

YMA Valedictorian & Salutatorian Look to Careers in Education and to Advocate for Change



left: YMA Valedictorian Lauren Restivo and Salutatorian Monica George

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Yonkers Montessori Academy, YMA, 2026 Valedictorian Lauren Restivo and Salutatorian Monica George. Valedictorian Lauren Restivo graduated with a 101.9% GPA. Her favorite teachers at YMA were Algebra and Calculus teacher Richard Harman; Irina Morgunova, Algebra II and College Link Pre-Calc, and Arnaldo Landrau: Spanish

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YMA Valedictorian Laruen Restivo, right and Saltutatorian Monica George, left

Governor Hochul Signs 1 Year Ban on Data Centers



On July 14, Governor Kathy Hochul signed an Executive Order to create the nation's first moratorium on new hyperscale data centers, establishing the strongest standards for data center development and creating a blueprint to support localities. The Governor is temporarily pausing State environmental permits for up to one year in order to build a nation-leading regulatory framework that protects ratepayers, the environment, the energy grid and communities across the state.

"New York has always been at the forefront of innovation and change but we've

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Yonkers Cop Takes a Loaded, Illegal Gun Off the Streets on First Day on the Job



left: loaded gun found in the bag of Tiana Reid

From the YPD:

Getting an illegal gun off the street on your first day in the field is one heck of a way to start a career in policing, Just weeks after graduating from the academy, PO Morton was on his first tour of duty in field training alongside his Field Training Officer, PO Lara, and her partner, PO Lippman, when they responded to reports of a woman causing repeated disturbances in the area.

The Officers had dealt with her earlier in their tour, but this time witnesses had just reported that Tiana Reid was taunting and chasing people on the street while pointing a gun at them before placing it inside her bag. Within moments of arriving, the officers located Reid, observed the firearm inside her bag, safely took her into cus

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Yonkers Mourns the Death of Jamey Carney, Murdered in Ireland



Jamey Carney, left, with daughter Michaela GoFundMe.com

The tight-knit communities of both Yonkers, New York, and Killarney, Ireland, have been devastated by the tragic murder of 43-year-old Jamey Carney. A New York native who grew up in Westchester County, Jamey was a graduate of the Class of 2001 at Byram Hills High School in Armonk. She was widely known as

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The Top 10 Rappers in Yonkers Today



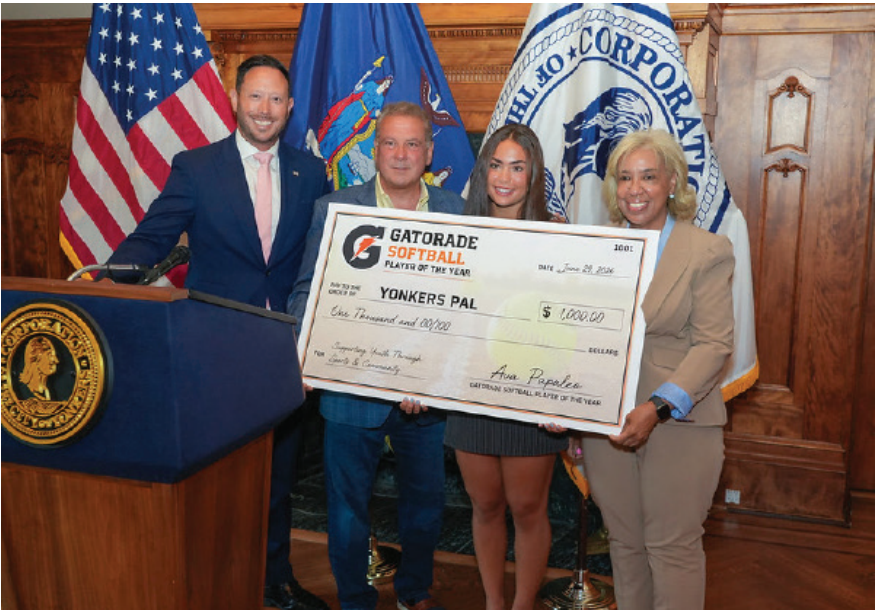
August, Haze, and Bixy Among 2026 Top Ten

By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

On Monday, July 13, 2026, I posed a simple question across social media, "Who are the top rappers from Yonkers in 2026?" The response was immediate and overwhelming. Close to 1,000 votes poured in through comments, tags,

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Congratulations Ava Papaleo, the Gatorade Softball Player of the Year, from Yonkers



L-R-City Council Majority Leader John Rubbo, Mayor Mike Spano, Ava Papaleo and Marisol Mancebo, Executive Director Yonkers Police Athletic League

Congratulations to Yonkers' own Ava Papaleo on being named New York's Gatorade Softball Player of the Year! Even more inspiring, Ava chose to donate her \$1,000 community grant to the Yonkers PAL, helping support the next generation

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Yonkers Woman Accused of Tying Dog to Post for Hours Indicted on Animal Creulty Charges



Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that a Yonkers woman was indicted on multiple animal cruelty charges after she allegedly tied a 1-year-old dog to a gate for hours at Saint John’s Cemetery last November.

Anita Martin, 60, was arraigned Wednesday on an indictment charging her with Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, a class E felony, Failure to Provide Proper Sustenance, a class A misdemeanor, and Abandonment of Animals, an unclassified misdemeanor.

Following her arraignment, Martin was released on her own recognizance as none of the charges are bail eligible. She is due back in court on Aug. 26, 2026.

DA Cacace said: “When victims cannot speak for themselves, my office will always be there to speak for them. The victim in this case, a 1-year-old dog named Frankie, was given a far crueler upbringing than what was owed to him. Through today’s charges, we will seek to ensure that Ms. Martin is held accountable for her conduct toward this helpless creature. I am also pleased to announce that Frankie has since been adopted into a new home, where he will be showered with the love and care missing from the first year of his life.”

According to charging documents and a veterinarian’s deposition filed with the local court, on Nov. 21, Martin left a 1-year-old dog named Frankie tied to a gate at Saint John’s Cemetery, in Yonkers. For over three hours, Frankie was abandoned without food or water.

