

Yonkers Man Indicted for Underage Rape and Sex Abuse, Video Taped Crimes on His Phone



Other Victims Sought - Anyone with further information can call Yonkers Police at (914) 377-7725.

By Dan Murphy

Editor's Note: The DA's release of this crime is below. Immediately after the DA's release began to circulate on social media, we received calls from members of Community Baptist Church, who explained.

Rolando Ruiz, left was a part-time cleaner at the church for a brief period of time, only this year-2025. He was let go not because of any relation to this incident, but for a lack of performance, he didn't do his job. According to the DA's release,

A crew from News 12 outside the church, despite the fact that they have no real affiliation to this criminal case. We contacted the DA's office to explain the complaints we received. Perhaps more of a focus on Ruiz's residence and other areas where he either worked or congregated, would be a better focus of the media's attention.

On May 6, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Rolando Ruiz, 39, of Yonkers, was indicted on several felony charges related to his alleged rape and repeated sexual abuse of a child under the age of 13 years old.

Specifically, Ruiz was charged with committing a Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree, Predatory Sexual Assault Against a Child, and two counts each of Use of a Child Less Than 17 Years of Age in a Sexual Performance and Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, all felonies.

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Should Westchester Work With ICE? Is West. A Sanctuary County? Will We Lose Fed Funds?



Legislator Nolan Wants to Revise the Immigrant Protection Act
By Dan Murphy

President Donald Trump has threatened to cut Federal Funds to local governments that do not cooperate with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the removal of criminal illegal immigrants. While Trump has been known to threaten one thing only to not have it happen in the end, Westchester County government and the County Board of Legislators have discussed the subject of \$300 million in Federal Aid. Yonkerstimes.com has learned of a meeting between County Attorney John Nonna and members of the County Board of Legislators in which the topic of losing Federal Aid over the Immigrant Protection Act was discussed.

That discussion prompted County Legislator James Nolan, the only Republican on the BOL, to write a letter to County Executive Ken Jenkins and BOL Chair Vedat Gashi to revise the Immigrant Protection Act, IPA, which former County Executive & Congressman George Latimer signed into law in 2018. The IPA prevents Westchester County from using any of its resources to assist in federal investigations based on race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, ethnicity, or national origin. In general, the Immigrant Protection Act outlines what information county law enforcement will require from those with whom they interact and how this information is shared with all levels of law enforcement.

Nolan wrote, "I sent a letter to my colleagues at the Westchester County Board of Legislators regarding an urgent matter, and I am requesting that they join me on something that can no longer be ignored. Recently, some elected Democratic officials have finally begun to express concern about finances, particularly in light of the potential significant loss of federal funding to local municipalities. This is not just a concern but a major issue we must confront head-on."

"Westchester County's "Immigration Protection Act" prohibits ICE from collaborating with our law enforcement and corrections agencies. This poses a serious prob-

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Hudson Piers Launches Leasing Along Waterfront Alexander Street-Yonkers Final Frontier



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State Reps Try to “Trash” the Plastic



NYS Assembly Member MaryJane Shimsky and Ryan Castalia, of Sure We Can, one of the 20 co-sponsors.

On Sunday, April 27th, a capacity crowd flocked to the Yonkers Riverfront Library for a screening of the award-winning documentary, “Plastic People.” The film investigates how microplastics pose hidden dangers to our air, water, soil, bodies – and — even to the unborn. Organized by Beyond Plastics, the event was co-hosted by 20 other nonprofits to boost awareness and to take action.

The audience of concerned citizens included Assemblymembers MaryJane Shimsky and Nader Sayegh. Speakers included Liz Silverstein, co-chair, Lower Westchester Chapter of Beyond Plastics, who introduced the film; Ryan Castalia of Brooklyn-based Sure We Can, who spoke in support of the Bigger, Better, Bottle Bill; Assemblymember Sayegh, who expressed strong support for pending environmental legislation, and Dobbs Ferry High School freshman and climate activist, Cleo Reisinger, who discussed how addiction to plastics is impacting young people.

Ellen Prior of Tarrytown was shocked to learn that petroleum companies have flooded the market with plastics as a strategy to compensate for a projected loss in demand for fossil fuels. (Plastics production doubled between 2000-2019, fossil fuels make up 99% of plastics, and the International Energy Agency predicts that global fossil fuel demand will peak before 2030.) The anticipated growth in plastic waste exceeds our ability to mitigate plastic pollution.

Charlotte Bins of Irvington was distressed to learn that microplastics are everywhere in our bodies and that we have the equivalent of five plastic bottle caps in our brains. Although research is still inconclusive, strong evidence links microplastics to neurological, reproductive, and developmental disorders as well as cancer and infertility; Many chemicals used in plastic production are carcinogens and endocrine disruptors. Members of the audience were amazed that only 5-9% of “recyclables” are recycled. Most plastic waste ends up in landfills, which are rapidly filling up. NY’s largest landfill, Seneca Meadows, in the Finger Lakes, will reach capacity by the end of 2025. Incinerators, like the antiquated Wheelabrator in Peekskill, represent the worst method to dispose of trash because they spew tons of toxins into the air into surrounding (often-marginalized) communities.

“Aren’t we on a collision course if we produce more and more plastic waste but have nowhere to put it?” asked Haven Colgate of Hastings-on-Hudson. “Why isn’t someone doing something about it?”

Fortunately for New Yorkers, we are doing something about it. We have pending legislation, sponsored by State Senator, Pete Harckham, and Assemblymember Deborah Glick: the NYS Packaging Reduction and

Recycling Infrastructure Act, PRRIA. The bill would reduce plastic packaging by 30% over 12 years, shift the fiscal responsibility for waste management from taxpayers to the polluters, and ban 17 of the most toxic chemicals.

As an added benefit, the bill is estimated to produce \$1.3 billion in revenue over ten years for make improvements to make New York’s municipalities more sustainable.

The challenge is that we are up against the corporate interests in a David and Goliath-style confrontation. Many activists will be going to Albany on May 7th to lobby for the bill. But the most important thing we can each do is to call our State Senators and Assemblymembers to urge them to support PRRIA.

Contact your state representatives

Harriet Cheney, Beyond Plastics, Lower Westchester Chapter

County Executive Jenkins: Playland to Open Memorial Day Weekend with Free Admission



By Dan Murphy

County Executive Ken Jenkins held a press conference on May 7 to tell the residents of Westchester that Playland will open for Memorial Day weekend and will have Free admission.

Jenkins explained in great detail the history surrounding the recent operations of the only county owned amusement park in the US, and how county government is now scrambling to get ride safety approved by the State Department of Labor and employees and lifeguards hired.

“Summer in Westchester means a summer spent at Playland – and this summer will be no different.”

Jenkins said the extent of ride availability is still being determined, as the County continues efforts to address the damage left behind by Standard Amusements following their breach of contract and abandonment of the park in February 2025.

Because ride availability may be limited over Memorial Day weekend, Jenkins and Westchester County Government have made admission free and Parking reduced to \$10. Plus the beach at Rye Playland will also be open.

Westchester County Government, and the taxpayers of Westchester, have paid \$141 Million in capital improvements at Playland over the past several years. Part of that \$141 Million was to meet contractual obligations with Standard Amusements, who was selected by then County Executive Rob Astorino and the County Board of Legislators to operate Playland under a 30-year agreement.

Standard Amusements operated Playland for less than 5 years, and in January of this year (2025), informed the county that it was walking away from its agreement.

Jenkins said: “The condition Standard Amusements left Playland in is deeply disappointing, and reflects the consequences of a poorly structured agreement made during a prior administration. The deal, negotiated under then-County Executive Rob Astorino, prioritized privatization over prudent fiscal management and left the County responsible for significant financial liabilities — including the return of 100% of Standard Amusements’ investment. As a member of the Board of Legislators in 2016, I voted against this agreement because I believed it did not serve the best interests of Westchester County’s taxpayers or families.”

The County is working closely with the New York State Department of Labor, which must inspect and certify the rides before they can open for public use. Jenkins highlighted that the opening of the rides will ultimately be the State’s decision.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding some rides, Playland will be alive with activity Memorial Day Weekend, featuring food concessions, games and entertainment. Playland Beach will also open as scheduled, while the Playland Pool is set to open in June in line with all County pool openings.

Westchester County Director of Operations Joan McDonald explained that the county has been working to determine what is needed to open Playland shortly after being informed by Standard that they were out.

The Tiki Bar will be open again this year at Playland after a new agreement was reached. And the large investment made in the pool and beach at Playland will mean swimming and recreational opportunities for residents.

Westchester County has hired Zamperla to conduct a review and repair of all of the rides at Playland. Zamperla operates the amusement park at Coney Island and also owns several rides at Playland.

