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## Inauguration Day in Yonkers



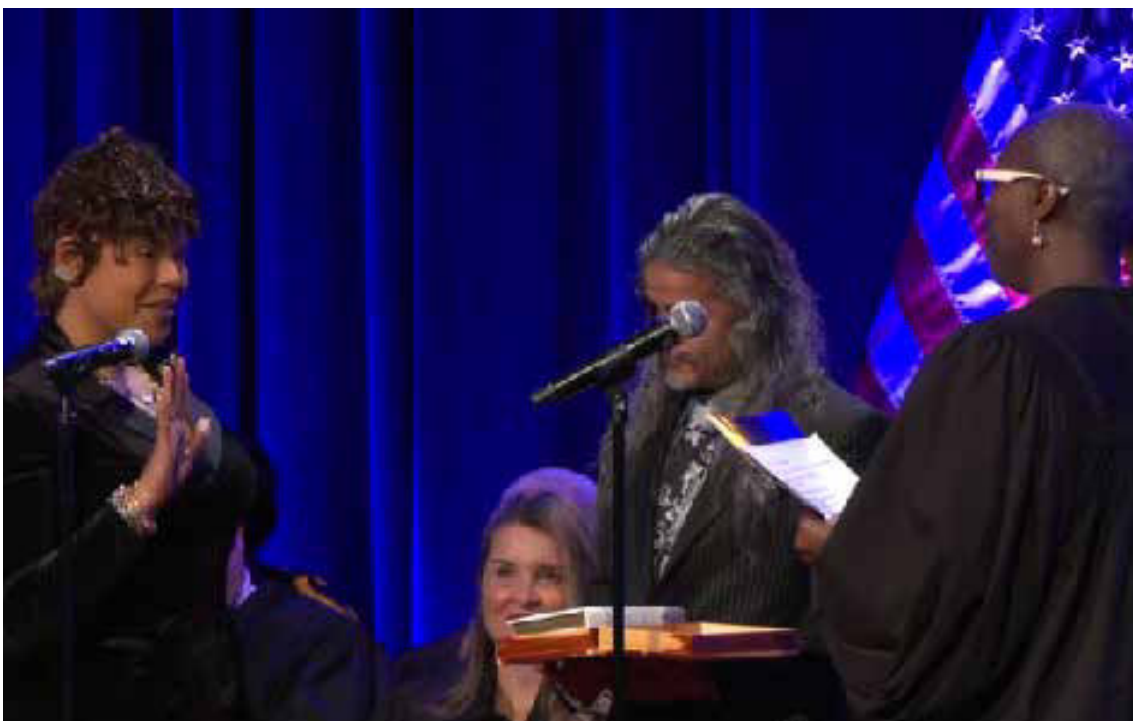
*Mayor Mike Spano takes the oath of office for a fourth term*



*City Councilwoman Deana Renee Robinson take oath of office*



*City Councilman Mike Breen takes oath of office*



*City Councilwoman Tasha Diaz takes oath of office*

Inauguration day in the City of Yonkers is always a special and unique occasion. Set in the Yonkers Riverfront library every two years, the intimate setting offers limited seating for family, friends and supporters of the candidates being sworn in for office, and city officials.

For its 2024 Inauguration, Mayor Mike Spano was sworn in for his fourth term leading New York's third largest city. Mayor Spano was joined by wife Mary Calvi, and his children.

The mayor's daughter, Alexandra, stole the show by giving a well delivered introduction to her father. "I was 10 when my father was elected Mayor. I was so proud and excited about what was to come."

"He has guided us through the pandemic, brought Hollywood to the Hudson, and students in the Yonkers Public Schools have a 97% graduation rate. He is there for the city at any moment and considers it a privilege to serve," said Alexandra who finished with a story about her grandfather, Len Spano, who used the phrase—"one step at a time", as a mantra to get through difficult times in war, government, or everyday life.

Mayor Spano took the oath from Judge Elena Goldberg. "This is the greatest honor that any person can achieve, in the greatest city in America. I was born and raised in South Yonkers, and I knew back then, when I was a student at St. Peter's, that I wanted to be Mayor.

Spano said that Yonkers' future is bright. "The sky is the limit. We are the top city in educating our children. We are the top city in keeping our community safe and attracting new businesses. It is our time to fulfill our potential."

Deana Renee Robinson took the oath of office for City

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## Latimer vs. Bowman for Congress: The 500 Pound Elephant in the Room-Race



Westchester County Executive George Latimer, left, is challenging Congressman Jamaal Bowman, right in a democratic primary in the 16th District-NY

By Dan Murphy

The race for Congress in the 16th District-NY, which includes more than half of Westchester County, will offer democratic voters in the district an opportunity to support the current Congressman, Jamaal Bowman, from Yonkers, or his challenger, Westchester County Executive George Latimer, from Rye.

Both Bowman and Latimer are self-described progressive democrats: Latimer is campaigning on the fact that he is a progressive democrat with accomplishments in County government, while Bowman is a proud member of “The Squad” of progressive democrats in Congress.

The other fact is that Latimer is a 70-year-old white man, while Bowman is a 47-year-old black man. Some progressive democrats in Westchester have questioned Latimer’s attempt to run against an incumbent black democratic congressman.

But some of Latimer’s supporters question that critique against him. Here is a letter we received from a Sound Shore democratic supporter of Latimer, titled Am I REALLY a RACIST for supporting LATIMER?

“When I showed up at the former General Foods headquarters on Westchester Avenue in Rye Brook to make calls for Barack Obama’s Presidential campaign on the last Sunday night in October 2008, nobody else working the phone banks looked like me: The other callers were mostly middle-aged Black men wearing union windbreakers, or older White women wearing denim jackets trimmed in fur. When asked if I preferred to call prospective voters in

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## Elevate The New Year With Westchester’s First Marijuana Dispensary



Elevate Cannabis Dispensary  
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Elevate Cannabis Dispensary is the first recreational dispensary to open in Westchester County, in the City of Mt. Vernon, setting the standard and leading the way in the region.

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A healthy body and mind are foundational to performing well in any endeavor, from daily life to work and play.

When considering New Year’s resolutions related to health and well-being, incorporating natural products into your lifestyle could be a beneficial strategy. Studies have shown that various natural compounds can assist in achieving goals like pain relief, stronger memory, enhanced focus, and improved physical performance – especially for that “Big Fitness Energy” that Megan Thee Stallion is elevating as “Mother Fitness” for 2024.

For pain relief, especially due to inflammation, natural product-derived compounds have shown promise. A study published in the U.S. National Institutes of Health’s (NIH) “Pharmaceuticals” review highlighted the potential of these compounds to alleviate inflammatory pain by suppressing microglial activation, a process that is crucial in the development of neuroinflammation and pain hypersensitivity.[1] This suggests that natural products can be an effective alternative to traditional pain relief methods, particularly for those suffering from chronic inflammatory conditions.

Regarding focus and improved memory, another independent study published by the NIH said “Modern studies have shown that cannabis has numerous beneficial effects in neurodegenerative disorders of Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, epilepsy, Huntington’s, multiple sclerosis, and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis [11,12,13,14,15]. Reports have also shown that cannabis possesses anti-inflammatory, anti-depressant, anti-anxiety, anti-psychotic, and anti-schizophrenic effects [16,17,18].”[2]

For weight loss and physical performance, the role of natural products is quite significant. The research compiled in Frontiers in Pharmacology outlines how various natural compounds like polysaccharides, alkaloids, ter

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## Mayor Spano Appoints Sue Gerry Deputy Mayor; Returns to Former Post



Yonkers Deputy Mayor  
Sue Gerry

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced senior-level personnel changes in his Administration, including the re-appointment of Susan Gerry as Deputy Mayor. Gerry served as the first female Deputy Mayor in the City of Yonkers from 2012 to 2017. “We are excited to welcome back someone of Sue’s caliber to City Hall. Her core background in government administration and management has served our residents well in the past,” said Mayor Spano. “As we continue our transformative renaissance in our City, I look forward to Sue’s partnership in spearheading many of our newest initiatives.”

“I believe Mayor Spano is succeeding with his vision for Yonkers,” said Deputy Mayor Gerry. “I have seen the extraordinary progress made so far and I’m excited to be a part of advancing that progress.”

Gerry returns to the City of Yonkers from Westchester County Healthcare Corporation where she served as Senior Vice President. She obtained her Juris Doctorate from the University of San Diego School of Law and a Bachelor of Business Administration from George Washington University. During her tenure as Deputy Mayor, she was responsible for spearheading the City of Yonkers-Yonkers Board of Education Consolidation Program, a first-of-its-kind, large-scale merger of the administrative operations of two distinct municipal entities.

With Gerry’s appointment, Deputy Mayor Anthony Landi transitions to his new role as Interim Commissioner of Housing and Building, following the retirement of Commissioner Sam Borelli. Landi will facilitate the process of hiring a new commissioner for the department. Landi was appointed Deputy Mayor in 2021 and previously served as the City’s Parks, Recreation & Conservation Commissioner.

