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Meet Your 2024 Yonkers Idol & Junior Idol

America Watches as Latimer Trounces Bowman Cacace Wins District Attorney Dem Primary



Yonkers Idol Amanda Gentile, left and Junior Idol Madison Graves

Congratulations to the 2024 Yonkers Idol Amanda Gentile and Yonkers Junior Idol Madison Graves. Both Idols performed for the judges at Untermyer Gardens on June 15.

Yonkers Idol Amanda Gentile is a 19-year-old junior at Sacred Heart University. Junior Idol Madison Graves is a 12 years old student at PEARLS Hawthorne school.

This year's Junior Idol finalists were Madison Graves, Kristen Romero, Angelina Moreno, Molly Henry, Bethany Cherian And the Yonkers Idol finalists were Amanda Gentile, Abel Garcia and Jaelynn Wesley.

"Yonkers Idol is a way for our City to celebrate the incredible singing talent we have here in Yonkers," said Mayor Mike Spano. "As Mayor, every year I am blown away by the young singers' skills and I am eager to attend the finale showcase."

The Yonkers Idol winner (15-19 years old) and Junior Idol winner (10-14 years old) will hold the title for a year and win \$1000, courtesy of Untermyer Performing Arts Council Teresa Fund. The title also provides performance opportunities for various City of Yonkers ceremonies and events.

Thank you to all of our Judges and Vocal coaches who make Yonkers Idol what it is!



George Latimer on Election night

Westchester County Executive George Latimer won a decisive victory on June 25 in his quest to represent the 16th district of NY in Congress. Latimer soundly defeated incumbent congressman Jamaal Bowman in the democratic primary by a 58%-41% margin.

The Latimer-Bowman contest was the most expensive House primary in history, with more than \$25 Million spent between both campaigns and PAC's. This contest was also watched by the national media, and Americans

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Council President Collins-Bellamy Inducted Into Roosevelt High School Hall of Fame



Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy was inducted in the Roosevelt High School Wall of Fame on June 20. "It is with great honor and gratitude that I announce my induction into the Roosevelt High School Alumni Wall of Fame. Yesterday, I was surrounded by the unwavering support of my family, friends, colleagues, and the community as I received this prestigious recognition. I am truly thankful for the opportunity to be recognized for my achievements and contributions to the school community. This moment is not just a reflection of my hard work, but also a testament to the support and guidance I have received from those around me. I am proud to have represented Roosevelt High School and will continue to carry the values instilled in me throughout my journey. Thank you to everyone who has believed in me, including myself, for making this achievement possible."

St. Mary's Church: For Whom the Bell Tolls -see story on pg 14 by Patricia Vaccarino

Hispanic Community in Yonkers Rallies to Save St. Mary's Church



Aerial image of St. Mary's Church by Gary Lockett, Mosconi Photography

By Dan Murphy

A group of Yonkers residents submitted the following release concerning the future of St. Mary's Church. "Parishioners and residents of the city of Yonkers held a rally outside of Yonkers City Hall on June 25 to urge elected officials to take immediate action to accord landmark status to St. Mary's (Church of the Immaculate Conception). St. Mary's Church (The Church of the Immaculate Conception) is the oldest Roman Catholic parish in the city of Yonkers. Built in 1848, St. Mary's is often called the "Cathedral of the Hudson River Valley."

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Fair Play? The Battle Over Trans Athletes



By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

In recent years, the debate surrounding trans participation in sports has intensified, drawing passionate viewpoints from advocates and opponents alike. Cienna Rosalina, a trans woman from Yonkers, encapsulates one side of the argument succinctly, stating, "Let people play the sports they want. Nobody was having these conversations until trans people wanted to play sports. Let people play sports and enjoy their extracurricular activities. It's not that deep."

Conversely, Mills, a trans man hailing from New York, offers a different perspective: "To be honest, I think they should have their own category when it comes to sports because it's not fair. I'm going to speak up because I'm trans and it's not right."

Nekia Zulu echoes Mills' sentiments, adding, "I don't think trans women should compete in women's leagues. If we're on hormones, we're actually at a disadvantage. I can't keep up with biological women. They should allow us to have our own spaces."

The Human Rights Campaign emphasizes that transgender inclusion in sports does not threaten women's sports. Instead, the real threat lies in underfunding of women's sports by educational institutions. A recent USA Today report revealed a stark reality: colleges and universities consistently allocate significantly more resources to men's sports compared to women's, with disparities in funding for equipment, recruiting, and travel expenses across various sports.

According to the NYCLU, the legal landscape is also contentious. In Nassau County, Long Island, an executive order banning transgender girls and women from participating in girls' and women's sports was issued earlier this year. However, justice prevailed when the Nassau County Supreme Court ruled in favor of the NYCLU, striking down the executive order. Despite this victory, legislative efforts continue to resurrect such bans, prompting ongoing legal battles and community mobilization.

The debate over trans inclusion in sports often hinges on perceptions of fairness and competitiveness. Proponents argue that trans athletes should be allowed to compete according to their gender identity, supported by medical guidelines and hormone therapies that mitigate perceived advantages. Opponents raise concerns about fairness and the potential for cis women to be at a disadvantage due to perceived physiological differences.

It is crucial to note that all interviewees in this article identify as either trans men or trans women, offering firsthand perspectives on the complexities of this issue. Both sides of the debate are rooted in a desire for equity and inclusivity, albeit with divergent opinions on how best to achieve these goals within athletic competitions.

As discussions continue across legislatures, courts, and communities, the future of trans participation in sports remains a deeply contested terrain. Advocates emphasize the importance of respecting gender identity and challenging discriminatory practices, while opponents seek to uphold what they perceive as fairness in competitive sports. The path forward will likely involve ongoing dialogue, legal precedents, and evolving policies aimed at balancing inclusivity with competitive integrity in sports.

Dennis Richmond, Jr., an educator, historian, and writer, illuminates the experiences of Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ communities in Yonkers and NYC through his journalism. Stay connected with him by following @NewYork-Stakz on social media.

"This Doesn't Happen in Westchester"

Social Worker Dies After Beaten for Knocking on Wrong Door-Man to be Charged with Murder



God
Bless
Maria
Coto

By Dan Murphy

A Westchester Social Worker who was brutally beaten by a man for knocking on the wrong door during a home visit in a Peekskill apartment has died. Maria Coto, 56, was on life support at the Westchester Medical Center since the May 19th incident before her breathing tube was removed on June 19.

The Peekskill Police reported, "On 06/19/2024, Maria Coto died as a result of the injuries she sustained during this assault. Hassem Jenkins remains in the custody of the Westchester County Jail, where he awaits his next court appearance. Peekskill police detectives will continue to work collaboratively with the Westchester County District Attorney's office on this case, which is an ongoing investigation. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Peekskill police detective bureau immediately at 914-737-8000, or by email at arenwick@peekskillpolice.com. Anonymous tips may also be made at www.cityofpeekskill.com under the crime tips section."

Westchester County Executive George Latimer Issues Statement on Passing of Maria Coto "We are deeply heartbroken to learn of the tragic passing of Maria Coto. Maria was a dedicated employee of the Westchester County Department of Social Services, who was brutally attacked while selflessly performing her duties. It is enraging that someone whose life was devoted to helping others was viciously taken from her friends and family. We remember Maria for her warmth, courage and commitment to doing good and helping people."

Coto, a senior caseworker, was a member of CSEA, and her union members are distraught over her passing. "Maria Coto's life was cut short in a senseless and vicious attack simply because she was doing her job," said CSEA President Mary E. Sullivan. "Her loss is felt throughout CSEA and shall serve as a solemn reminder of how we need to continue to fight for worker safety."

"We are devastated by the passing of Maria Coto," said Westchester County CSEA Local President Hattie Adams. "We will in her memory continue to be committed to do everything possible in conjunction with the Westchester County Executive's office to educate and to assure our membership is safe while working to service the community. Our condolences go out to her CSEA family, co-workers, friends and family during this difficult time."

According to the criminal complaint, Jenkins "... repeatedly punch[ed] [Maria] Coto with his fists and did repeatedly kick Ms. Coto with heavy boots ... above the head and body causing Ms. Coto to sustain severe brain bleed, swelling of the brain, and multiple facial fractures ..." according to the complaint filed by the Westchester County District Attorney's office.

Westchester County District Attorney Mimi Rocah will be announcing that Jenkins will now be charged with Coto's murder at some point.

Jenkins had minor altercations with the law before this incident. He still has an outstanding case from an October 20, 2023, incident when he was charged with disorderly conduct and assault for an incident outside of the Field Library in Peekskill.

He was released and did not return for his court dates. On June 13 he appeared in Peekskill City Court for both cases and was met with a large number of Westchester Social workers who packed the courtroom.

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Westchester Corrections Officers Arrested, Charged with Accepting Bribes, Drug Smuggling



One of the corrections officer arrested was Shakia Smythe, left

Defendants allegedly received money from associates of incarcerated individuals to smuggle prison contraband into Westchester County Jail

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah and Westchester County Department of Correction Commissioner Joseph K. Spano announced today that Westchester County Department of Correction (WC-DOC) officers and civilian employees were arraigned on charges for accepting bribe payments and smuggling contraband to incarcerated

individuals at the Westchester County Jail in Valhalla. A civilian employee with the Mount Vernon Police Department was also arraigned earlier this month on charges for smuggling contraband into the Mount Vernon Police Department Cell Block.