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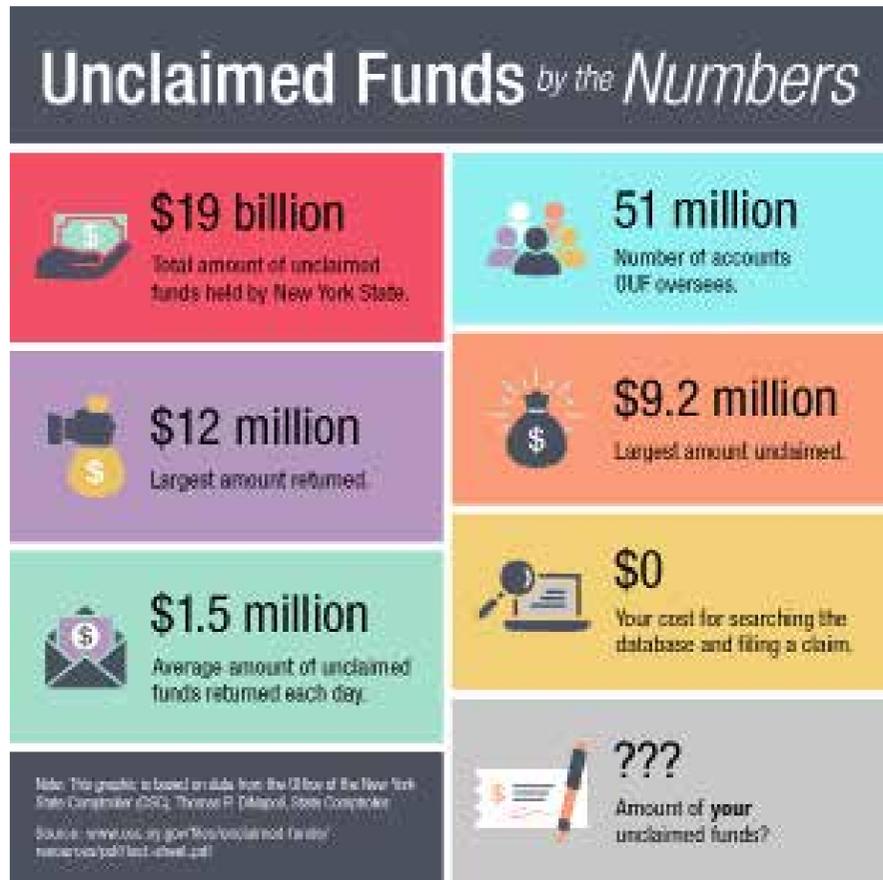
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DiNapoli: Unclaimed Funds in New York State Reaches \$20 BILLION

Thank You Wonderful Nurses



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Over the last few months I have had the occasion to interact with many wonderful nurses. And this being National Nurses Week, what better time to salute the ladies and gentlemen who make our health system work.

From the nurse who wakes you up at 5:30 a.m. to draw blood, the nurse who gives you your medications at 6 a.m., the nurse who makes sure you are nourished throughout the day, the 10 a.m. pill nurse in reality the noon, 2:00 p.m., 6: p.m. 10 p.m. and midnight pill nurse, the doctors give orders but the nurses are the ones who carry them through.

Let's not forget the nurse who cleans the bed pans to the nurse who cleans the mess you just made to the nurse who puts you to bed at night to the nurse who gently wakes you up in the morning to start another day that will be free of pain.

Being a nurse is no easy task. And hospitals are increasing the roles nurses play while at the same time cutting back support staff such certified nurses assistants. There hasn't been a hospital that I have been in where nurses who put in 8 to 12 hour days have not been asked to stay overtime due nursing shortages throughout the country.

Why are there nursing shortages? COVID has had a major role to play. Many hospital nurses looked for other ways to use their skills with less risk to themselves and their families. Pay for nurses should be much higher, and working conditions should be much better. They toil along doing the work of two people and they are just old fashion tired!

This year the American Nurses Enterprise is shining a light on The Power of Nurses™. We recognize the invaluable contributions of nurses worldwide and the real-life challenges they face every day. Whether you're a nurse, a healthcare professional, a patient, or simply someone who appreciates the critical role nurses play in our lives and society, National Nurses Week is the perfect time to share your gratitude and celebrate nurses.

With exciting opportunities to engage, contribute, share your stories, activate locally, and elevate #ThePowerOfNurses, I hope you will consider participating in some or all of American Nurses Enterprise planned activities. You can join the Healthy Nurse Healthy Nation™ Wellness Challenge and save 25% on American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Certifications and American Nurses Association (ANA) Certification Preparation.

You can also enter the National Nurses Week Getaway Giveaway Sweepstakes to win a \$4500 grand prize and see a map of where we will Light Up the Sky to celebrate nurses. You can register for a webinar, support nurses with a donation through the American Nurses Foundation and download the toolkit to empower your National Nurses Week celebrations.

Let's not forget the nurses families who get woken up in the middle of the night to see if their husband, wife, partner can come in early or come in on their day off. They, too have Strain on their lives not knowing when or if dinner will be ready.

Nurses. You hope you never have to see them but if you do you're glad they are there. They are special people and a critical part of health care in America and throughout the world!

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New Law Championed by DiNapoli Makes it Easier to Reclaim Lost Money
New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli encourages New Yorkers to check and see if they have unclaimed funds as lost money in New York reaches over \$20 billion, up from \$19 billion last year. Unclaimed funds occur when people are separated from their money and can come from utility deposits, trust funds, old bank accounts, uncashed checks or unused gift cards.

"We're returning more than \$2 million a day to New Yorkers, but the total pot of lost money is growing," DiNapoli said. "Unclaimed funds are your money, and in today's economic climate, every dollar counts. My office is working to make it easier than ever to reclaim lost money, including mailing some checks directly to their rightful owners."

DiNapoli's Office of Unclaimed Funds (OUF) currently safeguards more than 55 million unclaimed accounts. Thanks to a new law pushed by DiNapoli, New Yorkers are seeing faster returns for some lost money. In January, OUF began mailing checks for newly reported accounts of \$250 or less to eligible individuals.

DiNapoli encourages all New Yorkers to search the state's unclaimed funds database or attend one of the community events statewide for help searching for and claiming funds.

How to Search and Claim Funds:

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Lavender Lane: A Haven of Hope



Lavender Lane Boutique at Lincoln High School
 By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

At Lincoln High School in Yonkers, New York, an unassuming room tucked behind a classroom has become a sanctuary for students in need. It's called Lavender Lane—a boutique created not by adults or corporations, but by three courageous and compassionate seniors: Aldijana Srdanović, Wilkania Sosa Diaz, and Albiona Husaj. What started with a few bags of clothes and the backing of their health teacher, Ms. Palma Riti, has grown into something profoundly beautiful: a place where dignity is restored, and lives are changed—one pair of socks, one warm coat, one suitcase at a time.

Lavender Lane was born from heartbreak. Two years ago, Aldijana watched classmates lose everything in a fire. Their pain stayed with her. She didn't want to just watch—she wanted to do something. So, she did. Together with her friends and Ms. Riti's unwavering support, they created a judgment-free, paperwork-free space where students in crisis could get clean clothes, shoes, and essential items without shame or fear.

The stories are gripping. A toddler's coat request brought Aldijana to tears—it reminded her of her own baby brother. A boy walked in during winter wearing only a hoodie. When given a warm coat, he stared at it and said, "I really needed one because my old one ripped." That coat didn't just warm his body—it restored a sense of worth.

The impact of Lavender Lane goes far beyond material support. Students once quiet and withdrawn now smile and attend school regularly, their confidence slowly mending with each act of care. The trio handles everything—sorting donations, organizing, restocking—but above all, they make it a welcoming space filled with empathy.

Another powerful arm of their mission is donating suitcases to foster children, many of whom are forced to move between homes with their belongings stuffed in trash bags. That didn't sit right with these young women. So, they changed it. "We wanted to give them something better—something that says, you matter, you deserve respect, and you are not forgotten," Aldijana wrote.

Still, the road hasn't been easy. Building trust with students who are scared to ask for help takes time. And the shelves—though sometimes full—never seem to meet every need. But these students press on, driven not by praise or recognition, but by love.

As Aldijana prepares to graduate, she dreams that Lavender Lane will continue to grow, reaching beyond Lincoln, even into other schools. "Even the smallest act," she says, "like giving a pair of socks—can change someone's life."

Lavender Lane isn't just a boutique. It's a beacon. A reminder that when young people lead with heart, they can build something extraordinary. Something that gives comfort. Something that gives hope.

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

Westchester DA Secures Guilty Verdict For Persistent Felony Offender, Yonkers Resident



Taurus 9 mm semi-automatic pistol

On May 2, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Noel Thomas, 30, of Yonkers, was convicted at trial this week of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second and Third Degrees.

This represents Thomas' third such conviction for a designated felony offense, rendering him a persistent violent felony offender. Under the law, he is required to be sentenced to an indeterminate sentence for which the maximum term must be life imprisonment.

Thomas is scheduled to be sentenced on June 27 before Westchester County Court Judge Maurice D. Williams.

DA Cacace said: "The defendant has had ample opportunity during the course of his life to find a better path. Instead, he chose to revert to criminality time and time again. In New York, individuals who repeatedly flout the most serious criminal laws are given carceral penalties that match the severity of their conduct.

"There is no question that gun violence remains among the most persistent problems we face as a society today. We must use every tool at our disposal to protect Westchester residents from its attendant harms."

On Aug. 24, 2023, members of the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) New Rochelle Office, with assistance from the Yonkers Police Department's Gang Unit, conducted a search of Thomas' residence. Thomas had been on parole for an Attempted Criminal Possession of a Weapon conviction from 2018.

A Taurus 9 mm semi-automatic pistol loaded with nine cartridges was discovered during the search.

DA Cacace wishes to thank DOCCS, the Yonkers Police Department, the Westchester County Department of Labs and Research and the Westchester County Department of Public Safety for their work on this case.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Trial Counsel Brian Bendish and Assistant District Attorney Celia Curtis.

