors that contribute to keeping our students safe and in position to succeed."

In 2023, MBK Yonkers was recognized as a MBK Model Community for demonstrating impact in MBK Milestone Three: Graduate High School – Every American child should be college and career ready. MBK Yonkers is part of Yonkers School District, which has the highest four-year graduation rate in New York State for young men of color. One program that was highlighted during the discussion was the Newark Community Street Team's (NCST) Safe Passage Program, which places outreach workers at high-risk locations in Newark's South and West Wards schools to help ensure students get to and from school safely.

"In Newark, we are making progress toward improving our high school graduation rate. We continue making positive steps forward, and that is why I was thrilled to meet with the Yonkers School District Superintendent so we could share best practices about how to close the opportunity gap," said Roger León, Superintendent of Newark Public Schools. "I am excited to build upon our efforts and continue executing on our Next Decade Strategic Plan that will help improve educational outcomes for our young people."

"Collaborating with a fellow MBK model community, MBK Newark, exemplifies the transformative power of unity and a shared commitment to our boys and young men of color," said Aníbal Soler, Jr., Superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools. "Despite being separated by a river, together we are demonstrating that when communities unite to empower and uplift boys and young men of color, the potential for success is limitless. I am deeply inspired by the impactful work being done in Newark and Yonkers, and I remain steadfast in my commitment to ensuring that every young man of color in Yonkers has the support and opportunities needed to thrive academically, socially, and professionally. Thank you to Superintendent León and the entire MBK Newark team for leading with vision, and purpose. Together, we are My Brother's Keeper."

As a program of the Obama Foundation, the MBK network has empowered MBK Newark and MBK Yonkers to be at the forefront of driving positive change locally by implementing initiatives aimed at ensuring every child enters school prepared to learn, achieves academic success, and has access to post-secondary education and employment opportunities. Through education programs, job training initiatives, and community partnerships, MBK Newark and MBK Yonkers are working tirelessly to uplift our youth and provide them with the support they need to succeed.

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.

Notice of formation of IM Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Chic Nails Room LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/24/2024. 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, 356 Riverdale Ave. #1, Yonkers, NY, 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. 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, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Beverly Crest, a development by McLean and Central Avenues, had many wives whose husbands were serving overseas; wives were left not only to deal with "their own chores," but also their husbands. Commandos were community men and teenagers who agreed to help with "any odd jobs around the house that requires the man's touch!" Fourteen males immediately agreed to help, four men and ten teens; the effort was managed by Henry Heinrich, who actively recruited male volunteers.

Thursday, February 6th

February 6, 1943: The US Employment Service, working with major war work industries, opened Westchester County's Labor Control Center at 20 South Broadway. It was the first of its kind to be established in the country!

February 6, 1944: John Estvanik, serving in England, was thrilled to get a piece of home!

The Red Cross "clubmobile" made regular visits to his base, usually bringing coffee and doughnuts. One day, instead of coffee, they passed out wool sweaters; he was even more surprised to read the label. According to the letter sent to our Red Cross Branch, "on the label I saw the name of my own city, good old Yonkers! Oh, I was so happy!" He thanked them, for all the sailors who received the "neat looking woolen sweaters," and asked them to "keep up the good work."

Friday, February 7th

February 7, 1943: Local shoe merchants reported they complied with the government's "freeze" order on shoe sales. Customers had to ration purchases, limited buying to just three pairs of shoes a year.

February 7, 1953: Eleanor Roosevelt met with Sarah Lawrence College students informally to discuss world problems and the UN before making a formal speech in the school's auditorium.

Saturday, February 8th

February 8, 1926: At 9:05 am, the last Getty Square steam-drawn train left the Park Hill Station. At 9:49, the first electrically propelled train entered Yonkers at the Caryl Station. Murray's Band entertained a group of 100+ people eagerly waiting for the train to draw quietly into Caryl. The large group rode to Getty Square, marched to City Hall and applauded and celebrated electrification in the Common Council Chamber.

February 8, 1943: To save newsprint and support our war effort, The Herald Statesman reduced the size of five-column comics to four.

Sunday, February 9th

February 9, 1925: The NYS Assembly unanimously passed Westchester Assemblyman Shank's resolution stipulating territory cannot be annexed by a city unless approved by the voters of the affected territory. Westchester residents urged passage as fear grew New York City would annex parts of the county without consent. This bills passage forestalled Woodlawn's movement to annex southeast Yonkers.

February 9, 1944: Comptroller Robert Montgomery notified the Common Council the US Shipbuilding

Corporation at Ludlow had allowed J. K. Welding to use city-owned property without permission.

US Shipbuilding's attorney asked the Council respond in writing to allow the company to sublet property to the welding company; they moved the welding company in before permission was granted. Because it was a defense industry, US Shipbuilding's thirty-year lease was at minimal rent, so low Yonkers lost money.

Montgomery believed rent should be increased if a company sublet Yonkers owned property to another company; in other words, US Shipbuilding shouldn't make money on the deal.

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

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

Notice of formation of S2K REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/2024. 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 NCH REGISTERED AGENT, 42 BROADWAY, FL 12-200, NEW YORK, NY, 10004-3892. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/26/2024. 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: Break Bread Not Hearts, LLC PO Box 36 Valhalla, NY 10595 Purpose: any lawful activity.

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.

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.

