

Don't Dump on Yonkers! YPD Makes Arrests



The City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Police Department are announcing several recent dumping arrests of individuals who found out the hard way that Yonkers is the wrong city to dump their garbage.

A 6-week investigation by Field Intelligence Officers Raffa and Cimadomo from

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Yankees vs. Mets? In Casino Bids, Queens Already Has the Edge

THE RACE FOR NEW YORK STATE'S CASINO LICENSES

By Dan Murphy

The battle for New York's coveted third downstate casino license is starting to look a lot like a Yankees-Mets rivalry. On one side: Bally's, pitching a project in the Bronx. On the other: the Metropolitan Park proposal at Citi Field, backed by Mets owner Steve Cohen and an army of supporters in Queens.

But unlike baseball's Subway Series, this contest doesn't feel evenly matched.

The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) for the Citi Field project delivered a unanimous vote of support, reflecting overwhelming neighborhood enthusiasm for the transformation of the underutilized asphalt lots around the ballpark into a sprawling entertainment district. Public testimony was stacked with local residents, business leaders, and elected officials backing the project as a jobs engine and a long-term economic driver for Queens.

Metropolitan Park also benefits from its location adjacent to Citi Field, Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, the U.S. Open, and LaGuardia Airport, creating a natural draw for both tourists and locals. The vision ties directly into an existing sports, entertainment, and transit hub that already sees tens of millions of annual visitors.

By contrast, Bally's Bronx project struggled in its CAC review. The committee did not produce a unanimous vote, with at least one member dissenting and the

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Hudson and Saw Mill Rivers Fail Fecal Bacteria Water Quality Tests in Several Spots In Yonkers



By Michael Gold

Seven prominent places in Yonkers, in the Hudson and Saw Mill rivers, all failed water quality tests for the fecal indicator bacteria *Enterococcus* in the most recent testing.

Fecal indicator bacteria are often used to assess water quality and suitability for water related recreational activities and their cell counts indicates the presence of fecal material from humans, pets and wildlife.

The Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club, at 19 Alexander Street, failed, with a count of 457 fecal cells per 100 milliliters of water.

The JFK Marina boat launch, at 565 Warburton Avenue, had a fecal bacteria count of 95 cells per hundred milliliters of water, as recorded on July 10th.

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2025 Elections in Yonkers: Three New Candidates Seeking Office



top left: Dean Populatopolis, republican candidate for council president; top right-Michael Pineda republican candidate for County legislator Distric 14; bottom left-Tony Solieri, republican candidate for City Council, 4th District

Learn more about the candidates on Facebook and at upcoming forums and debates which can be viewed online

Oct. 25 is the last day to register and vote and Early voting also starts on Oct. 25

Dr. Ashok Chopra Talks About Growth of St. John's Medical Group with More Top Doctors & Specialists



Dr. Ashok Chopra-

Dr. Ashok Chopra, Medical Director and specialist in geriatric medicine at St. John's Medical Group says that recent changes have expanded services and opportunities for patients.

"St. John's Medical Group has been around for 15 years and initially started with a few physicians," Dr. Chopra explains. "There was a goal to serve the community and provide better care for St. John's Riverside patients. Over the years, and especially last year, the group has experienced exponential growth, and we now have more than 45 providers in the group. We are also onboarding new physicians right now and talking to many more physicians in the community who want to be part of the Group."

After graduating from Government Medical College, Nagpur, India, Dr. Cho-

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15 Year Old Sentenced to 14 Years for Murder and Attempted Murder in Yonkers



Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a 15-year-old Stratford, Conn., resident was sentenced to 13 years to life in state prison for murdering Daquan Glenn in Doyle Park last year.

One month prior to Glenn's murder, the defendant, then 14 years old, attempted to kill someone else by firing a loaded gun at them. For this offense, he was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 3 years in prison, to run consecutively to the sentence for murder.

In issuing the sentence, Judge Helen Blackwood denied youthful offender status to the defendant.

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Red Cross Sound The Alarm Program Offers Free smoke alarms for Homeowners Who Don't Have One-Free Installation



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The program, which includes installation and fire safety education, is a partnership between the Red Cross and local fire departments. The American Red Cross is making homes safer through the Home Fire Campaign. With the help of local volunteers and partners, we're installing FREE smoke alarms in home that don't have them, and educating people about fire safety.