Eventually, Frankie was discovered by a good Samaritan, who phoned the police. During a subsequent medical examination, a veterinarian determined that Frankie was a 1-year-old, male mastiff-mix. Frankie was found to have a very large and severe wound on his neck, measuring 22 centimeters long and 4 centimeters deep, according to the veterinarian’s deposition. This gash exposed all of Frankie’s underlying tissue; it produced a foul odor, was badly infected and had pus and drainage present, the veterinarian found.

Frankie was also found to have been extremely underweight and emaciated, with his ribs clearly visible, indicating he had not been receiving proper nutrition for an extended period of time. A complex surgery was performed lasting two hours.

Amid these challenges, Frankie has retained a “remarkably sweet and loving” demeanor, according to the veterinarian.

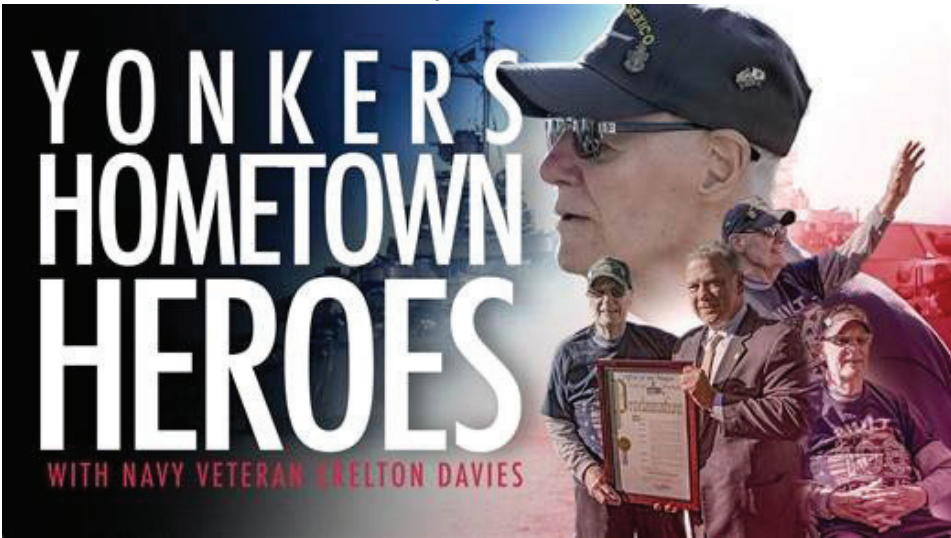
“He becomes excited as soon as he sees anyone approaching,” the veterinarian notes. “He enjoys affection, seeks out attention and happily gives kisses to me and the staff. Despite the severity of his injuries and the neglect he suffered, he remains extremely gentle, trusting and affectionate.”

The investigation was conducted by SPCA Westchester and the Yonkers Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Animal Cruelty Coordinator Alexander Shapiro.

Read it all Online
at Yonkerstimes.com

Yonkers City Hall TV Receives Prestigious New York Emmy Award Nomination



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced Yonkers City Hall TV received a prestigious New York Emmy Award nomination in the category of Military News. It is the station’s fourth nomination since entering the competition in 2024.

“Recognition like this reinforces the importance of sharing the stories that define our community,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “Honoring a 100-year-old World War II veteran and preserving his firsthand account ensures that the legacy of Yonkers’ hometown heroes will continue to inspire generations to come.”

The nominated piece, Yonkers Hometown Hero, shares the remarkable story of Carelton Davies, a 100-year-old U.S. Navy veteran and Yonkers resident whose courage and service during World War II stand as a testament to an entire generation’s sacrifice.

All productions can be viewed on Yonkers City Hall TV Channel 78 on Optimum, Channel 39 on Verizon, www.yonkersny.gov, the City of Yonkers’ social media platforms along with Mayor Mike Spano’s YouTube channel. The City of Yonkers also operates the Yonkers Public Schools’ Board of Education Channel 75.

Previous nominations have included Public Affairs Series, Your Yonkers Now and Interactive Media for Yonkers Pizza Madness.

The New York Emmys are part of the New York Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. The award ceremony is scheduled for October 10 in New York City

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St. Mary’s Parishioners Dazed by Shocking Announcement at Close of Sunday Mass

The morning after a Spanish Mass and inspirational performance by vocal artist Ge’la that filled the church to capacity, parishioners were informed that their days of attending Mass at St. Mary’s are numbered.

Last Wednesday evening, members of the former St. Mary’s Parish Council were summoned to a meeting by Pastor Donald Kaufman. It is unclear why this was done, as St. Mary’s is no longer an independent parish. It ceased being one on December 17, 2025, making the people of St. Mary’s parishioners of St. Peter-St. Denis-Immaculate Conception.

As Sunday’s Mass drew to a close, former Parish Council members Isidoro Acevedo and Cesar Cuadra were tasked with making what they had learned on Wednesday available to the congregation, in English and in Spanish.

They informed the assembled faithful of the following:

The school and parish hall buildings will close as of September 1st.

Religious education at St. Mary’s is suspended.

The children, up to 55 of them, will have to be accommodated at St. Peter’s and other nearby parishes.

The church is estimated to close its doors at some point in October, as the heat will have been turned off.

The reason Father Kaufman presented for shutting down all Masses, ministries and devotions at St. Mary’s is that it is no longer financially sustainable to hold them. St. Mary’s school had been leased by the City of Yonkers Board of Education and the lease ends on July 31st. Without the \$340,000 from this contract Father Kaufman deemed keeping St. Mary’s open unfeasible. While it was not mentioned from the pulpit, Father Kaufman had informed the group on Wednesday that St. Mary’s parish was \$45,000 in debt to St. Mary’s Cemetery. Again, St. Mary’s is not a parish so how can it have debt? That point was not raised at the meeting. One attendee noted that Father Kaufman had balance sheets in front of him but did not share them.

At one point during Sunday’s announcements lifetime parishioner and St. Mary’s School alum, Anthony Kunny stood up, unamplified, and asked, “Did Father Kaufman provide any proof of the deficit and the proof that the rental from the school went solely to St. Mary’s and not to the Archdiocese? Is this another ploy by the Archdiocese to strangle us, to close the church so they can close the property?”

Mr. Kunny’s question may have been inaudible to the altar but, in response, Isidoro Acevedo provided more detail from the meeting, saying that if “you guys,” meaning St. Mary’s Friends came up with the money, could Father Kaufman “give a number.” That suggestion was dismissed, as was others. At the Wednesday meeting participants offered suggestions to boost revenue and contain expenses such as restoring Spanish Mass, finding another tenant for the school and reducing staff. All were dismissed, with Father Kaufman purportedly rejecting a “piecemeal” solution.