DA Rocah said: "These defendants put their own interests above the safety of incarcerated individuals, employees, civilians, and other correction officers. Our jails become less safe when correction officers and others in position of public trust accept bribes to smuggle in contraband. We commend the Westchester County Department of Correction for working with my Office to ensure these individuals face serious consequences."

Commissioner Spano said: "The involved correction officers have disgraced the shield that they once wore and violated the trust we put in them to uphold the law and work with integrity. I thank DA Rocah and her team for the great work they did investigating these cases and our Major Case Squad for providing valuable assistance."

Five defendants were arrested by the DA's Office Criminal Investigators Squad on June 11 and arraigned before Judge Mark Rubeo on June 20 in Mount Pleasant Justice Court on the following charges:

Peter Cumberbatch, 39, of New Rochelle, a Westchester County correction officer assigned to the Westchester County Jail, was charged with Bribe Receiving in the Third Degree, a felony, and Promoting Prison Contraband in the Second Degree, a misdemeanor, for allegedly accepting an \$800 payment from an associate of an incarcerated individual in exchange for smuggling contraband into the jail in March 2023. Cumberbatch was suspended following his arrest and is being scheduled for an employment termination hearing.

Shakia Smythe, 32, of Peekskill, a Westchester County correction officer assigned to the Westchester County Jail, was charged with two counts of Bribe Receiving in the Third Degree and Promoting Prison Contraband in the Second Degree for allegedly accepting multiple payments, totaling more than \$500, from an associate of an incarcerated individual in exchange for smuggling contraband into the jail between June and August 2022. Smythe was suspended following her arrest and is being scheduled for an employment termination hearing.

Wilfredo Gonzague, 36, of Briarcliff Manor, a former Westchester County correction officer who was assigned to the Westchester County Jail,

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Congressman Latimer will Bring Dignity Back to Washington and NY 16

By Eric Wolf Schoen



Several weeks ago George Latimer, attending an event at the Yonkers Public Library Will Branch which doesn't draw thousands of people but draws people who will go out and vote asked me a question. 'Eric. You are out there in the community. What are you hearing about my race for Congress?' The polls had George up by 17 Points, a pretty nice number.

My response? 'George, I have been around this political game since the early 70's when I was too young to vote. I worked for family friends including Harry Oxman, Judge Jesse Eisen, Dominick (Brother) Iannacone and in 1978 when I turned 18 and could vote, Congressman Richard Ottinger.'

One thing I learned early on is that you never take anything for granted in the political world and elections, particularly. Dad had a friend named Abe Thompson who ran against the Icon, Senator John 'Chippy' Flynn. Dad told Abe he couldn't support him because Senator Flynn was a good friend of the family. Abe thanked dad for being honest. People would show up at Abe Thompson's campaign events, give him small donations and say they fully supported Abe. The next day these same people would show up at Chippy Flynn's political events, give him twice the amount of a donation, and include their names in an advertisement of Chippy Flynn's supporters that appeared in the Yonkers Herald Statesman, the paper now known as the Journal News!

I want to give credit to outgoing Congressman Jamaal Bowman. He talked about bringing people together? He sure brought a lot of people together to oppose his candidacy. This was true in Yonkers and many towns and villages throughout WESTCHESTER. He brought conservatives, liberals, Republicans, Democrats, union members, religious group members, the rich and the poor together, everyone opposed to his political philosophies and the 'Squad' company he would keep. People from little old Yonkers got turned off to the foul language he would use, and his trying to act like a man of the streets many years younger than he really was.

Heavens Jamaal, you are a member of Congress. Can you please for the rest of the time you are in office act like one. His district has been represented by such prestigious people like Elliot Engel, Nita Lowey, Richard Ottinger, Peter Peysner and Mario Biaggi. Biaggi, who despite his legal troubles would do anything for his constituents. None of these gentlemen would show up Election Night in a t-shirt, and Nita's hair was always coiffed and she wore a dress or dressy pants outfit when she was doing her Congressional duties or on the floor of the House of Representatives, pretty much whenever she was out in public.

Jamaal's vote against the Infrastructure Bill was a shocker to many. The bill would have improved our roadways and brought good paying jobs to the community. At first many of us thought that was the end of his doing things the people in the district did not want him to do. But it continued. His lack of support for Israel upset many of his Jewish and non Jewish constituents. He waffled on Israel and Jewish organizations were deeply concerned with his actions in Congress. Yes, many Jewish organizations contributed funds to his opponent, a

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Playland Summer Weekend Concerts to Include Partnership with the Capitol Theater and the Rock & Roll Playhouse



Starting July 6 to September 1, 2024, Playland is collaborating with the live music venue in Port Chester to present family-friendly entertainment every other weekend, including performances by The Rock and Roll Playhouse and Summer Sounds Concert Series

Get ready to rock this summer at Playland as the historic amusement park and waterfront destination announces a first-time partnership with The Capitol Theatre, also known as “The Original Rock Palace” headquartered in Port Chester, NY, to offer live music and entertainment at Playland’s Main Stage every other weekend from July to September. Whether taking on thrilling rides at the amusement park or soaking in the sun by the beach or pool, visitors can complete their day of recreation and relaxation by jamming out to fun, family friendly tunes.

“We are thrilled to be partnering with The Capitol Theatre to bring live musical performances that visitors from all generations can enjoy and appreciate. This collaboration is just one of the ways that Playland is working to grow its reach within the community through new and robust arts and culture programming. In addition to our diverse range of attractions, from the iconic amusement park to the beach and pool, arcade, dining locations, and more, Playland is constantly working to expand its offerings as part of our vision of being a place for exploration, culture and community,” said Evonne Keeler, CEO of Playland.

Programming will kick off on Saturday, July 6th at 7 pm with the Playland Summer Sounds Concert Series, presented by The Capitol Theatre, bringing the rhythms of rock and pop through dynamic live performances from a variety of cover artists and musical groups. Summer Sounds will continue at Playland every other Saturday at 7 pm until August 31st with headliners including 1 Wild Night – Bon Jovi Tribute; Jackknife Lori – 90’s Alt Rock Hits; Half Step – Grateful Dead Tribute; Damn The Torpedoes – Tom Petty Concert Experience; and Taylor’s Version – A Swiftie Dance Party.

In addition, starting Sunday, July 7th at 2 pm and continuing every other week until September 1st, Playland and The Capitol Theatre will present The Rock and Roll Playhouse, a family concert series that translates some of music’s most recognizable anthems into age-appropriate sing-alongs suitable for listeners of all ages, with classic titles from a variety of genres such as classic rock, new wave, pop, and pop-punk. The concert series will feature kid friendly covers of Queen, Talking Heads, Taylor Swift, Blink 182, and The Beatles, and more.

Guests can also enjoy a full season of fun with Playland’s 2024 All Access Season Pass, which includes admission to both concert series as well as unlimited access to the amusement park, pool, beach, lake paddle boats, free parking, and 10% off select products.

Live music is just one of the many offerings that visitors can take advantage of this season at Playland, located in close proximity to the Metro North station in Rye, NY. A number of additional experiences and special programming will debut this year, including weekly Friday and Saturday night fireworks starting June 28th, Stage Variety Shows, arts programming in collaboration with ArtsWestchester, outdoor movie nights under the stars, the Dragon Coaster’s 95th Birthday celebration, the return of the World’s Largest Rubber Duck, and so much more.

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Legal Aid Society of Westchester Opens New Training Center with Moot Courtroom



From left, New York Senator Shelley Mayer; Westchester County District Attorney Miriam Rocah; Legal Aid Society of Westchester Executive Director Clare J. Degnan; Chief Judge of the State of New York Hon. Rowan D. Wilson; Senior Associate Justice, Appellate Division, 2nd Dept. Hon. Cheryl E. Chambers; Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for Justice Initiatives Hon. Edwina D. Richardson; Legal Aid Society of Westchester Deputy Executive Director Sherry Wallach; County Board of Legislator Jewell Williams Johnson; Office of Indigent Legal Services Director Patricia Warth; and New York Assemblyman Chris Burdick

More than 200 members of the judicial and legislative branches of state and county government were on hand June 20 to celebrate the grand opening of the Legal Aid Society of Westchester’s (LASW) new Training Center in downtown White Plains.

Located at LASW’s headquarters at 150 Grand Street, the 6,337-square-foot Training Center features a cutting-edge Moot Courtroom, two spacious conference rooms, two offices, and three public areas: reception, kitchenette, and lounge which also double as breakout areas. A moot courtroom simulates a real court environment to give law students an opportunity to put their learning into practice.

The Training Center’s state-of-the-art technology is on par with that of the Federal Courthouses of the Southern District of New York. Utilizing the fully-integrated courtroom AV technologies of NOMAD AV Systems, the Moot Courtroom features four large screens that seamlessly connect to all other screens in the Center, including two LASW conference rooms.

