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## Yonkers Native Kicks Off YoFi Fest



On Saturday, November 8th, the 13th annual YoFi Fest film festival will be screening Yonkers' native Erik Paladino's new film and directorial debut "The Hike" at noon, followed by a workshop at 2pm where Erik will talk about his career being a "triple threat" (i.e. writer/director/actor) in Hollywood.

Mr. Palladino is best known for his portrayal of Dr. Dave Malucci on the NBC medical drama "ER", Frank in the Amazon Prime Video series "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel", and Pino, the head of the Genovese crime family, in the MGM+ series "Godfather of Harlem".

Tickets to the screening and workshop are at YoFi Fest. launched its annual festival thirteen years ago as a small non-profit with a mission to raise the level of arts and culture in its community by showcasing the work of independent filmmakers and providing educational and cultural opportunities that otherwise wouldn't exist in the area. This year, the organization is more committed than ever to not only continuing that mission, but expanding on it, so from November 7th through November 16th, YoFi Fest will present 162 films submitted from 27 countries, as well as from right here in our own backyard. The films include features, documentaries, shorts, animation, music videos, web series, and student work.

Most of the film programs will be followed by a live Q&A where the audi-

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## Yonkers Native, Aerosmith Founder Hosts Concert for Disabled Vets

**Sunday November 9th**  
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On Sunday afternoon Nov 9th from 1 to 4 pm. Aerosmith founding member Ray Tabano will host his annual fundraiser for Disabled Veterans at Pete's Saloon in Elmsford. Tabano will lead an All Star Band along with "Elvis" impersonator extraordinaire Pat Perone performing his greatest hits. Once again the Rolling Thunder representative Ed O'Neill will have the MIA Display as a reminder of the service our Vets have done for our beloved Country Great food, raffles and of course our wonderful DAV Veterans will be there, it's a great way

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## Hodges Defeats Merante for City Council Democratic Sweep in Yonkers Includes Collins-Bellamy, Rubbo Victories



*City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, left, and Majority Leader John Rubbo, were winners on election night in Yonkers*

*By Dan Murphy*

Election night in Yonkers had one surprise and a lot of democratic victories, as races for City Council candidates, County Executive, State Supreme Court and County Legislator all went Democratic-blue.

The upset came in the 6th Council District, where democrat Tim Hodges defeated republican councilman Anthony Merante. This was a rematch of an election contest four years ago in which Merante won.

This time Hodges won and won easy, with 60% of the vote to 40% for Merante.

"I am immensely grateful for the voters of the 6th Council District.



*City Councilman-elect Tim Hodges celebrating his win on election night in the 6th district*

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## ICE Makes Arrests in Yonkers



*By Dan Murphy*

Yonkers Rising and Yonkerstimes.com received the following response from ICE after Mayor Mike Spano and many Yonkers resident saw ICE agents in the City. "On November 1 and 3, ICE conducted an operation targeting known criminal illegal aliens who chose to commit a felony by illegally re-entering

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## 73,000 Westchester Residents Need SNAP to Feed their Families



By Dan Murphy

Westchester residents might have been surprised to learn that 45,000 households in our county and 73,000 Westchester residents receive SNAP benefits to help feed their families.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), formerly known as “food stamps,” is a US federal assistance program that helps low-income individuals and families buy food. It is administered by the USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and paid for by the Federal government (American taxpayers). But the program is run on the state level.

And because of the Federal budget shutdown in Washington, DC, November 1, USDA payments to state governments, including New York State, temporarily stopped because they did not have the funds to continue the program until a budget agreement is reached.

Fortunately, the USDA was able to reallocate its budget to provide families *continued on pg 15-*

### Fourth Precinct Community Council

The Fourth Precinct's Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on November 20, 2025, in the meeting room at the Fourth Precinct, at 53 Shonnard Terrace. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the Fourth precinct is welcome to attend. All elected officials are also welcome. Captain Jeremiah Foley- Commanding Officer, and Executive Officer -Lieutenant Robert Varley will be available to discuss your issues and matters of interest.

We thank everyone for attending these meetings and look forward to seeing you in future meetings. If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at (914-377-7900). For any emergency-related issues, please call 911.

### 1st Precinct Community Council Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2025 at 7 PM  
Location: 1st Precinct - 730 East Grassy Sprain Road  
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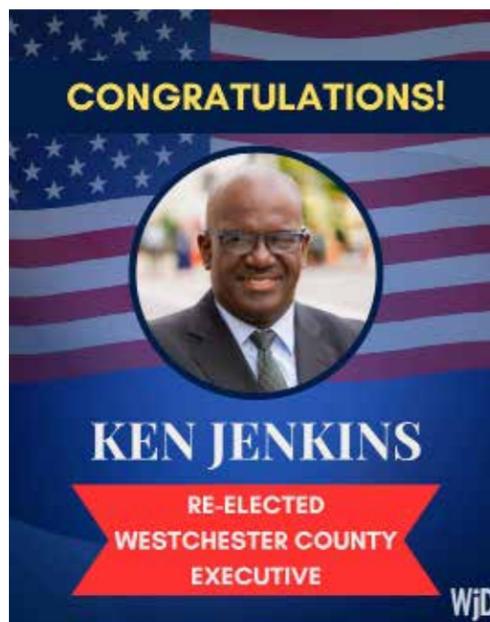
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## Jenkins Leads Democratic Landslide in Westchester Election 2025



**Jenkins 66%-Sculi-34%; Democrats Sweep All County Board Races; Republicans Hold Firm in Yorktown, Eastchester, Harrison**

By Dan Murphy

One thing is clear after Election night 2025 in Westchester: Westchester continues to be a supermajority Democratic County, as Westchester Democrats and like minded independents overwhelmingly voted for Ken Jenkins as County Executive. Jenkins won his first, full, four-year term on Nov. 4 with an overwhelming 66%-34% victory over republican Christine Sculti.

And Jenkins popularity, and his 32 point margin of victory, makes it extremely difficult for republican candidates across the county to win. Democrats swept all of the contested races for County Legislator.

The only positive takeaway for county republicans is that they held onto their majorities in the Town's of Eastchester

But this year's election in Westchester was a celebration for Jenkins and for Westchester Democrats. “From housing and health to veterans’ services and workforce support — we’re making sure everyone in Westchester feels seen, safe, and supported,” said Jenkins. “So tonight, we celebrate more than a victory. We celebrate proof. Proof that stable, competent, forward-looking leadership works. Proof that when the government listens — when it cares — when it puts people first — progress follows. Proof that what people really want isn’t drama and it isn’t chaos — it’s results.”

Under Jenkins’ leadership, Westchester has seen a sharp drop in crime, significant investments in housing, an improved bond rating, and effective actions to lower costs among contracted services.

“In a time of division, we brought unity. In a time of chaos, we brought stability. In a time of too much empty rhetoric, we brought results. We’ve made Westchester safer, we’ve made it stronger, more sustainable, and more united than ever before,” Jenkins continued. “So tonight, let’s keep moving forward — with integrity, with purpose, and with pride in this place we all call home.”

Jenkins 66% is the highest percentage for a County Executive in recent memory. Jenkins 66% eclipses former County Executive and Congressman George Latimer’s —62.% to Sculti-37.5%,

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## Notice of Public Real Estate Auction City of Yonkers, New York

Notice is hereby given by the City of Yonkers (the “City”) of the public auction of the surplus City properties listed below (the “Properties”), which are located in Yonkers, NY.

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



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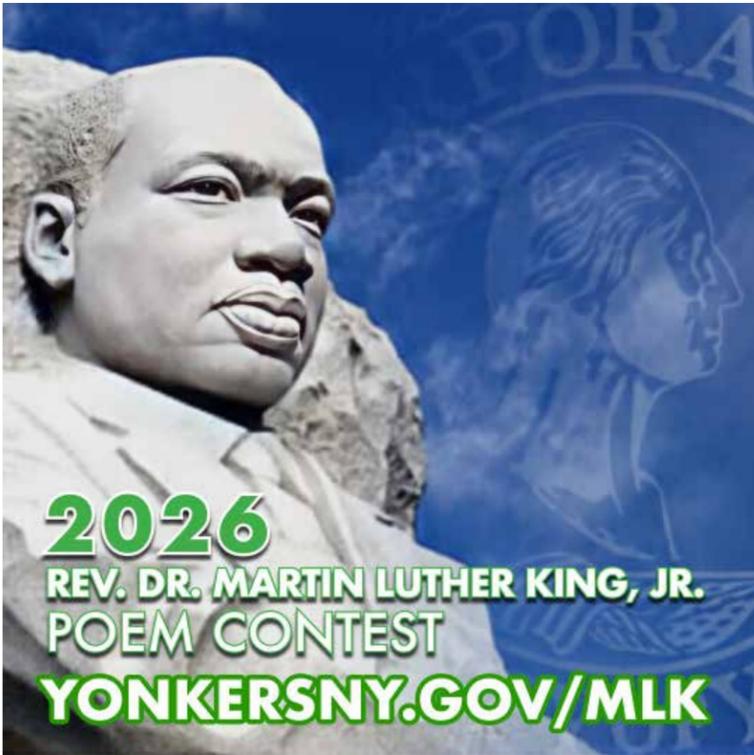
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1	447	23	97 Williams St
2	2255	41	17 Brynwood Rd
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## Mayor Spano Invites Yonkers students to Share Original poems Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, JR.'s Legacy



*In Partnership with Yonkers Arts, Local Youth Invited to Take Center Stage to Celebrate Justice, Courage, and Unity in Honor of MLK, Jr.*

Mayor Mike Spano, in partnership with Yonkers Arts, is now accepting poetry submissions for the upcoming Youth Meet & Poetry Showcase: Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Legacy Through Creative Expression. This special event will celebrate the life and vision of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through the lens of youth creativity, civic dialogue, and artistic performance.