Former Parish Council President, Cesar Cuadra, was invited by Isidoro to address the congregation in Spanish. He paraphrased what Isidoro had said in English and echoed Mr. Acevedo’s exhortation to keep coming to Mass and praying for a miracle, acknowledging that the church was supposed to close two years ago, yet we are all still present here.

Father Anthony Omenihu took the microphone next, exhorting the congregation to keep coming, keep praying. He recalled being given a 1 month assignment to prepare the church for final closure, but due to the congregation’s optimism and ability to appeal to the Vatican, he has been here for two years. He advised us to come, to pray and to keep representing ourselves positively and logically.

Having received a microphone, Anthony Kunny again posed a question: “For those of you who didn’t hear me before, the question I asked was ‘Did Father Kaufman provide any proof of the deficit that St. Mary’s had. He claims that there is \$340,000.00 from the rental and an additional \$45,000 from the cemetery fund. That’s close to \$400,000. Does it take that much or more to operate St. Mary’s the property over the past year? So it seems that the archdiocese is trying to strangle St. Mary’s. They are going to close it for the sole purpose to sell the property.’”

While Father Omenihu did not field that question, Cesar Cuadra replied, “Anthony, the short answer to that question is “Yes.” That is what the archdiocese is trying to do; stronghold it and make that decision. So Father Kaufman feels like his hands are tied. There’s nothing I can do because even if we come up with the money there’s nothing he could do. I think they are set on selling the property and, you know, unfortunately that’s their belief right now. So we just gotta hope for a miracle. Thank you. Siga movimiento rosando. Yo espero que El Señor haga su milagro. Amen.”

In the absence of financial transparency and substantive information, many parishioners share Mr. Kunny’s unanswered questions.

The Vatican’s Dicastery for Clergy is currently reviewing the parishioners’ appeal of Cardinal Dolan’s decree merging St. Mary’s into the parish of St. Peter-St. Denis. If the Vatican rules in favor of the parishioners we will have an opportunity to see if even the Archdiocese of New York will answer to a higher authority.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Dutch Schultz, left with Dixie Davis

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Municipal Historian, 1977 Key to the City of Yonkers recipient, 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 20th

July 20, 1939: According to the Supreme Court testimony attorney “Dixie” Davis gave for a law suit Dutch Schultz’s wife Florence Flegenheimer brought against Yonkers politician Thomas Brogan, Brogan was the “front man” who wangled the operating permit for Yonkers Brewery. The imprisoned Davis, secretly brought to court by guards, testified Schultz bought the brewery for \$375,000 in 1932. When prohibition started, Yonkers Brewery was unsuccessful getting an operating permit. Schultz paid Brogan \$200 a week to act as Brewery owner... hoping state and federal authorities would issue Brogan the permit to operate the Brewery. Davis testified Brogan paid \$50,000 for the Brewery, money Schultz reimbursed. Yet Brogan kept control of the business.

Although the trial was scheduled for the fall, the court wanted Davis’ testimony on record “in case he vanished” after his release from prison.

July 20, 1948: Supervisor John Tobin reported the “vigorous opposition” of First Ward residents against Yonkers proposal to build an incinerator in the Ludlow section. Residents planned protests and personally appeals to City Manager Kennedy, asking him to discard the plan.

Tobin reminded authorities there already was an existing disposal plant in the residential section. The proposed plant would create more odors and heavy truck traffic in a residential area where many children played.

Tuesday, July 21st

July 21, 1943: Bank of Westchester Executive VP Mark Peck announced its South Broadway bank was the first NYS bank appointed to open a branch at Camp Shanks in Orangeburg! Six Yonkers employees were being specially trained to work at the new branch. The bank not only would handle the Post Exchange (PX) receipts, the large civilian and Army staff at Camp Shanks meant the bank would do a “substantial volume of business.” Bookkeeping, however, would be done at the main Yonkers branch through a private wire system.

July 21, 1943: Stewart Stamping Company wanted to open two light manufacturing companies in Yonkers and was negotiating to purchase the John Wanamaker Transfer Center at 630 Central Park Avenue to house them. The companies—Stewart Stamping Company and Electro Products Company—had war contracts. The two war work companies would employ 119 workers; their combined payroll would be more than \$300,000.

Wednesday, July 22nd

July 22, 1942: The Alexander Smith Memorial Foundation created an uproar when it announced City Manager League Chairman Horace Gray had accused Draft Board Chairman and former Republican Mayor Ulrich Wiesendanger of granting an “unwarranted deferment” to Democratic Councilman Al Richter.

Richter’s deferment actually was requested by the Navy! Richter applied for three positions; the Navy was considering him for two of the jobs, so asked for the deferment until it decided where Richter would best serve our country.

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In all the incidents reported, individual(s) entered vehicles that had been left UNLOCKED and removed personal property. These incidents appear to have been crimes of opportunity, with the suspect(s) targeting vehicles that were easily accessible by simply pulling on door handles.

Our officers are actively investigating these incidents and keeping an extra watchful eye out for suspicious activity, especially in the overnight hours. We ask anyone who may have witnessed anything suspicious, or those who have home security or doorbell camera footage from any of these incidents to contact the Police Department.

While no precaution can completely prevent crime, the following steps can significantly reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of vehicle larcenies:

Always lock your vehicle, even if it is parked in your driveway.

Remove valuables such as wallets, purses, cash, electronics, firearms, and important documents from your vehicle whenever possible.

If you must leave items in your vehicle, store items out of sight before leaving your vehicle.

Take your keys and key fobs with you and never leave a spare key inside the vehicle.

Ensure all windows and sunroofs are fully closed.

Park in well-lit areas whenever possible and consider using motion-activated exterior lighting at your home.

If available, utilize home security cameras or doorbell cameras, and ensure they are functioning properly.

Report any suspicious persons or vehicles in your neighborhood immediately. Prompt reporting allows officers to respond quickly and may help prevent additional crimes.

The Hastings on Hudson Police Department is committed to keeping our community safe. Crime prevention is most effective when law enforcement and residents work together. Taking a few simple precautions can make your vehicle a less attractive target and help reduce these types of incidents.