Notice of formation of GCMA2 Real Estate Group LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 11/29/204. 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, 66 Hutchinson Blvd, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Letters to the Editor:

Ken Jenkins is the Best Candidate for Westchester County Executive in the Special Election on 2/11

By: Jennie Sunshine

Ken Jenkins is the Westchester County Executive at this time - since Former County Executive, George Latimer won a seat in Congress in November's election in the 16th Congressional District. As a proven, dedicated leader as Deputy County Executive over the last 7 years, Ken worked along side George Latimer to reduce crime, invest in affordable housing, fund needed infrastructure, champion environmental, veterans and climate mitigation projects - and cut property taxes four times without any reduction in essential services. Prior to this post, Mr. Jenkins was elected Chairman of the Westchester Board of Legislators 4 years in a row. Proudly raised by a NYC police officer and a nurse and having earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science from Iona University (and then with his extensive work experience in tech and real estate), he brings a unique perspective to the top job, always an advocate for hardworking families and business leaders. You might have seen him on News 12 over the years as a frequent news analyst. Some of his board member experience includes: The Westchester County Crime Stoppers, The Greyston Foundation, The Community Planning Council of Yonkers and The United Way. He has been endorsed by Congressman George Latimer, State Senator Nathalia Fernandez, State Senator Shelley Mayer, State Senator Pete Harckham, State Senator Jamaal Bailey and New York State Senator Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. Vote for Westchester County Executive, Ken Jenkins - early beginning Saturday, 2/1 or on the special election day, Tuesday, 2/11.

For further information about Ken Jenkins, you can go to: jenkinsforwestchester.com.

Jennie Sunshine, Yorktown Hts. NY

Letter to the Editor:

"Populist Conservation & Constitutional Order:"

This was a talk delivered by a well-known historian/novelist to a gathering at a Midwestern college-in which he said "in part"-

"The Top Down elitist brand of politics that has dominated the United States since the end of the cold war—under Republican & Democratic administrations alike—has failed. Yes we are materially richer than we were in 1991, and our largest corporations are more profitable. But we are militarily & strategically weaker,

fiscally endangered, and spiritually enervated. As a result, public trust in the vaunted institutions that our elites control—political, scientific, journalistic, educational, religious—has evaporated. And populism—especially on the conservative right, is on the rise."

"The fact is, elite institutions have become the people's and the nation's enemies. They are openly waging cultural war on those they ostensibly serve. They cannot

be negotiated with or accommodated. They must be defunded, disbanded, and disempowered. The rewards for doing so—for putting American Families first again—will be greater than we can know."

Joe Pettit
Yorktown Heights

Source: Kevin D. Roberts at Christ Chapel-Hillsdale College on Oct.23, 2024.

To the Editor,

President Trump is attempting to end birthright citizenship, a legal principle, not enshrined in our state constitutions, a move that Trump proposed during his first term.

In the context of the constitution, the Supreme Court has repeatedly emphasize the significance of historical evidence. The meaning and intent of the words at that time in history.

The American slaves were not citizens of a state.

The Civil War to free the slaves, began, April 12, 1861 and ended April 9, 1865.

The most controversial amendment in American history, the 14th amendment to the constitution, July 9, 1866 - the purpose was citizenship for black American's not immigration.

Anthony Futia
North White Plains

**"The key to the future of the world,
is finding the optimistic stories
and letting them be known."**

— Pete Seeger

Trump Pardons Pro-Life Protestor Arrested in White Plains & Proud Boy Arrested on Jan. 6



left, White Plains Police arrest Fr. Fidelis Moscinski in 2021.

below: DOJ Photo of William Joseph Pepe at the US Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021

By Dan Murphy

On January 23, President Donald Trump pardoned two men with ties to Westchester. Fr. Fidelis Moscinski was pardoned for his arrest and violation of the federal Freedom of Access to Clinics (FACE) Act.

In 2021, Moscinski was arrested in White Plains for illegal trespass when he and two others remained inside a



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Free Pickup for Textile Recycling, continued from pg 3-

service to millions of Americans. Currently they collect an item of clothing every second.

"Helpsy's mission is to keep clothes out of the trash," says Dan Green, Co-Founder and CEO of Helpsy. "We are dedicated to changing the way people think about clothing recycling while adhering to the highest level of social and environmental performance."

In 2023 alone, Helpsy diverted nearly 30 million pounds of textiles from the waste stream through a combination of clothing drives, home pickups, thrift store partners and clothing bins. Helpsy can partner with organizations to divert waste from garbage while fundraising for their missions.

Spano Endorses Jenkins, continued from pg 1-

"I am honored to receive Mayor Spano's endorsement," said Jenkins. "Our collaborative efforts have led to significant advancements in Yonkers and throughout Westchester County. Together, we have worked on projects that enhance economic development, public safety, and environmental sustainability. I look forward to continuing this partnership and serving the residents of Westchester County."

The special election on February 11, 2025, will determine who will serve as County Executive for the remainder of the unexpired term, ending December 31, 2025. Early voting is available from February 1 through February 9, 2025, at designated locations throughout the county.

For more information on early voting locations and hours, please visit the Westchester County Board of Elections website. Westchester Citizen Participation.



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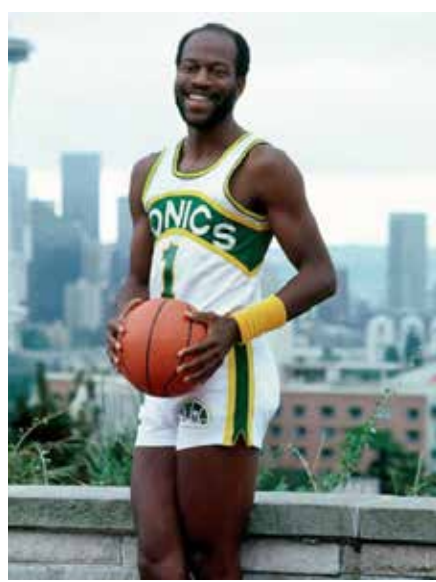
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Congressman Latimer Remembers Mt. Vernon NBA Great Gus Williams in First House Comments



By Dan Murphy

Westchester Congressman George Latimer took to the floor of the House of Representatives to remember Gus Williams, who passed away on Jan. 15 at the age of 71. Williams attended Mt. Vernon High School with Latimer, and is being remembered as the greatest basketball player in Westchester history.