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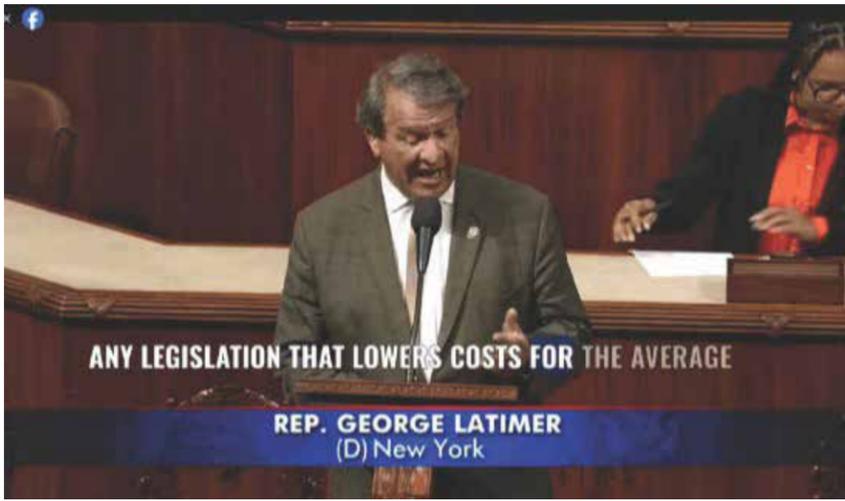
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Congressman Latimer:

Let's Go to Work on Real Issues



Westchester Congressman George Latimer took to the floor of the House of Representatives last week, urging a debate on the “dinner table” issues facing all Americans. “It has been over 120 days since I was sworn in, and I have yet to vote on a bill that lowers costs for Westchester and Bronx families. My Freshman colleagues and I are fed up with this inaction. We recently pushed Speaker Johnson to get his priorities straight and start working for the people who sent us to Congress,” posted Latimer, whose comments on the House floor are below.

“It was clear in November that the American people voted for their family economics. they wanted to see lower costs.

“So i’m perplexed that this house has yet to vote on any legislation that lowers costs for the average family

“In fact this week we will be voting on a bill that renames the Gulf of Mexico.

No one is clamoring for a newly named body of water, they want lower grocery bills.

“House republicans proposals to cut medicaid and snap to pay for tax cuts for billionaires will make life more, not less expensive for people in Westchester and the Bronx.

“The president’s thoughtless red light, green light tariffs are making it harder and more expensive to import goods. Those increased costs are paid for by Americans not foreign countries.

“Instead of mind bending tariffs, giveaways to billionaires and renaming bodies of water, we should be voting on bills that lower costs for the average family.

“Lets get to real work on behalf of our constituents,” said Rep. Latimer

On This Day in Yonkers History...



A portrait of Adriaen Van der Donck; the first European settler in Yonkers. He published the first book in the New World, detailing the land, vegetation, animals, waterways, topography, and climate. He assisted Director of New Netherland William Kieft in settling issues with the indigenous people and was rewarded with 24,000 acres north of Manhattan.

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

Monday, May 12th

May 12, 1929: Former Yonkers resident Morton Downey starred in RKO’s first sound musical, the singing and dancing picture “Syncopation” with his wife, former Park Hill resident Barbara Bennett, and Fred Waring’s Pennsylvanians. The movie opened in Yonkers at the Proctor Theater.

May 12, 1937: The National Labor Relations Board ordered Con Edison officials to answer “charges of coercion, intimidation and interference with unionization” within five days. NLRB Regional Director Elinore Herrick ordered the hearing after complaints came in from its CIO and Con Ed employees. The pending trial was considered so serious, the NLRB stated they would send a special trial examiner from Washington. Herrick sent the long, formal complaint to Con Ed and its affiliates, the Yonkers Lighting and Westchester Lighting Companies.

Both the AFL and the CIO claimed to have enrolled a majority of employees; more than 300 workers of the two Westchester divisions formed a third independent union at the last minute.

Tuesday, May 13th:

May 13, 1921: Following up on a promise, Mayor William Wallin appointed Yonkers first women Justices of Peace! He previously announced he would appoint women, stating women with experience in welfare or legal aid work would do much good for the poor. Florence Parsons, General Secretary of the Woman’s institute, and Dee Griswald Atkinson filled the vacancies.

Parsons founded the Civic League with Mary Marshall Butler, was a Director of Yonkers Charity Organization Society and studied Philanthropy in the School of Social Work. During the War, she was Vice Chairman of every Liberty Loan Drive.

Atkinson had a background in business, was Regional Director of the Immigration Division of State Ed, State Director of the Americanization program of the DAR, a NYS Director of the American Red Cross, and taught Americanization to foreign women.

May 13, 1938: Common Council President Albert Fiorilo unsuccessfully opposed allocating money for Public Safety Commissioner Denis Morrissey’s new car. He objected as Morrissey reported there was no money to buy traffic lights to protect Yonkers citizens yet found money to buy himself a new car. Morrissey asked \$478.50 be taken from Fire Bureau funds and \$578.50 from the Police Bureau; the money transfer was approved four to one. His eight-year-old Pierce Arrow was traded for a Chrysler sedan.

Wednesday, May 14th

May 14, 1910: Colonel John Shotts of the Grand Army of the Republic was asked to hire an expert to inspect the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Manor Hall grounds. The monument was cracking in several places; it was necessary to determine what could be done to repair the memorial.

May 14, 1946: Saunders students, unhappy because electrical course classes were consolidated, stayed out of class and went on a picket line outside of their South Broadway building. Principal Patrick McHugh explained it was so close to the end of the school year, he had a “problem getting teachers for the electrical course.” He merged tenth grade classes into one class, and eleventh grade classes into a second class. Some students had to give up the electrical course because of the consolidation. When the leaders of the strike met with McHugh, he told them to “return to class or there would be a court decision.”

Thursday, May 15th

May 15, 1944: After a two-hour tour of Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet Company, Nebraska Senator Kenneth Wherry commended not only its war work and its postwar reconversion plans, he praised company plans to reintegrate returning workers, especially workers with war injuries.

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Notice of formation of S2K REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/2024. 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 NCH REGISTERED AGENT, 42 BROADWAY, FL 12-200, NEW YORK, NY, 10004-3892. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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

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

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THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

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

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

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

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

1. Bid No. RFB-7444 – Opening date: 05/30/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the purchase of bulk quantities of 25% caustic soda, per Yonkers specifications, as needed (AC).

2. Bid No. RFB-7445 – Opening date: 05/30/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the purchase of various specialty gases, per Yonkers specifications, as needed (KS).

3. Bid No. RFB-7446 – Opening date: 05/30/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the purchase of various Hymax couplings and EZMax clamps, or Yonkers approved equals, as needed (KS).

4. Bid No. RFB-7447 – Opening date: 05/30/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the purchase of various brands of water distribution products, or Yonkers approved equals, as needed (KAS).

5. Bid No. RFB-7448 – Opening date: 05/30/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system (“SCADA”) maintenance and repairs, per Yonkers specifications, as needed (KS).

6. Bid No. RFB-7450 – Opening date: 05/30/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the purchase of various food products (10 categories) for the Yonkers Public Schools, as needed (NG).

7. Bid No. RFB-7452 – Opening date: 05/30/2025: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the purchase of Philips Hadco roadway luminaires, or Yonkers approved equal, and Sun-Tech, or Yonkers approved equal, photo electric controls, as needed (KAS).

8. Bid No. RFB-7453 – Opening date: 5/30/2025: Furnish and install new push-pull type cable at Cacace Justice Center (VB).

CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following General Ordinance, to wit:

PROPOSED GENERAL ORDINANCE

A PROPOSED GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING GENERAL ORDINANCE 4-2000, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 43 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS AND THE ACCOMPANYING ZONING MAP: A) TO ESTABLISH A “CASINO SPECIAL DISTRICT”; AND B) TO RECLASSIFY AND REZONE THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 808, 810 & 812 YONKERS AVENUE, WHICH PROPERTIES ARE ALSO DESIGNATED ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY AS SECTION 6, BLOCK 6125, LOTS 1, 2 & 3 TO THE “CASINO SPECIAL DISTRICT.”

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said General Ordinance, may be obtained at the Yonkers City Clerk’s Office located at City Hall – Room 102, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, New York 10701.

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The Yonkers Public Library's Crestwood Branch is excited to host another Repair Café on Friday, May 17, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at 16 Thompson Street, Yonkers, NY 10707.

The Repair Café is a free, hands-on community event where residents can bring broken household items—such as small appliances, electronics, bikes, jewelry, and clothing—to be fixed by skilled volunteers and local experts. The goal is to encourage sustainability, reduce landfill waste, and empower attendees with knowledge on how to repair items themselves in the future.

“Repair Cafés are a fantastic way to build community, promote environmental awareness, and pass on valuable DIY skills,” said Z Baird, Crestwood Library Administrator. “It’s about more than just fixing things—it’s about learning, connecting, and taking care of our planet together.”

Why Participate?

By attending the Repair Café, community members are:

- Reducing landfill waste
- Challenging throwaway culture
- Strengthening neighborhood bonds
- Learning practical repair skills through hands-on observation

How Does It Work?

Participants will check in at the event and be paired with a knowledgeable volunteer or “repair coach” who specializes in the item type—whether it’s clothing, electronics, or jewelry. Attendees are encouraged to observe and ask questions during the repair, gaining insight into how they can fix similar issues on their own in the future.