A versatile space at the heart of the Training Center, the Moot Courtroom is a hub for trial advocacy training, a platform for attorneys to moot their trials in preparation, and a spacious lecture hall for training programs, including Continuing Legal Education (CLE) for attorneys. Its availability for use by legal organizations, bar associations, and community providers underscores its immense value and adaptability to various needs. One of the additional offices in the Training Center will house the Westchester Office of the Center for Community Alternatives.

“This Training Center came out of our mission to improve mandated representation across New York State, and particularly in the ninth Judicial District, which incorporates Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland counties. Our purpose is to provide training for all of the public defenders and Family Court representation within the ninth Judicial District,” said LASW Executive Director Clare J. Degnan.

“Young attorneys need to understand that they can be incredible advocates to stand up for their clients and push back at any injustices or biases. But the way to do that is to practice in an area that you’re comfortable with. That means you get comfortable in a courtroom like this. You can take that skill set outside and do what you need to do as a public defender in the real world,” said Degnan.

“I would like to especially thank our Deputy Executive Director Sherry Wallach for her tireless work and collaboration in helping to make this amazing new facility a reality,” said Degnan.

Degnan noted that the Training Center is not just for lawyers. It is for the entire community. “This Training Center provides opportunity and space to put on resource fairs where we can bring in members of the community that are providing support to the community members in multiple areas, such as mental health and substance abuse. There are many pilot programs throughout Westchester County that are alternatives to incarceration.”

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Westchester Disabled on the Move Celebrates 40th Anniversary

WDOM levels the playing field for people with disabilities



Westchester Disabled on the Move Executive Director Maria Samuels

Leading advocates for people with disabilities will come together on June 27 to help celebrate the 40th anniversary of Westchester Disabled on the Move (WDOM), an organization dedicated to advocating for the rights and empowerment of individuals with disabilities.

Since its inception in 1984, WDOM has been at the forefront of championing inclusivity, accessibility, and equality for people with disabilities in Westchester County and beyond. Whether acting as a watchdog on accessibility issues in schools, public transportation and public buildings or creating programs to help people with disabilities maintain their independence, WDOM has been a leader.

“For 40 years, WDOM has given a voice to people with disabilities,” said Maria Samuels, Executive Director of WDOM. “Many of our employees are people with disabilities so we understand what obstacles people face in their normal, day to day lives. We work with them to provide resources and solutions so they can remain independent and live their best lives.”

A series of events to celebrate starts on June 27 at its Annual Meeting from 2-3:30 pm at the Yonkers Riverfront Library. For more information about Westchester Disabled on the Move and its 40th-anniversary celebrations, please visit <https://wdom.org/> or call 914-968-4717.

WDOM is part of a national network of Independent Living Centers dedicated to independence and equal rights for individuals with disabilities. The programs and services of WDOM are free to consumers with disabilities and their families. WDOM has assisted thousands of clients during its 40 years, providing help applying for healthcare, housing, transportation and other services to keep them out of institutions and in the community.

They have helped people like Marcus Blacknall, 38, who after a tragic motorcycle in 2010 was forced to live in a nursing home. Through sheer persistence and the help of WDOM, Blacknall is now living independently, driving and living on his own and making progress adapting to his physical limitations.

“Westchester Disabled on the Move gave me back my life,” said Blacknall. “I was able to leave the nursing home within a matter of three months.”

Imani Carbin also received help from WDOM which assisted her in finding a safe, stable home for her and her young child. “Having them help me obtain an apartment for me and my son was the best thing that has ever happened to me,” said Carbin.

Dionne Meredith-Voltz’s daughter turned to WDOM when her 100-year-old mother was released from the hospital and needed help coordinating services for her return home. “I reached out the Westchester Disabled on the Move and it has been the best thing for myself and my mother that I have done,” said Tina Voltz-Bongar.

In addition to working directly with clients, WDOM advocates for changes in the law and enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a federal civil rights law that protects people with disabilities against discrimination and ensures access for people with disabilities. Jeremiah Frei Pierson, a White Plains Councilman and Attorney representing WDOM, called WDOM’s lawsuit against rideshare provide LYFT for violations of the ADA “incredibly brave.”

The Class Action Suit brought by WDOM is suing to get Lyft to remove its blocker that keeps riders from being able to order a wheelchair-accessible vehicle anywhere in the United States that Lyft operates. “Many organizations would back down from a multibillion-dollar company, but WDOMI had the courage to fight back against Lyft’s discrimination. WDOMI has already won some very significant legal victories in this case; we certified the case as a nationwide class action, and, in July, we are taking the case to trial. As proud as I am of WDOMI’s lawsuit against Lyft, WDOMI’s good work extends far beyond one court case..”

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



The Otis Elevator Plant, still doing business in Yonkers today

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

Monday July 1st

July 1, 1941: As suggested by Councilman James Sullivan at the Committee of the Whole, City Manager Whitney was asked to attempt to repurchase city lots at 777-779 McLean Avenue. Sullivan wanted to preserve the Ninth Ward baseball field and playground. Since the title already had transferred, the property had to be bought from owner Joseph Reitano, who wanted to build sixteen bowling alleys; today, the site is Coyne Park.

July 1, 1944: Yonkers temporarily stopped trash collection and turned to collecting tin cans “vitaly needed by the Government.” DPW Deputy Commissioner James Corbalis sent twenty-eight DPW trucks to collect “properly prepared tin cans” at curbside before eight o’clock in the morning.

July 1, 1954: A Fortune magazine article revealed Otis Elevator Company spent nearly \$750,000 modernizing and updating the company’s main weakness, “antiquated, high-cost manufacturing” of the Yonkers operation, calling the Yonkers plant a sprawling, multi-storied, “Nineteenth-Century-type job shop.”

The article also revealed not only had the “outdated” Otis company recently won a \$3 million contract for the Prudential Insurance Building in Chicago, it also was awarded the largest elevator contract in history, \$3.25 million to produce and install elevators and escalators in New York’s Socony-Vac Building.

Tuesday, July 2nd

July 2, 1927: The Yonkers Gold Star Mothers announced they would strongly contest any plans to move the Memorial to Yonkers Heroes of the World War from its site at Washington Park on South Broadway.

July 2, 1929: Major Abraham Tompkins, leader of Yonkers GAR contingency as Kitching Post Commander, passed away in his Linden Street home.

Born 1844, Tompkins moved to Yonkers in the early 1850s and worked with his dad William in a cabinet shop on Ashburton Place, crafting base and snare drums.

At start of the “War of the Rebellion,” Abraham entered the fray with a musician’s commission.

Tompkins great uncle Daniel, the NYS Governor who signed the 1817 bill ending slavery in the state by 1827, served as US Vice President for James Monroe.

Wednesday, July 3rd

July 3, 1781: General Lincoln and troops landed near Manor Hall with the aim of attacking the British works on Manhattan Island but were discovered.

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

Thursday, July 4th

July 4, 1845: Citizens of Yonkers presented Revolutionary War veteran Captain Joel Cook a gold medal celebrating his patriotic services in defense of liberty.

Cook tried to join the army at 16 when the Revolution began but was rejected on account of his age. Instead, he served a continental officer as a body servant until he was old enough to enter the ranks and bear arms for the remainder of the war.

This resident of Yonkers was guest of honor at the village Fourth of July banquet in 1845. Hon. W. W. Scrugan, later the first NYS Supreme Court Justice from Yonkers, presented Cook a gold medal with the following inscription on behalf of our village citizens:

“Presented to Capt. Joel Cook, by the citizens of Yonkers, in honor of his patriotic service in defense of liberty.

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Notice of formation of Studio Elise LLC filed with the SSNY on 04/05/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of processes to the LLC, 3 Ward Street, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Lee & Mazie's LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 04/02/2024 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : Lee & Mazie's LLC 1 Sherwood Terrace Apt 5D Yonkers, NY 10704 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of Formation of KW Services NY LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/30/24. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 875 King Street Chappaqua NY 10514. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Intentional Journey Psychotherapy, LCSW, PLLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 4/8/24. Office location: NY County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against PLLC to 1374 Midland Ave, Suite 410, Bronxville, NY 10708. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Northern Lights Massage Therapy PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 8/21/23. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 409 North Broadway Apt 38 Yonkers NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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strong candidate and a strong supporter of Israel. Relations between Blacks and Jews in our community were always strong, and the outgoing Congressperson tried hard to cause a break in a decades old friendship. Pulling a fire alarm was dangerous, unnecessary and upset Democrats and Republicans. That many feel was the icing on his cake!

Something I promised my Facebook friends that I would bring them was the 'Jamaal of the Day,' something that would show them the reality of the man who represented them from a position or statement he made that was out of order. That was easy, and quite often truly infuriated my Facebook friends even more. We are all so used to looking up to our elected officials as role models, and outgoing Congressman Bowman was certainly not.

I noticed the tide changing in George's favor the last several weeks of the campaign. As Michelle Obama said, 'When they go low we go high.' People who initially supported Jamaal were turned off to his antics. The chair in the air episode, the AOC freak show turned off not only people who were turned off to him already but many more. I'm talking about White, Black, Brown, Jewish, Christian, people from all backgrounds and faiths who believe that their Congressman should not behave the way he was. Most folks understand the prestige of Congressional office and respect those individuals who have taken the call to represent us in Washington, D.C. George went high, always a man of principle!

