

26-Year-Old Dr. Infinite Henry is Redefining Childcare in Yonkers



By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

At just 26 years old, Dr. Infinite Henry is already reshaping the landscape of early childhood education in Westchester County. The newly minted Doctor of Education and founder of Forever Young, a daycare center in Yonkers, Dr. Henry is proving that passion, persistence, and purpose can converge early—and powerfully.

“Working in education has shown me how critical those early years are,” said, “Dr. Finny,” who earned her Ed.D. last month. “I wanted to create a space where children could thrive socially, emotionally, and academically before even stepping into a traditional classroom.”

The daughter of Jamaican immigrants, Dr. Henry was born and raised in Westchester. She attended high school in Yonkers, where her fierce work ethic began to take shape. At 16, she started her first job, eventually juggling multiple positions across the Cross County Shopping Center. “That’s when I started to go outside,” she said. “I was never afraid of hard work.”

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Girl Scouts Troop 1787 Raises \$3,500 For Texas Flood Relief



Congratulations to Yonkers Girl Scouts Troop 1787 for holding a Lemonade and Girl Scout Cookie fundraising effort, which raised \$3,500 to help those impacted in Texas from the massive flooding that all of us watched. The Girl Scouts are pictured with Yonkers Bravest and Yonkers Finest, who came by to have a

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Yonkers Police Sgt. Cartagena Acquitted of Assault -Mayor Spano Says He Disgraced the City



Former Yonkers Police Department Det. Sgt. Hector Cartagena was acquitted last week of charges stemming from the arrest of Torrell Hook on March 14, 2024. Cartagena, a 24-year veteran with the YPD, was charged with Assault in the second degree, Attempted Assault in the second degree, and Assault in the third degree after video of the arrest showed him punching and kicking Hook, who was driving a stolen car at 95 MPH through Yonkers and was resisting arrest.

County Court Judge George Fufidio found Cartagena not guilty of all three charges. Cartagena requested a non-jury trial. "I find that the prosecution has failed to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Hector Cartagena's actions on that evening were not reasonable, necessary and justified based on the totality of the circumstances as he believed them to be during the struggle to affect Torrell Hook's arrest," the judge read from his prepared verdict.

After the verdict Cartagena said, "I never had a doubt that I'd be found not guilty but what bothered me throughout this whole trial, even before that, was the way my own department, my own commissioner, my own mayor, turned their backs on me when I needed them the most," Cartagena said.

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Westchester Losing \$1 Million Per Month on Fare Beaters on Bee Line Buses

Fines of \$50-\$100 Proposed Legislation Would Establish Civil Penalty for the Theft of Services on Bee-Line Buses; Needs BOL Approval



In an effort to promote fare compliance and ensure the safety and sustainability of Westchester County’s Bee-Line Bus System, the County has introduced a proposed local law that would establish a civil penalty for the theft of services on the Bee-Line.

The proposed legislation—submitted for adoption to the Westchester County Board of Legislators—would amend the Laws of Westchester County by adding a new Chapter 643, creating a non-criminal enforcement mechanism for individuals who fail to pay the required fare to ride the Bee-Line.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: “Fare evasion is costing us about \$1 million dollars a month, and it poses a serious threat to the safety, fiscal integrity, and the long-term success of our Bee-Line system. This legislation is about accountability, not criminalization. It provides a fair and proportionate response to a growing problem that affects all riders. This is about protecting

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Read it all Online at Yonkerstimes.com

Mayor Spano Announces Expansion of Yonkers Office for Aging’s Farmers Market Coupon Program



Expanded Access Supported by Family Service Society of Yonkers and Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers

Mayor Mike Spano today announced the expansion of the Yonkers Office for the Aging’s Farmers Market Coupon Program, which now will offer greater access to eligible seniors through new distribution sites at select senior residences made possible through the support of Family Service Society of Yonkers and Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY). Coupons also will be available for pickup at the Chema Community Center (435 Riverdale Ave.) from Monday, August 4 through Wednesday, August 6, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

“We encourage our seniors to make use of this money-saving service that not only entices residents to get out and shop, contribute to our local farms, and enjoy fresh, homegrown produce—but now, with expanded distribution at senior residences, even more of our older adults can benefit from this incredible program,” said Mayor Spano. “I’m thrilled we’re reaching more seniors right where they live.”

The coupons are available to qualified applicants 60 years or older that have a monthly income of \$2,413 per month or less for a one-person household, \$3,261 per month or less for a two-person household and \$4,109 per month or less for a three-person household. Each older adult in a household is eligible to receive a booklet if they meet the age and income requirements. Yonkers seniors must bring photo ID and proof of age.

Additional Distribution Sites (Residents Only)

This year, the Yonkers Office for the Aging is expanding its Farmers Market Coupon Program to include additional distributions at senior residential sites, including Curran Court, Loehr Court, Walsh Homes, Kris Kristensen, John E. Flynn, Calcagno Homes, Martinelli Manor and LaMora Senior Apartments. Residents at these locations will receive advance notice of their designated distribution date and time and are expected to collect their coupons exclusively at their respective sites.

Yonkers Office for the Aging Director Kelly Chiarella said, “Now more than ever, our older adults need assistance with the cost of food and other necessities. This year, we will receive 1,900 coupons for distribution. These coupons offer a welcome savings on fresh fruits and vegetables—a valuable service that hundreds of residents look forward to each year.”

Coupons may be used in many Farmer’s Markets in Westchester County including at St. John’s Church (Getty Square) in Yonkers.

The Senior Farmers Market Program is funded through the Food and Nutrition Service division of the United States Department of Agriculture and Markets in cooperation with the NY State Office for the Aging, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services.

Mayor Spano Appoints Charlene Indelicato Yonkers Planning & Development Commissioner



Yonkers Planning & Development Acting Commissioner Charlene Indelicato (Photo Credit: Maurice Mercado/City of Yonkers)

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced his appointment of Charlene Indelicato as Yonkers’ newest Planning & Development Commissioner. A seasoned city planner and municipal official, Indelicato will serve as acting commissioner, pending Yonkers City Council confirmation.

“Charlene joins our Administration with a unique skill set and expertise in municipal planning, administration and governing,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “I am confident she will take the momentum we’ve created over the last decade and build upon it to further expand our economic development efforts in a smart and measured way, serving all those in our community.”

Commissioner Charlene Indelicato commented, “I want to thank Mayor Spano for giving me the opportunity to work in an administration that has already accomplished an amazing amount of sustainable development and is committed to accomplishing even more. I know that the Mayor is dedicated to providing Yonkers with safe and thriving communities. It is a privilege to be asked to head the dedicated and talented staff of the Department of Planning and Development under an administration that truly looks to the future.”

Indelicato joins the City of Yonkers with over 30 years of experience, as an attorney and city planner for several Westchester County municipalities. Previously, Indelicato served as President and Executive Director of Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation, where she was responsible for the Island’s Tram and Island Bus Transportation System and Public Safety Department. She also previously served as Village Administrator for Dobbs Ferry and the Planning Commissioner for the City of Mount Vernon. Indelicato also served as Corporation Counsel for the City of New Rochelle, City Manager for the City of New Rochelle and was the Westchester County Attorney. Indelicato holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from St. John’s University and a Juris Doctorate from Pace University’s School of Law.

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



*Yonkers Mayor,
NY Congressman and
"Millionaire Straphanger"
John Emory Andrus.*

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

Monday, July 21st

July 21, 1934: Bryn Mawr Park homemaker Hansine Hirtle named Yonkers as codefendant with the Yonkers Electric Light and Power Company in an action she brought to force removal of steel towers built in 1933. The towers were built to bring electricity to New York City, power generated by Niagara Falls and upstate New York.

The Common Council approved the construction in return for a reduction in Yonkers' utility rates.

Although Supreme Court Justice Joseph Morschauer refused

Yonkers' earlier attempt for an injunction preventing tower construction, our city now was a defendant with the utility. And... Yonkers had a pending application in the courts for a permanent injunction forcing the electric company to tear down the towers; Corporation Council McAneny had brought the action citing the towers were a zoning law violation.

July 21, 1942: The dance of choice at Yonkers 73 South Broadway USO was... the "Hokey-Pokey!" The dance, introduced by visiting British sailors, became so popular it was danced every night at least once. Everyone joined in this irresistible party dance!

