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Yonkers Public Schools Students Headed to the Ivy League



L-R-YPS Superintendent, Anibal Soler, Jr., with Dean Park, Vivian Li, Jillian Maher, Oleksandra Tereshchuc, Samuel Rodriguez, Mayor Mike Spano

These Yonkers Public Schools students are heading to the Ivy League! From Princeton to Penn, Cornell to Brown — they've made our City proud. Congratulations to:

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- Dean Park – Cornell University
- Jillian Maher – University of Pennsylvania
- Oleksandra Tereshchuck – Cornell University
- Samuel Rodriguez – Brown University

The future is bright in Yonkers!

Yonkers Welcomes Hudson Piers 1,000 Luxury Waterfront Apartments



from left, County Legislator Shanae Williams; Extell Senior VP Moshe Botnick; Extell Founder & Chairman Gary Barnett; Mayor Mike Spano; City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy; City Councilwoman Deana Robinson; Symra Brandon, and City Council Member John Rubbo. Standing in back, from left, Amy Devecka and Michael Masters of CM Platinum Developers

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Domino Sugar to Close Yonkers Plant at End of 2025



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Lakisha Wins In A Landslide!

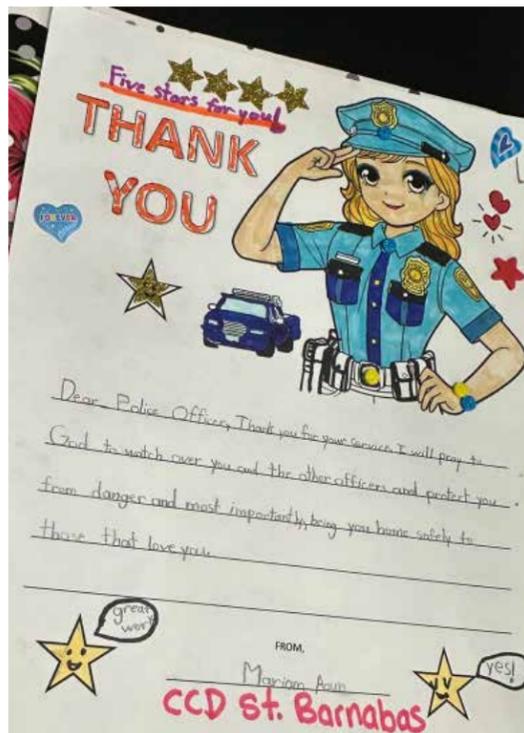
Collins-Bellamy Beats 4 Democrats in Yonkers Council President Primary
Politopolous Wins GOP Primary for Council President;Pineda-Isaac Wins Dem



Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, 2nd right, with L-R-Councilwoman Deana Robinson, Mayor Mike Spano and Council Majority Leader John Rubbo at her victory celebration on June 24

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A Great July 4th Message: Young Girl Sends Prayers, Thank You and \$10 to Police



Meet Mariam, a St Barnabas CCD student, who was so appreciative of the YPD, she sent a thank you card to Commissioner Sapienza last month.

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Meet the Women of Revolutionary Westchester

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A LIVING HISTORY FAMILY DAY
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Lisa, Spy

Mary Philipse Meets, Loyalist

& many more

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Empire City Casino by MGM Announces 2025 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge Set for August 2



ICE bucket challenge co-founder Pat Quinn

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, and the family of ALS Ice Bucket Challenge co-founder and late Yonkers Native Pat Quinn announced the date of the 2025 ALS Ice Bucket Challenge is set for Saturday, August 2, 2025. The annual event will once again take place trackside at the historic Yonkers Raceway located at Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts in Westchester, New York. Festivities will begin at 12 noon with the ice bucket dump scheduled for approximately 1:30 p.m. Participants should pre-register online at YonkersNY.gov/IBC.

The event, co-founded by Quinn after his diagnosis of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) in 2013 at the age of 30, became a global phenomenon as more than 17 million people around the world participated in the challenge via social media by dumping buckets of ice water on their heads. The event continues to remain a catalyst for raising funds to support research to identify a cure for the debilitating disease and raise awareness on the need for more research funding. The ALS Ice Bucket Challenge recently inspired a new viral version of the challenge, the #SpeakYourMIND Ice Bucket Challenge, to support mental health.

ALS, often referred to as “Lou Gehrig’s Disease”, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease affecting nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord. Quinn lost his battle with ALS almost five years ago in November 2020, yet his drive and determination live on through his family, friends, community, and beyond to raise awareness and find a cure for the approximately hundreds of thousands of Americans suffering from ALS. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, approximately 5,000 individuals are newly diagnosed with ALS across the U.S. annually. Actor Eric Dane, who portrayed a doctor on the hit television show Grey’s Anatomy, recently revealed his real-life ALS diagnosis.

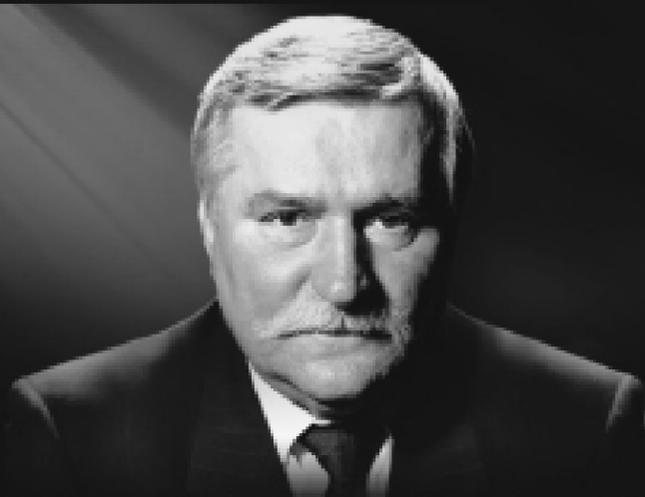
Leading the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge for another year is Quinn’s father, Patrick Quinn, Sr., who continues to pay tribute to his son and ensure his mission continues. Hosting a variety of fundraising events throughout the year, Quinn’s nonprofit organization, Quinn for the Win Find Your Smile Foundation (“Quinn for the Win”), continues to have significant impact.

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Lakisha Wins In A Landslide!

By Dan Murphy

City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy had a decisive victory on June 24, winning the Democratic primary for reelection over four opponents. Collins-Bellamy got 38% of the vote, with former Council President Mike Khader second with 25%, former Council President Chuck Lesnick with 18%, Councilwoman Tasha Diaz with 9% and Peter Spano with 9%.

The total number of votes cast in the primary was 7,679 lower than expected. This benefited Collins-Bellamy, who had the support and endorsement from the Yonkers Democratic Party.

Final vote totals from the Westchester Board of Elections, including early voting and absentee voting.

- Lakisha Collins-Bellamy-2,928
- Mike Khader-1,947
- Chuck Lesnick-1,401
- Tasha Diaz-706
- Peter Spano-697
- Total votes-7679

This was the first election, (primary or general) where three current or former council presidents faced off against each other. Collins-Bellamy overcame that challenge, and the barrage of negative mailings from Mike Khader’s campaign.

None of the negativity made a difference because the people of Yonkers spoke in the ballot box and said they wanted more Lakisha!

Some of the emails coming into Yonkers Rising and Yonkerstimes.com include: “I agree that Lakisha Collins-Bellamy has served our city with dignity and a reserve that is uncommon for politicians, who also seem to want to be at the forefront of every event and photo opportunity.

“I appreciate that our council president gets the work of the council done professionally, no games. I like the way our city is going, and I want it to continue. Just look at New York City to see where we could be,” said democrat Carol McKechnie.

Another Yonkers democrat wrote, “Lakisha is the story of living the American Dream, working hard and raising your family. She is a God-fearing mother with a solid core of honesty. I enjoyed meeting her, but more important, I appreciate the work she does on the council. “

Collins-Bellamy now moves onto a November election against Republican Dean Politopoulos, who won the republican primary for Council President against Ron Schutte.

Politopoulos got 65% of the vote, to 35% for Schutte.

Republican vote totals in the Yonkers primary were also low, with Politopoulos receiving 1,596 votes and Schutte receiving 861. The fact that fewer than 2,500 Yonkers Republicans came out to vote during a time of civil war in the YGOP was disappointing to some.

One long-serving democrat incumbent, Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac, fought off a challenge from Alberto Velazquez, by a 2-1 margin, with Pineda-Isaac with 67% and Velazquez with 33%.