My black friends could not believe what they were seeing, so familiar with what they watched in person or saw on television or knew about the distinguished members of Congress. Cursing in front of children? Unacceptable to them. They were embarrassed. This is what changed their minds and they filled out the circle on the ballot for George. And I believe cost him the election.

I know that some of the good relationships I developed with people of all backgrounds, some who have been critical of my writing on certain topics may be upset with what follows. Just like I feel that there is a certain level of prestige and dignity that was not exhibited by the outgoing Congressperson, I feel the same way about the episode that took place at the Capitol as the Vice President got ready to certify the last election. The institution is so important, and I hate the embarrassment this country faced when people climb the walls of the Capitol and our Representatives must hide for fear of their lives. There was no need for that episode just like there was no need for Congresspersons to act out on a stage.

I fully believe that the people of this country and in our case NY 16 want a representative

in Washington that will do the business of Congress, come home on weekends to their district, be seen around the district, invite a cross section of opinions to discuss issues in their offices in district and in D.C. and provide constituent services with which the bureaucracy out there seem more important everyday. There are so many constituents who have no one to act on their behalf dealing with the federal bureaucracy. As Elliot Engel once told me, he kept most of the staff he had in his Bronx District Office as opposed to his Washington office so they could deal with the problems of his constituents.

My friend George Latimer has a tough job ahead of him. He has to restore the dignity of the office of Congressperson, a task I know he clearly can do. People called him some terrible names and accused him of things anyone who knows him knows are not true. George is as far from following MAGA philosophies as I am (someone called me MAGA in a Facebook room and I just laughed.)

We need you George to go to Washington, fight like hell for dollars for the district, support peace in the world, support Israel and push for peace in the Middle East, make sure our country is safe and that there is food we can afford on our table and gas at a reasonable price for our cars. Provide constituent services in district and make sure people in NY 16 see you and know they can meet with you and talk to you about issues important to them.

We don't need to see you on MSNBC or television every night to prove you are working for us. Try your hand at bringing the divergent groups who supported you together to work on common areas, and never forget those who did not support you!

And please Congressman Latimer, get some rest in Washington, DC and when you are here at home. I enjoy getting a text from you at 4:30 a.m. , but you have a tough job ahead. Text me at 5:30 a.m. I am so proud of all that our Editor, Dan Murphy did to support your candidacy. We look forward to writing about all of your accomplishments for the America People!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com, or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!

Pattern Bargaining: A One-Way Tool Against Labor OP-Ed By Neil Pellone Westchester COBA President

As the president of a labor union representing over 700 dedicated men and women, I have seen firsthand how the promise of pattern bargaining has been twisted into a one-way tool that municipalities use to undermine labor organizations and dismantle collective bargaining agreements.

Pattern bargaining, in theory, is meant to establish a standard of fairness. It's intended to create a benchmark for wages and working conditions that can be applied across similar sectors, ensuring that workers are treated equitably. However, in practice, we have found that these "patterns" are only embraced by management when they serve their interests, not ours. Municipalities across the country have adopted a strategic approach to pattern bargaining that is fundamentally unbalanced. When management perceives that a pattern will benefit them, such as setting a precedent for lower wage increases or reduced benefits, they invoke it as an ironclad rule. They point to other agreements and insist that our members must accept the same terms, claiming it is only fair to maintain consistency.

Yet, when the pattern would favor workers-such as when a neighboring municipality negotiates better wages, enhanced benefits, or improved working conditions-suddenly, the pattern is dismissed. Management argues that each situation is unique, that budgets are strained, or that other factors prevent them from matching those terms. The inconsistency is glaring and deeply frustrating for those of us fighting for fair treatment.

This selective adherence to pattern bargaining is a clear tactic to weaken unions. By setting lower standards and refusing to acknowledge higher benchmarks, municipalities are effectively using pattern bargaining as a weapon against labor organizations. It erodes our collective strength and undermines our ability to negotiate better conditions for our members. Pattern bargaining should be a tool for equity, not an excuse for austerity. It should ensure that workers in different municipalities receive comparable treatment, not serve as a mechanism for driving down standards. Our members are the backbone of our communities. They deserve contracts that reflect their hard work and dedication, not the bare minimum that can be justified by cherry-picking patterns that favor management.

We call on municipalities to honor the true spirit of pattern bargaining. If they are genuinely committed to fairness, they must apply patterns consistently, recognizing improvements in other agreements and working with us to elevate standards across the board. Only then can pattern bargaining be a force for good, rather than a one-way tool of oppression.

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was charged with three counts of Bribe Receiving in the Third Degree and two counts of Promoting Prison Contraband in the Second Degree for allegedly accepting payments, totaling more than \$2,000, from an associate of an incarcerated individual in exchange for smuggling contraband into the jail between September 2022 and February 2023. Gonzague was terminated from the WCDOC on Feb. 7, 2023

Sadari Holt, 30, of the Bronx, a former employee of a County-contracted vendor that provides commissary services to the Westchester County Jail, was charged with five counts of Bribe Receiving in the Third Degree and five counts of Promoting Prison Contraband in the Second Degree for allegedly accepting multiple payments, totaling more than \$1,500, from associates of two incarcerated individuals between December 2021 and April 2022. Holt's security clearance was revoked by the WCDOC on Apr. 4, 2022.

Shardae Moore, 35, of Yonkers, a former employee of a County-contracted vendor that provides commissary services to the Westchester County Jail, was charged with Bribe Receiving in the Third Degree for accepting a \$500 payment from an associate of an incarcerated individual in December 2023. Moore's security clearance was revoked by the WCDOC on Dec. 12, 2023.

Prior to these arrests, on May 20, the DA's Office Criminal Investigators Squad arrested Sean Rogers, 40, of Mount Vernon, a civilian jailor with the Mount Vernon Police Department, for allegedly delivering three cylindrical objects wrapped in electrical tape containing a leafy substance to an incarcerated individual awaiting a court appearance at the MVPD Cell Block on March 11.

Rogers was arraigned on the charge of Promoting Prison Contraband in the Second Degree before Judge Peter St. George Davis on June 3 in Mount Vernon City Court. His next court date is July 9.

The investigations into the incidents at the Westchester County Jail were conducted by the DA's Office Public Integrity and Law Enforcement Integrity Bureau and the WCDOC Major Case Squad. The investigation into the incident at the MVPD Cell Block was conducted by the DA's Office Public Integrity and Law Enforcement Integrity Bureau, the WCDOC Major Case Squad and the Mount Vernon Police Department.

The cases are being prosecuted by the Public Integrity and Law Enforcement Integrity Bureau of the Trials and Investigations Division.

The charges against the defendants are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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July 4, 1845.

At the Battles of Danbury, White Plains, Trenton, Stony Point, Springfield and Tippecanoe."

July 4, 1943: The US Army Air Corps presented a very special noon air show! Two P-47 thunderbolt fighter planes flew over our city! The sky show was arranged by Yonkers Savings Bank to generate enough war bond and stamp sales to finance a P-47 Thunderbolt; they had one week to sell \$13,000 more. This campaign was particularly important to the bank; a former Yonkers Savings Bank employee was a squad leader of fighting P-47s!

If successful, the Thunderbolt would be named "City of Yonkers, NY."

Friday, July 5th

July 5, 1781: French troops camped along the Sprain River.

July 5, 1923: After winning the contract to make carpets for the new liner Leviathan, Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company ran full speed to ensure the order was finished in time for the ship's trial run.

Saturday, July 6th

July 6, 1861: The Mozart Regiment of the Union Army, who trained and quartered at Yonkers, left by steamboat for Washington.

The 40th New York, mustered at Yonkers in 1861, was sponsored by the Union Defense Committee of NYC (Mozart Hall Committee) by special authority from the War Department.

Two men of the 40th New York earned the Medal of Honor; Sergeant Robert Boody of Company B carried wounded comrades from the field at the Battles of Williamsburg and Chancellorsville, and Private Henry Klein captured a Confederate flag at the Battle of Saylor's Creek.

The regiment mustered out June 27th 1865, after the Grand Review of the Armies.

July 6, 1929: Military salutes from veterans of three wars, volleys of rifle fire and taps, honored the late Major Abraham Tompkins, Kitching Post Commander, GAR, at his interment at Mount Hope Cemetery. His funeral at the Central Methodist Episcopal Church on Morris Street, was attended by many dignitaries, including congressmen, mayors, aldermen, judges and famed sculptor Isadore Konti.

Sunday, July 7th

July 7, 1924: George Milton, owner of North Broadway's Chocolate Shop, sent the very first box of candy by wire to another city. George was a member of the new Candygram Association, just a few weeks old.

July 7, 1942: Believed to be the first woman welder in Yonkers, Ann Del-Campo of Purser Place began working as a welder for the Habirshaw Cable & Wire plant at the foot of Point Street. DelCampo graduated from a welding course given by the Metro Welding Institute on Riverdale Avenue, the only female in the class.

Questions or comments on this column? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com.

