

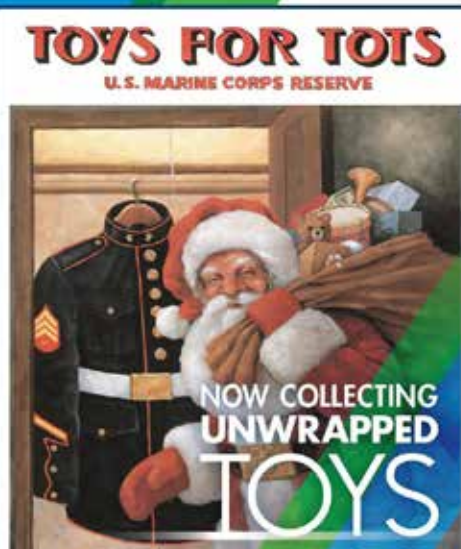
# Yonkers Rising

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### How Yonkers Rallied to Save Toys for Tots- Your Help is Needed Now More Than Ever

### Tis the Season to Give Back; Support Team Happy Feet by Donating Socks for the Homeless



L-R-Westchester County's own Country Western singer Jessica Lynn, Miss Wheelchair New York Latavia Sturdivant, CEO Ruff Ryders to the Rescue Joaquin Dean



Siena, Stella, and Michaela O'Brien

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On Friday, November 15th, Toys for Tots Westchester held a successful ribbon-cutting ceremony at its new headquarters located at 578 Nepperhan Avenue in Yonkers. The event marked the official launch of this year's holiday toy drive, which will continue through the end of December.

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## Yonkers Renames Daylighting II "Many Trails Park" in Honor of Native American Heritage

(Left to Right: Yonkers Parks, Recreation & Conservation Commissioner Steve Sansone; President Shannon Holsey, Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians; Mayor Mike Spano; Sculptor Al Wadzinski; Yonkers City Councilwoman Deana Norman; Yonkers City Councilwoman Tasha Diaz with the newly installed "Many Trails" sculpture at Daylighting II at 2 Mill Street) Photo by Maurice Mercado/City of Yonkers



Mayor Mike Spano today announced the official renaming of Daylighting II at 2 Mill Street to Many Trails Park, in recognition of the Indigenous people who first inhabited the land that is now the City of Yonkers.

The new name honors the region's Native American heritage, including the Lenape, Munsee, and Mohican people, whose history and traditions remain deeply connected to the Hudson River Valley. A new metal sculpture, designed by Native American artist Al Wadzinski, that recognizes how the history of Yonkers and Native American are intertwined was installed at the rededicated park.

"This name reminds us that the story of Yonkers began long before our City was founded," said Mayor

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## Artist Richard Haas Adds to His Collection of Murals in Downtown Yonkers



L-R: Artist Daniel Bonilla; Yonkers Councilmember Tasha Diaz; Yonkers Council Majority Whip Deana Norman; New York Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins; Artist Richard Haas; Artist Robin Alcantara; Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano; Macquesten Development Executive Vice President Joseph Apicella

(Photo by Maurice Mercado/City of Yonkers)

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## Strong Community Outpatient Services at St. John’s Riverside Hospital, From the Inside Out with Sherlon Quarless



Sherlon Quarless, left, with SJRH Assistant VP of External Affairs Denise Mananas

By Dan Murphy

St. John’s Riverside Hospital (SJRH) operates one of the largest and most comprehensive behavioral health systems in the state. Recently, Assistant Vice President for Outpatient Services Sherlon Quarless spoke with us about SJRH’s behavioral health services and how they can help patients with substance use disorders.

Quarless began her career as a nurse’s aide at St. John Riverside Hospital, later returning to school to attain two master’s degrees in both social work and public administration. She then worked as a social worker and clinical supervisor before becoming Assistant Vice President for Outpatient Services.

Quarless became passionate about addiction treatment after realizing her own mother was an alcoholic. She grew up in Barbados, where she says heavy drinking was normalized, but she began to see the toll addiction could take after moving to New York.

“My mother was an alcoholic. But I didn’t know that until I got here and realized that drinking wasn’t normal,” she explains. “It wasn’t what people do. Because back there, everybody did it. I saw the changes, the life with my mom, and the things that happened, but I never really understood until I got here. And then there was no treatment there because it’s what everybody does, right? So, when I was a nurse’s aide, and I listened to the stories and saw the behaviors, I was like, ‘Wow.’ That’s when it clicked for me—my mom was an alcoholic.”

In her role overseeing multiple outpatient services, Quarless says that she is very proud of the SJRH staff and their dedication to helping patients.

“We have an amazing staff, all credentialed,” explains Quarless. “They’re all licensed, and they all come with that drive and passion for our patients. Everyone is very client-centered. They meet the patients where they’re at. And I think that’s the number one thing for a behavioral health program. You have

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## Jenkins Proposes County Budget with 5.9% Tax Increase-Calls it a “Trump Tax Increase”



County Executive Ken Jenkins

*\$2.5B Plan Cuts Nearly Every Department by 8% While Preserving Essential Services and Avoiding Layoffs*

*“Make no mistake about it this is a Trump tax increase...People are not spending money because of the chaos and uncertainty coming out of Washington. The instability created under Trump has seeped into Westchester County and is wreaking havoc on our finances — and we are not alone. Local governments across New York State and across the nation are confronting the very same pressures.”-County Executive Ken Jenkins.*

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins has announced his first proposed Operating Budget for 2026. The \$2.5 billion dollar budget cuts almost all County Department budgets by 8%, including the County Executive’s budget, and eliminates 180 positions, essentially cutting the County workforce by almost 5%.

Jenkins said: “This has been an extraordinarily difficult year, and the budget process reflected that. We are operating in a moment of unprecedented uncertainty driven by the Trump Administration’s decisions beyond our control. Federal cuts, shifting aid formulas and tariffs have created instability in local planning in a way we have not seen in recent memory. There’s no way to sugarcoat it, this is simply the reality of this moment — and we are committed to leading through it with transparency, partnership and integrity.”

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## A Middle School Student Gave Me an Apple Today



By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

It happened quietly, in the middle of an ordinary school day in my Westchester classroom. One of my scholars walked up to my desk, hands cupped together, and said they had something for me. I didn’t know what it was. When they pulled out an apple—red, small, shining with the kind of care only a child can give—I froze.

I thanked them, but I didn’t eat it. I put it in my bag. I took it home.

People talk about teachers receiving apples as if it’s something from a distant American past, something preserved in black-and-white movies or told by grandparents who say schools used to be “different.” And they’re right—schools are different. Education is different. Children are different. And teachers, especially Black male teachers, are rare in classrooms across this country. Every time I step into my classroom, I know I’m standing in a place many never imagined for someone like me.

But that apple—bought with a scholar’s own money—reminded me that something hasn’t changed at all: the quiet ways young people tell you that you matter to them, even when you don’t always see the impact you’re making.

This gift was small, but it carried the weight of history. It echoed an era when families and teachers were deeply connected, when respect between home and school flowed more freely, when a teacher’s voice was something parents trusted and kids honored. Elders often tell me education has changed a lot since their time. I agree. It has changed since mine, too. But standing there with that apple in my hand, I felt a glimmer of the hope they talk about—a sense that despite everything, some traditions survive.

No matter what AI becomes, no matter how smartphones buzz inside phone bins, no matter the challenges my colleagues face across the state and the nation—underpayment, burnout, job insecurity, rising tensions—this small gesture reminded me why I’m still in the field of education. Why I show up. Why I teach.

That apple was more than a gift. It was a message. A reminder. A sign that I am exactly where I need to be, as my mother would say.

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

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The public auction will take place Friday November 21, 2025 beginning at 10:00am in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Community Room located at One Larkin Center, 2nd Floor, Yonkers, NY. Online, real-time participation in the auction will also be available.

Bidding and the auction and sale of the Properties will be conducted in accordance with and subject to certain terms and conditions (the “Terms and Conditions”). By participating in the auction, participants agree to be bound to these Terms and Conditions. The Terms and Conditions will be disclosed and made available prior to the auction. Terms and Conditions are subject to change prior to the auction



134 Groenvald Ave



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643 - 657 Nepperhan Ave

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## Con Edison Rate Hikes Reduced to 2% for Gas 2.8% for Electric in Settlement with Westchester Municipal Consortium

The Westchester Municipal Consortium (WMC) — an unprecedented coalition of 40 local municipalities that joined forces to become a party to Con Edison’s 2025 electric and gas rate case filings before the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) announced that a three-year settlement agreement (known as a Joint Proposal) has been formally reached between Con Edison, the PSC staff, and other parties.

The terms of the filed agreement are now public and represent significant progress for Westchester residents and businesses in ensuring fairer and more transparent utility practices.

The Joint Proposal substantially reduces Con Edison’s original rate requests and includes several key provisions advanced by the Westchester Municipal Consortium. Because these provisions were successfully incorporated into the three-year settlement, the Consortium will not oppose the agreement.