Editor’s Note: Our best wishes and a speedy recovery to Chuck Lesnick who suffered a heart attack while on the campaign trail just before the primary Lesnick was campaigning with Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac when it happened; she called 911 and Lesnick was taken to a hospital, where a stent was placed and he is doing fine. Take it easy for the summer Chuck!




MAYOR SPANO'S SUMMER FILM & CONCERT SERIES

MOVIE & CONCERT SCHEDULE

| MOVIES AT DUSK | | | |
|----------------|-----------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| DATE | MOVIE | RATING | LOCATION |
| July 11 | Dirty Dancing | PG-13 | Rubeo-Cieslinski Park- Edwards Place |
| July 18 | Moana II | PG | Unity Park- Post & Elliot Streets |
| July 25 | Captain America | PG-13 | Trenchard Park-Trenchard Street |
| August 1 | A League of Their Own | PG | Schultze Park-St. Eleanoras Lane |
| August 8 | Inside Out II | PG | Sullivans Oval-Spruce Street |
| August 15 | Dog Man | PG | Wasicko Park-Agar Street |
| August 22 | Beetlejuice | PG | Wakefield Park-Bronx River Road |

| MUSIC 7:00 - 8:30 PM | | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| DATE | BAND | MUSIC GENRE | LOCATION |
| July 3 | Uptown Royalty | Pop/Jazz/R&B | JFK Marina-JFK Marina Blvd |
| July 10 | Yacht Lobsters | Classic Rock/Jazz | Waterfront Amphitheatre-Water Grant Street |
| July 17 | Fever Records presents Judy Torres & the Cover Girls | Freestyle | E.J. Murrays Skating Center-Tuckahoe Road |
| July 24 | McLean Avenue Band | Music & Dance Band | Coyne Park-McLean Avenue |
| July 31 | Steve Maglio | Siratra Tribute & more | Welby Park-Barton Road |
| August 7 | El Negro Caro y Dominican Swing | Swing/Bachata/Merengue | Cerrato Park-Riverdale Avenue |
| August 14 | Soul Machine | Soul/R&B/Dance Band | Grant Park-High Street at Park Avenue |
| August 21 | David Cedenno Orchestra | Latin Salsa/Jazz | Lincoln Park-Riverdale Avenue |
| August 28 | Men of Soul | Soul/R&B | O'Boyle Park-Hawthorne Avenue |
| August 29 | Chicago Rewired | Tribute Band | Untermyer Park-North Broadway |
| August 30 | Guss Hayes Band | Irish/Folk/Pop | Redmond Field - Cook Avenue |

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Meet the Women of Revolutionary Westchester

Meet the Women of Revolutionary Westchester: A Living History Family Day
Saturday, June 28, 2025
12:00 PM – 5:00 PM | Free for everyone

During the Revolutionary War, Westchester County was known as “The Neutral Zone,” a war-torn area where ordinary people struggled to get by while armies, militias, and vigilantes clashed in their backyards. The war was especially hard for women on both sides of the conflict. Join us for this special outdoor living history family day. Interact with the women of revolutionary Westchester, from those doing ordinary tasks like spinning, weaving and cooking, to camp followers caring for the troops with herbal medicines, to women who joined the military in disguise. In the outdoor tent experience the performances of Peggy Shippen who was married to traitor Benedict Arnold, wealthy loyalist Mary Philipse, an enslaved and then manumitted woman named Liss, and Phoebe Ward who was a mother caught between two armies. History At Play’s award-winning performance, A Revolution of her Own! explores the life of Continental soldier Deborah Sampson. Learn more from area cultural and heritage organizations highlighting the histories of diverse women with connections to revolutionary Westchester County. Enjoy live period music, dancing, 18th century hands-on crafting and demonstrations, period games, and more as you mingle and converse with the costumed performers.

In partnership with Revolutionary Westchester 250.

Sponsored by the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area and Westchester County Government.

Performance Schedule:

Performances will take place under the big tent on the front lawn. Schedule subject to change.

12:00 PM – Event Opens: live music, opening remarks

12:30 PM – Meet Mary Philipse Morris

1:00 PM – Meet Deborah Sampson – “A Revolution of Her Own!”

2:00 PM – Live Music

2:30 PM – Meet Liss & Robert Townsend

3:00 PM – Meet Peggy Shippen

3:30 PM – Meet Phebe Ward

4:00 PM – Live Music

5:00 PM – Program closes

Meet the Women:

Deborah Sampson

Portrayed by Judith Kalaora

Former indentured servant Deborah Sampson disguises herself as a man to enlist in the Continental Army.

Mary Philipse Morris

Portrayed by Sarah Wassberg Johnson, Philipse Manor Hall

Mary Philipse was once the wealthiest heiress in the New York Colony and reportedly turned down a proposal from George Washington. Now she has been forced to leave her beautiful white house on the hill in Manhattan – Mount Morris – and is staying with her brother Frederick Philipse III at her childhood home – Philipse Manor Hall. As Loyalists, they have been targeted by the Patriots.

Liss (& Robert Townsend)

Portrayed by Carla Lynne Hall & Jim Keyes

Enslaved by the Townsend family, Liss found herself caught between the occupying British army and her Patriot enslavers. Was she working as a spy?

Peggy Shippen/Margaret Arnold

Portrayed by Char Weigel, Revolutionary Westchester 250

As a young woman, Peggy Shippen helped her husband Benedict Arnold escape arrest for treason. Over a decade later, what is her life like?

Phebe Ward

Portrayed by Jennie Steinhagen

Eastchester resident and sister-in-law of town supervisor and staunch patriot Stephen Ward, Phebe’s absent Loyalist husband caused problems for her in a predominantly Patriot town.

More at www.yonkerstimes.com/meet-the-women-of-revolutionary-westchester/

The Hospital of 2025



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Several readers wrote to me about my column last week regarding my 4 months in various hospitals.

Their question: how did you survive? It wasn’t easy. If anyone tells you the hospital is for profit hospital, leave. For profit hospitals are like the difference between Kellogg’s Raisin Bran and generic raisin bran. It’s all about the money!

The dumbest move hospitals have made in the last 10 years is to the hospitalist form of care. Your personal doctor doesn’t care for you, everyday, you have a different doctor who has to spend time learning your health history before caring for you. The goal is to have doctors treat patients with more time in the office so they don’t have to go to the hospital. Don’t buy it.

You can see any doctor you want either inside or outside the hospital. Doctors will usually make payment plans if they don’t take your insurance. Always ask if they take your insurance or if you can make payment arrangements.

Many hospitals have free or low cost transportation to and from the hospital or office. If the doctor requires outside testing make sure you see a company in your plan.

Advocates in the various hospitals will help you navigate the system. These are paid employees who help you understand the system. Always bring a family member along for a second pair of ears to all appointments.

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Crestwood and the Conquest of Space -June 28



Crestwood Library, Yonkers -10:30 AM

Cool off at Crestwood Library this coming Saturday, June 28, and enjoy our new program, Crestwood and the Conquest of Space.

Rocket science didn't begin at Cape Canaveral, Houston, or the Jet Propulsion Lab in California. It started on the East Coast—and, improbably, Crestwood played a role!

CHS member Mark Maiello will discuss Ed and Leatrice Pendray, major players in American rocket engineering over 90 years ago. Ed Pendray died time at the 1939 New York World's Fair, influenced an untold number of kids to pursue careers in science, and "came to the rescue" of Dr. Robert Goddard, the father of American rocketry.

Please join us at 10:00 a.m. for light refreshments, and then at 10:30 a.m., we'll settle in for Mark's presentation.

For those who would prefer to watch online, here is the Zoom info:

<https://ypl-org.zoom.us/j/81628136085?pwd=JOYJTaMuKdwT9gjTd02S34gvMKebJ.1>

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Fem Queens Take Over Apollo Theater on Juneteenth



Kelly Harrison

By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

On Juneteenth 2025, Harlem's Apollo Theater transformed into a runway of resilience, brilliance, and joy as Fem Queen Honors paid tribute to the Black and Latinx trans women who have shaped culture, history, and ballroom itself.

Held on June 19th and hosted by Gia Love and Jazell Barbie Royale, the evening was equal parts celebration and call to action. Organized by Jonovia Chase with House Lives Matter, it drew crowds from New York City and Westchester. Creative direction came from Courtney Washington Balenciaga, with choreography by Craig Washington, Jay Parel, Arturo Mugler, and more.

Kelly Harrison, the voice of Ballroom Media, sat down for an exclusive interview with Yonkers Rising during Fem Queen Honors. She shared two pieces of advice. First, to the baby fem queens, she said they should "take their time." She added, "It's not a race to the finish line." Second, she shared, "The community doesn't make you. You make the community." These are wise words, coming from one of the most prominent voices in the Ballroom Scene today.