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Westchester County Legislator Nancy Barr said that Westchester Disabled on the Move has worked with government, encouraging it to form advisory councils like one she formed with Maria Samuels that give people with disabilities a voice in helping to advise elected officials on what laws are needed and where funding is needed most. "WDOM's Executive Director Maria Samuels was instrumental in creating the County's Council for People with Disabilities, which provides information and advice to the Board of Legislators and the County Executive on behalf of people with disabilities, and I was proud to partner with her on this endeavor," said Legislator Barr.

Gail Cartenuto Cohn, President Emeritus of the WDOM Board, said that over the years the organization has championed a myriad of causes that has made life a little easier for people with disabilities including fighting for wheelchair accessible seating at movie theaters, accessible school drinking fountains, ATMs for the visually impaired and wheelchair users and access to transportation, polling locations, shopping centers, government buildings and more. "As WDOM celebrates its 40th year, I am filled with pride as the past Board President," said Cartenuto Cohn. "I remember the impact WDOM has made on the lives of people with disabilities in Westchester and continues to make through its programs, services and its advocacy."

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Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center Dedicates Anne Frank Tree in White Plains



Anne Frank Center USA CEO Dr. Lauren Bairnsfather with Fred and Tony Polak, left, next to Anne Frank tree and plaque



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Photo L to R: NY State Senator Shelley Mayer, Westchester County Executive George Latimer, NY State Deputy Director of Jewish Affairs Eva Wyner, NY State Assemblyman Chris Burdick, Anne Frank Center USA CEO Dr. Lauren Bairnsfather, Anne Frank Center USA Actor Olivia Konteatis, HHREC Board Chairperson Michael Gyory, HHREC Executive Director Millie Jasper, Fred Polak, Office of the County Executive Director of Research Ellen Hendrickx, Tony Polak, Chairman, Westchester County Board of Legislators Vedat Gashi.

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Anne Frank would have been 95 years old on June 12. On that same day the Human Rights Education Center in White Plains honored Anne by dedicating an Anne Frank Tree at Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center in White Plains.

The Sapling Project began in 2009 with the Anne Frank House in Amsterdam's efforts to preserve the original chestnut tree by gathering and germinating chestnuts and donating the saplings to organizations dedicated to Anne Frank's memory.

Over the last 10 years, Anne Frank Center USA has awarded saplings to sites across the United States, including the U.S. Capitol, the United Nations Headquarters, and others. Taken together, these trees form a living memorial with branches reaching from coast to coast.

"Where there's hope, there's life." - Anne Frank, June 6 1944. The tree can be found at 148 Martine Avenue.

One of the most recognizable and impactful Jewish victims of the Holocaust, Anne lived most of her life in Amsterdam and famously received a diary on her thirteenth birthday — just before she went into hiding with her family in 1942 to escape the Nazis. During the two years she hid in an attic, she wrote in her diary to pass the time. She wrote short stories and journaled about missing her friends, her fears, and the day-to-day experience of hiding. Unfortunately, her family's secret hideout was discovered and she was taken to Auschwitz, and later to Bergen-Belsen where she died at the age of 15.

Miraculously, her journal was saved and later published posthumously by her father, the sole family survivor. In spite of her tragically short life, Anne's personal and heartfelt writing has reached millions of people around the world. Anne was able to appreciate the beauty of life in the face of tremendous hate. Her bravery, perseverance, and perspective is awe-inspiring, and her impact will continue to touch the lives of many. May her #MemoryBeABlessing.

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Celebrate Hispanic Cultural Festival at Kensico Dam Plaza-July 7

Join us to celebrate Hispanic culture and traditions at the Hispanic Heritage Festival on Sunday, July 7 from noon to 6 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

County Executive George Latimer said, "Family, respect and loyalty are core values in the Hispanic way of life. Most valued is familismo, which is the concept that family should take priority over all other aspects of one's life. Hispanics are also known for their love of music, religion, and elaborate holiday celebrations. Come celebrate and learn about Hispanic culture at Kensico Dam Plaza!"

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor said, "Leave your passport at home. Come enjoy this family-friendly free event, listen to the upbeat music, try some Hispanic cuisine and learn all about Hispanic customs without having to travel abroad."

There will be dancing, arts & crafts, ethnic food, special activities for children health vendors, educational vendors and much more!

The festival will be held rain or shine. Seating is informal; bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the lawn. No coolers will be allowed. Admission and parking are free. Carpooling or taking mass transit is encouraged.

The other heritage festivals in the series are:

· Irish Sunday, July 14 Noon – 6 p.m. Ridge Road Park, Hartsdale (Admission: \$5 adults; free for ages 14 and under)*

· Italian Sunday, July 21 Noon – 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

· India Sunday, Aug. 4 Noon – 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

· Jewish Sunday, Aug. 18 Noon – 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

· Muslim Sunday, Aug. 25 Noon – 6 p.m. Kensico Dam Plaza, Valhalla

The Hispanic Heritage Festival is co-sponsored by Westchester County Parks, Westchester Hispano, Westchester Medical Center Health Network, Affinity by Molina Health Care, Brady Golberg Law and M&T Bank.

Kensico Dam Plaza is located at 1 Bronx River Parkway, Valhalla. More information or call (914) 864-PARK.

Please be advised that on July 7 the Bronx River Parkway will be closed for Bicycle Sundays from 8 a.m. to noon between Scarsdale Road in Yonkers and the Westchester County Center in White Plains. The park can be accessed via Route 22, from the north or south.

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REAL ID-Compliant Identification Will be Required for US Flights Beginning May 7, 2025-No Added Cost to New Yorkers for a REAL ID

The NYS Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) is joining a nationwide call to action, encouraging New Yorkers to get a REAL ID, as the federal REAL ID deadline is now only one year away. Beginning May 7, 2025, everyone flying in the US will need a REAL ID, Enhanced ID, Passport or another form of federally compliant identification to fly domestically and enter certain federal facilities.

To make this process as easy on New Yorkers as possible, the DMV has implemented several online tools such as a document guide and application pre-screening process to help them prepare. Two DMV mobile units will also travel to various locations throughout the spring, summer and fall so New Yorkers who have a valid Driver License, Permit, or Non-Driver ID can upgrade to a REAL ID or Enhanced ID without visiting their local DMV office.

“Now is the time to get a REAL ID or Enhanced ID rather than waiting until the last minute,” said DMV Commissioner Mark J.F. Schroeder. “I encourage New Yorkers to visit our website to find out what you need to apply and take advantage of DMV mobile units when they visit your region.”

Manhattanville College Sport Studies Program Announces Adrian Burgos as Speaker in Residence



Adrian Burgos

Manhattanville University’s Sport Studies Program announced its first Speaker in Residence for its National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) funded project “Sport Studies in the 21st Century: Amplifying the Latinx Experience in Curricula, Conversation, and Community,” Adrian Burgos, Jr., Ph.D., He will be in residence in October 2024, with his marquee public lecture taking place on October 21 at 6pm.

Dr. Burgos, Professor of History and Chair of the Department of History at the University of Illinois, specializes in U.S. Latino history, sport history, and urban history. His teaching, writings, and public engagement focus on Latino migrations in terms of racialization, urbanization, and labor in the United States. He is the author of the award-winning “Playing America’s Game: Baseball, Latinos, and the Color Line” (2007) as well as “Cuban Star: How One Negro League Owner Changed the Face of Baseball” (2011). He co-authored with Margaret Salazar-Porzio, “Pleibol! In the Barrios and Big Leagues” (2020). He was the founding editor-in-chief of “La Vida Baseball,” a multi-platform digital brand focused on Latinos and baseball from a cultural lifestyle perspective. He has written for MLB.com, “Memories and Dreams,” and “Baseball Prospectus,” and was a contributor to sportingnews.com. The subject of a 2016 Big Ten Network documentary “Playing America’s Game,” Dr. Burgos has appeared on ESPN, MLB Network, and NPR, as well as national and local programs discussing Latinos, baseball, and race. He served as a consultant on the Smithsonian’s “Pleibol!” exhibit and the National Baseball Hall of Fame’s “Viva Baseball” exhibit, and as a program advisor for numerous documentaries, including Bernardo Ruiz’s “Roberto Clemente” and Ken Burns’ “The Tenth Inning” and “Jackie Robinson.”

Dr. Burgos’s residency is the first in this groundbreaking three-year project that aims to explore the multifaceted social, political, historical, and cultural aspects of sport within Latinx communities. This award is one of five given as part of the NEH’s 2023 Humanities Initiatives at Hispanic-Serving Institutions competition. The university earned a designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education, which recognizes the campus’ significant Hispanic population.

Manhattanville’s Sport Studies faculty — Amy Bass, Ph.D., Seth Tannenbaum, Ph.D., and Samantha White, Ph.D. — conceived the award-winning project and serve as project directors. Founded in 2013, Manhattanville’s unique interdisciplinary Sport Studies program is the fastest growing major (and one of the largest) in the School of Arts and Sciences, with courses that range from “Sport Communication and Media” to “Sport and Social Change” to “Fundamentals of Team Sports.” The NEH-funded project seeks to address gaps in the field of Sport Studies, making stronger connections with the broader fields of Latinx and American Studies. By focusing on the impact of Latinx athletes and the role of sport in Latinx communities, the project aims to rectify the underrepresentation in this vital area of study.