Mayor Spano added, “Sue and Tony have already made lasting contributions to our City’s legacy, playing critical roles in the revitalization of Yonkers. I am confident their knowledge and expertise will continue to make a positive impact on the quality of life of our residents.”

Mayor Spano’s appointees began their new roles on January 1, 2024.

## 2024, Be Aggressive This Year!



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Let me start out by wishing you and yours a Happy, Healthy New Year! You will get over the holiday cold, and going to bed and eating healthier and exercising will help you recover from the busy December that we all went through.

Make sure if you sign up for a gym you get at least a one week pass to try it out for free to make sure it’s for you. Check the gym contract you are signing specifically regarding cancellation policies and make sure you understand them. Gyms have all kinds of membership specials for senior adults, civil servants, students and a host of other categories, so make sure you tell the individual signing you up everything you are involved with that could lead to a discount.

In fact, make 2024 the year when you read all documents you are signing or asked to sign to make sure you understand them. Question things you don’t. In many cases it’s your money so you have to watch how you are spending it. Get multiple quotes on projects, and always ask for a better deal.

Make 2024 the year you learn how to use the self scan checkout at the supermarket. This device allows you to better keep track of what you are charged for the items you purchase. Most supermarkets and retailers with human beings at the register follow the swim policy when checking you out. To speed things up, the human beings are told to make believe they are swimming passing your items over the scanner as quickly as possible. This makes for mistakes galore! They go so fast you can’t catch mistakes.

The self scan machines allow you to better control the ringing up of purchases you are making. You go at your own pace and there is a clerk who monitors the self scan and can address any price or other problems you encounter. You can make sure you get any discounts you should be receiving, and pack your grocery items the way you want them packed, light or heavy, foods that need refrigeration vs. those that do not, etc.

Need I say you should be checking store circulars before you go? Prices are crazy and it doesn’t look like things such as food are getting any cheaper. If you need it and it’s on sale, buy an extra one if you have the space.

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## NYAG James Sues SiriusXM Radio for “Trapping” Consumers in Subscriptions

New York Attorney General Letitia James today sued SiriusXM Radio, Inc. (SiriusXM) for trapping consumers in subscriptions and maintaining deliberately long and burdensome cancellation processes. An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that SiriusXM forces its subscribers to call or chat online with an agent to cancel a subscription, then deliberately draws out those interactions as part of its strategy to prevent subscribers from canceling. The OAG also found that the company trains its agents to not take “no” for an answer when customers try to cancel, making it extremely difficult and frustrating for consumers to end their subscriptions. Through this lawsuit, Attorney General James seeks restitution, penalties, and disgorgement from SiriusXM for violating New York’s business laws.

“Having to endure a lengthy and frustrating process to cancel a subscription is a stressful burden no one looks forward to, and when companies make it hard to cancel subscriptions, it’s illegal,” said Attorney General James. “Consumers should be able to cancel a subscription they no longer use or need without any issues, and companies have a legal duty to make their cancellation process easy. New Yorkers can trust that when companies like SiriusXM try to take advantage of them and violate the law, my office will step in to stop them.”

SiriusXM is an audio entertainment company headquartered in New York City and has approximately 35 million subscribers, of which nearly 2 million are New Yorkers. The OAG opened an investigation into the company after hundreds of consumers reported to OAG and other agencies that they could not cancel their subscription. The OAG’s investigation found that the company trains its agents to keep customers on the phone or in the chat for a lengthy six-part conversation that includes asking a series of questions and then pitching the subscriber as many as five retention offers, all to delay cancellation. When customers decline the offers, agents are trained not to take “no” for an answer and to keep bombarding customers with questions or offers until they either relent or become frustrated.

According to SiriusXM’s own data, it takes subscribers an average of 11.5 minutes to cancel by phone, and 30 minutes to cancel online, although for many subscribers it takes far longer. Subscribers often spend substantial time waiting to be connected with an agent, with wait times that regularly reach more than 20 minutes for online chat agents. Despite these long wait times, OAG found that the company can cancel a customer’s subscription with a simple click of a button, or even allow customers to do so themselves.

In affidavits submitted to OAG, consumers described how difficult it was to cancel subscriptions they no longer used or wished to pay for. In one case, a SiriusXM agent kept a subscriber in a chat for 40 minutes, despite the subscriber’s clear and repeated requests to cancel, according to a log of the chat. And after that, the company continued to charge the customer anyway. When the consumer then filed a complaint, SiriusXM said that it was not able to locate any cancellation request from

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## Governor Hochul Signs Year End Bills, Vetoes Others

New York Governor Kathy Hochul, at the end of 2023, signed and vetoed several pieces of legislation of importance to the residents of Westchester.

Hochul signed a bill that changes election years for most town and county positions from odd to even years to coincide with national and statewide elections. Please note this law does not impact the term of office for anyone elected in November 2023. Some supported the bill and others opposed it. Republicans in New York state opposed, stating that the bill was an effort to take advantage of high democratic voter turnout in Presidential and Gubernatorial elections, in even years. Most democrats supported the bill, in the hopes that it will increase voter turnout in Town and County elections.

Hochul also signed a bill regarding transparency and the formation of LLC’s in New York State. Watchdog group Reinvent Albany, stated that while Hochul signed the bill “Unfortunately, Governor Hochul used a “chapter amendment” to strip-out the public database at the heart of the LLC Transparency Act.. We want to believe that the new LLC Disclosure law is a real step forward. ..A coalition of tenants rights, social justice, labor unions and watchdog groups calling for real LLC Transparency supported this bill. It will be up to Governor Hochul, the Senate and the Assembly to honor their compromise agreement to make LLC owners report their identities to the state and ensure this data is accurate and easily accessible to the Attorney General and other New York State corruption fighters.

Reinvent Albany also disagreed with Hochul’s veto of bill (S06941/A07404) requiring NYS agencies and authorities to publish contracts that have been exempted from review by the Office of the State Comptroller. “We believe the \governor’s veto is clearly a mistake that exposes taxpayers to potentially huge amounts of waste, fraud and abuse from emergency contracts rushed through without even minimal independent oversight. NY Comptroller Tom DiNapoli stated that his office will continue to push for this important reform.

Hochul also vetoed a bill which would have weakened New York’s new public campaign finance system. “Signing this bill would effectively reduce the impact of small donors on elections, in direct contravention of the purpose for which [the public financing system] was originally adopted,” said Hochul.

The new system provides taxpayer-funded matching grants to candidates for state office who receive contributions from small donors. An Assembly candidate who receives a \$50 donation, for example, will receive a \$600 check from taxpayers to complement that.

Other bills signed by Hochul include: A.3983 - Angelica’s Law: Decreases the number of prior license suspensions needed to qualify for aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the first degree, a class E felony; named for 14-year-old Angelica Nappi, who died in 2008 after a crash caused by a driver with multiple prior suspensions.

A.7691 - Commission to Study Reparations and Racial Justice: Creates a new commission to examine the legacy of slavery and its lingering negative effects on people currently living in the State of New York, with the goal of issuing issue a report consisting of recommendations for appropriate action to address enduring inequities

A.2917 - Protecting Wildlife from Hunting Derbies: Prohibits the wasteful taking of certain wildlife by making certain hunting contests, competitions, tournaments that allow for the take of large numbers of wildlife unlawful; but does not ban hunting or fishing.



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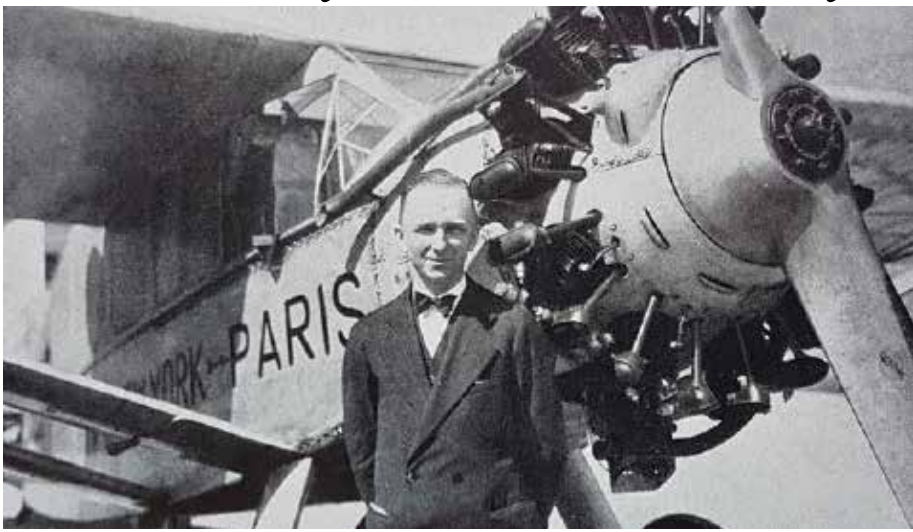
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## On This Day in Yonkers History...