If you have information related to these incidents or wish to report suspicious activity, please contact the Hastings on Hudson Police Department non-emergency line at 914-478-2344. In the event of a crime in progress or an emergency, always call 911.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support as we work together to keep our community safe.

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Data Center Ban, continued from pg 1-

also always guaranteed that New Yorkers benefit. As data center development threatens to hike up utility bills, deplete our natural resources, and create uncertainty for New Yorkers, it’s my responsibility to take action and lead,” Governor Hochul said. “New York will lead the way in creating the strongest standards in the nation for data center development, ensuring that when companies succeed because of New York, New Yorkers succeed too.”

New York State is experiencing unprecedented growth in demand for data center development driven by artificial intelligence and other computing operations. The increase in demand has led to proposals across the state for the construction and operation of data centers that could require massive amounts of energy and water to run and cool thousands of computer servers.

Earlier this year, the Governor directed the Department of Public Service (DPS) to begin the Energize NY proceeding, which will require data centers to either pay more for their energy or supply their own, allowing the state to keep energy more affordable for New Yorkers. As part of that proceeding, the Governor is now also directing DPS to develop a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for data centers to ensure new data centers coming online are being held to consistent standards. During the development of this GEIS, which will take up to a year, a moratorium will be in place and the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will not issue any discretionary permits not already deemed complete. The state will use the GEIS to assess the potential environmental impacts of the construction and operation of data centers in the state, including their effect on energy demand, water use and quality, and air quality. Once the State finalizes these standards, the moratorium will be lifted, allowing new data center projects to proceed as long as they follow state, zoning code and other local approvals.

The Governor also directed Empire State Development (ESD) to issue a Community Investment Framework (CIF) within 60 days, which will provide clear guidance to local entities to help them negotiate community benefits as part of any large-scale data center deal, including local infrastructure improvements, child care investments, and direct financial support for their community. The CIF will also establish frameworks that provide organized labor a seat at the table and prioritize prevailing wage standards and project labor agreements for data center construction, local hiring, apprenticeships and workforce development to maximize economic benefits. This framework will additionally include a formula to help communities assess where to begin investment negotiations. An outline of the CIF is currently available on ESD’s website, and the public is encouraged to submit feedback.

“New York will lead the way in creating the strongest standards in the nation for data center development, ensuring that when companies succeed because of New York, New Yorkers succeed too.”

Additionally, the Governor is directing DPS to consider creating a New York Grid Acceleration Fund to require data centers to invest in the state’s aging grid infrastructure and energy needs so all New Yorkers benefit from responsible development. The fund could support the procurement of new clean energy supply and establishment of an insurance pool to which developers may need to contribute to protect against speculative large loads that create uncertainty and increase costs. DPS will also consider approaches to require data centers to fund new clean electric generation dedicated to their operations, including but not limited to customer-sited distributed energy resources and battery storage.

Finally, Governor Hochul is pursuing legislation to repeal sales tax exemptions for massive data centers across the state.

Since taking office, Governor Hochul has ensured New York is leading the nation in AI innovation and development. As part of her FY25 Budget, the Governor launched Empire AI, a nation-leading initiative to advance AI research for public good. This year, she launched the FutureWorks Commission to advise on policy and private sector actions to protect the security of workers while harnessing the economic benefits of AI for all New Yorkers. This blue ribbon Commission is composed of nation-leading experts, workers’ advocates, and business leaders, and will be charged with advising Governor Hochul on how to navigate the AI transition, so that the benefits of AI can be shared among New York’s families, workers, and small businesses — not just large corporations.

Governor Hochul also implemented nation-leading safeguards to keep New Yorkers safe online and to ensure safe and responsible AI use in New York State. Initiatives include:

The SAFE for Kids Act and Child Data Protection Act that restrict addictive feeds for kids and prevent online operators from collecting and monetizing children’s data without informed consent.

AI Companion legislation which set first-in-the-nation safeguards, diverting user conversations about self-harm to mental health resources and interrupting unhealthy addictive behaviors. The Governor also outlawed AI-Generated Child Sexual Abuse Material.

The recently signed Warning Labels bill that will require social media companies post warnings about the platform’s potential impact on mental health.

AI Deceptive Practices Act, which enhances protections against unauthorized use of likeness/voice and the unauthorized dissemination of intimate images.

This year, the Governor’s Safe by Design Act was implemented in the FY27 State Budget. Safe by Design ensures that parental controls for kids are set at the highest protections on common social and gaming platforms, which means that non-connections above the age of 18 cannot privately communicate with kids, view their full profile, or tag them in content. Location settings will also be turned off by default, and children under 13 must receive parental approval for new connections. It also disables certain AI chatbot features on online platforms for kids and parents must be able to set limits on children’s financial transactions on online gaming platforms and view their child’s transaction history.

In response, Food & Water Watch’s New York State Director Laura Shindell issued the following statement: “This one-year moratorium is a huge step forward for New York communities fighting against an onslaught of massive data center proposals. It comes as the direct result of immense public pressure from people across the state demanding their elected leaders protect them from Big Tech’s assault, which threatens the state’s clean air and water, and New Yorkers’ financial security. This must be only the first step Governor Hochul takes, though. Orangeburg in Rockland County is facing four distinct data center proposals that collectively would reach more than 120 megawatts in scale – but when assessed separately they are only considered 30 megawatts each and therefore excluded from Hochul’s current moratorium.”

Another Resilient Quarter for Markets North of NYC with Buyer Demand Outpacing Supply

It was another resilient quarter for the real estate markets across Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties, with sustained buyer demand continuing to support price appreciation despite moderating sales activity in several segments, according to the Houlihan Lawrence Q2 2026 Westchester-Putnam-Dutchess Market Report released today.

According to the quarterly report, demand continues to outpace supply across much of the region. While buyers have become more selective, they remain ready to act when well-priced, move-in-ready homes come to market, supporting healthy competition and continued price growth. Westchester County continues to lead the region's luxury market, with strong pricing and sustained demand despite fewer closed sales. The Putnam County market remains steady, reflecting balanced buyer activity and stable pricing. Dutchess County continues to attract buyers seeking value, lifestyle and space, while also seeing inventory improve across several price segments compared to a year ago.