Students across Yonkers are encouraged to submit original poems that reflect Dr. King's enduring themes: justice, courage, and unity. Selected works will be featured during the live showcase on Thursday, January 8, 2026, where selected youth will present their poetry and engage in meaningful face-to-face dialogue with community guests.

"This is more than a performance—it's a platform for young people to speak truth, spark conversation, and carry forward Dr. King's dream," said Mayor Mike Spano. "We invite every young voice to be heard."

Yonkers Arts Executive Director Evan Bishop shared, "Many pivotal movements in history began with the voices of the youth. Yonkers Arts is pleased to partner with Mayor Mike Spano in honoring Dr. King's legacy and supporting our city's talented students at this poetry showcase."

**Submission Guidelines:**

Open to youth in grades 6-12 who reside or attend school in Yonkers.

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

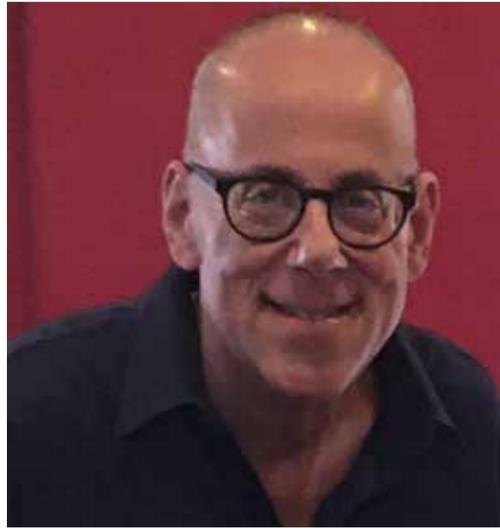
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Email BOTH completed cover page along with poem to [contest@yonkersny.gov](mailto:contest@yonkersny.gov)

Selected poets will receive the opportunity to connect with civic leaders, local artists, and peers during the showcase.

For full submission details and event updates, visit [www.yonkersny.gov](http://www.yonkersny.gov) or contact Dr. Dwanita M. Crosby at [Dwanita.Crosby@yonkersny.gov](mailto:Dwanita.Crosby@yonkersny.gov).

## Donald: Clear the White House Grounds of Rats and Roaches



*By Eric Wolf Schoen*

There is a lot of controversy over the construction going on at the White House as we speak. To be honest with you, our country deserves a big ballroom where celebrations can take place. The last renovations at the White House took place during the Obama administration. We need to take pride in our country no matter which Bozo is running it!

At least now we have a builder and not a bureaucrat in charge of the renovation. Now that I have turned off half of you and intrigued the rest of you, let's discuss a problem at the WHITE house that is probably as old as the building itself. IT really hit the head during daddy Bush's administration when we saw the lovely gray hair Barbara Bush swimming with an accompaniment.

The problem: the White House grounds are infiltrated with rats, roaches and other creatures. Do you Remember seeing a disgusting rat swimming next to Barbara bush during her husbands administration? What is wrong with this country that we can't clean up the swimming pool our First Lady swims in?

Now wait a minute. Two pieces of important information you need to know. I once heard a commercial from one of the government agriculture programs that said the best way to kill rats is with a can top that is filled with sugary sweet soda. You put it near where the rats enter the. Property. Rats like the sugar sweetened soda, cant digest the fizz, and end up exploding.

Secondly, YOU American family members are a big part of why White House grounds are filled with rats. You and your fellow travelers stuff up on big juicy pretzels covered with salt and disposed of in the garbage on the White House grounds. Throw the garbage in a trash bin!

The rodent problem has plagued many presidents going back to 1900's. The presidents say they are going to ameliorate the problem . Maybe

That there my friend is the problem!

Brief: So New York has a Socialist Mayor. And they have onion bagels too! I worry about problems when they happen, not before. Please, don't blame the situation on Curtis Sliwa. I respect him for not accepting the bribes he was offered.

I blame it on Mr. Cuomo. His antics while Governor left a lot to be desired.

**Reach Eric Schoen at [Ewschoen@icloud.com](mailto:Ewschoen@icloud.com).**

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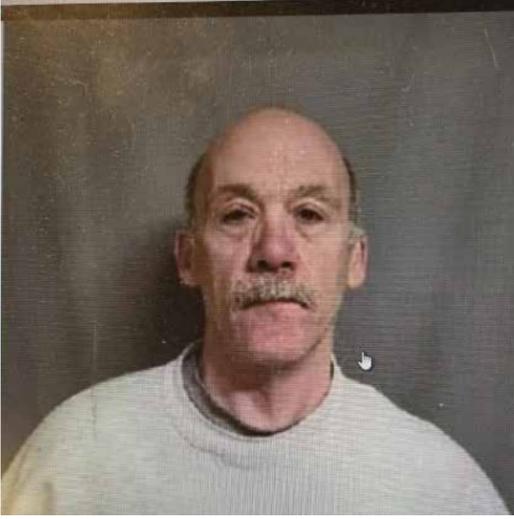
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## Jimmy Collins-Westchester's "Worst Ever" Child Sex Abuser Gets 19 Year Jail

By Dan Murphy



James "Jimmy" Collins, left, who sexually molested dozens of young boys in Northern Westchester over a period spanning 50 years, was sentenced on November 2 to 19 years in prison on federal charges of attempting to entice a minor to engage in unlawful sexual activity.

Collins was arrested in a police "sting" in 2024 attempting to persuade an undercover officer posing as a 15-year-old boy to engage in sexual activities.

16 men have settled lawsuits claiming Collins sexually harassed or sexually abused them from 1968 until the early 1990's at local camps, town sports, and schools in Mount Kisco and Chappaqua. James Collins, 69, the former owner of "Jimmy's" bar in Katonah, evaded punishment for his abusing young boys under his care as a coach, counselor, and school janitor

In January 2024, Collins was charged by the U.S. Department of Justice for engaging in sexual activity with a minor under the age of 17. His arrest occurred at the public library in Chappaqua, New York.

According to the criminal complaint, on or about November 7, 2023, Collins attempted to persuade an individual acting in an undercover capacity and posing as a 15-year-old boy to meet in Westchester County, New York, for the purpose of engaging in sexual activity.

The complaint also alleged that Collins, who used the Snapchat username "jime20237221," persuaded a 17-year-old minor in Illinois to engage in sexually explicit activity and send Collins videos and photos of such activity. Collins pled guilty to both charges.

In November 2018, after learning that Collins was working with children at a K-12 school in Westchester County, New York, several men now represented by Manly, Stewart & Finaldi and Krantz and Berman, came forward to report alleged past sex crimes committed by Collins, a former summer camp coordinator, Little League baseball coach, and school employee, to multiple law enforcement agencies.

These men alleged that Collins began preying on children, including themselves, for nearly five decades. To support their allegations, they recorded multiple conversations of Collins in which he discussed his past sexual conduct with minors. In one 2019 recording, Collins stated that his attraction to children was something, "You just can't, like, walk away from it. You can't just stop that."

Manly, Stewart & Finaldi and Krantz and Berman subsequently settled civil cases behalf of 16 men who alleged sexual abuse by Collins when they were boys. The Village of Mt. Kisco, the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, and the Chappaqua Central School District were named as defendants in these cases.

"I am grateful to the United States attorney and the judge for finally holding Jimmy Collins accountable for his horrible crimes. Collins started abusing me when I was 13 years old and has been alleged to have sexually abused children for nearly five decades. He would never have met many of these children if the Village of Mt. Kisco and the Boys and Girls Club had not employed him, given him access to kids and ignored many red flags. This must never be allowed to happen again," said Collins' victim Greg Ardanowski.

"This verdict is justice long delayed but finally delivered—and a reminder that survivors' voices can create lasting change," said victims' attorney Sarah Klein of Manly, Stewart & Finaldi.

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## Empress EMS Offers Special Paramedic Sign-on Bonus



Empress Emergency Medical Services, covering eight counties in the Hudson Valley, as well as the Bronx, New York City and Connecticut, has announced a special offer for paramedics who join Empress's staff by the end of this year.

Paramedics who are hired by Empress during this window will receive a \$10,000 sign-on bonus. Those who live more than 60 miles away from the coverage area will also receive \$2,500 to help cover relocation costs.

