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## Mayor Spano Says "It's Our Time in Yonkers" During State of the City Address



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano delivered his State of the City Address on March 13 at the Riverfront Library and declared it's "Our Time" for Yonkers. Spano pointed to a bright future for the city and highlighted the achievements under his leadership.

The Yonkers Middle High School Singers and our Yonkers Eagle Scouts helped open the ceremony along with the Pipes & Drums of the Police Emerald Society of Westchester.

*Read the Mayor's speech on page 14.*

## Congratulations Nazir Fields-Yonkers Force Yonkers Rising Player of the Year!



*Yonkers Rising Player of the Year for the Yonkers Force, Nazir Fields, with Coach Anthony Fava*

By Phil Foley

Yonkers Force QB Nazir Fields, from Gorton High School, has been named Yonkers Rising player of the year!

Following former Player of the Year, QB Alvin Martinez, Yonkers Force QB Nazir Fields had some rather large footsteps to follow in. But he exceeded expectations and had a historic year for a QB since Yonkers merged into the Force & Brave format.

Nazir is the first player since the merger to rush for over 1,000 yards while also throwing for an additional 850 yards and having 16 combined TDs. He received All Section and All League accolades and was also recognized as an Honorable Mention QB on the Westchester LOHUD All Star Team.

On the field, Nazir led with a quiet and confident demeanor, but when it came to game time, he was a ferocious runner for an undersized QB. He rarely went down on first contact and displayed a toughness that ignited the team.

We expect Nazir to have an even better Senior Season. He has already garnered collegiate interest and has been invited to several recruiting showcases in the northeast.

We can't wait to see his Senior campaign and where he attends college!

## Yonkers Student Success Stories!



*Left: Congratulations to YMHS Senior Alessandra Cippollone and her teammates, Skyliners Junior, who earned the Bronze medal at the ISU World Synchronized Skating Championship 2024 in Neuchâtel, Switzerland on March 16th.*

*Below: The Yonkers Middle-High School History Bowl Team, competing at Horace Greeley, qualified for Nationals in Virginia this April. Go Bulldogs*



## Council President Collins-Bellamy Brings Kids to FL!P Circus at Cross County



City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy brought local girl scouts and boy scouts to FL!P Circus, at the Cross County Mall. The tickets were donated by FL!P circus and everyone had a great time. FL!P Circus is in Yonkers until April 2. Visit [www.FlipCircus.com](http://www.FlipCircus.com) to get tickets.

## Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins & Senator Mayer Provide Update on State Education Funding for Westchester Schools

In response to Governor Kathy Hochul's proposed budget for New York State that cuts education funding for most Westchester school districts, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Senator Shelley Mayer provided an update.

"Each year, the State Senate and the Assembly introduce and pass their own legislative responses to the Governor's proposed budget. This week, I led the State Senate in passing our One-House budget resolution, an important step towards achieving a final budget that will make New York more affordable for hardworking families and individuals," said Stewart-Cousins.

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## Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Senator Mayer & ArtsWestchester Host Women's Day Celebration

NYS Senate Majority Leader  
Andrea Stewart-Cousins and  
State Senator Shelley Mayer  
present

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New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, State Senator Shelley B. Mayer, and ArtsWestchester will host a Celebration of Women's Art and Cultural Expressions on Saturday, March 23 from 3 - 4:30 p.m. at ArtsWestchester.

The celebration will include performances by four artists: Estelle Messina Bikibili, a Motown/Soul singer and pianist; Flor Bromley, a Latin singer/songwriter; Rachel M. Simon, a poet; and ShanelleTheArtist, a spoken word artist. The performances will be followed by a panel discussion on art, women's inspirations, and challenges.

The event is free and open to the public. RSVP is requested at <https://bit.ly/CelebrateWomensArt>. ArtsWestchester is located at 31 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY.

## Westchester County Parks to Hold Seasonal Job Fairs

Westchester County Parks will hold two job fairs for those who want to learn more and apply to seasonal jobs at its parks, Saturday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Westchester County Center and Saturday, April 13 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Muscote Farm in Katonah.

Attendees can apply on the spot to the numerous positions in the Westchester County Parks Department including Naturalists/Educators, Nature Camp Counselors, Lifeguards, and Recreation Attendants. Locations span the entire Westchester County Parks system at our 50+ facilities. Job descriptions are available here.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said, "The Westchester County Parks Department is busy year-round and needs to staff up in the summer as it is their busiest season. In addition to pools and beaches, nature centers and other facilities are hiring."

Westchester County Parks Commissioner, Kathy O'Connor said, "We have a variety of seasonal positions available where folks of all ages can work outdoors while learning more about our over 18,000-acre parks system."

The Westchester County Center is located at 198 Central Avenue, White Plains, NY 10606. Parking will be free for those attending the job fair. Muscote Farm is located at 51 Route 100 Katonah, New York 10536. Parking is free.

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## Spring Programs at Philipse Manor Hall

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Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site and the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall are pleased to offer a series of family activities to coincide with local schools' spring break on Wednesday, March 27, Thursday, March 28, and Friday, March 29, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site (29 Warburton Ave. Yonkers, NY).

On Wednesday, March 27, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., join us for an afternoon movie with "Felicity: An American Girl Adventure" – a story about a horse-loving girl who experiences the start of the American Revolution. While you watch, try making your own paper doll. Afterwards, complete our special Felicity activity booklet, including an American Revolution-themed scavenger hunt of the museum! Take your paper doll on the activity adventure or bring your own doll from home.

On Thursday, March 28, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., join us for "Historical Games: Shut the Box." Learn about the history of Shut the Box – a game that dates back to Medieval France – and then learn how to play! You can also learn how to play a simple version at home in our take-home activity booklet.

On Friday, March 29, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., join us for "Historical Games & Scavenger Hunt Bingo." Learn the history behind how kids and adults played in the past, and then learn how to play Quoit, Nine Men's Morris, Skittles, Shut the Box, Cribbage, Mancala, and more! Afterwards, try a special scavenger hunt of the museum, including a bingo version.

Each program is free and open to the public. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is recommended, but not required. Register at <https://www.philipsemanorhall.com/programs-and-events/>. Learn more at [www.friendsofphilipsemanorhall.org](http://www.friendsofphilipsemanorhall.org).

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## Westchester Congressman Differ on TikTok Sale: Bowman Votes No, Lawler Votes Yes



On March 13, the House passed legislation that would force a sale of TikTok and potentially ban the application in the United States. Congressman Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D. voted against the legislation.

“The rush to ban TikTok sets a dangerous precedent for our country by undermining our freedom of speech, which is why I voted against H.R. 7521,” said Congressman Jamaal Bowman Ed.D. (NY-16).

“Legislation like this would not be effective in protecting Americans’ data and privacy. Every Big Tech company, both foreign and domestic, mines and sells our data for their own profits. We need to focus on cracking down on surveillance capitalism and predatory algorithms that harm our kids.

I, along with millions of others, especially young people, use TikTok as a place to interact with my community in a positive, uplifting way. We need to protect our young people’s right to free expression, and banning TikTok only silences their valuable voices.

This is not about defending TikTok as a company, and we need strong regulation that applies to every social media platform in order to protect our data and our children. Let’s use this moment to craft a comprehensive approach to safeguarding and democratizing the social media landscape,” said Bowman.

Congressman Mike Lawler voted yes on requiring the sale of TikTok. “We’ve been getting a lot of calls asking if we are banning TikTok. The answer is no.

“The protecting Americans from Foreign Adversaries Act, which passed the House 352-65, With 85% of those voting yes does not ban TikTok. Rather it requires the Chinese entity that owns Tik Tok, to sell it to a company whose interests are not adverse to the interests of the Unites States and its citizens.

“We’ve held countless hearings on this topic with past and present officials at Meta, Twitter and TikTok. While data privacy violations from Silicon Valley based companies are a concern, they pale in comparison to those of a company owned by a foreign adversary.

“Data collected by Chinese owned companies like TikTok becomes the property of the Chinese Community Party. Imagine the sovereignty breaches of a thousand Chinese spy balloons held in the palm of your hand every time you log into TikTok.

“That’s exactly what is happening, and it is exactly why TikTok must be divested from its foreign company, which is beholden to the CCP.

“Doing so will enable you to continue to enjoy TikTok’s content while protecting you from the CCP, that has nefarious designs for you, our country and our way of life,” said Lawler in a Facebook post.

The bill still has to be passed in the U.S. Senate, and then signed by President Biden before it can become law.

## Yonkers Is NOT The 10th Dirtiest City in America



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Your one handed columnist reporting for duty. I underwent shoulder surgery last week under the good hands of Drs. David and Daniel Shein at the state of the art Hudson Regional Hospital in Secaucus, New Jersey. All went well and the only annoying thing is the sling on my shoulder. The hospital uses state of the art robotics, but you are asleep during the procedure so I didn’t see the robots at work.

One thing you are grateful for when you wake up from having your shoulder repaired and see the bill is health insurance. Without it these procedures you go through can be very expensive. God forbid you lose your job and your health insurance, make sure you get Cobra insurance which serves as a bridge for you until your next job.

Yonkers the 10th Dirtiest City in America?

Every year the folks at LawnStarter undertake the task of trying to sift through the garbage, evaluate area pollution and living conditions to try and locate some of America’s dirtiest cities. Why a company would want to criticize cities where people use their services I don’t know. Unless maybe people are not using their services in the various cities they criticize. According to the company, Yonkers is the 10th dirtiest city in America.

LawnStarter is a marketplace for outdoor home services. Their basic business is keeping your lawn in good shape.

To try and determine which of the 200+ cities across the nation are the dirtiest LawnStarter looks at various key factors to come up with its yearly rankings. Air quality, the number of landfills and junkyards, overcrowding, homes with mold, mice or rats, homes that have signs of cockroaches, and many other factors to come up with four categories, pollution, living conditions, infrastructure, and consumer satisfaction. They gave a numbered score for each city in each category and then averaged the scores for each city across all categories to reveal the 152 dirtiest cities in America.

