

Vinny's Promise Raises More Than \$100,000 at Inaugural Event



City Clerk Vincent Spano, at the fundraiser for his charity, Vinny's promise

By Dan Murphy

Vinny's Promise, a new Yonkers-based charitable organization dedicated to helping children impacted by cancer, raised more than \$100,000 at its inaugural fundraising event on June 16 at Castle Royale.

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Governor Hochul Comes to Yonkers, with \$10 Million from Downtown Revitalization Program



Governor Kathy Hochul came to Yonkers on June 8 to announce that the city will receive \$10 million in funding as the Mid-Hudson winner of the ninth round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI),

"The winners of the Mid-Hudson DRI and NY Forward awards are incredible communities that have demonstrated their commitment to expanding housing and job opportunities," Governor Hochul said. "Yonkers, Ellenville and

New Dog Park at Trevor Park in Yonkers



A new place for Yonkers dogs to run, play and explore. The City officially celebrated the opening of the new Trevor Park Dog Park, now the largest dedicated dog park in Yonkers.

The new space features separate play areas for small and large dogs, play mounds and natural logs, pet waste bag stations, a dog water fountain and more, giving residents and their four legged companions a safe, welcoming place to enjoy the outdoors together.

This investment is another step in the City's ongoing commitment to improving parks and creating more accessible, enjoyable public spaces in every neighborhood.

Who's to Blame for 49 million Gallons of sewage in Hudson After Power Failure at Yonkers Wastewater Treatment Plant?



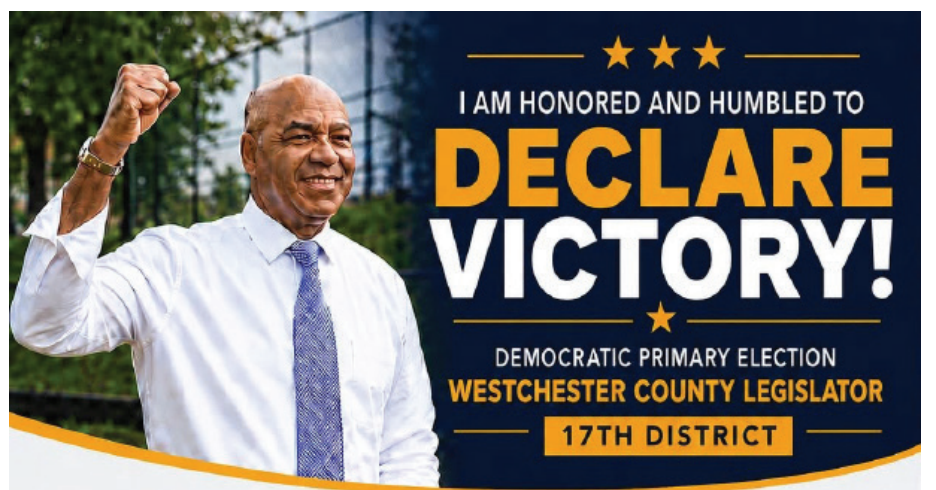
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Yonkers
Wastewater
Treatment
Plant

By Dan
Murphy

On the evening of July 2 into the morning of July 3, Westchester County and all of the region were hit with temperatures of 100 degrees. During the heat wave, Con Edison cut electric power by 8% to NYC and Westchester in an

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Every Vote Counts! Terrero Wins County Board Democratic Primary by Four Votes



By Dan Murphy

After a complete recount, Wilson Terrero has been declared the winner of the democratic primary for County Legislator in District -17, Southwest Yonkers. Terrero said, Finally the counting process has been completed I am grateful that my faith in our democratic process has been reaffirmed and that the Electoral Board has accounted for every vote. The citizenship has spoken, and it is my deep honor to announce that I have won the Democratic primary and am the Democratic candidate for Westchester County Legislator for District 17.

This victory is especially significant because it was very close and achieved

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Anand Singh Gets Two Years for Traveling to NJ for Sex with a 14 Year Old: Feds Wanted 4 Years



Anand Singh Gets Two Years for Traveling to Jersey for sex with a 14-Year-Old: Feds Wanted 4 Years

By Dan Murphy

Anand Singh, a former aide to Yonkers City Council President Mike Khader and a former aide at the Westchester County Board of Legislators, was sentenced on June 30 by Federal Judge Vincent Bricetti to two years in prison for traveling interstate to engage in sex with a minor and possession of child pornography.

The US Attorney's Office for the SDNY asked for a sentence of more than four years.

Singh, 35, was caught in an undercover sting by OBL Global in December 2022.

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Yonkers Mayor Spano to Open
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Representatives from Finance and Constituent Services will be in attendance to collect property taxes, water bill payments, and answer any questions.

The first installment for the 2027 City property tax is due Friday July 24, 2026.

For more information, contact the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services 914.377.6010

Three Mobile Tax Offices to Open July 20, July 22 and July 23, Providing Easier Payment Method of City Property Taxes for Yonkers Residents

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the upcoming schedule for the City’s Mobile Tax Office locations. Staff members from the Tax Department and Constituent Services departments will be in attendance to collect property taxes, water bill payments, and answer any questions on Monday, July 20, from 9AM to 7PM at Coyne Park/Bernice Spreckman Community Center (777 McLean Ave.); Wednesday, July 22, from 9AM to 6:30PM at the Homefield House (911 Saw Mill River Rd.) and Thursday, July 23, from 9AM to 7PM at Grinton I. Will Library (1500 Central Park Ave.). The installment for the 2027 City property tax is due Friday, July 24.

“Recognizing how essential accessible services are for our residents, we’re once again bringing Mobile Tax Offices directly into Yonkers neighborhoods,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “These locations give residents a convenient way to pay their property taxes or water bills or simply receive assistance close to home. I encourage anyone who prefers a nearby, easy-to-reach option to stop by any of the three mobile offices.”

For more information, residents are encouraged to contact the Office of Constituent Services at (914) 377-6010 between 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM or contact the 24/7 Mayor’s Help Line at 377-HELP (4357) for assistance.

NYAG James Urges Student Loan Borrowers on SAVE Plan to Choose New Repayment Options

Borrowers on SAVE Plan Will Receive Notices About Finding a New Federal Payment Plan Within 90 Days

New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued a consumer alert urging New Yorkers with federal student loans to prepare for the upcoming termination of the Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) plan. On July 1, 2026, borrowers who are enrolled in the SAVE plan began receiving notifications from their student loan servicer about choosing a different repayment plan. All those currently enrolled in the SAVE plan who do not choose a new repayment plan within 90 days of receiving a notification will likely be automatically moved to the Standard Plan, which does not consider income and often requires higher monthly payments than other plans. Attorney General James encourages all New Yorkers on the SAVE plan to consider their options and choose the repayment plan that makes the most financial sense for them.