Tuesday, July 22nd

July 22, 1781: American and French forces formed a junction on Valentine Hill at daybreak. Abbe Robin, who came over with the French companies, offered the first mass in Yonkers for the gathered troops.

July 22, 1929: Yonkers fruit dealers were advised they would not be able to sell their "Hoover Apricots" under that name. Although grown and packed on a ranch in Wasco, California in which Hoover had a financial interest, the advertising annoyed the president. He only had a partial interest and the ranch was not called the Hoover Ranch. Even though the dealers paid 25 cents more for each box, and it was more expensive, sales had been brisk. The apricots were reported to have a superior flavor, making the extra cost worth it.

July 22, 1935: Two river incidents happened almost simultaneously at the Ludlow Yacht Club! Curtis Watkins, Prospect Drive, had just brought his passengers to the club dock when his 30-foot cruiser burst into flames; the Yonkers Fire Department extinguished the fire. Watkins suffered first and second degree burns.

The second accident happened when Peter Hemmel's sailboat was swamped; a large riverboat came too close and created a "roller" and overturned the boat. They were immediately rescued, and the sailboat was righted.

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Turn 65? It's Annual Medicare Visit Time!



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Earlier this year, I had my 65 Birthday. I was told that if anyone came to question me about it, just tell them these three words and I would be safe :banana, sunrise and chair.

Maybe I was missing something? Tell them three words and I would be safe? Three words? Safe. From what? Banana? I love them. Sunrise? Some beautiful sunrises can be seen from the Yonkers city pier. Chair? That was a little more difficult to understand.

A friend with a birthday close to mine told me the federal government had put into place a program called a Medicare Wellness Visit, a doctor may use a simple memory test involving three words to assess cognitive function. These words are typically "banana," "sunrise," and "chair". The doctor will ask the patient to remember these words, and later, they will be asked to recall them. This test helps identify potential issues with memory and cognitive decline.

Leave it to our government to come up with a program to test our cognitive status. Leave it to our government to come up with an hour of questions for a doctor to ask us to make sure we are living and breathing. Many of the The questions have nothing to do with medicine, but they are asked of us by a medical doctor and his or her medical assistant. Many of the questions are legal in nature, but the responses are judged by a medical doctor.

Annual Wellness Visits (AWV) and annual physicals are incredibly important for patients, and they are often mistaken as the same service because they sound similar. However, these two types of visits significantly differ, so it's crucial that patients know what they are having. correctly. While a physical includes a full examination and a wellness evaluation, an Annual Wellness Visits focuses solely on a patient's answers to a health risk assessment.

It does not typically include any lab work or tests requiring physical contact. Topics range from wills to living wills

One of the most significant distinctions is that a physical exam is more extensive than a wellness visit. An AWV mainly consists of assessments and does not require a physical exam, but an annual physical does require an AWV

When I saw an hour of my doctor's time allotted., I knew I was having more than the regular physical exam. The doctor might get some good information that can help the patient from the wellness exam, but I question when it goes off the medicinal path and the doctor is advising on issues he or she does not specialize in.

Can that time be used for discussion on areas the doctor is properly trained. With a new administration in Washington, we will see where this all goes.

Reach Eric Wolf Schoen at ewschoen@icloud.com.

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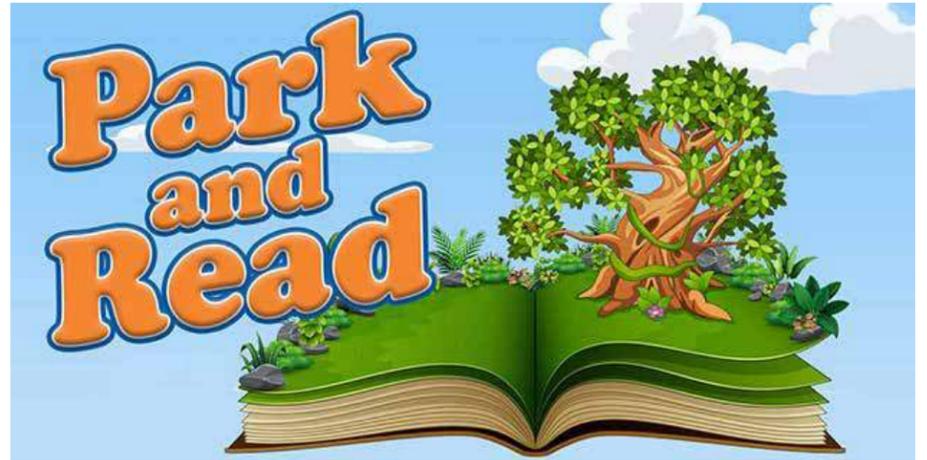
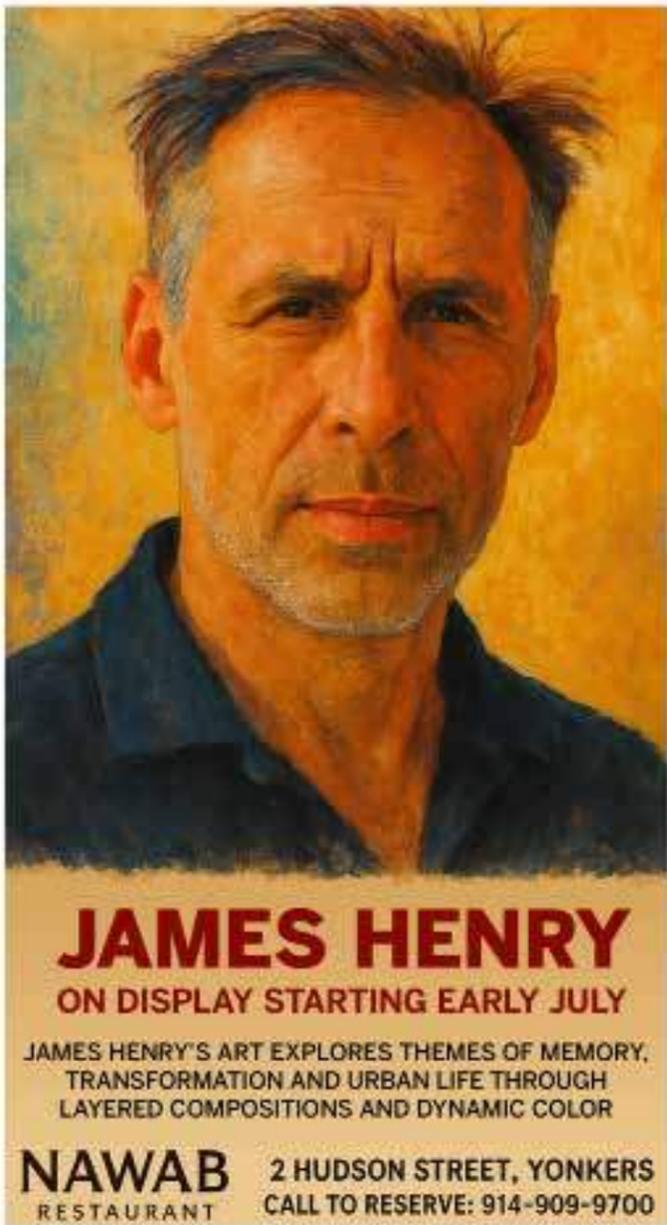
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**Enjoy Park and Read at Westchester Parks
in July & August**



This captivating read-aloud program aimed at fostering a love for reading in young children is set to take place in Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers, Saxon Woods Park in White Plains, Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla and Westchester Children's Museum on the Playland Boardwalk this summer.

The engaging initiative is organized by Westchester County Director of Programs and Policies, Childcare and Education Roseanne Finizio in collaboration with the Chappaqua Children's Book Festival.

The program will take place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and feature interactive storytelling. Presented in English and Spanish, from experienced and noteworthy storytellers who will bring stories to life. Includes music, movement and wonderful children's literature, designed to create an enriching experience for children ages 3 – 6 years old.

Pre-registration for Park and Read is encouraged, walk-ins are welcome if space allows.