Crestwood Library invites people of all ages to join in this meaningful event. Volunteers with repair experience are also encouraged to participate—interested individuals can contact Jackie Leone at jleone@ypl.org.

Help create a more sustainable Yonkers!

About Yonkers Public Library

For 130 years, The Yonkers Public Library (“YPL”) has been an essential and dynamic institution whose dedicated staff provide outstanding service, meaningful collections, and impactful programs in welcoming and inspiring spaces for the people of Yonkers. With three locations: Riverfront Library, Grinton I. Will Library, and Crestwood Library, YPL’s vision is to improve the life in Yonkers for everyone by fostering literacy, culture, connection, and community. For more information about the Yonkers Public Library, visit ypl.org or follow-on social media – Facebook and Instagram.

Sustainable Westchester Launches New Campaign to Help County Residents Adopt Solar Energy

With Residential Solarize, the organization sets an ambitious goal to help 3,000 Westchester residents go solar this year

With electricity rates rising steeply, there has never been a better time to install solar and take advantage of the available incentives. Sustainable Westchester, which delivers climate solutions to the governments, businesses, organizations, and people of Westchester County, is delighted to announce the launch of Residential Solarize 2025, a campaign to streamline the process of going solar for homeowners.

“Many Westchester residents want to switch to solar but do not know where to start. With Residential Solarize, we’re working with local municipal leaders and best-in-class installer partners to help residents streamline the process of adopting this important energy solution,” said Leo Wiegman, Sustainable Westchester’s Solar Director. “Westchester County has an opportunity to demonstrate real leadership in pursuit of New York’s ambitious clean energy goals, while delivering financial savings to homeowners at a time of rapidly rising electricity demand and costs.”

Through Residential Solarize, Sustainable Westchester has set a goal of helping 3,000 homeowners go solar in 2025 (a 50 percent increase over 2024) and increasing residential solar across the County by 300 percent by 2030.

Westchester homeowners interested in the program start by registering with their contact information on Sustainable Westchester’s Residential Solarize webpage. The Sustainable Westchester team will prepare a preliminary assessment of the homes’ solar potential and review it with the homeowner. Those interested in receiving proposals and funding options from pre-qualified installers will be referred to the campaign’s official Installer Partners. There is no cost to either homeowners or municipalities for participating in this campaign.

Sustainable Westchester’s Solar Team conducted a thorough evaluation of all firms operating in the County’s residential solar market. This vetting process considered each company’s quality of workmanship and materials, experience with local permitting and jurisdictions, pricing competitiveness, and other key qualifications. The team also assessed each firm’s ability to offer financing options to homeowners. As a result, four companies have been selected as Installer Partners for the Residential Solarize 2025 campaign: Green Hybrid Energy Solutions, Infinity Energy, New York State Solar Farm, and SunBlue Energy.

Sustainable Westchester is partnering with municipalities across the County to promote the Residential Solarize 2025 campaign and support the adoption of permitting best practices, helping to streamline the approval process for residents. So far, many local governments have shown strong interest in participating, including the Towns of Bedford, Mamaroneck, and North Salem, as well as the Villages of Ardsley, Hastings-on-Hudson, Pleasantville, and Tarrytown.

Supervisor Ellen Calves, Town of Bedford, said, “Bedford is thrilled to join Sustainable Westchester’s rooftop residential Solarize program to not only help our residents lower their energy bills and reduce their reliance on fossil fuels, but also to help create a cleaner and healthier community now and for future generations.”

“As Town Supervisor of the Town of Mamaroneck, I am proud to support the Sustainable Westchester Solarize Program. This initiative not only helps to reduce our carbon footprint but also empowers residents to make affordable, sustainable energy choices,” said Supervisor Jaine Elkind Eney. “By embracing solar energy, we are taking a significant step toward a cleaner, greener future. Thank you, Sustainable Westchester, for providing this impactful program, including the opportunity for a free consultation.”

Mayor Niki Armacost from the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson said, “We are grateful to Sustainable Westchester for launching the residential solarize 2.0 community campaign - with an erratic energy market and unpredictable price surges, now is an excellent time for residents to invest in rooftop solar. Vetted and reliable solar providers will provide peace of mind for consumers. The Solarize program will increase homeowners' energy independence and reduce emissions - all great things for the planet!”

Sophia N. Johnson, Chairperson, Village of Ardsley Green Task Force, said, “We support Sustainable Westchester's Residential Solarize program, and initiatives like it, to advance Ardsley's commitment to New York State’s clean energy goals. These programs reflect our values - accessibility, equity, and sustainability - and mark a critical step in moving our village toward a fossil-free future.”

Homeowners interested in receiving an assessment should visit <https://sustainablewestchester.org/residential-solarize/>. Municipalities interested in more information can contact solar@sustainablewestchester.org with “Residential Solarize” in the subject line.

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Charter School of Educational Excellence
to Present “Seussical the Musical”

Yonkers Arts Weekend ---Sat. May 17-Sun. May 18



Students at the Charter School of Educational Excellence rehearse for their upcoming performance. Photo courtesy of the CSEE.

Students at the Charter School of Educational Excellence will explore the whimsical world of Dr. Seuss with a production of “Seussical the Musical” on May 16 and 17.

“Seussical” weaves together the beloved tales and characters of Dr. Seuss in a captivating musical journey. Horton the Elephant, the kind-hearted creature who discovers a speck of dust inhabited by the tiny Whos, takes center stage alongside the mischievous Cat in the Hat. Through catchy tunes and imaginative storytelling, “Seussical” explores themes of friendship, loyalty, perseverance, and the power of imagination.

This vibrant show marks the second annual musical production staged by the school’s students since the opening of their state-of-the-art auditorium. The modern facility boasts a 600-seat capacity, cutting-edge audio-visual capabilities, and a large projection screen, providing an immersive experience for both performers and audience members.

The new stage reflects the Charter School of Educational Excellence’s commitment to providing students with unique and valuable learning opportunities. Beyond the thrill of performance, students gain hands-on experience in staging and rigging, skills that are increasingly relevant in the burgeoning media production industry in Yonkers.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano’s office has highlighted the significant growth of the media sector, noting that at Great Point Studios, a remarkable 60% of employees reside in or hail from Yonkers, with many being graduates of Yonkers Public Schools. The skills cultivated at the Charter School of Educational Excellence’s new stage aim to equip students with a competitive edge as they look towards future career paths. Showtimes for “Seussical the Musical” are 7 p.m. on May 16, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on May 17. Tickets cost \$10. Click here to buy tickets. The Charter School of Educational Excellence is located at 260 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers.



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Yonkers Arts Weekend 2025 is the city's biggest celebration of art, culture, and creativity happening May 17-18. This exciting weekend transforms Yonkers into a hub of activity, featuring live mural painting, gallery exhibitions, open studios, pop-up performances, hands-on workshops, and family-friendly fun. With events spread across downtown, the waterfront, and beyond, the festival showcases the work of local and regional artists while celebrating the city's vibrant cultural scene.

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	Beginning at 10 AM	Open House - 1st Precinct, 730 E. Grassy Sprain Road
	9 AM - 1 PM & 4 PM - 9 PM	Mobile Command Center Community Affairs Outreach Ridge Hill Shopping Center
TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2025	Beginning at 10 AM	Open House - 2nd Precinct, 441 Central Park Avenue
	9 AM - 1 PM	Child Safety Seat Installations & Safety Checks Community Affairs Division - PAL 127 No. Broadway
	9 AM - 1 PM & 4 PM - 9 PM	Mobile Command Center Community Affairs Outreach Cross County Shopping Center
	10 AM - 2 PM	Open House - George Rutledge Yonkers Police Museum Police Headquarters - 104 South Broadway, Lobby
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025	Beginning at 10 AM	Open House - 3rd Precinct, 435 Riverdale Avenue
	9 AM - 1 PM & 4 PM - 9 PM	Mobile Command Center Community Affairs Outreach Lincoln Park

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THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025	Beginning at 9 AM	Open House - 4th Precinct, 53 Shonnard Place
	9 AM - 1 PM & 4 PM - 9 PM	Mobile Command Center Community Affairs Outreach Getty Square
	10 AM - 3 PM	Open House - 4th Precinct Annex at Newell Hall Getty Square / Waterfront Detail - 1 Hudson Street
	5:00 PM Dinner & 6:00 PM Ceremony	Yonkers Police Awards Ceremony & Memorial Service Untermeyer Park and Gardens - 945 North Broadway
FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025	10 AM - 2 PM	Yonkers Police PAL Community Kids Closet Open House 127 North Broadway
SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025	9:45 AM	Yonkers Police Holy Name Society 100th Anniversary Communion Mass and Breakfast Sacred Heart Church, 110 Shonnard Place



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New Logical Sports to Work with New York GAA to bring TV coverage of Games at Gaelic Park



New Logical Sports, one of the major livestreaming outlets for amateur and semi-professional sports in the Northeast United States, agreed to a deal with the New York GAA, to televise up to 67 matches at Gaelic Park, available on a new platform known as New Logical Sports+, where fans of Gaelic Games and other sports can follow the action in New York from anywhere in world, on TV and their mobile devices. The website is currently live at <https://plus.newlogicalsports.com>, while an app is currently in development to launch on Fire TV, iPhones, and iPads.