The term Fem Queen refers to a trans woman within ballroom culture. Ballroom itself is one of the most vital, defiant, and artistically rich movements in LGBTQ+ history. This year's honorees included Duchess La Wong, Tracey Africa Norman, Dominique Jackson, Leiomy Maldonado, and Courtney Washington Balenciaga.

The Apollo, long a sacred ground for Black artistry, pulsed with affirmation. One standout moment came when a chorus of Fem Queens stormed the stage to Whitney Houston's "I'm Every Woman," transforming the venue into a sanctuary of trans joy. When Morgan Royel and Empress Viscaya led a breathtaking "Fallen Angels" tribute to honor those lost, the crowd was deeply moved.

"Fem Queens are also vulnerable," said Jackson in a timely speech. "The ones first attacked. All of my sisters—murdered. Violently. Brutally." Her words cut through the celebration, underscoring the persistent threats Black and Latinx trans women face—not only from systemic neglect, but from violence itself.

Another emotional beat came from Courtney ToPanga Washington, who reflected on her journey with quiet conviction: "That's not luck, that's purpose." In a world where existing as a trans woman is often resistance, her statement rang like gospel.

Dennis Richmond, Jr. (@NewYorkStakz) is a journalist, historian, and educator from Yonkers, NY. He writes to uplift unheard voices, honor history, and inspire change.

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Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) Appoints Ellen Cutler Levy as Board of Directors Chair



Incoming YPIE Board Chair Ellen Cutler Levy (2nd from right) pictured with YPIE Executive Director Sam Wallis, YPIE volunteer Anita Nordal (2nd from the left) and YPIE Alumni Jazzlynne and Samantha

Yonkers Partners in Education, a national nonprofit organization that prepares students for college and career success, on June 23 announced the appointment of Ellen Cutler Levy as Chair of the Board of Directors, effective July 1st, 2025.

Ellen Cutler Levy succeeds David Westin, Bloomberg TV anchor and former president of ABC News, who has served as Board Chair for the past decade. Under David Westin's leadership, YPIE significantly expanded its reach, strengthened its programs, and deepened its impact on the lives of thousands of students.

A founding executive of YPIE, Ellen has played an integral role in shaping the organization's strategic growth. She has cultivated relationships with corporate partners, school district partners, and community members, led fundraising efforts, and overseen the evolution of YPIE's program model. Most recently, Ellen helped design and implement YPIE's expansion into Jersey City, NJ, and Nashville, TN, replicating YPIE's college success model in new communities.

"It's been a privilege to watch YPIE grow from an idea into the vibrant, important organization it is today," said David Westin. "I know YPIE will continue to grow and expand its work helping public school students under the able leadership of Ellen and Sam."

"Ellen has had a profound impact on every aspect of YPIE; she helped cultivate relationships with school partners, build an effective team of staff and volunteers, and guide our growth in Yonkers and expansion into Jersey City and Nashville," stated Sam Wallis, YPIE Executive Director. "Even as Ellen was playing a key organizational role at YPIE, she was also mentoring many YPIE students with whom she has developed lasting relationships. YPIE is fortunate to have Ellen step into this new role as Board Chair."

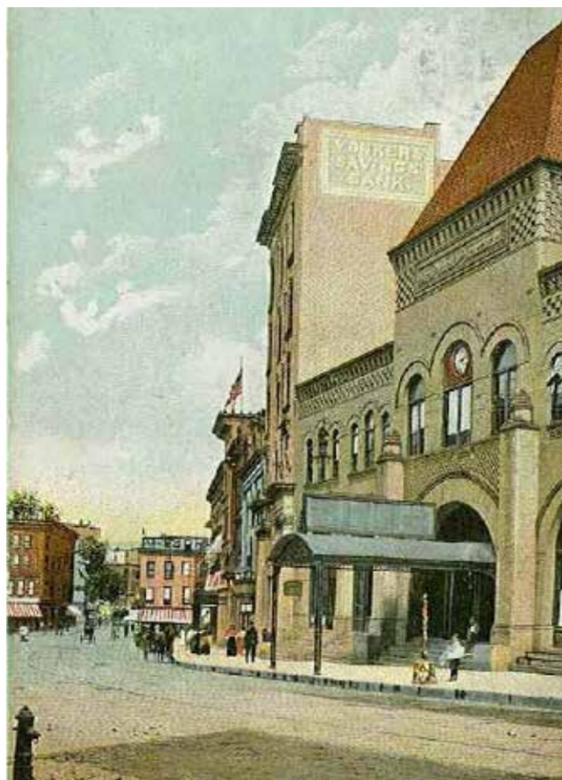
With more than 30 years of experience in the non-profit sector, Ellen began her career at the AT&T Foundation and later joined the March of Dimes, where she launched a nationwide, hospital-based education program for parents of premature infants.

"I am honored to collaborate with a dedicated board of directors to ensure that YPIE maintains high expectations for students and provides access to opportunities that enable students to elevate themselves, their families, and the communities where they live and work," said Ellen Cutler Levy, incoming Chair, YPIE Board of Directors.

Ellen holds a B.A. from Tufts University and an M.A. in Public Administration from NYU's Wagner School of Public Service.

Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) confronts the challenges of low-income, urban school districts by providing families with equitable access to the critical tools and services necessary for college success. Founded in 2007, YPIE puts college and high-paying jobs within reach for thousands of students. Learn more at ypie.org.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



The Terminal for the Getty Square Spur of the Putnam Railroad on South Broadway.

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, June 30th

June 30, 1943: In an effort to aid the Yonkers War Salvage Committee to maximize its collection of scrap metal, the Yonkers Common Council passed a bill making it a misdemeanor to toss out salvageable tin cans, and carried a fine of \$10 or a ten-day jail sentence. Mayor Barnes opposed the resolution, stating "You people are trying to give the folks on the home front the business." Barnes suggested instead of the \$10 fine, violators should buy a \$25 War Bond... instead of ten days in jail, violators should purchase ten War Bonds. After the Corporation Counsel stated the amendment was illegal, Barnes was excused from voting.

After chatting with Salvage Committee Chair Joseph Ringwalt, Barnes asked he be allowed to vote in favor of the resolution.

June 30, 1943: The "Old Put" ended service to Getty Square. Sixteen people took its final trip to the Terminal behind the First National Bank Building; Attorney John Broderick, who led the fight to stop abandonment of the line, took the last ride with his wife. Horace Gray, attorney for the Committee of South Yonkers Commuters, also took the last ride,

Tuesday, July 1st

July 1, 1916: Yonkers High graduate Joseph Stilwell was promoted to Captain by President Wilson. Stilwell, an instructor at the Plattsburg Camp, received his appointment to West Point from President William McKinley.

July 1, 1945: Saunders HS teacher Dr. Adam Poruban began an unusual summer job, personnel research at the Adjutant General's office in Manhattan. Field agents performed various tests given by the Army—intelligence, mechanical, aptitude tests, etc., to ensure the proper personnel were placed in military and civilian jobs around the country. After the tests, his statistical analysis unit studied the results to see if the tests actually measured what they were supposed to measure!

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Prayers for our Police, continued from pg 1-

What the Commissioner didn't expect was that Mariam also put a \$10 bill in the card as a gift!

We couldn't accept such a gift, so Commissioner Sapienza stopped by Mariam's house this week to give her back her \$10, and give her some cool YPD swag.

Thank you, Mariam, for being so sweet and thoughtful and for always supporting the YPD!

Miriam's letter reads, " Dear Police Officer, thank you for your service. I will pray to God to watch over you and the other officers and protect you from danger, and most importantly bring you home safely to those that love you."

What a wonderful drawing to go with your kind words Miriam. Perhaps you can work for our paper and website in the future. We would love to feature your Art and your kind thoughts.

What you did should make us all think about being kind to others, and to pray for our police officers and those who are in harms way.

God Bless You Miriam, and thank you -This is what July 4th is all about!

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.