The summer schedule for the Park and Read Program is as follows:

Tuesdays: July 22, 29 and Aug. 5 and 12

Location: Tibbetts Brook Park

Venue: Grass area outside of bathhouse (Pavilion 1 for inclement weather)

Address: 355 Midland Ave., Yonkers, NY 10704 (directions)

Time: 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Register for event

Wednesdays: July 23, 30 and Aug. 6 and 13

Location: Saxon Woods Park

Venue: Grass area adjacent to children's playground (Pavilion for inclement weather)

Address: 1800 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains, NY 10605 (directions)

Time: 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Register for event

Thursdays: July 24, 31 and Aug. 7 and 14

Location: Kensico Dam Plaza

Venue: Grass area outside of office

Address: 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla, NY 10595 (directions)

Time: 11 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Register for event

Fridays: July 18, 25, and Aug. 1, 8 and 15

Location: Westchester Children's Museum

Venue: On the Playland Boardwalk

Address: 100 Playland Pkwy, Rye, NY 10580 (directions)

Time: 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Register for event

Children must be accompanied by a guardian. Admission is free. Westchester County residency rules apply. Please show proof of registration at parking booths at Tibbetts and Playland. For more information about the Park and Read program, please email or call (914) 995-2501.

In a bold and visionary collaboration, Nawab Restaurant and Blue Door Art Center have joined forces to ignite a cultural renaissance in the heart of Yonkers. Together, they are transforming traditional dining into a dynamic artistic experience—bringing contemporary art to the public through a free monthly exhibition series hosted inside Nawab's stunning venue.

This isn't just a partnership—it's a movement.

Each month, the restaurant opens its doors not only to food lovers but to art enthusiasts, creatives, and community members. The initiative launched with works by acclaimed artist Librado Romero, whose legacy and presence culminated in an inspiring art workshop on June 21—a moment that set the tone for what this movement stands for: access, engagement, and cultural growth.

This month, the spotlight shifts to James Henry, a celebrated New York-based artist and creative designer known for his deeply layered, emotionally resonant abstractions. His work captures the fleeting nature of urban life—moments of stillness within chaos, memory amidst change—creating a profound visual language that speaks to the soul.

James Henry: Artist in Focus

James Henry brings not only a remarkable fine art portfolio but also a rich background in design. His past roles include Senior Designer at Sotheby's and work with brands like FX, Universal Pictures, and MTV. Working with acrylics, pastels, collage, and screen print, James creates layered compositions that reflect on memory, movement, and place. His energetic use of color and intuitive mark-making evoke the textures of everyday environments, weathered surfaces, shifting light, and fading impressions. Rooted in abstraction, his work invites a sense of pause and stillness within the constant motion of city life.

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Now, Yonkers has a chance to meet the artist himself at an exclusive Meet & Greet on July 19 between 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm right at Nawab Restaurant.

The Vision Behind the Movement: Mr. Mohammad Jan

At the center of this movement stands Mr. Mohammad Jan, CEO of Nawab

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Notice of formation of LCS Advisers LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 7/11/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 260 Garth Road, Apt. 2d4, Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Natalie Stopka Studio, LLC. Art. of Org. filed with SSNY 05/15/2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC at 160 Shonnard Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of 1M Consulting LLC filed with the SSNY on 11/05/2024 with the existence date as 01/01/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whole processes against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of SteenShotz LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/2025. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 343 South 3rd Avenue, Mt. Venron NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of BLUEPRINTS AND BEYOND LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 4th, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: 70 Ashburton Avenue, Apt. 7H, Yonkers, New York, 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Schmoose Pack Projects LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/20/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Bruce Wong 10 Station Square Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Offlo LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/23/2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1112 Wilmot Rd, STE 91H, Scarsdale NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of LIQUID ASSET SERVICES LLC. Application for Authority Filed with the SSNY on 12/05/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to THE LLC, 46 LINCOLN AVENUE, PORT CHESTER, NY 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Super Smart Future LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/20/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Super Smart Future LLC, 58 Valley Rd, Katonah, NY 10536. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of IT TAKES ALL KINDS PICTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/21/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Republic Registered Agent Services Inc. 54 State Street Suite 804 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful

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. 7477A – Opening Date: 8/1/2025: Purchase of Supplies for the Halmi Academy of Film and Television through the YPS Foundations for Education (CA).
2. Bid No. RFB-7491 – Opening Date: 8/1/2025: Various Musical Instruments for Yonkers Public Schools (KAS).
3. Bid No. RFB-7492 – Opening Date: 8/1/2025: Purchase of Phone-Free Storage Devices for Yonkers Public Schools (CA).

Notice of Formation of FUSE WORKS LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/11/2025. Office location: Westchester County, NY. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 54 Brosnan Pl, Tuckahoe, NY 10707. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of Beautifully Hauled LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/15/2025. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC 28 Chestnut Street, Yonkers NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Math Power LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY On 07/12/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35 Florence St, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of PRINCE & BROADWAY PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/22/25. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 172 Rockne Road, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of Great Livinggs , LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the NY department of state on 03/25/2025 Office Location: Bronx. UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC. 7014 13TH AVENUE , SUITE 202 BROOKLYN, NY, 11228, USA, designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to 228 PARK AVE S #948027 NEW YORK, NY 10003. Purpose : Any lawful activity.

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Letter to the Editor:

Elections Have Consequences -Trump Won

Dear Mr. Murphy,

I recently read your June 20th article regarding No Kings Rally and wish to comment on your article.

I feel that there is never a competing discussion on the ideas that your paper puts forth. You cite that perhaps 2% of the population participated in these protests.

However, you never cite that President Trump received an overwhelming victory for his presidential election. The overwhelming electoral college victory gave President Trump the people's mandate to stop the invasion of our country.

You cite abortion rights, immigration rights and the Gaza war as the primary reasons for these protests.

Immigrants don't have the right to enter our country illegally. Millions were allowed to enter illegally under the Biden Administration. Also, nowhere in the Constitution is there mention of a "right" to an abortion. What about the unborn child and his/her right to life – that is mentioned in the Constitution.

President Trump is no king, but rather the duly elected President of the United States. The American people voted and he is currently following the mandate which the American people endorsed.

Kurt Goldsmith, the 102 year old survivor of the Holocaust, is being "used" as an example of opposition to President Trump's agenda. I assume that he was put in a concentration camp because of his Jewish heritage.

What are Mr. Goldsmith's thoughts about the anti-semitism on college campuses? Is it okay that Jewish students are being harassed by Pro-Hamas groups? President Trump is attempting to hold elite colleges responsible for not protecting Jewish students from being intimidated and allowed to peacefully pursue their studies.

No the flag doesn't belong to President Trump. It belongs to us. And the American people spoke in November of 2024 and elected him President.

Elections have consequences and groups that oppose him should not be trying to usurp the will of the people.

Sincerely, Jerilyn Ferrante Yonkers, NY

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Nawab & Blue Door, continued from pg 5-

Restaurant and The Grand Roosevelt Ballroom. A well-respected entrepreneur and passionate cultural advocate, Mr. Jan has long envisioned Yonkers as a hub of creativity and connection.

For over a decade, his venues have hosted weddings, galas, and community events—but this new initiative speaks to something deeper: a commitment to elevate art, inspire dialogue, and invest in the soul of the city.

"We believe art should be experienced—not behind a velvet rope, but over a shared meal, a conversation, a spark of curiosity," says Mr. Jan. "This is about opening our doors to the city and saying: come in, be inspired, and be part of something bigger."

A Living Gallery in the City's Heart

Through this evolving partnership with Blue Door Art Center, Nawab Restaurant is not simply displaying art—it is cultivating a space for expression, a platform for artists, and a gift to the community.

Whether you come for the food, the art, or the connection—this is a place where cultures merge, creativity thrives, and Yonkers shines.

Visit Nawab Restaurant this July to experience the work of James Henry—and witness a movement that's just getting started

Girl Scouts, continued from pg 1-

drink and make a donation. The leaders of Troop 1787 wanted to make sure that all who helped and made a donation saw the letter they received from the Kerr County Flood Relief Fund. We print it below, and great job!

Girl Scouts Troop 1787

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Summer has brought an expected decline in donations, driven by vacations and school breaks, but combined with increased trauma cases, the impact on the local blood supply has been severe. Overall collections are down nearly 25%, putting patient care at risk.

Type O-negative is the universal blood type used when seconds matter and a patient's blood type is unknown. Type O-positive, the most common type, is in constant demand for surgeries, childbirth, cancer treatments, and daily medical care.