Subscribers will have the ability to follow their expat clubs in New York throughout the Senior Football and Hurling seasons, as well as tune in every county final at every level of New York GAA, as well as Ladies Gaelic Football, and Camogie. New Logical worked with New York GAA to make sure there is a strong wired broadband network at Gaelic Park to support all matches being broadcasted in 1080p Full HD with a possibility of 4K broadcasts in the future. There will be packages available for users who prefer to follow one club or pay by the match. Most if not all matches are expected to have live commentary, and pregame and postgame shows / interviews will be available during the big games, featuring talent with experience both in Ireland and the United States.

New Logical has been streaming matches out of Gaelic Park since 2023, and the viewership and interest exceeded expectations beyond what was even imaginable. In 2024, viewership of 24 Gaelic games on New Logical Sports reached over 20,000 unique viewers, over 252,000 non-unique views, and over half a million watched highlights on social media. When reviewing feedback from across the Atlantic, fans in Ireland and across the world were happy with the sharp video quality, and the fact that they were able to follow players they were familiar with back home and keep track of their GAA careers in America. Zealous fans of football and hurling will have up to 6 more hours of matches to watch from their TV's in Ireland past 6 PM local time every week.

New Logical Sports+ will also be where fans can follow the highly anticipated All-Ireland Junior Football Championship Quarterfinal between New York and the United States GAA. New York are 2-time defending All-Ireland Junior Champions and will host their historic first-ever competitive match against USGAA at Gaelic Park on June 14th (Flag Day in the United States), with a throw-in time of 5 PM EDT / 10 PM IST.

Gaelic Park has been the historic home of New York GAA for over 110 years, dating back when The Bronx was still a part of the legal "New York County" in New York State, making it the oldest venue currently operating for any sports team in the New York metropolitan area, outlasting even the original Yankee Stadium, and the world-famous Madison Square Garden. In its rich century long history, the venue located in Riverdale, Bronx, has witnessed countless matches, with innovations in scoreboard and field practices that inspired ideas brough back to Ireland.

In the 2020's, New York GAA experienced some of its most successful years, winning their first ever Connacht Senior Championship match back in 2023, winning the Junior Football Championship twice in 2023, and 2024, winning the 2024 Connacht Senior Hurling League, and earning a berth in the 2025 Lory Meagher Cup for Hurling. Most recently, New York turned heads with their better-than-expected first half performance against All-Ireland Senior Football runners-up Galway in this year's Connacht QF match in April. Success on the pitch has led to a growth in interest in New York GAA, both from fans of GAA and newcomers alike. The recent opening of the new Redmond Park for the New York GAA Minor Board, and recent dominance in youth competitions, has confirmed the growing consensus that the improvements in the program will continue to grow. New Logical Sports+ hopes to allow people across the world to follow this upward trend of development.

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Yonkers History, continued from pg 5-

May 15, 1951: Chris Chadwick of Yonkers Avenue, a Herald Statesman newspaper boy, took first place in the E-Bond sales pledges of the "Newspaper Boy Crusade to Help Fight Aggression!" The preliminary announcement was a tie between Chris and Thomas Perna of Staunton Street; they both turned in pledges totaling \$275. After the initial announcement, Chadwick received pledges of \$275 more, doubling his original total. He received a free trip to Washington.

The top six boys brought in pledges of \$1,075 the first day.

Friday, May 16th

May 16, 1923: Owners and drivers of commercial vehicles were asked to cooperate with YPD Traffic Bureau and use side streets to relieve traffic congestion in the business section.

May 16, 1942: The Common Council gave permission to the US Shipbuilding Corporation to use ten acres of city-owned land to construct buildings for a shipyard. The firm planned to build all-welded vessels for the war effort and expected to hire at least 300 workers.

Saturday, May 17th

May 17, 1653: Adriaen Van der Donck published A Description of the New Netherlands, the first book written and copyrighted by a resident of what now is New York State.

May 17, 1891: Eighty thousand people witnessed Archbishop Corrigan placing the cornerstone of St. Joseph's Seminary.

May 17, 1952: YFD Fire Lieutenant Harry Clad was hurt fighting a fire on the North Broadway Untermyer Estate. Believed to have been started by boys playing with matches, the one-story open tea garden went up in flames. Clad was injured after climbing 12 steps to the porch; he fell through the porch when he walked on it.

Sunday, May 18th

May 18, 1919: Dr. Benjamin Stilwell was notified his son Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Stilwell had been promoted to the rank of full Colonel in the Regular Army and recommended for the Distinguished Service Medal. Another son, John Stilwell, was promoted from Major to Lieutenant Colonel. Both sons were serving in Germany.

May 18, 1922: The Yonkers Board of Education approved the plans and authorized bidding for the new North Yonkers high school, the Charles E. Gorton High School.

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

For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.

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"Were it left to me to decide if we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

-Thomas Jefferson

Bozo of the week: Jeffrey Jarvis, for Putting the Safety of Bikers at Risk at Blue Mountain Reservation

On May 2, a Peekskill man was charged with deliberately placing tree limbs and other debris along a trail way used by mountain bikers at Blue Mountain Reservation, potentially exposing those bikers to serious injury.

44-year-old Jeffrey Jarvis of Peekskill, was charged with Criminal Nuisance 2nd Degree, a misdemeanor. He was booked at County Police headquarters in Hawthorne and released pending a May 19 appearance in Peekskill City Court.

The arrest stems from an investigation that began in the fall of 2024. County Police received several complaints that someone was placing tree limbs, smaller branches and other debris at the bottom of a descending rock face on a path frequently traveled by mountain bikers.

After receiving the complaints, County police officers, park rangers and park personnel made regular inspections of the remote location where the incidents were occurring. An association of mountain bikers, at its own expense, placed a trail camera in the vicinity of the rock face, also known as a granite roller by mountain biking enthusiasts. A potential suspect was identified but there was insufficient evidence to bring a charge.

But a more recent video resulted in the arrest of Jarvis, who was formally charged April 29.

Blue Mountain Reservation is a 1,538-acre County park in Peekskill and Cortlandt. It features 20 miles of trails for mountain biking and additional trails for hiking, horseback riding and nature study.

Man Indicted for Underage Rape, continued from pg 1-

Ruiz, who works as a Sexton at the Community Baptist Church, in Yonkers, was arraigned on the indictment Tuesday before Westchester County Court Judge Robert Prisco. He was remanded to the Westchester County Jail pending further proceedings.

DA Cacace said: “The defendant’s conduct, as alleged in this indictment, is heinous. As a judge, I presided for many years over the Sex Offense Part in the Westchester County Court. These are among the more disturbing allegations I have encountered during my tenure.

“Thanks to a swift intervention by my office and the Yonkers police, we were able to secure the victim’s (and their family’s) safety. As District Attorney, protecting children and vulnerable populations remains my North Star.”

Over the course of several years, beginning in 2020, the defendant is accused of raping and repeatedly sexually abusing the victim. He is further alleged to have recorded the victim on his cellphone during at least two of these incidents.

Anyone with further information about the defendant is asked to call Yonkers Police at (914) 377-7725.

DA Cacace wishes to thank the Yonkers Police Department for its diligent work on this case.

The case is being prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Charlotte Gудis, Assistant District Attorney Daniela Parra, and Child and Elder Abuse Bureau Chief Christine Hatfield. End of DA’s release.

Ruiz is in custody at the county jail on \$50,000 bail. Last year, he was arrested for DWI.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, May 21, 2025, AT 6:00 PM, WILL BE HELD IN YONKERS CITY HALL, 40 SOUTH BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR (building is handicapped accessible).

PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND UPDATES WWW.YONKERSNY.GOV .

OPEN/CONTINUED HEARINGS

#5855 – Area Variance – Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 160 Stanley Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 160 Stanley Ave, Block: 184, Lots: 68, Zone: A (B00033778) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sBCFaH0Iubtvx_DMeIZGYwbaUBYOPlzH?usp=sharing

#5864 - Area Variance - James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of T&H 1828 LLC, owner, On premises known as 1828 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4615, Lot: 22, Zone M (B0034059) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1tvmzVMblrm8eG1pWxNYvpLQoJ90JLi02?usp=sharing>

#5868 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly on behalf of 221 Lake Avenue, Block: 2179, Lot: 02 Zone: A&I District; 222 Lake Partners LLC, owner, on premises known as 222 Lake Avenue https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mf7O9_0k7lCtg3VjstKmCYFc2p9cjeld?usp=sharing

#5852 - Area Variance - Andrew M. Romano, Esq. on behalf of 94 St. Andrews Place, Block: 133, Lot: 3, Zone: A, (B0033786), Pleasure Home Improvement LLC, owner, on premises known as 94 St. Andrews Place <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-WAnk-6N6D-BLNUSRFplEp6VBcZd6V80?usp=sharing>

#5882 – Use Variance and Area Variance – LHP Architects, PLLC on behalf of New York City department of Environmental Protection (NYCDEP) owner, of the Hillview Police Precinct Headquarters property located at 750 Mclean Ave aka 81 Cumberland Drive, Block: 6224, Lot:32 Zone: BR, (B0034792). https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1NdJNyt-b99owA9BTcTebt0_uzGFrihSU?usp=sharing

#5889 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates, P.C. on behalf of Francisco Barbedo, owner, on premises known as 58 (aka 40) Halley Street , Block:5220, Lot:58 (B0035747) Zone: T . <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HHPXOEwob2X0XtgUSyJWzPCOgpSHAqGC?usp=sharing>

#5890 – Use Variance – James G. Dibbini & Associates, P.C. on behalf of 31 Palisades Associates LLC, owner, on premises known as 31 (aka 29) Palisade Avenue, Block:2027, Lot:56 (B0035775) Zone: D-MX. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folder/s/1Jxvr6COVf21MEBwJa0DOWZn0o6lHrpDn?usp=sharing>