Notice of formation of ARTEYA LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/19/2025. Office Location: Westchester. ZENBUSINESSINC, 41 State Street, Suite 112, Albany, NY 12207, designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to ZENBUSINESSINC. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

Notice of Formation of 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 Whispering Hearth, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/2025. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC is:3 Orlando Ave, Ardsley, NY 10502. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at 5:00 PM, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON ROCKLAND AVENUE, ASH STREET, RIDGEVIEW AVENUE, LAWTON LANE, HERRIOT STREET AND BYRON AVENUE TO THE YONKERS INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO
Mayor
Date: June 26, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 5:00 PM, Mayor's Reception Room, 2 nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

LOCAL LAW- AMENDING CHAPTER 56 BUILDING AND ELECTRIC CODE OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS IN RELATION TO FEES.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO
Mayor
Date: June 26, 2025

Notice of formation of THEOAK LLC. Date of filing Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State (SSNY) 6/14/24. The LLC is located in Westchester County. The SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against it served is to the principal business location at c/o 669 Main Street, Unit 605, New Rochelle NY 10801. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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Yonkers Leaders Spotlighted at Statewide MBK Symposium



Group photo of attendees and MBK Fellows

Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr., left, and My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Yonkers Executive Director Dr. Jason Baez, presenting at MBK Symposium

MBK Yonkers Shares Strategies at Annual State Education Event

Yonkers Resident, Puja Budhram, Honored by Big Brothers Big Sisters- Westchester- Putnam



Puja Budhram

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Westchester & Putnam (BBBSWP) continues to highlight the inspiring stories of its volunteers, namely Bigs (mentors), with The Big Deal initiative launched in January 2025. This month, the organization is recognizing Yonkers resident, Puja Budhram. Ms. Budhram, Co-Founder at Learnfull Tech Academy, has been a Big to her Little V.G. since January 2003.

"Becoming a Big has been on my radar for quite some time before I joined," said Budhram. "I don't have children of my own, but I've always felt a deep desire to pour into a young person's life in a meaningful way. Having mentored people in my professional life, I knew the power of guidance and consistency, and Big Brothers Big Sisters felt like the natural next step. I wanted to be someone my Little could truly count on and grow with. I couldn't be more grateful that the program matched me with V.G."

Ms. Budhram said that she and V.G. are all about food! Time spent together can include sharing a plate of fries at the local diner, splitting spring rolls at their favorite Asian spot or enjoying a slice of cake from one of the many bakeries that they love to explore. When the weather's nice, they go to Starbucks and enjoy a walk.

"Mentorship has opened my eyes to the world through a different lens," adds Budhram. "It's given me a powerful way to connect with the younger generation and better understand the challenges they face today. Being a great mentor is about presence. It's about showing up, listening, and finding genuine ways to connect. Sometimes, all they really need is someone to listen without judgement. And when the time is right, your guidance can help them navigate the challenges they face with a little more confidence."

Ms. Budhram added that being a Big is extremely fulfilling and is one of the most unique connections that a person will make. You don't need special skills or a ton of free time, you just need a willingness to show up consistently, listen, and care. The impact you make might feel small in the moment but over time, those moments add up to something incredibly meaningful. There are so many Littles in need of a Big. You'll be surprised by how much your Little will teach you!

"We applaud Puja for being a dedicated Big and a positive role model to V.G. We're proud to recognize her as our sixth Big Deal honoree," said Ann Ellsworth, CEO of BBBSWP. "We are deeply grateful to our Bigs who make such a huge impact in the lives of our Littles. In Yonkers, many Littles are still waiting to be matched. If you're considering becoming a Big, we encourage you to reach out - we'd love to share more about how you can get involved."

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Westchester & Putnam is dedicated to creating and supporting one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the potential in children and change lives. Through various programs designed to meet the needs of the community, the organization aims to build brighter futures for children and empower them to achieve success.

For more information about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Westchester & Putnam or to apply to become a Big/Enroll a Child, please visit bigswestchester.org or call 914-937-3779.



Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr. and My Brother's Keeper (MBK) Yonkers Executive Director Dr. Jason Baez presented on May 1 at the annual New York State My Brother's Keeper Symposium in Albany. Hosted by the New York State Education Department, the symposium brings together MBK Fellows — rising 12th-grade high school students, with opportunities to gain authentic leadership experiences and develop service projects beneficial to the schools they attend and the communities they live in — educators, and leaders from across the state to celebrate success, share best practices, and strengthen the MBK network.

The symposium also marked the official launch of a new cohort of MBK Fellows, with the 2025 class recognized at this year's event. Over the course

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Yonkers Charter School Graduates Class of 2025 Collect \$20 Million in College Scholarships



The Charter School of Educational Excellence's (CSEE) Class of 2025 will head for college with \$20 million in scholarships.

The K-12 charter school in Yonkers graduated 88 seniors during its June 24 commencement ceremony on the campus' auditorium. The accomplished seniors will attend many local and out-of-state institutions, including the University of Virginia, New York University, University of Rochester, Lehigh University, and Rutgers University.

"On behalf of the entire school community, I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the graduating Class of 2025! As we celebrate our 20th anniversary this year, your remarkable achievement, culminating in over \$20 million in scholarships, is a powerful testament to the unwavering vision of our founders. You are the living embodiment of their mission to produce quality, college-bound students, and we could not be prouder," said high school principal Dwain Palmer.

Leading this exceptional class as valedictorians are Kayla Rodriguez and Michelle Perez, two long-time students at CSEE.

Rodriguez began her journey at CSEE in first grade unable to speak English. Reflecting on her high school experience, she highlighted the impactful lessons learned through sports, particularly from her coach, Michael DeSimone.

"The lessons you learn on the field are something that you're going to carry throughout life," said Rodriguez, whose softball team won two championships.

Rodriguez plans to pursue engineering at City College in Manhattan, noting its affordability and strong programs. Rodriguez's goal is a master's in mechanical engineering.

Perez, a "lifer" at CSEE who started in kindergarten, said she was shocked to be named valedictorian.

"I really was proud, because I know that's something my mom really wanted me to achieve. I know it's one of her dreams," said Perez, who will attend the University of Virginia with hopes of becoming a veterinarian.

Beyond academics, soccer played a significant role in Perez's high school life.

"It was a big stress reliever for me. Whenever I felt too much pressure from school, I knew I could go on the pitch and I could forget about everything," said Perez.

ACDY Yonkers Celebrates 20 Years With GALA



Congratulations to the Dominican Cultural Association of Yonkers, AC DY, for celebrating their 20th anniversary with a "Golden Awards" Gala on June 13 at Westchester Manor.

Lisa Reyes was the Mistress of Ceremonies and the Keynote Speaker was Appellate Court Judge Llinet Beltre Rosado. Honorees included YFD Captain Danny Alecia, Dr. Ana Veras, YPD Lt. Jamie Dumser, Luis Muniz Jr., Dr. Brenda Gomez, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and Dr. Rafael Lantigua

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The Cuomo Campaign Never Made Sense How Did Mamdani Do It?

Most Westchester Democrats took a Pass on Cuomo Part 2

By Dan Murphy

Former Westchester resident Andrew Cuomo was denied a Comeback Kid label when he lost the Democratic primary for NYC Mayor to Zohran Mamdani on June 24.

Cuomo was a heavy favorite three months ago, but Mamdani “caught fire,” as one Westchester Democrat explained, and pulled within the margin of error in a few polls just before the primary.

In an 11-candidate field, Mamdani got 43%, to 36% for Cuomo. Brad Lander finished third at 11%.

We wondered aloud three months ago if Cuomo could survive and win a democratic primary and asked,

How could Cuomo overcome the backlash from the families of seniors who died in nursing homes during COVID-19?

How could Cuomo over the report by NYS Attorney General Letitia James, which confirmed that he sexually harassed 13 women?

How would Cuomo interact with Governor Kathy Hochul, State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, and other NY Democrats who called for him to step down as Governor in 2021?

It never made sense to us, and Cuomo’s supporters were already going around teasing the idea of Mayor Cuomo running for President in 2028.

Westchester democrats stayed as far away from Cuomo and the democratic primary in NYC as possible. We spoke to a few prominent Democrats off the record in March, and most were lukewarm about Cuomo or thought another candidate would gain popularity.

Cuomo performed well with Black and Hispanic voters in NYC. He has a third-party line he created that he can run on in November if he wants to.

But the question that many are asking is, was Cuomo a bad candidate, or was Mamdani a great candidate? A little of both.

One Westchester Democrat we spoke to said, “Mamdani expanded the universe of voters. 200,000 more voters came out, and most of them voted for Mamdani.

“I don’t think Cuomo had the best plan; I just have the best name recognition and the money, and I don’t have to do that much.”

“Cuomo got outplayed, and Mamdani got young people involved. Mamdani already beat Cuomo with several other candidates in the race, so it doesn’t make sense for him to run again,” said a Sound Shore Democrat.