During this appointment, Red Cross-trained volunteers will:

- Install FREE smoke alarms to make your home safer
- Help you develop a personalized fire escape plan
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Home fires claim seven lives every day, but having working smoke alarms can cut the risk of death by half.

That's why the American Red Cross is rallying volunteers to install free smoke alarms nationwide, as part of our Sound the Alarm events.

This year we'll install free smoke alarms, create escape plans and share fire safety information.

Lawler and Jeffries "Get Into It" Over Government Shutdown



Congressman Mike Lawler asks Majority Leader Hakeem Jeffries to sign a bill which would reopen the Federal government

By Dan Murphy

Eight days into a Federal Government shutdown, Westchester Congressman Mike Lawler confronted democratic House Majority Leader Hakeem Jeffries outside of his office in the Capitol Building and asked Jeffries if he would back the Bipartisan Premium Tax Credit Extension Act, a one-year extension of

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New York's Immigrant Health Coverage Becomes a National Flash Point

By Dan Murphy

The debate over providing health-care to illegal immigrants in the United States is a polarizing issue, with arguments rooted in economic, ethical, and political considerations.

And here in Westchester, we have differing opinions on the issue, as well as a disagreement over the facts.

So we ask the question: Do illegal immigrants, or undocumented residents, get free health insurance?

My first thought was that every person, legal or undocumented, is entitled to be treated at any hospital Emergency Room. The Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), a 1986 federal law requiring Medicare-participating hospitals to provide medi

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Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) Celebrates the Power of Education at 18th Annual Gala



From L to R: Arbor Rising Co-Founder Sammy Politziner, YPIE Alumna Alicia, YPIE Board Chair Ellen Cutler Levy, YPIE CEO Sam Wallis, YPIE Board Chair Emeritus David Westin

This year's YPIE Gala was an unforgettable evening celebrating students on the path to success in college and beyond.

YPIE proudly honored Board Chair Ellen Cutler Levy, who inspired guests by highlighting principles that have guided YPIE for 18 years and created lasting, meaningful impact on students.

"It's tempting to want to topple entire systems, especially these days. But what I've learned at YPIE is that deliberate action can be just as powerful... small steps, done consistently, can grow into real impact." – Ellen Cutler Levy, YPIE Board Chair

Alicia, one of Ellen's mentees, reflected on the role Ellen played in her journey: "Ellen's care, combined with my family's support and my own personal drive, helped create the person I am today. After Yonkers High School, I graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Binghamton University, and I'm proud to say that I am the first generation in my immediate family to follow the path of a lawyer."

YPIE also honored Arbor Rising for their transformational partnership that has deepened YPIE's impact and helped YPIE expand into new communities: "Over our 15 year history, we've looked at over 2,000 early-stage nonprofits (mostly in the New York area), and we've funded only 45...even among a group of incredible organizations and incredible leaders, YPIE is a standout." – Sammy Politziner, Arbor Rising Co-Founder

YPIE Board Member and Alumna Charlyn Brea expressed gratitude to outgoing Board Chair David Westin: "David, on behalf of the entire YPIE Board of Directors, and from me, a deeply appreciative alum of YPIE, thank you for your visionary leadership and your unwavering commitment to our mission. You have elevated YPIE's impact throughout your tenure."

YPIE CEO Sam Wallis closed the program by highlighting the impact of education: "If a growing wealth gap is a defining problem of our era, then education is a winning issue. I've been at YPIE for 10 years. We have seen literally thousands of you people who have educated themselves to better lives."

A performance from The Current capped off this event, which was held at Sarah Lawrence College with catering by Zuppa Restaurant.

YPIE thanks New York Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, New York State Senator Shelley Mayer, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, and the many other elected officials, volunteers, school district leaders, and friends who joined this event.

The evening was a celebration of community, connections, and the power of education to ensure young people have bright futures. Learn more at ypie.org

Monday Mornings Always Get Me Down!

By Eric Wolf Schoen



Upstate New York. Visiting friends. Monday morning. Wake up coughing and have a hard time putting food down. Feel like crap. Better go to the hospital. Close by.