The Joint Proposal itself states: “The Westchester Municipal Consortium will also not oppose this negotiated Proposal, which substantially reduces the Company’s initial rate proposals and includes provisions sought by the Westchester Municipal Consortium.”

### Settlement Includes Major Reductions in Originally Proposed Rates

Con Edison’s original proposed electric rate increase of 13.4% has been reduced to 2.8% on the total customer bill under the settlement. On the gas side, the original propose 19% increase has been reduced to 2% on the total customer bill. The agreement spans January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, with similar annual increases of approximately 2.8% (electric) and 2.0% (gas) in the second and third years.

### Key Westchester-Specific Provisions Secured

The Joint Proposal includes several items specifically negotiated by the Westchester Municipal Consortium to address longstanding disparities and improve communication and transparency:

#### Annual Westchester Capital Investment Meetings

Con Edison leadership — including senior engineering and operations staff — will meet annually with Westchester municipalities to review capital project plans and compare investment levels in Westchester versus New York City. The meetings will also address storm preparedness, double-pole removal, streetlighting, and the impact of data centers on the local grid.

#### Underground vs. Overhead Cost Analysis

Responding to WMC’s request, Con Edison agreed to conduct an informational analysis comparing the relative costs of its underground network system (predominant in New York City) and its overhead radial system (predominant in Westchester County and Staten Island). This study will help determine whether any cross-subsidization exists between regions and will be shared prior to the Company’s next rate filing.

“While the reductions do not go as far as we had proposed, they are a substantial move in the name of affordability, and the requirements for more disclosure and transparency on capital projects and the costs of overhead vs. underground systems are major gains for our County,” said Joel Dichter, Counsel for the Westchester Municipal Consortium. “This outcome reflects how much can be accomplished when Westchester’s municipalities stand together for a common goal.”

#### Next Steps and PSC Review

The Westchester Municipal Consortium will prepare and submit formal comments on the Joint Proposal to the Public Service Commission. The PSC will then conduct an evidentiary hearing to evaluate the settlement’s terms before issuing a final decision.

“There is no doubt that Westchester’s municipalities banding together had a substantial impact on the results,” said Hastings-on-Hudson Mayor Nicola Armacost who is also President of the Westchester Municipal Officials Association. “This collaboration ensured our communities were heard at the state level and will continue to give us a voice in how utility investments are made in Westchester.”

#### About the Westchester Municipal Consortium

The Westchester Municipal Consortium (WMC) is composed of 40 unified municipalities throughout Westchester County that are served by Con Edison and came together to work collaboratively to ensure fair utility practices, equitable infrastructure investments, and transparent communication between local governments, the utility, and state regulators.

Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner said, “I am pleased that Greenburgh participated in the consortium. Working together with other local governments in Westchester - our coalition was successful in getting results for our residents. Local governments in Westchester should continue to look for additional ways we can work together.”

**Note: Several elected officials from Westchester have come out against the settlement. More on this in a future paper.**

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## Pumpkin Cheesecake?



By Eric Wolf Schoen

**Editor’s Note: Pray for Eric as he undergoes surgery this week. Here is one of his old holiday columns**

I hope you have a nice Thanksgiving filled with food, friends, family and fun. I happen to like turkey, gravy on the side and not sliced too thin. Cream of turkey soup, candied yams, a vegetable like broccoli or thin sliced zucchini in tomato sauce to make you feel like you are eating healthy. Dessert could be apple pie, pecan pie, bread pudding or the myriad options available. A delightful meal particularly when there is turkey leftover for sandwiches the next day, doused with good deli mustard.

Now I know there are many of you out there who despise turkey. The meal can consist of ham, prime rib, and some just like a simple lasagna. I’m not a pumpkin person, so what’s up with all this pumpkin soup and worse, pumpkin cheesecake. Most of the restaurant menus I saw featured both pumpkin soup and the offending pumpkin cheesecake. At \$100 a person! Most of us love cheesecake, so why add pumpkin too it. It might be on display at your local supermarket with other desserts, but does anyone go into a grocery store and ask, ‘Where’s the pumpkin cheesecake?’

I love carving a pumpkin for Halloween, decorating pumpkins, putting them out as decoration sizes small to large on the porch, but I don’t think there are many folks obsessed with pumpkin soup or cheesecake. I will eat pumpkin pie as long as it doesn’t taste ‘pumpkin’ with whipped cream on top. Let me know if you disagree with me!

The people who pick up cans and bottles with 5 cent deposits on our New York streets want the deposit fee increased to 10 cents. With all the folks coming into our country, there is a lot of competition for cans and bottles with a deposit attached. Do these people vote? Do you think those of us who do vote want the deposit fee increased. The legislators those of us who vote elect need to keep this in mind if it comes before the State Legislature. I am all for recycling but come on. Stop nickel and dimeing the electorate!

Speaking of recycling I hope by now you have visited our Cross County Target and had your order packed up in one of their recyclable shopping bags. Stronger and sturdier than many and they can be reused many times. The trendy people in Yonkers carry their Target purchases and items they carry around with them in a bag in a Target recyclable bag.

You work very hard to earn the money you give to charity. Tuesday was Giving Tuesday, the day many people open their checkbooks and make charitable donations. Make sure before you give money to charity that the charity is legitimate and the money spent being used efficiently and effectively to help those in need. There are so many fraudulent charities out there that the IRS and many states have tools on their websites to help you determine if your charity of choice is legitimate. Make use of those tools before you send a cent.

There are way too many campaign signs littering our streets almost a month after Election Day. For signs legally placed it’s time they be removed.

Chanukah starts the year on Sunday, December 14 and continues to Monday, December 22. Let me be the first to wish our readers who celebrate this joyous holiday a very Happy Chanukah. With what is going on in the Middle East many people wonder what they can do to support Israel.

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## “Wear” Is Donated Clothing Going?



By Deborah Blatt

Clothing insecurity in Westchester County continues to grow, and the combination of inflation and federal cuts to social services will exacerbate it further. At The Sharing Shelf, the nonprofit Clothing Bank that I founded to serve children and youth in need in Westchester, requests for clothing grew 25% in the first 10 months of 2025 compared to the same period last year. In more stark terms, 7,554 children and teens needed clothing from The Sharing Shelf.

As demand grows, the need for more donations grows alongside it. Each child we serve receives a Wardrobe Pack – a week’s worth of seasonally appropriate clothing matched to the child’s size. The increase in children facing clothing insecurity means that we need that much more clothing, including new socks, underwear, diapers, shoes and, in the winter, coats, boots, hats, and gloves. This makes it all the more important that Westchester residents understand both where donated clothing goes and why it matters.

The growth in clothing insecurity and our response is why The Sharing Shelf hosted in late October a luncheon and panel discussion – titled “‘Wear’ is it all going? The face of clothing insecurity in Westchester.” We brought together leaders from nonprofits and schools working with economically vulnerable families in Westchester to address the topic. Clothing insecurity and its impact on children are overlooked in Westchester, which is known for its wealth, yet 67,000 children and teens live in poverty or a low-income home in the county.

Our featured panel members included Debbie Burrell-Butler, Executive Director of the Mount Vernon Youth Bureau; Jirandy Martinez, Executive Director of the Community Resource Center in Mamaroneck; Tiffany Nagorny, School Social Worker at the Dr. Kenneth B. Clark Academy in Dobbs Ferry, and Sam Wallis, CEO of Yonkers Partners in Education. The panel was moderated by Tony Aiello, the Emmy Award-winning reporter for CBS News New York.

The panel members explained from different perspectives the importance of providing children and teens with clothing – and not just clothing itself but clothing that is clean, age- and season-appropriate, plus essentials like underwear and socks, as well as shoes that fit and allow the child or teen to participate in gym or join a team.

All panelists explained powerfully how important it is for children to have age-appropriate, season-appropriate, properly fitting clothing that is suitable to a particular activity and makes the child or youth feel comfortable. Sam Wallis spoke of the “imposter syndrome” that many clients face when they arrive for the first year of college, without the right clothing, shoes, and coat to blend in on campus. Debbie Burrell-Butler’s teens almost lost out on a job training program, because the girls lacked work-appropriate attire, until they shopped at Teen Boutique, The Sharing Shelf’s free store.

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## Westchester County Legislator James Nolan Endorses Stefanik for Governor



County Legislator James Nolan, with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik

County Legislator James Nolan recently endorsed Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, saying, “As Westchester County Legislator of District 15 and Minority Whip, I am proud to officially endorse Congresswoman Elise Stefanik for Governor of New York State.

“Elise Stefanik has proven herself to be one of the most courageous and effective leaders in our state and in our nation’s capital. She has consistently fought for the hardworking men and women of New York, challenging failed leadership, and delivering results that put families, taxpayers, and law enforcement first.

“Elise understands what New Yorkers are facing. She knows that families are being crushed by rising costs, that small businesses are struggling to stay afloat, and that our communities are demanding real public safety—not empty promises. From the North Country to Westchester County, she has earned the trust of everyday citizens because she listens, leads with integrity, and gets things done.