Cuomo also had to deal with several groups working against his election, including a group called the Cuomo COVID Orphans, who reminded voters about Cuomo’s decisions to allow COVID-positive seniors into nursing homes.

Cuomo’s bullying tactics, which may have been the reason so many Westchester democrats stayed quiet instead of coming out against him, don’t endear him to most voters. “Andrew Cuomo ruled like a king and left New York in ruins. Now, he wants a second chance and acts like none of it was his fault. We don’t need a king,” said Curtis Sliwa, the republican candidate for NYC Mayor.

Did Mamdani win because he is a political star on the rise –like AOC?

One video clip we watched featured Mamdani taking apart Cuomo during one of the debates.

“I have never had to resign in disgrace. I have never cut Medicaid. I have never stolen hundreds of millions of dollars from the MTA. I have never hounded the 13 women who credibly accused me of sexual harassment. I have never sued for their gynecological records. I am not you, Mr. Cuomo,” said Mamdani.

The Mamdani campaign had 27,000 volunteers and raised \$8 million through small donations.

Some have pointed to the fact that as the democratic party contemplates its next course of action, some have called for a return to moderate policies.

Mamdani takes the party further to the left, proposing a \$30 per hour minimum wage, rent freezes on stabilized apartments, free bus service, and city-owned grocery stores. And he would pay for it by taxing the wealthy and corporations.

Rachel Hurley posted, “The coalition he built, spanning young progressives, Muslim and South Asian communities, rent-stabilized tenants, Gaza solidarity activists - that’s not some impossible alliance. That’s the future of urban politics. He pulled 60% of the vote among voters under 34 and 79% among Asian voters in ranked-choice simulations because he was addressing their actual material conditions.

“NYC has over 500,000 Muslims and massive South Asian populations, but neither community has ever elected a mayor. Mamdani’s victory represents the political coming-of-age of these rapidly growing communities,” writes Read Rachel Hurley on substack <https://rachelandthecity.substack.com>, a great read to learn about Mamdani and the progressive movement.

The negative Fox News narrative on Mamdani is already underway -but what all of us should be asking is, how did he do it?

Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, AOC, tweeted, “Congratulations, Zohran Kwame Mamdani! Your dedication to an affordable, welcoming, and safe New York City where working families can have a shot has inspired people across the city. Billionaires and lobbyists poured millions against you and our public finance system. And you won.”

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Wednesday, July 2nd

July 2, 1781: George Washington noted in his diary he arrived at Valentine’s Hill near Mile Square at Sunrise.

July 2, 1927: Martha Wysard of Glenbrook Avenue was selected to play on the leading role in local scenes of the film, “Our American Girl Visits Yonkers.” The film, depicting a typical American girl visiting cities around the country, was shown at Proctor’s.

Thursday, July 3rd

July 3, 1911: The Manor Hall officially passed into custody of the American Scenic and Historic Society.

During the first part of 1911, several officials and departments still operated out of the Manor Hall, including the Board of Contract and Supply, the Comptroller, the City Treasurer and the Assessors.

July 3, 1943: The Yonkers USO began Fourth of July weekend events for servicemen in the Yonkers area, beginning with a co-ed swimming party at the YMCA. This was followed by a “weenie roast and campfire” at the Y. That night, a dance for the hostesses and servicemen at Yonkers USO Center.

July 3, 1945: Councilman Whalen introduced a resolution to name the eastern portion of the Grassy Sprain Golf Course, already designated a park by the Common Council, after former Mayor and Congressman John E. Andrus, in recognition of his generosity to the people of Yonkers.

Friday, July 4th

July 4, 1943: The Yonkers USO continued their Fourth of July entertainment with an outdoor supper at the YMCA, followed by “variety entertainment” and dancing at the USO Center at 73 South Broadway. Formerly a multi-family house, servicemen preferred the Yonkers USO because it was “homey.”

July 4, 1943: War workers were given the day off to celebrate Independence Day, all except workers at Habirshaw Cable and Wire Corporation and the Blair Shipyard. Imperative government contractual obligations didn’t allow them to shut down for the day.

Saturday, July 5th

July 5, 1933: Sparks from illegal fireworks turned a Palisades Avenue apartment house into an early morning three alarm inferno. Firefighters and police worked heroically to save 33 tenants of buildings at 126-128 Palisade Avenue! Tenants were hanging out the windows with flames; one woman threw her young child out the window! Fortunately, Firefighter Arthur Conklin saw her and caught the little one. One of the tenants, Michael Ryan, was a man with two broken legs; Lieutenant John Downey and Firefighter Kyran Dunn crawled to his bed, engulfed in flames. Downey put Ryan on his shoulders, then the men carefully carried him down a ladder “through a wall of flames and smoke” to a waiting ambulance. Fire Chief Arthur Chambers deemed the fire the “most dangerous to human life” he had seen during his 32 years with the department.

July 5, 1943: Yonkers continued its weekend of entertainment for Servicemen with a softball game at Halsted School’s Athletic Field on North Broadway, an outdoor supper at the Y, and dancing at the USO.

Sunday, July 6th

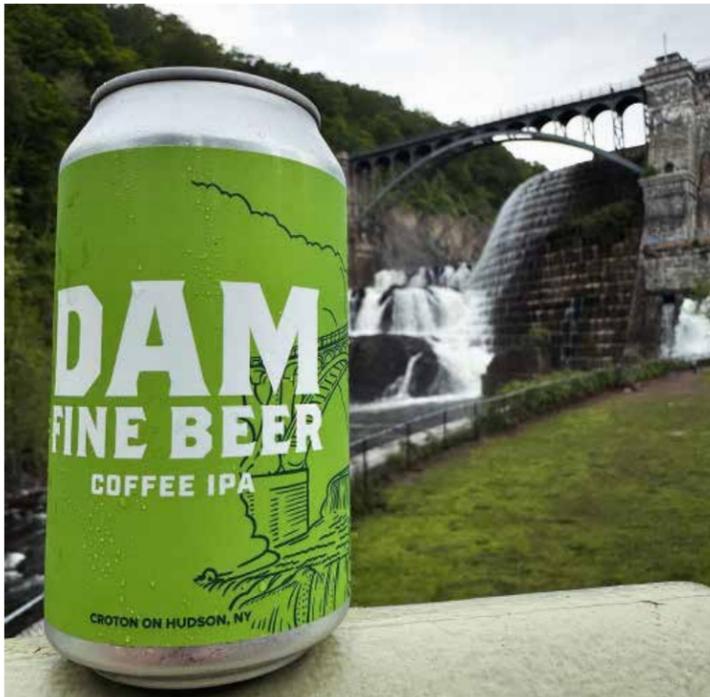
July 6, 1781: French troops camped along the Sprain River.

July 6, 1942: Ann Del Campo of Purser Place, Yonkers’ first woman welder, began work at the Habirshaw Cable and Wire plant at the foot of Point Street. After completing an intensive course at the Metro Welding Institute on Riverdale Avenue, the only woman in the class, she applied for work at several area defense plants and at the Brooklyn Navy Yard but was told no welding jobs were open to women. City Manager Raymond Whitney and Councilman Edith Welty alerted a female radio commentator, and Mrs. Charles Polette, wife of the NYS Lieutenant Governor took up the cause. As a result, the new US Shipbuilding Corporation plant at Ludlow offered her a job. She was working at Habirshaw in the shop; they offered her a welding job when they learned she was qualified.

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

Matters Coffee, The Green Growler and Yonkers Brewing Co. Partner on “Dam Fine Beer” Coffee IPA

ICE Bucket Challenge, continued from pg 2-



“Dam Fine Beer” is only available at The Green Growler and Yonkers Brewing Co.

In a bold collaboration that celebrates local flavor, creativity, and community, Matters Coffee, Yonkers Brewing Company, and The Green Growler proudly present “Dam Fine Beer,” Coffee IPA | 6% ABV, a unique, small-batch release brewed with heart, hops, and just the right amount of caffeine.

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“A Coffee IPA isn’t your average brew. By combining the strengths of a coffee roaster, a craft brewery, and a growler shop, we’ve created something fresh, exciting, and truly local.” - TREVOR ASHLEY

Matters Coffee is a specialty coffee shop based in Croton-on-Hudson, known for its commitment to premium, sustainably sourced beans. All coffee is roasted in-house, ensuring every cup is crafted with precision and care. The cozy, design-forward space has become a local favorite, celebrated for its standout seasonal drinks and warm community vibe. With a focus on quality, sustainability, and creativity, Matters Coffee continues to raise the bar in Westchester’s coffee scene.

“Dam Fine Beer” is available exclusively at The Green Growler and Yonkers Brewing Co. while supplies last.