## Con Edison's Student-Athlete of the Week: Iona Prep Senior Tommy Flynn



Clarence Chamberlain in 1920

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

Monday, January 8th

January 8, 1925: Post Street resident and outstanding Yonkers' tenor Ellis Doyle joined the cast of "Rose Marie" at the Imperial Theater. The biggest musical success of the Broadway season, the operetta style musical's book and lyrics were by Oscar Hammerstein II and Otto Harbach, with music by Friml and Herbert. It ran for 557 performances in New York, 581 in London, and the Paris production ran for 1,250 performances.

January 8, 1943: To meet the great demand for more space for "war purposes in City Hall," City Manager William Walsh ordered Dr. Ward Cook, Director of the city's Bureau of Laboratories, to move them to offices and rooms in the Health Center.

Tuesday, January 9th

January 9, 1910: Two policemen answered a call to a Warburton Avenue house because they heard an intruder. They arrived in time to send two squirrels scurrying into a nearby tree!

January 9, 1921: Senator Holland S. Duell of Yonkers was named Chairman of the New York State Senate Committee on Labor and Industry. Duell, first elected to the NYS Assembly in 1907, served in 1909 as the Chair of the Committee on Federal Relations. He fought in World War I, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal, the Croix de Guerre and the Distinguished Service Cross for "extraordinary heroism in combat near Vinarville, France." Until his divorce in 1925, he lived at Ardenwold on North Broadway.

Wednesday, January 10th

January 10, 1897: Rev. James Freeman, Rector of St. Andrew's Memorial Episcopal Church, made a presentation before the New York State Church Temperance Society, speaking about the "Hollywood Inn as a Substitute for the Saloon." Theodore Roosevelt, in attendance, warmly and enthusiastically praised the plan.

January 10, 1906: Answering objections raised by Yonkers residents and City Attorney Francis Winslow, New York City Corporation Counsel Delaney stated the proposed Hillview Reservoir would look like a "hanging garden of Babylon."

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Tommy Flynn

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Tommy Flynn, who was named a Con Edison Scholar-Athlete of the week. Tommy is a senior at Iona Prep and a member of the Cross Country Track team.

Competing at the 72nd Catholic High School Relay Carnival at the Nike Armory Center last month, Tommy had two outstanding relay performances in Iona Prep's opening track meet of the season. In the 4x800m relay Tommy anchored the team to a 2nd place finish (2:02 split let) with a time of 8:26 the best in Westchester by 18 seconds and #6 in New York State. Tommy came back an hour later to run another anchor leg this time the 4x400m which placed 3rd with the 3rd best time in Westchester this season.

Competing at the 97th Catholic State Intersectional Championships, Tommy ran a personal best performance at Van Cortlandt Park 2.5 mile course in a time of 13:14. This is the fastest time of any Westchester/Putnam athlete this season on this historic course. It is also the 6th Fastest ever run by an athlete from Iona Prep. Tommy placed 4th in the Varsity Championship and qualified to compete at the NYS Federation Championships. Only two other Westchester County athletes have qualified for the State Federation Championships.

Tommy played JV Basketball, 2 Years of Varsity Basketball - 4 years of Cross Country & 4 years of Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field – Tommy has been one of our Cross Country Team Captains for the past three years.

Tommy has served as School President, Member of the National Honor Society (NHS), Peer Ministry Program, National English Honor Society. He has a 95% GPA.

Tommy volunteers for Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Volunteer youth basketball games and track meets, and volunteers at the Hope Soup Kitchen.

Tommy has committed to Boston College for next year and will continue his athletic and academic journey at BC.

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## Letter to the Editor: Trump Must Be Stopped in 2024

As we mark the third anniversary of the January 6th insurrection, it's important to remember how we got to that moment and who was responsible for it. Donald Trump and his allies engaged in a months-long criminal conspiracy after the 2020 election. They spread lies about voter fraud and used those lies to put pressure on state officials to illegally overturn election results. When their scheme to interfere with Congress' certification of the 2020 election results failed, Trump and his co-conspirators incited a violent mob to attack the U.S. Capitol on January 6th, 2021.

MAGA Republicans nationwide have continued this assault on our democracy by introducing radical voter suppression bills in Congress and state legislatures, spreading false election conspiracy theories, and threatening to overturn election results they disagree with.

Now, Trump is running for president again and he and his allies are planning for a second term that is even more extreme and authoritarian than the last one. If he is re-elected, he plans to pardon himself and his supporters, use the Department of Justice to exact revenge on his enemies, and purge the federal government of anyone who doesn't agree with him until there's no one left to say no.

Just last month, Trump said if he was reelected, he would attempt to be a dictator on "day one." We need to take him at his word. Too much is at stake for the American people to allow Trump to take back power. It's up to all of us to say no to a second Trump presidency now, before it's too late.

*Sincerely, Sven Sorge, Yonkers*

### *NYAG James Sues SiriusXM, continued from pg 4-*

him. Another complaint — handwritten by a consumer on behalf of her 92-year-old mother — described a maddening phone call with a SiriusXM agent that lasted nearly 40 minutes.

The OAG's lawsuit charges that SiriusXM violated state and federal laws concerning subscriptions that renew automatically by failing to provide subscribers with a cancellation mechanism that is simple, timely, and easy to use. The OAG's lawsuit also alleges that SiriusXM engaged in fraud and deception by misleading subscribers seeking to cancel.

Through her lawsuit, Attorney General James seeks full restitution for all impacted subscribers nationwide, including compensation for the time SiriusXM wasted by putting its subscribers through a deliberately lengthy cancellation process. Attorney General James also seeks disgorgement, penalties, and costs, and to require SiriusXM to implement a simple and easy-to-use cancellation process.

Attorney General James asks any consumers who have been affected by SiriusXM's cancellation practices, or the deceptive or fraudulent cancellation practices of any other automatic-renewal service, to file a consumer complaint online.

## NY State Revenues from Sports Gambling Top \$2.9 Billion



*By Dan Murphy*

Mobile Sports betting in New York State has been a success, with more than \$33.7 Billion in total wagers being placed since NYS Government approved it in late 2022. And revenues for NYS have totalled \$2.9 Billion over the two year period from wagers placed on sports, according to reports from the NYS Gaming Commission.

Anyone over the age of 21 can join download the sports app of one of nine sports betting companies approved in New York. FanDuel has been the most successful, with \$13.5 Billion in wagers being placed on their App over two years.

Draftkings was second, with \$10.5 Billion, Caesar's at \$4.7 Billion, and BetMGM at 2.4 Billion. All of the other approved sports betting companies combined totalled under \$2 Billion.

In January of 2022, the first month of legal sports betting in New York State, a total of \$1.6 Billion in wagers were placed. One year later, (Jan. 2023) that number rose to \$1.8 Billion, and passed the \$2 Billion per month mark in October and November of 2023.

New Jersey's sports bets have outpaced New York State's, with \$44 Billion during the same time period. New Jersey has the highest dollar amount of wagers over the past two years, even more than Nevada, who is third in the country, with \$36.8 Billion. Pennsylvania is 5th with \$25.6 Billion, and Connecticut is 17th, at \$3.4 Billion.

Sports betting experts say that New York's first two years of permitting bets and collecting tax revenues have been impressive, and some believe that New York State will overtake Nevada and New Jersey by the end of 2025.

Most wagers are placed online, but can also be placed at most casinos in New York. Sports betting has been legal in NY casinos since 2013, but has exploded since mobile Apps, and advertising from companies like FanDuel and Draftkings, began in January of 2022.

A sports betting casino in New York City's Times Square, and an ESPN sports betting APP, are also said to be under consideration.

The BetMGM Sportsbook app, is connected to the company's Empire City Casino at MGM Resorts in Yonkers. The BetMGM Sportsbook app allows bettors a variety of options, bonus offers and ease of use, including an Edit MY Bet Feature, which allows you to add, change and drop bets for games already in play.

MGM recently released its vision for an upgraded and expanded MGM Empire City in Yonkers, if the company is granted a full-scale commercial casino license by the state. The next frontier of online gambling will be the legalization of online gaming, or iGaming in New York State.