"We are bringing New York City-level salaries to the Hudson Valley," said Empress President Michael Minerva, Sr. "Since 1985, we've been a key part of emergency medical services in this region. We genuinely care, not only about the patients we serve, but also about the people we employ. By working together, we will expand capabilities, improve systems, and continue delivering the high-quality care residents and healthcare partners deserve. We want qualified professionals to know they have fulfilling career paths ahead of them when they become part of our team. We offer an exceptional benefits package, and we look forward to seeing who will take us up on this opportunity.

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## Westchester County Wraps Up Domestic Violence Awareness Month



*Special Advisor to the County Executive on Women and Families Catherine Borgia left, with author and child and family advocate Letitia Gottashe*

*Discusses Upcoming Memoir about Intergenerational Domestic Violence with Letitia Gottashe, Author and Advocate*

*Watch the Interview Here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gV\\_Ee12d-5cg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gV_Ee12d-5cg)*

In the final of a series of Domestic Violence Awareness Month events, Special Advisor to the County Executive on Women and Families Catherine Borgia conducted an interview with Letitia Gottashe about her experience of intergenerational family violence, and the process of getting that experience from pen to paper.

As an author, child and family advocate and community organizer, Gottashe utilizes her personal narrative to impact and uplift others. She conducts readings and panel discussions on child abuse and domestic violence awareness and prevention in several cities in Westchester County, Connecticut, South Carolina and Texas. Her forthcoming memoir is both a testament to resilience through trauma and a call to action for healing, education and community advocacy.

Westchester County Office for Women Director Robi Schlaff said: "When we talk about domestic violence, very often we focus on the dynamic between the couple or the parents, not on the effects of that violence on the children. We also seem to separate out child abuse from domestic violence. It's all really the same thing. Violence in a family affects all the family members, whether they are direct victims or silent witnesses. Bringing these stories out lights the path for others to come forward to share and heal."

Borgia said: "I applaud Letitia for her bravery in telling her story and in using her personal experiences to help educate others on how to break the cycle of family violence. Domestic violence is not something that happens to other people or in other families. It happens across all cultural and socioeconomic levels, and it knows no boundaries. It causes a great deal of dysfunction in our society and we must work together to prevent it."

Gottashe said: "My story – a 60-year journey of survival, healing and transformation – is my own, but it is universal. So many other children and families have experienced similar trauma that is buried, passed down and repeated in the next generation. I hope my words serve as a beacon of hope and a call to action, encouraging readers to confront their stories with courage and compassion, and to actively participate in the collective healing process. Together, we can drive education, inspire prevention and help decrease crimes against children and their families."

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, contact the Westchester County Office for Women at their Main Office Helpline at (914) 995-5972. In an emergency, always call 9-1-1. For resources, visit their website at [women.westchestergov.com](http://women.westchestergov.com).

## On This Day in Yonkers History ...



*Henrietta Livermore left, helped lead one of the most active Women's Suffrage Movements in the country in Yonkers*

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

Monday, November 10th

November 10, 1904: The Board of Police Commissioners, President Osterheld and Commissioners Medina and Taylor, voted to improve the condition of women prisoners at the Yonkers City Prison.

November 10, 1915: Yonkers Women Suffrage Association unanimously approved this resolution: "Resolved, That to men of Yonkers the thanks of the Yonkers Woman Suffrage Association are given for the splendid vote by which our city—a leader in progress and population in the Empire State—has declared itself for the first and greatest principle of democracy—government for the people, by all the people."

The Westchester Elections Bureau reported Yonkers men had turned suffrage down on Election Day. New York and Yonkers Suffragist leader Henrietta Livermore heard the report, so sailed up to the county seat to check figures. The Bureau quickly issued another report showing suffrage actually had won in Yonkers by a vote of 5,129 to 4,962 votes, or 167 votes.

Tuesday, November 11th

November 11, 1942: Yonkers observed its first wartime Armistice Day. WWI Gold Star Mothers and Fathers were special guests of honor of the Central War Committee.

Buglers from Yonkers Public Schools sounded taps at the stroke of 11 a.m. at fifteen Yonkers' intersections around the city; defense manufacturing was stopped so everyone could stand at attention in memory of those who died in World War I and the ongoing war.

This allowed all Yonkers to pay silent tribute to those who gave their lives defending our country.

Wednesday, November 12th

November 12, 1893: The Westchester County Board of Supervisions met to allow the five Supervisors from Yonkers to take their seats in accordance with the decision of the Court of Appeals. The State Legislature passed a law giving Yonkers, one-third of the Westchester population paying one-third of the county tax, one Supervisor for each ward.

The County Board attacked the legislation as unconstitutional and refused to seat the five men elected; the County lost the legal challenge at every level.

Yonkers' Supervisors seated were Alanson Prime, T.J. Percival, P.J. Cuniff, Jeremiah Clancy and William McPherson.

November 12, 1920: Luke Chess, known nationally because of his quick rise from Seaman to Lieutenant in under two years, returned to Yonkers from Italy. The first American of Chinese ancestry to join the fight in any military branch, Luke enlisted in our local Naval Militia at the outbreak of the war in 1917. He was one of the first members of the Spanish War Veterans' "Yonkers Regiment," never missing a drill. His diligent study and hard work led him to a

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Notice of formation of Nicaudis Group Family Daycare, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/26/25. 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, Nicaudis Castillo, 156 Union Ave, Mt Vernon, NY 10550.

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

Notice of Formation of OnPoint Home Designs LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 8/28/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Crosby Court, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of JUST SHIPSHAPE LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on [07/17/2025]. Office location: Westchester county. ENTITY PROTECT REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES LLC is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. ENTITY PROTECT REGISTERED AGENT SERVICES LLC shall mail a copy of process to the LLC, 1 ALEXANDER STREET APT 314, Yonkers, New York, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Formation of 155 ROUTE 202 LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 07/10/2025. 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, 401 Broadway, Suit 1111, NY, NY 10013. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Create With Vero LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/06/2025. 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, 16 Forster Ave, Mt. Vernon, NY 10552. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of PRINCE & BROADWAY PROPERTIES LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 1/22/25. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to 172 Rockne Road, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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

NOTICE OF FORMATION of Super Smart Future LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/20/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Super Smart Future LLC, 58 Valley Rd, Katonah, NY 10536. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of IT TAKES ALL KINDS PICTURES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/21/2025. 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, Republic Registered Agent Services Inc. 54 State Street Suite 804 Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful

Notice of Formation of SteenShotz LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/12/2025. Office Location: 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, 343 South 3rd Avenue, Mt. Venron NY 10550. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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 Math Power LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY On 07/12/2025. 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, 35 Florence St, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of BLUEPRINTS AND BEYOND LLC. Arts of Org. filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on February 4th, 2025. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to the LLC: 70 Ashburton Avenue, Apt. 7H, Yonkers, New York, 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

**SUMMONS AND NOTICE BY PUBLICATIONS**  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CHESTER

In the Family Court Sixth Judicial Circuit, Case No: 2025-DR-12-116  
Damara Israel vs James Adams  
TO THE DEFENDANT: James Adams

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND REQUIRED to answer Motion filed in this action above. This action has been filed in the office of the Chester County Family Court Clerk of Court on May 13, 2025, a copy which can be delivered to you upon request; You must serve a copy of your response to the motion on the Plaintiff's attorney, Tracy Bomar-Howze, The Howze Law Firm, LLC, 200 Oakland Avenue, Suite A, Rock Hill, SC 29730, within thirty (30) days of service upon you. If you fail to answer the motion within the time aforesaid, the Plaintiff in this action will apply to the court for the relief demanded in the motion. A hearing has been scheduled for January 20, 2026, beginning at 9:30am.

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.



Notice of Formation of Sets n Sweats LLC, filed with SSNY on August 24, 2025. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to LLC: 515 Boston Post Rd, #1034 Portchester, NY, 10573, USA Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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 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.

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.

Notice of Formation Hinman Hall, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/08/2025. 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, 9 Landing Drive, Dobbs Ferry NY 10522 Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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.

Notice of Formation of RELIABLE MEDICAL SERIVES 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 Formation of Line Dot Line, LLC; Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on July 8, 2025; Office location: Westchester County; SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served; SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Line Dot Line, LLC, 34 Mountain Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538; The registered agent is Lauren Cogan, 34 Mountain Avenue, Larchmont, NY 10538; Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be formed under the laws of the State of New York; Duration: Perpetual.

# Letters to the Editor:

Dear editor at Rising Media Group,

As union members, we know what it means to stand together for the essentials that keep families safe and communities strong. Right now, Republicans in Congress are holding the federal budget hostage and pushing cuts that would rip away healthcare from millions of families.

Working families already carry enough burdens: rising costs, stagnant wages and the daily stress of making ends meet. Increasing healthcare costs in the middle of these challenges is not just irresponsible, it's cruel.

Democrats are standing firm to protect Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) subsidies and reverse Medicaid cuts, because they understand healthcare is a lifeline, not a bargaining chip. Working people can't afford higher premiums or lost coverage just to satisfy an extremist agenda.

Unfortunately, Republicans are willing to gamble with our health, our jobs and our economy to score political points. Unions fight for good jobs, fair wages and benefits at the bargaining table, and Congress should do no less for the American people.