“As federal cuts change student loan programs across the country, my office is here to ensure New Yorkers have all the facts about their loan options,” said Attorney General James. “Student loans are already a heavy burden, and no New Yorker should find themselves in an expensive repayment plan they didn’t choose. New Yorkers enrolled in SAVE plans should start searching for an alternative repayment plan to get ahead of this transition.”

The SAVE plan is an income-driven repayment plan implemented in 2023 that was designed to be one of the most affordable options available. In 2024, a federal court ordered the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to place all borrowers enrolled in SAVE into a mandatory forbearance and eventually terminate the SAVE Plan. The Trump administration announced its measures to end the SAVE plan in December 2025. Starting July 1, 2026, loan servicers began notifying each borrower of the date their SAVE forbearance will end. After a borrower receives this notice, they will have 90 days to select a new repayment plan before being automatically enrolled in another plan, most likely the Standard Plan. The Standard Plan does not take the borrower’s income level into account, meaning that monthly payments under the Standard Plan are often higher than under other loan repayment plans.

Borrowers whose most recent loan was disbursed or consolidated before July 1, 2026 might have the following options depending on their circumstances:

- Income-Based Repayment (IBR);
- Pay as You Earn (PAYE);
- Income-Contingent Repayment (ICR);

The Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP), which became available on July 1, 2026; or

Traditional repayment plans, including Standard, Graduated, and Extended plans.

While returning borrowers have access to PAYE and ICR plans for now, all borrowers on these plans will have to pick new plans by July 1, 2028.

Borrowers whose most recent loan will be disbursed or consolidated on or after July 1, 2026, will have to choose between the Repayment Assistance Plan (RAP), which became available on July 1, 2026, and the Standard Plan.

For free, personalized advice and guidance about student loan options, New Yorkers can contact the Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program (EDCAP) by phone at 888-614-5004 or by email at edcap@cssny.org. More information about transitioning away from the SAVE is available online from EDCAP.

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Yonkers PBA Says Two Years is Enough Without Contract



A STATEMENT FROM THE YONKERS PBA

“Today marks two years without a contract for the hardworking men and women of the Yonkers PBA.

While contract negotiations remain unresolved, our members’ dedication has never wavered. Every day, Yonkers police officers continue to answer the call and put the safety of our community above their own.

Despite police working without a contract, Yonkers remains the safest city in New York State and one of the safest cities of its size anywhere in the nation. That is a direct reflection of the professionalism, sacrifice, and commitment of our members.

We remain hopeful that a fair agreement can be reached that recognizes the work our officers do every day. Regardless, we will continue serving the people of Yonkers with the pride and professionalism they deserve.

Thank you to the residents of Yonkers for your continued support.”

Frank McDonald
President
Yonkers PBA

On This Day in Yonkers History



Bath House on Yonkers Avenue, left still standing but not in operation

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Municipal Historian, 1977 recipient of the Key to the City of Yonkers, President Emeritus Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board Member, Founder of Revolutionary Yonkers 250 and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, July 13th
July 13, 1935: John D. Reilly, Yonkers resident and President of the Todd Shipbuilding Corporation, joined President Roosevelt at a weekend party at the Jefferson Islands Club on the Potomac River.
Reilly, one of Yonkers Special Deputy Public Safety Commissioners, was one of several Democrats who came together to promote harmony in the party. Although officially a “fishing trip,” Senators, Congressmen, Cabinet members and other government officials joined a few citizens on the weekend outing aimed to heal an interparty rift. Former Yonkers resident Harry Hopkins also was in the gathering. Maryland Republican Governor Harry Nice’s steamboat brought the group to the President’s ship.
Today, the Jefferson Islands Club encourages bipartisanship and national unity. It presents annual Citizen of the Year awards; in 2025, the awards were presented to Senators John Boozman (Arkansas) and Amy Klobuchar (Minnesota).
July 13, 1953: Twelve hundred Alexander Smith employees were back on the job for short term resumption of plant operations. Reopened to finish the work in progress when it closed the month before, they also dismantled plant equipment.

Tuesday, July 14th
July 14, 1918: The Yonkers War Garden Committee held an official inspection tour of some of Yonkers’ war gardens. Approximately 2500 gardens were tilled here, averaging 25 by 50 feet. They announced Yonkers had more gardens per capita than any other city in the country.
July 14, 1960: Refined Syrups & Sugars came to the aid of Northeast Yonkers! Two water lines shut down two days earlier after “mishaps.” The company filled two 4500-gallon tank trucks with water, then drove them to the Grassy Sprain Heights section to distribute water to residents. Refined Syrups & Sugar sent a third 4500-gallon tank truck with water the next day.
A 20-inch water main joint had blown; area water was shut off. Ninety minutes later, a large rock fell and smashed a newly installed 12-inch line; that area’s water was turned off.
Greenburgh ran a hose to a Yonkers hydrant to provide water. Yonkers Raceway agreed to lend the city two tank trucks... but their trucks were only used on track grounds and didn’t have license plates! They couldn’t drive on our streets. Water was restored the next day. DPW Commissioner Noonan expressed Yonkers’ gratitude to Refined Syrups, Yonkers Raceway, Yonkers Fire Department and Yonkers Police Department for their assistance during the emergency.
Wednesday, July 15th
July 15, 1915: Although Yonkers spent \$250,000 building the Seventh Ward Swimming Pool and Bath House, Yonkers didn’t have the money to hire its four needed attendants... it remained closed, although officially, it opened July 4th.

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When you think of New York City, certain images immediately come to mind: the skyline, the yellow cabs, and the vibrant, bustling streets of our distinct neighborhoods. Among those, few hold as much iconic status or cultural weight as Little Italy. It is a neighborhood woven into the very fabric of the five boroughs, shaped by the hands of immigrants who helped build this city from the ground up. Yet, if you were to look at the newly released "New York City's Immigrant Enclaves" map put out by Mayor Zohran Mamdani's Office of Immigrant Affairs, you wouldn't find it.