The speaker-in-residence series, featuring renowned scholars in sport and Latinx studies, is the core of this initiative. The speakers will be in short residencies at Manhattanville over the course of the next three years, working with students, faculty, and members of the wider community through a series of lectures and interdisciplinary learning clusters, building upon the strong collaborative nature of the Sport Studies major. The university’s archivist, Lauren Ziarko, will preserve the proceedings both online and in the university’s library, available for broad future use.

Dr. Bass, Professor of Sport Studies and Chair of the Division of Social Science and Communication, expressed her excitement to be hosting Dr. Burgos, “I am thrilled to be hosting someone of Dr. Burgos’s stature at Manhattanville, enabling students, faculty, and staff a chance to learn from his expertise. We welcome the broader community to take part, particularly in his public lecture.”

“Manhattanville University offers a high-quality liberal arts education to students in the heart of the Hudson Valley,” said Senator Kirsten Gillibrand. “I’m a proud advocate for the National Endowment for the Humanities, and I commend Manhattanville University for its agility in implementing this resource to bring Dr. Adrian Burgos to campus. I look forward to seeing the speaker-in-residence project flourish, and hope it may serve as a model for future projects to come.”

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Weekend Events at Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, JUNE 29

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

Patterns In Nature Exhibition, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Explore the mesmerizing tapestry of patterns that can be found everywhere in this interactive exhibit and flower show. Saturdays and Sundays until August 31.

Westchester County Center, White Plains: (914) 995-4050

Undiscovered Realm Comic Con, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Also: June 30, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

Glacial Geology Hike, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Hike the Croton Point shore with the county naturalist to learn about the forces that created the Lower Hudson Valley landscape. Meet at Pavilion 1; for ages 6 and up; of moderate difficulty; wear sturdy shoes.

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Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Every Saturday through November.

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The Bronx River Parkway

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A portion of the parkway is closed to cars for the exclusive use of non-motorized bicyclists and scooters, as well as in-line skaters, walkers and joggers. Runs through July (8 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.) and resumes Sept. through Oct. 6

Latimer Wins, continued from pg 1-

woke up the day after the primary to learn more about George Latimer.

How did Latimer do it? By using his political playbook that he has used to win again and again and yes again in elections over four decades. Latimer was known and respected by a supermajority of Westchester democrats, and those democrats (and a few republicans) worked for his election and made donations.

While Bowman was on the Colbert Show in Manhattan, Latimer was at a neighborhood association meeting in Yonkers, Bowman's home turf.

Latimer has done something in Westchester that is unheard of in today's nasty political climate. He has earned the trust of the people he has been elected to represent. Latimer won Westchester by a 63%-37% margin. Bowman won the Bronx with over 80%, but most of the 16th Congressional district is made up of Westchester.

Along with Latimer's political skills, Bowman controversial stances on Israel played a role in his defeat. Westchester County is home to one of the largest Jewish-American communities in the country. The NY Times wrote how, "centrist Jewish voters flocked to him."

Latimer received a massive boost to his campaign from outside PAC's, most notable AIPAC, who helped steer donors to contribute to his campaign, and for paying for \$17 Million in TV ads through the United Democracy Project, UDP.

Most interesting were the nature of the TV ads. None featured Bowman's stance on Israel, but his vote against President Biden's infrastructure, Bowman's pulling of the fire alarm, and positive ads on Latimer.

Other groups like Westchester Unites (Teach Coalition), DMFI, and Fairshake (Crypto companies) added additional volunteers on the ground and with mail-TV.

"Rep. Bowman embraced his anti-Israel record that he built both before and since October 7, and expressed anti-Israel views that were deeply out of touch with his constituents and the mainstream of the Democratic Party," said the UDP.

"Congressman Bowman made anti-Israelism the centerpiece of his campaign in a deep-blue district, and his constituents voted to oust him in favor of George Latimer, who earned our endorsement with his strong support for the U.S.-Israel relationship and the broader Biden-Harris agenda. DMFI PAC Chairman Mark Mellman

"Pro-Israel activists strongly supported George Latimer — a progressive Democrat who is firmly committed to standing with Israel as it battles Iranian terrorist proxies. Voters rejected his opponent's vituperative barrage of scurrilous attacks against the pro-Israel community. The outcome in this race once again shows that the pro-Israel position is both good policy and good politics — for both parties," said AIPAC.

Bowman becomes the first member of the Ultra-Progressive "Squad" of seven house democrats to lose their seat. AOC and Bernie Sanders came to Bowman's rescue last weekend but couldn't save his campaign. AOC easily won her democratic primary in NYC over Irvington resident Marty Dolan, 80%-20%.

"We have to fight to make sure we do not vilify each other, and that we remember we are all Americans. We have serious issues to deal with, from climate change to immigration. We will argue and we will debate, but we must come together and understand the necessary for unity," said Latimer, whose pivotal triumph paves the way for the next chapter of his campaign for Congress, which will culminate on November 5, 2024. Latimer does have a republican opponent in Miriam Flisser, who ran two years ago and got 36% of the vote against Bowman.

In a press release that claimed Bowman Falls Just Short (17 points?), Bowman states, "Our community isn't done fighting." Does that mean that Bowman will continue to run on the Working Families Party line in November?

In Westchester's other marquee political primary, Susan Cacace won the democratic primary for District Attorney with 60% of the vote. William Wagstaff was second with 30%, and Adeel Mirza, who had gotten out of the race, got 10%. Cacace touted her experience, as a prosecutor and judge, which contrasted with Wagstaff's lack of experience.

Finally, Assemblywoman MaryJane Shimsky won her democratic primary over former Assemblyman Tom Abinanti. Shimsky got 60% of the vote.



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An official application has been submitted to the Yonkers City Council to accord landmark status to St. Mary's Church. The city of Yonkers Landmark Preservation Board unanimously accepted the application to landmark the church on April 3, 2024.

The application has been reviewed by the city of Yonkers Planning Board, who also unanimously approved it.

The Archdiocese of NY has alleged that the church structure is in need of \$10 million to repair the structure. Private Engineers agree that the church structure is in need of repair, but the \$10 million estimate is grossly exaggerated.

The Archdiocese of NY banned St. Mary's Parish Council and its parishioners from engaging in fundraising activity to make repairs to the church.

The Archdiocese of New York has recently decreed that Mass in Spanish will no longer be said, thereby alienating its many Hispanic parishioners, who believe St. Mary's Church is a sacred place.

Parishioners assert that the Archdiocese of NY, through its representatives, has been lobbying the Yonkers City Council and the Mayor of Yonkers to stall, delay, and ultimately deny giving landmark status to St. Mary's Church.

The Archdiocese of New York has decreed that St. Mary's Church will be merged with St. Peter's/St. Denis, a parish already at capacity.

In the absence of a landmark decision, parishioners are concerned St. Mary's Church will be sold by the Archdiocese of NY, and subsequently demolished.

St. Mary's sits on .52 acres. If the Archdiocese were to sell the church site, they would fetch a good price from commercial real estate developers.

The Archdiocese of NY has recently suffered a financial setback. The New York state appeals court has found that its insurer for the Archdiocese of New York, Chubb Insurance entities, can move forward with their attempts to remove their liability for paying settlements against the Archdiocese of NY.

St. Mary's Church has been a major part of the Yonkers community for over 175 years. The church is a sanctuary for people of diverse backgrounds, united by their faith. Tonight, the Yonkers catholic community, many of whom are Hispanic, will come together in solidarity to demand that the Mayor of Yonkers, Mike Spano, and the seven members of the Yonkers city council, vote in favor of designating St. Mary's as a landmark, with no further delay.

Editor's Note: While the Landmarking of St. Mary's was not on the agenda for their June 26 meeting, every summer the council calls a special meeting, and it is believed that the Landmarking vote will be held then.

In April, the New York Supreme Court's Appellate Division, ruled that claims filed by Chubb against the Archdiocese of NY, claiming that the archdiocese had prior knowledge of sex abuse cases filed against Archdiocese staff under the Child Victims Act, can proceed.

Look for both parties to continue to litigate this in court for a long time.

The archdiocese wrote the following response to Chubb's attempts not to pay settlements. "Chubb Insurance Companies have continued their recent reprehensible practice of making false and misleading statements in their ongoing effort to walk away from their contractual obligations to provide insurance coverage in sexual abuse lawsuits brought under the Child Victims Act (CVA). Their latest claims have come regarding the April 23, 2024 New York First Department Appellate Court decision permitting Chubb's declaratory judgment action against the Archdiocese of New York to proceed.

"The Chubb lawsuit makes the absurd and unfounded claim that the Archdiocese of New York "expected or intended" the sexual abuse that allegedly occurred in the lawsuits filed against it. The archdiocese will continue to vigorously oppose this false claim by Chubb. Chubb's actions have also led to fear-mongering in the press, pushing the idea that the archdiocese will now need to declare bankruptcy. Although Chubb's business model is apparently to seek to drive their own customers into bankruptcy to settle claims at a discount, the archdiocese has repeatedly stressed that it has no intention of declaring bankruptcy.