A group called BetonNY.com has begun their campaign to inform New Yorkers about the tax revenue possibilities in the Governor and State legislature approve iGaming, which has already been approved in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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Formation of TAQUERIA MARQUITO, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/8/2023 with formation date of 1/1/2024. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Lundy, Beldecos & Milby, P.C., 450 N. Narberth Ave., Ste. 200, Narberth, PA 19072. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Formation of EVERYBODY EATS FOOD GROUP, LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/8/2023 with formation date of 1/1/2024. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Lundy, Beldecos & Milby, P.C., 450 N. Narberth Ave., Ste. 200, Narberth, PA 19072. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Calimero II, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/4/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Marie H. Durif-O'Dowd, 1632 First Avenue, Apartment 326, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of 326 PROSPECT AVE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with SSNY on 03/24/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Brian Caldwell at 130 Franklin Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Formation of 25 COUNTY ROUTE 62 LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/6/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The principal business loc. and address SSNY shall mail process to is Floann and Raymond Landeck, 79 Pembroke Dr., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of [THE NAVIE THERAPY GROUP L.L.C], LLC filed with SSNY on [08/29/23. Office: [WESTCHESTER] County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to LLC: [200 Bloomingdale Road, Suite 1A, White Plains, NY 10605]. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Jaylee's Beauty Lounge, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/29/23. 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, 55 Cole Street, Ste. 101, Yonkers, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Say Say Mwah, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/31/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY, designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 42 Linden Street, Apt 1L, Yonkers, New York 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of PACHAMAMA VIBES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/20/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the company c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Principal business address: 762 Hoover Avenue, Peekskill NY

10566. Purpose: Any lawful acts.

### **Notice of Real Estate Auction**

#### **By Order of the City of New Rochelle**

Notice is hereby given by the City of New Rochelle (the "City") of the public auction of the surplus City property listed below, which is in New Rochelle, NY.

The public auction will take place January 29 beginning at 10:00 AM and will end January 31 at 12:30 PM.

Bid online only at [www.auctionnetwork.com](http://www.auctionnetwork.com).

The auction will be conducted in accordance with, and all bidders agree to be bound to, the terms and conditions of the auction and sale.

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### **Con Ed Scholar-Athlete continued from pg 5-**

A 'Renaissance Man' among students, Thomas Flynn is a young man without limitations. Thomas's rigorous schedule in concert with his plethora of interests and activities leaves me wondering if there are more than 24 hours in his day! Thomas is a rare breed – a student who seamlessly integrates his passion for sports, leadership, and faith into his daily life. Thomas is in the STEP program, the highest level at Iona Prep. Freshman year he started with Geometry and Spanish 2 which are sophomore classes. Since then, he has continued to increase his rigor. In sophomore year and junior year, he decided to take AP Seminar and AP Research in the morning before the school day started," said Iona Prep Counselor Caitlyn Proscia.

### **Latimer- Bowman, continued from pg 2-**

Missouri or western Pennsylvania, I opted for the latter because many of them were probably of eastern European or Italian heritage...I'm both...and at least I'd be able to pronounce their last names correctly.

"I recently sent New Jersey Senator Cory Booker an email offering to work for him if he decided to primary President Biden, not because I dislike the President, but because I believe his age will make him vulnerable to any Republican opponent, but especially Donald Trump.

"Obama and Booker. You can question what's in my head, but not in my heart.

"Yet because I'm volunteering for Westchester County Executive George Latimer's primary campaign against incumbent Congressman Jamaal Bowman, some if not many Bowman supporters would probably characterize me as just another cranky old White racist, no better than my age group peers who buy their grandchildren coloring books featuring Donald Trump, who watch Fox News every day and wish their sons were as sensible as Jesse Watters, that Maria Bartiromo is brilliant as well as beautiful, and that Greg Gutfeld is far funnier than Jimmy Kimmel.

"Arrrgh!

"The sad fact is that my opposition to Jamaal Bowman is not due to the color of his skin but to the competence of his constituent service: he dropped the ball terribly when Long Island Sound Shore communities were devastated by a hurricane in 2021. Senator Chuck Schumer had to step in, not because he craved publicity but because Bowman was utterly ineffective in this time of crisis.

"Since then he has voted against the infrastructure bill that provided local services such as flood protection, 'accidentally' pulled a fire alarm on the floor of Congress (readers old enough to remember the Watergate Scandal may recall Richard Nixon's Secretary, Rose Mary Woods, similarly 'accidentally' erasing 18 1/2 minutes of vital audiotape) and spoken out against Israel in a district that has a considerable Jewish population.

George Latimer has a track record of thirty years of quietly working to get things done.

"It is too easy to dismiss Democratic voters who have real concerns with Jamaal Bowman's performance as cold-eyed racists who just don't like Black people...the same way it is easy in some quarters to say the same things about the supporters of Donald Trump," end of letter, name withheld.

In 2022, Rep. Bowman was challenged by two democratic Westchester County Legislators: Vedat Gashi (now Chair of the BOL) and Catherine Parker. The results were:

Bowman-54%

Gashi-25%

Parker-19%

Latimer's supporters will tell you that if you combine the results from Gashi and Parker (44%), then all Latimer has to do is add 7 points to that total to defeat Bowman. And most of those same democrats will tell you that Latimer is far better known, and politically popular in the 16th District than Gashi and Parker.

Bowman's supporters claim that Latimer is not known in the Bronx parts of the district, and if the boundaries of the 16th district are changed to include more parts of the Bronx, then Bowman's strength and name recognition will increase.

Bowman's support of a study to examine reparations for black Americans, and the support of AIPAC for Latimer, are other common threads and stories of those who favor the reelection of Congressman Bowman.

Most every democrat we speak to says that the outcome will be close either way, while others say that the City of Yonkers will determine the winner.

The same Sound Shore democrat who wrote the letter we included above, had an additional thought: If Bowman beats Latimer in the democratic primary, could a republican win the general election against Bowman?

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## Departing Westchester County Legislators Honored with Distinguished Service Medals



*L-R-County Legislators Damon Maher, Catherine Borgia, Symra Brandon*

At the final Board meeting of 2023 on December 11, the Board of Legislators honored three outgoing Legislators with the Distinguished Service Award, the highest recognition the Board can bestow on an individual who has significantly benefited the general welfare and common good of the County through dedicated public service.

Legislator Catherine Borgia (D – Briarcliff Manor, Cortlandt, Croton, Ossining, Peekskill) served six terms from January 2012 to the present. Borgia has held important positions, including Chair of the Board’s Government Operations Committee, Democratic Majority Leader, and Budget and Appropriations Committee Chair. She worked with fellow Legislators and the County Executive’s administration to pass budgets that reduced the County’s property tax levy, rebuilt reserve funds, and invested in infrastructure. Borgia was elected as the Board Chair for the 2022-2023 term, making her the second woman to hold the position and the first in twenty years. Legislator Borgia said, “It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Westchester in this role for the past 12 years. The three pieces of legislation that I sponsored, worked hard to pass, and of which I am the most are Earned Paid Sick Leave, which the state passed after ours passed, the Immigrant Protection Act, which stated that we do not utilize County dollars to enforce federal immigration law and the Reproductive Healthcare Facilities Access Act which protects those seeking reproductive healthcare from harassment. I will continue to fight for the rights of all Westchester residents in every professional or volunteer role I take on in the future.”

Legislator Damon Maher (D – Eastchester, New Rochelle, Tuckahoe) served three terms as a legislator from January 2018 to the present. He chaired the Labor and Housing Committee, supporting affordable housing and advocating for several acts. Maher was also a member of the Westchester County Police Reform and Reimagining Task Force, which conducted a review of the County Department of Public Safety and developed a modernized plan to improve the department, Legislator Maher said, “I am so grateful that, at age 61, I had the best job I have ever had. We are privileged to serve our constituents and the people throughout Westchester. That is what it is really about. I am particularly proud of certain accomplishments on the Board, such as helping to pass the Immigration Protection Act, the Salary History Ban, advocating for increased funding for quality daycare, the ban on the exhibition and performance of exotic animals, and raising the age for the sale of tobacco and related products from 18 to 21.”

Legislator Symra Brandon (D – Yonkers) chaired the Parks and Recreation Committee and was a member of several other committees, including Budget and Appropriations, Human Services, Human Rights and Equity, and Public Safety. She is also actively involved in various boards and organizations, such as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Terrace City Chapter #26, Black Democrats of Westchester, the NAACP, the National Council of Negro Women, and the Westchester Black

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## Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins’ Angel Project Delivers Holiday Joy to Grandparents Raising their Grandchildren



“Angel” donor Phylis Hyacinthe (far right) gives her gift to grandparent Elsie Pitre, with the help of Santa and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, left

### *Record Number of “Angels” Give Back*

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins’ Angel Project, an annual holiday gift drive for grandparents serving as primary caregivers for their grandchildren, brought festive cheer to a record 184 families in time for the holidays. The initiative, now in its eighth year, aims to recognize the dedicated efforts of these grandparents and provide them with a moment of joy during the holiday season.

At the Angel Project holiday luncheon held this week at Yonkers’ Castle Royale, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins told attendees, “The Angel Project is a way for us to show gratitude to the unsung heroes in our communities—grandparents who, out of love, take on the responsibility of raising their grandchildren. It’s a small token of appreciation for their selflessness, and it is heartwarming to see so many ‘angels’ coming together to make a difference.”

Senator Stewart-Cousins continued, “This luncheon is our way of appreciating all of our ‘angels’—those who are giving of themselves, and those who are kind enough to bring some holiday cheer to those who might not otherwise have it.”