“I rise today to honor the life of Gus Williams. A basketball great and native from Mt. Vernon NY, his talent made him one of the greatest players from my hometown. He got the nickname the wizard for his acrobatic style, speed, and mid-range jump shots.

“Gus led the Mt. Vernon High School basketball team to the state championship in 1971. He went on to USC and an NBA career with the Seattle Supersonics. He led the Supersonics to the NBA Championship in 1979, and they retired his #1 jersey.

“I’m grateful that I got to go to high school with Gus Williams and to have seen his magic before the rest of the world got that opportunity. He will be deeply missed in the Mt. Vernon community but his memory will live on,” said

Congressman Latimer. A GoFundMe page has been set up to help the family with expenses by his NBA teammate James Donaldson.

“I’m James Donaldson, Gus Williams’ former Seattle Supersonic teammate and friend for over 40 years. I’ve been working closely with Gus’ family over the last 2 – 3 years. I have been in touch with Gus throughout most of this terrible journey and did a FaceTime with him every couple of months or so.

“His family asked me to be their spokesperson on the West Coast and in the Pacific Northwest. They also asked me to create and administer this GoFundMe. I’m more than happy to do so.

“Gus (10/10/1953 – 01-15-2025) became seriously ill 5 years ago after suffering a stroke and then being beset with pneumonia and meningitis. He has spent the last 5 years flat on his back and bravely battling this terrible misfortune. He fought a good fight, but it became too much to overcome.

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Motown Concert Celebration at Riverfront Library Saturday Feb. 1-FREE



RIVERFRONT LIBRARY
Saturday, February 1
2-4 pm, Tech Central

GRINTON I. WILL LIBRARY
Tuesday, February 4
5:30-7:30 pm, Computer Room

Was your home affected by Hurricane Ida? Are you at or below 80% of Area Median Income? Receive help in completing the Hurricane Ida Homeowner Repair and Reimbursement Program grant application and receive help from a Ida Recovery nonprofit partner. The application is due March 15, 2025.

For more information visit: ypl.org/ida



MAYOR MIKE SPANO



YONKERS PARKS

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CITY OF YONKERS and MAYOR MIKE SPANO Present the Annual Mayor's Basketball Tournament

sponsored by the Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

February 18-21
Roosevelt High School Lower Gym
631 Tuckahoe Road
Yonkers, NY 10710

The tournament is open to girls and boys teams in the following divisions:
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For more information on the rules and regulations governing the tournament, player eligibility and the official team roster call 914.377.6440.

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It's Girl Scout Cookie Time in Westchester!



County Legislator David Tubiolo with Girl Scout Amelia. To Buy cookies from Amelia, visit <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/amelia963757>

On Monday, January 20, Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc. (GSHH) will kick off the 2025 Girl Scout Cookie season, a time when Girl Scouts everywhere hone their entrepreneurial skills as they find new and inventive ways to sell cookies, unboxing brighter futures for themselves. With the much-anticipated cookie season back in full swing, cookie lovers can rejoice as they indulge in the classic cookie lineup.

The 2025 cookie lineup is jam-packed with the full spread of highly sought after cookie flavors, including Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, and more. At the close of the 2025 cookie season, the beloved Girl Scout S'mores cookie flavor will be retired. Girl Scout S'mores® enthusiasts can get their hands on the last of these favorite sweet treats by reaching out to a Girl Scout they know for their Digital Cookie® online sales link.

When girls participate in the Girl Scout Cookie Program, the largest entrepreneurial program in the world, they acquire a host of invaluable entrepreneurial skills, including goal setting, money management, decision-making, people skills and business ethics. Each box of cookies sold allows Girl Scouts to develop an inextinguishable entrepreneurial spirit, gaining courage, confidence and character as they conquer new feats and embark on new adventures. Girl Scouts obtain transferable life skills as they earn a variety of badges and awards, including Cookie Business badges, Financial Literacy badges, Cookie Entrepreneur Family pins and Entrepreneur badges.

GSHH CEO, Dr. Kari Rockwell, praises the Girl Scout Cookie Program for its entrepreneurial teachings. Said Rockwell, "The Girl Scout Cookie Program is, for many girls, their first introduction to what running a business and managing money entails. The program puts the girls in the driver's seat of their future through age-appropriate teachings that enforce the five pillars of the program and provide tangible results. Girl Scouts are able to see how their efforts benefit their troops and themselves through setting group and personal goals. We are so excited for the upcoming Girl Scout Cookie season and to see how our Girl Scout entrepreneurs achieve their goals this year!"

This season, GSHH calls on community members to support their favorite cookies—and the girls behind each box. All proceeds from cookie sales remain local to fuel inspiring experiences throughout the year including camp, amazing trips, service projects and much more. The GSHH Girl Scout Cookie season runs from January 20 through April 27; please support your local Girl Scouts by ordering from a girl you know or by visiting www.girlscoutcookies.org to find a booth near you.