"We rely on a steady stream of donors to maintain a safe and stable blood supply for our area hospitals," said Andrea Cefarelli, Senior Vice President at New York Blood Center. "Right now, we're seeing fewer donations than we need to keep pace with patient demand. We're urging all blood donors, but especially those with type O blood, to take an hour to give and help rebuild the blood supply now."

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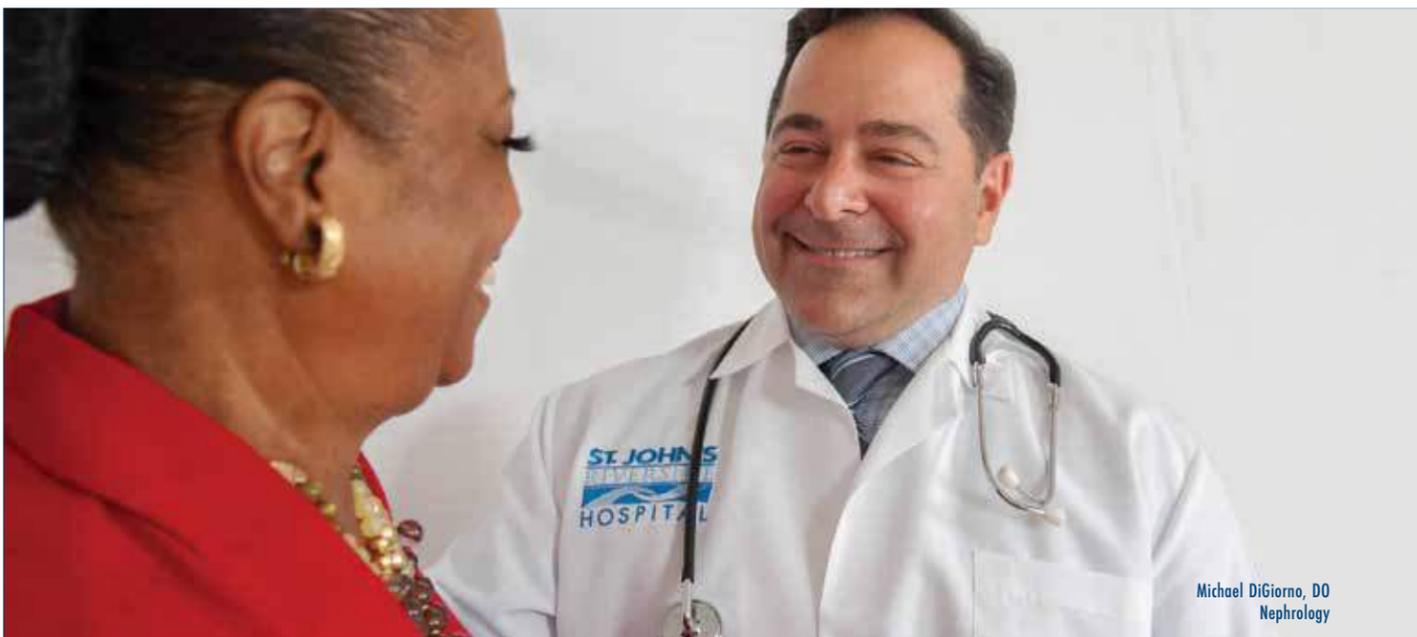
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Zohran Mamdani, a New York City mayoral candidate, has sparked a crucial conversation about leadership and cultural sensitivity, prompting anger over his suitability for the role. A resurfaced tweet from 2020 showed Mamdani gesturing in opposition to a Christopher Columbus statue in Astoria, Queens, with the caption "Take it down". This gesture has raised important questions about cultural respect and the Italian-American community's celebration of Columbus as a historical figure. Critics, including Angelo Vivolo, president of the Columbus Heritage Coalition, have accused Mamdani of being insensitive to the Italian-American community.

Mamdani's past comments and proposals have also drawn scrutiny, with some viewing his ideas as an opportunity for growth and dialogue. But we view it as hate. His college writings on white privilege and Israel serve as a reminder of his past legacy, making him unfit to represent a diverse cultural community. His proposal to increase the city's hate violence prevention budget ninefold has sparked discussion - does he mean what he says? His past statements and writings are a testament to his character and behavior. Additionally, Mamdani's comments on law enforcement have raised eyebrows, particularly his stance on reforming the NYPD. Some have expressed concerns about Mamdani's ability to effectively govern, citing his proposals and past comments as reflective of ideological passion rather than practical governance.

New York State has the largest population of Italian Americans in the country, with approximately 3.1 million people. Over 2.6 million Italians and Italian-Americans live in the greater New York metro area, with about 800,000 living within one of the five New York City boroughs. This makes Italian Americans the largest ethnic group in the New York metro area. As of 2025, the Jewish population in New York City is 1,672,025, accounting for 21% of all Jews in the United States, surpassing the combined totals of Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

By engaging in respectful protest at Mamdani Headquarters, we can work towards a more inclusive and compassionate community where every New Yorker voice is heard and valued. Our combined voices can create positive change and encourage candidates like Mamdani to respect and celebrate our cultural diversities while respecting our identities, reminding future candidates that their rhetoric and misbehaviors will not go unnoticed.

Frank J Spotorno
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Yonkers, NY

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PUBLIC NOTICE A GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 109-160 OF ARTICLE XVII, CHAPTER 109, PART 2, ARTICLE XVII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that amends the City Code to discourage double-parking within the City of Yonkers by increasing the penalties for illegal parking within the City of Yonkers and by updating the maximum charges permitted for towing services and vehicle storage to reflect present and actual labor, equipment, costs, and effort for various towing services within the City of Yonkers.

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

Type of Violation	Fee
Expired meter (on street)	\$30
Overtime parking at meter (on street)	\$30
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Overtime parking at meter (off street)	\$30
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Parking in 2 meter spaces (on street)	\$50
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Parking in 2 meter spaces (off street)	\$50
Parking rear to meter (off street)	\$50
No parking	\$50
Overtime parking, no meter	\$50
Parking in driveway, public or private	\$100
Parking within 30 feet of stop sign	\$50
Parking within 10 feet of crosswalk at intersection	\$60
Parking in loading zone	\$50
M/T 12 inches from curb, 2-way street	\$50
M/T 12 inches from curb, 1-way street	\$50
Parking left side to curb, 2-way street	\$50
Parking wrong direction, 2-way street	\$50
Parking wrong direction, 1-way street	\$50
Parking opposite construction site	\$50
Improper parking	\$50
Parked rear to curb	\$50
Improper angle parking	\$50
Angle parking prohibited, 2-way street	\$50
Angle parking prohibited, 1-way street	\$50
Wheels not turned to curb on hill	\$50
Parking a trailer, semitrailer, tractor-trailer, tractor, house-on-wheels, bus or school bus	\$500
Other Commercial vehicle/bus parking	\$50
Parked on bridge	\$50
Unattended vehicle	\$70
Parked at theater entrance	\$50
Parked on private property	\$50
Parked without lights	\$50
Inspection violations	\$50
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Parked on highway with speed limit over 35 mph for purpose of selling frozen desserts	\$50
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Parked within intersection	\$60
Parked on sidewalk	\$160
No standing	\$70
No stopping	\$70
No stopping, bus stop	\$50
Stopped on pavement	\$50
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License plate violations	\$90
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Restricted, raceway parking	\$70
Obstructing traffic	\$90
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Double-parked	\$150
Double-parked commuting hours (Mon. - Fri. 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., excluding holidays)	\$100
Parked within 15 feet of fire hydrant	\$125
Parked in fire zone	\$90
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Emergency snow removal	\$90
Parked in handicap space, no permit, on street	\$200
Parked in handicap space, no permit, off street	\$100
Abandoned vehicle	\$450
Abandoned vehicle in an emergency a designated emergency	\$500
All other parking violations, including violations of Article 32 of the New York State Vehicle and Traffic Law	\$50