The Angel Project was established eight years ago by Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, who recognized a gap in holiday initiatives, with most focusing solely on providing gifts for children. Understanding that many grandparents, often on fixed incomes, sacrifice their own needs to care for their grandchildren, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins sought to celebrate those who seldom receive recognition for their selfless efforts. This year’s gifts were purchased and donated by 144 generous “angels” who fulfilled the grandparents’ wish lists.

“The Angel Project gives me the opportunity to pay it forward. Especially in these times, it’s very important that we promote love, and we promote peace, and we look for opportunities to support those in our communities,” said Cheryl Brannan, one of this year’s “angels” and the Founder and CEO of Sister to Sister International. “I have seen this project grow leaps and bounds over the years, and the Senator has done a great job of helping grandmothers and grandfathers who are investing in their loved ones, but don’t always get a gift during the holidays.”

This year’s Angel Project received invaluable support from partner organizations committed to the cause. Family Service Society of Yonkers, Family Ties of Westchester, New Rochelle Housing Authority, Westchester County Department of Social Services, and the Yonkers YWCA all collaborated with Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins to identify grandparents in need and distribute the gifts in time for the holidays.

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## Charter School of Excellence Yonkers Students Collect Toys for Harlem Foster Kids



Students at the Charter School of Educational Excellence in Yonkers brought Christmas toys to foster children in Harlem, pictured left.

The students delivered the toys on December 20 to a center run by Graham Windham, an agency that cares for orphans, foster children and their families. The school's Helping Hands Club helped organize the annual, three-week toy drive as part of the club's mission to support their peers.

Eleventh graders Kayla Rodriguez and Temidola Juniad, co-founders of the Helping Hand Club, called the toy drive a success and a learning experience. "It gives us an opportunity to understand everyone else's situation and help those in need," said Rodriguez. "This helps bring awareness to how others are

feeling."

"The toy drive is the perfect opportunity this Christmas season to give back to our community, to give back to kids who don't have a lot," said Juniad.

The school encourages children to start their own clubs because leadership is an important component of the Charter School of Educational Excellence's curriculum. Classroom instruction, sports, clubs, and arts programs are designed to encourage students to lead.

As part of the school's empowerment effort, sixth, seventh and eighth grade students attended the Yonkers Youth Bureau's Youth Leadership Academy the week of December 18 for a series of afterschool sessions.

The charter school has an established partnership with Graham Windham. On December 15, students in the culinary program baked Christmas cookies for Graham Windham as part of the school's holiday outreach.

## Yonkers Resident Wins Fuelco Car Giveaway- A New Camaro!



**Fuelco's Danny Eljamal, right, with Francisco Mejia of the Bronx, who won a \$250 Fuelco gift card**

Yonkers resident Catherine Elezaj won Fuelco's flashy Camaro on display at the service station's Yonkers location.

Elezaj's name was one of thousands of names in the raffle, which was only open to people who signed up for the Fuelco app since the October 2021 opening of the location at 651 Bronx River Road. Sava DiGiacomo of White Plains won a \$500 Fuelco gift card and Francisco Mejia of the Bronx won a \$250 Fuelco gift card.

"Fuelco is committed to giving back to our community," said Danny Eljamal, the Yonkers location's operator. "We appreciate our customers who are willing to sign up for our app, which gives them super discounted prices on our gasoline. The Yonkers store has been an enormous success since we opened, and this Camaro giveaway allows to thank the public for patronizing our store."

The orange and green convertible Camaro features Fuelco's logo on the hood. The company hopes to raffle more cars in the future as the chain expands.

The car giveaway is Fuelco's latest promotion. In November Fuelco's Yonkers location launched its first annual Thanks to Veterans event with \$1.99 a gallon gas and refreshments for veterans and active service members.

According to GasBuddy.com, Fuelco consistently has the lowest gas prices compared to its competitors. All customers can download the Fuelco app from the company's website to receive everyday low prices on gas and healthy alternative foods at Fuelco's Foodsmart convenience store.

Fuelco-Foodsmart's locations are 651 Bronx River Road in Yonkers and 85 Virginia Road in Valhalla. The service stations combine deeply discounted gasoline and a variety of organic, gluten-free, and fair-trade snacks, along with convenience store staples.

The Eljamal family owns several gasoline station locations, mostly located in Westchester County.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### A GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 93 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED "LITTERING"

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that amends Chapter 93 of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled "Littering", in part, by amending several sections to prohibit the disposal of any litter by depositing it in any body of water, watercourse, or public space within the City of Yonkers.

The penalties for violation of this ordinance are as follows: §93-14 Penalties for offenses. Any violation of this chapter shall constitute a Class II offense. Notwithstanding any other inconsistent provision of law to the contrary, by resolution, the City Council may from time to time fix an additional fine, surcharge or penalty for violations of this chapter. The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Dated: December 18, 2023 Vincent Spano

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*County Legislators Honored, continued from pg 8-*

Women's Political Caucus. Brandon also serves on the Board of Directors of Saint Cabrini Nursing Home and is Vice Chair of the Yonkers Charter Revision Commission. Legislator Brandon said, "Representing District 16 has been a profound privilege. From crucial votes on budgets like the Westchester Community College and the 2024 Westchester County budgets, I've wholeheartedly embraced the responsibility, knowing its direct impact on our residents. While this chapter concludes, my commitment to our community endures. I remain dedicated to supporting and serving alongside you in different capacities. Thank you for the opportunity to serve."

Chairman Vedat Gashi said, "When the Board of Legislators presents the Distinguished Service Award to outgoing legislators, it is always a momentous occasion regardless of whether they have served six terms, three terms, or a partial term. It is a testament to their desire to give of themselves – their time and efforts – to serve the people of Westchester. Legislators Catherine Borgia and Damon Maher were known for fighting passionately for the rights of the underserved and unprotected in their districts and throughout the County. We thank Legislator Brandon for stepping up to ensure that constituents in District 16 were represented."

County Executive George Latimer said, "Westchester County extends our deepest gratitude to Legislator Catherine Borgia, Legislator Symra Brandon, and Legislator Damon Maher for their commitment and dedicated service as members of the Board of Legislators. Their tireless efforts have left a lasting impact on Westchester County – improving the lives of our residents both collectively and in their respective districts. As they bid farewell at the end of the year, we recognize and appreciate the work they've done for our community."

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company TM Studio Ink LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 08/18/2023 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : 5 Palisade Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company 2023 Holdings LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 08/21/2023 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : 5 Palisade Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of formation of D & E Guest Reality Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/15/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, D & E Guest Reality Management LLC, 79-81 Main Street, P.O. Box 1100, Yonkers, NY 10702. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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


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

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

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

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

1. Bid 7073 - Opening date: 1/26/2024: Purchase of ten (10) ice rescue suits, vests, and gear bags (VB).
2. Bid 7074 - Opening date: 1/26/2024: Installation of City provided Lenco Ballistic Windows and GeminEye Thermal Camera on one (1) 2007 Lenco Bear Cat (NG).
3. Bid 7075 - Opening date: 1/26/2024: Furnish and install various accessories and provide inspection and service of latches, locks and seats to upgrade one (1) 2007 Lenco Bear Cat (NG).
4. Bid 7076 - Opening date: 2/9/2024: Cochran Park and Playground (Oliver Avenue) Renovations (FB).
5. Bid 7077 - Opening date: 1/26/2024: Purchase of one (1) A-1 Hydro model A-0253, or Yonkers approved equal, snow/salt removal system for snow removal vehicle chassis cleaning (VB).
6. Bid 7078 - Opening date: 2/9/2024: Wilson Park and Playground (132 Kimball Avenue) Renovations (KS).
7. Bid 7079 - Opening date: 1/31/2024: Twenty-four month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to furnish and install various types of fencing, as needed, at various locations within the City (AC).
8. Bid 7080 - Opening date: 1/31/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide City-wide maintenance and repair of emergency generators as needed (FB).
9. Bid 7081 - Opening date: 1/31/2024: Twenty-four month, with option to renew for 12-months for the on call rental of various sizes of portable toilet units for Parks Department activities (KAS).
10. Bid 7082 – Opening date: 1/26/2024: Purchase of Hazmat C50 APR Masks and CBRNCF50 Protection Filters as Manufactured by Avon Protection, or Yonkers approved equal (KS).
11. Bid 7062A - Opening date: 1/26/2024; Furnish and Deliver One (1) New Chevrolet Tahoe LT 4WD, or Yonkers approved equal-REBID (MM).
12. Bid 7083 - Opening date: 2/9/2024: Kitchen and Site Upgrades Work at Robert C. Dodson School, located at 105 Avondale Road (DC).
13. Bid 7084 - Opening date: 2/9/2024: Roof, Heat Plant, Window Replacement and Interior Upgrades at MLK School, located at 135 Locust Hill Avenue (MM).
14. Bid 7085- Opening date: 1/26/2024: Furnish and Install two sets of Double Doors at the Nepperhan Community Center, located at 342 Warburton Avenue (KAS).
15. RFP 487 - Opening date: 1/19/2024: Website Development, Content Management System, Mass Notification System and Maintenance (DC).
16. Bid 7086 – Opening date: 1/19/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase estimated quantities of Sigma Valve Boxes as needed, 12-items (AC).
17. Bid 7070 – Opening date: 2/9/2024: Stefanik Park Renovations, located at Nepperhan Avenue and Ingram Street, Yonkers, NY 10701 (MM).
18. Bid 7087 – Opening date: 1/19/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide cleaning and disposal of the collection nets in the Saw Mill River at the Larkin Plaza Daylighting (KS).
19. Bid 7088 – Opening date: 1/19/2024: One-time purchase of various science lab supplies and equipment (65 items) for the Yonkers Public School District (NG).