Groundhog Day Celebration at Muscote Farm
Sunday February 2



Watch live on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/muscotefarm>

Muscote Farm's feathered weather predictor, Cluxatawney Henrietta, will take center stage this Groundhog Day as excited locals gather to watch if she lays an egg, which would indicate that we'll be enthusiastically welcoming an early spring!

Now in its seventh year, Muscote Farm's annual Groundhog Day festivity offers a fun twist on tradition with kid-friendly activities, treats and a unique weather prediction by one of the beloved farm's own residents.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said, "Cluxatawney Henrietta has become a true Groundhog Day icon in Westchester County. The excitement and buzz surrounding our hometown hen's annual weather prediction is simply unbeatable."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said, "Muscote Farm's Groundhog Day celebration has grown into one of the County's most adored traditions, bringing joy and fun to residents of all ages year after year."

Muscote Farm Director Jonathon Benjamin said, "Who needs a groundhog when we have Cluxatawney Henrietta? Our spirited fine-feathered forecaster steps up to the challenge every time, proving she can outshine groundhogs across the nation with her unique weather-predicting talents!"



Join us and an expert birder to search the skies for Bald Eagles & other water birds!



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Yonkers, NY 10701

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
 COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

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In the Matter of the Foreclosure of Tax
 Liens by Proceeding in Rem Pursuant to
 Article Eleven of the Real Property Tax
 Law by the Town of North Castle

Index No.: 1360/2022

PETITION AND
 NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

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The above-captioned proceeding is hereby commenced to enforce the payment of delinquent taxes or other lawful charges which have accumulated and become liens against certain property. The parcels to which this proceeding applies are identified on Schedule A of this Petition, which is annexed hereto and made a part hereof. This document serves both as a Petition of Foreclosure and a Notice of Foreclosure for purposes of this proceeding.

Effect of filing: All persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in such petition are hereby notified that the filing of this petition constitutes the commencement by the Tax District of a proceeding in the court specified in the caption above to foreclose each of the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem.

Nature of proceeding: Such proceeding is brought against the real property only and is to foreclose the tax liens described in such petition. No personal judgment will be entered herein for such taxes or other legal charges or any part thereof.

Persons affected: This notice is directed to all persons owning or having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in this petition. Such persons are hereby notified further that a duplicate of such petition has been filed in the office of the Enforcing Officer of the Tax District and will remain open for public inspection up to and including the date specified below as the last day for redemption.

Right of redemption: Any person having or claiming to have an interest in any such real property and the legal right thereto may, on or before said date, redeem the same by paying the amount of all such unpaid tax liens thereon, including all interest and penalties and other legal charges which are included in the lien against such real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. Such payments shall be made to: **Mr. Patrick Ricci, Receiver of Taxes, Town of North Castle, 17 Bedford Road, Armonk, New York 10504.** In the event that such taxes are paid by a person other than the record owner of such real property, the person so paying shall be entitled to have the tax liens affected thereby satisfied of record.

Last day for redemption: The last day for redemption is hereby fixed as the 21st day of April 2025.

Service of answer: Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel of real property described in this petition may serve a duly verified answer upon the attorney for the Tax District setting forth in detail the nature and amount of his or her interest and any defense or objection to the foreclosure. Such answer must be filed in the office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the Tax District on or before the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption.

Failure to redeem or answer: In the event of failure to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, such person shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all his or her right, title and interest and equity of redemption in and to the parcel described in such petition and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

Dated: January 10, 2025

Enforcing Officer:
 Patrick Ricci
 Receiver of Taxes

Attorneys for Tax District:
 Abrams Fensterman, LLP
 Attorneys for Town of North Castle
 81 Main Street, Suite 400, White Plains, New York 10601
 (914) 607-7010

SCHEDULE A

Parcel ID	Name	Property Address
100.04-2-51	Richard Gizzi	Wampus Lakes Dr. Armonk, NY 10504
101.01-1-34	Agovino Armonk Estates LLC Formerly: East Coast Dev.Corp.	4 Armonk Hts Rd. Armonk, NY 10504
107.02-2-46	4 Ledgewood Pl LLC	4 Ledgewood Pl. Armonk, NY 10504
108.04-1-9	Hysen Mehmetaj	17 Sterling Rd S Armonk, NY 10504
122.12-3-8.4	Kensico View HOA Inc.	1 Massaro Ct. N White Plains, NY 10603
122.12-5-62	Northcastle Spot Properties LLC	850 N Broadway N White Plains, NY 10603
122.16-1-28	Thomas Stuart	43 Virginia Rd. N White Plains, NY 10603
123.01-1-6	Park Lane Co LP	Old Orchard St. N White Plains, NY 10603

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins announced that the County intends to open Playland for the 2025 season, despite ongoing legal challenges with Standard Amusements.

Jenkins said: “We have long said that Playland is the crown jewel of this County. Since 2018, the County has made every effort to ensure this beloved park thrives for future generations and today that commitment continues.”

At this point, the County is in the early stages of what is expected to be a complex legal battle. Jenkins also said that it is untrue that the County had prior knowledge of the termination in November, noting that the County had a conversation with Standard Amusements where they expressed an interest in potentially negotiating a settlement, but nothing came from that conversation.

Jenkins said: “The bottom line is this: Standard Amusements was losing money. They couldn’t make Playland work, and now they are trying to place the blame on the County for their failure – after the County has spent close to \$150 million pursuant to the PMA.”

The agreement between the County and Standard Amusements was originally established during the Astorino administration, under a public-private partnership model. This arrangement required the County to reimburse Standard for their investments into Playland and expenses.