“New York is at a crossroads. We can continue down the same path of high taxes, failed policies, and lawlessness—or we can restore common sense, accountability, and pride in our state. Elise Stefanik represents that change. She represents strength, leadership, and a new era of opportunity for every New Yorker.

“I am proud to stand with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik in her campaign to bring New York back. Together, we can build a safer, stronger, and more affordable New York State for generations to come. Next year I will be running for Re-Election for Westchester County Legislator and to say that Congresswoman Elise Stefanik who will be the next Governor of New York State is my running mate on the ballot is truly an honor!”

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## On This Day in Yonkers History...



*The last Lord of the Manor, Frederick Philipse III*

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

Monday, November 24th:

November 24, 1942: Gorton and Yonkers High School students gathered the evening before the school's annual Thanksgiving football game, source of their longtime rivalry. Three boys were arrested for throwing rocks at Yonkers High; 55 windowpanes were broken. An unreported number of windows also were broken at Gorton. Students attacked several trolleys, breaking 21 windows; students also stole lights from inside the trolleys.

Traditional school bonfires were forbidden because of US Army war dimout regulations, but students gathered at the Park Hill ruins set several fires, which YPD extinguished to prevent breaking the regulations. Although forbidden, nearly 500 students rallied on Park Avenue by Gorton. They broke streetlights, leaving blocks near Gorton in the dark. Students also pulled down trolley poles, blocking traffic and cutting the trolley system operating power.

Tuesday, November 25th:

November 25, 1917: Captain McVicar announced more than 375 pounds of turkey and 500 packs of cigarettes were sent to the Yonkers men of Company G.

November 25, 1943: Although most of Yonkers celebrated Thanksgiving, war workers at Smith Carpet factory, Habirshaw Cable, and many workers at Otis Elevator reported to work.

Few Yonkers' families celebrated with traditional turkey dinners as supplies "remained scarce."

Wednesday, November 26th:

November 26, 1924: Gorton and Yonkers High Schools' students went on a rampage the night before the Thanksgiving football game between the two schools. Students smashed windows at both schools and on trolley cars. Police needed to break up several impromptu street corner rallies that became disorderly.

November 26, 1926: Because of the economy measures instituted by Mayor William Walsh, prisoners in the City Jail did not have turkey for Thanksgiving dinner; they were served roast chicken.

November 26, 1932: Margaret George, Publicity Director for the War Industries Training Program, revealed executives at Tarrytown's Eastern Aircraft referred to the Yonkers School of Aeronautical Manufacturing the "West Point of the Air." Hundreds of the school's certified graduates, reflecting the wide variety of ethnic, social and religious backgrounds of Yonkers, worked together in the school and in the Eastern Aircraft plant united in one goal, to end

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## Two Additional Jersey Boys Charged in Burglary & Vandalism Spree at Playland



Two additional suspects in September's burglary and vandalism spree at Playland have surrendered to Westchester County Police.

Connor Evancho, 20, of Pompton Lakes N.J., turned himself in today at County Police headquarters in Hawthorne. Daniel Bracco, 19, of Oakland, N.J., surrendered on Monday.

The third suspect, Anthony Conkling, 19, of Wykoff, N.J., turned himself in last week.

All three men are charged with Burglary 3rd Degree and Criminal Mischief 2nd Degree, felonies; and Criminal Trespass 2nd Degree and Petit Larceny, misdemeanors. Each was released on his own recognizance following arraignment in Rye City Court.

The three men are accused of entering the Playland amusement park in the overnight hours of Sept. 23-24 and committing acts of theft and vandalism. It is alleged that the trio arrived on the Playland beach in a small boat shortly before midnight on Sept. 23 and climbed a fence to enter the amusement area.

The intruders:

- Vandalized an electrical room, cutting or ripping out fiber optic cables for phone and internet service;
- Stole 200 stuffed animals, which they hauled away in garbage bags; and,
- Attempted to throw a photo booth off the boardwalk but were unable to do so.

The damage caused to property at Playland is estimated at \$57,000. The boat they used was apparently taken from, and returned to, a boat club in Connecticut.

The case was investigated by detectives from the General Investigations Unit.

The County Police would like to thank the public for its assistance in this investigation. Multiple tips were received from the public as a result of social media shares and media coverage of this incident.

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

Notice of Publication of 19 THIRD AVE RENTALS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/29/2025. Office: WESTCHESTER CO. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail process to copy to the LLC 7014 13th Ave, #202, Bklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of 275 VICTORY BLVD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/29/2025. Office: WESTCHESTER CO. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail process to copy to the LLC 7014 13th Ave, #202, Bklyn, NY, 11228. Purpose: any lawful act.

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## Carver Center Helps 697 Families with \$200 in Food



The Port Chester Carver Center is holding its annual Thanksgiving Distribution for Carver Market clients on Thursday, November 20, 2025, from 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm at the Carver Center located at 400 Westchester Avenue in Port Chester, NY. This year's distribution has 697 families registered to receive food for the Thanksgiving holiday.

"This year's distribution, providing close to \$200 worth of high-quality food to each struggling family, underscores Carver Center's essential role as a central community resource in Port Chester," said Anne Bradner, Carver Center CEO. "Our commitment extends past groceries; our Case Managers stand ready to help families navigate changing benefits and other critical needs, fulfilling our promise to support our community during these challenging times."

Carver Market clients will be given a choice between a turkey or chicken, and all the Thanksgiving trimmings, including fresh produce, to enjoy for the holiday. During the distribution, clients will be able to walk through and make their selections, maintaining the Carver Market's model as a self-choice pantry. This year's distribution is anticipated to distribute \$139,400 worth of food to families in need.

"We are very grateful, and this is wonderful for everyone because there are many who won't have anything to put on the table, and this turkey and food is a real blessing," said Teresa Pino. "It's a joy to gather all together at the house to share what we're going to bring from Carver, and thanks to your help without any obligation."

"This is good for the community, because people are having hard times right now," said Helen Nelson. "Carver Center is here to help everybody in the community and we appreciate everything that they've been doing for us."

Notice of Formation of Sprites' Hollow LLC, formerly What Are We Making LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/30/2021. 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, 88 Colgate Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Elsie Legacy Group LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/26/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 41 Woodland Road, Bedford Hills, NY 10507. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of RELIABLE MEDICAL SERVICES PLLC filed with the SSNY on 07/6/25. Office: Westchester County. Registered Agent Inc. designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to 27 Edgewold Rd. White Plains, NY 10607. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Publication of Hari Govinda LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 10/19/2025. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Prajwal B Shrestha, 12 Vista Court, Ossining, NY, 10562. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of FirstLine Infusion LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 16, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The SSNY shall mail process to: FirstLine Infusion LLC, 30 Winthrop Ave., Elmsford, NY 10523. Purpose: Any lawful purpose permitted under New York State law.

## Yonkers Will Library Presents “Forgetting Christmas” Free Movie November 22

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to start with the staff.”

SJRH behavioral health services include the Greenberg Addiction Center in Greenberg, the Archway Center in Mount Vernon, and the Comprehensive Recovery Center, or CRC, in Yonkers. All three centers offer medication-assisted treatment, or MAT, for substance use disorders. Only the CRC offers methadone due to federal restrictions, but options like Suboxone and Vivitrol are available at the other locations.

“With methadone, you have to come to the clinic every day,” says Quarless. “With Suboxone, you can go to your doctor and get a 30-day prescription, and be home. And Vivitrol is administered as a once-monthly shot, so you don’t have to come in every day.”

SJRH professionals work to find the right solutions for each patient. Quarless explains that patients with opioid use disorder typically start on methadone and may be able to move to other options if they are doing well.

“We have to consider homeless people and those who just can’t maintain,” she says. “You have to be doing really well on methadone for the doctor to give you Suboxone, because you have to maintain it. We also have to think about questions like, ‘If I don’t have my own apartment, where am I putting this medication?’ Those are important considerations.

In addition to MAT, SJRH offers patients support through talk therapy with individual and group options.

“At all of our sites, we do individual sessions,” says Quarless. “We have group sessions. We offer bilingual services because they are very important—especially at our Greenberg location, where there’s a significant Spanish-speaking population. So we offer group and individual sessions in English and Spanish.”

Additionally, telehealth appointments provide more options for patients. “Sometimes, professional people are mandated to get treatment, but depending on the company they work for, they may not be able to go in for inpatient care, and they need to maintain their employment. So for them, telehealth appointments are an option. They also help to maintain privacy.”

Quarless also notes that as she tried to help her mother with alcohol-related medical conditions, she learned more about the causes of addiction. “As I started this journey, I realized that people don’t just drink or they don’t just use drugs. There’s always an underlying issue, right? So then I was going through that with her and helping her to see—you know, this is why people do this.”

Quarless adds that they now have a psychiatric nurse practitioner to assist patients with dual diagnoses, which are common in addiction recovery. “I want to say about 85 percent of our patients have had some dual diagnosis for mental health. It could be depression, for example. We have a psychiatric nurse practitioner who can address dual diagnosis.”