Quinn for the Win provides cash grants to local ALS patients and their families to offset expenses not covered by medical insurance, including in-home care, adaptable equipment, wheelchair adjustments needed as patients’ physical limitations change and home renovations to accommodate wheelchairs. The organization also provides financial support for organizations that serve the families of ALS patients.

Since the challenge was founded more than ten years ago, ALS Ice Bucket Challenges have also significantly increased the awareness of this deadly disease globally. Earlier this year, the ALS Association awarded more than \$2 million in grants to support the continued preclinical development of five emerging ALS therapies.

Technology has also become more advanced with Pat Quinn Jr. using an expanded CPAP machine, one of the first prototypes, to help expand his lungs and make it easier to breathe. One year ago, UC Davis Health developed brain-computer interface technology that translates brain signals into speech with high levels of accuracy, allowing a man with ALS to communicate. In addition, more ALS patients are sharing their stories on social media platforms such as Facebook, which allows patients to connect from all around the world and spread additional awareness to other communities who may not be as familiar with the devastating effects of ALS.

“I’m so grateful for the continued support of Mayor Mike Spano, Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, and community members from Yonkers and far beyond who continue to fight onwards toward a cure through keeping the ice bucket challenge going each and every year,” said Patrick Quinn, Sr. “It was a once in a lifetime phenomenon that took on a life of its own. The Yonkers community has been the champion of our family and ALS patients nationwide, especially in the last few years without Pat. My son built such a strong system of support and his Quinn for the Win – Find Your Smile Foundation is nothing short of remarkable. Pat laid the groundwork to find a cure, and now it’s our job to finish his mission. I look forward to seeing everyone on August 2.”

“For over a decade, Yonkers has proudly carried Pat Quinn’s legacy forward,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “Each year, I witness an extraordinary outpouring of love and determination in his name. His unwavering fight against ALS has sparked hope, and because of him, we stand stronger in our resolve. But our work is far from over. ALS continues to devastate countless families, and we owe it to them to keep pushing forward. As long as this battle persists, so too will our commitment—every August, alongside our dedicated partners at Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, we will stand together until we find a cure.”

Since 2015, Empire City has hosted the annual challenge, with the exception of 2020 because of the pandemic. The City of Yonkers donates buckets and the stage for the event and organizes online registration for participants. Empire City underwrites the cost of the event and donates the space, staffing, and over 1,300 pounds of ice.

The 2025 annual Ice Bucket Challenge will be held outdoors trackside, is free to participate, and attendees of all ages are welcome. Day-of, walk-up registration will also be available, but online advance registration is strongly encouraged to secure a space and bucket. For more information and to register, please visit www.empirecitycasino.com.

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Backwards Nuclear Politics in New York State

On June 23, Governor Kathy Hochul directed the New York Power Authority (NYPA) to develop and construct a zero-emission advanced nuclear power plant in Upstate New York to support a reliable and affordable electric grid, while providing the necessary zero-emission electricity to achieve a clean energy economy. This builds on other opportunities announced in Governor Hochul's 2025 State of the State to catalyze nuclear energy development in New York.

New York State Conservative Party Chairman Gerard Kassar today criticized Governor Kathy Hochul for supporting the closures of key nuclear energy sites around New York State — before suddenly reversing herself and calling for more sites to be built as electric rates skyrocket across the state.

"No state knows how to burn cash more efficiently than the State of New York under one-party Democrat leadership," Chairman Kassar said. "New York families have suffered double-digit electricity rates, thanks to repeated liberal blunders over the years," Mr. Kassar charged. "ConEd's proposed electric bill hike, for example — 11.4% for power and 13.3% for gas — will cost the average household \$275 extra a year. Central Hudson wants to raise delivery charges by up to 20%.

"As a result," Chairman Kassar continued, "liberals have suddenly discovered nuclear energy—after decades of forcing reactor shutdowns. That's not leadership, it's a stark admission that they've been wrong for decades.

"Although we have a favorable opinion of Mrs. Hochul's move toward investing in this smart new technology, the reality is that nuclear power in New York, that was safe, clean and efficient, was irreparably damaged by policies the Governor supported at the highest levels of government. Now taxpayers will have to shoulder billions more in costs through their monthly electric bills. It has been a historic management blunder."

In a column for empirecenter.org titled Albany's Looming Energy Shock, Zilvinas Silena writes, "For all Governor Hochul's talk about "affordability", it seems electricity prices have not received that memo. Recent data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration show New York households on average pay the sixth-highest price for electricity in the continental United States.

For March 2025 the average price of electricity in New York was estimated at \$0.25 per kWh for residential users and \$0.095 per kWh for industrial users. These rates are significantly above the U.S. averages of \$0.17 per kWh and \$0.08 per kWh, respectively. Households in New York pay 48 percent more, and industry pays 15 percent more than the national average.

Similarly, despite the big talk about green energy, most of New York's electricity still comes from natural gas and nuclear power. In fact, according to the New York Independent System Operator (NYISO), which manages the state's electrical grid, since 2019 the proportion of fossil fuels used in electricity production has increased, while nuclear energy has gone down.

Instead of the green energy revolution, New York is slowly losing the capability to make energy. In a brand new report, NYISO warns Since 2019 New York has retired more electricity generation capacity than it added. Federal data show similar trends: from 2019 to 2024, while New York's electricity generation dropped, the U.S. added 4 percent, Texas ramped up production by 16 percent, and Florida by 8.

Meanwhile, New York is relying on increasingly outdated infrastructure to produce electricity. A quarter of New York's electricity generation capacity has been in operation for more than 50 years, and some — for more than 70 years. With the state officially committed to achieving a zero-emission electrical grid by 2040, no one is rushing to invest in modernizing fossil fuel power plants or building new ones.

This reduction in energy production capacity alone should cause concern. But to add fuel to fire, between the laws passed and new ones being considered, Albany is pushing New Yorkers to be more dependent on electricity for everything — heating, cooking and transportation — all of which will require much more electricity. Approximately double what New York produces now, according to the NYISO.

On top of that, Albany is trying to encourage the development of energy-intensive industries such as the Micron chip plant in the Syracuse area. There is also talk about attracting artificial intelligence centers to New York, which, again, requires a lot of electricity which New York likely cannot supply on its current trajectory.

Here we have the makings of a self-inflicted one-two punch. On one hand, Albany is discouraging companies from making the investments necessary to produce abundant and affordable electricity. On the other hand, Albany is driving up demand by making plans for household heating to rely on electricity rather than on their current sources of fuel, such as natural gas.

Albany politicians act as if New York was awash with cheap and abundant electricity. In reality it is full of empty political promises and virtue signaling, but these do not produce electricity.

The situation is not sustainable. A breaking point is approaching — slowed down only by the fact that Albany keeps missing its climate deadlines and doing a poor job of attracting new businesses.

If New York politicians are serious about reindustrializing New York, revitalizing Upstate, and outcompeting other states for energy intensive manufacturing — they need to remove all hurdles to cheap, plentiful energy. That will help with affordability, too.," writes Silena.

In Westchester, the Indian Point nuclear plant was closed in 2021 because of its proximity to millions of New Yorkers, environmental concerns about the Hudson River, and the fact that it was a possible terrorist target. Indian Point once powered nearly 25% of New York City's energy needs.

"One of the stupidest things New York Democrats did was close Indian Point Power plant that provided 26% of NYC's electricity forcing reliance on dirtier energy and causing utility bills to soar. Perhaps they are realizing what a mistake it was," said Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis.

County Legislator James Nolan said, "I have been saying for years that the shutdown of Indian Point without a backup power supply is a significant factor in Con Ed's rising rates. The state's push for green energy initiatives, without proper funding, is only exacerbating the issue. I've consistently pointed out that nuclear energy is the cleanest and safest solution for our power needs. Despite being told repeatedly by Democrats that I was mistaken, it's clear that I was right all along. It's time to acknowledge the truth I was correct in my predictions!"

Opponents to Hochul's call include Food & Water Watch. "Governor Hochul's nuclear gamble is a reckless distraction from the clean, affordable energy New Yorkers actually need," said Alex Beauchamp, Northern Region Director at Food & Water Watch. "Nuclear power is dirty, dangerous, and wildly expensive — and this project will leave New Yorkers footing the bill while delaying urgently needed progress on renewables."