Living conditions and consumer satisfaction were the leading factors in Yonkers nearing the top of this year’s list. Yes, a lot of Yonkers housing stock is old. Old housing stock comes with mold. A lot of building is taking place in Yonkers, particularly on the Waterfront. Digging soil can bring up rats and mice. But look at the finished product. Isn’t it better than the vacant land that was there before.

Do they take into account the major strides Yonkers has made in cleaning up its municipal housing, in many cases knocking down the old and building new? And the development taking place in various areas of the city where nothing existed before! Areas in the planning stages for years. Empty bank turned into Chick-fil-a? Ridge Hill?

People like Yonkers because of its proximity to New York City, the magnificent city that exists within a 30 minute car ride. The diverse restaurants you will find on South Broadway and various ethnic stores you find along many streets in Yonkers are well known in the region.

I never hear people say they hate living in Yonkers because if they don’t like the city there are many places they can go. Rents were low in Yonkers and Housing prices were lower than in many communities years ago, but that is not the case anymore.

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Stewart-Cousins, Schools Funding, continued from pg 1-

“This budget resolution addresses important issues, including restoring critical funding to public education, working toward our climate goals, making housing more affordable and accessible, providing tax relief to those who need it most, and enhancing vital services. Together, we are moving New York forward, and with the Governor and our partners in the Assembly, we will come together to deliver a final budget which serves New Yorkers.

I’d like to review some highlights of the One-House resolution which are particularly important to us in Westchester County.

**SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOLS**

Our One-House resolution rejects the Governor’s proposal which would slash funding to 337 school districts across the state, including 23 right here in Westchester County. Our resolution would continue to fully fund Foundation Aid, something we finally accomplished for the first time last year, under my leadership.

The resolution also provides a three percent increase in school aid, \$150 million for Universal Pre-K, and \$5 million to combat anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Asian hate,” said Stewart-Cousins

State Senator Shelley Mayer, the Chair of the Education Committee, said

“The New York State Senate’s One House budget proposal, reflects our conference’s strong commitment to public education – fully restoring Foundation Aid and providing a minimum 3% increase to every district, investing in community schools and universal school meals, expanding and improving pre-K, expanding support for afterschool and supporting schools that serve our most vulnerable children. By fully funding the Foundation Aid Formula, our budget proposal advances the goal of equity across all our schools – rural, suburban, and urban communities and New York’s cities of all sizes. The Senate’s One House budget also includes funding for a study on the Foundation Aid Formula. It is essential that we update the formula to more accurately reflect the current needs of our students and the costs our school districts incur to address those needs.

“As chair of the Senate Education Committee, I have traveled across the state and had the opportunity to see the tremendous work school districts are doing to support students and their communities, despite the enormous challenges they face. I am proud that the Senate Democratic Conference put forward a budget proposal that allows our schools to meet the complex needs of their students and communities. The One House also makes critical investments to keep students safe, by doubling security funds for non-public schools to offset the additional security costs incurred during this tumultuous time.

“As negotiations begin, I will continue to advocate for additional support for schools facing a fiscal cliff as their federal COVID relief funds expire. Districts around the state used these funds to hire social workers and school psychologists, provide additional academic support to their students, and fund other necessary programs for their communities that will be at risk without additional state support.

“I am proud to be part of a Senate majority that prioritizes our children and understands the foundational role our public schools play in our communities. As our One House budget resolution demonstrates, for the future of our state, we must put our schools and students first. I thank my colleagues and Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins for their shared commitment to our schools and students and I look forward to pressing for a final budget that supports our children, our schools, and all our communities.”

Budget negotiations will now begin between Governor Hochul, the Senate and Assembly. Usually those negotiations end up being resolved by “three people in a room,” which replaced the old mantra “three men in a room.”

The three people are Governor Hochul, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie.

Education advocates in Westchester are fortunate to have one of the three most powerful electeds advocating for their needs.

**The Race for District Attorney:  
The Debate Over Debates**



**Democratic candidates for Westchester District Attorney, left, Susan Cacace, right William Wagstaff**

Susan Cacace, the endorsed Democrat for Westchester District Attorney, recently announced that she has accepted invitations to two debates ahead of the June Primary. Cacace feels it is paramount to provide voters with an opportunity to hear directly from her about why she feels she is the best candidate for DA. The first debate will be hosted by the Mount Vernon NAACP and will take place on April 25th at the Macedonia Baptist Church in Mount Vernon. The second debate will be hosted by News12 and will take place in May on a date to be determined. It is unknown whether her opponents have agreed to participate in either debate, but Cacace is hopeful they will join in.

“Considering the importance of the role of the District Attorney and how the safety of our community is intrinsically tied to who is elected, it is vital that voters have as much information as possible about the candidates in this primary,” said Cacace. “Once petitions are filed and the candidate field is set, the public will have a chance to hear from all of those who will be on the ballot. I look forward to participating in these debates which will be hosted by two organizations known for their objectivity and fairness.”

“I’m proud of my record as an attorney, as a prosecutor and as a judge, for my work in keeping our communities safe and in delivering justice with compassion for all,” she continued. “Each case, each defendant, and each victim are different. Accountability doesn’t always have to lead to incarceration. Westchester needs a DA who has participated in all aspects of our criminal justice system and who will bring that experience to this critical office.”

Cacace made the announcement after several group criticized her decision not to attend a recent DA forum. The Westchester Coalition for Police Reform, led by co-founder Kenneth Chamberlain Jr, the Urban League of Westchester and WESPAC Foundation, expresses deep disappointment and dissatisfaction with “Judge Susan Cacace’s refusal to participate in the forum, broadcast by Black Westchester.

Democratic DA candidates, William Wagstaff and Adeel Mirza did attend the forum.



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## Engineer Creates First LEED Platinum “Passive House” in Westchester



Daniel Colombini, a Principal at Goldman Copeland, the New York City-based consulting engineering firm, has created the first LEED Platinum “Passive House” in Westchester County, which abuts New York City on the north. The single-family three-bedroom house with an attached garage and about 3,500 square feet of living space is located in Ossining, NY. It offers a new model for sustainable, energy-efficient, and cost-effective residences. A “Passive House” is a high-performance building standard developed by the Passive House Institute and is the only internationally recognized, performance-based energy standard in construction. LEED is the world’s most widely used green building rating system, and LEED Platinum is its highest certification. The combination of LEED Platinum and “Passive House” certifications shows that the house meets the highest levels of energy-efficient and green design. The house is also “Zero Energy”—as certified by the US Department of Energy—and is both net zero and carbon neutral, including the home’s energy consumption and electric vehicle charging.

Dan Colombini, the engineer-homeowner, set out to create a new standard of suburban housing. The home is a partial tear-down and retrofit, meaning that the house that he originally purchased was torn down except for the foundation, which was retained, and 75% of the materials in the old house were reused and thereby diverted from landfill. The new house incorporates passive house principles including a high-performance thermal enclosure, airtightness and heat recovery, continuous balanced ventilation, high-performance glazing of windows and doors, shading and daylighting, and moisture control. The overall design provides an air quality that it is so high that Dan’s allergy-induced asthma disappeared.

The cost of construction was 8% higher than a traditional house. That additional cost will be paid off by energy savings within 10-15 years – with energy savings continuing to accrue thereafter. The architect for the project is Christina Griffin of CGA Studio in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. The contractor is Ed Nugent of Fort Montgomery, NY. The certification consultant is Integral Building + Design in New Paltz, NY. The landscape designer is Barbara Restaino of Restaino Design in Grahamsville, NY.

The house is located adjacent to the Teatown nature preserve, and all new planting and landscaping consists of native species, designed to improve storm water management and mitigate invasive species. The landscape designer was selected in part because she also works with Teatown, ensuring sensitivity in design to the landscape of the nature preserve.

“The Colombini house is a landmark project in Westchester,” said architect Christina Griffin. “Not only does it reach the highest standards of energy efficiency and sustainability, but it demonstrates that they can be attained at an additional cost that can be recouped through energy savings in about a decade – far less than the period of a typical home mortgage.” “Energy-efficient and green design is vital, given the challenges of climate change,” said Dan Colombini, who was born in Yonkers “This house provides the home that my family wanted, while demonstrating that the highest standards can be attained cost-effectively. I hope that it provides an example that can benefit Westchester, New York, and the nation.” Visit <https://www.goldmancopeland.com/>

## On This Day in Yonkers History...



*The Elks Club at the corner of Park Hill Avenue and South Broadway*

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

### Monday, March 25th

March 25, 1906: After testing our drinking water, the Yonkers Water Bureau announced our water supply was “about one or two percent less than absolute perfection.”

Residents complained about Yonkers water, claiming our drinking water was “impure and a disease breeder;” many others filed complaints about the pollution of the Nepperhan River.

March 25, 1931: Detective William Daly captured two men in Getty Square early morning; both were wanted in Newark for murder and arson! Daly later received kudos and commendations from the New Jersey department.

March 25, 1943: Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company received another government contract to manufacture 250,000 more yards of cotton duck; This raised their contracted war duck production to 1.75 million yards!

### Tuesday March 26th

March 26, 1917: Former Police Chief Daniel Wolff announced Veterans of the Spanish-American War would serve as the nucleus of the Yonkers Regiment being formed under leadership of Captain Joseph Stillwell, USA, to serve in case of War.

March 26, 1953: Eleanor Cauchois was elected President of the Community Chest, the first woman Community Chest president in Yonkers... and in New York State!

March 26, 1953: The Inter-Faith Committee of Yonkers (clergymen and laymen) held its first “Day of Religious Observance” for thousands of Yonkers students of all faiths. Students in grades nine through twelve were excused after first period class; they all headed to churches and synagogues throughout Yonkers for a day of reflection.

### Wednesday, March 27th

March 27, 1911: The McLean Avenue trolley line was stopped cold by a cow! Bossy wandered from a nearby farm and decided she liked standing on the tracks. Despite tugging—and pleading-- by the trolley crew and the passengers, she refused to move... until she wanted to move.

March 27, 1942: Although the Common Council purchased property at 463 Walnut Street several days earlier to prevent a woodworking mill being built on the lot, it did not know exactly how much land they purchased!

City Hall began investigating deeds to determine exactly how much land they bought. At the time of purchase, the Council designated it for a park, even though it was just 300 feet from Doyle Park.