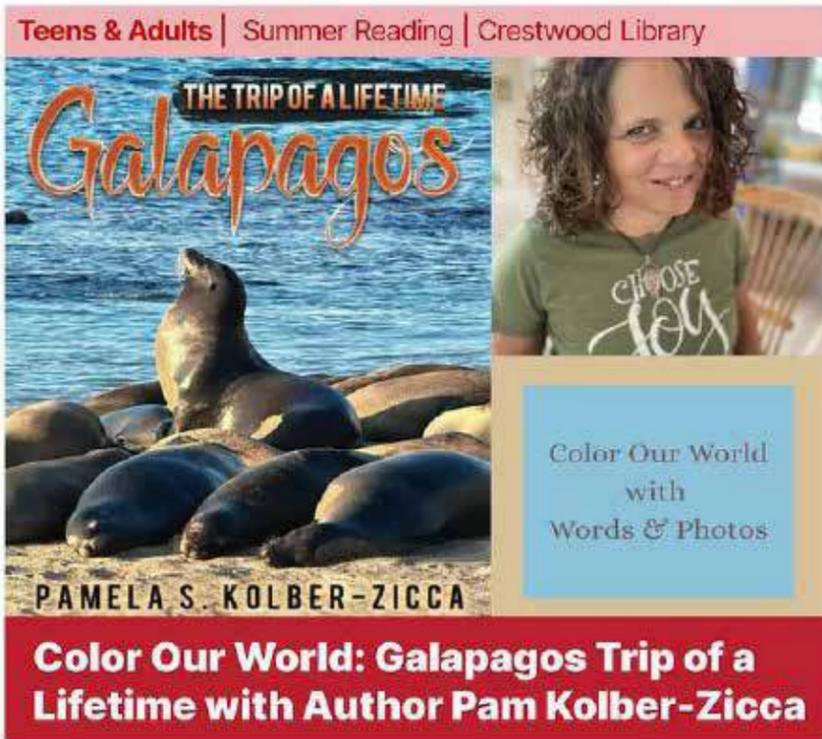
In the event that a respondent does not enter a plea or remit the fine due for a parking, standing or stopping violation as and when required by this chapter, then they shall pay a late payment penalty equal and in addition to the scheduled fine for the violation charged. In the event that a vehicle is towed pursuant to this chapter, the owner or person entitled to possession of the vehicle shall pay a towing charge and a storage charge as set by the rules and regulations of the City of Yonkers. These charges shall be in addition to any fines or penalties for illegal stopping, standing, parking, abandonment or any other offense under this chapter. Towing and storage charges shall be paid as lawfully. No vehicle shall be released unless all towing and storage fees, outstanding parking violations, and related penalties are paid in full. The following fees shall be the maximum charged for all passenger cars, regardless of weight, for either private towing or towing pursuant to roster call or impound:

A maximum charge of \$350 for passenger vehicles, and \$150 for mopeds The above maximum charge shall include:

- [1] Winching (if required)
- [2] Use of dollies/skates
- [3] Lockout service (if required)
- [4] Shrink wrap application for broken or missing windows

Storage charges shall be at the rate of not more than \$75 for each 24 hours or part thereof for passenger vehicles, and for mopeds, \$35 for each 24 hours. All vehicles must be stored on the premises of the licensee, whether indoors or outdoors, and shall not be permitted on City streets. Truck and trailer storage shall be at the rate of not more than \$350 for small to medium size trucks and \$550 for large trucks for each 24 hours or part thereof. Administrative fees may be charged at a maximum rate of \$100 for the retrieval of owner/lienholder information and mailing of certified letters to all relevant parties. Heavy towing is a maximum charge of \$750 per hour with a 2-hour minimum charge and \$650 per hour thereafter. The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701. Dated: July 9, 2025 Vincent Spano City Clerk

Crestwood Library to Host Author Pam Kolber-Zicca to Present ‘Galapagos Trip of a Lifetime’



**Tuesday,
July 22**
7-8 pm,
Children's
Room

Join Westchester Author & Photographer Pam Kolber-Zicca for a slideshow presentation based on her book Galapagos Trip of a Lifetime. Experience the Galapagos through her photographs and stories and hear about her journey with book publishing.

After the presentation books will be sold and there will be a book signing over light refreshments.



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Celebrate La Dolce Vita at the Italian Heritage Festival on July 20

Experience Italy without leaving Westchester!

The sights, sounds and flavors of Italy are coming to Valhalla as the Italian Heritage Festival returns to Kensico Dam Plaza on Sunday, July 20, from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Whether you're Italian by heritage or just at heart, this vibrant cultural celebration has something for everyone.

Hosted by Nando Alpuche, the afternoon will feature mouthwatering Italian cuisine, engaging children's games, captivating cultural exhibits, handmade arts and crafts, and upbeat DJ music to keep you moving. Expect festive dancing and live performances from Carozza Entertainment.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said, "Cultural festivals have long been a cornerstone of community life, acting as a vibrant tapestry that weaves together the diverse threads of society. In an increasingly globalized world, they are a reminder of our shared humanity and the rich diversity that defines us."

Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "Kensico Dam Plaza provides a unique setting for a wide variety of activities. It's a spot where nature, community and fun all come together."

Please be advised that the Bronx River Parkway will be closed for Bicycle Sundays between Scarsdale Road in Yonkers and the Westchester County Center in White Plains in July from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza can be accessed via Route 22, from the north or south.

The festival will be held rain or shine. Seating is informal; bring blankets or folding chairs for sitting on the lawn. Coolers aren't allowed. Admission and parking are free.

The remaining 2025 heritage festivals are:

India, Sunday, Aug. 3, noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Jewish, Sunday, Aug. 17, noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Muslim, Sunday, Aug. 24, noon to 6 p.m., Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

Kensico Dam Plaza is located at the north end of the Bronx River Parkway, in Valhalla.

Ridge Road Park is located at 287 Ridge Road, Hartsdale. This event is sponsored by Westchester County Parks and Antonio Meucci Lodge 213. For more information, call (914) 231-4500.

Crestwood Library is hosting Memoirist, Margaret Mandell, Author, "And Always One More Time"

July 23, 2025

1-2 pm

A Q&A and book signing will follow the talk.

Light refreshments will be served.

Ms. Mandell's journey of resilience, working through her grief using storytelling and letters. What started as her daily habit of love letters to her deceased husband became a narrative grappling with universal questions about loss, aging, resilience and trust.

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the integrity of the system while being mindful of who's riding, and why they might not be paying."

According to a 2018 report by the Westchester County Department of Public Works and Transportation, the Bee-Line serves approximately 100,000 riders per day at over 3,000 bus stops throughout the County. The system is a vital resource for students, seniors, commuters and residents who rely on public transit every day.

Currently, fare evasion falls under New York State's Penal Law Section 165.15 (Theft of Services), a Class A Misdemeanor. However, Westchester County is now seeking to address the issue through local civil penalties rather than criminal charges.

Key provisions of the proposed local law include:

A civil fine of \$50 for a first offense of fare non-payment.

A fine of \$100 for each subsequent offense.

Authorization for County and local law enforcement to issue appearance tickets.

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Sculti: Westchester Has Become A Magnet for Violent, Criminal Illegal Aliens

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A 2017 mailer highlighted by Christine Sculti, republican candidate for Westchester County Executive

By Dan Murphy

The race for Westchester County Executive unofficially kicked off on July 8 when Christine Sculti, the republican candidate for County Executive, accused democrat County Executive Ken Jenkins of making Westchester, “a magnet for violent, criminal illegal aliens.”

Sculti held a press conference outside the county jail and explained one question that this reporter and many Westchester residents had about the Westchester Immigrant Protection Act, passed in 2018. If republicans say that Westchester is a Sanctuary County and democrats say that Westchester is not, who is right?

Or can both be telling the truth?

“Make no mistake, Mr. Jenkins, the Sanctuary county law has made us a magnet for violent, criminal illegal aliens who know how to exploit a system where our laws are not being enforced. This is an invitation for these criminals to commit more crimes in Westchester, as they know they will be protected from prosecution. This is insane and it must stop. It started in 2018 when Ken Jenkins, who was the architect of the so-called Immigrant Protection Act, aka the infamous Sanctuary County Law, and he built it and he promoted it, and now he owns it. And he’s still not being honest about it,” said Sculti.

“Ken refuses to tell the truth about what the law actually does. He actually now denies that it makes Westchester a sanctuary county, even though that’s exactly what it does. The law blocks the correctional and law enforcement officers and officials from sharing information with Ice. It prohibits honoring Ice detainers leaving violent repeat offenders in the county when immigration officials seek to remove them.