Jenkins said: “While the original contract was flawed, we managed to renegotiate it to implement a cap on reimbursements, protecting taxpayers from an even greater financial burden. Despite our efforts, we were ultimately blocked from fully walking away from the deal due to a bankruptcy court ruling that sided with Standard Amusements.”

The County has invested \$150 million dollars to upgrade and restore Playland, while Standard Amusements has repeatedly neglected its responsibilities and mismanaged the Park.

Standard Amusements’ poor performance is evident through the following failures:

- Inadequate Ride Operation: Numerous rides were closed throughout the seasons, a violation of industry standards.
- Insufficient Maintenance Staff: The lack of adequate staffing affected both daily operations and preventative maintenance.
- Unresolved Maintenance Issues: Several repairs identi-

Homeless Rates in NY Double, continued from pg 3-

Homelessness in New York state has grown sharply, more than doubling between January 2022 and January 2024, according to a report released today by New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli. Homelessness grew by 53.1% from January 2023 to January 2024, more than four times the rest of the nation. The large spike was driven by New York City and the influx of asylum seekers, but the rest of the state also had double- and triple-digit rate increases, led by Glens Falls, Saratoga and the surrounding counties.

The number of homeless children increased from 20,299 in 2022 to 50,773 in 2024. Almost one in three of New York’s homeless are children, one of the highest shares in the nation.

“New York has long had a housing affordability crisis, and more families are running out of options and ending up on the street or in shelters,” DiNapoli said. “Many of the tens of thousands of asylum seekers that came to New York had no place to stay and drove up spending and a large portion of the growth of the homeless population. But let’s be clear, this isn’t just a New York City problem, it is impacting communities all over the state. New York needs to examine how it’s using current housing resources while taking more action to address this urgent situation.”

Measuring homelessness is difficult as individuals are mobile and their situations can be temporary or hidden. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) uses a single day, point in time count of the homeless population. The most recent count was done in January 2024, the same month the number of asylum seekers in city shelters peaked.

HUD found homelessness reached a new peak with 771,480 people nationwide experiencing homelessness in 2024. There were more than 158,000 homeless New Yorkers in 2024 – about one in five of the nation’s homeless. New York’s rate of homelessness, at about 8 per 1,000 people, was higher than all states except Hawaii and the District of Columbia. According to HUD, homelessness in New York increased because of eviction proceedings, lack of affordable housing, increased rents, and the influx of asylum seekers, among other factors.

New York City accounted for 93% of the increase in the state’s total homeless population. In January 2022, there were 45,343

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Trump Pardons from Westchester, continued from pg 1-

After his release, Moscinski was arrested days later on Long Island for a similar protest at a Long Island clinic. For the Long Island case, Moscinski was charged by the US Attorney with a Federal crime: violating the FACE Act. He was found guilty in 2023 and served 90 days in 2024.

Trump pardoned Moscinski on January 23 for the federal crime. "They should not have been prosecuted. Many of them are elderly people. This is a great honor to sign this," said President Trump.

Moscinski, a member of the Franciscan Fathers, stated, "The pardons corrected the injustice of our prosecutions and incarceration, but the daily and horrific injustice of abortion continues. And it must be stopped."

The Thomas More Society, a Chicago-based public interest law firm, had submitted formal requests to pardon 21 pro-life activists convicted under the FACE Act. "We represent peaceful pro-life Americans, some of whom were unjustly imprisoned and others unjustly convicted by the Biden Department of Justice for demonstrating at abortion facilities.

"While Biden's prosecutors almost entirely ignored the firebombing and vandalism of hundreds of pro-life churches and pregnancy centers, they viciously pursued pro-life Americans, obtaining convictions against them under the federal "FACE Act."

"But these individuals participated in mere peaceable civil disobedience, in the heralded tradition of the American Civil Rights activists. Peaceable actions like these usually merit, at worst, a minor misdemeanor conviction.

"We are hopeful that the second Trump administration will spell a new day for pro-life advocates who have faced FBI raids, federal prosecutions, and severe punishment for peacefully and courageously witnessing for life," added Peter Breen, Thomas More Society Executive Vice President and Head of Litigation.

"By acting on the requested presidential pardons, President Trump has a golden opportunity to not only stop the lawfare against peaceful pro-lifers but also to undo some of the unprecedented damage of the Biden administration. Inside and outside the courtroom."

Trump's Department of Justice has issued an order limiting enforcement of the FACE Act, stringently curtailing the recent weaponization of the abortion access law against those arrested while delivering life-affirming information about alternatives outside of abortion vendors.

Moving forward, prosecutions and civil actions under the FACE Act will now be permitted only in "extraordinary circumstances" or cases presenting "significant aggravating factors." Peter Breen, Thomas More Society Executive Vice President and Head of Litigation reacted:

"Thomas More Society welcomes the news that the Department of Justice has been directed to dismiss with prejudice three remaining FACE Act cases brought against our peaceful pro-life clients. In all three of these cases, our attorneys have led the defense of pro-life advocates targeted by Biden's DOJ—which had sought crushing penalties, fines, and injunctions against them to stop them from sharing their pro-life message. These cases should have never been brought and we are thankful to the Trump administration for righting that wrong. While this handful of cases is now slated for dismissal, there is no shortage of ongoing attacks on life-affirming ministries across the country as pro-abortion states double down on anti-life policies and lawfare. As these legal battles multiply in pro-abortion states, we will tirelessly continue to defend the entire pro-life movement."

A member of The Proud Boys who was arrested by the FBI in White Plains for his action on January 6, 2021, at the US Capitol was also pardoned by President Trump. Williams Joseph Pepe, 35, was convicted last year and was sent to be sentenced on March 11, but has now been pardoned.