The map, designed to highlight 30 enclaves across the city—from Little Africa to Little Yemen to Little Odessa—somehow managed to omit the most famous immigrant enclave of them all. For the Italian American community, and the countless local businesses that rely on the heritage tourism it brings, this isn't just an oversight. It feels like a deliberate erasure.

A Heritage Ignored:

Between 1880 and 1924, roughly 1.3 million Italian immigrants arrived in New York City. They laid bricks, built infrastructure, opened bakeries, and created tight-knit communities that would permanently alter American culture. Today, Italian Americans still make up nearly 11.8% of New York's population.

To leave Little Italy off an official city map of immigrant enclaves is to ignore a foundational pillar of New York's history. As Mike Crispi, president of the Italian American Civil Rights League, powerfully noted, "Our culture is good enough for their photo ops, our food is good enough for their fundraisers, and our neighborhoods are good enough for tourism dollars — but when it comes time to recognize Italian Americans, they erase us."

Many in the community view this as part of a broader pattern of disrespect, pointing to the city's recent refusal to grant a permit for Unity Day 2026 and past political hostility toward figures like Christopher Columbus. When heritage is treated as an inconvenience rather than something to be celebrated, it sends a chilling message to the communities who call this city home.

The Real Cost to Local Business:

Beyond the cultural sting, there is a very real, tangible economic threat. Little Italy is not just a historical footprint; it is a living, breathing economic engine. The restaurants, cafes, and shops lining Mulberry Street depend heavily on tourism.

When a neighborhood is removed from official city maps and tourism resources, it effectively hides those businesses from visitors trying to navigate the city. Tourists use these very maps to plan their days, deciding where to spend their money and experience the city's diverse culture. If the city government acts like Little Italy doesn't exist, how can we expect out-of-town visitors to find their way to a fourth-generation bakery or a family-owned trattoria? These small businesses are still recovering from years of economic turbulence. They don't need their own local government pulling the rug out from under them.

A Call for Recognition:

A city spokesman claimed the map was simply meant to highlight neighborhoods with "substantial foreign-born populations from regions and countries around the world." But this defense falls flat when you consider the sheer cultural and historical magnitude of the neighborhoods left off—a snub that extended to other major enclaves as well, including historic Orthodox Jewish and Irish neighborhoods.

You cannot celebrate the "tapestry" of New York City while actively unraveling some of its oldest threads. Little Italy is more than just a backdrop for movies or a place to grab a slice of pizza. It is a monument to the resilience, hard work, and enduring legacy of Italian Americans. It's time for the city to correct this map, recognize the communities that helped build the five boroughs, and support the local businesses that keep the heart of Little Italy beating.

Frank J Spotorno, Yonkers

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Dutch Schultz Had My Great Grandfather, Thomas Sinclar Watkins, Arrested

Thomas Sinclair Watkins, Sr., was born on March 16th, 1910, in Elkhorn, McDowell County, West Virginia. He lived in three drastically different cities as a child. Thomas lived in Lynchburg, Virginia, where his mother died in 1917 when he was just a young boy. During the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s, Thomas lived with his aunt in Greenwich, Connecticut. After, he lived with his father, stepmother, and siblings in Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

In the early 1930s, Thomas wanted the fast pace of New York. He knew what it was like in New York because he was close to New York in Greenwich with his aunt Lola. Around April of 1931, Thomas made his move from Pottstown to Greenwich. His aunt worked as a waitress at a clubhouse. She married a carpenter named Harold Fisher. Thomas picked up work as a welder at a steel plant, but he started to hang out with the Black men, Negro at the time, who were involved in crime. By 1932, Thomas, 22, became a number runner.

In February of 1932, American mobster Dutch Schultz, born Arthur Flegenheimer, was on the top of his game. By 1933, Schultz was a name that everybody across the New York crime scene knew. The Dutchman traveled across the state of New York, and people knew it. A January 1933 article from the Mount Vernon Daily Argus mentions Shultz. The paper said a search through Westchester yesterday failed to disclose that he had come to Yonkers, Mount Vernon, Rye, or Port Chester, where at various times he had apartments in connection with his interests.

In March of 1933, the New York Age reported a “war between the Dutch Schultz forces and the Negro collectors and players.” 20 Negro Bankers decided to go on strike against the Schultz bank, beginning on February 27th. Unfortunately, the strike did not go too well for some of the Negro bankers. Raids took place on bankers, and collectors were threatened with death and beaten. All of this would happen after they were tipped off about the whereabouts and doings of what Negroes were doing because they would not work with the Schultz combination.

On February 28th, 1933, Thomas Watkins was arrested in a pool room in Port Chester. The arrest was a day after Negro bankers started the Schultz bank strike in Harlem. It is not a coincidence that the arrest was a day after the strike, and it is not a coincidence that the incident was a raid. After his arrest and spending a night a jail, someone put up \$100 for Grandpa Thomas's bail. He was connected.

My great grandfather went on to marry my great grandmother, Adele Matilda Merritt. During the 1940s, Grandpa Thomas served in the China Burma India Theater in World War II. Grandpa Thomas loved to take care of his garden and loved to gamble. Gambling is a hobby that I have too. If I could go back in time and talk to my great grandfather, I would. I would ask him so many questions.

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Ballroom Built Community When the World Turned Away



By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

“Werk, sista!”

If you have ever attended a ball, chances are you have heard those words ring through the crowd. For many people, Ballroom is known for the fashion, the music, the trophies, and the performances. What many do not realize is that Ballroom was built out of necessity. Long before corporations celebrated Pride Month and long before LGBTQ+ people gained broader visibility, Ballroom provided something many people could not find elsewhere: family.

Born from the creativity, resilience, and determination of Black and Latino LG-BTQ+ communities, Ballroom traces its roots back to Harlem. Over time, it evolved into a worldwide cultural movement that has influenced fashion, music, dance, television, and language. Yet despite its impact on popular culture, the heart of Ballroom has always remained the same. It is about community.

At the center of Ballroom are Houses. A House is a chosen family that provides mentorship, guidance, support, and belonging. For many members, Houses became safe spaces after experiencing rejection from relatives, schools, workplaces, or society at large. Legendary Houses such as LaBeiJa, Dupree, Ebony, and Pendavis helped create a foundation that continues to shape Ballroom culture today.

Members of Houses compete at events known as balls, where participants walk categories that showcase everything from fashion and beauty to performance and confidence. However, many members say Ballroom’s greatest contribution has never been competition. It has always been the people.