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, ENTITLED “VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” IN REGARDS TO DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES FOR TOWING AND IMPOUNDED VEHICLES**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that amends Chapter 109 of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled “Vehicles and Traffic” is hereby amended in part by amending various sections to update the process by which vehicles are towed and impounded and by which vehicle owners/lessors are notified.

The penalties for violation of this local law are as follows:

§ 109-160. Penalties for offenses; towing and storage fees.

A. Except for violations of this chapter which are within the jurisdiction of the Parking Violations Bureau, and in the event that a penalty is not established for a given violation of this chapter, then such violation shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$250 or confinement in jail not exceeding 10 days, or both.

B. Parking, standing and stopping violations shall be punished as follows:

Type of Violation Fee	Type of Violation Fee
Expired meter (on street) \$30	M/T 12 inches from curb, 2-way street \$50
Overtime parking at meter (on street) \$30	M/T 12 inches from curb, 1-way street \$50
Expired meter (off street) \$30	Parking left side to curb, 2-way street \$50
Failed to activate meter (on street) \$30	Parking wrong direction, 2-way street \$50
Overtime parking at meter (off street) \$30	Parking wrong direction, 1-way street \$50
Failed to activate meter (off street) \$30	Parking opposite construction site \$50
Parking in 2 meter spaces (on street) \$50	Improper parking \$50
Parking rear to meter (on street) \$50	Parked rear to curb \$50
Parking in 2 meter spaces (off street) \$50	Improper angle parking \$50
Parking rear to meter (off street) \$50	Angle parking prohibited, 2-way street \$50
No parking \$50	Angle parking prohibited, 1-way street \$50
Overtime parking, no meter \$50	Wheels not turned to curb on hill \$50
Parking in driveway, public or private \$50	Parking a trailer, semitrailer, tractor-trailer, tractor, house-on-wheels, bus or school bus-\$500
Parking within 30 feet of stop sign \$50	Other commercial vehicle \$50
Parking within 10 feet of crosswalk at intersection \$60	Parked on bridge \$50
Parking in loading zone \$50	Unattended vehicle \$70
Parked at theater entrance \$50	No current license plate \$90
Parked on private property \$50	Unauthorized license plate \$90
Parked without lights \$50	Parked leaving L/T 10 feet roadway \$90
Inspection violations \$50	Restricted area \$70
Parked on entrance or exit ramps, state highway \$50	Restricted area, parking lot \$70
Parked on state highway \$50	Restricted area, off street \$70
Parked alongside curbcut \$50	Restricted, raceway parking \$70
Parked for purpose of vehicle sale \$50	Obstructing traffic \$90
Parked for vehicle repair, except emergency \$50	Obstructing traffic, L/T 10 feet roadway \$90
Parked on highway with speed limit over 35 mph for purpose of selling frozen desserts-\$50	Double-parked \$90
Parked within safety island \$60	Double-parked commuting hours (Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., excluding holidays) \$100
Parked within crosswalk \$60	Parked within 15 feet of fire hydrant \$70
Parked within intersection \$60	Parked in fire zone \$90
Parked on sidewalk \$80	Parked within 20 feet of fire station entrance \$90
No standing \$70	Parked in tow-away zone \$90
No stopping \$70	Emergency snow removal \$90
No stopping, bus stop \$50	Parked in handicap space, no permit, on street \$200
Stopped on pavement \$50	Parked in handicap space, no permit, off street \$100
Registration violations \$70	Abandoned vehicle \$450
Unregistered motorcycle \$70	Abandoned vehicle in a designated emergency \$500
Tab improperly on plate \$70	All other parking violations, including violations of Article 32 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law \$50
License plate violations \$90	

C. In the event that a respondent does not enter a plea or remit the fine due for a parking, standing or stopping violation as and when required by this chapter, then they shall pay a late payment penalty equal and in addition to the scheduled fine for the violation charged.

D. In the event that a vehicle is towed pursuant to this chapter, the owner or person entitled to possession of the vehicle shall pay a towing charge and a storage charge as set by the rules and regulations of the City of Yonkers. These charges shall be in addition to any fines or penalties for illegal stopping, standing, parking, abandonment or any other offense under this chapter. Towing and storage charges shall be paid as lawfully. No vehicle shall be released unless all towing and storage fees, outstanding parking violations and related penalties are paid in full.

The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Dated: December 18, 2023 Vincent Spano City Clerk

## Obituary-Francesco Sanzo



Francesco Sanzo

Francesco “Frank” Sanzo passed away peacefully surrounded by family in NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital on Wednesday, December 27th in Bronxville, NY at the age of seventy-six.

Frank proceeds his wife, Bernice Sanzo, and survived by his two daughters, Lisa Nero Sanzo and Melissa Vesuvio (Frank Vesuvio); along with his four grandchildren, Frankie Vesuvio, Kayla Vesuvio, Madison Nero, and Gabrielle Nero. He proceeds siblings Maria Teresa Sanzo, Maria (Minica) Lanzalotto, Nicola Sanzo, Gregory Sanzo, Michelina Iozzo, Vincenzo Sanzo, and survived by Grace D’Alessio, Lucia Sanginiti, Tony Sanzo, Sal Sanzo, and Angela Sanzo.

Francesco was born on July 15th, 1947, in Calabria, Italy to Domenico and Concetta Sanzo. He married the love of his life, Bernice Sanzo in 1969. Frank was a hard worker, who was dedicated to his job even after becoming ill. He was very proud of his job with the Trump Organization, where he worked for over two decades. He loved his family and dedicated his life to support them in every way possible.

His family and friends will remember him as a passionate, hard-working, and the strongest man who cherished every minute of family time and supporting them in everything they do.

Frank was passionate about his family, and his job. He often enjoyed Sunday dinners with the whole family, loved traveling the world for work, and always had a thick Italian accent which blossomed countless one-liners that his family will carry on. Frank will forever be remembered as one of the toughest men on earth, enduring pain and suffering for over a decade and still fighting every day to see his family again. His strength will live on in the hearts of everyone who had the blessing of knowing Frank.

Fly high Frank, you were loved by all.

## Letter to the Editor: “Westchester’s Other Congressional Contest”

Mr. Murphy: As a longtime resident of Cortlandt Manor, I would ask you to give equal coverage to both of Westchester’s upcoming Congressional races. It appears that the democratic primary between County Executive George Latimer and Congressman Jamaal Bowman may appear to be more “politically sexy” because of Latimer’s popularity after winning so many elections in different offices, and Congressman Bowman’s membership in The Squad.

But the fact is that the other Congressional contest in Westchester, in the 17th district, between Congressman Mike Lawler and former Congressman Mondaire Jones, may actually influence what party will control the House in 2025.

I enjoy reading your Westchester Rising newspaper every week. I pick it up at the ACME in the Cortlandt Town Center

Happy New Year-Tricia Feliciano, Cortland Manor

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## Group Picnic Reservations Open for 2024 Season

The Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation is now accepting group picnic reservations for the 2024 season. Reservations can be made by calling the Westchester County Parks permit office, Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: (914) 231-4575.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "Have your next celebration at a Westchester County Park near playgrounds, fields, pools and beaches that will keep guests entertained and provide beautiful scenery for the duration of your event."

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation, Kathy O'Connor said, "Our picnic areas and pavilions are popular party locations during the warm months. Reserve as soon as possible as spots fill up quickly."

Picnicking, including outdoor pavilions, is allowed at the following parks: Blue Mountain Reservation, Peekskill, Croton Gorge, Cortlandt Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson, George's Island Park, Montrose Glen Island Park, New Rochelle, Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla, Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale, Saxon Woods Park, White Plains, Sprain Ridge Park, Yonkers, Tibbetts Brook Park, Yonkers, V.E. Macy Park, Ardsley, Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River, Willson's Woods Park, Mount Vernon.

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### *Inauguration Day, continued from pg 1-*

Council -First District. Robinson took the oath of office from Deputy City Clerk Nerissa Pena. "Thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To my family and my sons, I pray that I make you proud. Thank you to County Legislator Shanae Williams for being my friend and mentor. It is my honor to represent the First District and continue the work. And Mayor Mike Spano thank you for your support."

Robinson added that she has already worked with the other members of the City Council as an aide to Shanae Williams, so she will hit the ground running over the next four years.