*Sincerely, Kimberly Fenty, Yonkers*

Letter to the Editor:

I recently read Rep. Lawler's Oct. 30 newsletter, and I am appalled. He needs to stop his political games and lies and be truthful about why the Democrats are not willing to agree to what he refers to as a "clean continuing resolution." There is one HUGE obstacle in that resolution that people need to understand and he fails to mention - the refusal to extend Affordable Care Act subsidies, set to expire the end of this year. He says he is working with some Republicans to get approval for a one-year extension. And where does that leave us in a year's time? Like the changes made under the BBB, the bad stuff won't go into effect until after the mid-terms, when it is too late for people to change their votes, as they realize how bad that BBB and the one-year extension are. Without an ongoing, unlimited or minimum multi-year extension, millions of people will not be able to afford healthcare coverage; premiums may go up as high as 114%\*; many young, healthy people will forgo health insurance altogether. Health care should be a right, not a privilege. It is not free, but it should be affordable.

\*See KFF article: <https://www.kff.org/affordable-care-act/aca-marketplace-premium-payments-would-more-than-double-on-average-next-year-if-enhanced-premium-tax-credits-expire/>

Maybe Mr. Lawler and the rest of Congress need to be reminded of their oaths to uphold and defend the Constitution and then do what is right for the country and for their constituencies. The House has been out of session for weeks and is not voting on anything. Mr. Lawler needs to demand that Speaker Johnson bring the House back, that they fund SNAP (we have the \$\$; our people are starving while we send \$20 billion to Argentina! REALLY??\*\*), that they negotiate the unlimited extension of the ACA tax credits to protect everyone's access to health care, and that they get to work passing a budget that HELPS Americans! These are not extraordinary requests-this is asking Mr. Lawler and all of Congress TO DO THEIR JOBS!!! I encourage everyone to contact Mr. Lawler at 202-255-6506 or <https://lawler.house.gov/contact/> and urge him to extend the ACA tax credits indefinitely. This affects all of us.

\*\*At least one Federal Court has just ruled that SNAP has to be paid - and the President has hinted he will try to find a way to fund SNAP. Is this another game he's been playing?

Thank you,  
*Maria Modica-Snow*  
*Peekskill*

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Letter: Remind Voters that 60 Votes are Needed in the US Senate to Pass A Budget Bill--Republicans Have 53

Editor: We hear this refrain all of the time during the latest budget shutdown. Republicans have control of the White House, Senate and House of Representatives, so they are to blame for the shutdown.

This sounds good and is a good talking point that while false, is winning the battle over who the American people are starting to blame for the shutdown.

But I would urge you to inform your readers that in the Senate, 60 votes are required to bring legislation to the floor for a vote.

Any senator can speak for an unlimited time to delay or block a vote on a bill. This tactic (a filibuster) prevents the Senate from moving to a final vote unless 60 senators vote to invoke "cloture" (Senate Rule XXII), which ends debate. Cloture requirement: Since 1975, ending a filibuster requires 3/5 of the Senate (60 out of 100 votes). Without 60 votes, the bill stalls indefinitely. Supermajority barrier: Even with a majority (e.g., 53 Republicans), the minority party (47 Democrats) can filibuster unless 7 members cross the aisle or the majority negotiates compromises.

I want to applaud my Congressman Mike Lawler for identifying the solution to the government shutdown. Lawler proposed extending the OCA tax credits for one year. His proposal was quickly shut down by his own party.

The voices of reason are being shut out in all of our politics.

Let's Shut down the Shutdown, Not the Government

*Lanny Watkins, Armonk*

To the Editor,

In the ruling in favor of leaving the National Guard in Portland, the Ninth Circuit Court cited the Justice Department's filing which established that the Federal Protective Services deployed nearly 25% of its agency's officers to Portland and that these deployments were "irregular and unsustainable". In reality only 13% of FPS inspectors were deployed to Portland. The DOJ's filing of 115 deployments was in fact just 20 deployments. After the DOJ was caught lying in court they corrected the record.

The Trump administration's campaign of fear is being carried out through aggressive changes in immigration enforcement. It's radical shift away from standard law enforcement principles and toward a "mass deportation" agenda, as well as the related tactics which are focused more on creating content and hitting arrest quotas than on public safety and national security.

In the service of creating content rather than truth telling at least six of the viral videos posted in the last three months have been misleading. These videos claim to be depicting events in cities targeted by Trump, when in reality they were filmed in completely different states. Obviously, they can't find any real evidence to back up their claims.

My government is using my tax dollars to further their cruel agenda which is justified with lies.

If Congressman Lawler is not going to use his position to represent we the people and instead defend this corrupt and hateful administration then he should consider resigning.

Thank you for your consideration.

*Wendy Holtzman*  
*Peekskill*

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# Renovations at Joseph Pickett Memorial Park on Hawthorne Avnue



Joseph Pickett Memorial Park on Hawthorne Avenue is back and better than ever! Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Parks Department celebrated the park’s first major renovation in more than 30 years — featuring a new playground, water feature, basketball court, and expanded green space for families to enjoy. One of several neighborhood parks getting upgrades across Yonkers — making our City’s outdoor spaces more fun and inviting for everyone.

## About the Aging Eye: Next Upcoming LIVE Talk

With Dr. Nicholas Donas -Nov. 18 -Aisling Irish Center

St. John’s Riverside Hospital’s next Let’s Talk Live event will feature Ophthalmologist Dr. Nichola Donas and the topic About the Aging Eye.

The event will take place at the Aisling Irish Community Center, 990 McLean Avenue, Yonkers NY, at 2pm.

Reserve Your Seat: <https://sjrh.jotform.com/253066985733165>

Watch LIVE: <https://youtube.com/live/yU89oJiA5TA>

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**Billie Eilish Donate's \$11.5 Million to Charity  
-Calls Out the Rich to do the Same**

**NYPIRG at SUNY Purchase Registers  
Over 600 Students to Vote**



**NEWS**

**BILLIE EILISH IS GIVING AWAY \$11.5 MILLION TO CHARITY AND CALLS ON THE RICH TO FOLLOW HER**

Billie Eilish made headlines last week (October 29, 2025) when she accepted the Wall Street Journal Magazine's Music Innovator of the Year award in New York. Host Stephen Colbert surprised the room by announcing: "Billie Eilish will be donating \$11.5 million in proceeds from her Hit Me Hard and Soft world tour to organizations fighting food inequity, climate justice, and carbon pollution." That's roughly 22-25 % of her estimated \$50-53 million net worth. "We're in a time right now where the world is really, really bad and really dark and people need empathy and help in our country," said Eilish. "I'd say if you have money, it would be great to use it for good things and give it to some people that need it. Love you all, but there's a few people in here that have a lot more money than me. If you are a billionaire, why are you a billionaire? No hate, but give your money away, shorties."

The money will go to The Changemaker Program, a partnership with the nonprofit REVERB and other non-profits.

Eilish's generosity is a good message as we head into the holidays. Our paper and website will be looking to highlight organizations who are making a difference in the lives of people who need some good cheer this holiday season.

If you have the resources to do so, follow Eilish's lead.



As the voter registration deadline passes and Election Day approaches, the SUNY Purchase chapter of the New York Public Interest Research Group (NYPIRG) has concluded its campus-wide voter registration drive, registering over 600 students to vote this semester.

The initiative was part of NYPIRG's statewide campaign to empower young voters and close the participation gap among college students. "Eighteen to twenty-four year olds remain the lowest percentage of registered voters in the country," said Matthew Paolucci, NYPIRG Project Coordinator at SUNY Purchase. "We set out to put our mark on that percentage, and the response from students here has been fantastic."

Throughout the semester, NYPIRG interns and volunteers hosted voter registration tables across campus, made classroom announcements, and partnered with student organizations to inform students about their voting rights and deadlines. Students were also trained to assist peers on Election Day.

"To be honest - I didn't even know we had elections in Westchester this year," said Zak Barrera, a sophomore at SUNY Purchase. "It's great to know that my voice matters, especially when issues like education and transportation directly affect students like me."

NYPIRG's Democracy Student Leader, Nikko Gambino, added, "Young people are often told they don't show up. We're proving that wrong by organizing, registering, and showing that students care about their local community and its future."

NYPIRG's non-partisan voter registration drive took place on campuses across New York State, adding thousands of new voters to the rolls ahead of the 2025 Election. SUNY Purchase stood out as one of the leading campuses in total registrations per capita.

"Registering 600 students is a major milestone," Paolucci said. "But registration is just the first step. Now we're focused on turnout. Young people have the power to shape what comes next, and it starts with showing up to vote."

Students registered to vote at SUNY Purchase can cast their ballots at the SUNY Purchase College polling site located in the Student Services Building, Red Room. Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, with polls open from 6AM-9PM. Students should check their registration status and polling hours by visiting [vote.ny.gov](http://vote.ny.gov)



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*Election night in Yonkers, continued from pg*

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This election is not about me or about any political party, but about the people of the 6th Council District. I plan to work night and day to deliver real results. To those who did not support me, I vow to spend everyday as a Councilman to earn your support and trust.