“As we enter the second half of the year, the market is gradually becoming more balanced. Buyers are benefiting from increased selection, while sellers who price strategically and present their homes well continue to achieve excellent results. The fundamentals remain exceptionally strong, reinforcing the long-term appeal and value of our markets,” said Liz Nunan, President & CEO of Houlihan Lawrence.

- WESTCHESTER, PUTNAM, DUTCHESS MARKETS AT A GLANCE
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Homes Sold: Down 7.8%
Median Sale Price: Up 15.3%
- New York City Gateway
(Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Pelham, and Yonkers)
Homes Sold: Down 4%
Median Sale Price: Up 20%
- Lower Westchester
(Bronxville, Eastchester, Edgemont, Scarsdale, and Tuckahoe)
Homes Sold: No Change
Median Sale Price: Up 11%
Rivertown’s
(Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Hastings, Mount Pleasant, Pleasantville, Tarrytown, Briarcliff Manor, Elmsford, Irvington Ossining, and Pocantico Hills)
Homes Sold: Down 4%
Median Sale Price: Up 24%
Greater White Plains
(Greenburgh, Valhalla and White Plains)
Homes Sold: Down 12%
Median Sale Price: Up 2%
Sound Shore
(Blind Brook, Harrison, Mamaroneck, Port Chester, Rye City and Rye Neck)
Homes Sold: Down 17%
Median Sale Price: Up 11%
Northern Westchester
(Bedford, Byram Hills, Chappaqua, Katonah-Lewisboro, North Salem and Somers)
Homes Sold: Down 17%
Median Sale Price: Up 10%
Northwest Westchester
(Croton-on-Hudson, Hendrick Hudson, Lakeland, Peekskill and Yorktown)
Homes Sold: Down 2%
Median Sale Price: Up 3%
PUTNAM COUNTY (Brewster, Carmel, Garrison, Haldane, Lakeland, Mahopac and Putnam Valley)
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A Blast from the Past From Eric Schoen

Editor’s Note: I miss my friend Eric Schoen, but most of all, I miss his weekly column. Many of you ask him about him in person or by email or phone about how Eric is doing.
I can only say that he is continuing his rehab, and wants to come back. That is all we can hope for and pray for.
Here is an old, summer Eric Schoen column. We miss you pal

Going to Teach in Oklahoma? Everyone out of the Pool!

By Eric Wolf Schoen

Did you wake up earlier this week and hear that potential teachers in Oklahoma would be required to take a test to see, in a nutshell how they stand politically prior to appointment. !Here in a country where we have hard enough time recruiting teachers, now we elected officials playing games with the small pool we have. So what kind of tests can we have? If I like vanilla pudding or strawberry vs. chocolate, does that make me a liberal? If I like to use my finger to get the pudding out of the bottom of the cup and my friend doesn’t does that mean anything politically? How about if I like my meat well done but others like it rare. Does that make me a conservative if I like meat well cooked? If I wear clothing from Bloomingdale’s and my friend likes clothing from Burlington does that make me a conservative. Take a political test? The teachers need to give sample lessons that’s the tests they should be giving. Like many initiatives from Trumpland doubt this will go anywhere. Everyone Out of the Pool! Another summer has come and gone. Whether the beach, a swimming pool or other body of water we took a dip and enjoyed every minute of it. The weather is changing. Hurricane remnants flowing our way this week. Time for everyone to be careful when you are in the pool or at the beach. Don’t go in the water if the lifeguard and signs say so. And if you go in the water adults make sure you’re watching the children. And Good to have other eyes out there keeping everyone safe. Dad always told the story of how he learned to swim in the Hudson River. My sister was told by her instructor to jump in the pool and she would be in the advance class. She jumped and would up end up swimming with those the best

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of young athletes right here at home. Papaleo is a student at The Ursuline School, which proudly posted, “Congratulations to Ava Papaleo ‘26 who today was honored by her home town, the City of Yonkers after being named the Gatorade NY State Player of the Year and the NYS Player of the Year! “What makes this even more special is her selflessness in donating her prize money back to the Yonkers PAL. Ava’s generosity emphasize serviam in action, lifting up the next generation of athletes in her hometown. “We are so proud of Ava’s success and her commitment to serve her community. We wish her well as continues her academic and athletic journey at the University of Virginia in the fall.”

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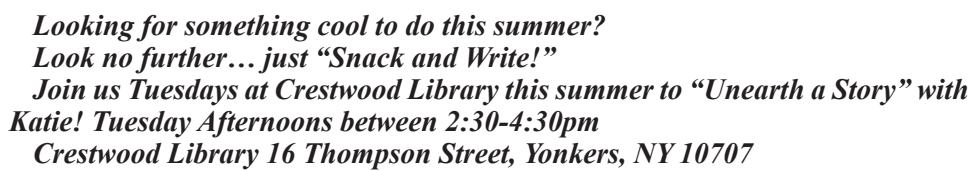
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WPF Resumes Lake Revitalization Project
at Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers



Waterbug Machine with Volunteers

Westchester Parks Foundation (WPF) has resumed its annual Lake Revitalization Project at Tibbetts Brook Park, continuing its long-term effort to restore the ecological health of the park’s 10-acre lake by removing invasive water chestnut and other aquatic vegetation.

The project combines volunteer hand removal with the remote-controlled Waterbug Harvester, now in its third season as part of the Lake Revitalization Project. The Waterbug enables crews to efficiently remove invasive plants from both open water and hard-to-reach areas, complementing the work of volunteers.

Since the initiative began in 2018, Westchester Parks Foundation and its partners have removed more than 121,000 pounds of invasive aquatic vegetation, improving water quality, restoring wildlife habitat, and enhancing recreational opportunities for park visitors. Building on years of support from longtime partner Xylem Inc., the Lake Revitalization Project is now also supported by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Con Edison, whose investments are helping accelerate the restoration of Tibbetts Brook Park’s lake.

Work will continue throughout the summer as crews remove invasive species that threaten the health of the lake and its native ecosystem. At the conclusion of this season’s work, Westchester Parks Foundation and its partners expect to have a clearer timeline for the project’s completion and the lake’s long-term restoration.

Community members interested in volunteering on the Lake Revitalization Project are encouraged to sign up for one of the upcoming removal events at thewpf.org/volunteerevents.