According to evidence presented during the trial, on the morning of January 6, 2021, Pepe met a group of approximately one hundred Proud Boys members in Washington, D.C., near the Washington Monument at approximately 10:00 a.m. Shortly after, the group marched away from the rally near the monument toward the US Capitol building. Pepe and the group arrived at the Peace Circle, at the edge of the restricted portion of Capitol grounds, at approximately 12:50 p.m.

There, members of the crowd violently disassembled and trampled the metal bike rack barriers blocking further entry into Capitol grounds. The crowd, with Pepe at the front, charged over the fallen bike rack barriers and advanced toward the West Plaza of the Capitol. As they advanced, Pepe and the crowd encountered another set of metal bike rack barriers at the West Plaza, behind which was a line of police officers. Behind the officers was a waist-high black metal fence. Pepe dragged away a segment of the metal bike rack barriers, as did other rioters.

The police line then reformed behind the black metal fence. As Pepe and rioters approached the black metal fence, Pepe looked directly into a nearby camera and yelled, "Let's go! This is what we came for, yeah!" Officers began to deploy pepper spray and other crowd control measures to get the crowd to disperse. Pepe was pepper sprayed, and he posted a selfie-style video in which he declared, "Yo, the cops pepper sprayed me and Hooks. Me and Hooks got f—ing maced. Storming that Capitol, baby!"

At 2:16 p.m., Pepe entered the Capitol through the Senate Wing Door. While in the Capitol, he recorded a video and sent it to fellow Proud Boys, where Pepe stated, "We did it." Pepe was inside the building for approximately 38 minutes, exiting at 2:54 p.m. through a broken window beside the Senate Wing Door.

The FBI arrested Pepe on January 12, 2021, in White Plains. He worked for the MTA but called in sick on January 6. The MTA later fired him.

Pepe's trial was not concluded until October 2024, when he was found guilty of a felony charge of tampering with records, documents, or objects, obstructing, impeding, or interfering with law enforcement during a civil disorder, and misdemeanor charges of entering and remaining in a restricted building or grounds, disorderly and disruptive conduct in a restricted building or grounds, and tampering with records, documents, or other objects.

He was to be sentenced on March 11, 2025, but has now been pardoned.

County Executive Jenkins Proposes Expanded Property Tax Break for Volunteer Firefighters & EMS



Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins is proposing legislation that would expand the County's tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance service members. This initiative would ensure that all volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers residing in Westchester are eligible for a 10% County property tax exemption, regardless of the location of their volunteer service.

Jenkins said: "Volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers are the backbone of our emergency services, selflessly dedicating their time and energy to keeping our communities safe. We deeply value and appreciate their bravery and commitment every single day. By expanding the tax exemption to include those serving anywhere within Westchester County, we aim to support their efforts, enhance recruitment, and retain these essential volunteers."

Under the current law, volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers with at least two years of service are eligible for a 10% County property tax exemption, if they serve in the municipality where they reside. The proposed amendment aligns with recent changes to the New York State Real Property Tax Law, allowing the exemption to extend to volunteers serving in neighboring municipalities within the County.

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services Susan Spear said: "We thank County Executive Ken Jenkins for his leadership and his support for Westchester's Fire and EMS volunteers. This legislation creates an important recruitment and retention opportunity for volunteer departments. It also creates an important public benefit since our dedicated Fire and

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inward and support one another financially. Investing in Black-owned businesses, banking with Black financial institutions, and creating community-based funding initiatives can ensure long-term economic resilience.

The rollback of DEI should serve as a wake-up call. While corporate diversity programs can provide opportunities, true economic empowerment comes from within. As Black History Month reminds us, our history is rich with examples of economic solidarity. Whether through local investment, cooperative economics, or strategic boycotts, Black Americans must reclaim the power of their collective dollar.

The time is now to take control of our financial destiny—just as our ancestors did.

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.

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Westchester County to Offer Police Civil Service Exams in May -Deadline to file is Feb. 24

Westchester County will be holding police officer civil service examinations for the first time in four years. Tests for Police Officer and Police Officer (Spanish Speaking) will be given on May 3 or May 4. The deadline to file to take the exams is Feb. 24.

County Executive Ken Jenkins said the Department of Public Safety and the Department of Human Resources will be sharing information with a variety of organizations to help ensure a diverse pool of applicants. These include community-based groups, houses of worship, non-profit agencies, local colleges, libraries and employment centers.

Jenkins said, "The ongoing effort to increase diversity in our police departments begins with ensuring that a diverse applicant pool takes these exams. Police departments are more effective when they reflect the communities they serve. My dad was a police officer and I know from his experience how rewarding this career can be."

The exams, to be administered by the Department of Human Resources, will result in a list of eligible police officer candidates for the Westchester County Department of Public Safety, the cities of Rye and Peekskill, and all towns and villages in the County.

Among the requirements to take the test

- All candidates must be a legal resident of Westchester County at the time of their test and for at least one month prior to it. Candidates will be required to submit proof of residency when requested. Candidates who cannot provide proof of Westchester County residency will be disqualified

- Applicants must not have reached their 35th birthday by their test date; exceptions are made for persons with military service;

- A high school diploma or equivalent is required;

- U.S. citizenship is required to be appointed as a police officer. It is not required to take the civil service exam.

The exam applications and more details about requirements are available at www.westchestergov.com/hr. A link to a study guide can also be found in the exam announcements.