March 27, 1943: After hearing a rumor NYC Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia was to be assigned as a Brigadier General in Africa, Yonkers Mayor Benjamin Barnes telegraphed: “If you want another Mayor to back you up, you can count on me.”

### Thursday, March 28th

March 28, 1942: Dr. William Crocker, announced Boyce Thompson Institute would create five demonstration Victory Gardens in Yonkers: Beechwood Terrace; Boyce Thompson Institute; McLean Avenue and Sanford Street; Oakland Avenue and Colonial Parkway North; and behind 290 Jessamine Avenue. Director Crocker said they would be gardens “anyone can grow” and contain “vegetables furnishing an abundance of vitamins.” The Institute planned weekly Saturday afternoon sessions at the gardens.

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VEE'S CONSULTING LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/29/2023. Office: WESTCHESTER COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for process and shall mail process to R/A: US CORP AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, #202, BKLYN, NY, 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

EATZTOUR LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 05/23/2023. Office: WESTCHESTER COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC for process and shall mail copy to R/A: US CORP AGENTS, INC., 7014 13TH AVE, #202, BKLYN, NY, 11228. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of THE NAVIE THERAPY GROUP L.L.C., LLC filed with SSNY on 08/29/23. Office: WESTCHESTER County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to LLC: 200 Bloomingdale Road, Suite 1A, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of formation of MYLILWRKSHOP.COM, LLC. Arts. of Org. Filed with NY Secy. Of State on 3/6/2024. Office located in Yonkers, NY. Hector Jimenez has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The LLC, 237 Roberts avenue, Yonkers NY 10703, principal business location of the LLC, purpose: any lawful business activity.

Notice of formation of Mixed by Maya, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/12/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 45 Inverness Rd New Rochelle, NY 10804. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Ashlee B. Media, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/6/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 520 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Formation of TARRYTOWN 44 LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Benjamin Sinanaj, 4 Farm Way Dr., Ardsley, NY 10502. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Palisades Property Management LLC filed with the SSNY on 1/18/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The Mulford Corporation, 1511 Central Park Ave, Yonkers NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Calimero II, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/4/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Marie H. Durif-O'Dowd, 1632 First Avenue, Apartment 326, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Ana Lucia Nail Lounge LLC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/8/24.. Office: New York County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 115 Chelsea Street Hawthorne, NY 10532. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Formation of TRUIH LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/15/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Lawrence Rebbecchi, 550 Green Dolphin Dr., Placida, FL 33946. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Washy LLC. filed with the SSNY on 12/24/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC, 224 Hawthorne Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Yugen Creationz LLC. Arts. Of. Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/28/024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 10 Commerce Dr, 102. New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Formation of 25 COUNTY ROUTE 62 LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/6/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The principal business loc. and address SSNY shall mail process to is Floann and Raymond Landeck, 79 Pembroke Dr., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of SurgeExpand, LLC. filed with the SSNY on 10/16/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 324 Palisade Ave -1F, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of A Soft Delicate Flower LLC. Arts of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/3/24. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 1840 Crompond Road Peekskill NY 10566. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of formation of D & E Guest Reality Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/15/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, D & E Guest Reality Management LLC, 79-81 Main Street, P.O. Box 1100, Yonkers, NY 10702. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Pachamama Vibes, LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 11/20/2023. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her to the company c/o United States Corporation Agents, Inc. 7014 13th Ave., Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Principal business address: 762 Hoover Avenue, Peekskill NY 10566. Purpose: Any lawful acts.

Notice of Formation of Safety First Shooting LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 2/13/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 465 Tuckahoe Road suite #1168 Yonkers NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Buffsicle, LLC. Articles of Org filed with SSNY on 12/15/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 41 Old Post Road, Rye, NY, 10580. Purpose: any lawful purpose or activity.



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## Man with Loaded Gun Driving Around Westchester with Swastikas on Car, Indicted



A very dangerous incident, in which an Elmsford man was driving around Westchester with 10 swastikas painted on his car and a loaded gun inside, is being addressed by Westchester District Attorney Mimi Rocah's office with the recent announcement that Hani Saleh, 47, has been indicted for the illegal possession of semi-automatic weapons, ammunition and gun paraphernalia, which were found in his car and seized from his home in accordance with an Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO).

DA Rocah said: "This is an example of how New York's strong gun safety laws can keep our communities safe by permitting law enforcement and prosecutors to take action when weapons are in the hands of individuals who should not have them. I commend our federal and local law enforcement partners for working swiftly to apprehend this defendant."

It is alleged that at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 25, 2023, the defendant, who had no permit to legally purchase or possess firearms in New York, was in possession of a semi-automatic firearm and a large capacity ammunition feeding device, also known as an extended magazine, containing 10 .40 caliber rounds of ammunition, which were found under the driver's seat of his vehicle.

White Plains police apprehended the defendant after he was observed around White Plains driving his car, which was covered in writing and images, including nearly a dozen swastikas, and allegedly had forged license plates.

Following the defendant's arrest, law enforcement secured an ERPO—a court order that temporarily removes firearms from any individual who poses a risk of harming themselves or others—and seized from his residence in Elmsford an additional rifle, three semi-automatic pistols, six extended magazines (five of which were loaded), and a silencer.

In addition to the loaded semi-automatic weapon found in defendant's car, red flag laws allowed police to seize additional firearms from defendant's home. Saleh was arraigned on Mar. 8 before Judge Larry Schwartz in Westchester County Court on an indictment by a Westchester County Grand Jury for Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, eight counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, five counts of Criminal Possession of a Firearm, and Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, all felonies, and two vehicle and traffic violations. The defendant's next court date is April 10. Saleh has been free on bail after being remanded to the Westchester County jail upon his October arrest. The defendant made a bail application and posted \$50,000 cash bail. On March 8, prosecutors requested remand or increased bail at \$150,000 cash. Citing the defendant's willful and persistent failure to appear in court leading up to his arraignment and posing a significant flight risk, the Court set bail at \$100,000 cash, \$500,000 bond or \$750,000 partially secured bond at 10%

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

INDEX NO. 64370/2023  
SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS  
Mortgaged Premises:  
330 CLAREMONT AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10552  
Section: 165.32, Block: 2050, Lot: 2

MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC

Plaintiff,  
vs.

PAULINE SMART, if living, and if she/he be dead, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in 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; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC; PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

"JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint,  
Defendants.

Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER as the place of trial situs of the real property

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$682,500.00 and interest, recorded on November 05, 2010, in Control Number 502993237, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 330 CLAREMONT AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10552.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: March 1st, 2024

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
Matthew Rothstein, Esq.  
900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310  
Westbury, NY 11590  
516-280-7675

## Yonkers Social Lounge Opens on Lake Avenue



Mayor Mike Spano, and City Councilmembers Tasha Diaz and Deana Robinson came to celebrate the opening of the Yonkers Social Lounge with co-owner Dwayne Cloud

### A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE IS SATISFIED

Yonkers Social Lounge (YSL), owned and operated by Dwayne Cloud and Habbari Cleveland, opened its doors on March 15, 2024. YSL will offer a range of tasty menu items offered by Head Chef and business consultant, Sean Kilpatrick (co-owner of Cantina in White Plains, NY) and includes signature frozen drinks. The venue also provides an atmosphere for sports viewing events, comedy acts, and other fun entertainment services. The establishment's owners and staff will promise members exclusive and unique experiences, making it the highlight of the community.

Cloud and Cleveland hosted a grand opening at 143 Lake Avenue on March 15, where City of Yonkers Mayor Spano, city officials, family and friends will partake in a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new addition to the business district in Northeast Yonkers.

YSL plans to feature a Yonkers "Wall of Fame" honoring local artists Mary J. Blige, The LOX, DMX, and unsigned artists from Yonkers, Bill Blass for example. An additional opening event will take place March 15 at 8 pm for the public. Visit [yonkerssociallounge](https://www.yonkersociallounge.com) on Facebook for updates.

## New LED Display Sign in Yonkers Downtown to Showcase City Happenings




On March 20, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano flipped the switch on the City's new LED display sign, Yonkers-Tron. Yonkers-Tron, affixed on top of the Government Center Garage on New Main Street near Nepperhan Avenue, will display the city's latest news, events, images and videos to area residents and visitors.

"Yonkers-Tron welcomes all to our waterfront district and serves as another platform to inform and educate our residents about what's happening in our City," said Mayor Spano. "This LED display sign utilizes the latest technology to inform the public about matters of public safety and quality of life. All they have to do is look up."

Yonkers-Tron, installed by the Yonkers' Engineering Department, is 26 feet by 16 feet and is the latest addition to the City's media imprint.

City of Yonkers news and events can be found at [www.yonkersny.gov](http://www.yonkersny.gov) and on Optimum Channel 78 or FIOS Channel 39 (City Hall TV), YouTube, Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter), and Instagram.



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## WMCHHealth's Girls Night Out Honors Heart Disease Survivors and Raises Awareness about Women's Heart Health



Girls Night Out Emcee WCBS-TV Anchor Mary Calvi and Honoree Elizabeth Bracken-Thompson with patients and healthcare providers

Girls' Night Out, a heartwarming evening featuring tributes to heart disease survivors and their caregivers, was held Feb. 15 at The Sleepy Hollow Hotel in Tarrytown. WCBS-TV news anchor Mary Calvi emceed the event with proceeds benefiting the Westchester Medical Center Health Network's (WMCHHealth) Heart & Vascular Institute, which offers comprehensive cardiology, cardiothoracic surgery and vascular surgery services, as well as WMCHHealth's new five-story Critical Care Tower now under construction. A sellout crowd of over 400 attended.

Foundation Board member Elizabeth Bracken Thompson received the WMCHHealth Foundation's 1st Community Champion Award. Bracken-Thompson is a partner with the award-winning public relations firm of Thompson & Bender in Briarcliff Manor and a long time WMCHHealth supporter. The evening also included dining, dancing and a videotaped fashion show featuring healthcare providers and patients modeling fashions from fashion designer Beverley Olivacce, the event's exclusive fashion partner. Other sponsors included Macy's; Cross County Shopping Center and M&T Bank.