Congressman Latimer Presents Richard Gulley with Bronze Star in New Rochelle



Congressman George Latimer, Ret. Colonel Richard Gulley, Mrs. Gulley

Bronze Star Awarded to Gulley

By Dan Murphy

Congressman George Latimer was joined by New Rochelle Mayor Yadira Ramos Herbert and American Legion Post 8 Commander Dennis Starr this month to present U.S. Army Colonel (Ret.) Richard Gulley with a Bronze Star Medal. Retired Colonel Gulley earned the Bronze Star for his service in Afghanistan.

"This week, our country celebrated the U.S. Army's 250th Birthday. It is timely that today we recognize and honor the service of Retired Army Colonel Gulley, who resides in New Rochelle," said Rep. Latimer. "Col. Gulley dedicated 30 years of his life to this nation and put himself in harm's way to keep his fellow soldiers safe. He is what makes our country great, and I am proud to present him with this medal today."

Gulley is a New Rochelle resident and a pilot for JetBlue. Gulley received the Bronze Star for his bravery and valor during a 2010 attack in Afghanistan by the Taliban, which resulted in an all-day firefight.

Ret. Colonel Gulley served in the Army in many parts of the world, including Europe, Africa, and Kuwait, over a 30-year career.

New Rochelle Mayor Ramos-Herbert said, "It was a privilege for the City of New Rochelle to host the Bronze Star Medal ceremony for Retired Colonel Richard Gulley. Thank you, George Latimer and your tremendous team, for the chance to honor a hometown hero!"

Congratulations, Colonel Gulley! New Rochelle and Westchester, thank you for your service and dedication.

Con Edison Ask Customers in Parts of Westchester To Conserve Energy 8% Reduction in Voltage During Heat Wave to Four Towns and White Plains

Con Edison is asking customers in certain communities in Westchester County to conserve energy while company crews repair equipment. Con Edison has also reduced voltage by 8 percent in the areas as a precaution to protect equipment and maintain service as repairs are completed.

The equipment problems in these areas have no effect on the rest of the Con Edison system.

The voltage reduction includes parts or all of: White Plains, Greenburgh, Scarsdale, Eastchester and Harrison. The voltage reduction could affect 40,600 customers.

Con Edison has asked customers in these areas not to use energy-intensive appliances such as washers, dryers, and microwaves until crews complete repairs. The company also asks customers to limit unnecessary use of air conditioning. If you have two air conditioners, use only one and set it to the highest comfortable temperature.

The company also requests that customers refrain from charging electric vehicles until repairs are made.

Customers can report outages and check service restoration status at www.conEd.com/reportoutage, or with our mobile app for iOS or Android devices, or by calling 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633). When calling, customers should report whether their neighbors also have lost power. Customers who report outages will receive updates with their estimated restoration times as they become available.

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268
Digging Deeper: American Chestnut Research and Restoration Project, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Since 1991, Lasdon Park and Arboretum has been home to one of the American chestnut orchards of The American Chestnut Research and Restoration Project. A researcher will dig deep into the progress to date of American chestnut and blight-resistance research. \$40. Get details and register <https://www.gardenconservancy.org/garden-directory/open-days/digging-deeper-american-chestnut-research-and-restoration-project>

Saxon Woods Pool, White Plains: (914) 995-4480

Saxon Woods Family Fun Day and 100-Lap Challenge Kick-off, noon to 4 p.m. Kick off Saxon Woods Pool's 100-Lap Challenge in honor of its 100th Anniversary with a Family Fun Day featuring games, contests, prizes and more! Participation for the 100-Lap Challenge is free; pool admission and Westchester County residency rules apply. Registration: <https://runsignup.com/Race/NY/WhitePlains/SaxonWoodsLapChallenge> | Family Fun Day details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/family-fun-days>

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

Lasdon Green Squad, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Every Saturday through November and for those age 14 and older, 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. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-06-28/>

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 beach admission fees apply. Westchester County residency is not required for admission. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/swim>

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

Art Show, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Artist Loren Anderson's exhibit "Of Nature" is open for viewing in the main house. Sunday, June 29 is the final day. Get details: <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/art-shows-at-muscote.html>

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

Goats on the Go!, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Kids ages 12 and older can join us for our Walk with Us program, during which they can take a pygmy goat on a walk around the farm! This hands-on experience allows children to provide important socialization, enrichment and exercise for our animals. \$20 per person. Pre-registration required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/goats-on-the-go-tickets-1267377523289?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla: (914) 231-4033

White Plains Hospital Screenings Under the Stars, 7 p.m. - 10:30

Despicable Me 4. Free admission and parking; movie starts at sundown. Moviegoers should bring blankets, folding chairs and a picnic. Refreshments will be available for sale. The movie may be canceled due to inclement weather. Get details: <https://parks.westchestergov.com/movie-under-the-stars>

SUNDAY, JUNE 29

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 13, 20, 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>

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

Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. \$25. Registration required: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens-2/2025-06-29/>

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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 & Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7263

Gardening Sundays and Tuesdays, Weekly, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Next: July 1. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/gardening-sundays-2/2025-06-29/>

Lasdon Park, Arboretum & Veterans Memorial: (914) 864-7263

Garden Highlights Tour, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Free. Join one of the gardeners for a walking tour of the native plants, annuals, perennials, and flowering and fruiting shrubs and trees. Rain or shine. Register: <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/garden-highlights-tour/2025-06-29/>

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Domino Sugar to Close Yonkers Plant in 2026

American Sugar Refining, (ASR), the parent company of Domino Sugar, issued the below press release on June 20.

“American Sugar Refining, Inc. (ASR), part of the ASR Group® of companies, is making strategic operational investments and optimizations to its U.S. business that are strengthening the sweetener company’s ability to provide superior service to its customers, while operating more efficiently and sustainably.

“ASR’s strategically positioned network of operations is one of our core strengths, and staying ahead of evolving customer demands is essential to maintaining our competitive advantage,” said Doug Romain, ASR’s Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. “Our multi-year strategy includes major investments in acquisitions, new facility construction, expansions and modernization of existing assets as well as capital and process improvement projects that are making our operations and supply chain network even stronger.”

“In the U.S., ASR’s strategy includes complementing its large-scale refineries with more flexible production facilities that are strategically located to best serve its customers and deliver a diverse portfolio of sweetener products when needed by customers.

“To support this strategy, ASR acquired the Rochester, NY-based sweetener company, ingredientsPLUS (IP) last year, with production facilities in Lakeville, NY and Landisville, PA to service the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. The company is also investing in the construction of a new bulk transfer and liquid melt station in the Northeast with access to rail and major transportation routes, which is planned to begin operating next year. At another facility in the region, ASR is investing in an expansion to double the size of its Buffalo plant.

“ASR also transitioned its Chalmette Refinery, in Louisiana, and its Baltimore Refinery, in Maryland, into continuous operations to gain increased operational efficiencies and improve sustainability.

“As part of its strategy and investments in its northeast facilities, ASR will be closing its Yonkers Refinery at the end of 2025.

“Throughout our history, we have made considerable investments and operational changes to meet our customers’ sweetening needs,” said Rob Sproull, Senior Vice President of Sales, Marketing and New Product Development. “These recent changes are simply an extension of our continuous improvement journey to provide exceptional customer value and service. We will continue to operate large cane sugar refineries across the U.S. with the capacity to meet our customers’ cane sugar requirements. And, now, we’re further complementing the capabilities of our refineries with smaller, more flexible operations to effectively service our customers in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic U.S. geographies.”

Mayor Mike Spano said, “The Domino Sugar refinery has been part of Yonkers for over two decades, and the location itself has operated as a sugar refinery for more than 130 years,” Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said in a statement, reacting to the news. “While it’s tough to see such a long-standing presence close its doors, this 22-acre site along the Hudson is one of the most valuable properties from here to Albany. We see this as another opportunity to continue the transformation happening in the Yonkers. Housing and recreation are the best uses of the Hudson waterfront these days, and our role will be to see that the interests of all Yonkers residents are met going forward.”

“I look forward to working with Domino on what comes next and how we can move Yonkers forward together,” said Spano.

City Councilman Anthony Merante called the announcement “A Tragic Loss for Yonkers.”

“The closing of the Domino Sugar refinery—affectionately known by Yonkersites as the “Sugar House”—is a tragic loss for our city. Built in 1893, the refinery provided more than 300 direct jobs and served as an economic engine for the local economy.

“For over a century, this facility offered good-paying, middle-class jobs that supported countless Yonkers families. Alongside other major employers like Otis Elevator, Precision Valve, Stewart Stamping, and Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Company, Domino powered an era when Yonkers thrived as a proud manufacturing hub. These industries enabled working families to buy homes, raise children, and invest in our community’s future.