Westchester County only accepts applications for civil service exams online. Candidates can apply through the website or by scanning the QR code in the exam announcement. Applicants seeking to take both Examination # 60-012780, Police Officer, and examination # 60-012790, Police Officer (Spanish Speaking) must submit a separate application and application fee for each examination number. That is the only way to appear on both eligible lists resulting from these examinations. Due to an anticipated high volume of applicants, candidates may be assigned to take their test either Saturday, May 3, 2025, or Sunday, May 4, 2025.

Disgraced Top Officials at School Arraigned on Public Corruption Charges



Oliver Levy, left

Over \$50,000 of school money is alleged to have been spent on personal items such as jewelry and luxury handbags.

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace and New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli announced that two former officials at the Greenburgh-Graham Union Free School District, which serves at-risk students from kindergarten to 12th grade, were arraigned today on an indictment charging them with multiple public corruption offenses.

Oliver Levy, the district's former superintendent, and Surendra Kumar, a former security system specialist, were arraigned Wednesday morning before Westchester County Court Judge Anne Bianchi on the charges of Second-Degree and Third-Degree Grand Larceny as Crimes of Public Corruption, Second-Degree and Third-Degree Grand Larceny, and Corrupting the Government in the Second and Third Degrees.

Both defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges.

D.A. Cacace said: "Any theft of public funds represents a fundamental breach of public trust. That breach is amplified when the allegations concern an institution serving our most vulnerable. The funds in this case that were allegedly diverted to the defendants could have been used for student achievement. My office will work diligently to ensure that the students and parents at Greenburgh-Graham are made whole."

Comptroller DiNapoli said: "School administrators allegedly stealing from students they are supposed to serve is reprehensible. My thanks to the Westchester County District Attorney's office for partnering with my office and continuing to pursue justice in this case and holding these individuals accountable."

As alleged in the felony complaint, Mr. Levy, who began as a teaching assistant in 2008 and was promoted to superintendent in 2018, aided, abetted, and acted in concert with Mr. Kumar, then a security system specialist, to purchase 168 gift cards between July 2018 and June 2022.

Instead of spending the full sum of these funds on school-related expenses, the defendants are accused of diverting over \$50,000 from the gift cards to personal expenses, such as jewelry, luxury handbags, private school fees for relatives, and veterinary services.

Mr. Levy, 55, of Stony Point, and Mr. Kumar, 48, of Yonkers, were arrested in May 2024 by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. They have been released on their own recognizance. None of the charges are bail-eligible.

The top charge, Second-Degree Grand Larceny as a Crime of Public Corruption, carries a maximum potential sentence of 8 1/3 to 25 years in prison.

The investigation was conducted by the Office of the New York State Comptroller and the Economic Crimes and Public Integrity Units of the Westchester District Attorney's Criminal Investigators Squad.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Sheila Horgan.

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- Wednesday, February 5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Thursday, February 6 from Noon to 8 p.m.
- Friday, February 7 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
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SATURDAY, FEB. 1

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466
Birding for Beginners, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
This is a great way for anyone interested in birdwatching to learn some basics. Bring binoculars; led by Chris Mignone of Central Westchester Audubon.

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.

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

Native Plant Seed Propagation, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Ages 12 and older will learn how to stratify and sow native seeds in this hands-on workshop! We will discuss how seed-starting techniques can vary between species, look at seed morphology and dormancy, and review the importance of preserving genetic diversity. \$25 per person. Also: March 1.

Get details and register <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/02/01/native-plant-seed-propagation-workshop/508520>

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Farm Stand Open, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Buy our harvested crops and freshly grown greens from our greenhouse. Also: March 1.

Get details <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/02/01/1738422000/farm-stand-open/504586>

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Animal Meet & Greet, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Ages 8 and older can see our animals up close! Join one of our educators to learn more about our cows and goats, how we care for them and their purpose on the farm. \$15. Also: March 1.

Get details and register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-meet-greet-tickets-1124513212289>

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

Old Time Music Jam, 11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
This is a monthly gathering of local acoustic musicians who play traditional Appalachian fiddle music. Come to play or just listen, and enjoy the community music can create! Musicians of all levels are welcome. Also: March 1.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282
Sugar Shack Chats, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Stop by anytime from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. to learn how we make maple syrup! Also: Feb. 2, 16.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720
Winter Tracking and Tracing, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Learn how to seek and find animal tracks and the stories they tell.

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

Community Farm Work Day: Native Seed Cleaning, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.
During this indoor program, volunteers will work on separating seeds from previously harvested native plant stalks, which were grown at Hilltop.
Get details and register <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/februarys-community-farm-work-day-native-seed-cleaning-tickets-1104559239419?aff=oddtcreator>

SUNDAY, FEB. 2

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290
Tracks & Traces, 8:30 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Winter is a wonderful time to observe animal tracks and learn about local creatures and their unseen behaviors. This free event is for all ages. Wear sturdy shoes; winter hiking conditions. Meet at the entrance to the RV Park.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282
Groundhog Day, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.
See if our local weather-predicting chicken, Clucks-atawney Henrietta, lays an egg, which will indicate an early spring! Enjoy some treats and activities after for a celebration!

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005
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A New Administration: So What Do We Do Now?

Op-Ed by Judith Niewiadomski

We have a new President and a new administration. Some of us are elated; some of us are cautiously optimistic; some of us are enraged or distraught with fear.

If you haven't prayed before, start now. Prayer is not mindlessly repetitive nor passive but a strong, focused, and bold claiming of the promises of God, putting you in partnership with Him.