My campaign was fueled by a grassroots effort with a broad coalition of support. Every person who donated, put up a lawn sign, volunteered... thank you because this could not have been accomplished with you! I couldn't be more grateful for the Yonkers PBA, CLSA, UFOA, and Local 628 for their unwavering support in my candidacy. Campaigns are costly to effectively get your message out there. Senator Nick Spano, Dr. Ammir Rabadi, Ray Khoury, Ali Bhatti, and Alfonso Alvarez put together fundraisers for me that helped power my campaign through the finish line and I couldn't be more appreciative for their support and friendship.

I want to thank Mayor Mike Spano, Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, and my good friend former Councilman John Larkin for their endorsements and for believing in my candidacy. I couldn't be more grateful for my longtime friends Chairman Meier, Chairman Fox, and Chairman Roza for their strong backing.

The voters of the 6th Council District sent a mandate that they want a Councilman who will work with Mayor Mike Spano to bring about positive change and that's exactly what I'll do. I look forward to hit the ground running on Day 1 and begin proudly serving the people of the 6th District," said Hodges.

In the race for City Council President, incumbent democrat Lakisha Collins-Bellamy was reelected with 57% of the vote, beating republican Dean Politopoulos, 37%, and Working Families Party candidate Angelique Lopez with 5%.

"I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of support. I literally just took a deep breath, and the tears began to fall. I am so relieved that this race is finally over!"

Thank you for re-electing me as City Council President Yonkers. I'm deeply grateful for your trust and support, and I look forward to continuing our work together. I remain committed to transparency, collaboration, and progress for all our residents. Most of you have NO IDEA how challenging the last year has been... BUT GOD!

"My team and I worked our behinds off, we gave it everything we had. So I have to take a moment to thank them once again. I appreciate you all and wanted to give you a special thanks because I know I pushed myself and you all to the limit," said Collins-Bellamy.

In the Fourth Council District, incumbent democrat Majority Leader John Rubbo was reelected with 69% of the vote, defeating republican Anthony Solieri, 31%.

Rubbo thanked the voters and vowed to continue his work on the City Council to move the city forward.

Yonkers native Ken Jenkins was easily elected County Executive on election night, with 68% of the vote, defeating republican Christine Sculit, 32%.

Yonkers City Court Judge Verris Shako was elected to the State Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District.

Four County Legislators from Yonkers were reelected on Nov. 4, but only one had a contested election. Legislator David Tubiolo, 14th District, defeated his republican opponent Michael Pineda. Tubiolo got 73% of the vote.

Legislators Shanae Williams, Jose Alvarado and republican legislator James Nolan all ran unopposed.

Editor's Note: Next week, we will delve into how Yonkers voters rejected the politics of personal destruction, and how while Mayor Mike Spano was not on the ballot Nov. 4, many of the negative mailings sent out by some candidates backfired.

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-7549 - Opening date: 11/21/2025: American LaFrance fire apparatus repair parts and repair services as needed (FB).

2) Bid No. RFB-7550 - Opening date: 11/21/2025: Purchase of Diesel exhaust and automotive fluids as needed (FB).

3) Bid No. RFB-7531A - Opening Date: 11/21/2025: Furnish and Install Playguard Tiles and ADA ramp kits at Fay Park. Account: Capital Expense- General Park Improvements (VB).

4) Bid No. RFB-7551 - Opening Date: 12/5/2025: Parts to Repair Sewer Furnace. Account 045.0910.C0407 - Maint. & Repair Equipment (TN).

5) Bid No. RFB-7540A - Opening Date: 11/21/2025: 24-Month Contract with additional 12-Month Option to Renew for repairs to Harley Davidson Motorcycles (FB).

6) Bid No. RFB-7554 - Opening Date: 12/5/2025: Purchase and installation of 2 Lanair 300,000 BTU Heaters (or Yonkers Approved Equal) (FB).

7) Bid No. RFB-7468A - Opening date: 11/21/2025: 36-month contract for Schneider Switchgear & Motor Control PM (AC).

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*Jimmy Collins, continued from pg*

"This court's sentence makes clear the despicable conduct of Jimmy Collins will not go unpunished," said victims' attorney Jenny Louro of Manly, Stewart & Finaldi. "Not only has Collins been held accountable in criminal court, but his enablers, the Village of Mount Kisco and the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester, have been held accountable through the civil justice system."

Yonkerstimes.com and Rising Media Group Y have been reporting on the search for justice for the victims of Jimmy Collins since his arrest in 2023. The 16 lawsuits were filed under the New York Child Victims Act which opened a window in the statute of limitations allowing victims of past child sexual abuse to bring claims.

The lawsuits alleged that adult employees of the Village of Mt. Kisco, the Chappaqua Central School District and the Boys and Girls Club of Northern Westchester County witnessed Collins' inappropriate and abusive behavior with young boys including the victims and took no action to stop him or report him to law enforcement.

His 2023 arrest is a result of Collins paying for sex with an underage boy in the bathroom of the Chappaqua Library. Collins later admitted to New Castle Police to the illegal act with the 15-year old.

After being released on bail, Collins attempted to meet up with the boy again, communicating on Snapchat. He remained in jail until his recent sentence, which will keep him behind bars until he is 88.

Collins was the owner of "Jimmy's" Bar in Katonah. The bar was recently sold and demolished.

The question that many with knowledge of Collins acts has is how was he able to stay out of the hands of law enforcement for decades? And how did he stay out of jail once the sex abuse lawsuits were filed, starting in 2020?

One of the lawsuits included the following: "More specifically, upon information and belief, Plaintiff alleges that Collins had been arrested and/or charged for sexual misconduct; however, certain individuals within the Bedford Hills Police Department ("BHPD") assisted Collins in avoiding public scrutiny for these charges."

This part of the Civil suit has never been answered. Who was it in the Bedford Police Department that aided Collins from facing justice for decades?

One of Collins's co-workers, Ms. Carey, testified that she observed Collins and his behavior dating back to when she was 15-16 years old working as a camp counselor. Carey also testified she observed Collins place his hands on multiple children when she was both a camp counselor and a lifeguard. Carey also witnessed Collins holding the bodies of various children close to him. On one specific occasion in 1980, she observed Collins put his hands inside and down the bathing suit of one boy in the pool.

Carey further testified that she told a supervisor about what she saw in detail and was told to mind her own business.

Read our prior stories on this case at <https://yonkerstimes.com/after-50-years-of-sexually-abusing-young-boys-james-collins-of-westchester-finally-behind-bars/> and <https://yonkerstimes.com/16-victims-of-jimmy-collins-settle-sex-abuse-cases/>

Anyone with additional information on this case can contact us at [news@yonkerstimes.com](mailto:news@yonkerstimes.com). There is more to this story that we believe should be brought to light.

One family member of a victim told us, "Jimmy Collins was the worst sexual abuser in the history of Westchester. He had protection, he had a bar, he had an inside track to jobs in the Katonah, Mt. Kisco and Chappaqua area that gave him direct access to kids. While I'm happy that he is going away for the rest of his life, I also want someone to uncover how all of this happened. I wish you well in your search Mr. Murphy."

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 FORECLOSURE SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS

LLACG COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND,  
 Plaintiff,  
 -against

CATHLEEN ROMANYCH, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; WILLIAM GORDINEER, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; KENNETH GORDINEER AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; THOMAS ARNONE, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; MICHELLE ARNONE ENGELMANN, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEE, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LORRAINE E. GORDINEER, DECEASED; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1- #50" and "MARY ROE #1- #50", the last two names being fictitious, it being intended to name all other parties who may have some interest in or lien upon the premises described in the Complaint,  
 Defendants.

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to serve upon plaintiff's attorney an answer to the complaint in this action within twenty days after service, or within thirty days after service is complete if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty days of service hereof. If you fail to answer, judgment will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Trial is desired in the County of Westchester. The basis of venue designated above is that the real property that is the subject matter of this action is located in the County of Westchester.

NOTICE  
 YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME.

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

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the Summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action.

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

Dated: October 14, 2025  
 MCMICHAEL TAYLOR GRAY, LLC  
 By: s/ Patricia Pirri, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 3550 Engineering Drive, Suite 260, Peachtree Corners, GA 30092  
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Five County Board races that we highlighted pre-election turned out bad for republicans.

- District 1-Colin Smith-61%-Kevin Byrnes-39%
- District-2-Erika Pierce-64%-Brailled Diaz-36%
- District 4-Vedat Gashi-57%-Kevin O'Keefe-43%
- District 7-open seat- Anant Nambiar-65%- Kurt Van Kuller-35%
- District 5-open seat-Jennifer Puja-72%-Frank Schanne-28%
- District 9- Emiljana Ulaj-69%-Laurie Ryan-31%

District 14-note: We were criticized for not highlighting this race as one to watch, but the results -David Tubiolo -73% -Michael Pineda-27% prove our point.

The four candidates for Westchester County Judge won their races for State Supreme Court in the 9th Judicial District.