Heart disease is still the number one killer of women in the United States, causing 1 in 3 deaths or approximately one every minute.

Gabbie Fried, RN, Vice President of Cardiovascular Services with WMCHHealth's Heart & Vascular Institute said that 80 percent of heart diseases and strokes are preventable.

"Through education and screening and by developing a personalized plan to reduce risk factors and encourage exercise and healthy eating, our Cardiovascular Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Program works to head off potential heart problems. The program has seen successful results, and we are seeing more patients than last year," she said.

This year's fashion show featured patients that included Jake Amoroso, a New York Police Department officer, whose successful surgery allowed him to become a member of the force, 15-year-old Mia Santana who came here from the Dominican Republic with her mother to undergo lifechanging heart repair, and young siblings Gabriel (8) and Rei (4), who received treatment for congenital heart issues.

## Horace Greeley HS Senior Niko Wright Named A Con Edison Scholar Athlete of the Week



Nicholas "Niko" Wright

Congratulations to Nicholas "Niko" Wright, a senior at Horace Greeley High School, for being named a Con Edison Scholar-Athlete of the week.

Niko is a star on the Greeley indoor track team, and he recently won the NYS & Federation 55M Dash and was a member of the winning team in the NYS Federation 4 x 200 relay.

For the past two years in Section One, Niko has been undefeated in the 55m Dash.

Niko also won two Gold Medals in the Westchester County Championships and was a catalyst in the team winning a third county title.

Niko is a two-year Captain of the track program (indoor and outdoor) at Horace Greeley.

"Niko fills the role of being another coach to his teammates. He teaches, demonstrates drills, techniques, and reviews race strategies to the underclassmen. He is always the last guy at the track," said Rebecca Mullen, Counselor HGHS.

Niko has a 3.6 GPA and has committed to run for the Bearcats of Binghamton University in the fall. He is known around Greeley as "The Flash."

"Niko is motivated, easy going, thoughtful and kind. He is well respected by his teammates and coaches. He is dedicated to his craft. Not only does he want to be the fastest on the track, but he is a wonderful ambassador for the Greeley track and field program," said Mullen.



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Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Signs of Spring Walk, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

It's officially springtime! Join us on a stroll through the beautiful Preserve to discover and appreciate the first signs of the changing season. For all ages.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322

Celebration of the Seasons, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Let's celebrate the change of the seasons together! We can learn about the first signs of spring, and search for signs of change in the ecosystems around us.

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Early Spring Ponding, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

What's a vernal pool and who lives there? Join us to go toes-deep into our pools and ponds to discover the wonderful lifecycle of amphibians!

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

Spring Fish on the Hudson: Rock &amp; Roe!, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Pat's Chats: Thunder from the Mountains: Nuclear Missiles in New York State, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Join us for this multi-media presentation led by historian, author and retired US Army officer Patrick J. Chaisson, this discussion will focus on the history of the Cold War as it affected residents of New York.

Get details at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/pats-chats-thunder-from-the-mountains-nuclear-missiles-in-new-york-state/>

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005

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

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

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

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2. Bid IFB-7110 - Opening date: 4/26/2024: Fire Station 14 (2187 Central Park Avenue) rehabilitation project (FB).
3. Bid RFB-7134 - Opening date: 4/12/2024: One-time purchase of various Cisco, or Yonkers approved equal, hardware and software components - 18 items (MM).
4. Bid RFB-7135 - Opening date: 4/12/2024: Twelve-month contract to purchase up to 50 Motorola Vigilant, or Yonkers approved equal, license plate reading cameras and accessories-the initial purchase will be for 13 sets (VB).
5. Bid RFB-7136 - Opening date: 4/12/2024: One-time purchase of twelve Fortigate 61F, or Yonkers approved equal, firewall hardware with 5-year premium and unified threat protection plans (KAS).
6. Bid RFB-7137 - Opening date: 4/12/2024: One-time purchase of 72 sets of Alphatec, or Yonkers approved equal, hazmat decontamination suits for the Emergency Services Unit (VB).
7. Bid RFB-7138 - Opening date: 4/12/2024: Twelve-month contract to purchase as needed up to seventy-five TB1-20 street light transformer bases with hardware-the initial purchase will be for 30 units (VB).
8. Bid RFB-7139 - Opening date: 4/12/2024: Purchase of 239 cartons of Shaw's style Purview 20, 5036V, color-cast core, or Yonkers approved equal, and 15 - 4-gallon drums of Shaw's Resilient 2200 adhesive, or Yonkers approved equal (AC).
9. Bid RFB-7114A - Opening date: 4/12/2024: One time purchase of French Fitness, or Yonkers approved equal, gym equipment for the 3rd Police Precinct (26 items) (VB).

## 2024 Yonkers Saint Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue- Line of March

Steps off at 1pm  
 First Off  
 Yonkers Motorcycle Police  
 Police Emerald Society of Westchester Color Guard  
 Police Emerald Society of Westchester Pipes & Drums  
 Police Emerald Society of Westchester  
 Grand Marshal  
 Aides  
 Chairpersons & Mayor  
 Executive Board  
 Ireland's Consul General  
 United Irish Counties Association of New York  
 Former Grand Marshals & Aides  
 Deirdre O'Mara School of Irish Dance with County Flags  
 Talus (Irish Wolfhound)  
 Maria Regina High School Band  
 Orange Bank & Trust Company  
 McLean Avenue Merchants Association  
 Rienas & Brown Wealth Management  
 Elected & Appointed Officials  
 LAOH - Our Lady of Knock - Division 19  
 Aisling Irish Community & Cultural Center  
 Team Aisling  
 Dawn Doherty Academy of Irish Music & Singing  
 Pelham Regional Pipe Band  
 Charles N. Bajart Jr. American Legion Post #1122  
 Charles N. Bajart Jr. Unit 1122 Ladies Auxiliary  
 Charles N. Bajart Jr. Post 1122 Sons of the American Legion  
 Empire VFW Post 375  
 Yonkers City Post 1666 VFW  
 Yonkers Veterans Services  
 69th NY Historical Association  
 River Towns Young Marines  
 Yonkers Fire Pipes & Drums  
 Yonkers Firefighters - IAFF Local 628  
 Yonkers Fire Department "Little" Holy Name Society  
 Yonkers Blaze  
 Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts  
 Rockland County Police Emerald Society Pipes & Drums  
 St Ronan's College Lurgan  
 St Joseph's Medical Center  
 Miracle League of Westchester  
 SAIL at Ferncliff Manor  
 Elizabeth Seton Children's  
 DSNY Emerald Society Pipes & Drums  
 St John the Baptist School  
 DeNogla Academy of Irish Dance  
 St Raymond Academy for Girls  
 Catholic Slovak Club  
 Friendly Sons of St Patrick  
 County Mayo NY  
 Cardinal Spellman High School Marching Unit  
 Mount St Michael Academy  
 St John's Riverside Hospital  
 XFactor Drumline  
 St Brigid's Ladies Gaelic Football and Camogie Club  
 Girl Scout Heart of the Hudson - Yonkers Troop 1817  
 Cardinal Hayes High School  
 Galway Association of NY  
 Anthem BlueCross BlueShield  
 St Raymond Elementary School  
 Sword of Light Pipe Band  
 Local #3 IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers)  
 PEARLS Hawthorne School  
 PEARLS Hawthorne Elementary School Community  
 Girl Scout Daisies Troop 1787  
 Hyatt Community Association of Southeast Yonkers  
 Local 21 Pipe Band (Plumbers & Steamfitters)  
 Sacred Heart Grade School  
 Sacred Heart High School  
 Annunciation School  
 Police Pipes & Drums of Bergen County  
 P.S. / M.S. 20 - P.O. George J Werdann III  
 Flynn Irish Dance  
 NYPD Emerald Society Pipes & Drums  
 New York Police Department Emerald Society  
 Lakers Athletic & Social Club  
 Teamster Local 456 Yonkers Division  
 FDNY Emerald Society Pipes & Drums  
 FDNY Emerald Society  
 Boy Scout Troop and Pack 102  
 St Eugene School  
 Westchester Firefighters Pipes & Drums  
 Westchester Firefighters Emerald Society  
 Lansdowne Yonkers Football Club  
 Lansdowne Rugby Football Club  
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Yonkers Police Office of Emergency Management  
 New York All Stars  
 Freemasons of Westchester and the Bronx  
 AARC of Westchester  
 NYPD Marching Band  
 New York Minor Board  
 Mayor Spano LGBTQ Advisory Board  
 AOH - Francis P. Bernie - Division 9 - NY County  
 Iona University Pipe Band  
 AOH - Westchester County  
 Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church  
 AOH - Bronx County - Division 5  
 Yonkers Public Schools Marching Band  
 AOH - Thomas Emmett - Division 17  
 Celtic Motorcycle Club  
 The Ursuline School  
 Fordham Preparatory School  
 NY State Courts Pipes & Drums  
 St Paul the Apostle - BSA Troop 47 and Pack 47  
 Cub Scout Pack 6 & Boy Scout Troop 1 - Crestwood  
 Riverdale Children's Theatre  
 Yonkers Kiwanis Club  
 Manhattan College Pipes & Drums  
 Offaly Society of NY  
 St Peter School  
 Rockland County AOH / Edward V Larkin Memorial Pipe Band  
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 Cobra Performing Arts, Inc  
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 County Tipperary N. & B. Association of NY  
 Inishfree School of Irish Dance  
 Bergen Irish Pipe Band  
 County Cork B. P. & P. Association of NY  
 Ireland Softball Team  
 County Clare P. B. & S. Association of NY Inc  
 Stephen Driscoll Memorial Pipe Band  
 St. Barnabas High School & Alumnae Association  
 St. Barnabas Elementary School  
 Kerry Pipers  
 Kerry P & B Association of NY  
 Knights of Columbus - Boyd Council 326  
 Con Ed Emerald Society  
 New Beginnings Drum and Bugle Corps  
 Woodlean Boys & Girls Club  
 St Anthony School - Yonkers  
 NYC Carpenters Pipes & Drums Band  
 Yonkers Motorcycle Club  
 St Mark's Lutheran School  
 MTAPD Pipes & Drums Emerald Society Ceremonial Unit  
 AOH - Myles Scully - Division 1 - Yonkers

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March 28, 1943: Staff Sergeant John Quinlan of Truman Avenue had a narrow escape during an American air assault over France. The Yonkers tail gunner in the American Flying Fortress "Hunk-o-Junk" fired 200 rounds and downed a Nazi Focke-Wulf, sending it into a flaming dive. Although a second plane put his guns out of commission, his plane landed safely. Quinlan later found an unexploded 20-mm canon shell in the rear compartment; it would have killed him if it detonated.