“We cannot afford to abandon the industrial and logistical potential of this vital waterfront site. Yonkers has a deepwater marine terminal—let’s put it to use. Industry provides real, living-wage jobs and a pathway to the middle class. Our Industrial Development Agency must focus on attracting employers that create sustainable, long-term jobs.

“We must stop tax-subsidizing high-rise rental developments that cater to transient residents who work in New York City but only sleep in Yonkers. Our city needs ownership—housing that allows families to put down roots and build equity. Yonkers cannot thrive if our working families are priced out and our seniors are taxed out.

“I’ve consistently voted against property tax increases that burden longtime residents—especially seniors on fixed incomes, who now face impossible choices: cut essentials or sell the homes they’ve spent a lifetime building. Too many of my constituents have been forced to leave Yonkers for more affordable states like Florida or the Carolinas. This is unacceptable. Yonkers needs a balanced, people-first economic strategy with jobs that lift people up and a pathway to homeownership that ensures long-term stability.

“My thoughts and prayers are with the workers affected by the Domino closure. I urge the company to offer meaningful financial support and job retraining opportunities to help ease this difficult transition. These families deserve dignity, respect, and a real chance to move forward,” said Merante.

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of a day, attendees participated in student and adult workshops, heard from motivational keynote speakers, and connected with peers to exchange ideas and build community.

Superintendent Soler and Dr. Baez were invited to lead a 90-minute workshop titled “MBK Yonkers: Yonkers Magic, How We Bring Out Their Highest Potential.” The session highlighted MBK Yonkers’ strategies for improving outcomes for young men of color, including restorative practices, social-emotional learning, and alternatives to suspension.

“We were honored to share our experiences and connect with other MBK communities,” said Dr. Baez. “The symposium is a powerful reminder of the importance of this work and the commitment of New York State to supporting our young men.”

The response to the Yonkers presentation was overwhelmingly positive. Educators from across the state expressed interest in learning more about the district’s data-driven approach to supporting students. One educator from Chicago said, “I learned so much — I want to go back and hit the ground running.”

“In Yonkers, we believe in unlocking the highest potential within each of our young men. Our partnership with MBK Yonkers reflects our deep commitment to their success,” said Superintendent Soler.

Students from Yonkers and across New York State participated in sessions including College Application Insights, Media Literacy Matters, and Are We There Yet?, a workshop led by MBK alumni on navigating life after high school. Keynote speakers Jordan Pierre, a Brooklyn-born journalist and youth activist, and Brian Favors, an educator and co-founder of Breaking the Cycle Consulting, delivered motivational messages about identity, leadership, and perception — messages that resonated deeply with the Fellows.

“They were like, ‘Wow, I didn’t know this. This is great information to apply.’ That’s what it means to walk away with new knowledge,” Baez said.

This year’s symposium also featured remarks from New York State education leaders and an appearance by Dr. Adren Wilson from the Obama Foundation, who met each Fellow on stage and stayed for the full event — a powerful symbol of national support.

“Truthfully, just seeing Dr. Wilson there meant a lot. New York is the only state with an MBK program that actually funds schools. That doesn’t exist anywhere else,” Baez said.

More than 50 MBK chapters across the state were represented — a record-high that reflects the growing momentum of the initiative statewide.

From powerful workshops to keynote messages to statewide collaboration, the symposium reinforced New York’s commitment to uplifting young men of color — and spotlighted Yonkers as a leading example of what’s possible.

My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Yonkers empowers young men of color by providing mentorship, educational support, and leadership opportunities. In partnership with Yonkers Public Schools and local organizations, MBK Yonkers has helped the district achieve the highest on-time graduation rate for young men of color in New York State. This commitment has earned MBK Yonkers the distinction of being one of only four MBK Model Communities nationwide recognized by the Obama Foundation.

MBK Yonkers helps students reach six key milestones from early education to career readiness. Through its MBK Fellows and mentorship programs, MBK Yonkers fosters equity and opportunity, ensuring all young people can succeed.

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Yonkers Welcomes Hudson Piers 1,000 Luxury Waterfront Apartments

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined with senior executives from Extell Development Company on June 18 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Hudson Piers, signifying the official grand opening of Extell's new luxury, multi-phase development.

Mayor Spano stated, "Hudson Piers is one of the most transformative developments this city has seen and, when fully complete, will be a crowning jewel of along our water's edge. Luxury amenities coupled with an unmatched location highlights the project's mission to bring more families, businesses, and jobs to Yonkers — fulfilling the city's truest potential. Welcome to Yonkers!"

"Under Mayor Mike Spano, Yonkers has been recognized as the fastest growing big city in New York State, and we are proud to be a part of the incredible redevelopment of that with the grand opening of Hudson Piers, which is bringing a new standard of luxury living to Yonkers. We've had a clear vision of what this waterfront site could be, and it's been incredibly gratifying to see it come to fruition," said Moshe Botnick, SVP of Development for Extell Development Company. Hudson Piers signifies the final and largest piece of the Downtown Waterfront Revitalization in Yonkers which will provide the general public access to the wonderful Yonkers riverfront. Situated on over 20 acres along the Downtown Yonkers waterfront, once complete, development will bring more than 1,100 luxury apartments, exciting retail, waterfront amenities and a new riverfront esplanade along a prime waterfront location with beautiful views of the Hudson River across to the Palisades.

Hudson Piers builds on the remarkable renaissance underway in Yonkers under the administration of Mayor Spano which has seen more than \$4 billion in private investment in new projects with over 9,100 multifamily units planned, completed, under construction and approved for development. This coincides with a remarkable expansion of the film industry in Yonkers and the renovation of Empire City Casino which is widely expected to win on a NYS gaming license and bring 5,000+ news jobs to Yonkers.

Congress must act to help the new postmaster general pull USPS back from the brink

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The United States Postal Service is on the brink of a self-induced collapse. The failed policies of the Delivering for America Plan have driven away customers through a combination of sky-high rate increases and degraded service. David Steiner, who will take over as Postmaster General on July 14, 2025, has a tough job to do and little time to do it with some estimates indicating the USPS could be insolvent as soon as 2028.

Congress has a key role to play in helping him right the ship but must get off the sidelines and act. A useful step occurred earlier this week with a hearing before the House Oversight Subcommittee on Government Operations. The National Newspaper Association (NNA) provided a statement for the hearing that lays out key actions Congress can take to help restore the USPS.

We emphasized that NNA members serve their communities, providing news on local events and civic matters that are not covered anywhere else, and that they depend on the USPS to get their papers to subscribers. The USPS — and by extension the small businesses in the communities they serve — faces an immediate and existential crisis. We urge Congress to act swiftly and compel meaningful reform at the USPS.

Here are three actions Congress can take right now to get the USPS back on track and keep commerce in America moving:

- Demand the USPS Board halt the Delivering for America Plan including the large rate increase planned for July 13, 2025. This increase, far above the rate of inflation will only deepen the hole and ties the hands of incoming Postmaster General David Steiner, who should have the opportunity to assess the situation. The same holds true for the network consolidations and service cuts. Every customer that is lost through these increases and service reductions is one less Steiner can rely on in the future.
- Modernize and empower the USPS regulator. Effective checks and balances are needed to keep the USPS on track. Congress needs to update and modernize the postal regulatory process to better safeguard against excessive rates and poor service by passing H.R. 3004, The USPS SERVES US Act.
- Measure newspaper costs accurately. Congress should compel accurate measurement of newspaper service and hold the USPS accountable for maintaining and improving service quality by enacting H.R. 2098/S.1002, the Deliver for Democracy Act

These are all commonsense steps Congress can take to address what has been clearly a failed approach by USPS management. Steiner has a huge job ahead of him and will need all the help he can get.

Congress must act now to make sure the nation's next Postmaster General is not the last one.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 74122/2024 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST Plaintiff, vs MARIA IRIZARRY IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, JUAN A. 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Defendant(s) MORTGAGED PREMISES: 1 George Street White Plains, NY 10604 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Maria Irizarry, Juan A. Irizarry Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Robert S. Ondrovic of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifteenth day of May, 2025 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Maria Irizarry and Juan A. Irizarry dated the June 3, 2005, to secure the sum of \$360,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 451920412 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on July 13, 2005. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed October 25, 2022 and recorded on November 15, 2022, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 623183612. The mortgage was subsequently modified on October 17, 2023. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed March 29, 2024 and recorded on April 11, 2024, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 641023100. The property in question is described as follows: 1 George Street, White Plains, NY 10604 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: June 9, 2025 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 86097

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