“Ballroom is needed because community resistance is needed more now than ever before,” said Nekia Zulu, 26, of Brooklyn. “Of course an outlet for creativity is needed, but in these times community is needed not just by people older and established in the community like myself, but by the youth just entering adulthood and society.”

Carmen Berry, 28, of Akron, Ohio, believes Ballroom remains vital because it reminds people of their collective strength.

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Rockland are all unique, vibrant hubs of economic activity and culture. Their proximity to New York City as well as many natural wonders gives residents and visitors a taste of all our great state has to offer.”

\$10 Million Downtown Revitalization Initiative Award for Yonkers

Situated along the east bank of the Hudson River just north of New York City, Yonkers is defined by innovation and reinvention, from its early days as an industrial powerhouse to its modern resurgence as a center of creativity and economic opportunity. Once separated from the river by industrial sites and highway barriers, the City began reclaiming its waterfront with the daylighting of the Saw Mill River, which restored natural habitats and created new public green spaces in the heart of downtown. Today, cranes rise where factories once stood, as housing, businesses and cultural attractions reshape the skyline. Anchors such as the Great Point Studios and its partnership with Lionsgate have helped establish Yonkers as a growing hub for film and media production, earning the City the nickname “Hollywood on the Hudson.” New mixed-use developments and waterfront public spaces are attracting residents, visitors and creative industries while expanding housing opportunities and supporting local businesses. Through its DRI vision, the City will further reconnect downtown neighborhoods with the Hudson River through expanded public access, walkable streetscapes and new cultural and recreational destinations. By building upon decades of environmental restoration, infrastructure investment and community collaboration, Yonkers is completing its evolution into a dynamic, inclusive river city where economic opportunity and quality of life continue to grow.

U.S. Representative George Latimer said, “This funding marks a significant step toward the revitalization of the City of Yonkers waterfront, ensuring that it remains dynamic and accessible. Investing in this community will create new opportunities for small businesses, grow the housing stock, and strengthen local industries. I am grateful for Governor Hochul’s continued support as we work together to deliver for our growing communities.”

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, “I am thrilled that Yonkers has been awarded \$10 million through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. These investments demonstrate New York’s continued commitment to supporting downtowns as engines of economic growth, housing, and opportunity. I am proud that the State Legislature prioritizes programs like the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and NY Forward, and I thank Governor Hochul for her partnership in delivering these critical investments to Yonkers and municipalities across our great state. I congratulate the Village of Ellenville and the Hamlet of Livingston Manor on receiving NY Forward awards that will help strengthen their communities as well.”

State Senator Shelley Mayer said, “I am very pleased that the City of Yonkers has been selected to receive \$10 million through the ninth round of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative. This investment will help Yonkers continue the important work of strengthening its downtown, supporting local businesses and creating vibrant public spaces while building a stronger connection with the waterfront along the Hudson River. As a proud Yonkers resident, I am confident this DRI funding will build upon the smart development of downtown Yonkers and will support Yonkers’ dominant role in the downstate economy.”

Assemblymember J. Gary Pretlow said, “As a member of the New York State Assembly representing the City of Yonkers, it is an honor to receive this funding from the state and Governor. We are grateful and appreciative of the Governor’s decision to grant Yonkers with this year’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative funding. Thank you, Governor Hochul, for your continuous dedication in helping us create jobs, housing and economic growth for generations to come. Our beautiful city and communities will forever be changed for the better.”

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said, “Congratulations to the City of Yonkers, and Mayor Mike Spano, on being selected to receive \$10 million through New York State’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative. This investment is a tremendous opportunity to build on Yonkers’ incredible momentum by creating new housing, supporting local businesses, improving public spaces and making the downtown an even more vibrant place to live, work and visit. We are grateful to Governor Hochul for continuing to invest in communities across Westchester County and for recognizing that strong downtowns are essential to a strong regional economy. Westchester County looks forward to continuing our partnership with the City of Yonkers and New York State to ensure this investment delivers lasting benefits.”

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said, “Yonkers’ waterfront has long been one of our city’s greatest assets, and this transformational \$10 million investment from New York State will help us unlock its full potential. An investment in Yonkers translates to a greater investment in the Hudson Valley. Thank you to Governor Kathy Hochul and our partners in State government for recognizing the importance of activating our waterfront that will create new opportunities for economic growth, enhance public spaces, improve safety and strengthen the connection between our residents and the Hudson River.”

Yonkers will now begin the process of developing a Strategic Investment Plan to revitalize their downtown. A Local Planning Committee made up of municipal representatives, community leaders and other stakeholders will lead the effort, supported by a team of private sector experts and state planners. The Strategic Investment Plan will guide the investment of DRI and NY Forward grant funds in revitalization projects that are poised for implementation and will advance the community’s vision for their downtown so that it can leverage and expand upon the state’s investment.

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(Left to Right)

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- *PPO Marlene Sahawneh, *PPO Samantha Colavito
- *PPO Jordan Rivera, *Instructor Will Ryttenberg
- *First Deputy Chief Daniel Campanini

As our graduations continue this week, we want to give a special shoutout to our Yonkers Public Schools students who will be attending Ivy League schools in the fall.

(Left to Right) Marcus Knight, Jr., Barack Obama School for Social Justice, will be attending Harvard University

Margaret Ennin, Lincoln High School, will be attending Yale University

Also from Lincoln High School, Anthony Peter, will be attending Yale University. And from Yonkers Middle High School, Kium Hwangbo, will be attending the University of Pennsylvania. Congratulations!!



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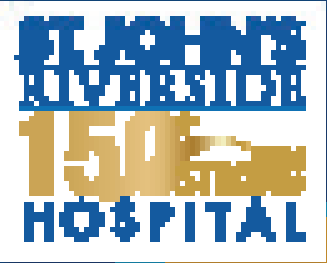


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From the Yonkers Public Library: Our Crestwood community loves to give back. More than 25 handknit blankets were donated to St. John's Riverside Hospital's Maternity Services in Yonkers. The blankets were knit by volunteers, many of which were knit by Kristy LaBarbera! Kristy brings the spirit of our library's Knitting and Fiber Arts Programs to life! In addition to being an avid reader, crocheter, and puzzler, Kristy is a middle school math teacher at Westchester Hills School 29! Thank you to Kristy and the rest of our volunteers for this labor of love.

Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

Yonkers Parade of Nations For America 250



Mayor Mike Spano, Mary Calvi, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Councilwoman Tasha Diaz, County Legislator elect Wilson Terrero

The City of Yonkers celebrated the global heritage that defines Yonkers and America with the Parade of Nations July 2.. The parade route began at Washington Park to Philipse Manor Hall and onto the Yonkers Waterfront for a special patriotic concert and poetry reading.



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Yonkers Man Pleads Guilty to Manslaughter in Shooting Death of Mt. Vernon Man

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that a Yonkers man has pleaded guilty to Manslaughter in the First Degree, a class B Violent Felony.

Xavier Palmer, 29 years old, pleaded guilty in front of Westchester County Court Judge George Fufidio on June 18. Palmer is scheduled to be sentenced on July 30. His guilty plea was accepted by the Court upon the condition that he will be sentenced to serve a determinate term of 25 years in State Prison and 5 additional years of post-release supervision.

On August 11, 2025, Mount Vernon resident James Hardy, 41 years old, was shot and killed on Cliff Street in Yonkers. An investigation led police to Palmer who was arrested by the Yonkers Police Department shortly after the shooting. A loaded Glock .9mm handgun was recovered by the YPD at the scene of the shooting.

DA Cacace said: “Nothing is more tragic than the senseless killing of another human being. My hopes are that the swift apprehension of this suspect and his expeditious prosecution will bring some sense of closure and peace to the victim’s family.”

The investigation was conducted by the Yonkers Police Department.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Marissa Wynn and Kevin Jones.

Somers Man Arrested for Impersonating an FBI Agent at Playland

A Somers man was charged with Criminal Impersonation over the weekend after he came to Playland Park wearing an FBI shield and spinning a tall tale about being shot on the job. The shield was a fake. The story was, too.

On July 4, about 5:45 p.m., several undercover officers assigned to Playland stopped to talk to a man whose dog was wearing a tan vest adorned with a K9 patch with a blue line as well as other patches. The owner told them that he and his dog had recently been shot, and he removed a knee brace to display a wound.

The man then raised the hem of his shirt to reveal a gold shield affixed at his waist. He stated that he was “FBI” and that he and the dog had been shot in the line of duty. To make the tale even better, he went on to say that his dog had bitten – and killed – their attacker.

When the man went back into the Tiki Bar restaurant, an employee in the area gave the officers a business card that the man had been handing out. It was for a dog walking service with John Fiore listed as the owner.

Now this guy's story didn't add up from the get-go, but you have to do your due diligence. In follow-up investigation, officers were not able to find any evidence of an FBI agent named John Fiore. They did not find any reports of a recent shooting of an FBI agent or canine.

What they did find was a May press release from the New York State Police. That release announced the arrest of a man named John Fiore who had claimed he was shot by an intruder at his home but actually had suffered a self-inflicted gunshot wound. A search at that time of Fiore's home turned up illegal weapons and narcotics.

Fiore was retrieved from the Tiki Bar and directed to accompany officers to the Playland Precinct. As they walked there, he knocked the shield off his waistband and attempted to kick it out of sight. There's a picture of it here so you know how that worked out.

In the end, Fiore, 47, was charged with Criminal Impersonation 1st Degree, a felony. He is due to answer the charge in Rye City Court on July 14.

Reminder: Criminal charges are merely allegations, and all persons are presumed innocent until proven guilty in court.

Singh gets two years, continued from pg 1-

the first media outlets to report on Singh's crimes in an April 2023 story titled, Underage Sex Sting in NJ Nabs Anand Singh, Westchester BOL Staffer .

A YouTube channel named OBL Global caught a former democratic staffer at the Westchester County Board of Legislators, Anand Singh, in an undercover, underage, sex sting in New Jersey.

The video can be found at this link- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5kUNpG5HP4s&t=262s>

The incident was posted on YouTube April 11, but the incident occurred in Mid-December of 2022.

The video is graphic in content, and in the comments and messages by Anand Singh, who thought that he was chatting with a 14-year old girl.

Singh asks for the two to meet on Snapchat, to exchange photos and videos. “I want to share something with you. I’m doing something and I want you to watch.”

Shortly after this message exchange, Singh backs off, messaging, “Save my number and in a few years hit me up,” and “I am into it but I have to be the adult in this situation.”

But shortly after Singh returns to graphic messages, including questions about the 14-year olds sexual history, and the type of sex he hopes to have with her. “are you on birth control—I could def hold you down lol.”

Some of the chat messages have the name Hidley Anand, perhaps his Giglio name.

Then the conversation turns to inviting another underage girl to join them. “Do any of your friends like older guys too? Maybe we can all get together and party.”

Anand then makes the decision to meet this young girl at 1am that evening. He traveled 2.5 hours, and during the drive made 5 phone calls to the young girl decoy. The audio of these calls is in the YouTube video and graphic.

Arriving at 1am at the designated location in Newark, Anand is confronted by Ramy and OBL. He then gets back into his car and leaves.

Two police officers show up and are filmed speaking with Ramy, the creator of OBL Global. The incident occurred in Newark and the Newark Police Department responded to the 911 call but arrived after Singh had left.

The FBI later arrested Singh in NY.

We spoke to Ramy to verify this story, and he was shocked at the depravity of Singh's messages and graphic sexual comments. "I've caught over 300 of these guys, before millions of viewers, and this was one of the worst chat logs I have ever seen. There are more stuff and posts that I couldn't post. And the fact that he was a government official is heartbreaking. He violated our trust, and even the decoy, who is in her 20's was traumatized at what he was saying."

Singh worked for former Yonkers City Council President Mike Khader, from 2019-2021. And until his termination, Singh worked for the Westchester County Board of Legislators, on the staff of both the Legislation and Economic Development committees.

Ramy said that Singh was wise to leave and not stick around and confess what he did. “He committed felonies and by showing up he can be charged with child endangerment. He crossed state lines to have sex with a minor. And the duffle bag he showed up with was filled with sex toys. But he didn’t stay around and incriminate himself.”

According to Ramy, he posted the video of Singh sometime in mid-December, but then took it down after the livestream. Many people watching the livestream recognized Singh and started notifying officials in Westchester four months ago.

Ramy said that County Legislator Colin Smith reached out to OBL for more information, and explained that after the livestream in December, their YouTube channel was taken down, and he had to create another channel. OBL was also involved in two other high-profile cases, and the Singh incident got pushed back. End of our 2023 story.