- Veris Shako -13.82%
- Diane Clerkin -14.31% -most votes
- John Collins-13.93%
- Desmond Lyones-12.84%

Five Westchester Towns continued to reelect republicans.

In Yorktown, Supervisor Ed Lachterman defeated Jann Merchandani by a 55%-45% margin, and Councilmembers Sergio Esposito and Luciana Haughwout were reelected with a combined 54%.

It's time for self examination for the Yorktown Democrats. If Ken Jenkins is winning his election on top of the ballot by 32, why can't local democrats in Yorktown do better?

In North Castle, republican councilwoman Barbara DiGiacinto received the most votes and was reelected. Democrat Joe Rende was reelected without opposition.

In the Town of Mt. Pleasant, Republican Supervisor Carl Fulgenzi Jr. was reelected without opposition. Democrat Councilman Joseph Bonnano got the most votes, while republican Tom Sialiano was reelected.

In the Town of Harrison, Republican Tom Scappaticci was elected Supervisor with 52% of the vote, and Republican Arthur Troilo Jr. and Democrat Gina Evangelista were elected to the Town Board.

In the Town of Eastchester Supervisor Tony Colavita was reelected without opposition, as was Councilmembers Theresa Nicholson and Luigi Marcoccia.

White Plains Mayor Tom Roach was elected Westchester County Clerk, defeating republican Sheila Marcotte by a 66%-34% margin.

In Yonkers, republican councilman Anthony Merante lost his reelection bid to democrat Tim Hodges, 60%-40%.

After the disappointing results for republicans on election night, several of our readers emailed us with the question, what happened to the Trump voters?

In 2024, Trump got 37% of the vote in Westchester, losing to Kamala Harris with 62%. So Trump did better than Sculti and most other republicans in Westchester, but only by a few points.

Another election night email, what about all of the "Woke" issues like Trans people in women's sports, or ICE and is Westchester a sanctuary county, and Charlie Kirk? I guess none of it makes a difference. Or another way to look at it—as long as Donald Trump is President, republicans have no chance in Westchester.

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*Hope to hear from you! Thanks!*

*ICE in Yonkers, continued from pg 1-*

the U.S after previous removals. ICE arrested several illegal aliens in Yonkers and in Queens. Four were illegal re-entries and two had prior criminal convictions for driving under the influence.

Some more information on the illegal aliens arrested are below:

Jose Guaman Lliguicota, a criminal illegal alien from Ecuador, was previously removed. In addition to committing a felony by illegally re-entering the country, he was also convicted of driving under the influence.

Uriel Cruz-Cruz, a criminal illegal alien from Mexico, was previously removed from the U.S. three times, committing a felony by illegally re-entering the U.S. for a fourth time in 2022. The Biden Administration RELEASED this illegal alien into our country.

Eduardo Arpi-Loja, a criminal illegal alien from Ecuador, was previously removed in 2019, and reentered which is a felony. His criminal history includes three prior arrests for driving under the influence.

Oscar Tomas Morales-Mejia, a criminal illegal alien from Guatemala, was previously removed in 2021, he chose to commit a felony by re-entering the U.S, illegally in 2022 under the Biden Administration.”

Mayor Mike Spano stated,

## Investigation Leads to Arrest in Somers Child Sexual Abuse Case

On October 29, 2025, the New York State Police, Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Somers (BCI), together with uniform members, arrested Gary Angel Correa Reyes, 45, of Bronx, NY, for Course of Sexual Conduct Against a Child in the First Degree, a Class B felony.

On September 22, 2025, Investigators received information regarding a past sexual assault involving a child. Subsequent investigation determined that Correa Reyes engaged in sexual conduct with a victim under the age of thirteen over the course of several years while at a private residence in the town of Somers.

Correa Reyes was arraigned in the Town of Bedford Court and remanded to the Westchester County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 cash bail, \$200,000 bond, or \$400,000 partially secured bond. He is scheduled to appear before the Somers Town Court on November 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

The New York State Police Bureau of Criminal Investigation at Brentwood and the Child Advocacy Center assisted with this investigation.

I know many of you have heard reports about ICE in our community today. This morning, a federal task force comprised of several law enforcement agencies, including ICE, placed several people in custody, part of an ongoing investigation. The Yonkers Police Department was not part of this joint task force. The operation is over, and there is no cause for concern.

- Mayor Mike Spano

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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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## Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, NOV. 8

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466. Mushroom Ecology Walk, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Mushrooms play an important role in the ecosystem! Join us as we learn about mushroom ecology and hike around the park to see what mushrooms we can observe. (Foraging is not allowed.)

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

Medicinal Plant and Tree Tour, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Urban naturalist Bruce Rosenberg will lead a tour to examine over 20 plants and trees at Lasdon that have medicinal qualities and are used to treat physical and mental conditions. All of these plants can be grown in your own backyard and are available at local nurseries.

Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/medicinal-plant-and-tree-tour-4/2025-11-08/>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Volunteer Work Project: A Late Look at Invasives and Their Removal, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Now is a good time to control vegetation because many plant species are in a dormant period. Please bring work gloves. Hand tools and demonstrations are provided. Great for service credit hours. Also: Nov. 22. Get details: <https://friendsofreadwildlifesanctuary.org/event/volunteer-work-project-a-late-look-at-the-invasives-and-their-removal/2025-11-08/1/>

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Katonah: (914) 864-7282. Horse Grooming, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. People ages 12 and older can visit the farm and experience the joy of grooming our friendly horse, Haley! This hands-on program gives kids the opportunity to help care for Haley through brushing and grooming, which supports coat maintenance and encourages positive socialization. \$20. Also: Dec. 6. Register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/horse-grooming-tickets-1665206199569?aff=ebsdoporgprofile>

Hilltop Hanover Farm & Environmental Center, Yorktown Heights: (914) 862-5050. Hit the Road, Jack(-o-Lantern), 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Learn how to dispose of your Halloween and fall pumpkins sustainably. Get some ideas on how to cook leftover pumpkin, repurpose jack-o'-lanterns and compost gourds effectively. Free.

Reserve your ticket: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hit-the-road-jack-o-lantern-tickets-1796995424689?aff=oddtcreator>

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

A-tten-Hut: Veterans Day with a Civil War Twist for Kids, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Ages 6 and older can celebrate Veterans Day with a Civil War experience. Children will bake Civil War cookies and interact with Civil War-era toys and games. In the Westchester County Veterans Museum, children will take a hands-on tour of the "Civil War Firsts" exhibit and learn about veterans. \$10 per child.

Register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/a-tten-hut-veterans-day-with-a-civil-war-twist-for-kids/>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Canoe Burn, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. During this stop-in outdoor demonstration for all ages, learn about and witness the burning of the tulip tree canoe - a traditional Lenape practice of creating canoes using fire.

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

Fall Open Art Studio, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. In this workshop, children ages four and older will follow their own creative path, working with a variety of materials with an art educator guiding them along the way. \$5. Register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/fall-open-art-studio/2025-11-08/>

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

Lasdon Green Squad, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Every Saturday from April to November join the Lasdon Green Squad to keep Lasdon Public Gardens looking beautiful. Volunteers will work with Lasdon staff on tasks such as invasive species removal, planting, watering, weeding, trail maintenance, mulching, trash clean up, and other tasks. For those age 14 and older. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/lasdon-green-squad-2-2/2025-11-08/>

SUNDAY, NOV. 9

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

Yoga in the Gardens, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.-\$25. Pre-registration required: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/yoga-in-the-gardens/2025-11-09/>

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. 16, 23, 30; Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28.

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

Cranberry Lake Preserve, North White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Observation Hunt, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Let's go on an observation hunt - about a one-mile hike - through the preserve! Hiking shoes are recommended.

Miller House, White Plains: (914) 428-1005. Miller House Open House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Drop in to visit the former home of the Ann and Elijah Miller family, an average colonial Westchester family whose lives were changed forever when Washington and his army fought for American independence. Located at 140 Virginia Road in White Plains. Also: Dec. 14.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322. Lenape Heritage, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. As the weather continues to cool, come to Trailside to drink some foraged tea and learn about some of the recipes the Lenape would make.

Croton Point Park Nature Center, Croton-on-Hudson: (914) 862-5290. Archaeological Presentation, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Ages 10 and up can join the New York State Archaeological Association's Lower Hudson Chapter for a free presentation about our fascinating past.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Otters: Playful Predators of Waterways, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Found in rivers, lakes and coastal areas around the world, otters play a key role as top predators by helping maintain healthy fish and invertebrate populations. Learn how these mammals use tools, display strong social bonds and serve as important indicators of ecosystem health.

Get details: <https://friendsofreadwildlifesanctuary.org/event/otters-playful-predators-of-waterways/>

**Bidding Wars, continued from pg 1-**

**Westchester County's Q3 2025 Market Report  
Shows County-Wide Price Growth Despite Inventory Pressures  
The Zach & Heather Harrison Team Releases Exclusive  
'Bidding War Intensity Chart' Highlighting the Region's Hottest Markets**

The residential real estate market across Westchester County remained intensely competitive in Q3 2025, as strong buyer demand pushed prices higher despite limited inventory. To spotlight the most competitive local markets, The Zach & Heather Harrison Team at Compass — the #1 residential sales team in Westchester — released a new Bidding War Intensity Chart, ranking towns by the sharpest drops in Days on Market (DOM), a leading indicator of bidding war activity.