March 28, 1946: Stating men old enough to be drafted into the service are old enough to be allowed to take part in government, the Young Democratic Club voted to begin a campaign to reduce the New York State voting age to eighteen.

Friday, March 29th

March 29, 1917: Public Safety Commissioner James Fleming ordered Yonkers police officers to report to the Yonkers Armory for special drills and instructions in case of war.

March 29, 1934: Cottage Lawn, the Ludlow Family homestead, was torn down. Erected over three years, it was the first house in the Ludlow section. Six and seven room homes were built on the property.

Saturday, March 30th

March 30, 1942: Yonkers hit a snag in its legal battle to foreclose on the Elks Building on South Broadway; Justice Mortimer Patterson ruled the Board of Education should be a party to the lawsuit, something demanded by the Yonkers Lodge of Elks. Corporation Counsel Leonard McAenny labeled it a "temporary delay." The building was supposed to be purchased by Yonkers Board of Education; when the city started foreclosure, the Board rented the building for \$450 a month. The Elks claimed this would not only "carry the building," but leave \$1800 to begin to pay off their tax arrears.

March 30, 1951: Thousands of dollars were found in the old Bigelow mansion, 204 Hawthorne Avenue, including \$34,000 found by two boys two days earlier; with no indication when it was hidden, federal tax agents contended it must be considered income earned the last year of Mrs. Bigelow's life and taxed as income. They estimated approximately \$300,000.00 of the \$350,000 found would be collected for taxes. Heirs would have to pay inheritance tax on the remaining \$50,000.

Sunday, March 31st

March 31, 1906: Sixty feet of a Croton Aqueduct retaining wall crashed down, smashing clapboards and windows at three Garden Street tenement houses. Although no one was injured, YFD had to help seventeen tenants escape. Assumption was heavy rain and warm weather were responsible for the landslide.

March 31, 1933: After calling the Yonkers Corporation Counsel's office "one of the most expensive luxuries" at City Hall, J. W. Martin of Crestwood Citizens' Tax and Budget Committee began investigating its cost. He later reported the department cost in 1932 was \$72,974.

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## Former Little League Coach Sentenced to a Decade in Prison for Sex Acts with a Minor



Robert Pope

Robert Pope was sentenced to a decade in federal prison today in federal court in White Plains for enticing a 16-year-old to engage in sexual activity, according to the United States District Attorney's office.

Pope, 32, of Mount Vernon, between at least on or about September 1, 2020, up to and including at least on or about April 11, 2021, POPE communicated with a 16-year-old minor ("Victim-1") by cellphone and persuaded Victim-1 to meet POPE in person in Westchester County, New York on more than one occasion to engage in sexual activities with POPE.

On or about June 15, 2021, ROBERT POPE was charged in Westchester County, New York, with three counts of Criminal Sexual Act, including one count of coercion and enticement, which carries a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life imprisonment. The statutory maximum sentence is prescribed by Congress and is provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendant will be determined by the judge.

Pope was also sentenced to four years in prison for state and county criminal charges.

The victims mother found graphic photos and texts and photos on her son's phone. Pope was well known in Mount Vernon. He owned the Mount Vernon Baseball League and volunteered as a coach for Mt. Vernon High School, and was a democratic district leader.

## CAREERS Support Solutions Comedy Show

Friday, April 12, 2024 from 6:30-10:00pm  
CAREERS Support Solutions Comedy Show

Join CAREERS Support Solutions for a comedy show fundraiser to benefit its programs and services, which helps hundreds of individuals with disabilities throughout Westchester, Putnam and lower Dutchess Counties obtain jobs they can succeed in.

Tickets are \$75 and include an amazing lineup of nine comedians, appetizers, a buffet dinner, dessert and an open wine/beer bar.

The event, held at Travelers Rest (25 Rte. 100, Ossining, NY 10562), features comedians Dimitri Giatrakis, Vicki Sanches, Dr. Blain Langberg, Anthony Sanches, Susan Schatzie, Matt Orefice, Lou Ann Daprato, Bill Greene and Barbara Miller.

Sponsorships are available. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.tinyurl.com/CAREERSComedyShow](http://www.tinyurl.com/CAREERSComedyShow).

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The article ends with the statement, 'Clean cities tend to have lots of tidy, healthy, green lawns. If you need help getting and keeping your yard looking picture-perfect and pest-free, LawnStarter's pros can help.' Guess they are trying to sell their services. Do you think Yonkers residents after having their city criticized are really going to use LawnStarter? It's up to you!

By the way the survey refers to Yonkers as a New York city about a one-hour drive from the Hudson Valley. I thought Yonkers was in the Hudson Valley! Maybe those that prepared the article need to do a little more homework!

Yonkers has a character, a flavor that is hard to describe. I never hear people say Yonkers is a dirty city. Go back to the drawing board LawnStarter!

Do Away With Self Checkout Lanes?

I like the convenience of a self checkout lane. I can make sure the price is right, make sure all my coupons and discounts come off and pack my bags the way I like them packed. I know there is a lot of theft going on in stores from Target to the Dollar Tree, but I don't think the elimination of theft will occur if you close down or limit the items purchased at the self checkout line.

At Target for example, many of their self checkout lines are monitored by cameras. Now if an employee sees something not being scanned and does nothing about it, that's a store issue. If an employee sees something on the bottom of the shopping cart not scanned and no one does anything about it that's a store issue. The security guards at Target (we call them Officer Target) have to get off their cell phones, stop looking at the pretty girls and watch what's going on in front of them. They are there to stop theft.

Having so many items locked up can turn into a real pain in the ass. The other day the Yonkers Target had a woman taking product out that is locked up who did not speak English. Does that make sense? Other times I have seen people looking for the store employee with the key to unlock the cabinet for 10 minutes. Stores have to have employees close by to fetch up locked items.

And is giving the customer the locked item as they continue doing their shopping going to stop theft. The only way to stop theft is if the employee goes to the cashier with the item and customer to pay.

I was at Dollar Tree on McLean Avenue the other day. Dollar Tree does not have self scan aisles. An employee caught a man and a woman stealing, and they got into a verbal exchange. The kind petite employee was not going to risk her safety in stopping the couple from taking the things out of the store they did not pay for. So off they went.

There has got to be a better way of stopping theft than closing or limiting the number of items you ring up at the self checkout line!

Is Sustainable Westchester for Real?

I have been using energy efficient light bulbs in all the fixtures in my apartment since before my mother died in 1993. They have kept my utility bill low usually in the \$50-\$60 range. There have been boiler issues in the complex I live in thus causing me to frequently use an electric heater in my apartment this winter. My neighbors have been forced to use electric heaters. I don't like to use them as they can be dangerous. They usually increase your electric bill.

I got my bill last week and it is more than double what I usually pay. I chalked it up to the portable heater. Than I read David McKay Wilson's story in the Journal News right before press time. Electric customers of Sustainable Westchester pay \$48M more with 2-year renewables pact.' Is that part of why my electric bill went up?

If you remember, Yonkers residents had to opt out not in. According to Wilson's article, the head of Sustainable WESTCHESTER said opt in models do not provide them with sufficient electric usage to make the program feasible. Issue #1. The requirement that you opt out, not in. Issue #2. Sustainable WESTCHESTER is being by run by several former elected officials, not by individuals trained and educated to manage these operations. The politicization of these programs always puts up my tentacles. Yonkers is represented on their Board of Directors by Jason Baker, Deputy Commissioner and former campaign coordinator for Mayor Spano. I do not believe he receives compensation as a Director.

So stay tuned. Somehow reliance on Russia has something to do with with electricity rates going up and this whole program. That, Issue #3 has me more worried than anything else!

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## “A Passion According to Matthew”

March 28, Asbury Crestwood United Methodist Church

To be presented by Dzieci Theatre Company



Asbury Crestwood United Methodist Church will be hosting a very special event on Holy Thursday, March 28 at 7 pm. Dzieci Theatre Company of Manhattan will be presenting “A Passion According to Matthew: A Dramatic Choral Liturgy Unbound.” This event will take place in the church’s main sanctuary at 167 Scarsdale Road in Tuckahoe. Admission is free, but donations are gratefully accepted, with all donations going directly to Dzieci Theater. Doors open 15 minutes prior to presentation.

Dzieci is an experimental theatre ensemble dedicated to a search for the “sacred” through the medium of theatre. Integrating theatrical techniques, ritual forms derived from Native American and Eastern spiritual disciplines, and an ethic based securely in Humanistic Psychology, Dzieci aims to create a theatre that is as equally engaged with personal transformation as it is with public presentation.

For Easter, 2012, Dzieci Theatre was invited to work with a small group of nuns at The Abbey of Regina Laudis in Bethlehem, CT to create a Passion for their Holy Week. The experience was life-changing for all involved, and inspired Dzieci to seek the essence of this sacred ritual. In dramatizing the Holy Week portion of the Gospel of Matthew, Dzieci Theatre has refined the liturgy from the earliest existing translations, relying heavily on the Aramaic Pashita, incorporating Hebraic song and chant, and ritual elements of Judaism, and set their revision in the shadow of the Warsaw Ghetto. The group has since revisited, refined, and presented A Passion each Holy Week since 2012. The performance at Asbury will be Dzieci’s first appearance in Westchester County.

Whether Christian or Jew or Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist, or Zen, A Passion appeals to the human spirit in everyone and our essential desire for communion.