#5891- Area Variance & Improvements to a Non-Conforming Use- Shahin Badaly, on behalf 1061 Nepperhan Ave, Owners, on premises known as 1055 Nepperhan Avenue, Block:3089 Lot:22.27 (B0035701) Zone: T. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1SdwOqOgHX9ScDFBg-dLS6ugSwKXc6Z-A?usp=sharing>

#5892- Area Variance - Shahin Badaly, on behalf 1 Monroe Street LLC, Owners, on premises known as 1 Monroe Street, Block:3130 Lot:30 (B0034022) Zone: T <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yGupHWbPIBM8ISUchcb2uLkv2xYdCm5J?usp=sharing>

#5893 – Area Variance – Zarin & Steinmetz, LLP on behalf of 13 Hawthorne Yonkers, LLC; 15 Hawthorne Yonkers AMS LLC; 17 Hawthorne Yonkers AMS LLC; 62 BV Yonkers AMS LLC; Miroza Tower LLC, owners, on premises known as 62 (aka 64) Buena Vista Avenue; 60 Buena Vista Avenue; 13 Hawthorne Avenue; 15 Hawthorne Avenue; and 17 Hawthorne Avenue, Block: 511, Lots: 28,30,11,12 &13 (B0036206) Zone: DWD. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1AtqP6cCvp_7eyzT-IIf3CA7dMzCsNi_u?usp=sharing

NEW HEARINGS

#5647 – Area Variance – Mark W. Blanchard, Project Attorney on behalf of 48-60 McLean Ave., Block: 203, Lot: 51.61, Zone: CM, request consideration for an extension of time on expired Area Variance dated. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ob8riXsahekurnTiPxiMhzvOd-lwZ50?usp=drive_link

#5885 (case #5417 previously) – Appeal from a Interpretation/Decision/Order of the Commissioner of Buildings – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of 494 Palmer LLC, owner, on premises known as 494 Palmer Road, Block:5450, Lot:52 (B0034253) Zone: S-50 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1jNC8gKMT4TCAfTO2pyISZm2QX6JsAXAa?usp=sharing>

#5886 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of San 81 LLC, owner, on premises known as 78 Sweetfield Cir, Block:6050, Lot: 65 (B0035290) Zone :S-50. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YOdTAXIX7BE54av49BzDLDK823C6rSyr?usp=sharing>

#5887 – Area Variance- Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of San 81 LLC, owner, on premises known as 70 Sweetfield Cir, Block:6050, Lot: 371 (B0035297) Zone :S-50 <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1YOdTAXIX7BE54av49BzDLDK823C6rSyr?usp=sharing>

#5888 – Area Variance– Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of San 81 LLC, owner , on premises known as 61 Morningside Ave, Block:2163, Lot: 10 (B0035486) Zone :M. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-OMTpgVs9R0m5liVcv4kSnTyOtBxsg9?usp=sharing>

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Saturday, May 10, 2025

11:00am–1:00pm

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Medical Aid in Dying Act Passes Assembly, Opponents Call on State Senate to Vote No

By Dan Murphy

After a decade of tireless advocacy, Assemblywoman Amy Paulin heralded the passage of the Medical Aid in Dying Act in the State Assembly. The legislation, which she authored and has championed, will provide terminally ill New Yorkers with the compassionate option to end unbearable suffering peacefully.

"For a decade, we have fought for this compassionate, commonsense legislation," said Assemblywoman Paulin. "Today, we honor the brave advocates we have lost and fulfill a promise to countless New Yorkers who deserve autonomy, dignity, and peace at life's end. It's time. I'm deeply grateful to Speaker Carl Heastie for his leadership and unwavering commitment to bringing this bill to the floor—it would not have been possible without his support."

The Medical Aid in Dying Act allows terminally ill adults to request a prescription for medication they can choose to self-ingest to die gently in their sleep. New York will join ten other states and Washington, D.C., including nearby New Jersey, Vermont, and Maine, in offering this end-of-life option.

The Medical Aid in Dying Act includes rigorous safeguards to ensure that the law is used appropriately and responsibly. Only mentally capable adults with a terminal illness—verified by two independent physicians—who have a prognosis of six months or less to live are eligible. Patients must make a verbal request, and submit a written request that is witnessed by two individuals, neither of whom can be a relative, heir, or someone affiliated with an owner, operator, or employee of the health care facility where the patient is receiving care. The witnesses must both also have no financial interest in the patient's estate. Patients must be capable of self-administering the medication, ensuring that the final act is a voluntary and deliberate choice. Additionally, physicians are required to inform patients of all available end-of-life care options, including hospice and palliative care. These safeguards, modeled after those in place for decades in other jurisdictions, have proven overwhelmingly effective—with no documented cases of abuse or coercion reported in the nearly 30 years of practice across the country.

"Passing this bill is about love, compassion, and reducing needless suffering," Paulin added. "No one should have to endure agony when there is a better, humane choice available."

"This is about giving individuals autonomy, dignity and choice at the end of their lives," Speaker Heastie said. "This legislation will give people the ability to choose to go peacefully in their sleep, and ensure there are critical safeguards in place. Thank you to Assemblymember Amy Paulin for her tireless advocacy and hard work on this legislation."

"We're halfway there to putting the Medical Aid in Dying Act on the Governor's desk," said Corinne Carey, Senior Campaign Director for NY/NJ for Compassion & Choices. "For her dogged determination in educating her colleagues and getting the bill over the finish line in the Assembly, Assemblywoman Amy Paulin will forever be a champion, as will Speaker Heastie for his strong leadership in getting us to today. Now, all eyes and all of our amazing advocates turn our attention to the Senate," Carey continued. "We are working with and counting on State Senator Hoylman-Sigal to be able to guide this bill to the floor – with the leadership of Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins – and provide final passage of the Medical Aid in Dying Act before sending it to the Governor's desk."

"We are so grateful to Assemblymember Paulin for her extraordinary and tireless leadership in initiating this critically important bill and securing so many new sponsors over the years," said David Leven, Executive Director Emeritus and Senior Consultant, End of Life Choices New York. "Having the right to end suffering and achieve a peaceful death with prescribed medicines is a matter of freedom and autonomy," Leven added. "We are also very appreciative of the leadership of Speaker Heastie and his work to bring the Medical Aid in Dying Act to the floor for a vote," Leven said.

The bill still has to pass the State Senate and be signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul. It is unclear whether that will happen soon, before the summer recess, or later this year.

State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, sponsors the companion bill in the Senate. "We have the opportunity to show New Yorkers that love, compassion, and human dignity still guide our work," Paulin said. "This is not a political issue. It's a human issue. We have the chance to offer our constituents dignity in dying, and we owe it to them to pass this the Medical Aid in Dying Act."

Opposition to the bill included NYS Conservative Party Chairman Gerard Kassir. "The New York State Conservative Party unequivocally opposes assisted suicide. It is extraordinarily dangerous for governments to involve themselves in the life-and-death decisions of innocent people, and we are extremely disappointed that the State Assembly didn't fully think through the bill before passing it on Tuesday. If terminally ill New Yorkers wish to enter hospice, they have every right to. There is no need for Dr. Kevorkian type businesses -- aka 'Doctor Death' -- in New York.

"Canada went down this slippery path, and the results have been chilling—what began as a 'compassionate option' has become a bureaucratic nightmare and a moral disaster. New York will regret following suit.

"Let this be a warning: We are watching how every member of the State Assembly and State Senate vote on this bill. No one will hide behind procedure. This isn't policy. It's a moral line. Cross it, and voters will know exactly where you stood," said Kassir.

An effort is underway to lobby State Senators to vote against the bill, from the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition. "There are many reasons to oppose assisted suicide. The primary reason is that assisted suicide involves the intentional killing of a person by a lethal poison cocktail. We believe in caring for people not killing them. Assisted suicide is an act of providing a poison cocktail to someone who is living with suicidal ideation, often related to their health concerns. Assisted suicide constitutes killing. We believe in caring for people not killing them at their time of need. <https://alexschadenberg.blogspot.com/2025/04/action-is-needed-new-york-state.html>

Religious groups also oppose the bill and have lobbied in Albany against it.

The Advocates of Life hosted a prayer session at St. Ann's Church in Yonkers. "Our special intentions this night: that the Lord may spare NY the scourge of Doctor-assisted suicide. We will also pray for all human life and for family life."

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS
PUBLIC HEARINGS
2025/2026 PROPOSED BUDGET

I, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, City Council President of the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on the proposed 2025/2026 City of Yonkers Operating Budget and Capital Budget as follows:

Tuesday, May 13, 2025
City Council Chambers, City Hall– 4th Floor
40 South Broadway Yonkers, New York
6:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 22, 2025
Auditorium, Saunders High School
183 Palmer Road Yonkers, NY 10701
7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to speak may sign up on the day of the hearing at the hearing site. Each speaker shall be permitted three minutes and speakers shall be called in the order in which they have signed up.

LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
April 30, 2025

City of Yonkers Summary of FY24-25 Executive Budget	
Property Taxes:	\$452,275,073
Special Taxes:	231,101,252
State and Federal Funding:	113,609,219
City Departments:	55,451,586
Other Revenues:	57,887,067
Appropriated Fund Balance (General):	57,568,326
Total Revenues Sub-Total:	<u>\$967,892,523</u>
Library Fund:	\$353,909
Water Fund:	54,125,735
Sewer Fund:	12,145,437
Board of Education:	458,063,577
	<u>\$1,492,581,181</u>
City Departments:	\$403,006,786
Fringe Benefits:	221,973,475
Special Items:	44,675,201
Board of Education:	719,427,835
Total Operating Expenditures:	1,389,083,297
Debt Service:	103,497,884
	<u>\$1,492,581,181</u>
Revenues vs. Expenditures	<u>\$-</u>
<u>Property Tax Levy</u>	
Board of Education Property Tax Levy	\$ 277,558,586
City Property Tax Levy	174,716,487
Total Property Tax Levy	<u>\$452,275,073</u>
<u>Property Tax Rate per \$1000 of Assessed Valuation (AV)</u>	
Board of Education Tax Rate per \$1,000 AV	589.97
City Tax Rate: per \$1,000 AV	371.58
Tax Rate: per \$1,000 AV	961.55
<u>Capital Budget</u>	
Executive Budget City Total:	\$99,150,012
Executive Board of Education Total:	\$17,000,000
Total:	<u>\$116,150,012</u>

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, MAY 10

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

Morning Grooming, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Experience the joy of grooming our friendly horses and donkeys! This hands-on program lets kids ages 12 and older help care for our animals through brushing and grooming, which supports coat maintenance and encourages positive socialization. \$20. Also: June 14.

Get details at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/morning-grooming-tickets-1264412835829?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

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

Ecotherapy, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Also called nature therapy, focuses on improving mental and physical well-being through outdoor activities. Master naturalist Bruce Rosenberg will lead the free guided walk to different areas of Lasdon that will be explored as nature and its benefits are experienced up close. Get details and register at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/echotherapy-the-benefits-of-nature-2/>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466 Spring Wildflower Walk, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Join us in search of often-overlooked wildflowers that add their beauty to the landscape.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Way of the Warblers, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. View an earlier stopover of these fluttery feathered flatterers. Please bring binoculars.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282. Animal Shed Prep, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Help Muscote get ready for summer! The farm animals will be heading out to their outdoor sheds soon, and volunteers are needed to help with preparation. Volunteers will assist with painting animal sheds, picking up rocks, raking, cleaning out old bedding and putting down fresh shavings. Get details and register at <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a07Nr000010dAj4IAE/animal-shed-prep>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282. Garden Clean-up Day, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Help prepare the farm for spring by clearing garden debris, refreshing vegetable beds, removing weeds, and improving pathways. This event is an essential step for getting the farm ready for the season, no experience needed—just bring enthusiasm! Get details and register at <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a07Nr00000vChYpIAK/garden-clean-up-day>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282. Book Buddies, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 a.m. Join us for a unique reading experience in one of our animal enclosures, where children ages 7 and up can enjoy reading in an engaging and unique environment. \$10. Also: June 14. Get details and register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-buddies-tickets-1267662385319?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282. BLOOM!, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. The Westchester Watercolor Group presents their exhibit in Muscote's main house Saturdays and Sundays in May. Get details at <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/05/03/1746291600/bloom-westchester-watercolor-group-exhibit/522251>

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322. Wildflower Garden Tour, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Let's celebrate one of our oldest managed sites within the Reservation and learn about all the unique native flora that we strive to preserve.

SUNDAY MAY 11

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

Homemade Love for Mom, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Ages 5 and older can make homemade gifts for Mom just in time for Mother's Day. Projects include a bracelet, Lasdon sachet and handmade card. \$10. Registration required at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/homemade-love-for-mom/>

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Mother's Day Guided Hike, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Hiking shoes are recommended for this one-mile leisurely hike around the lake.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Biodiversity and Its Threats, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. We hear the term biodiversity a lot, but what are all of the different things it can mean? Ages 10 and older can join us for an indoor/outdoor talk during which we will define and discuss the importance of biodiversity, as well as its major global threats.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. The Clay Making Bonanza, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. The whole family can learn how natural clay forms in the sanctuary, and then collect it and create from it.

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

Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. \$25. Also: May 25; June 8, 15, 22 and 29. Get details and register at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens-2/2025-05-11/>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282. Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The weekly market supports farmers and sustainable efforts in our area, featuring over 30 local vendors each week. It's open every Sunday until Nov. 16. Get details at <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/>

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

Mother's Day Garden Tour, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Free. Join one of the gardeners for a free morning stroll to admire the flowering plants here. Get details and register at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/mothers-day-garden-tour>

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

Muscote Farm's Annual Sheep Shearing & Festival, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

This free event will feature live sheep shearing, hayrides, activities, vendors, live music and so much more! Rain or shine. Get details at <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/event-calendar.html/event/2025/05/11/annual-sheep-shearing-/515802>. Volunteers needed : Sheep Shearing, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Muscote is looking for friendly, helpful volunteers to assist with event set-up, welcome guests, support the wool processing station and guide families through fun fiber crafts <https://www.volunteernewyork.org/opportunity/a07Nr0000100mrGIAQ/sheep-shearing-day>

Playland, continued from pg 1-

Jenkins said: “As we work through this 2025 season, Playland will be totally free Memorial Day weekend for people to enjoy. We all love Playland — it’s a part of all of us — and we need it to be a part of our summer.”

Visit our website to learn more about upcoming job fairs for Playland Park. Job fairs will be held Saturdays May 10 and 17, and June 7. Positions include: Park Management (Operations), Ride Operators, Ride Attendants, Lifeguards, Cashiers, Custodial and Painters.

The May 10 and June 7 job fairs will take place at the Westchester County Center in the Exhibition Hall, and the May 17 job fair will take place at Playland Park. All job fairs will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Attendees will need to bring a valid photo I.D. Applicants ages 16 and 17 who plan to complete their application at the fair must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Eligible applicants that may wish to enroll in Westchester County Payroll Direct Deposit as their form of payment, must bring with them, either a blank voided check or a bank issued Direct Deposit Set Up Form, which includes their routing number and account number printed on the document.

Salaries start at \$16.60 per hour. Additional job fairs may be added. The Westchester County Center is located at 198 Central Avenue in White Plains. Parking will be free for those attending. Playland Park is located at 1 Playland Parkway in Rye.

This is good news for the hundreds of young Westchester residents who get jobs at Playland every summer.

Still unclear is the \$36 Million arbitration settlement that the county and its taxpayers will have to pay Standard Amusements to settle legal disputes between the two. We will address that issue in a future story. The good news is that Playland will be open for Memorial Day Weekend.

Jenkins upcoming opponent for County Executive in November, Christine Sculti, disagreed with Jenkins summary of the last 10 years of Playland under Astorino.

“Let’s be clear: Westchester taxpayers are being insulted and lied to by the Jenkins administration. The operating agreement for Playland that recently collapsed is not the deal struck by the Astorino administration. That original 2015 agreement was supported by then-Legislator Ken Jenkins as part of a unanimous vote by the Board of Legislators. Not only did he vote yes, but he publicly celebrated the agreement, hailing it as, “...the largest investment in the park since [Playland] was built.” Jenkins was correct to hail the agreement, as this would have saved Playland for future generations by negating a \$4 million annual taxpayer subsidy.

“The subsequent problems stem directly from the actions taken by Mr. Jenkins after he joined the County Executive’s office. The Jenkins/Latimer Administration just could not live with the potential success of a visionary, efficient, landmark public-private partnership forged by their predecessor. So, beginning in 2018 they fought and litigated with Standard Amusements at exorbitant taxpayer expense.

“After spending millions of taxpayer dollars on outside counsel and getting hammered by a Federal Bankruptcy Judge, the Jenkins/Latimer team negotiated their new agreement. One should also have a look at the Jenkins/Latimer press releases following that renegotiation. They proudly announced that the new Agreement they negotiated with Standard Amusements was going to save Playland. Based on the current situation, they were clearly mistaken.

The debacle at hand is the implosion of that revised plan negotiated by the Jenkins/Latimer administration. The facts remain:

1. Ken Jenkins was part of a unanimous vote in 2015 supporting the original Astorino administration agreement with Standard Amusements.
2. As Deputy County Executive, Ken Jenkins oversaw the renegotiation of that agreement after costly legal battles initiated by his administration.
3. As we learned sadly earlier this year, under Jenkins’ leadership as both Deputy County Executive and now County Executive, the administration has failed to live up to the milestones required by the agreement his administration created, resulting in the current collapse.

Attributing this failure to the original agreement ignores the significant changes, conflicts, and renegotiations initiated in the continuing Jenkins/Latimer era. The responsibility for the failure of the current agreement rests squarely with the administration that revised it and subsequently failed to manage it effectively.

Thanks to Ken Jenkins, it’s going to be a long, quiet, expensive summer in Westchester,” said Sculti, in a press release from her campaign.

Jenkins acknowledged that Playland is “the people of Westchester’s park,” and that, like the more than 50 other Westchester parks, “Playland does not make money.” At least for Memorial Day weekend, Westchester residents can go to Playland, walk around, and see for themselves the improvements and investment that have been made and that they have paid for. As for a future public-private partnership at Playland, Jenkins said No. And we agree. Overall, the Standard Amusement experiment, that this paper originally supported under Astorino, did not work for the people of Westchester.