SJRH also works with adolescents, and Quarless says they believe prevention is key. “We partnered with the schools in Yonkers to have sessions with the parents and talk about what to look for, how to know if your child is using, etc.”

Another thing Quarless has learned in her years of working in behavioral health is that relapses are common among people with substance use disorders. “First, we have to understand that relapse is a part of the process. You’ll have many relapses, but you’ll always—and I say always—can recover. Relapse will be a part of your story, but you can come out on the other side.”

More information about SJRH behavioral health services and addiction recovery treatment can be found at <https://riversidehealth.org/specialty-services/behavioral-health-services/>

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## Cross County Center Kicks Off Holidays with First Tree Lighting on November 14



The Cross County Center in Yonkers kicked off the holiday season with the first tree lighting in Westchester on November 14. Santa, Mrs. Claus and the Grinch were on hand to help light the tree.

Photos with Santa and an ice skating rink are part of the fun. For more information, visit [Crosscountycenter.com](http://Crosscountycenter.com)

## Stepinac Hoops Stars to Attend USC, Michigan State



Archbishop Stepinac High School proudly celebrated its 2025 uniball National Signing Day Ceremony this afternoon, honoring members of the Class of 2026 who have officially committed to continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level.

Family, friends, alumni, and members of the media gathered on campus to recognize the achievements of these student-athletes, while many more tuned in live on the NBC Sports Engine / Stepinac page to share in this special moment.

This year's signees represent Stepinac's ongoing tradition of excellence—both in the classroom and on the field—earning opportunities at Division I, II, and III programs across the country.

### Basketball

- Jasiah Jervis '26, Bronx, NY – Michigan State University

Ranked Top 50 in the country while leading the team in scoring last season and being named CHSAA postseason tournament MVP.

- Hassan Koureissi '26, Harlem, NY – Fordham University

Averaged 11.0 points, 5.4 rebounds, 3.0 assists, and 1.6 steals while shooting 48.6% from the field as a junior.

- Dylan Perry '26, Bergenfield, NJ – Monmouth University

Scored 14 points, five rebounds, and two steals in Stepinac's 69–67 victory over PSAL champion Thomas Jefferson in the 2025 CHSAA vs. PSAL Championship. Also made the game-tying play in the CHSAA City Championship.

- Adonis Ratliff '26, New Rochelle, NY – University of Southern California (USC)

Ranked Top 50 in the country while averaging a near double-double as a junior.

- Darius Ratliff '26, New Rochelle, NY – University of Southern California (USC)

Ranked Top 50 in the country and top center in the 2026 class.

### Baseball

- Nicholas Amador '26, Greenwich, CT – Merrimack College

Named to CHSAA "AA" All-League Second Team as a junior.

- James Cosgrove '26, White Plains, NY – University of Scranton

Member of Stepinac's Susan & Daniel P. Mahoney '67 Honors Academy and Advanced Placement student.

- Aiden LaSalle '26, Eastchester, NY – University of Hartford

Ranked No. 28 catcher in New York State by Prep Baseball NY Scouting for the Class of 2026.

### Lacrosse

- Kiernan Austin '26, White Plains, NY – Binghamton University

Junior-year captain, CHSAA "AA" Lacrosse First Team honoree and a member of Stepinac's Varsity Football Team.

- Robert Tumolo '26, Mahopac, NY – Springfield University

Two-year starter as a defensive short stick middle.

"Signing Day is always one of the most special moments of the year," said Michael O'Donnell, Stepinac's Athletic Director. "It's the culmination of years of hard work, dedication, and perseverance—both on and off the field. We are incredibly proud of these young men and look forward to watching them succeed at the next level."

Archbishop Stepinac High School congratulates all its student athletes and their families for this tremendous achievement and thanks the entire community for their continued support of Crusader Athletics.

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- Individual submissions only (no group entries)
- Must reflect themes justice, courage and unity inspired by Dr. King's legacy
- Deadline for submissions: Wednesday, December 3, 2025
- Download cover page: [WWW.YONKERSNY.GOV/MLK](http://WWW.YONKERSNY.GOV/MLK)
- Email BOTH completed cover page along with poem to [contest@yonkersny.gov](mailto:contest@yonkersny.gov)

Selected works will be featured during the live showcase on Thursday, January 8, 2026, where youth will present their poetry and engage in meaningful face-to-face dialogue with community guests.

For questions, contact Dr. Dwanita M. Crosby at [Dwanita.Crosby@yonkersny.gov](mailto:Dwanita.Crosby@yonkersny.gov)

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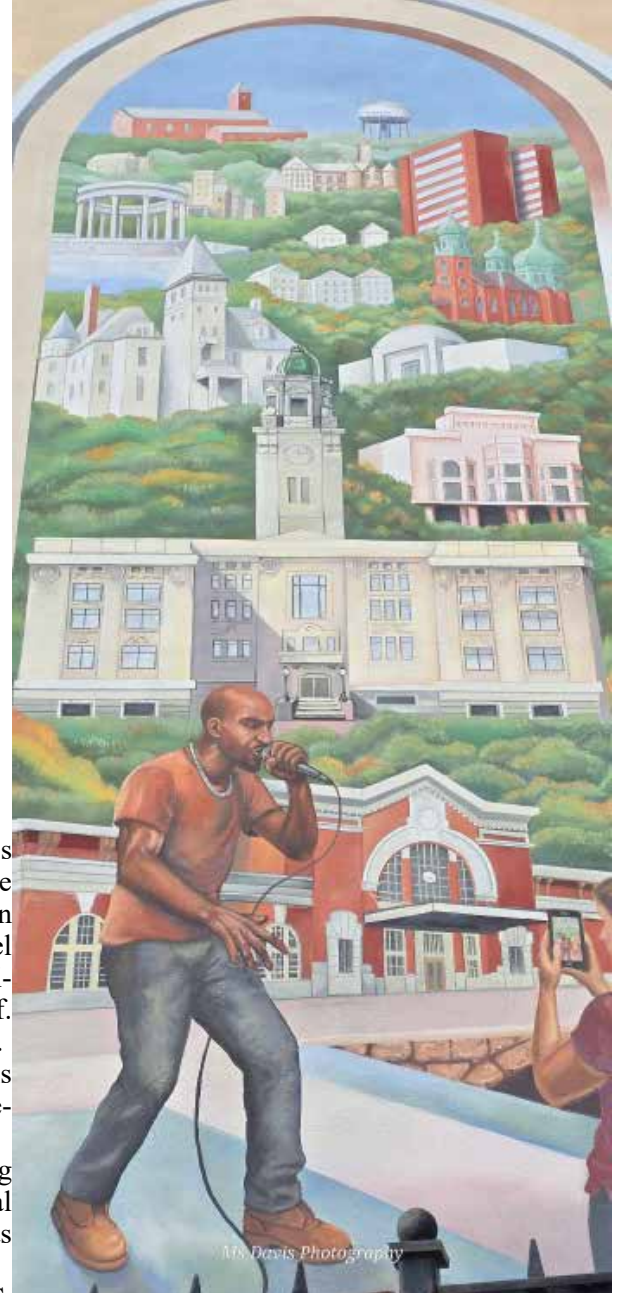
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Richard Haas Murals -photos by Donna Davis



On Nov. 19, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined artist Richard Haas, Yonkers artists and members of the Yonkers community to unveil the newest public mural in the Yonkers downtown waterfront district titled “Yonkers Past & Present.” Located on the building façade at 35 Main St. and Warburton Ave., the mural depicts the diverse history of Yonkers, including iconic locations such as Yonkers City Hall, Philipse Manor Hall, Untermyer Gardens as well as famous Yonkers natives such as rapper DMX.

“Yonkers Past and Present’ is more than a work of art — it’s a vibrant reminder of who we are and where we’re going,” said Mayor Spano. “Richard Haas has captured the spirit of our city and the resilience of our community with extraordinary vision. This installation not only honors Yonkers’ rich history but also reflects the energy and momentum driving our city forward today. We are proud to welcome this striking new image to our downtown district.”



Designed by renowned artist Richard Haas and painted by Robin Alcantara, “Yonkers Past & Present” features locations in the City of Yonkers and an assortment of churches and public buildings. In the foreground of the right panel is an image of hip-hop artist and Yonkers native DMX rapping in front of the Yonkers train station. In the lower corner, Haas references old Yonkers trolleys as well as the brewery business. The upper middle panel includes bay windows, which create an illusion of depth and unite the two arched features which depict historical content. Philipse Manor Hall is illustrated in the upper left panel, which stands a block from the mural itself. Below one sees the original Saw Mill, a native American, a freed black slave, and a woman purchasing cockles.

Haas previously designed and painted three murals on Warburton Avenue. Richard Haas commented, “This new mural addresses, in part, the long history of our city originally depicted in the three-part mural series designed in the late 1990s.”

Haas has completed more than 100 outdoor and indoor mural projects, in public and private spaces, beginning in the early 1970s in New York City. He was the first artist in the United States to use architect architectural trompe l’oeil elements in his compositions. The painter of the mural, Robin Alcantara, is a Yonkers native and has previously created murals of other Yonkers notables, such as Ella Fitzgerald and Mary J. Blige.