"The decision by the First Department simply permits the Chubb lawsuit to proceed, and there has been no judicial determination regarding Chubb's allegations. It must be noted that Chubb is continuing to defend the archdiocese and its additional insured organizations in the CVA lawsuits covered under its insurance policies, and Chubb is obligated to continue doing so while this litigation is pending. Under the Chubb policies purchased by the archdiocese, Chubb is also obligated to indemnify the archdiocese and its additionally insured organizations for these CVA claims, an obligation Chubb seeks to avoid through this specious lawsuit.

"The archdiocese has repeatedly made clear its desire to compensate victim-survivors who have meritorious claims, no matter how hard Chubb tries to walk away from its legal, moral, and contractual obligations. Chubb is the obstacle standing between a just resolution for victim-survivors and the compensation they seek.

"For many decades prior to 2000, the Archdiocese of New York purchased from Chubb Insurance Companies general liability insurance coverage, including coverage for sexual misconduct claims, for itself and the parishes, schools and archdiocesan charitable organizations. Insurance premiums paid by the archdiocese to Chubb for those many years, if invested conservatively, would today be valued at over \$1.4 billion. It is clear that protecting its bank accounts has become Chubb's sole guiding principle," end of Archdiocese statement.

The Archdiocese did release a letter to parishioners about the merger between St. Mary's and St. Peter/ St. Dennis parishes. The three page document is a decree signed by Cardinal Timothy Dolan. Parishioners and residents have appealed that decision through a canonical appeal. If the Archdiocese does not respond to the appeal, the group can appeal with the papal authority in Rome. Many parishioners are not willing to go to St. Peter/St. Denis, a church that is overcrowded and unable to absorb the overflow from St. Mary's

A group of concerned parishioners and St. Mary's alumni have formed a non-profit, St. Mary's Friends, to raise money for capital repairs. A website will be up soon at www.stmarysfriends.org. The non-profit organization St. Mary's Friends is working to ensure the preservation of St. Mary's (Church of the Immaculate Conception) Yonkers, New York. The mission of the organization is to save the church, so parishioners can continue to express their faith. We have been instrumental in filing an canonical appeal to stop the archdiocese from merging St. Mary's Parish with St. Peter's/St. Denis. We are working to gain landmark status from the city of Yonkers for both the external as well as internal physical structures. We are also working to submit an application for the National Historic Registry. We are also working to raise the funds necessary for building preservation and maintenance, including, but not limited to, the pursuit of grant opportunities and the launch of a capital campaign, to ensure the integrity of the buildings for future generations. We will work to preserve the church buildings, not only as a place for mass, but as a chapel or a shrine, where people can pray. It is our aim to protect the legacy of St. Mary's Church as an enduring beacon and Sacred Space of the Roman Catholic faith in the city of Yonkers.

Letter to the Editor:

BOMB THREATS & SABOTAGE—

Millions of people have seen Shun Yun Performing Arts- a Chinese Dance Company whose breath taking costumes and dance, reflecting traditional Chinese culture has shaken the foundation of Beijing's control over the cultural narrative.

The performers are all Chinese artists who fled their country because of religious persecution for their belief in Falun Gong.

This is an ancient Chinese spiritual practice consisting of slow moving exercises and spiritual improvement based on the principals of truthfulness compassion and tolerance.

A former head of China's Communist party started his persecution of the dance group in 1999 after his government surveys estimated that 70 to 100 million people were practitioners -figures that outnumbered the Party's membership at that time.

So far, China's efforts have been

(1) slash the tires of the groups busses to a point where they would not deflate, but, once they were loaded, and underway, the tires would rupture, causing a serious accident,

(2)-Chinese consulates in the U.S. have sent bomb threats to theatres where the group was slated to appear,

(3)-There have also been emails sent to the group smearing their reputations,

(4)-The group was threatened by a customs official at O'Hare International Airport.

Human Rights groups have also estimated that millions of Faun Gong followers have been arrested, tortured, and killed in China.

We have the FBI who is supposed to put a stop to this kind of terrorism-where are they.???

Joe Pettit
Yorktown Heights

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Jenkins attempted murder-soon to be murder charge was transferred to county court in White Plains. Coto ran from Jenkins apartment, but he followed her screaming, "I'm going to kill you. I'm going to kill you b**ch. I'm going to kill you b**ch," the neighbor said.

One of Maria's family wrote to us, "All that my cousin did was knock on the wrong door, and she was taken from us for that? Mental illness is a ticking time bomb. Help us Jesus. This type of crime doesn't happen in Westchester. She didn't deserve it."

"The key to the future of the world, is finding the optimistic stories and letting them be known."— Pete Seeger

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St. Mary's Church, Yonkers: For Whom the Bell Tolls, Part One

By Patricia Vaccarino

St. Mary's Church (The Church of the Immaculate Conception) is the oldest Roman Catholic parish in the city of Yonkers. More than an ordinary church, St. Mary's is often called the "Cathedral of the Hudson River Valley." And for good reason. Humble but elegant, the church is larger and grander than any other Catholic church in Yonkers.

The church building is a study in contrasts. Delicate stained-glass windows are small but of great depth, and receive maximum light. Massive stones appear to float as if they are weightless. Towers girded with great strength, in the form of octagonal spires, seemingly touch the sky.

More than a place, St. Mary's is the heart and soul of a city that has always championed immigrants. The church was built in 1848 on the backs of the working class. During the 1830s, skilled laborers had already moved to Yonkers to work on the Croton Aqueduct. These laborers, mainly Irish immigrants, built the church, block by block from stones similar to those found in Roman ruins. This church was meant to stand the test of time.

But right now the church is under wraps and slated to close its door on July 1, 2024.

The church is not crumbling and no incidents of falling debris have been reported. Yet, a few months ago, a sidewalk shed was installed—protective scaffolding—to protect pedestrians. The ominous-looking scaffolding is the bellwether of things to come. The Archdiocese of New York claims the church needs \$10 million worth of repairs.

No one can understand how the Archdiocese arrived at this estimate.

It all began with a simple celebration. Archbishop Timothy Michael Dolan was slated to visit the church last December to celebrate the church's 175th anniversary. Many preparations were made, anticipating the Archbishop's visit for the Anniversary Mass on December 9, 2023.

St. Mary's Parish Council Member Isidoro Acevedo vividly recalls the details leading up to the Archbishop's Anniversary visit. He mentioned to Father Anthony (Rev. Anthony Columba Ekanem, MSP) that the steps facing St. Mary's on South Broadway were not even and that they should look into repairing them.

A construction company (hired by the Archdiocese) came to give an estimate for repair. Then the property insurance company (also hired by the Archdiocese) unexpectedly showed up. "The insurance company looked at the chimney that is above the rectory and saw cracks," Acevedo said. "We needed to make an emergency repair to make sure nothing falls."

Acevedo recalled that everyone involved with the anniversary celebration thought the repairs needed to be made to the church were minor. "Everyone donated fifty dollars for the scaffolding," he said. "The Archbishop came and said wonderful things about St. Mary's, noting that it was the first church in the United States to be designated as 'The Church of the Immaculate Conception.'"

So, it came as a huge surprise when the Archdiocese informed the Parish Council that St. Mary's church would be closing its doors.

The prospect of closing any church makes grown men and women weep. News of the impending closure quickly traveled far and wide, resulting in a rash of broken-hearted comments in interviews on Broadcast TV and on social media. Parishioners from the past and present rallied to save the church.

Parishioner Robert Lynn said, "The church gave me the faith that I still have to this day, and the education that led to my MBA." He gets all choked up when he recounted that it was St. Mary's where he gave the eulogy for his grandmother, grandfather, and later, his mother.

Sarah Barysaukas specified the exact pew where her grandmother sat while attending noon mass every day in the church where she was first baptized, later married, and was ultimately buried. Now living in rural New Hampshire, Sarah Barysaukas' voice quavered when she said that this church is the only place where she has felt the presence of God.

Retired engineer Anthony Kunny spoke of the deep connections with the church that have been present his entire life. "It's a source of spiritual comfort to me and the other parishioners."

There are thousands of people with deep ties to St. Mary's who feel a sense of loss and devastation. But this is nothing new. Closures of Catholic churches in the United States are commonplace, especially on the East Coast and in the Midwest.

The reasons for closing a Catholic church are manifold: not enough parishioners, too little money, too few priests, and declining birth rates—those are the obvious reasons. Yet, in some instances, the true reasons for closing a church might be kept hushed and hidden behind the scenes.

Originally the St. Mary's church community was composed of Irish immigrants. Later came the Italians, Portuguese, Germans, Poles, Czechs, and Slovaks. The population has evolved through the years to mirror the latest waves of immigrants. Masses today are said in Arabic, Spanish and English.

Caesar Quadra, Chairperson of St. Mary's Parish Council, noted that "St. Mary's is a church that helps immigrants. The focus is on providing food and clothing, and reaching out to the new influx of immigrants who are asking for help."

In 2008, the church hosted the Mexican Consulate to assist undocumented immigrants who were searching for work. Dr. Matel Hassan, Assistant Principal at Roosevelt High School, said, "The church expected a handful of people to form a line to get into St. Mary's Parish Hall."

Instead 500 men and women, some with babies, sought valid Mexican passports from the Mexican consulate. Over the next six days, thousands more received proper documentation and completed the applications to get on the road to U.S. citizenship.

"The church is an immigrant community," Dr. Hassan said. "It has always been an immigrant community."