Here is what the Word of God says: 1Timothy 2:1-5 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus"

Watch the video of Rev. Lorenzo Sewell's prayer as an example, and read the first chapter of Ephesians, part of which is a prayer. Pray that the President can see through the BS and the clamoring partisans and discern the right decision to make in every situation, a decision that is best for America and consistent with our foundational and Constitutional principles. Pray that he and his administration are physically safe, that his advisors remember their place as public servants and work in the light of that responsibility and commitment—that they are given a trust and the resources are not theirs to do with as they wish, but belong to the people and must be stewarded.

It is right to deport lawbreakers---it is against federal law (of every country) to break in illegally. It violates our sovereignty and private property. The President is responsible to enforce the laws and provide for the common defense. The chaos on the border, thousands swamping ranches and breaking through barriers and stampeding over the Border Patrol has never been seen in American history—riot multiplied exponentially by invading aliens. Pray that the President Trump and his administration find the strategies to protect the rights, lives and property of American citizens and LEGAL residents as the Constitution requires. Pray for his and his cabinet's physical, mental and spiritual safety and the same for our law enforcement and military.

Prayer brings you in partnership with God, above the limitations of the world. Here's how to pray for your own concerns and needs: Philippians: 4:6-8 "Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. " Choosing what you will think and reaching out to God via prayer will comfort your heart and quench your anxiety.

Both sections of scripture—Timothy, relating to leadership, and Philippians, focused on personal need, show four aspects of prayer: prayer, supplication, requests and thanksgiving.

Prayer in the Greek is proseuche, which focuses on the ability of God. Supplication is deesis, which focuses on your need. Requests is aitema, a specific petition for a particular thing. God promises to always meet your needs, (Philippians 4:19) but remember, the how is up to Him. Thanksgiving is an attitude of heart and mind that empowers you to succeed. Being thankful for what God has already done for you, enables you to believe for what you are praying about.

Genesis 37-47 shows the example of Joseph, who was sold into slavery by his own brothers. But because of his love for God and diligence to do what was right in the sight of God, he did not give in to despair nor see himself as a victim. He led and served even in prison. Ultimately, he became second in command in the nation of Egypt, saved it and his family from a 7 year famine, and made Egypt the wealthiest nation in the world at that time. With God, all things are possible no matter where you start from.

Pray for men and women with a mind to work who will develop their talents to serve US, men and women in whom the spirit of God is—and who know how to operate it. You can be such a one in your own sphere of influence.

Government is not your sufficiency, government is not your provider, God is. Looking to government first makes it an idol and idols get you nothing but trouble. So look up to the God whose wisdom is infinitely diversified and able to do exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think.

Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

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.

John Liszewski, Commissioner of Finance and Management Services

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Gus Williams, continued from pg 8-

“He was one of the very best and one of the most beloved NBA players of his time and an NBA World Champion with the Seattle Supersonics in 1979.

“No one will ever forget “The Wizard” and his unique way of tying his shoe laces on the back of his ankles instead of the front.

“He was gregarious, funny, always upbeat, and very charitable with his time and money. Plus, he was always friendly with the fans, and they loved him in return.

“Super fast and super quick on the court. Could stop on a dime and outrun everyone out there. With a deadly jump shot to boot. Gus was one of a kind!

“Gus spent his last years in a skilled nursing home in Maryland, and the family wants to transport his body from Maryland back to Mt. Vernon, NY, Gus’ hometown, so that he can have a decent funeral and his 100-year-old mother and other family members can visit his gravesite.

“Gus’ brother, Ray Williams, was also an NBA player and passed of prostate cancer on March 22, 2013, and Gus will be buried next to him in Mt. Vernon. Their mother and the rest of the family would like nothing better than to be able to visit the sites of their dearly departed loved ones.

“Gus was just nominated for the NBA Hall of Fame in December 2024, and hopefully will garner enough votes to be posthumously inducted in the fall of 2025. What a guy! What a life! What a player and what a very special person!

“Please consider contributing to our efforts to send Gus back home in the class and style he deserves! Contributions are collected by GoFundMe which are then sent directly to the Williams family account every 2 – 3 days for the stated purposes. The funds raised with this fundraiser will be used for those purposes.”

To make a contribution visit-

https://www.gofundme.com/f/honor-gus-williams-with-a-dignified-farewell?attribution_id=sl:1d520f2c-628a-4fa1-9ccd-31090330b3bb&lang=en_US&utm_campaign=fp_sharesheet&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=copy_link

Williams was an All-NBA 1st team player in 1979, a two time All Star. Many of the Westchester sports fans we spoke to agreed with us that Gus Williams was the greatest basketball player in Westchester history, with Peekskill native Elton Brand a close second.

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EMS volunteers provide a significant savings in property taxpayer dollars. As both a taxpayer savings and in appreciation for the service our Fire and EMS volunteers provide to communities throughout Westchester, this legislation will create an important benefit.”

Vice President of the Westchester County Volunteer Firefighter’s Association Martin Gunther said: “The tax break will not only support our pursuit of recruitment and retention, but will also positively impact the lives of our volunteers, both firefighters and EMS alike.”

Public Information Officer, Ardsley Secor Volunteer Ambulance, and County EMS Advisory Board member Steven Greenfeld said: “Westchester County’s ongoing support of volunteer first responders strengthens our public safety and our communities. These programs recognize and reward the commitment and sacrifice that volunteers make for our neighbors every day. Thank you County Executive Ken Jenkins, and all in your administration, for your foresight and effort to protect our volunteer spirit.”

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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. Davis As Heir To The Estate Of Milo R. Davis, Milo R. Davis, JR. As Heir To The Estate Of Milo R. Davis, Unknown Heirs Of Milo R. 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. DATED: January 15, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 84237

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