Hospice of Westchester Receives Donation
from NYS Tribute Foundation



L-R: Holly K. Benedict, Director of Development and Public Affairs, Hospice of Westchester; William F. Flooks Jr., Board Chairman, Hospice of Westchester; Sabrina Joynes, CFSP, Board Member, NYS Tribute Foundation; Mary K. Spengler RN, MS, LNHA, CEO, Hospice of Westchester

Hospice of Westchester (HOW) recently received a \$10,000 donation from NYS Tribute Foundation. The funds will support HOW’s Anna & Louis H. Shereff Bereavement Program, which provides bereavement care to patients’ families for 13 months following the loss of a loved one, as well as to all members of the community.

“We are grateful to the NYS Tribute Foundation for their incredible generosity and ongoing support of our mission,” said Mary K. Spengler, RN, MS, LNHA, CEO of Hospice of Westchester. “This donation will allow us to continue to provide quality and compassionate bereavement programs and services to the families of those in our care, as well as community members throughout Westchester County.”

The NYS Tribute Foundation, which unites funeral service professionals throughout New York State, is a non-profit organization dedicated to supporting education, outreach and research programs that advance the public’s understanding of end-of-life issues.

About Hospice of Westchester: Hospice of Westchester (HOW) is a private, not-for-profit healthcare agency that provides skilled, compassionate and comprehensive end-of-life home care to patients diagnosed with any serious or life-limiting illness and gives support to their families and loved ones. Hospice of Westchester is located at 1025 Westchester Avenue, Suite 200, White Plains, NY. For additional information, visit www.hospiceofwestchester.com or call (914) 682-1484.



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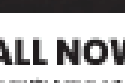


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proud, vibrant member of the Irish-American community along McLean Avenue in Yonkers. Deeply connected to her Irish heritage, Jamey made the life-changing decision to relocate to Ireland in 2021 with her young daughter, Michaela, seeking to raise her in a country she deeply loved. They settled in the scenic tourist town of Killarney, County Kerry, where Jamey worked for a health-care outsourcing firm.

The Tragedy in Killarney

On Tuesday, July 7, 2026, the community's worst fears were realized when Jamey's body was discovered in an upstairs bedroom of her Killarney home by her 13-year-old daughter, Michaela.

An autopsy conducted by the Irish State Pathologist confirmed that Jamey died of suffocation. Evidence gathered by local law enforcement, the Gardaí, indicated that she bravely fought back against her attacker.

In the immediate aftermath of the crime, her killer fled the scene, boarding a bus to Dublin Airport, where he took a flight to Turkey. Gardai quickly established that the perpetrator was known to Jamey and had been inside her home prior to the attack.

International Manhunt Leads to Arrest

The prime suspect was identified as 28-year-old Jordanian national Ahmad Al-Saqar, Jamey's former boyfriend. Al-Saqar, an asylum seeker who had previously lived in the United Kingdom and France before arriving in Ireland, had been in a relationship with Jamey for several months.

A massive international manhunt involving the Gardaí, Interpol, Europol, and United States authorities culminated in a major breakthrough. Jordan's Public Security Directorate tracked down and arrested Al-Saqar in his home country. Jordan's interior and justice ministries have since confirmed that Al-Saqar has been referred to the Public Prosecutor of the Major Criminal Court and will be detained as the investigation continues. Because Ireland and Jordan do not share an active extradition treaty, international authorities are working closely to navigate the legal process to bring him to justice.

Supporting Michaela and the Carney Family

In the wake of the tragedy, Jamey's mother, Kathy, and sister, Devon Bennett, immediately traveled to Ireland to comfort Michaela and coordinate with the Killarney Garda and social services. Their goal is to support Michaela as she grieves and help her remain in the land she and her mother loved so much.

Two community-led fundraising efforts have been established to assist the family with sudden travel, legal, and memorial costs, as well as to secure Michaela's long-term future:

* BHHS Class of 2001 Fundraiser: Organized by Jamey's high school classmates and friends, 100% of these funds go directly to her mother, Kathy, to manage for Michaela.

* Support this campaign: GoFundMe - Classmates for Michaela Carney.

* Family Memorial & Care Fund: Managed by Jamey's sister, Devon Bennett, alongside family friends, this campaign directly offsets the heavy financial burden of emergency international travel, legal fees, and upcoming memorial services.

* Support this campaign: Search "Devon Bennett" on GoFundMe for the "Jamey Noel Carney Memorial Fund".

Jamey is remembered by those who knew her in both New York and Kerry as an incredibly caring, passionate person who spent her life advocating for the rights of others. Her legacy lives on through her daughter and the deep impact she left on two communities separated by an ocean, yet united in grief.

* Following a coordinated effort by the Gardaí, Interpol, Europol, and US authorities (including the FBI's legal attaché in London), Jordan's Public Security Directorate tracked down and arrested 28-year-old Ahmad Al-Saqar in his home country.

* Official Detention: Jordan's interior and justice ministries confirmed his arrest. He has been officially referred to the Public Prosecutor of the Major Criminal Court, which ordered him detained for 15 days at a Correctional and Rehabilitation Center while their investigation continues.

2. The Legal Complexity: No Extradition Treaty

The primary hurdle in bringing Al-Saqar back to face trial in Ireland is the lack of formal legal infrastructure between the two nations:

* The Treaty Gap: Ireland and Jordan do not have an active bilateral extradition treaty. Under normal circumstances, a country cannot easily force the return of a suspect without one.

* Current Warrant Status: The Gardaí have confirmed they have not yet issued a formal Irish arrest warrant or made an official extradition request to Jordanian authorities. Irish police are currently preparing a comprehensive case file for the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) to determine formal charges first.

GoFundMe pages-

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Yonkers Mobile Tax Locations

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.

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.

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Thursday, July 23rd
July 23, 1929: The Spreckels Sugar Refinery announced all sugar packets it supplied to hotels and restaurants in the New York area would be labeled “Made in Yonkers!”
July 23, 1949: Austrian born chemical engineer Dr. Fritz Hansgirk, employee of the pioneering metallurgical American Electro Metal Corporation at 300 Yonkers Avenue, passed away.
Hansgirk invented the internationally recognized method of manufacturing superior magnesium. After selling the American rights to Henry Kaiser in 1941, he built a huge plant in California. Because he worked several years in Japan, Hansgirk was arrested as an enemy alien shortly after Pearl Harbor. Hansgirk ran his plant from the San Jose jail! Once released, he expedited production of magnesium for the manufacture planes and bombs.
The “Father of Wartime Heavy Water Production,” Hansgirk’s methods were essential to the Manhattan Project building the atomic bomb.