“In short, it puts up a dangerous, unwarranted wall between law enforcement and ICE. And Ken Jenkins built that wall. This isn’t speculation. Ken Jenkins said that Ice is not welcome here, and even boasted that he is proud of Westchester’s sanctuary status. Let that sink in. And elected officials sending out an oversized, glossy campaign mailer telling federal agents to stay out even when they’re trying to arrest known, violent, criminal, illegal aliens,” said Sculti, who presented a mailing for Jenkins for County Executive in 2017, pictured above.

Sculti highlighted the case of Fernando Jimenez, who was arrested in Yonkers in 2018 but killed a 15 year old in 2024. “I’m not just calling out a dangerous policy. I’m actually offering a solution because the sanctuary County law was passed without going through mandatory public hearing and referendum. It can be repealed by executive order. And I have that executive order right here in my hand. Ken can actually go to my website at Christine for County executive.com and print and sign the executive order right now. All it takes is a signature. If Ken Jenkins won’t make Westchester safer, then on day one, I will.”

News 12’s coverage of the press conference included a comment from County Spokeswoman Catherine Cioffi who said Westchester “fully complies with the law.” She said the county’s Immigration Protection Act doesn’t create a sanctuary for anyone and accused Sculti of fearmongering.

This has always been the response from county officials, that Westchester is not a Sanctuary County and that Westchester fully complies with the law. But to Sculti’s point, what the Immigrant Protection Act does do is ban local law enforcement from working with, or sharing information with ICE.

The only time Westchester law enforcement does work with ICE is when ICE has a Judicial warrant to remove an illegal resident. When Sculti says that “federal detainers are ignored,” she is correct. Only when a Judicial warrant is signed by a judge does local law enforcement comply with ICE.

Many Westchester democrats have argued that requiring ICE to get a Judicial warrant is not prohibitive to ICE’s work in removing criminal, illegal residents of Westchester. And the republican response has always been that everybody has to cooperate with judicial warrants.

Karin Ponzer, from Neighbors Link, said on News 12, “The term sanctuary is highly politicized and that’s why I stay away from it. It’s very important that county officials understand what their roles [are], and that is to enforce these laws, rather than getting pulled into federal, civil immigration enforcement, which is funded by the federal government and the federal government is fully empowered to that.”

When asked about illegal Latino residents in Westchester who are afraid to live their lives, Sculti added, “If you’re a law abiding citizen, you know, and you are cavorting with known violent, criminal, illegal aliens, maybe you have something to be concerned about.”

She added that the IPA was not properly passed in 2018. “So he (Jenkins) went and passed a law without following a mandatory public hearing referendum. That should be a headline for you guys. The reality is, is that the only reason these three departments are cooperating is because in the county charter, the county executive has the authority to direct these, uh, heads of departments, officials, and obviously the rank and file of those departments. It never went to the public for a referendum vote.”

“I have a general message to the Hispanic community. You’re welcome in Westchester. You make our community a better place. And we’re interested in your public safety as well.”

Cartagena’s noted attorney, Joe Tacopina, called Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza and Mayor Mike Spano “two idiots.” “Spano is a clown and a coward. He didn’t speak to the officers or go to the trial. The Yonkers Police Department’s policies say that you can use foot and hand strikes when a person is actively resisting arrest. He was clearly resisting to the point where they were going to tase him again. I would resign if I were Sapienza. If I were a cop, I wouldn’t want him to be my commissioner.”

Mayor Spano said in a statement, “I’m disgusted by this outcome. The video doesn’t lie. Hector Cartagena will never wear the uniform in the City of Yonkers again. Despite the verdict, he should be ashamed of how he disgraced his City.”

Cartagena was suspended and then fired from the YPD last year, after a video from the arrest showed him kicking and punching Torrell Hook. Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace said she “strongly” disagreed with the court’s verdict. “The defendant’s conduct, as shown through body camera footage displayed at trial, speaks for itself. Watch the video body-worn camera footage at <https://www.facebook.com/YonkersPD/posts/pfbid02zj6sUUeEvaf367AndEeg4Uxz5CYHomZcHZtnK9ZC5DvGpauUKisUrmJyrMU3fxzl>

Several interesting facts concerning the case include Cartagena working at YPD Headquarters at the time of the incident. His son was on duty and was chasing Hook through the streets of Yonkers when he crashed after Hook, “brake-checked” him.

That is when Det. Sgt. Cartagena went to the scene and got involved in the apprehension and arrest of Hook, which was difficult and took four officers to subdue him. Hook was tased once and was still resisting.

Tacopina said that four officers said that during the take down of Hook, he kept attempting to reach into his shirt to grab someone, which may have been a weapon. At that time, they considered tazing him again.

Cartagena took the stand at his own trial, and testified that officers continued to have difficulty subduing Hook after his attempts to place him under arrest.

Cartagena collected back pay after he was suspended, and then disability until his retirement is approved by the State.

Last year, the City issued a release which included,

In this preliminary investigation, it was determined that one member of the department, Detective Sergeant Hector Cartagena, utilized force in a manner not consistent with training, procedures, or Department values. It was evident from this preliminary review that this member acted alone in these actions and all other Officers on the scene followed policy and procedure.

As a result of this incident, Detective Sergeant Hector Cartagena has been suspended without pay. He has been a member of the Yonkers Police Department for twenty-four years and was assigned to the Crime Scene Unit.

“After a review of this incident, I am outraged by the actions of this particular supervisor. His actions serve to negate the great work exhibited by the other officers involved to safely apprehend the suspect at the scene,” said Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza. “His actions further harm our relationship with the community, which we have worked so hard to build. Our immediate Internal Investigation and swift referral to an outside agency for investigation show that such behavior will not be tolerated by this department.”

“The actions of this police supervisor are indefensible. It’s the very definition of disrespect for the badge, and we condemn it,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “This unfortunate incident should not be a reflection of the men and women who serve and protect this City with integrity every day. This type of behavior will never be tolerated.”

Tacopina criticized DA Cacace for prosecuting Cartagena and for giving Hook a light sentence that included no jail time.

Tacopina returned to the narrative of why prosecutors indicted Cartagena but only charged Terrel Hook with a misdemeanor. “A guy named Torrell Hook tried to steal another car before stealing this car and driving 95 MPH through Yonkers, endangering citizens and putting three police officers in the hospital. Where is the outrage about him walking the streets?”

We asked Tacopina, one of the most high-profile attorneys in the country, how he took this case. “He called me and asked, and I said I would help him out. I always try to defend cops, and I charge them a little differently -I looked at the case, and I got annoyed.”

Tacopina said that Cartagena now “has a great claim because he was acquitted of all charges. They didn’t give him due process. This will go to federal court and they will pay.”

Hook has also filed a lawsuit against the city and YPD.

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

FRIDAY JULY 18

Merestead Estate, Mount Kisco: (914) 864-7958

Bat Observation Walk, 8 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Join us for an evening walk around Merestead to observe bats as they emerge from their roosts. The walk will include discussions about bat diversity, habitat and behavior. Participants will also learn how scientists can use acoustic monitoring of echolocation to detect bats. Meet at the carriage house parking area on the south side of 455 Byram Lake Road in Mount Kisco. Program will run in light rain, but worse weather will cancel.

Playland Park, Rye: (914) 813-7010

Friday Night Fireworks, 9 p.m.

See fireworks light up the sky over Long Island Sound every Friday night through Aug. 29. Fireworks begin at 9 p.m.; weather permitting.

Get details: <https://playlandpark.org/>

SATURDAY, JULY 19

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

Beach Is Open, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Weekends through Monday, Sept. 1; weather permitting. No admittance after 6 p.m. Parking and admission fees apply. Westchester County residency is not required for admission. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/swim>

Willson's Woods Park, Mount Vernon: (914) 813-6990

Family Fun Day, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. Join us for a day with music, games and more for the entire family. Participation is free; admission and parking fees apply. Westchester County residency is required; weather permitting. Rain date: July 20.

Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/family-fun-days>

Alfred B. DeBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Art Exhibit: Color Touches the Soul, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. This is a lyrical invitation into the emotional world of Westchester resident Gabriel Ceslov. It suggests beauty, vulnerability and the moving resonance of abstraction. Weekends throughout July.