"Any corps of actors that can cause a hush to fall upon its audience, such that the angel of silence is not just flying by but is still hovering, must, as they say, be doing something right."~ John Osburn, TheatreScene ~

Letter: The NYC St. Patrick’s Day Parade  
-Erin Go Bragh!

The St. Patrick’s Day parade is the oldest and largest parade in the world. The first one was held on March 17th, 1762, fourteen years before the signing of the United States Declaration of Independence.

This first parade was comprised of homesick Irish ex—patriots and Irish military members serving with the British army stationed in the colonies of New York (at this time the wearing of the green was a sign of Irish pride and was banned in Ireland because the British, who occupied Ireland, forbid it.)

The marchers step off promptly at 9 A.M. at 5th Avenue and 44th Street, ending at 59th street ( 6 hours later.)

Approximately 150,000 marchers take part, and usually draws 2 million spectators.

From very early days up until the present, the parade has been organized and run by volunteers, many of whom come from generations of families dedicated to the organization of the parade.

When March 17th falls on a Sunday, the parade is held on March 16th, because of religious observances.

ERIN GO BRAGH!! Joe Pettit, Yorktown

## Shimsky-Abinanti Rematch for Assembly

Mary Dolan to Challenge AOC; Carr

Running for Congress in NY-17

By Dan Murphy

Political news in Westchester includes announcements by three Westchester democrats who are running for Congress and Assembly.

Former Assemblyman Tom Abinanti is collecting signatures to challenge Assemblywoman MaryJane Shimsky in a democratic primary in June. Abinanti, who served for 12 years in the Assembly, lost his seat to Shimsky in 2022.

Abinanti said that he has “been asked by community leaders to run again,” and “They feel that my successor has not been a strong enough advocate for the community.”

One of the major reasons for Abinanti’s decision is the passage of recent state legislation which would make it easier for the community of Edgemont, in the Town of Greenburgh, to incorporate as a Village.

This law has caused a split in the Greenburgh community, with those opposed and in favor. Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner is collecting signatures for Abinanti and has been vocal in his belief that the removal of Edgemont would create a budget funding gap in the Town of Greenburgh budget.

“This Assembly race, this is really a one-issue campaign in my opinion,” Feiner said. “Do we have a representative in Albany that’s going to fight to keep the town whole or is somebody going to stab the town in the back? I’m very disappointed with the (state) legislation.”

“Community leaders in Greenburgh are very angry that instead of continuing the efforts that I was making to protect Greenburgh from the disastrous impacts of Edgemont separating itself (from the town) and forming a village, Assemblywoman Shimsky sponsored legislation which makes it easier for Edgemont to leave,” said Abinanti who lost in 2022 by 900 votes.

Assemblywoman Shimsky issued a statement which read, "It's been my honor and privilege to serve the people of the 92nd Assembly District. I look forward to continuing to work on their behalf with my colleagues in the New York State Assembly, and to providing the best possible services and quality of life."

Supporters of Shimsky claim that she never supported the legislation, only the right for the people of Edgemont to determine their own future.

Abinanti hopes to make a formal announcement at the end of March, after his supporters obtain enough signatures to get on the ballot for the democratic primary.

Both Abinanti and Feiner have said that the loss of Edgemont, and its wealthy tax base, would require tax increases and layoffs for the remainder of town. If elected, Abinanti would also continue his advocacy for state funding for people with disabilities.

The 92nd Assembly district includes –Greenburgh, a small part of Yonkers and the Town of Mount Pleasant.

Another Westchester democrat, Irvington financial advisor Marty Dolan announced that he was no longer running for Congress in NY-16, but instead will challenge Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, (AOC) in a democratic primary in New York City.

Dolan, an experienced strategist and investor, has, over the past 40 years, helped solve complex problems internationally in the UK. “I am excited to formally announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for New York's 14th Congressional District.

“The June 25th, 2024 primary will be a referendum: are we better or worse off from following Radical policies? We are all for the "progress" implied by the word Progressive. However, within the Progressive movement, there are Radicals whose influence on the Democratic Party is overweight.

“The impact in NYC is obvious: bail reform a disaster, the National Guard in the subway, toothpaste locked up in drugstores but criminals running free, scarce resources directed to (non-sanctuary) immigrants coming from all over the world.

“These difficulties must be addressed in the context of a runaway \$34 trillion federal debt and NYC's 14% marginal tax rate. Regional tax inequality is far more exaggerated in the USA than in any other country. Losing 500,000 taxpayers is unsustainable: fixing this must be our overwhelming priority. Enough is enough,” said Dolan, whose campaign is currently out collecting signatures in the 14th District, which includes parts of Queens and the Bronx.

In Westchester’s other Congressional race, NY-17, there is a third candidate in the race between Congressman Mike Lawler and former Congressman Mondaire Jones. Democrat MaryAnn Carr is out collecting signatures and recently called for a cease fire in Gaza.

"The current situation in the Middle East is untenable and has resulted in immense suffering for innocent civilians," said Carr. "It is imperative that we put an end to the violence and work towards a sustainable peace that respects the rights and dignity of all individuals," said Carr, who if she can submit the 1300 valid signatures required, will face off in a Democratic Primary against Jones in June.

Carr served as the Supervisor of the Town of Bedford, the former Chair of the Bedford Democratic Committee and First Vice-chair of Westchester County Democratic Committee. She has also built a diverse career as an independent businesswoman at multinational businesses as an Information Technology professional.

“If you believe that every single voice deserves to be heard. If you have ever been told to sit down, surrender, remain quiet, join me in building a future where the promise of America is real for every one of us,” said Carr.

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So how do I energize our city more than ever before? I see this time as a chance to build upon the foundation we've created for ourselves. We now can stand on the summit with little in our way and declare, this is OUR TIME – our time to hit our stride and our time to reach our fullest potential.

Crime is down 24 percent since 2011. And we intend to keep it down. In 2023, we opened the Police Departments' state-of-the art AWARE Room, which allows officers on the street, citywide, to coordinate data in one central location. It's how if someone is assaulted on the street, we can get a visual of the perpetrator. And see where he fled, and if he got into a car, find out where he's going, stop and arrest him. It's how if there's a serious accident or other emergency we can immediately determine what assistance we need to provide and how we can get there the fastest. So far the AWARE room has assisted in 700 calls of service – and counting. Each of those calls represents a criminal who was caught, a person with a medical emergency who was helped, a missing person who was found, or a danger that was prevented.

YPD is also launching its first-ever all-purpose Drone this spring, serving as a first responder. The drone will provide a bird's eye view of incidents in real time, providing officers on the ground a visual of the situation before they arrive. The advantage here is unmatched compared to traditional emergency response – from high-speed pursuits to even spotting lost children and elderly. It also saves money and wear and tear on our police vehicles.

The legalization of cannabis in New York is causing a lot of concern, because unlicensed smoke shops are popping up throughout the State. These shops are a top priority for us. Unfortunately, when the State passed cannabis legalization they did not foresee the illegal sales in smoke shops and chose not to provide us the proper tools to punish those who sell it illegally. And let me be clear, illegal sales are not about lost taxes. They are about lives that are harmed, or even lost, by adulterated products or sales to minors.

We've closed over a dozen of these shops in the past year, and we'll continue to crack down. But what we really need is for New York State to pass laws that allows us to permanently close stores that sell cannabis without a license, and to penalize the owners of these establishments. It's disheartening to close up one of these shops, just to see the owners get a slap on the wrist and then reopen

We are also cracking down on careless drivers, or more specifically, those who don't care about passing school buses that are picking up or discharging our children. The Yonkers Safe Stop program has outfitted most of our school buses with cameras. Now, if you pass a school bus that is halted with its safety arm extended and flashing lights on, your license plate will be caught on camera and you will get a \$250 fine in the mail. Believe it or not, just in the past four months, I'm sad to report we've issued over 8,600 of these tickets, sometimes to second or third time offenders. It's important to remember the law says you must stop for a school bus even if there is a roadway median between you and the bus. If you can see the bus stop and its flashing lights, you need to Slow Your Roll

So let's talk about some of the good changes we are seeing in Yonkers these days. The downtown waterfront continues to thrive. Azorim's 250-unit apartment tower on Hudson Street continues its rise, and when it opens will be a signature building to rival anything you might see in White Plains, New Rochelle, or even New York City. Meanwhile just a block away, ready to open this summer, is the 125-unit building on Prospect Street. And 57 Alexander Street is leasing up as well. That's more people to shop in the downtown and eat in our downtown restaurants, as well as enjoy our wonderful riverfront public walkways – which by the way, will eventually connect, creating a four mile continuous riverwalk. For so many years people would complain about the downtown. How many times would people say to me, how come Yonkers is so big but you don't even have a Starbucks downtown? Well, now we have several coffee shops as well as other amenities, and yes, one of them is Starbucks.

We are making sure new residential buildings extend to all four corners of the city: opening at McLean Avenue, at Main Street, at Ravine, at Scarsdale Road, at Trinity Plaza, and Ridge Hill. And major retailers and movie studios are settling in after years of anticipation.

And we are keeping our promise on making sure that all development is inclusive and accessible. In 2023 alone, over nineteen hundred and fifty units of housing were reviewed and approved. Of these new units, 730 of them are affordable and below market rate.

Yonkers also is becoming an emerging center to the healthcare industry. Yonkers' Medical Mile on North Broadway is flourishing, adding more specialized medical practices and pharmacies each year. We are even attracting a new generation of medical professionals here. A new partnership between St. Joseph's Medical Center and the University of Mount Saint Vincent is developing modern nursing education initiatives, including expanded research and clinical opportunities. To prepare for the growing population, we are making way for the twenty-five hundred-unit development at Chicken Island. And a new 500-space garage along Nepperhan Avenue next to the Cacace Justice Center.

There's no doubt our time in the Hollywood limelight is now. With the actors and writers strikes finally resolved, our streets are once again buzzing with the sounds of flood light generators and "action" calls. As our friend Robert Halmi told Westchester Business Journal, Yonkers is "clearly now the number one place in the United States to make film and television." The proof is in the numbers. In 2023, the City generated over \$300,000 in revenue from film and production – that's even after coming out of the strikes. Thanks to investments from Great Point Studios, the industry is expanding on Warburton and on North Broadway. Spanish-owned Media Pro is expected to open this fall and provide 650 new jobs

Like the film industry, Yonkers arts are more vibrant than ever. Yonkers Arts Weekend returns with a two-day festival in May. We are unveiling new public art around the City in collaboration with Ray Wilcox and Yonkers Arts, displaying the colorful tapestry and talent of our residents. Yonkers youth are inspiring us as well. They are installing their first mural this spring and will repair current murals that may be damaged, or, unfortunately vandalized.