Friday, July 24th
July 24, 1946: Yonkers’ Tercentennial Commission Chairman Colonel Oliver Troster announced Yonkers would be represented on Radio Station WOR’s tribute to Veterans, “One Year After, The Veteran Reports,” commemorating the first anniversary of VJ Day.
Our veteran would join 15 others from New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Each man would report on his life since coming home, and how his city helped him.
Yonkers was one of the first cities in the country to offer aptitude testing as part of our Veterans’ educational and vocational counseling; it assisted vets to choose an appropriate career. Their vocational training was incorporated into our Yonkers School System.

Saturday, July 25th
July 25, 1946: In the first decision of its kind, Yonkers Judge Boote dismissed charges of “charging over-ceiling prices,” or violating Office of Price Administration guidelines. Merchant Marine Lieutenant Clarence Gilligan had accused the Ashburton Food Center of price gouging, by overcharging for butter Spring 1945. When Judge Boote heard the arguments, he found the Food Center guilty and ordered owner Samuel Bross to return for sentencing. In the interim, the OPA expired. Bross’ attorney argued since OPA was gone, Boote no longer had jurisdiction. The judge agreed!
July 25, 1946: Yonkers Board of Education President John Class suggested Yonkers create a “living World War II memorial” in South Yonkers, a new school! He stated every Yonkers man, woman and child would want to donate.
Funds raised could be used to fully equip a gym or build an amphitheater in memory of the “Yonkers boys” who made the supreme sacrifice.

Sunday, July 26th
July 27, 1946: Yonkers’ Attorney Theodore Sobkow announced plans for a coed Junior College on the Greystone Estate. If plans were viable, the Yonkers college could open September 1947, with tuition of \$100.
Long Island University would operate the college; LIU Dean Tristram Metcalfe was part of the executive committee.
Sobkow emphasized planning was “embryonic;” if all went as hoped, he would present the concept to the Common Council in the Fall.

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

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today, and recovered a loaded revolver without incident. Reid (35, of Yonkers) was charged with Criminal Possession of a Weapon 2nd Degree, a Felony.
Whether it’s a modern pistol or an old-school revolver, an illegal firearm is still an illegal firearm, and every one that is recovered is one less that can be used to victimize our community. Here in Yonkers, shooting incidents in which someone was struck are down 17% this year, while confirmed shots-fired incidents are down 80% compared to the same time last year, continuing the historic crime reductions we achieved in 2025.
Those numbers are earned. They are the result of proactive police work, rapid response, and officers who put their lives at risk every day and refuse to let illegal firearms remain on our streets.
Excellent work by PO Morton, PO Lara, and PO Lippman, whose professionalism, teamwork, and vigilance helped bring a dangerous situation to a safe conclusion. Whether it’s a veteran with decades of experience or a rookie on day one, every member plays a role in keeping Yonkers safe.

WCC Student Off to Princeton with Help from Kaplan Leadership Program



Cristina Hill

Leadership Program Helps Community College Students Transfer and Earn Four-Year Degrees From Top Colleges and Universities
The Kaplan Educational Foundation (KEF) celebrates the latest college decisions from its 19th cohort of scholars in its Kaplan Leadership Program (KLP).
Established in 2006, KEF’s Kaplan Leadership Program helps high-potential, low-income, and underserved community college students complete their associate degree, successfully transfer and go on to earn a bachelor’s degree at the nation’s most highly-selective schools. The program focuses on a holistic approach – providing extensive tutoring, academic advisement services, leadership and career training, stipends for living expenses, and other resources and support to help them expand their personal goals, and eventually attain leadership roles in their professions and communities.
College decisions for the 2026 Kaplan Leadership Scholars are as follows:
● Nura Baalla–Borough of Manhattan Community College, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill
● Pamela De León Berroa–Queensborough Community College, Yale University
● Nataly Briones–LaGuardia Community College, Brown University
● Mame Fall–LaGuardia Community College, Princeton University
● Cristina Hill–Westchester Community College, Princeton University
● Kenny Lin–LaGuardia Community College, Georgetown University
● Ty Porter–Borough of Manhattan Community College, Brown University
● Emmanuel Rodriguez–Hudson County Community College, Cornell University
● Kelly Constante Yanzapanta–UCNJ Union College of Union County, NJ, Pomona College

This year’s Scholars earned admission to more than 34 top schools nationwide.
“Twenty years ago, KEF set out to prove that talent abounds in U.S. community colleges; it just needs a door opened. Our scholars embody the exceptional, yet often overlooked talent in community colleges, including non-traditional age learners, recent immigrants, and first-generation college students,” said Nolvía Delgado, Executive Director, KEF.
“This year’s KLP cohort is the latest example of what’s possible when talented students get the support they need, with scholars headed to several of the nation’s top schools. As we celebrate this year’s cohort, we are not just marking their individual achievements, but honoring KEF’s 20-year legacy of transformational impact.”
Since KEF’s inception, Kaplan Leadership Scholars have been accepted to the country’s most competitive schools. 92% percent of Kaplan Leadership Scholars earn a bachelor’s degree. In stark contrast, data from the Aspen Institute shows that while 80 percent of community college students dream of transferring to a four-year school, only 14 percent actually earn a bachelor’s degree – even fewer who come from low-income families. **For more information on the Kaplan Leadership Scholars and how to apply to be a scholar: <http://www.kaplaned-foundation.org>.**

Thank you to Rep. Lawler for getting it done for North Castle

Letter to the Editor:

Anyone who has tried to walk along Route 128 in Armonk knows the feeling: cars moving fast, no real sidewalk, and you are hugging the shoulder, hoping drivers are paying attention. It has been that way for my whole life.

That is why I was glad to see Congressman Mike Lawler bring home \$1.3 million for new sidewalks along Main Street and Route 128. A safe place to walk connects our downtown to the neighborhoods around it and lets people run an errand or walk safely without taking a risk.

Small-town quality of life is built out of exactly these things. It does not take a grand speech; it takes someone willing to fund the sidewalk. Thank you to Rep. Lawler for getting it done for North Castle.

*Samuel Majidi
Armonk, New York*

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“All three are much more than teachers. They go above and beyond to help all students understand the work. They have all created spaces in the classroom to make students feel safe and make us all want to spend time there.