City Councilwoman Tasha Diaz was sworn in for her second term representing the Third Council District, taking the oath from Judge Janet Malone. "I am proud and humbled to be reelected. When I first took office, I ran on a message of finding solutions to problems and equitable for everyone. I am proud to say that I have delivered on this promise, and I will continue to deliver transparency and accountability. I promise the people of this great city that I will continue to work towards progress."

City Councilman Mike Breen took the oath of office from Judge Charlie Wood for his third term, representing the Fifth Council District. "I look forward to working with Mayor Spano and the city council in a bipartisan manner to move the city forward." Breen predicted that "2024 is the year MGM gets the green light," for a full gaming Casino. "Yonkers is ready now."

City Clerk Vincent Spano served as the Master of Ceremonies. Yonkers City Court Judges Karen Beltran and Judge Arthur Doran III were sworn in for a 10-year term.

*Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-*

This past week I saw two good movies, Boys in the Boat and Ferrari at Ridge Hill Multiplex. When I entered the theaters they were ice cold. I spoke to managers who told me they were having problems with the heat but they would raise it. Maybe 30 minutes into the previews and film a staff member is supposed to come into each theater and check to make sure everything is good. That did not occur on either day we went.

If they did come into the theater I would tell them to tell the manager that the theater did not get any warmer. Actually both theaters in the multiplex got colder with blowers blowing cold air. I was not going out and missing 10 minutes of the movie to find a manager to tell them of the problem. At the conclusion of the movie, I found a manager and got complimentary tickets for another film. The managers acknowledged the heat problem and I asked them how could they in good conscience sell tickets to a movie with no heat in the theater on a day the temperature is around 40 degrees and they knew the heat was broken. They were waiting for parts to fix it over New Year's weekend.

While we are on Ridge Hill, from the minute the complex opened there has been parking drama. At first it was illegal parking meters. The meters were removed. Then it was a lack of handicap parking spaces. Some were added, but many of the locations for handicap parking have been designated off limits to public parking. They stopped charging for parking during the pandemic, but reinstated parking fees requiring use of an app on the phone. Many don't have access to put apps on their cell phones, and many people are not capable of paying by app (it's a California thing!). Looking at their website I finally saw that they have old fashion machines, one in each parking lot where you can pay by credit card or cash.

You would think that a mall going through a major transformation would want to encourage people to visit what stores are left and not make parking so complicated. Not Ridge Hill. They instituted this app based system, and if you don't pay you get an orange ticket on your windshield. The ticket is for \$10. Where that amount came from I don't know.

The kicker is at the bottom of the ticket on the back. 'Responses not received within 30 days of this notice will incur additional fees and penalties. Your vehicle MAY BE SUBJECT TO BOOT OR TOW.'

I put 2 calls into the Ridge Hill Parking Office to speak to someone for an explanation of what is going on with the parking. No response by press time. The only thing I learned is that you can appeal your ticket by email at [parking@ridgehill.com](mailto:parking@ridgehill.com) if let's say you were there less than 30 mins or a short period of time where little or no payment is due. The appeal must be done within 3 days of the day you get the ticket.

They are busy towing cars and no one is monitoring the use of the Handicap Parking spaces by cars with no stickers or license plates at Ridge Hill. I'll address this 'Yonkers' problem in another column, but I observed many cars illegally parked in handicap spaces as well as those off limits to public parking. They are the real offenders, cars that should be ticketed (up to \$250 fee) or towed. And after a certain period of time, owners of cars parked illegally in handicap spots can be subject to jail time and loss of vehicle.

Aggressive in 2024? Tell the Ridge Hill Merchant you go to you are unhappy with the 'tow it' parking policy and lack of sufficient number of machines where you can pay your ticket without using an app. Call the Customer Service Phone **at 1-800-316 0292 and tell the person who answers the phone you will not shop at Ridge Hill. Or simply find** another branch of the store at Ridge Hill you shop at, hopefully with no parking fee and shop there.

If food bought at a restaurant is lousy, send it back. Bring back spoiled foods from the grocery. Store to your place of purchase. If an item has a discount tag on the shelf of a department store, make sure you get the discounted price. If a salesclerk is nasty to you, complain to the manager.

Remember as long as you are paying you control the mighty dollar. Complain if your store is out of an item you want and make them get it from another store and ship it for free to you.

Make 2024 the year you are Aggressive! Put everyone on a mission to find what you want and what makes you happy. Remember. It's you against the world!

FINAL NOTE: It is with sadness that I note that Deputy Mayor Tony Landi will, according to a press release received at press time, 'transition to his new role as Interim Commissioner of Housing and Building. Landi will facilitate the process of hiring a new commissioner for the department.' Landi is a hands on guy, a gentleman with a vast knowledge of municipal operations. Losing him as Deputy Mayor is a major loss for the people of the City of Yonkers. **Reach Eric Schoen at [thistooisyonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistooisyonkers@aol.com), or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!**

## Greenburgh Celebrates Opening of Hindu Temple, First in Area, in 2024



### From Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner:

Very exciting news. Greenburgh, a community that celebrates our diversity, is excited to announce the opening of a new Hindu Temple which will join other places of worship in our town. I will officially welcome the congregants around noon on Monday, January 1. The Greenburgh Hindu community has contributed to the prosperity of our town. It is important that we encourage our Hindu neighbors to enjoy their culture and religious activity under a roof of this new temple. The temple highlights what a welcoming community Greenburgh is.

Durga Temple is proud to celebrate a grand opening of a new Hindu Temple in the Town of Greenburgh at 1880 Saw Mill River Road on January 1, 2024. The temple will be dedicated to reinforcing Hindu way of life, which emphasizes: non violence, equality, respects diversity and compassion to all living beings."

The Hindu community in Westchester County has witnessed substantial growth over the past two decades. According to the latest census data, It has emerged as the largest subgroup within the Asian American community, approximately 5 percent of the entire Westchester population and possibly even more within the town of Greenburgh.

Notably active in community engagement, the Hindu community's vibrancy was evident during a Diwali event held at the county executive office, where representatives from at least 20 community organizations were present. Greenburgh, in particular, stands out as a hub for Hindu celebrations, hosting a variety of festivals throughout the year, with Holi and Diwali being the most prominent. Additionally, two towns within Greenburgh, namely Edgemont and Ardsley, have officially recognized Diwali in their schools. "The strategically positioned Durga Temple is not just a place of worship; it's a symbol of unity and cultural richness for both the Hindu and wider communities in Westchester County," writes PAUL FEINER, Greenburgh Town Supervisor.

### Elevate Cannabis, continued from pg 2-

penes, and polyphenols play a crucial role in treating chronic inflammation-related diseases. These compounds not only help in managing inflammation but also have properties that could potentially support weight loss and enhance physical performance by improving overall health.

It's important to note that while these studies provide a positive outlook on the use of natural products for health benefits, it is crucial to consult your healthcare professionals to discuss how these centuries old solutions work best for you and your individual health needs.

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### Yonkers History, continued from pg 5-

Speaking before the New York Board of Water Commissioners, Winslow expressed the city's fears Yonkers would need to bear additional expenses to provide expanded police protection for the neighborhood during the construction and concern real estate values would fall as plans for the reservoir showed it would be "unsightly."

January 10, 1936: District Attorney Frank Coyne told members of the Yonkers Legal Forum crime significantly had decreased since the repeal of Prohibition.

Thursday, January 11th

January 11, 1917: Yonkers thought it experienced an earthquake! An explosion at the Canadian Car and Foundry Company near a Kingsland NJ munitions plant caused rumblings, reverberations, shocks, and buildings vibrating in many sections of Yonkers. A fire started in its 40-building facility went out of control when it reached the half-million shells produced for the Russian government. Explosions continued during the night, shaking buildings throughout Yonkers. Windows rattled; dishes shook and chattered like cold children. Residents could see a thick canopy of bluish black smoke to the southwest; the glow of flames from the burning plant could be seen from the highest points in Yonkers. City employees on the top floor of City Hall said they felt the building shake when the detonations were at their worst. It was not until after 6 pm that rumblings decreased in volume, but all through the evening, occasional dull roars gave testimony explosions were still happening.

January 11, 1932: The Herald Statesman formally opened its new four-story building on Larkin Plaza.

Friday, January 12th

January 12, 1929: Yonkers Rotary inaugurated "Better Understanding Week" at a gathering at the Elks Club. More than 100 men representing our city's many races and creeds, men prominent in many varied walks of life. This meeting launched Rotary's campaign against hatred and prejudice.

January 12, 1942: Yonkers buzzed when the picture of former Heavyweight Boxing Champion Jack Dempsey appeared in the papers undergoing his physical to enlist in the Army. It was not just Dempsey's uncovered body that caused the stir; Yonkers' Army Medical Officer Captain John Greene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenberger of Highland Avenue, was performing the examination!

Saturday, January 13th

January 13, 1926: The Council of Yonkers Civic Associations reported the Yonkers water supply was "heavily polluted," especially that coming from the upper Saw Mill River. They asked the city give "due consideration" to Yonkers purchasing all its water from New York City.