Untermeyer Gardens continues to mystify and allure visitors from across the nation. This year, we successfully completed the Persian Pool renovations with precision, after decades of neglect. With the same attention to detail, we are working to recreate the Medusa mosaic, which will be installed later this spring. Thank you to Untermeyer Gardens Conservancy for your tireless dedication to renewing the Gardens and ensuring its greatest days are still ahead

A greener Yonkers also means an improved water system. For residents who are frustrated with their water bills, help is finally on the way.

We contracted a new and improved automated water meter system. You'll receive more accurate data, notifications of potential leaks and real time billing information. With a 20-year warranty, Yonkers can now ensure an accurate water usage and billing system for the next two decades.

Our teachers and students have worked so hard to achieve a 90 percent graduation rate, so don't they deserve new schools to replace some of those buildings that are nearly 100 years old? This September, we'll open the first new schools in a generation. The Justice Sonia Sotomayor School is the first of its kind in our District, featuring multi-functional spaces that will be accessible to the community, without the need to open the entire campus after school hours. Special amenities include a multi-purpose gymnasium with a stage; a full-sized basketball court and locker rooms as well as a cafeteria with a full kitchen. And the addition of a health suite with medical and dental exam rooms will finally start to address the healthcare inequities many face. If your child does not have adequate access to healthcare services, they soon will have them there.

It's also time to cut the ribbon at the new Yonkers Film & Television Production Academy. With the support of Great Point Studios, Yonkers Public Schools will build a generation of innovators ready for workplace employment in a variety of film and production industries – not just through class work, but with apprenticeships and internships. Students grades six through twelve will develop their imagination through hands-on, project-based practical learning.

Yonkers My Brother's Keeper continues to climb to new heights. I had the pleasure of joining my colleagues in Chicago last spring to accept one of only four Model Community awards designated by the Obama Foundation. Yonkers' achievements in its stellar rise in graduation rates in a short time was recognized amongst MBK chapters nationwide. And Yonkers MBK won't stop here. Working with Yonkers Police, our young men have their sights on another MBK milestone – keeping our youth safe from violent crime. While this number is already low, we know working together, we can reduce disruptive behavior even more.

I know our new superintendent Dr. Anibal Soler will take the baton seamlessly and continue the progress we've all made. Dr. Soler has an impressive resume working in urban districts, like ours. He officially joins us May 1 as our District's newest superintendent. Dr. Soler is with us tonight. Please give him a warm Yonkers welcome.

You know, during my time as mayor, I've made it my priority to work hand-in-hand with Yonkers Public Schools – whether it be their voice here or in Albany. Together with your help and strong leadership within our District, we've been able to work our way back onto the path towards educational success.

Yonkers' growing population over the past 10 years has meant the need for more equitable and inclusive funding to support new families living here. Our commitment to our schools has never been greater.

However, with rising costs in healthcare, loss of federal dollars and the impacts of the pandemic, both our upcoming city and school budgets pose a serious challenge – one we haven't faced in quite awhile. That's why tonight, I ask you all to join me in our efforts as we seek more assistance from Albany. We've proven Yonkers can deliver on the state's investments, despite the lack of increase in municipal aid or receiving the least amount of funding among the State's Big 5 Districts. We've dealt with tough budgets before, but your support is vital to our continued success. I look forward to working with you and the City Council in getting the job done.

As I approach a birthday milestone next month, I am reminded of another significant date that we all soon will celebrate – that's the 250th anniversary of our nation. For Yonkers, we have a chance to learn how our city and ancestors played such a pivotal role in our country's independence. That's why this spring, I will announce the launch of Revolutionary Yonkers Two-Fifty. The goal here is to educate and engage our residents about the significance and relevance of Yonkers in the American Revolution and beyond. We've heard about the Philipse family, George Washington and battles fought here, but there's so much more for us to learn. To guide us, I will appoint a committee of civic leaders, historians, and educators to plan events leading up to our nation's big day. 2026 is just around the corner – and I'm excited to celebrate.

Our place in history goes beyond the American Revolution. With the help of our Office of Veteran Services, this year, Yonkers has been named an American World War II Heritage City by the National Parks Service – the only city in New York State to be given such a designation.

2024 is also the time we embrace who we are. I've always been proud of our diversity and the spectrum of cultural, political, ethnic and religious contributions of our residents. That's because we continue to reach for more. Like how we continue to be ranked one of the top cities exhibiting LGBTQ+ inclusion in our laws and policies. And because our minority workforce increased over 50% since we started here. And because that despite any financial obstacles we may face, we weather the storm and find solutions. And because we continue to be the fastest growing big city in New York State. And most importantly, it's because we are proud to be Yonkers. Ladies and gentlemen, our time to be the best of who we can be is now. I ask you to join me in taking risks, to seek out new opportunities that will further our progress. I know we can, because even on our toughest days, we have persevered. We've put politics aside and found a commonplace. That's how we do it here in Yonkers. My hope is others in the nation learn from us and take our lead.

Let's embrace our time to work together and build each other up. Now is the time to fight for the future for our students and schools; support our public safety and community policing. Now is the time for the investments in our economy to flourish and bring even more prosperity. Now is the time to embrace the diverse tapestry of this beautiful city. And now is the time to be proud of the path we've traveled together and the one waiting for us to conquer together.

## Hochuls Calls for Review of NYS Office of Cannabis Management

Taps OGS Commissioner Jeannette Moy to Lead Effort

**Governor's Plan Will Assess the Office of Cannabis Management's Organization, Identify Opportunities for Improvement, and Begin the Implementation of a Long-Term Strategic Plan**

**Commissioner Moy and a Team of State Government Leaders Will Embed in OCM for a Minimum 30-Day Period**

**Commissioner Moy Will Have Access to Resources from OGS and Other State Agencies**

Governor Kathy Hochul has initiated an assessment of the Office of Cannabis Management to identify opportunities for improvement and begin implementation of a strategic plan for the long-term success of the legal cannabis rollout. Commissioner for the Office of General Services Jeanette Moy will serve as lead and executive sponsor of the effort, supported by experienced State government leaders.

"Today, we take the first step in revamping New York's legal cannabis industry to ensure its long-term success," Governor Hochul said. "I have full confidence in Commissioner Moy's ability to identify areas that need improvement, establish standards and processes across agencies, and jumpstart the next phase of New York's legal cannabis market."

New York State Office of General Services Commissioner Jeanette Moy said, "Governor Hochul has prioritized a State government that is transparent, more efficient and responsive for all New Yorkers. I look forward to working with OCM's leadership to help get this agency's work on track and find ways to streamline the application process and get businesses open."

New York State Office of Cannabis Management Executive Director Chris Alexander said, "We have built a cannabis market based on equity, and there is a lot to be proud of. At the same time, there is more we can do to improve OCM's operations and we know Commissioner Moy, a proven leader in government, will help us get where we need to be. We owe it to operators across the supply chain and consumers alike, who are looking for more access and opportunity in our budding, regulated market. At the end of the day, it's all about doing what's right for New Yorkers."

Commissioner Moy will embed in OCM for a minimum 30-day sprint to assess the agency's organization. As part of the plan, several goals have been identified, including:

Top-down review of organizational structure, processes, and systems with a focus on improving OCM license processing times and application-to-opening timeframes for new cannabis retailers and businesses.

Develop key performance metrics and an executive-level licensing dashboard to provide the Executive Chamber with a timely, accurate, and comprehensive picture of licensing activity for legal retailers.

Identify and implement changes to policy, procedure, and regulation (within the bounds of the MRTA) to streamline the licensing process and simplify application and review for prospective licensees.

Develop three-month and six-month action plans with organizational change initiatives, milestones, and actions to continue improving agency functions while developing a world-class licensing and regulatory agency for New York States' cannabis industry.

Commissioner Moy will have access to resources from OGS, the Office of Information Technology Services, and other State agencies to support the development of systems and dashboards. Additionally, OCM leadership and staff will work in partnership with Commissioner Moy and her team to help streamline the assessment process.

Following the initial 30-day period, the potential for external consulting may be considered to support a second, longer-duration phase of the effort.

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## Latimer Touts Achievements for All Families in State of the County Address; Protests Against Congressional Run

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Executive George Latimer delivered his 7th annual State of the County address on March 14, in which he outlined the county initiatives and programs under his leadership "for all families."

Latimer touted the creation of 6,000 new units of affordable housing, the expansion of the Child Care Scholarship, \$20M for electric vehicle charging infrastructure, \$1M for the Black Maternal Child Health Initiative, \$1.5M for tobacco prevention and cessation program, and the seasonal suspension of the Bee-Line Bus fares.

Latimer said: "The State of our County is firmly rooted in strength while growing and changing for the better."

"Let us see the value in electing leaders who have no scandals, no hate, no conspiracy theories, leaders who aren't breaking campaign pledges or becoming a national punchline. Together, we can build on the foundation laid by those who have dedicated their lives to Westchester."

Latimer highlighted the passage of the 2024 Westchester County Budget, which maintains the same County property tax levy as 2023, marking the fifth consecutive year without a levy increase.

He also emphasized the County's prestigious "AAA" credit rating from Fitch Ratings, as well as its improved credit ratings from S&P Global Ratings and Moody's Investors Service. Additionally, he highlighted the New York State Comptroller lowering the fiscal stress score for the County to zero, indicating outstanding financial stability.

On the environment, Latimer applauded the Board of Legislators for passing the single use food ware law as well as the Lead Free Parks Act, the Addressing Asthma in Communities of Color Amendment, the Renewable Energy Database Act and the Equity in Environmental Legislation Act.

Latimer pointed out that the County has made a substantial investment of \$20 million to expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure at County parking facilities, adding that "These efforts underscore our commitment to sustainability and community well-being."