Hudson Piers Launches Leasing Along Waterfront Alexander Street-Yonkers Final Frontier

New Luxury Rental Community Among Largest Mixed-Use Developments in Westchester

Extell Development Company – a full service national real estate developer of residential, commercial and hospitality properties – announced today that leasing has commenced for Phase I at Hudson Piers, a mixed-use riverfront development situated on over 20 acres along the Downtown Yonkers waterfront. Extell’s first Westchester property Hudson Piers will be one of the largest mixed-use developments in Westchester and consists of six new luxury rental buildings with a suite of exceptional amenities and an abundance of ground-floor retail space along the beautiful Hudson River Promenade. Additionally, Hudson Piers signifies the final and largest piece of the Downtown Waterfront Revitalization in Yonkers which will provide the general public access to the wonderful Yonkers riverfront.

“With intelligent floor plans, abundant amenities and the highest quality finishes along the Yonkers waterfront, Hudson Piers offers sophisticated renters the comprehensive and active lifestyle that they are looking for,” said Moshe Botnick, SVP of Development for Extell Development Company. “Hudson Piers gives renters the opportunity to enjoy the tranquility of a suburban community lifestyle while being only half an hour’s train ride from Midtown Manhattan. In addition to our residents, the entire City will benefit from Hudson Piers with the addition of a 1.5-mile-long accessible waterfront experience to be enjoyed by all. We couldn’t be more excited to be an integral part of Yonkers’ evolution into the third largest, and one of the fastest growing cities in New York State.”

Located along Alexander Street, Water Grant Street, and Babcock Place, and only 30 minutes from Midtown Manhattan, Hudson Piers brings a new standard of living to Yonkers. Designed by Perkins Eastman Architects with interiors by McGinley Design, Hudson Piers will feature a range of studio to three-bedroom homes and total more than 1,100 residences.

Drawing on Extell’s reputation for delivering the finest homes with gracious layouts and quality finishes, the apartments at Hudson Piers feature luxurious interiors that combine style and function. Oversized windows are featured in every home, allowing residents to take in the beauty of the Hudson River, the Palisades, and beyond. High-end design follows with integrated kitchens outfitted with premium Miele stainless-steel appliances, custom cabinetry, and beautiful quartz stone countertops. The bathrooms create a serene atmosphere with sleek, contemporary fixtures by Kohler, custom millwork, and oversized mirrors. All residences include an in-residence washer and dryer, multiple zones for heating and cooling, and private terraces in select residences.

In addition to beautifully crafted homes, Hudson Piers will offer an unmatched amenity package providing endless opportunities for social gatherings, entertainment, fitness, and recreation. Indoor amenities in Phase I include a 24-hour main desk concierge, on-site security, indoor parking, state-of-the-art fitness centers, yoga and spin studios, catering kitchen, private screening room, waterfront lounge, business center with conference rooms, indoor playroom, game room, teen room, bicycle storage, and package storage. Outdoor amenities include two large, landscaped terraces, a saltwater swimming pool accompanied by cabanas and grilling stations, bocce court, putting green, fire pits and hammocks for relaxation, and a dog park. Future phases of the project will add even more amenities including an indoor swimming pool and indoor basketball court.

Perhaps the ultimate amenity at Hudson Piers is the majestic riverfront promenade that provides a beautiful setting for outdoor enthusiasts. Featuring over one and a half miles of contiguous waterfront access, the Yonkers riverfront gives residents immediate access to open green spaces, as well as pathways for biking and running and activities that include outdoor yoga or a sunset sail along the Hudson. The new Promenade at Hudson Piers will feature a variety of dining and retail options.

Yonkers serves as the gateway between New York City and the Hudson Valley. Providing ultimate convenience, residents can take a train to Grand Central in 30 minutes or a scenic drive along the Saw Mill River Parkway on the way upstate. Close by are five major highways that connect Yonkers with the rest of Westchester, New York City, and beyond. From parks and historical sites to a vibrant dining and entertainment scene, Yonkers offers something for everyone. Nearby attractions include The Yonkers Brewing Co. for grabbing a pint, Untermyer Gardens for a relaxing day with a book, and plenty of grocery stores for a nice home-cooked meal. Throughout the year, Yonkers also hosts a vibrant line-up of concerts, festivals, and parades that celebrate its diverse community along with the thriving waterside scene.

Pricing for Hudson Piers residences currently starts at approximately \$2,600 per month. First occupancy is slated for next month. For additional information or to schedule an appointment, please visit <https://hudsonpiers.com/>.

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY OFFERS FREE COMPOST TO RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT MAY

Compost Giveaway Events Scheduled Across the County

The Westchester County Department of Environmental Facilities (DEF) is continuing its popular compost distribution program with five additional giveaway events scheduled throughout May. The compost is produced at the County's CompostED site in Valhalla, an educational facility that processes up to two tons of local food scraps each week.

This initiative promotes food scrap recycling, supports local sustainability efforts and gives residents access to nutrient-rich compost made right here in Westchester. DEF previously hosted four successful giveaway events in March and April. Due to limited quantities, residents must register in advance to participate.

Event Schedule:

- Saturday, May 10 – Saxon Woods Park, White Plains | 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Thursday, May 15 – Household Materials Recycling Facility, Valhalla | 4–7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 21 – Sprout Brook DEF Facility, Cortlandt | 4–7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 27 – Croton Point Park | 4–7 p.m.

Important Information: Registration is required for all events.

- Residents must register online for a specific time slot to receive compost.
- Registration can be completed at: <https://environment.westchestergov.com/residential-compost-distribution-events>
- Each registered resident will receive two 1-cubic-foot bags of compost.
- DEF staff will be on-site to verify registration and load compost into vehicles.
- Spring is here, and tours of the CompostED facility are now available. Residents interested in scheduling a tour or learning more about food scrap recycling and composting in Westchester can contact DEF at CompostEd@WestchesterCountyNY.gov, visit environment.westchestergov.com, or call the Recycling HelpLine at (914) 813-5425.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
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U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY
BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCAF ACQUISITION TRUST,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RANJIT PERSAUD, 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; BANK OF AMERICA, N.A.; THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK; THE 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

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

Mortgaged Premises:

337 NORTH 7TH AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550

Section: 165.45, Block: 1100, Lot: 23

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

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 \$440,000.00 and interest, recorded on January 29, 2007, in Control Number 463380234, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 337 NORTH 7TH AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550.

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 28th, 2025

ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
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lem, as it allows violent criminals to evade prosecution and deportation, directly endangering our communities. We cannot afford to act as if our local government operates independently of the federal government.

"Federal representatives and agencies have already warned Westchester County of the dire consequences if we maintain our status as a "Sanctuary County." If we persist in this path, we risk losing a staggering amount of federal funding. Westchester County receives over \$300 million directly from the federal government and another \$300 million through New York State which some comes from the Federal government as well. Such potential cuts of any kind would irreparably harm our budget, jeopardizing essential programs and services, and forcing us to consider layoffs or tax hikes, which I will not entertain.

"Let me be clear: we must create a clear and actionable plan to protect the law-abiding and tax-paying families in our communities coming here to seek a better life legally, alongside American citizens, while ensuring that those who pose a threat are held accountable. My proposal is straightforward: we need to revise the Immigration Protection Act to cooperate with ICE specifically to ONLY remove violent criminals from any country in the world. If my colleagues genuinely wish to prioritize our budget and support law enforcement, now is the time to unite and take action. We cannot allow much-needed federal funding and the safety of innocent people to be put at risk because of political agendas. Other municipalities across the country are facing severe funding cuts; let's not allow Westchester County to fall into the same trap," said Nolan.

Both Latimer and County Executive Ken Jenkins have stated that Westchester County is not a Sanctuary County and that the Immigrant Protection Act does not make Westchester a Sanctuary County. The county requires ICE to get a signed order from a judge before local law enforcement can cooperate.

But others have pointed out that ICE needs a Judicial Order in order to detain non-citizens and when taking persons into custody from jail.

Nolan's Facebook post, (<https://www.facebook.com/jimmy.nolan2>), which included the letter he wrote to Jenkins and Gashi, also included some comments opposing his efforts.

"James, as your constituent, I am deeply disappointed and honestly horrified that you would push this. Every day, we see how ICE is increasingly acting in a despicable manner with immigrants, green card holders, and even US citizens. They are stereotyping people and going after those who don't have any criminal records. Even children are being targeted. YOUR Community is made up of an incredibly diverse group of people, many of who are immigrants or whose families are immigrants. These people don't make our communities unsafe; they are our construction workers, nurses, restaurant workers, babysitters, and much more. It's quite alarming that you are espousing the vilification of the very people that have helped build up our communities," posted Ariana Aguilar.

Nolan said, "I'm asking to work together to come up with a pathway to protect the innocent that want to come here for a better life and ONLY remove the violent criminals who pose a risk and have been arrested for things such as sexual crimes, murder, weapons charges, assault, and so on. VIOLENT criminals should not be the reason why our county loses so much federal funding. Again, if someone and their family come here for a better life and contribute by paying taxes, not breaking the law, and doing everything the American dream consists of, then they should not be deported. I don't see what's the issue with allowing ICE to have the authority to work with our law enforcement to ONLY remove the ones that are murdering innocent people, conducting sexual crimes, and many dangerous things."

Aguilar responded with the argument, "We have a well-funded police force in Yonkers and throughout Westchester County that already goes after violent criminals. Anyone who commits a violent crime has the police and our judicial system to face."

To get a BOL debate on the matter, Nolan would have to submit legislation amending the IPA. The county board has 15 Democrats, one conservative, and 1 Republican (Nolan).

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