The mural was commissioned as part of a community benefit package from Macquesten Development, LLC, which is developing The St. Clair, a 76-unit affordable housing complex on Main Street that will include commercial space.

“Macquesten Development is pleased to work in partnership with the City of Yonkers and world class muralist Richard Haas to produce a beautiful historic mural at the Gateway to the downtown waterfront,” said Joseph Apicella, Macquesten Development.

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## Gov. Hochul OK's Gas Pipeline & Halts Electric Buildings Mandate "We Need to Govern in Reality"

By Dan Murphy

Governor Kathy Hochul's two recent decisions on energy in New York State signal an acknowledgment of the affordability crisis homeowners face and the possibility of energy shortages in the near future.

Last month, Hochul and the NYS Department of Conservation approved permits for the Northeast Supply Enhancement Pipeline (NESE).

The Northeast Supply Enhancement (NESE) Project includes the construction, installation, and operation of a new 26-inch diameter pipeline to transport natural gas from Pennsylvania through New Jersey, travelling underwater in the Raritan Bay and Lower New York Bay to approximately three (3) miles offshore of the Rockaway Peninsula in the borough of Queens, New York. The overall project involves installing approximately 23.5 miles of new underwater pipeline, of which approximately 17.4 miles will be installed within New York State waters. The NESE Project is designed to provide approximately 400,000 dekatherms per day of incremental firm natural gas transportation ser

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## Tis the Season to Give Back; Support Team Happy Feet by Donating Socks for the Homeless

By Dan Murphy

As we enter the Holiday season, it is important for all of us to try and give back to those who need a little bit of cheer. The O'Brien sisters from Yonkers and their organization, Team Happy Feet, give us that opportunity.

Team Happy Feet is an initiative run annually by O'Brien sisters Siena (18), Stella (17), and Michaela (14) for the past 13 years. The idea, created by their parents, was to host a Thermal Sock Drive every Thanksgiving to support the homeless and to remind the girls of the importance of helping those who are vulnerable or less fortunate. Instead of a big birthday party each year, the girls hosted the sock drive and invited family and friends for a get-together, a cup of tea, and some treats.

Over the years, the event has grown from their family home to the Aisling Irish Community Center, where many friends and supporters from the community now join the girls and bring socks. Warm socks are one of the most requested items for people living on the streets or in shelters.

Siena, now attending Loyola University Maryland, Stella, a senior, and Michaela, a freshman at Maria Regina High School in Hartsdale, plan to continue this tradition for many years to come. Their efforts have brought comfort and joy to many throughout the winter months. The trio were recognized by the Irish Echo as recipients of the 2024 Community Award, and Siena and Stella have twice received the St. Vincent's Hospital Community Award for the success of their sock drive.

This year, Team Happy Feet is asking for even more support, as homelessness continues to rise and the need for warm socks has grown significantly. Donations will go to the Irish Volunteers for the Homeless, the YWCA, and Fr. Brendan Fitzgerald of St. Barnabas.

They welcome everyone to stop by on Sunday, November 30th at the Aisling Irish Community Center between 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. You can also ship or drop off socks directly to the Center. Please include your name and contact details so they can thank you personally.

For more information, email: [obrienasm3@gmail.com](mailto:obrienasm3@gmail.com)

Let the example of selflessness provided by the O'Brien sisters be an example for all of us to give back this holiday season.

## Lawler Votes to Reopen Government, Latimer Votes No; Both Support Release of Epstein Files

By Dan Murphy



Rep. Mike Lawler

Westchester Congressman Mike Lawler voted yes last week to reopen the Federal government. Lawler said on the House floor during debate, "The reason we know this is a Democratic shutdown is because of how angry they are that we're about to reopen the government, period. That's all you need to know in 2023. Jerry Nadler said shutdown is really an extremist policy designed to appeal to an extremist base and hold the whole country hostage."

"That is exactly what the Democrats have done over the last 43 days. They have held the American people hostage, trying to extract insane things like free health care for illegal immigrants if they were serious about tackling the health care affordability crisis in this country, than they would address the fundamental problem with Obamacare. Since Obamacare took effect, health care premiums have risen by 96% and on the open market by 114%."

"When I asked Leader Jeffries to sign on to the one year extension of the premium tax credit, he refused. He stuttered, he stammered. He couldn't answer a single question because this shutdown was never about health care."

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Rep. George Latimer

### Daylighting Renamed, continued from pg 1-

Spano. "By renaming this site Many Trails Park, we honor the first stewards of this land, the Lenape, Munsee, and Mohican people. We also recognize the deep history that continues to shape Yonkers today."

"Parks are where community, culture, and nature come together," said Yonkers Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Commissioner Steve Sansone. "Many Trails Park will serve as a lasting tribute to the Indigenous people whose connection to this land is woven into the fabric of Yonkers' history."

Located along the daylighted Saw Mill River, Many Trails Park stands as a symbol of respect, remembrance, and unity. The park's name was chosen to reflect the many paths, journeys, and communities that have shared this land throughout history.

President Shannon Holsey of the Stockbridge Munsee Band of Mohican Indians said, "As we dedicate this park in Yonkers, we honor not only the beauty of nature but the enduring legacy of those who came before us. Most fitting during Native American Heritage Month, we are called to recognize the stories, contributions, and resilience of Indigenous peoples—while also confronting the ongoing issue of erasure that has too often silenced these voices. We are grateful to Mayor Spano for the opportunity to contribute to the diverse landscape and communities of the City of Yonkers. Let us keep our ears open, our hearts united, and continue to build spaces where every person is seen, heard, and valued. Inclusion is not just an ideal; it is our responsibility to ensure that every generation and every community feels a sense of belonging and pride in our shared future."

The renaming of the park is part of the City's ongoing commitment to honor and preserve Yonkers' diverse cultural and historical roots. November celebrates Native American Heritage. Plans for a mural to depict the Native American settlement are also underway at the same location.

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**Toys for Tots continued from pg 1-**

The ceremony brought together community leaders, volunteers, sponsors, and supporters from across Westchester County. Coordinators James Maxwell (Retired USMC) and Patricia Laforey, along with Harold McKoy II, Board Member of the Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation Inc. helped lead the event. Worshipful Master Jerry Bailey of James H. Farrell Lodge #34 and Lou Picani, President of Teamsters Local 456, were also in attendance, representing strong community partnerships.

The program received major support from elected officials including NYS Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Yonkers City Councilwoman Tasha Diaz. "I was ecstatic to see Toys for Tots back in full effect, especially here in the City of Yonkers. We are going through tough times, and the Toys for Tots initiative just proves how we as a city can band together to ensure no child is left behind for the holidays," said Councilwoman Diaz.

This year's Toys for Tots campaign is strengthened by a wide range of community sponsors. Evan Bishop (Sponsor & Partner), Executive Director of Yonkers Arts, provided the warehouse space that now serves as headquarters for the 2025 toy drive. Additional sponsors include the Eastchester Fire Department North End, Donjito Latin Fusion, Pelham Rails Restaurant & Bar, and Valentina Ristorante.

The event also featured volunteers from Children's Village, Westhab, Ruff Ryders to the Rescue Foundation, SUNY Westchester EOC, Messiah Baptist Church, Juices for Life, Off the Hook, and other local organizations and business whose support will help collect, sort, and distribute thousands of toys this season.

Special guests included Latavia Sturdivant, Ms. Wheelchair New York, and Westchester's own Country, Western singer Jessica Lynn. "It means the world to me to work with Toys for Tots through A Very Merry Classic Christmas. Bringing joy to children and families at Christmas is one of the greatest gifts I get to be part of," said Lynn who will be performing her Christmas special at the Paramount in Peekskill on December 13 and 14, and collecting gifts for Toys for Tots

The organization is actively seeking volunteers, toy donation drop-off locations, and sponsors to help expand the impact of the campaign. Collection boxes are being placed across the county, making it easy for everyone to get involved in spreading holiday cheer.

"To think this year children might not have received a toy was hurtful to all of us. To see all the amazing talented people step up and work as one is unbelievably humbling," said Patricia LaForey, Westchester / Putnam County Co-Coordinator for Toys for Tots. "It's amazing to see how our community is showing up year after year especially this year to make sure no child is forgotten."

"For years, Toys-for-Tots has brought joy to children across Westchester, and we are honored that Yonkers will now serve as its home base," said Harold McKoy II, Board Member of Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation. "This effort represents more than toys, it represents community, compassion, and the spirit of giving."

"This partnership underscores our commitment to uplifting families in Yonkers and beyond," added Jerry Bailey, Worshipful Master from James H. Farrell Lodge #34. "We are excited to stand with Toys-for-Tots and our community partners to make this year's campaign one of the most impactful yet."

The Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation and James H. Farrell Lodge #34 encourage residents, businesses, and community organizations to get involved by donating toys, volunteering, or spreading the word about this year's drive.