It's early so the EMERGENCY ROOM is not packed.thank god. A nurse tells me it's always packed the days after Labor Day with people recovering from their summer vices. This goes on til Halloween when flu starts hitting than of course the Thanksgiving./Christmas holiday season where families get together, 12 year olds play catch with grandpa and the good ol' fellow realizes he ain't 12 anymore.

The EMERGENCY ROOM is always a fun place. Boy about 12 comes in with his real live Dog. Says it will calm his older relative down. . Staff tell the boy he can't stay in the hospital with dog. Boy said his relative needs the dog. This was Not a service animal.

What could a relative be thinking ?That he is entitled to bring the dog with him into hospital? Speaking to adults in a nasty rude way. The kid needed a good slap in this mouth or on his ass with his behavior. This game went on an hour before the dog and 12 year and older relative finally left.

In the ER a man is screaming. He came there because he was told he could Be treated and get medicine. The ER is NOT the place to get medicine. Another guy was upset about how long it was taking in the ER. Call ahead, they will give you a time estimate..

A nurse comes to my bedside, is ready to inject me and thankfully realized the medicine she had was not for me. Tons of tests in Xray rooms frightfully cold. Over 48 hours still waiting for the results of cultures. Was it like this years ago?

Bottom line before I go to my room. Fever Rises to 103.1! Blood pressure high. Lungs filed. I am a sick puppy with pneumonia! I was so confused I thought Monday was Tuesday. My clear crystal glass case looks green to me. I told the nurse the phone was not mine.

Which brings us up to Press Times. I have been evaluated by speech, swallow therapy ,physical therapy, every blanking therapy. Waiting to see what's next. Antibiotics and other meds have brought my fever down and my blood pressure to normal.

But you know? I am starting to wonder about this whole turn 65 Medicare thing. Are you supposed to get sicker when you go on Medicare. I am sure I'll be fine, but I am not going to stop praying!

Briefs:

Our local Elections have been overshadowed by the Mayoral Elections in New York City. However, there u is a full slate of local officials on the ballot this year. Don't overlook the fine candidates running for office and candidates including judges, let the people know about you and who you are! Absentee ballots are in the mail.

In last week's paper I forgot to give a thank to Editor Dan Murphy for the wonderful obituary he did for my long time friend Bob Stauf. Bob was one of those colorful people that bring life to our city and county. I use to call him Mr.Cause of the Month Club head because you never knew what cause he would be fighting for on any given day.

A big supporter of Irish causes, Bob and I met when he was in Getty Square collecting signatures for higher taxes (the temporary Income Tax Surcharge) during one of fiscal crisis we faced in the 1970's. Sign for higher taxes? We

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Laurie Hirsch Schultz is the founder of LHS Coaching, a career transition and executive coaching practice. She partners with individuals at professional inflection points to move forward with clarity and confidence.

Let's Talk About Free Speech

Op-Ed by Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

Some people are raging because private companies decided not to give platforms (temporarily) to those reveling in the murder of a good man.

It used to be common courtesy to forgo saying nasty things about someone before his family got through the funeral. It used to be common sense and decency that there is no right to publicly scream “Shoot ICE” nor threaten violence to someone of a particular skin color or religion. That is inciting to violence and illegal.

One can't go to a synagogue and demand that they put up a Christmas tree or an illustration of the Resurrection; nor can the synagogue's members demand that a church put up a menorah or set up a Seder table because these are private institutions. But the members of either or both congregations can decide to have an interfaith service or simply include the other's decorations to welcome neighbors with different religions at the holidays—or not. You can have whatever opinion you want, as erudite or ignorant as it may be. But you don't have a right for it to be published or broadcast by any private company or particular publisher. However, you can always raise the money or pay for it to be published yourself. Or do what they did in the pre-tech era—make a few hundred broadsheets and pass them out on the street corners. You right of free speech is intact.

Deranged people hate Charlie Kirk because he promoted the Biblical position on marriage—one man and one woman. He didn't demand that homosexual pride month be abolished, nor that a Biblical marriage month replace it or be added. He did not demand Biblical marriage parades or the real (seven color) rainbow flag be flown on government buildings. Certainly he could have demanded equal time. Maybe he should have.

James 3:13-18 “Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.”