According to the team's exclusive analysis, year-to-date single-family home sales rose 4.7 percent, with total sales volume climbing 10.4% to nearly \$5 billion (\$4.347B to \$4.799B). The county-wide median sale price for single-family homes jumped 6.3 percent to \$999,000, while the average price increased 5.4 percent to \$1.34 million. Condos and co-ops also saw strong appreciation, with median condo prices up 6 percent and co-op prices rising 9.8 percent year-over-year. Overall, the market continues to tighten — and the new intensity chart confirms where buyer competition is most aggressive.

"It's an incredibly tight market," said Zach Harrison, co-leader of The Zach & Heather Harrison Team. "The level of demand has led to a surge in bidding wars across nearly every price point. Buyers are coming prepared, and listings priced right are often receiving multiple offers within days."

Heather Harrison added, "We're seeing a noticeable uptick in buyers coming from New York City, especially with the uncertainty around the upcoming mayoral election. There's been a sharp increase in families looking to leave the city and settle in the suburbs before year-end. Westchester's schools, space and stability are drawing strong interest."

While sales volume and prices have risen, condo sales declined slightly by 3.3 percent, and rental activity dipped by 1.0 percent, suggesting that buyers are aggressively shifting toward ownership amid changing market conditions.

**County-Wide Highlights:**

- Single-Family Homes:
  - Sales: +4.7%
  - Median Price: \$999,000 (+6.3%)
  - Average Price: \$1,336,031 (+5.4%)
- Condos:
  - Sales: -3.3%
  - Median Price: \$530,000 (+6.0%)
  - Average Price: \$667,817 (+7.0%)
- Co-ops:
  - Sales: +8.5%
  - Median Price: \$225,000 (+9.8%)
  - Average Price: \$263,899 (+7.7%)
- Rentals:
  - Rentals: -1.0%
  - Median Price: \$3,500 (+4.9%)

**Town-Level Highlights:**

Several towns across Westchester stood out for dramatic shifts in pricing and activity:

- Ardsley:
    - Median single-family home price soared 27.2% to \$1.1M
    - Sales volume jumped 49.2%
    - Condos saw a 31.6% increase in median price
  - Katonah-Lewisboro:
    - Single-family home sales surged 30.3%
    - Average price rose 26.1%, with a 21% jump in median price
  - Pelham:
    - Sales climbed 30.2%
    - Median price rose 8.0% to \$1.64M
    - Average price grew 12.6%
  - Bronxville (decline):
    - Single-family home sales dropped 26.5%
    - Total sales volume fell 24.1%, though prices continued to edge up slightly
  - Greenburgh (steep decline):
    - Single-family home sales plummeted 82.1%
    - Condo sales fell 93%, and co-op activity dropped 80%
    - Average days on market in all categories surged
- Top Towns with Highest Bidding War Pressure:
- Bronxville: down 29.1%
  - Chappaqua: down 22.9%
  - Byram Hills: down 17.1%
  - Harrison: down 26.2%

The Bidding War Intensity Chart visualizes the towns where buyer demand is strongest—those with the steepest drop in DOM are most likely experiencing multiple-offer scenarios and aggressive competition.

Active listings across Westchester County have dropped dramatically since before the pandemic, underscoring just how tight inventory has become.

According to MLS data, the number of single-family homes on the market in September 2025 totaled roughly 1,700 countywide—down from more than 5,100 in September 2019, representing a stunning 67 percent decline in active listings countywide. Every community has felt the squeeze: on average, towns recorded a 72 percent drop in active listings over that six-year period, illustrating the severe supply constraints driving today's competitive market conditions.

As the year closes out, The Zach & Heather Harrison Team anticipates continued upward pressure on prices, fueled by limited inventory and a growing exodus of city dwellers looking north.

"As we head into the end of the year, we expect prices to keep climbing," said Zach Harrison. "There's simply not enough inventory to meet the demand, and the flow of buyers moving up from the city has only intensified. Every well-priced home is getting multiple offers—it's an incredibly competitive environment."

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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\\_DMeIZGYwbaUBYOP1zH?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1sBCFaH0Iubtvx_DMeIZGYwbaUBYOP1zH?usp=sharing)

#5852a. - 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>

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#5905- Appeal from an Interpretation/Decision/Order of the Commissioner of Buildings- Jonathan D. Kraut on behalf of Scott Sall of 106 Bronxville Road LLC, on premises know as 106 Bronxville Road, Block:5322, Lot:13.14 (Complaint2025-0471) Zone: S-50 [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10s6\\_nqQBTCy-ZqKHvVVX\\_ECt7Nc6fetx?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/10s6_nqQBTCy-ZqKHvVVX_ECt7Nc6fetx?usp=sharing)

#5906 – Appeal from an Interpretation/Decision/Order of the Commissioner of Buildings- Jonathan D. Kraut on behalf of Scott Sall of 1 Bronxville Lane LLC, on premises know as 1 Bronxville Lane, Block:5320, Lot:23 (Complaint2025-0471) Zone: S-50 [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ME2b\\_OZFZjtnVTKNkeodSWFI3RrqM72?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ME2b_OZFZjtnVTKNkeodSWFI3RrqM72?usp=sharing)

#5907 – Area Variances – James G. Dibbini & Associates, P.C., on behalf of Pashke Ukaj, on premises known as 44 Stevens Ave, Block: 6293, Lot: 18 (B0037211) Zone: T. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12i0zaCd5DPyfhG-dQfOWWBFmtBOE94b?usp=sharing>

#5908 - Area Variance & Appeal from an Interpretation/Decision/Order of the Commissioner of Buildings – Angel M. Sanchez on behalf of 185 Murray Avenue , on premises know as 185 Murray Ave, Block:5088 Lots:55&56 (B0033628) Zone: T <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12nKpQVuTD4ON9b5DOfoD-kfnTS223civ?usp=sharing>

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#5911 – Area Variance – Gabriel E. Senior, P.C., on behalf of Ramon H. Espinal, on premises known as 140 Sweetfield Circle, Block: 6050, Lot: 96 (B0032517) Zone: S-50. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1scjvr0r5TCJLm-MLPdNHtuKrqrGdWDu?usp=sharing>

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#5494 & 5667 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of 581 Development Corp, owner, on premises know as 581 Saw Mill River Road, Block:3100, Lot: 200, (B0011017) Zone: I [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RBWzAOsVzaQil\\_PUqgLTBDPWCngLyarV?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RBWzAOsVzaQil_PUqgLTBDPWCngLyarV?usp=sharing)

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#5909 – Use and Area Variances – Mark Blanchard, on behalf of Vark Street Realty, LLC., on premises known as 125 Vark Street, Block: 508, Lot: 12 (B0037237) Zone: UR-MD. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1584b82TmYrnyTYv44pXb35OmFPEccYWh?usp=sharing>

## 73,000 Westchester Residents Need SNAP to Feed their Families

By Dan Murphy

Westchester residents might have been surprised to learn that 45,000 households in our county and 73,000 Westchester residents receive SNAP benefits to help feed their families.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), formerly known as “food stamps,” is a US federal assistance program that helps low-income individuals and families buy food. It is administered by the USDA’s Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) and paid for by the Federal government (American taxpayers). But the program is run on the state level.

And because of the Federal budget shutdown in Washington, DC, November 1, USDA payments to state governments, including New York State, temporarily stopped because they did not have the funds to continue the program until a budget agreement is reached.

Fortunately, the USDA was able to reallocate its budget to provide families with half their usual benefit for the time being. \$4.65 billion was released for November, which is half the normal \$8B monthly cost to provide SNAP benefits to 45 million Americans — another shocking number. The average benefit for a family of 4 drops from \$975 maximum to \$488.

SNAP benefits provide funds to purchase eligible groceries (e.g., fruits, vegetables, meats, dairy, breads, cereals; not alcohol, tobacco, vitamins, hot/prepared foods, or non-food items).

Benefits are loaded monthly onto an EBT (Electronic Benefits Transfer) card, which works like a debit card at authorized retailers (grocery stores, some farmers’ markets, online via Amazon/Walmart in most states).

Eligibility is based on household income and family size. The maximum benefit for a family of four is \$975 per month.

New York cannot, and did not, allocate the \$650 million/month in SNAP benefits that 2.9 million New Yorkers receive.

Instead, Governor Kathy Hochul took the most aggressive state-level action in the nation by declaring a Statewide Disaster Emergency on October 30 and poured \$106 million into the Emergency Food Network, which went into food banks and pantries—\$40 million, \$25 million to purchase additional surplus milk, apples, cheese from farms to pantries, and \$41.4 million to provide 6 million extra meals.

“We can’t print EBT dollars, but we’ll make sure no child’s stomach is empty while Washington plays games,” said Governor Hochul.

Last week, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Sen. Shelley Mayer, County Exec. Ken Jenkins and local leaders demand that the US Department of Agriculture use contingency funds for SNAP after November 1

This is the first time in United States history that SNAP assistance would be stopped during a shutdown.

Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, “On November 1, millions of hardworking families and the most vulnerable New Yorkers who rely on SNAP benefits will go without food. Despite the government shutdown, the USDA could release funding but refuses to do so, which is cruel and unconscionable. I stand with my colleagues in demanding an immediate end to the shutdown and urging Secretary Rollins to release the funding families need to survive.”

State Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, “I am joined by colleagues at many levels of government to demand the United States Department of Agriculture do the right thing and release the funds necessary to feed Americans across the country, including the over 73,000 residents in Westchester alone. The USDA has made an immoral, unprecedented decision. Never before has a government shutdown disrupted the distribution of SNAP benefits. This is a political decision that will be devastating to so many — primarily children, seniors, and individuals who are disabled. I am grateful that Governor Hochul has allocated funds to help those in need and that Attorney General James is suing the USDA over this decision— but we should be clear that this is a manufactured crisis. Under every faith tradition, it is a tenet that we must feed the hungry and help those in need. There is only one clear, moral thing to do. We call on the USDA to release the funds so Americans do not go hungry.”

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins said, “Families should never be caught in the crossfire of government dysfunction. The USDA has the ability — and the obligation — to act. Right now, more than 60,000 Westchester residents are facing the very real possibility of going hungry because of bureaucratic inaction. SNAP isn’t a luxury — it’s a lifeline. We’re calling on the federal government to do what’s right, use the contingency funds that exist for this very reason, and protect the people who need this support most.”

Senator Pete Harcham said, “Protecting SNAP is not about policy; it is a moral issue about fighting hunger. If Trump won’t invest in our safety net, children and seniors will pay the price. Food banks, hospitals, and community programs will be stretched to breaking point as families are left with nowhere else to turn. In the wealthiest nation on Earth, no one should go hungry, and no elected leader should ever call that acceptable.”

Assembly Member Dana Levenberg said, “Here in New York, I am proud that our state government is acting quickly to support New Yorkers who will be impacted by Washington’s completely unnecessary decision to starve needy American citizens. I applaud Governor Hochul’s decision to fast-track millions of dollars in emergency food aid. However, it is incumbent on our federal leaders to get their priorities straight immediately and use the tax dollars we send them in ways that benefit all of society, not just President Trump and his friends.

Assemblywoman Amy Paulin said, “The USDA’s failure to maintain SNAP funding is unconscionable and will have devastating consequences for thousands of families in our community who depend on this vital program to put food on their tables. We cannot stand by while 42 million Americans, including many here in Westchester, face the prospect of going hungry.”

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh said, “SNAP means food on the table for millions of American families, including many in our Westchester community. The USDA’s failure to act —to use contingency funds and keep this vital program going —is a moral failure. No family should face an empty table during the holidays because of the federal government’s neglect.”

County Legislator Shanae Williams said, “Access to food assistance should never be delayed, especially during a government shutdown.”

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advance from apprentice seaman to chief electrician, serving on the USS Charleston and as an inspector at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. He was commissioned an ensign in 1919.

He returned to Yonkers in 1918; speaking at Liberty Loan Drives, he urged everyone to buy bonds for his country, because, as he said, he was “an American, too.”

An active member of the Rising Star Lodge (Masons), he continued membership in this lodge after leaving Yonkers, claiming they gave him the principles needed to live a successful life.

Thursday, November 13th

November 13, 1944: The soldier shown loading shells in a photo published in newspapers around the country—including in The Herald Statesman—was a Yonkers man! Although unidentified in the photo, Staff Sergeant William Dolinsky of Nepperhan Avenue was recognized by his sister; she sent him the clipping with the question, “Is this you?” His answer? “That’s me! The picture showed Dolinsky handing a shell to another serviceman to load into a trolley car.

Friday, November 14th:

November 14, 1930: After battling his way through smoke-filled hallways at a Vineyard Avenue tenement, Yonkers Electric Light and Power Company lineman James Flynn of Convent Place rescued a five-year-old handicapped child as a two-alarm fire swept through two frame houses on Vineyard Avenue; eleven families with 18 adults and 39 children were displaced from their homes.

Saturday, November 15th:

November 15, 1927: Jerry the Sea Lion and two other seals escaped from Bronxville Nurseries at Central Avenue and Tuckahoe Road; they escaped their enclosure in the dark of night, but his friends quickly were recaptured.

Jerry wandered through Colonial Heights and Mohegan Heights, remaining unseen until a man walking on Underhill Road spotted him. After frustrating attempts to capture him in Sprain Brook, the adventurous little guy headed to a stream near Grassy Sprain Golf Club. Nursery employees followed him with a basket of fish to entice him, but he took off. When last seen, Jerry was splashing happily in the Bronx River near 180th Street.

November 15, 1945: Riverdale Avenue’s Brigadier General Frederick M. Hopkins, Jr., Commanding General of the Army and Navy Forces at Iwo Jima, shared his memories growing up in Yonkers with The Herald Statesman, especially his time at School Three and Yonkers High School. He spent a good deal of time at the Park Hill Inn and Shanley’s with close friend “Hap” Haviland, so was pleasantly surprised to meet Hap in Iwo; Haviland was there with the Red Cross. The pair hadn’t seen each other in years and renewed their boyhood friendship.

Hopkins reported he oversaw 30,000 servicemen, all homesick, lonely, and very anxious to get home.

Sunday, November 16th:

November 16, 1927: Jerry the Sea Lion continued to flop and slither in the Bronx River. Police in rowboats armed themselves with pails of fish to try to catch the happy little amphibian, who continued to escape their attempts.

November 16, 1933: Frank Frish, manager of the St. Louis baseball team, addressed a dinner held by the Yonkers Baseball League in honor of the championship Irwin Post nine.

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*Fundraiser for Disabled Vets, continued from pg 16-*

On Sunday afternoon Nov 9th from 1 to 4 pm. Aerosmith founding member Ray Tabano will host his annual fundraiser for Disabled Veterans at Pete’s Saloon in Elmsford. Tabano will lead an All Star Band along with “Elvis” impersonator extraordinaire Pat Perone performing his greatest hits. Once again the Rolling Thunder representative Ed O’Neill will have the MIA Display as a reminder of the service our Vets have done for our beloved Country Great food, raffles and of course our wonderful DAV Veterans will be there, it’s a great way to spend the day and help support our Veterans. Come on by and by part of the celebration of Veterans Day Weekend. And God Bless America!

Tabano doesn’t want our story, or this event to be about him and his legendary history with Aerosmith, but we like to highlight it as a way to get our readers to the fundraiser.

Aerosmith may be forever known as “The Bad Boys from Boston,” but the band’s origin story starts right here in Yonkers—a gritty, working-class city that gave rock two of its biggest legends and the spark that lit the fuse.

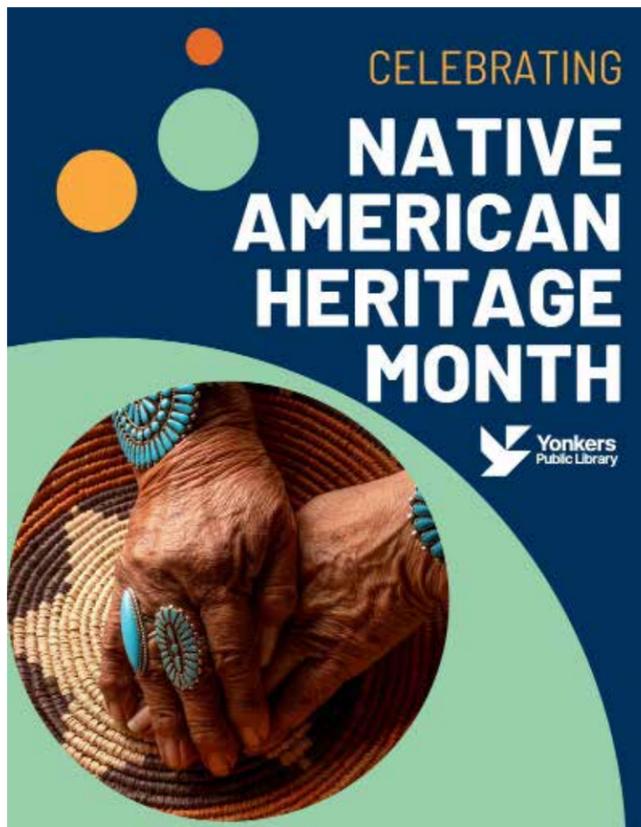
The Yonkers Boys Who Started It All: Steven Tyler (born Steven Tallarico, March 26, 1948) grew up at 100 Pembroke Drive in northeast Yonkers. Attended Roosevelt High School. His dad Vic ran a classical-music school; Steven was banging on drums by age 8.

Ray Tabano (born December 23, 1946, Bronx; raised Yonkers). Tyler’s tree-climbing, foul-mouthed childhood best friend. Nicknamed “Crazy Raymond.” Founding rhythm guitarist of Aerosmith (1970–71). Drummer Joey Kramer was also Yonkers-born and raised.

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