The new leaders of Toys for Tots Westchester say they had to band together to save Christmas this year. Volunteer Patricia Laforey says she was worried that the collection for Toys for Tots Westchester wasn't going to happen this year. "We are, unfortunately, worried about the toys coming in, so we decided to do this to re-announce that Westchester Toys for Tots is alive, kicking and well with a new team," Laforey says.

"Teamsters Local 456 is proud to sponsor Toys-for-Tots. In Local 456, we believe that all children are innocent and represent our future. Every child deserves the opportunity to celebrate the season with happiness, hope, and a special gift to call their own."

— Louis A. Picani, President & Principal Officer, Teamsters Local 456

"Yonkers Arts is honored to partner with Toys-for-Tots, using The Lab as a community hub to collect, organize, and deliver joy to families across Yonkers. This collaboration reflects our mission to strengthen the city through creativity, compassion, and connection, because when the community comes together, Yonkers wins."

— Evan Bishop, Executive Director, Yonkers Arts

"What we're doing here in Yonkers is more than collecting toys, we're collecting hope. This partnership represents what can happen when a community stands together for its children. The Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation and James H. Farrell Lodge #34 are proud to help lead this effort, ensuring that every child in Yonkers feels the joy and spirit of the season."

— Harold McKoy II, Sr. Master of Ceremony, James H. Farrell Lodge #34, and Board Member, Luther V. Garrison Sr. Masonic Foundation, Inc.

Last year, Toys-for-Tots Westchester distributed over 48,000 toys to children and families in need. Due to nationwide cutbacks, local organizers have set a bold new goal to collect and distribute 80,000 toys by December, 2025.

To learn how you can get involved, click here: <https://putnam-ny.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/default.aspx?nPageID=0&nPreviewInd=0&nRedirectInd=3>

The warehouse is located at 578 Nepperhan Avenue, Yonkers.

**County Budget, continued from pg 1-**

Westchester County faced a staggering projected budget gap of \$197.7 million. Jenkins, who is committed to not laying off County workers, first looked to eliminate 180 positions and tightened spending with targeted reductions.

Jenkins said: "There is no magic number, and there is no hidden money to fill the gaps. This budget is Trump turmoil."

County Departments to Undergo 8% Across-the-Board Cuts

- Hard Hiring Freeze and Elimination of 180 Positions – \$28 million
- Reductions in Contracts, Technical Services and Expenses – \$34.5 million
- Reductions in Overtime/Hourly – \$11.6 million
- Right Sizing Social Services Relief – \$5.2 million
- Reductions Equipment – \$4.5 million
- Reductions Materials and Supplies – \$2.6 million

Increasing Costs

For the 2026 proposed Operating Budget, the County is facing unavoidable financial pressures from the federal government that are largely mandated or tied to essential services.

The main contributors include:

- Rising Healthcare Costs – \$65 million
- Pension Growth – \$22 million
- Increased Social Services Relief – \$21 million
- Transportation and Utilization for Children with Special Needs – \$10 million
- An Increase in Debt Service – \$8 million

Sales Tax Revenue

The 2026 proposed Operating Budget is based on flat sales tax revenue projections for 2026, while accounting for significant cost increases across several mandated and mission-critical areas. In 2025, sales tax was originally budgeted to grow 3.5% over the 2024 forecast however, year-to-date collections through September 2025 are flat compared to 2024. The full-year 2025 forecast is now \$943.5 million, \$26.3 million below budget. For 2026, the County estimates \$970.4 million in sales tax revenue, which represents a 2.8% increase over the revised 2025 forecast of \$943.5 million, but is essentially flat when compared to the original 2025 budget projection of \$969.8 million.

Another critical issue is the loss of MGM and its bid to build a full-gaming casino in Yonkers. That decision alone represents an estimated \$17 million in lost annual revenue for the County, not including the ripple effects across Westchester's economy in the form of lost sales tax growth that would have followed.

In Westchester County, a portion of the County's sales tax is shared back with cities, towns and villages, with the exclusion of Mount Vernon, White Plains, Yonkers and New Rochelle, and school districts. The share back program helps ease the financial burden on local budgets. As long as revenue is coming to the County, the initiative should help municipalities to keep property taxes lower than they would otherwise need to be.

Jenkins said: "People are not spending money because of the chaos and uncertainty coming out of Washington. The instability created under Trump has seeped into Westchester County and is wreaking havoc on our finances — and we are not alone. Local governments across New York State and across the nation are confronting the very same pressures."

Prioritized Essential Services

Despite the mounting financial pressures, Jenkins remains committed to protecting the programs that residents rely on most, maintaining essential services, ensuring that funding continues for the programs that support those most in need, from vulnerable children to critical social services and community resources.

Program funding will include supporting food security efforts, ensuring that victims of domestic violence have the protection and resources they need, offering free vaccine clinics, recycling opportunities, and maintaining free workforce development programs and services including our One Stop, local job fairs, job training and entrepreneurial support. The County has also budgeted to include continuing senior nutrition programming and our TIPS telehealth initiative, and keeping our mobile crisis teams and youth mental health programming in place.

Additional Allocated Dollars:

- Low Income Child Care – \$16.6 million
- Access to Counsel Eviction Prevention Programs – \$3.7 million
- Child Care Scholarships- \$2 million
- Mental Health Clinic- \$1.5 million
- Federally Qualified Health Centers – \$1 million
- HERRO Program – \$300 thousand

Proposed Budget

To address remaining budget challenges amid ongoing federal uncertainties and mandates, the County is proposing:

- A property tax levy increase of 5.27%, as allowed by New York State, which translates to an average annual impact of \$60 for every \$500,000 in assessed property value.
- Use of the full tax cap to allocate \$4.5 million in support for Sewer Districts, ensuring critical infrastructure needs are met.

This approach balances fiscal responsibility with the County Executive's commitment to protecting essential services for residents.

Jenkins said: "Make no mistake about it this is a Trump tax increase. This budget reflects tough but necessary decisions. Every department is facing an 8% reduction, and we are implementing a hard hiring freeze that will eliminate 180 positions — avoiding layoffs while maintaining essential services. Even with these cuts, the budget does not account for potential future reductions from the federal government. Our goal remains clear: protect the programs residents depend on without sacrificing fiscal stability by tapping into reserves."

**Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-**

chase of the products which could consist of something as simple as tea biscuits to more elaborate items shows your support for the Israeli people at this critical time. Continue donating to reputable charities supporting Israel. And make sure your menorahs are shining bright in the window of your house or apartment. Take out the electric menorahs you have in the closet for years and safely put them in the window. Decorate your house or apartment door with holiday appropriate decorations. Little ways you can show your support for Israel and the Jewish people. And of course pray that there is no more loss of life and that the tragic events we read in our newspapers and watch on television will come to an end and Peace will reign in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Reach Eric Wolf Schoen at [ewschoen@icloud.com](mailto:ewschoen@icloud.com).

*Wear is Clothing, contnued from pg 4-*

Having the wrong clothing is proven to undermine a child's confidence, performance in school, and even attendance at school. It is also frequently the subject of bullying. We know this because our partners have told us. Just step outside yourself for a moment and imagine how you would feel showing up week after week in middle school without sneakers for gym, repeatedly ridiculed by your peers or penalized by your teacher. Think how you would feel on picture day, if your only clean shirt was missing buttons and your pants were "high waters."

Gently used clothing, carefully screened for quality and cleanliness, can address this critical need. But it's vital to understand where your donated clothing goes, and it's not as obvious as one may think.

There are numerous options to donate one's clothing: from parking lot bins to trucks that pick up donations to nationally branded thrift shops. Many well-intentioned nonprofit organizations accept donated clothing; however, it's important to know that almost all sell that clothing to support their missions. The clothing is not directed to the children and families who need it.

That's why nonprofit Clothing Banks, like The Sharing Shelf, are so important. We accept new and gently used clothing for children and youth. We sort it by quality – rooting out stained and damaged items – and then by size, season, and gender. Nonprofits, schools, and government agencies place requests with us, identifying those children who face clothing insecurity. Our staff and volunteers combine donations of used clothing with strategic purchases of new items to ensure that we have everything required, at the right time, to provide clothing through our partners to the children and teens who need it most.

The Sharing Shelf's approach not only ensures that the needed clothing reaches the designated children and teens; it also ensures that they get the needed clothing at no cost. These children, in turn, are empowered to play and feel better about themselves, reducing the chances they will be ridiculed or bullied. The impact of that is immeasurable.

Current economic pressures, however, are especially challenging. As one of our partners reports, families note that "everything is so much more expensive now."

As the need continues to grow, donations of new and gently used clothing to nonprofit Clothing Banks are crucial. If you are donating clothing, it's always best to donate clothes that are suitable to the season ahead rather than the one that just ended.

Financial contributions, coupled or apart from clothing donations, are equally vital. Donated clothing is one piece of the puzzle, but certain items must be new like underwear, sneakers, socks, and diapers, and financial support allows us to fill that gap. Either way you will be making a donation that has profound impact, as you provide children and youth with tools for success, which can have a life-long impact of spectacular proportions.