Singh's boss, County Legislator Chair Catherine Borgia, was made aware of the allegations in December and referred them to the County Public Safety Department but took no further action. Borgia political career was derailed when she was forced to resign as board chair the next month because she failed to consult with county legislators and did not protect board members and staff.

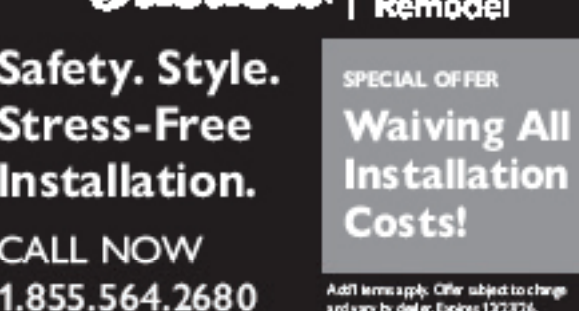
The Journal News posted a story about Singh's two-year sentence. <https://www.lohud.com/story/news/crime/2026/07/06/ex-westchester-legislative-aide-sentenced-for-trying-to-have-sex-with-14-year-old/>. The story includes, "A former aide to the Westchester Board of Legislators who was caught by a vigilante group trying to meet a 14-year-old girl for sex has been sentenced to two years in federal prison."

We do not agree with the characterization of OBL and Ramy as a Vigilante Group. We see them as a vital group of concerned citizens who are trying to find sexual predators and hand the information they found over to police.

Former NBC reporter Chris Hansen provides a similar show, and resource, to the public.

We have subscribed to OBL's channel, to support their work, and we encourage our readers to do the same.

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Treatment Plant, continued from pg 1-

tempt to avoid a blackout.

On July 2–3, 2026, the Westchester County Yonkers Joint Sewage Treatment Plant suffered a major power breakdown that resulted in the discharge of 39 million gallons of chlorinated, partially treated sewage into the Hudson River.

The incident unfolded over the busy Independence Day holiday weekend due to a mix of extreme weather and equipment failure:

The Cause: During a severe regional heatwave, Con Edison initiated emergency power reductions. The massive reduction in voltage placed an intense, unexpected strain on the treatment facility’s equipment. While the plant’s backup generators initially kicked on as designed, the compounding mechanical stress caused the backup system to fail, leading to a complete power outage at the facility.

On July 2, Con Edison stated, “Con Edison is asking customers in certain areas of Yonkers, Pelham, Mount Vernon, Bronxville, Eastchester, New Rochelle and the town of Mamaroneck in Westchester, and in certain areas of the Northeast Bronx and City Island, to conserve energy while crews repair equipment. Con Edison has reduced voltage in the area by 8 percent to protect equipment and maintain service as crews make repairs.

“The Westchester area is roughly bounded by the Bronx on the south, parts of Eastchester and New Rochelle on the north, parts of Yonkers and Tuckahoe on the east, and parts of New Rochelle and Mamaroneck on the west. The affected area also includes some customers in the northeast part of the Bronx and on City Island. The total customer count is 89,000.”

The Spill: The power failure began on the night of Thursday, July 2, and paralyzed the main processing systems. Operators bypassed standard treatments to avoid a catastrophic internal backup, leading to the 39-million-gallon discharge. The plant was not fully operational again until 1:45 p.m. on Friday, July 3.

The Impact & Health Advisories: The Westchester County Department of Health immediately issued an emergency advisory warning residents to avoid all direct, recreational contact with the Hudson River—including swimming, kayaking, paddleboarding, boating, and fishing.

Affected Areas: The water quality advisory stretched from the New York City line north through several Westchester riverfront communities, including Yonkers, Hastings-on-Hudson, Dobbs Ferry, Irvington, Tarrytown, Sleepy Hollow, and Briarcliff Manor. The Philipse Manor Beach Club in Sleepy Hollow was also ordered closed. While the plant quickly returned to full operations on July 3, county health officials kept the recreational river advisories in place well into the following week to allow residual contamination to clear and water quality testing to return to baseline safety levels.

Con Edison maintains that power flow in Yonkers continued for July 2 and 3, and that the 8% voltage reduction would not have completely shut down the plant.

Initially, County Executive Ken Jenkins office stated in a release that the failure was “due to the power reductions by Con Edison from the extreme heat.”

That comment was later corrected to include power issues” as a possible cause. The New York Times covered the story (<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/07/03/nyregion/sewage-spill-hudson-river.html>)Internal

and included, “According to a state report released Friday night, the Yonkers plant lost power because of extreme heat and humidity and could not transfer power over to its generators.” We have not been able to identify or obtain that report.

But neither the NY Times nor the Journal News, which also covered the event, did not identify the actual cause of the massive spill or who is to blame. Residents in Southwest Yonkers who live near the plant DO WANT ANSWERS, and others have called for an investigation.

Some posts on social media include former employees at the plant and those with knowledge of the backup generators, which appear to have failed at a critical point.

One post wrote, “I just retired from there out of fear that someone would get hurt and that I would be held responsible for something beyond my control. New York State should witness actual full load generator testing as they always have instead of simply saying, “Do it yourself and let us know when you’re done.”

Another post wrote, “I was the Superintendent of Maintenance at the plant. A few years back, the plant had a major generator failure that would have been prevented if the Deputy Commissioner had acted on the concerns I raised. Instead, my concerns were ignored, and the plant went down for an extended period.

The DEC investigated the previous incident, and the facts were twisted or misrepresented. As a result of that incident, another engineering study was ordered. An engineering firm was hired to evaluate the emergency generator and determine what equipment could safely be operated on generator power.

I was told that the State, along with the engineering firm, would conduct a full load test of the emergency generator. I welcomed the test because I wanted to see whether the recommended equipment list would actually perform as expected while operating on generator power.

I kept asking when the load test would be scheduled. I was repeatedly told that the State had not provided a date. I continued to ask, but my questions were ignored. To my knowledge, the load test was never conducted.”

The residents of Southwest Yonkers deserve answers, and so do the thousands of Westchester residents who use the Hudson River for recreation every day.

Note: The Water Treatment plant is operated by Westchester County. The City of Yonkers has not oversight or authority over it.

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Westchester County Youth Bureau Announces Vacancy on NYS Governor’s Youth Council

The Westchester County Youth Bureau is seeking a dedicated youth leader 13-21 years old to participate in the prestigious New York State Governor’s Youth Council: a forum for advocacy that facilitates an ongoing dialogue with policy-makers to better address issues and concerns faced by youth in their communities.