Get details: <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/event/2025/07/05/1751734800/july-art-show/527727>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Summer Fairy Houses, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Ages and 5 older will become immersed in fairy magic as they decorate their very own fairy house with summer bling. \$5 per child. Register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/summer-fairy-houses/>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Ecotherapy: The Benefits of Nature, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Master naturalist Bruce Rosenberg will lead a guided "ecotherapy" walk to explore different areas of Lasdon and experience the benefits of nature upclose. Meet at the garden entrance. Also: Aug. 9; Sept. 13. Register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/echotherapy-the-benefits-of-nature-4/>

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

5050 Farm Fresh Pizza: A Tasting Tour, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Ages seven and older can take a walk around the farm as we gather the ingredients we'll need to make a farm fresh pizza! Learn about where our food comes from, how it's grown and how it makes its way to our tables in this interactive (and delicious) tasting experience! \$15 per person. Get details and register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/farm-fresh-pizza-a-tasting-tour-tickets-1374368125059?aff=oddtcreator>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Lasdon Green Squad, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Every Saturday from April to November join the Lasdon Green Squad to keep Lasdon, Westchester's Public Garden looking beautiful. Volunteers will work with Lasdon staff on tasks such as invasive species removal, planting, watering, weeding, trail maintenance, mulching, trash clean up, and other tasks. For ages 14 and older. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-07-19/>

SUNDAY, JULY 20

The Bronx River Parkway

Bicycle Sunday, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. A 13.1-mile loop from Westchester County Center south to Scarsdale Road in Yonkers is closed to cars. Open to non-motorized bicyclists, scooters and in-line skaters, e-bike class 1 only, plus walkers and joggers. Many points of entry and exit are along the way. Admission is free. Also: July 27 (8 a.m. to 12 p.m.); Sept. 7, 14, 21 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.); Oct. 5 (10 a.m. to 2 p.m.).

Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/bicycle-sundays>

Croton Point Park, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290

History & Natural History of Croton Point, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. Ages 6 and up can join the village historian and the park naturalist on a walk to explore scenic and fascinating Croton Point Park. Meet at the RV park entrance. Free; wear sturdy shoes.

Alfred B. DeBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 30 local vendors every Sunday until Nov. 16. Get details: <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Museum, Katonah: (914) 864-7263

Gardening Sundays and Tuesdays, Weekly, 10 a.m. - noon Enhance your gardening skills and plant knowledge by working side by side with the gardeners at Lasdon Park. Tasks include planting, watering, weeding, pruning, staking, deadheading, potting up and more! Through November. Also: Tuesday, July 22. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-07-20/>

NYSEG Wants A 24% Rate Increase for Northern Westchester & Putnam Con Ed Wants a 14% Increase Why Are All of Our Gas/Electric Bills So High?

Is It AI, Green Policies, or Because Indian Point Closed?

By Dan Murphy

While Westchester officials and residents continue to speak out against a proposed 11% electric bill increase and a 10% natural gas increase from Con Edison, NYSEG has proposed a whopping 24% electric and 34% gas rate hikes, for residents in Northern Westchester and Putnam.

The same outrage has come from officials who represent NYSEG customers. Putnam County Executive Kevin Byrne said that the rate increases, “would unfairly burden middle-class families already struggling with housing, food, and healthcare costs. I recognize that utilities are responsible for the cost of delivering power to ratepayers — they don’t set wholesale energy prices. That’s why I also reminded the PSC how state policy missteps like closing Indian Point and rushing through the CLCPA (NY’s version of the “Green New Deal”) have

driven up rates and weakened overall energy resiliency.

“In the end, when considering the high price of energy, the compounded effect of increased utility rates is neither fair nor sustainable.

I urged the PSC to:

- 1.) Deny the proposed hikes
- 2.) Hold in-person, town-hall hearings in Putnam County
- 3.) Support Assembly Bill A.1270 (Slater), which requires utilities to alert consumers of 40%+ supply-rate increases and provide assistance details

Ratepayers deserve fairness, transparency, and accountability,” said Byrne.

Assemblyman Matt Slater said, “NYSEG is requesting a 23.6% electric rate increase and a 33.5% gas rate increase by the Public Service Commission. This request must be dead on arrival. We will fight this to the very end to protect Hudson Valley ratepayers.”

The proposed increase will result in an average monthly increase in the utility bills for homeowners of \$33.12 for electric and \$33.57 for gas.

NYSEG’s customers run through upstate NY, and Congressman Josh Reily said, “NYSEG wants to raise our rates while their parent company in Spain makes billions in profits. Bullshit. I’m demanding public hearings on their latest rate proposal, because if they want Upstate New Yorkers to pay a penny more, they need to look folks here in the eyes and explain why.”

In its application to the NYS Public Service Commission, (PSC). NYSEG says that the increases are needed “to upgrade the grid for future needs and to meet rising demand, substations and poles will need to be updated as capacity for the current system is limited. They also claim that the improvements will support economic development and will help attract new businesses.

Westchester County Legislators have been holding public hearings to hear from residents, all of who (no surprise) don’t want the increase.

Con Edison recently had to reduce power in several parts of Westchester due to overdemand.

What remains unclear and unknown is the reason for the significant increases from Con Ed and NYSEG, as well as across the country. Powerlines.org writes, “Utilities Have Requested \$29 Billion in Rate Hikes for 2025, Surpassing 2024. Utilities are requesting rate increases for a variety of reasons that vary in particular by geography, market structure, resilience needs, infrastructure upgrades, among other factors. Of particular importance are distribution and transmission spending increases, in addition to extreme weather events, which are significant drivers of rising electricity prices.” (https://powerlines.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/0709_PowerLines_Rising-Utility-Bills-Q2-Update-2.pdf.)

Another reason to fear that rates will continue to skyrocket is the claim that Artificial Intelligence, AI, will require large amounts of electricity to power its operation.

Putnam County Executive Byrne and many Republicans blame the increased charges on the closure of Indian Point and the new Green laws and regulations pushed through by New York State.

Democrats would say that the increases are another reason to continue and increase the push towards solar and wind power.

We will look for someone to provide more information to our readers.

Dear Editor at Rising Media Group,

I'm deeply disappointed in every legislator who voted for one of the most harmful bills in history, Trump's "One Big Beautiful Bill."

Many people in our state and nationwide likely don't understand what this legislation means for our families and communities. Here's a breakdown of how some parts of this bill will directly affect us:

Phase out tax credits for wind and solar power, which will drive up our energy costs and reduce sustainability.

Withdraw aid for agencies like FEMA that monitor extreme weather, leaving communities vulnerable to climate disaster.

Throws millions of children, seniors, and families off Medicaid and food assistance.

And all of this damage is funded by huge, unwarranted, undeserved, and unnecessary tax cuts for large corporations and the wealthiest 1% and 0.1% of individuals.

Republicans cheered about taking away healthcare, gutting clean energy programs, selling public lands, and giving massive tax breaks to billionaires. Policies reflect values, and I am horrified by the values represented in this bill and by every legislator who voted for it. We won't forget this.

We must fight back by advocating for policies and by voting for politicians who will protect people and the planet over corporate polluters.

Sincerely, Tom Yarnall, White Plains.

Redefining Childcare, continued from pg 1-

Her drive only deepened with time. In addition to running her daycare, Dr. Henry owns a hair salon in New Rochelle. Yet, it’s Forever Young—which serves children from 18 months to 12 years old—that speaking to her soul now too.

While teaching first grade, she encountered a student unable to attend class due to a lack of shoes. “He was a great student who deserved to learn,” she recalled. “I bought him a pair myself. That moment stuck with me.”

That same spirit grounds Forever Young, where mornings begin with warm greetings, circle time, and breakfast, followed by structured learning, creative play, and outdoor activities. Backed by her advanced studies in educational psychology and early childhood education, Dr. Henry has crafted an environment that promotes both academic readiness and emotional intelligence.

“We don’t just watch kids,” she said. “We nurture them holistically—with intention and care.”

Launching the center wasn’t easy. Licensing requirements, regulatory hurdles, and planning logistics challenged her at every turn. The daycare was entirely self-funded, though Dr. Henry is now seeking mission-aligned investors to support its future growth.

The name Forever Young is no accident. It stems from her personal brand—Infinite, meaning never-ending—and her belief that childhood is sacred. “I wanted to create a place where children and families make memories they’ll carry forever,” she said.