The author is Founder and Executive Director of The Sharing Shelf, to which donations of clothing can be made at <https://sharingshelf.org/get-involved/#donate-clothing>.

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Notice of Formation of Marayjay, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/04/2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the Entity Protect Registered Agent Services LLC, 447 Broadway 2nd Fl. - #3000, New York, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT

- of -

SAIL CHARTER NYC, LLC, as Owner of a 1922  
62' Herreshoff vessel named "VENTURA" for  
Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability,

Petitioner.  
Case No.: 25-cv-7812  
NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that SAIL CHARTER NYC, LLC, as Owner of a 1922 62' Herreshoff vessel named "VENTURA" for Exoneration from or Limitation of Liability, pursuant to 46 U.S.C. §§ 30501 et seq., brings this action involving admiralty and maritime claims within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, concerning any claims for loss, damage, and/or injury, arising or resulting from an alleged personal injury incident claimed to have occurred on October 5, 2024, while Petitioner's vessel was upon the navigable waters of the United States, as more fully described in the Complaint; and

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all persons, firms, entities or corporations, having any claim or suit against the Petitioner or vessel arising or resulting from the alleged incident must file a claim as provided in Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, with the Clerk of the Court, at the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, 500 Pearl Street, New York, New York 10007, and must deliver or mail to the attorneys for the Petitioner, James E. Mercante, Esq., Richard Gonzalez, Esq., GALLO VITUCCI KLAR LLP, 90 Broad Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10004, a copy on or before the 21 day of November, 2025 or be defaulted. Personal attendance is not required. Further, any claimant desiring to contest Petitioner's right either to exoneration from or limitation of liability shall file an Answer to the Complaint on or before the aforesaid date as required by Supplemental Rule F of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and deliver or mail a copy to the attorneys for the Petitioner or be defaulted.

Dated: October 17, 2025

Tammi M. Hellwig  
Clerk

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## Westchester Office for Women Holds Annual Thanksgiving Food Share Program for Domestic Violence Victims



The Westchester County Office for Women (OFW), in collaboration with New Dawn Family Resource Center of Pound Ridge and advocacy agencies from across the County, assembled close to 400 Thanksgiving grocery bags for food insecure families; primarily those affected by domestic violence. The bags contained a full course Thanksgiving meal -- a fresh turkey with all the fixings and a seasonal pie for dessert. The Market at Pound Ridge Square was the scene of the assembly and provided all the elements of the meal, many of which they generously donated or discounted. The program was funded by anonymous contributions of \$30,000 to New Dawn and \$20,000 in Community-Based Organization (CBO) funds from the Westchester County Board of Legislators. This funding will also support a Christmas Food Share program in December.

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said: "We know that in Westchester County there are many people who suffer from food insecurity, and with tremendous loss of SNAP dollars from the Federal government, there are now even more. The County has stepped up by infusing Feeding Westchester with more dollars but we need programs like these to close the gap."

Westchester County Office for Women Director Robi Schlaff said: "Our holiday food share program has been an important part of supporting families impacted by domestic violence since 2020, but this year, with the cessation of SNAP benefits, it is critical. Families have gone from food insecure to no food at all and our food pantries are overwhelmed. We are so grateful for the private donations and County funds to New Dawn and the generosity of The Market at Pound Ridge, which make the supplies possible, and to our OFW staff and partner agencies who willingly work to get these bags ready and delivered to those in need."

Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team (DVHRT) Director David M. Ryan said: "Right now, there is a tremendous need. I received requests for over 2000 turkeys and grocery bags and was able to connect to various food pantries and other resources beyond what we could provide. I am hopeful that everyone we reached out to has met their needs. It truly takes a village. Every victim should enjoy a hearty, healthy and delicious Thanksgiving meal for themselves and their family as they move forward towards healing and peace."

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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

Lasdon Public Gardens and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268  
Holidays on the Hill Decorating, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

It's a festive volunteer opportunity! Help make Lasdon Public Gardens festive for the holidays! Lights, ornaments, wreaths, garland, Santa's Cottage, Conservatory, North Pole Village and more! Sign up to help make the gardens beautiful for the holidays. Register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/holidays-on-the-hill-decorating/2025-11-22>

Lasdon Public Gardens and Veterans Memorial, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

Holiday Ornaments: One for you and One for the Lasdon Holiday Tree, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Using a variety of materials, children will make an ornament for themselves and one to place on a Lasdon tree on the Conservatory Plaza. While supplies last; dress for outdoors; free.

Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/holiday-ornaments-one-for-you-and-one-for-the-lasdon-holiday-tree/>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Turkey Day!, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Benjamin Franklin once wrote that the wild turkey is a "much more respectable" bird than the bald eagle. These resourceful birds can be found all over Westchester! During this indoor-outdoor program, learn about our large-winged friends, their biology, ecology and history, while walking the preserve in search of their flock.

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

Farming in Westchester County, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Join us at historic Merestead for a special afternoon exploring the story of farming in Westchester. This program will highlight the region's rich agricultural past, from early family farms to larger estates, and trace how farming has evolved into the 21st century. Meet at the carriage house parking area on the south side of 455 Byram Lake Road in Mount Kisco. The program will run in light rain, but worse weather will cancel.

SUNDAY, NOV. 23

Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050

Head for the Hilltop: 5K & Kids Fun Run, 9 a.m. - noon Head to Hilltop for this annual fundraiser! Dash past the crop fields, bolt through the trails and hasten over the roaring hills. Fun Run: \$10; 5K: \$40. Get details and register: <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event/2025/11/23/2025-head-for-the-hilltop-5k/540020>

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

New York Metro Reptile Expo, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Check out over 250 vendor tables full of reptiles, amphibians, invertebrates, supplies and more.

Get details and tickets: <https://countycenter.biz/event/new-york-metro-reptile-expo-4/>

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

History & Natural History of Croton Point, 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Ages 6 and older can join village historian Marc Cheshire and Croton Point Park naturalist John Phillips to learn about the history and environment of the park. Meet at the entrance to the RV park. Wear sturdy, warm shoes. Free.

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

Project Feeder Watch, 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Beginners to experts can join us for a wonderful day of viewing local birds at the Nature Center's feeders. Free. Also: Nov. 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28.

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

Holiday Gift Market, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

More than 30 vendors will offer a wide range of unique gifts that promise to be perfect for everyone on your shopping list. Guests can enjoy holiday music, Leila's Crepe Station, free hot beverages, a raffle and a complimentary gift-wrapping station. Get details and the list of vendors: <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/holiday-gift-market.html>

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

Turkey Lurking, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Put on your hiking shoes when we trot around in search of any turkeys lurking in the preserve.

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

Skulls of the Reservation, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. All ages are welcome to learn about some of the local wildlife through this intro to mammal skull ID lesson.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720

The Secret Life of Black Bears: Adaptations, Habits and Human Encounters, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Black bears are the most widespread bear species in North America, known for their adaptability to diverse habitats ranging from dense forests to suburban areas. This discussion will explore their physical traits, diet, seasonal behaviors, survival strategies and the challenges they face.

Get details: <https://friendsofreadwildlifesanctuary.org/event/the-secret-life-of-black-bears-adaptations-habits-and-human-encounter>

“It was always about appeasing a far left radical base, Chuck Schumer said. Every day gets better for us. Katherine Clark said, of course people will suffer. We want to use this as leverage. It is an embarrassment to this country. You should all be ashamed of yourselves for inflicting this pain on the American people. Taking away food stamps from 42 million Americans, defunding Wick, not paying our troops, our federal employees, our air traffic controllers. It’s a disgrace and you should all hang your heads in shame. Vote yes to pass the bill and reopen the government,” said Rep. Lawler.

Westchester Congressman George Latimer voted no on the bill.

Rep. George Latimer has advocated for reopening the government, but voted against a specific Republican budget proposal he argued would have harmful consequences, such as increasing healthcare costs. He stated that his vote was due to concerns about the bill’s potential to cut funding for programs like veterans’ healthcare and housing for seniors, and to take away food and healthcare assistance from millions of Americans.

Vote: Latimer voted against a Republican-led budget, citing it as a partisan bill that included “disastrous policies” and would not receive Democratic support.

Reasoning: He stated his opposition was because the bill would increase healthcare costs for millions and cut funding for vital programs.

Advocacy: Despite his vote, he has continued to push for reopening the government and supported efforts to prevent rising healthcare costs.

Alternative: He and his colleagues proposed an alternative bill that would keep the government open without implementing the cuts they opposed.

The bill passed the House by a 222–209 vote, with only six Democrats voting yes, and the only Democratic congressman from New York to vote yes was Rep. Tom Suozzi.

Both of Westchester’s Congress members voted yes to release the DOJ and FBI files on Jeffrey Epstein on Nov. 19. Democrat George Latimer and Republican Mike Lawler joined almost every member of the House in voting yes to release the files to the public.

After the vote, Latimer said, “By a vote of 427-1, the House has voted a resolution to have the Epstein files released to the public. President Trump could have released the files at any time; he didn’t need an act of Congress.