Members of the Governor’s Youth Council will meet virtually with their Regional Peers and Regional Representative twice monthly as well as participate in virtual trainings and at state-wide youth-led events. This exciting opportunity is available to only one qualifying candidate from each of the 62 counties in New York State. Members of the Youth Council will provide recommendations to the Governor and other policymakers on a wide variety of issues and must commit to serving the full term through March 31, 2027.

2026-2027	Topics	of	Focus	Include:
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Interested youth looking to impact issues in the State and in their communities who reside in Westchester County should review the guidelines and submit an application by July 28, 2026 through the NYS Governor’s Youth Council online portal.

Please contact the Westchester County Youth Bureau with any questions at WCYB@westchestercountyny.gov or by calling 914-995-2745.

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No contributions necessary – but you can deposit up to \$5,000 per year to maximize growth.



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Yonkers History, continued from pg 3-

July 15, 1925: “Constructing Engineer” Ethelbert Fraser, working in his St. Andrew’s Place home laboratory, invented an electrical device, according to the Yonkers Herald, that would eliminate “all gear transmission, reduce operation and maintenance costs and provide surer braking facilities,” was awarded patent rights by the US Patent Office in Washington DC.

His steel invention was attached to the crank case. Operated from the driving wheel, the device eliminated gear shifts, the starting motor, clutch, fly wheel, gear transmission and the service brake. Its energy came from gasoline but used only half the amount. The paper reported Fraser was negotiating with General Motors, who wanted “to place the device on automobiles of their manufacture.”

He had invented a high speed elevator and formed the Fraser Elevator Company in San Francisco to manufacture his fast elevators. Once Otis bought his patent, it hired him as a consulting engineer.

He shared his Yonkers laboratory with pioneer automobile builder Arthur Garford, who had patented the Garford Motor Truck.

Thursday, July 16th

July 16, 1943: President of the Yonkers Federation of Churches, Reverend Otheman Smith was the pastor of Church of the Redeemer on Valentine Lane. During his vacation, he also was an assembly line worker at Henry Ford’s Willow Run Bomber Plant!

July 16, 1954: Alexander Smith, Inc., announced some Yonkers employees would be assigned to branches in Greenville, Mississippi and Philadelphia when the plant closed.

Friday, July 17th

July 17, 1938: More than 9,000 workers in the largest companies in Yonkers began two-week vacations; 6,700 were from Alexander Smith Carpet Company and 2,300 from Otis Elevator Company. During the vacation, both companies had a skeleton work force on duty.

July 17, 1946: Dr. William Crocker, head of Boyce Thompson Plant Institute, announced Yonkers citizens had produced more than half a million dollars of vegetables in their WWII victory gardens!

Saturday, July 18th

July 18, 1917: St. John’s Riverside Hospital announced it would give free treatment to any man who volunteered for service in the war but was rejected for a small physical problem.

July 18, 1920: Admiral Purnell Harrington unveiled a bronze tablet in the YMCA vestibule in memory of Alexander Saunders, donor of the land on which the Y stands on.

July 18, 1933: After touring Yonkers subsistence gardens, State Emergency Relief Administrator Wilfred Georgia announced ours were among the finest in New York State!

Sunday, July 19th

July 19, 1902: Yonkers Common Council Aldermen adopted a resolution giving the new Oak Street firehouse to the Yonkers Board of Fire Commissioners, who refused to accept the firehouse until gas fixtures were installed.

The Fire Commissioner stated it was the duty of the Common Council to complete the building; he would not accept the building until it was.

July 19, 1940: Mulford Gardens, Yonkers 552 home project, was dedicated to Municipal Housing Authority Chairman Matthew Kelly. Kelly had spearheaded Yonkers effort to build our first low income project.

If you have questions on this column, email yonkershistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, the Sherwood House Museum or upcoming events, please visit their website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.

Ballroom, continued from pg 5-

“Ballroom is needed because it’s the foundation of what Ballroom was founded in,” Berry said. “The outside world wanted to ostracize us and made sure we were pushed underground. We need it now more than ever to remind ourselves of who we are and our strength in community.”

For Aoki Lee Terrell, 39, of the Bronx, Ballroom provided life lessons that extended far beyond the runway.

“Ballroom is a compass for culture,” Terrell said. “It births raw creativity into society. It’s also a charm school. It gives you the mindset that if you can be judged by the shadiest people and come out unscathed, you can do the same thing in the world. Ballroom taught me how to appear confident in any situation.”

As LGBTQ+ communities continue to face challenges across the country, Ballroom remains what it has always been: a place where people can find acceptance, confidence, mentorship, and love. The trophies matter. The categories matter. The legends matter. But the community has always mattered most.

That is why Ballroom is still here. It was never just about the ball. It was about making sure nobody had to face the world alone.

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New Poll: Majority of New York voters oppose opting into taxpayer-funded private school voucher program

A majority of registered voters in New York oppose Gov. Kathy Hochul opting New York into President Trump’s taxpayer-funded private school voucher scheme, according to new statewide polling conducted June 10–21, 2026.

The survey of 800 registered likely 2026 voters found that after learning the details of the new taxpayer-funded voucher program — which redirects tax dollars to organizations that funnel money primarily to private and religious school tuition — 57 percent of New York voters oppose the governor’s decision to opt in. Just 34 percent support it.

The findings underscore a stark disconnect between the governor’s stated intent to opt in and the views of the New York voters she represents.

“New Yorkers know the value of their public schools, and they know a bad deal when they see one,” said NYSUT President Melinda Person. “This poll confirms what we’re hearing across the state: voters don’t want their tax dollars drained from neighborhood schools to subsidize tuition for families already enrolled in private schools. We are listening to New Yorkers and we hope Gov. Hochul will too.”

“New Yorkers are clear: they don’t support Trump’s signature education policy,” said United Federation of Teachers President Michael Mulgrew. “They don’t want their tax dollars paying for private and parochial school vouchers. We hope Gov. Hochul listens and decides public dollars should go to public schools.” -57 percent of New York voters oppose Gov. Hochul opting New York into Trump’s taxpayer-funded private school voucher program, with 38 percent saying they strongly oppose it. Just 34 percent were in support. -61 percent of voters say taxpayer dollars are better spent improving public schools — compared to just 8 percent who prefer school vouchers. That is a nearly 8-to-1 margin in favor of public schools. -A majority of voters — 55 percent — agree that public dollars should not be used to fund someone else’s private school decisions. -46 percent of voters believe opting in will raise their property taxes — compared to just 9 percent who think it will lower them. -52 percent of voters are concerned the program will weaken public schools in New York.