Lauren served as a teaching assistant at her church, Christian Assembly of the Bronx, for the past two years. “We had a group of 3- and 4-year-olds. It was hard at first just to get them to sit down, but I found my niche, and the kids are cute, and it’s a great experience to learn patience.”

Lauren will be attending IONA this fall. “I love the environment, the campus is pretty, and I like that it is not a huge school. The staff is personable, and the students are involved on campus with clubs and sports. I like the idea of a student body that wants to do things.”

Resitvo hopes to pursue a career in speech pathology. She decided to commute to college. “As much as I wanted a full college experience and living on campus, I love my family, and I can still reach independence without leaving my home.”

Who helped you get to this point? “I want to give thanks to God for giving me the strength to get here and the knowledge and wisdom. My parents helped me, but without God I wouldn’t be here.”

Lauren didn’t care about the rankings early on. “I never saw it as a competition. Advice for a future Valedictorian? “The moment you start competing with others instead of focusing on your own improvement, you have reached a dangerous place.”

YMA Salutatorian Monica George graduated with a 99.9% GPA. Her favorite teacher was Amaldo Landrau (Spanish). “He helped form me and taught me about advocacy and pushed me to do things I would do and become a voice for the student body. It gave me the opportunity to express myself. And it was an amazing Spanish class, and he made it fun.”

Monica served as YMA’s student government president for her senior year. “When I first joined student government, I ran for President but didn’t win. But I didn’t give up and ran again and won. I learned how to communicate and create events for the school community and bridge the gap between staff and students.”

George was also a member of the YMA Swim team. She will be attending City College of New York: Macaulay Honors Program. “I like being close to home and around my village. It takes a village to raise a child. I can’t be without my village. God spoke to me; I didn’t like the other colleges that I visited.

“Academically, I plan to pursue a multidisciplinary education focusing on public policy, law, and educational leadership to build a foundation in systemic advocacy. My ultimate career goal is to work at the intersection of education and law as an advocate for systemic change. Whether serving as an educational leader, legal advocate, or policy maker, my mission is to bridge existing institutional gaps, advocate for educational equity, and ensure fair resource allocation and student representation. Ultimately, I aim to be a practitioner of institutional change, empowering future generations of students by breaking down barriers to their success.” Whohelpedyouachievethissuccess?“MyVillageandGod.MyfamilyathomeandmyfamilyatYMA.MymomisaprincipalintheBronxandhasshownmewhatisoutthere. In a Caribbean household, you are told to do the best you can and keep working hard.

Advice for a young Salutatorian? “Before a caterpillar can earn its wings, it must endure a season of pain, struggle, and adversity. The struggle of the cocoon

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Yonkers man arrested for Aggravated DWI with child passenger

On June 28, 2026, at approximately 2:45 a.m., New York State Police in Cortlandt observed a vehicle traveling southbound on Route 9 in the Town of Cortlandt in violation of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

While interviewing the operator, identified as Artemio Martinez Gonzalez, 34, of Yonkers, displayed signs of intoxication. Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were administered. Further investigation revealed that a 2-year-old child was in vehicle at the time.

Martinez Gonzalez was subsequently placed under arrest and transported to State Police Cortlandt for processing, where he submitted to a chemical breath test that yielded a blood alcohol content (BAC) of 0.14%. The child was safely released to a sober third party. As a result of the investigation, Martinez Gonzalez was charged with Aggravated Driving While Intoxicated with a Child Passenger (Leandra’s Law), a Class E felony; Driving While Intoxicated with a Blood Alcohol Content of 0.08% or More, an unclassified misdemeanor; and Driving While Intoxicated, an unclassified misdemeanor. Martinez Gonzalez was arraigned in the Town of Cortlandt Court and released on his own recognizance

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

This IFB package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This IFB is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter “Responders” or “Respondents”) and is available online starting July 21, 2026, at www.mhacy.org.

There will be a site tour on August 5, 2026, starting at Palisades Towers- 1-8 Schroder Street, Yonkers, NY 10701 at 10am. The IFB questions deadline is August 12, 2026, at 3:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any and all questions must be emailed to procurement@mhacy.org by the deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted.

Proposals must reach MHACY no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on August 26, 2026. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B.

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

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

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

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

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INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) # 2026 - 01***



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Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT)
Presents *That's (Not) All She Wrote V*



Fifth annual showcase highlights women playwrights writing and performing their work. From Friday, July 24 through Sunday, July 26, Westchester Collaborative Theater (WCT) will present a collection of compelling plays and monologues written and performed by women when it presents the fifth iteration of its acclaimed annual showcase that launched in 2022, *That's (Not) All She Wrote V* (TNASWV). Writers will read from their own work in a specially created Open-Mic setting at the It's Never Too Latte coffee house as audiences gather around the space cabaret-style to take in the immersive experience.

Reprising their roles as director and executive producer, respectively, are WCT writer/actor/director Carol Mark of Ridgefield, CT, and WCT writer/actor/ director/producer Lori Myers of Nanuet. Robin Hackett is debuting as vocalist/guitarist. Allison Schneider (New City) is the stage manager and lighting operator, Kim Chandler (New Rochelle) is the sound operator.

Myers, a member of Honor Roll!, a grass-roots group of women+ playwrights over 40, and Dramatists Guild, says, "According to recent reporting, women playwrights continue to have a more difficult time getting their work staged at some of the major theater venues. This is why productions such as *That's (Not) All She Wrote* are so crucial. Audiences need to hear women's unique perspective about the world we share."

That's (Not) All She Wrote V will be performed at WCT, 23 Water Street, Ossining, NY, on Friday, July 24 at 7:30 pm; Saturday, July 25 at 2 and 7:30 pm; Sunday, July 26 at 3 pm. Talk-backs follow the matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$25 general admission; \$20 for seniors/students/WCT Members. To purchase tickets: <https://wct-thatsnotallshewroteV.eventbrite.com> For additional information, visit wctheater.org One of the playwrights include, *One Lump or Two?* by Tina D'Amato (Yonkers); *How complicated could it be to host a tea party?* After all, life is like a pot of tea; it's all in how you make it.



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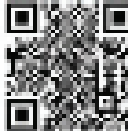
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**SUNDAY,
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2026**



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