Despite her demanding schedule, Dr. Henry credits her success to time management, team trust, and relentless purpose. “When you love what you do, you find a way to make it all work.”

Unlike many in her field, she didn’t follow a well-trodden path or model herself after high-profile mentors. “I don’t really have role models in education or entrepreneurship,” she said. “My older sibling inspires me to be great, but everything else—I built from passion.”

In Dr. Infinite Henry’s world, learning begins early, love is foundational, and nothing—especially potential—is ever limited.

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County Parks Events, continued from pg 13-

Alfred B. DeBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282

Buzz Quest, 11 a.m - 12 p.m.

Stop by our herb garden to see our local pollinators hard at work. We hope to see bees, butterflies, other flying insects and maybe even some hummingbirds! Free.

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Summer Garden Tour, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Join the head gardener for a stroll around the gardens to see what’s in bloom during the hot summer months. The tour starts at the Memorial Garden entrance at 1 p.m. Free. Also: Aug. 3, 17.

Register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/summer-garden-tour/2025-07-20/>

Miller House, White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Neutral Ground: Westchester in the Revolution 1777-1783, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

During the Revolutionary War, Westchester became a no-man’s-land riddled with bandits, vigilantes and spies. No one was allowed to remain neutral, and many people, driven from their homes and farms, became uprooted refugees. The presentation, by author Stephen DeVillo, will be followed by a tour of the historic Miller House with “Ann Miller.” Presented by Daughters of Liberty’s Legacy. Free; for more information, call (914) 995-4039.

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Wednesday, July 23rd

July 23, 1931: Well-known contractor George T. Kelly of North Broadway judged the Mickey Walker-Jack Sharkey fight at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn. The fight ended in a draw; Kelly voted for Sharkey and noted referee Arthur Donovan voted for Sharkey. The third judge, Charles Mathison, judged the fight a draw.

July 23, 1934: Central Avenue's Nathan Dunn received a check for one cent, his proceeds from liquidation of the Westchester Trust Company. He had a balance of four cents in his account when the bank closed a few months earlier.

Thursday, July 24th

July 24, 1653: Adraien Van der Donck was given permission to practice law in New Netherlands, making him the first lawyer in the new world.

July 24, 1922: Cy Barker, one of Yonkers youngest pitchers, was signed to play for the semi-pro Federal A. C. Baseball Team by newly appointed Manager Frank Stiefel. The Federals were part of the Yonkers Industrial League.

July 24, 1946: Colonel Oliver Troster, head of Yonkers Tercentennial Commission, announced he appointed a special committee to select a Yonkers veteran to represent our city on a special Veterans broadcast called "One Year After." "Veteran Reports" would commemorate the first anniversary of V-J Day, August 13th. Representatives from sixteen communities throughout the Eastern US would be interviewed. Each veteran would speak about his life since V-J Day, and how his community has helped him. Troster appointed Kris Kristensen as Chair; Melvin Kempton, Veterans Service Agency Director, and the Central Committee of War Veterans Organization would select their own representatives.

Friday, July 25th

July 25, 1906: Dayspring Presbyterian Church purchased land next to the church to build a parsonage. Mrs. Eva Smith Cochran's generous donation made the purchase possible.

July 25, 1921: The Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Company presented the largest bonus ever given by the company, \$376,000 to be divided among its 5,628 employees. The bonus was \$20,000 more than the previous highest bonus.

July 25, 1910: Amid rumors Congressman John Andrus might move his medicine plant from Palisade Avenue to one he would build on the riverfront, workmen began tapping soundings on his property between the National and Federal Sugar Refineries.

Saturday, July 26th

July 26, 1915: Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Company gave their employees a nice surprise! They received an unanticipated 10% salary raise!

July 26, 1922: Julia Irving of 90 Locust Hill Avenue, great niece of Washington Irving, passed away at her home after an illness of more than two months.

July 26, 1935: Yonkers police and Pinkerton detectives worked together to search for men suspected of tampering with horses scheduled to race.

Sunday, July 27th

July 27, 1907: The Charles E. Blaney Amusement Company of New York City leased Warburton Avenue's Music Hall. The new management kept the policy to show only first class plays.

July 27, 1930: In an emergency meeting lasting less than three minutes, the Common Council approved \$10,000 to replace the Wells Avenue Police Headquarters roof.

July 27, 1934: Hours after Detectives Thomas Flynn and Joseph Sullivan arrested still operator Nicolas Fidlado, he was serving his sentence in Westchester County Penitentiary! He had immediately pled guilty and chose to serve his sentence immediately; he operated the still from his School Street apartment!

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Senator Mayer's Law to Require School Boards to Appoint a Non-voting Student Member Goes

students are now taking the oath of office to serve on school boards in NY State

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer and Assembly Member Carrie Woerner are pleased to announce their ground-breaking legislation to require every school board and Board of Cooperative Education Services in New York State to appoint at least one student ex-officio went into effect on July 1st of this year.

Under Mayer and Woerner's 2024 legislation, S.9018A/A.9855A, signed by Governor Kathy Hochul in 2024, school boards will now be required to appoint at least one student ex-officio member who may participate in all public meetings and sit with the other board members. These student members will be non-voting and will not be entitled to participate in Executive sessions or any other non-public proceedings.

Prior to this law, districts were allowed to appoint an ex-officio student member, but had to seek approval from voters in their district via a referendum. This new law simplifies the process, removing the referendum requirement and giving districts greater flexibility about how they appoint members. Further, it expands opportunities statewide for students to participate in their school board by ensuring every district, including BOCES located throughout the state, has at least one student member.

New York State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I am thrilled that my bill with Assembly Member Woerner, which requires school districts and BOCES to appoint at least one non-voting student member to their school boards, has now taken effect. This new law ensures that students have a seat at the table when decisions are made that impact their educational opportunities and experiences. In addition, it gives young people the opportunity to participate in an impactful manner in decisions regarding their own education. It will also ensure adult Board Members have the opportunity to hear directly from student representatives regarding the decisions they make for every district. Since this bill passed the State Legislature and was signed by Governor Hochul, many school districts, including my home City of Yonkers, have already welcomed new student board members. As we approach a new school year, I am confident all districts will benefit from including student perspectives."

Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner said, "Having been a student School Board member when I was in high school, I am confident this legislation will make a positive impact on school boards across the state. Student representatives are uniquely qualified to provide current perspectives on issues affecting their school and student body. I am grateful for Senator Mayer's legislative partnership and for Governor Hochul's decision to sign this bill into law. The upcoming school year will now see at least one student on every School Board in New York, ensuring students have a voice on matters that directly affect them."

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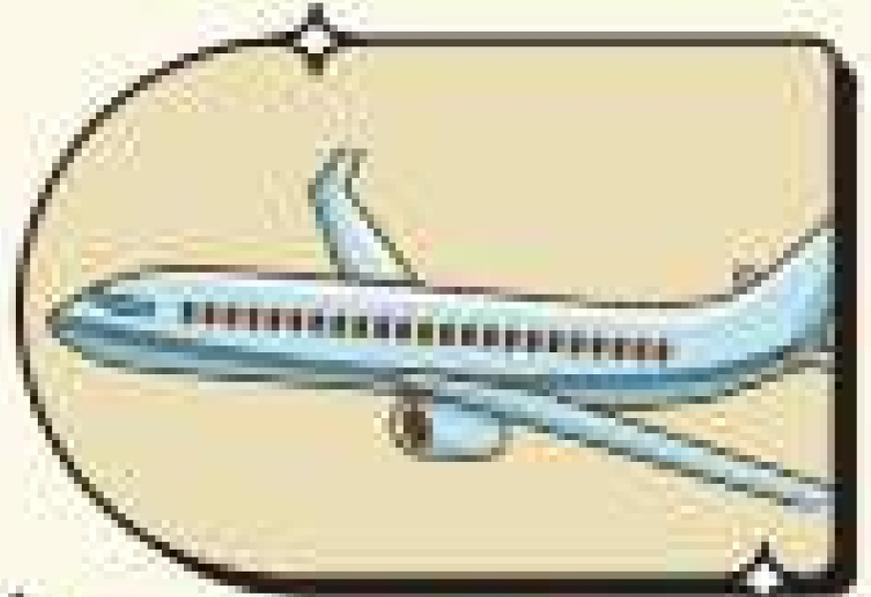
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