January 13, 1947: The Central Committee of War Veterans unanimously voted to support Public Safety Commissioner O'Hara's thirty-day campaign for veterans to turn their souvenir war weapons into police so they could be made inoperable. The deactivated weapons were returned to the former service members. Vets were asked to call YPD headquarters; an officer would pick up the weapons so owners would not violate the Sullivan Law prohibiting concealment of weapons. At the end of the thirty days, violators would be pursued.

Sunday, January 14th

January 14, 1864: President Abraham Lincoln and his cabinet sent a letter to Yonkers' Sanitary Fair to raise money for the wounded Civil War servicemen. After being raffled, the letter was donated to the people of Yonkers by the winner, now is on display at Philipse Manor Hall!

January 14, 1928: At noon, Clarence Chamberlin finished the fiftieth hour of his effort to break the aerial endurance record in a plane owned by Yonkers banker A. R. Martine. Chamberlin's record of 51 hours, 11 minutes set nine months earlier had been broken by a German duo a few months later.

*Questions or comments on this column? Email [YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com](mailto:YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com). For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website [www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org](http://www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org), call 914-961-8940 or email [info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org).*

## YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024 AT 6:00 PM, WILL BE HELD IN YONKERS CITY HALL, 40 SOUTH BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR (building is handicapped accessible).

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## OPEN CONTINUED HEARINGS

# 5790 – Area Variance – James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of Mehranco Limited Liability Co., owner, on premises known as 1999 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 42.43, Zone: BR (B30132) (Adjourned to Feb. 2024)

# 5797 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Marketin Hila/110 Ravine Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 110 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2118, Lot: 39, Zone: A (B29521) [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-4V45sMcWs0\\_3rOyDixjXc\\_ttIYGnZq?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-4V45sMcWs0_3rOyDixjXc_ttIYGnZq?usp=share_link)

# 5810 – Use & Area Variance- David S. Steinmetz, Esq. & Jacob E. Amir, Esq., on behalf of TCP Realty LLC, owners, on premises known as 143-151 Woodworth Avenue, Block: 2102, Lots: 4, 5, 11, 39 & 41, Zone: C (B32117) [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-uwlmInZ67PdqnXin47LX7kkvY8uwUh?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-uwlmInZ67PdqnXin47LX7kkvY8uwUh?usp=share_link)

# 5818 – Area Variance – William Null, Esq. of Cuddy & Feder LLP, on behalf of UB Tanglewood LLC, owner, on premises known as 2248 aka 2270 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4800, Lot: 60, Zone: BR (B32155) [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kfspSJpCbe9uAOtY\\_sNZ\\_PQ3dPgh7Lm?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kfspSJpCbe9uAOtY_sNZ_PQ3dPgh7Lm?usp=sharing)

# 5820 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Mountain Portfolio Owner NY LLC, owner, on premises known as 380 Riverdale Avenue, Block: 130, Lot: 1, Zone: BA (B22026) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1h3FBZlCdBqsNnUILEZXutFeFSJ9xC8fj?usp=sharing>

# 5823 – Area Variance – Zarin & Steinmetz LLP, on behalf of CPD NY Energy Corp, owner, on premises known as 1250 Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 3182, Lot: 2, Zone: I (B32100) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/16KK7VQdcakUWvDXKM98DB4TaFVrwweeG?usp=sharing>

# 5826 – Area Variance – Stephen Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of 1270 Saw Mill Associates LLC, owner, on premises known as 1270 Saw Mill River Road, Block: 3270, Lot: 220, Zone: CM (B32288) [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1\\_-38xILKNDY3aRGWldjFRB6NspZE1U6?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1_-38xILKNDY3aRGWldjFRB6NspZE1U6?usp=sharing)

# 5829 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Alba Developers Inc., owner, on premises known as 173 Linden Street, Block: 477, Lot: 38, Zone: M (B21173) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QUk9ksqWVXq-t4O0q9bscrkPQutJJ1Gv?usp=sharing>

# 5831 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of 43 New Ave LLC, owner, on premises known as 44 New Avenue, Block: 6250, Lot: 51, Zone: M (B32519) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1xyvLIG4p-m39Yqs1AZGR3DSYoh7UuTff?usp=sharing>

# 5836 – Use & Area Variance – Mastrogiacomo Engineering PC, on behalf of My Main Man LLC, owner, on premises known as 47 High Street aka 102 Park Avenue, Block: 2167, Lot: 1.3, Zone: MG (B32874) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KcvFoSwZw6ljqBkVUcJQsWyXq4z4Pn-x?usp=sharing>

# 5837 – Use Variance – Joseph Fernandez, R.A., on behalf of B & N Apex Corp, owner, on premises known as 1051 Yonkers Avenue, Block: 6328, Lot: 49.54, Zone: B (B33009) [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UPlfVZ3cWgVUC9z\\_S753PsscJgnTnRYI?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1UPlfVZ3cWgVUC9z_S753PsscJgnTnRYI?usp=sharing)

# 5838 – Use Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of 222 Lake Partners LLC, owner, on premises known as 222 Lake Avenue, Block: 2179, Lot: 1, Zone: A&I (B32787) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ckpicpipRFStOnVZl18vQjNIPcnXlR3S?usp=sharing>

# 5839 – Area Variance - Kristen Motel, Esq., on behalf of ASkone LLC, lessee, on premises known as 743 Central Park Avenue, Block: 5081, Lot: 21.32, Zone: BR (B33098) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1d2qauAwlwgUGud2MVscNBSzA7eOFC-dk?usp=sharing>

# 5840 – Use Variance - Regina P. Murray, on behalf of Irene Wasiczko, owner, on premises known as 59 Virginia Place, Block: 3403, Lot: 48, Zone: S-60 (B33145) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nfdP49AVDNA9poDICTgmKGEKkCXH0dQ?usp=sharing>

## NEW HEARINGS

# 5841 – Area Variance - Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of 497 Van Cortlandt Park LLC, owner, on premises known as 497 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, Block: 40, Lot: 1, Zone: A (B32965) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cg0oNdYgPj5h1kFdZwBQwmhdLk1vRDQQ?usp=sharing>

# 5842 – Improvement & Intensification to a Non-Conforming Use & Area Variance - John Masone, on behalf of Illuminare Realty Inc, owner, on premises known as 140 Sweetfield Circle, Block: 6050, Lot: 96, Zone: S-50 (B32517) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1DJRNpGgycz7T9VY0GkFe0zorRal6b9WN?usp=sharing>

# 5843 – Area Variance - Keith P. Brown, Esq., on behalf of GettyMart, Inc., owner, and Global Montello Group Corp., lessee, on premises known as 286-290 Ashburton Avenue, Block: 2067, Lot: 1, Zone: I (B30675) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cBV9cH4gmAG4aViVTkhhwbnMI41X4gBG?usp=sharing>

# 5844 – Area Variance - Mark Olson, R.A., on behalf of Shkelqim Xhaferrri, owner, on premises known as 65 Wildway, Block: 5273, Lot: 4, Zone: S-75 (B33291) [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AX9\\_HU4MfEHPOaF85VIft9QdExNVla3q?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AX9_HU4MfEHPOaF85VIft9QdExNVla3q?usp=sharing)

# 5845 – Area Variance - James G. Dibbini, Esq., on behalf of Brian & Aileen Doohan, owners, on premises known as 62 Margaret Avenue, Block: 4707, Lot: 33.34, Zone: S-50 (B33555) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mnYDVJpd3jyoDAU9yIYYsg8J6np-WLWN?usp=sharing>

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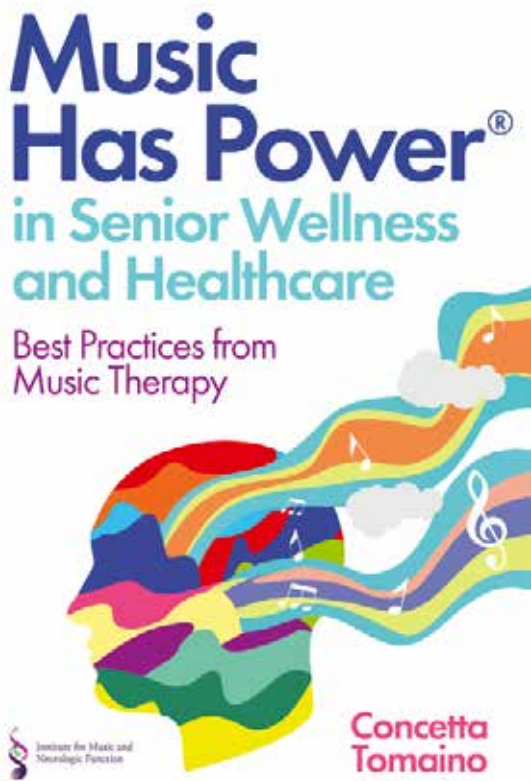
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