The polling was conducted by Lake Research Partners, a nationally recognized public opinion research firm. New York’s public schools serve 90 percent of the state’s children.

The federal voucher program — part of the so-called “One Big Beautiful Bill” signed into law by Trump — takes effect Jan. 1, 2027, but only in states where the governor affirmatively opts in. Several Democratic governors have already declined to participate. Learn more at <https://publicschoolsuniteus.org/our-initiatives/voucher-program>

Vinny’s Promise, continued from pg 1-

The evening drew an overflow crowd of nearly 700 family members, friends, elected officials, labor unions, and local businesses, with guests filling 60 tables and more than 100 additional supporters in standing room only. Organizers say the turnout exceeded every expectation for a first-year event.

The organization takes its name from the fight of founder Vincent Spano. In November 2024, Spano was diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer that had spread to his liver. After six months of chemotherapy and seven surgeries over twelve months, he was declared cancer free in November 2025. During his treatment, Spano made a promise that if he survived, he would do everything in his power to make a difference for families fighting cancer who did not have the same resources he had. Vinny’s Promise is that promise kept.

“We set out hoping the community would show up for these kids, and Yonkers answered in a way that left us speechless,” said Spano. “At the same time, we weren’t surprised. That’s the type of people we have in Yonkers. Every dollar raised goes toward one purpose: making life a little easier for children and families fighting cancer. This night proved we are not doing this alone.”

Hundreds of donors supported the event, with contributions coming in from well beyond the room at Castle Royale, and donations continue to come in weeks later. Support came from every corner of the city and beyond: union leadership at the State, County, and City levels, storefronts, family kitchen tables, longtime friends and complete strangers who simply wanted to help a child in the fight of their life.

Every dollar raised will go directly to Yonkers children impacted by cancer.

Vinny’s Promise is in the process of incorporating as a New York State not-for-profit and is led by an all-volunteer board.

Organizers say the inaugural event will become an annual tradition, with planning for next year’s gathering already underway.

Donations to Vinny’s Promise can be mailed to 82 Bennett Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701.

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NY Blood Center Declares Blood Emergency of the Summer
Regional Blood Supply Falls to Lowest Level Since COVID-19

New York Blood Center (NYBC) today announced an unprecedented second blood emergency this summer after the regional blood supply fell to its lowest level since the COVID-19 pandemic. Just weeks after declaring a blood emergency around Memorial Day, NYBC is once again urgently calling on the public to donate blood. This unprecedented second blood emergency is due to a combination of factors, including extreme heat, severe storms, prolonged power outages, and ongoing storm cleanup, all of which have significantly reduced donor turnout. Overall blood inventory has fallen to approximately 2 days of supply, well below the level needed to reliably support hospitals and patients across the region. The universal blood type O-is especially needed as it stands at less than half a day's supply. NYBC has never before declared two blood emergencies in a single summer. Throughout the year, NYBC employs sophisticated forecasting tools, donor engagement strategies, community partnerships, and operational programs to maintain a stable blood supply. This summer, however, multiple factors have converged at the same time, creating extraordinary pressure on the region's blood inventory. "We prepare for seasonal challenges every year, but the combination of extreme weather, disrupted routines, and low national inventories has created an unprecedented situation," said Andrea Cefarelli, Chief Operating Officer, Blood & Laboratory Operations at New York Blood Center Enterprises. "Normally, when one region experiences shortages, blood centers across the country can help support one another. Unfortunately, blood inventories are low nationwide, limiting that safety net. We need our local communities to step forward now." NYBC is asking healthy, eligible donors—especially those with Type O blood—to schedule an appointment as soon as possible. Every donation can help ensure blood is available for trauma victims, cancer patients, individuals living with sickle cell disease and thalassemia, transplant recipients, and patients undergoing surgeries or other lifesaving treatments. The organization is also asking employers, community organizations, schools, faith-based groups, elected officials, media partners, and local leaders to help spread the message and encourage blood donation throughout the coming days. Blood donors can donate every 56 days, and platelet donors can give up to twice per month. In light of recent updates to FDA guidance, more people than ever may now be eligible to give. Appointments are encouraged but walk-in donors are welcome. To view current eligibility guidelines or make an appointment, donors can call 1-800-933-2566 or visit nybc.org.

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in a complete manner. Throughout this campaign, we stayed focused on the issues that matter most to working families in Yonkers. We carry out a positive campaign, never resorting to negative attacks, and always focused on serving the inhabitants of our community. I want to express my most sincere thanks to my wife Claudia, my family, my friends, the dedicated volunteers and the campaign team for their unconditional support. I also sincerely thank County Executive Ken Jenkins, Mayor Mike Spano, Assembly Candidate Frank Jereis, Yonkers Democratic Party Chairman Tom Meier, County Legislators David Tubiolo and Jose Alvarado, Council Majority Leader John Rubbo, Councilwoman Tasha Diaz, a Millie Gutiérrez and the numerous elected officials, community and business leaders who supported me throughout the campaign. As we turn our attention to the general election, I reaffirm my commitment to earning the trust and support of every voter in District 17. I look forward to the opportunity to serve as your next County Legislator and to work daily to make county government more accessible, improve services for homelessness, and make life more affordable for Yonkers families. Thank you to everyone who believed in our campaign, volunteered, voted and made this victory possible. I am honored by your trust and look forward to serving our community with integrity, dedication and transparency,” said Terrero, who defeated Leslye Oquendo-Thomas.

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

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

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

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

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

1. Bid No. IFB-7619 – Opening date: 08/07/2026: Furnish and Install Fixed Audience Seating in the Hudson River Museum West Wing (TC).
2. Bid No. RFB-7660 – Opening date: 08/07/2026: Structural Improvements of Fire Station #4 (FB).
3. Bid No. RFB-7665 – Opening date: 07/24/2026: Purchase of One (1) Billy Goat Leaf Dragon Debris Loader (or Yonkers Approved Equal) with Exhaust Hose Kit (FB).
4. Bid No. RFB-7666 – Opening date: 07/31/2026: Twenty-Four (24) Month contract for parts and service for the City of Yonkers Automotive Fluid Tanks (FB).
5. Bid No. RFB-7667 – Opening date: 08/07/2026: Repair and Maintenance to Chillers-AC Rooftop (FB).

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