The church also serves the city's large Arab Catholic community. St. Mary's is home to the Good Shepherd Church, a parish within a parish. Predominantly an Arabic community, The Good Shepherd Church follows the Archdiocese of New York, but also follows the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem—that is where their priest, who is Arabic-speaking, comes from.

Dr. Hassan also serves on the Parish Council. "The church represents stability in a very unstable world. It's been our constant reminder, there is hope and there is faith." She said that she reviewed the remarks of what Archbishop Dolan had made during his visit this past December. He had referred to the church as the "Cathedral on the Hudson."

The Archbishop did not address the history of the church, rooted in the countless immigrants who had built Yonkers, and who have never stopped coming to the city.

On multiple occasions, the Archdiocese has clarified it was not "closing" St. Mary's and would still open the church building for funerals. In the public meeting held January 17th in St. Mary's Parish Hall, the Archdiocese—through its administrative representatives—again clarified that it was not closing the parish. The parish of St. Mary's would merge with St. Peter/St. Denis located farther south on Riverdale Avenue.

But in the audience, concerns ran the gamut. The prior merger of St. Peter and St. Denis meant that church was already at capacity and lacking the comfort and familiar continuity of attending mass at St. Mary's.

There was still the question of what would happen to the building. The \$10 million estimate to repair the building continued to raise eyebrows. Engineers, designers, and architects from the parish stepped forward.

John Adely inspected bridges for the NYS Thruway Authority for more than twenty-five years. Specializing in design analysis and construction, he now owns his own consulting company.

Adely reviewed the report and offered an opinion based on his professional experience.

"The estimated cost is too much for the proposed work," he said. "There is no mention of any structural deficiency. You know, looking at mortar joints, missing, degraded, spooling and cracked stone—this is normal for a building of this age."

Civil Engineer Anthony Kunny prepared his own report related to the building's repair. He noted that the building façade is in bad condition, but the structure is sound. Kunny questioned the lack of an itemized breakdown of costs for each phase of repair and the determining factors that would affect overall cost. He also questioned the professional experience of the company that had prepared the \$10 million estimate. He sent his report to the Archdiocese, but they have not yet responded.

Adely said relying on one plan was out of the bounds of industry protocol. The Archdiocese had an obligation to provide at least three estimates based on three design plans. "We asked them for three estimates and since then I haven't heard anything."

Anthony Kunny, John Adely, and others are of the same opinion that the work can be done in phases, which would allow the parish to raise the funds over the next few years to complete the needed work.

But there will be no phases of work performed because the Archdiocese has barred the Parish Council from raising money to repair the building. Parish Council Chairperson Caesar Quadro was told by Archdiocesan Vice Chancellor Eileen Mulcahy that the council could not plan or organize a fundraiser without archdiocesan approval.

"So, our hands are tied," Quadro said. "Even though we have the desire to work to save the church, we can't do it because we'll be breaking the rules."

Parish Council Member, Isidoro Acevedo, was also told not to raise funds to repair the church. "We had a meeting with the Vice Chancellor Eileen Mulcahy to talk about raising funds to start Phase One, so we can pay the \$1.8 million to do the repairs and remove the scaffolding."

During the meeting with the Vice Chancellor, Acevedo was told that the Parish Council was not allowed to do fundraising. "They told us, before we could do fundraising, we need to have \$5 million in the bank—cold cash. And we need to have the promises for another \$2.5 million. So, unless someone writes a check for \$5 million, they are not allowing us to start raising funds."

There is confusion as to why the Archdiocese is so adamant about closing the church instead of allowing the Parish Council to create an action plan for raising the funds to repair the church.

Dr. Hassan stated, "I think we've gotten so much, so many different stories because each time we meet with them, I don't think they expected us to be as smart, and I hate to say it that way, but in my heart I believe (this is not necessarily the opinion of the parish, just my own). I really believe that they walked into a black and brown community and thought, 'they'll never figure it out.'"

Acevedo noted that after the Parish Council was given the go ahead to work on a new proposal with help from engineering and design experts in the church community, Vice Chancellor Elaine Mulcahy called for an emergency meeting during the Wednesday of Holy Week. No one wanted to meet because it was Holy Week, but the Archdiocese insisted on the meeting. At the last minute, Vice Chancellor Elaine Mulcahy got sick and cancelled the meeting.

Dr. Matel Hassan noted that people in Yonkers appreciate what St. Mary's brings to the overall community. "To close it, to get rid of it, to demolish it, or whatever it is they plan on doing, ruins the neighborhood. The church was built for the immigrants—they needed a place to go."

Historically speaking, the church building itself commands attention. The building's architecture, designed in the Richardsonian Romanesque style, is clearly evident of 19th Century American history. The building's architect, Lawrence J. O'Connor, built many churches, rectories, and convents throughout the New York Metropolitan area.

Another notable example of Mr. O'Connor's work is The Church of St. Agnes, located in midtown Manhattan. While this church was badly damaged by fire, it has since been restored, using its original architectural elements.

Dr. Matel Hassan, along with another Parish Council Member Dr. Sandy Hattar, moved forward to protect the church by preparing an application to landmark the building.

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MOVIE & CONCERT SCHEDULE

| MOVIES AT DUSK | | | |
|----------------|----------------------|--------|-----------------------------------------|
| DATE | MOVIE | RATING | LOCATION |
| June 28 | Grease | PG | Untermeyer Park - North Broadway |
| July 5 | Little Mermaid | PG | Fitzpatrick-Tompkins Park - Bolmer Ave. |
| July 12 | Happy Feet | PG | Culver Park - Culver Street |
| July 19 | Trolls Band Together | PG | Georgia Avenue Park - Georgia Ave. |
| July 26 | Wonka | PG | Kinsley Park - Park Avenue |
| August 2 | Elemental | PG | Fay Park - Depeyster Street |
| August 9 | Barbie | PG-13 | Kardash Park - Bretton Road |
| August 16 | Migration | PG | Wascisko Park - Agar Street |
| August 23 | Kung Fu Panda 4 | PG-13 | Trevor Park - Warburton Avenue |

| MUSIC 7:00 - 8:30 PM | | | |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| DATE | BAND | MUSIC GENRE | LOCATION |
| July 11 | Annette A. Aguilar & Stringbeans | Latin/Brazilian Jazz | Lennon Park - Lake Avenue |
| July 18 | McLean Avenue Band | Music & Dance Show Band | Welty Park - Barton Road |
| July 25 | Orquesta Trombonazo | Latin/Salsa | Lincoln Park - South Broadway |
| August 1 | Therapi Band | Dance/Reggae/Steel Drum | Stefanik Park - Nepperhan Avenue |
| August 8 | Showtime Dance Band | Music & Dance Show Band | Coyne Park - McLean Avenue |
| August 15 | Steve Maglio | Sinatra Tribute | Untermeyer Park - North Broadway |
| August 22 | The Men of Soul | Soul/R&B | Cerrato Park - Riverdale Avenue |
| August 29 | Disco Night at the Rink | Disco/Dance | E.J. Murray's Skating Center - Tuckahoe Road |
| August 30 | Guss Hayes Band | Irish/Folk/Pop | Redmond Field - Cook Avenue |

Rain Site for all Music is at E.J. Murray's Skating Center at 348 Tuckahoe Road.



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SUMMER KICKOFF RIVERFRONT FESTIVAL

FREE! Saturday June 29th 12-5pm

Habirshaw Park — Yonkers YPRC.org

— (Rain Date: Sunday, June 30) —

Saturday June 29th, 12-5pm (Rain date June 30 12-5)

Hosted by YPRC, Beczak Environmental Center and Sarah Lawrence CURB Free kayaking, seining, arts and crafts, free food and music, raffle prizes, tabling from local community groups, and more.

Location: Habirshaw park Parking on-site is limited but street parking is available in the surrounding downtown Yonkers area as well as in nearby parking lots, in addition to the Yonkers MNR stop two blocks away.

Note: Also at this festival, the Westchester Coalition For Clean Water will announcement its formation. WCCW has been working quietly, meeting with Westchester Municipal Officials Association, WMOA, The County Executive and members of his staff, Teatown's Environmental Leaders Learning Alliance, ELLA, and select County Legislators and Assembly members over the last six months discussing clean water in all of Westchester's waterways, all culminating in this weekend's formal announcement.

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WEST-CHESTER

AJAX MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2021-G, MORTGAGE-BACKED SECURITIES, SERIES 2021-G, BY U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE, Plaintiff, -against- AMELIA LORETONI; 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 generally or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the 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; CLAIRE DISAPIA; FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA – INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE and NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE Defendants. Index No.: 63664/2023 D/O/F: July 13, 2023 THE BASIS OF VENUE IS THAT THE PROPERTY IS SITUATED IN SAID COUNTY. TO THE ABOVE- NAMED DEFENDANTS: 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 Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. This supplemental summons and amended complaint are being filed pursuant to Order of the Court dated May 10, 2024. Dated: May 18, 2024, Uniondale, New York. Margaret Burke Tarab, Esq., PINCUS LAW GROUP, PLLC, Attorneys for Plaintiff, 425 RXR PLAZA, UNIONDALE, NY 11556, Phone 516-699-8902.

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