“This is the first time an overwhelming voice of the people wanted to know exactly what type of information was used to convict Jeff Epstein back in 2018-19, and who those people were involved in these illegalities.

“We believe people should know, and we have believed that for a long time. Finally, the majority side of the aisle believes the same thing.

“We think it’s essential that people understand and know exactly what happened and who was involved. Today was a step for transparency -and also a step for doing right by the people who were violated. They, too, deserve fairness and justice,” said Rep. Latimer.

Congressman Lawler said, “Justice for the victims of these senseless crimes should never be a bargaining chip. Protecting the dignity and privacy of survivors must remain a top priority, and lawmakers, the media, and the public all have that responsibility after today’s vote.

“The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has spent months reviewing tens of thousands of documents tied to this case. Anyone who participated in, enabled, or covered up the heinous crimes of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell must be held fully accountable.

“By passing this bill, Congress is ensuring full transparency and giving the American people the truth they asked for. The Department of Justice must pursue justice wherever the evidence leads,” said Rep. Lawler.

the war.

Thursday, November 27th:

November 27, 1916: Yonkers women inaugurated an egg boycott to protest the rise of prices to 43 cents a dozen. Retail grocers put signs in their windows asking customers not to buy eggs; public school teachers circulated details of the embargo to their students’ families.

November 27, 1943: Yonkers Private First Class Vance Campbell was one of more than 350 GIs who appeared in the movie, “This is the Army.” All film proceeds, shown locally at RKO Proctor’s, went to the Army Emergency Relief Fund.

Campbell portrayed an Army Chaplain, performing with George Murphy, Ronald Reagan and Joan Leslie. Romance, of course, was part of the film; when Reagan and Leslie’s characters reached the marrying stage, Campbell performed the ceremony.

Friday, November 28th

November 28, 1776: Frederick Philipse III signed the Declaration of Dependence! His signature was prominent on the first page, one of the Loyalist signers who pledged to continue to support Great Britain’s supremacy over the Colonies.

November 28, 1908: The Mercury Athletic Club ran its second annual Yonkers Marathon; starting in Getty Square, the race went through the river towns before ending at Empire City track.

J. F. Crowley of the Irish American Athletic Club of NYC won it. Samuel Mellor of Yonkers was second and Robert Fowler of Cambridge MA came in a distant third.

Saturday, November 29th

November 29, 1884: Alexander Smith’s Sons Carpet Mills put up notices stating the mills would stop work indefinitely because of the depression, putting 12,000 people out of work.

November 29, 1913: Two Yonkers men had a part in Army’s crushing defeat of Navy in the annual Army-Navy Football game; the final score was 22 to 9. Referee for the game was Shonnard Terrace’s W. S. Lanford, and Lieutenant Joseph W. Stilwell, later General “Vinegar Joe” Stilwell, was a coach for the Army.

November 29, 1922: The Hudson P. Rose Company ran its first ad in the New York Amsterdam News advertising real estate lots for sale in what was to become the Runyon Heights neighborhood

Sunday, November 30th

November 30, 1918: Yonkers Health Officer Dr. Clarence Buckmaster announced for the second time in our history, Yonkers’ Contagious Disease Hospital did not have one patient!

November 30, 1927: Stating the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Factory was the “greatest single factor in this city’s prosperity,” Tax Commissioner Timothy Murray announced the company had received a \$700,000 reduction in the assessed valuations on its Yonkers properties.

November 30, 1944: A letter from Army Sergeant Joseph Sawyer, stationed “somewhere in the Pacific,” made several families very happy; Sawyer filled it with news of Yonkers men.

Mail was an issue, one that upset the folks back home. Sawyer’s own parents, living on Oliver Avenue, had not heard from him in four months!

One of the men Joseph’s letter mentioned was Bill Cummings of Orchard Street, and asked his family locate Cummings’ parents to let them know.

They brought their son’s letter to The Herald Statesman, where someone realized one of the paper’s employees was named Cummings and lived on Orchard Street! His dad, who had not heard from son Bill for several months, was thrilled to read he was doing well. The letter also mentioned Thomas Whalen of Moquette Row served with Sawyer and also was well.

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service to National Grid, serving existing customers in Brooklyn, Queens, and Long Island. The new pipeline would connect to the existing Rockaway Delivery Lateral in Queens and is intended to improve reliability and help displace oil use.

The NESE Project would be installed a minimum of 4 feet below the sea floor through a combination of jet trenching, clamshell dredging, backfilling, and horizontal directional drilling (HDD). Construction is proposed to minimize impairment of the best uses of the waters, but mitigation will be required for unavoidable impacts to marine resources.

Gov. Hochul also ordered a halt to a state mandate to electrify new buildings.

“As Governor, a top priority is making sure the lights and heat stay on for all New Yorkers as we face potential energy shortages downstate as soon as next summer. We need to govern in reality. We are facing a war against clean energy from Washington Republicans, including our New York delegation, which is why we have adopted an all-of-the-above approach that continues to prioritize renewables and nuclear power to ensure grid reliability and affordability. And while I have expressed an openness to natural gas, I have also been crystal clear that all proposed projects must be reviewed impartially by the required agencies to determine compliance with state and federal laws. I am comfortable that in approving the permits, including a water quality certification, for the NESE application, the DEC did just that. DEC used that same standard for the proposed Constitution pipeline project and found it did not meet the bar for completeness to advance, and the application was subsequently withdrawn.”

Hochul’s decisions on energy have been met with opposition from progressive democrats and several elected democrats from Westchester.

More than 100 New Yorkers marched through Peekskill on Saturday to call on Governor Hochul to reject Trump’s pipeline agenda and block new fracked gas projects across the state. Starting at Charles Point Park — near the Algonquin Pipeline’s Hudson River crossing and the shuttered Indian Point nuclear facility — marchers rallied on the riverfront, urging Governor Hochul to stand up to Trump and stop costly, polluting fossil fuel projects.

“We need to put our full attention and our investments on developing renewable energy sources, not placing our faith in more ‘drill, baby, drill’ strategies,” said Congressman George Latimer (CD-16). “We face a climate disaster if we fail to address the future now.”

“Today’s march sent a clear message to Governor Hochul: New Yorkers will not accept a return to Trump’s fossil fuel agenda,” said Laura Shindell, New York State Director at Food & Water Watch. “Reviving the NESE and Constitution pipelines — and greenlighting expansions like Algonquin — would threaten our water, hike our bills, and undermine the state’s climate commitments. New Yorkers deserve clean air, safe water, and a livable climate — not more dangerous pipelines. The Governor must draw the line now and reject these projects once and for all.”

This pipeline push reflects a broader pattern from the Hochul administration. Earlier this year, her administration approved the Iroquois pipeline expansion through the Hudson Valley — a dangerous project that climate and community advocates fought hard to stop. She has also consistently delayed implementation of New York’s landmark climate law, the CLCPA, to the point where environmental advocates are now suing her.

“For the sake of our planet and our pocketbooks, New York should be leading the way on renewable energy instead of following President Trump’s orders,” said State Assemblymember Dana Levenberg. “Expanding gas infrastructure will do nothing for us but increase our utility bills and the amount of pollution we breathe. Especially now, as the Trump administration takes actions purposely aimed at increasing New Yorkers’ costs and harming our health, I urge Governor Hochul to stand up for us and reject these pipeline applications.”

Saturday’s march was cosponsored by more than a dozen community and environmental organizations, including Mothers Out Front, NYCD16/15 Indivisible, Climate Families Westchester, NY Communities for Change, Westchester Alliance for Sustainable Solutions, WESPAC, Climate Reality Project Westchester, Sierra Club Lower Hudson Valley, Beyond Plastics, Indivisible New Rochelle, Indivisible Larchmont/Mamaroneck, Safe Energy Rights Group, Peekskill Progressives, Resist Spectra, Green Ossining, and Indian Point Safe Energy Coalition.

Gov. Hochul also recently halted implementation of the All-Electric Buildings Act, a 2023 state law that banned gas in most new residential developments.

Elected officials in Westchester signed a letter stating that they would not support Hochul if she approved the NESE Pipeline, including Assemblywomen Dana Levenberg and MaryJane Shimsky, and Assemblyman Chris Burdick.

Food & Water Action recently endorsed former Lt. Governor Antonio Delgado for Governor next year after Hochul’s decisions.

“Governor Hochul’s pipeline decision was a breaking point for New Yorkers who want leaders fighting for working families, affordable energy, and a livable future,” said Laura Shindell, New York State Director for Food & Water Action. “Antonio Delgado has shown the courage and integrity we need in a governor — someone willing to stand up to corporate polluters and put New Yorkers’ interests first. We’re proud to stand with him in the fight for a cleaner, fairer, and more affordable New York.”

“I’m honored to earn Food & Water Action’s endorsement. They understand what so many New Yorkers are feeling: that affordability and climate action are not competing goals, they’re the same fight,” said Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado. “I’m proud to have their partnership as we take on the powerful interests holding our state back and build a future that finally puts people before profit. Because the fight for a livable planet and a livable New York is the same, and together, we will win the fight for a better future.”

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