Latimer said: "Since our administration first took office in 2018, affordable housing – and the availability of affordable housing throughout the County – has remained a top priority."

Since 2018, nearly six thousand units of affordable housing have been built, gone under construction, or are in the pipeline for the future. Additionally, Latimer highlighted the Affordable Housing Investment Flex Fund, a new, affordable housing production tool which was created to help increase the number of units across Westchester.

For the first time in Latimer's tenure, he used the State of the County Address to sign the \$52.8-million-dollar Glen Island Bridge construction Bond Act. The Act is among the most significant construction projects in Westchester County in the past decade.

Latimer affirmed his commitment to support the uninsured and underinsured residents of Westchester, bolstering our Federally Qualified Health Centers with \$3 million in funding while also setting aside more than \$1 million for the County's Black Maternal Child Health Initiative, and \$1.5-million-dollars to promote tobacco prevention and cessation programs.

During the speech, Latimer singled out Veteran Joseph Frank, a Port Chester native and a distinguished combat Army Infantryman who served his nation overseas during World War II. Frank is Westchester County's oldest living veteran – at the age of 106.

Latimer said: "We express our gratitude to Mr. Frank for his selfless service and to all our Westchester County veterans."

Outside the county office building, a group of about 50 protestors, held signs and spoke out in support of "Palestinians uprooted by Israel's war against Hamas in Gaza," and also against Latimer's run for Congress and support for Israel.

Called, "The People's state of the county, protestors held signs criticizing Latimer not for his role as County Executive, but in his role as Congressional candidate; Latimer is challenging fellow democrat Jamaal Bowman in the 16th district-NY.

Protestors held placards against Latimer's connection to AIPAC, the pro-Israel Political Action Committee that is helping their supporters to donate to the Latimer campaign.

Other objections to Latimer's record came from Police Reform groups, who said not enough has been done, and from affordable housing advocates, and the need for "deeply affordable housing," as Juanita Lewis, executive director of Community Voices Heard, said.

The coalition of Westchester's progressive and social justice organizations included Black Westchester, Westchester County Black Political Conference, Anti Racist Alliance, Jews For Racial & Economic Justice (JFREJ), Alternatives to Incarceration, Jewish Voice for Peace Westchester, Concerned Families of Westchester, Lower Hudson Valley Democratic Socialists of America, Westchester Coalition for Police Reform, Blacks in Law Enforcement of America, and We, United.

Westpac.org, the larger group that helped organize this event, stated "A broad coalition of Westchester's progressive and social justice organizations will counter County Executive George Latimer's final State of the County address. Our rally will emphasize Latimer's failed policies as County Executive. George Latimer has not fulfilled his promises to the people in critical areas including Affordable Housing, Police Accountability, and Racial Justice.

"The State of the County address comes at a critical juncture: Latimer, a Democrat, is completing his tenure as County Executive while he mounts a campaign to unseat fellow Democrat, Congressman Jamaal Bowman. Rep. Bowman is the first Black congressional representative of our diverse district, and has been championing issues close to the heart of local working families throughout his term. Latimer's failures as County Executive on issues that impact poor and working class communities disqualifies him as a candidate for Congress.

"Not only does Latimer's campaign for Congress serve to divide Democrats, but it is largely initiated and funded by AIPAC (American Israel Public Affairs Committee). Westchester County does not need a Congressman that is beholden to special interests rather than to district residents.

"This coalition implores George Latimer to end his corrupt campaign for Congress. Do not make your political legacy be about challenging a beloved congressional representative, at the behest of AIPAC, an organization bankrolled by Republicans. Do not throw your weight behind Israel's genocidal campaign against the Palestinian people in Gaza, at the cost of over 30,000 innocent lives and unspeakable trauma to over 2.2 million people. End your campaign and join our Congressman in calling for an immediate and permanent ceasefire in Gaza.

"This action reflects the growing sentiment that George Latimer is unfit to serve as a United States Representative!

# Stop The Madness In Our Country

More than 100,000 of our fellow Americans die every year to Fentanyl overdoses. Where is the outcry from the media?

I was 44 of my beautiful friends and readers of this newsletter to send me and stop the madness in our country that is the free flow of Fentanyl from our border. My wife and I had 2 children 100 years ago to an overdose and nothing has changed.

They are fighting addiction for several years, travels to and from rehabilitation centers and see everything construction. He had three children, and he did not want to die when he was 20. He has sought everything else, it was Fentanyl and I killed him.

More than 100,000 of our fellow Americans die every year to Fentanyl overdoses. Where is the outcry from the media? Where is the outcry from our elected officials? Why is the border still open to anyone and everything?

In New York City one person is dying every 30 minutes from Fentanyl. The Chief Medical Examiner Dr Jason Boham said "Fentanyl is probably 80-90% percent of the overdose deaths that we see." Sources COVID Dr Boham said that "the fentanyl crisis would represent what I believe to be the biggest public health emergency of our times. It's an incident by potent drug. It's 50 times more potent than heroin."

It's staggering that our law candidates or politicians is executing the silent and raising Americans aware of these statistics on our local and state level other than President Trump. Why is that? Is the health for our former President more important than my son's life? Or the next person who dies from Fentanyl?

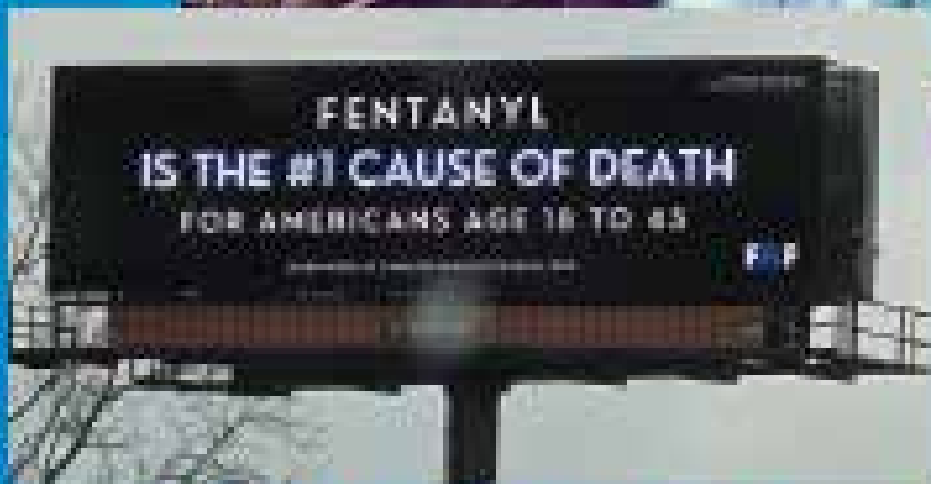
There is a woman out here writing men and women of our country. I have joined a group called Families Against Fentanyl who is calling for Fentanyl to be classified as a weapon of Mass Destruction - WMD. This classification would force our US Government to initiate a whole-of-government response to this national threat, allowing new resources and manpower to help tackle the danger.

Who is profiting from this war against our young men and women? China and the Mexican Drug Cartels. Fentanyl overdose has become the leading cause of death for young Americans since 2021. US authorities say that China remains the primary source of the precursor chemicals, which are then processed and manufactured into synthetic opioids by Mexican drug cartels entering into the United States.

It's now estimated 80 percent of the fentanyl trafficking is coming from precursor drugs from China. And then it's manufactured by lab cartels, lab cartels and Chinese cartels, lab cartels, human traffickers, virtuals, trucks, shipping containers, planes, travel services, travel agencies and other methods involved in activities bringing it across the border while our politicians on the federal level continue to turn a blind eye. The Chinese city of Xi'an is known as the heroin capital of the world.

Fentanyl has remained the leading cause of death by overdose aged between 18 and 44 since 2021 surpassing suicide and suicide COVID-19 and cancer according to CDC data conducted by the US advocacy group Families Against Fentanyl in a December 2023 report.

The future generations needs to know the risks, educate or educate so when we see a 100,000 other Americans die every year from Fentanyl it is not something to read.



The drug flows from the DEA and DHS. And they are doing good work, they are trying to prevent another overdose, and I thank God for their service. I read about 50 pounds, 80 pounds, 100 pounds confiscated. And I wonder how many people are making it across the border.

The biggest difference between Fentanyl and Heroin is that for many of those who have died, they did not know what drug they were taking. It's Fentanyl is a pain pill as another name. They are poisoning our children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters.

Enough is enough. I want justice for my son. And justice for my wife and I want our President and our US House of Representatives and our US Senate to make every effort to close our border and stop the flow of Fentanyl in that too much is sold.

I don't want my two children going to the life in Ukraine and we have made every effort to count the dollar from the stage floor of stage.

My Congressman is James Buchanan. He is being managed by County Executive George Latimer. He has spoken out or seen who he is the Fentanyl crisis in our country and in their Congressional District, which includes parts of the Bronx.

For decades, I have been speaking out about the loss of our manufacturing jobs overseas in China. Now we need to focus on stopping Americans being every die from the poison that is Fentanyl.

Help me to make the truth to put on a sign. I know that makes the judge.

Thank you God Bless.

- Charles Spencer

In 2023, the Synthetic Trafficking and Overdose Prevention (STOP) Act, aimed at cutting the flow of opioids sent through the mail system, by increasing the coordination between the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection. But to evade U.S. regulations, Chinese heroin producers shifted their primary market to Mexico.

Are we better off than the previous administration? All I know is that I lost my son and my son due to the illegal trafficking of Fentanyl under the Biden administration. Nobody has ever explained why we have allowed 8 million kilograms to come into our country. And how many of those young children who passed away have disappointed or are victims of the sex labor trade. And how many are trafficking Fentanyl?

There have been half a million 100,000 Americans over the past five years from Fentanyl. Does it really matter what their political party was? Or if they voted for Trump or Biden? My wife and I am two of the millions of families members affected by the Fentanyl crisis.

What is the justice for all of us? Or at least the willingness to acknowledge the problem and put our government and its dollars to work to try and stop it.

As a co-owner of some website.com, I got that Dan Murphy is posing the website above.