Charlie Kirk used the Socratic method, asking questions to get young people to think about the statements they were making, which were often opinions based on propaganda with little substance. He never berated nor threatened them, nor demanded they believe as he did. He offered the opportunity for a more abundant, more fulfilling life, for substantive analysis and thinking through of policies rather than buzz words. Yonkers Rising showed how many in elected office and media spewed that he deserved to be murdered. That reflects the corrupt fruit of their souls. Neither he nor his followers suggested such for them. He simply challenged the logic and benefit of their ideas—which is the purpose of free speech.

Expert, such as top tier economists Thomas Sowell and Walter E. Williams to sociologist and late Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, have documented that there was less poverty, less crime, less delinquency and teenage pregnancy, particularly in the black community, when most children were grew up in two parent families. Do we not all want that for our communities? To what perverse mind does recognizing that make Charlie Kirk or anyone else deserving of death? Less crime, students finishing school and moving on to good jobs and homes and families built by their own efforts would seem to be something everyone would value. What is the real objective to perpetuating fatherless families and undisciplined youth?

Basic kindness and courtesy should motivate people to keep their negative comments to themselves when a man who never hated has been brutally murdered and people are in mourning. It's truly tragic when people who are disturbed by those venomous comments are afraid to even say so or have their names published because they know the animus that will be let loose upon them.

Celebrating the murder of a father, husband and Christian leader who got young people to think and encouraged them to build godly lifelong relations and families, IS hate speech. Those who celebrate murder and violence need to take a look in the mirror and ask how their ideology brought them there—and ask God for forgiveness and change their thinking.

Following a successful debut in 2024, Westchester County is pleased to announce the Entering and Re-entering the Workforce Job Fair. This free event is designed for those who are new to employment, looking for a new employment opportunity, retired from one career, and seeking to start a new chapter, and more.

There will be 45 exhibitors onsite, including but not limited to: ADP, NYC Department of Corrections, PCSB Bank, Privatus Care Solutions, US Army and US Army Reserves, Westchester County Department of Social Services, Westchester Library System, Westchester School for Medical & Dental Assistants, White Plains City School District, White Plains Hospital, and Y.A.I.

Job Seekers who are interested in joining this event can register by visiting: <https://westchestercatalyst.com/events/eventdetail/514/-/entering-and-re-entering-the-workforce-job-fair/>.

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Westchester County & T-Mobile to Give Free Cell Phones to Domestic Violence Survivors



In recognition of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Westchester County Office for Women (OFW), under the leadership of County Executive Ken Jenkins and with the support of the Westchester County Board of Legislators, obtained 100 cell phones for high-risk clients served by the Office for Women.

The phones were donated through a partnership with T-Mobile for OFW clients who are victims of domestic violence in high-risk situations. For victims, access to a clean, safe and reliable phone can be a lifeline in emergencies — allowing them to call 911, contact advocates, and connect with critical services without fear of being monitored or cut off.

Jenkins said: “Domestic Violence Awareness Month reminds us that too many of our neighbors live with fear and danger every day. These phones are more than just devices — they are a tool for safety, protection, and empowerment. This initiative ensures that victims of domestic violence have a reliable way to seek help when they need it most.”

Westchester County Office for Women Director Robi Schlaff said: “For our high-risk clients, safety planning often begins with access to reliable communication. This initiative highlights the County’s commitment to protecting and empowering survivors, not just in October but all year long. We express our gratitude to T-Mobile for working closely with the Office for Women to make it possible.”

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



On October 17, 1776: General George Washington traveled to Tuckahoe Road to inspect troops.

By Mary Hoar, Yonkers Historian, President Emeritus Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the Key to Yonkers in 1977, the 2004 Key to History, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board Member and President Untermeyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, October 13th

October 13, 1918: Claude Rich of Beechwood Terrace, fighting in France with the famous Canadian light infantry command, the “Princess Pat’s,” was severely wounded, and treated at the East Bourne military hospital.

Formed in 1914, the troop was named for Queen Victoria’s granddaughter Princess Patricia, the daughter of Prince Arthur, Governor General of Canada.

October 13, 1942: Two sixteen-year-old Roosevelt High School students, Joseph Maccarone and William Kay, borrowed a car from Colonial Heights Nash Motors, and scoured Crestwood and Colonial Heights for scrap metal!

They collected 5,000 pounds of metal and turned it in to the Colonial Heights Nash Motors for the war efforts.

Tuesday, October 14th

October 14, 1926: More than 500 Yonkers citizens, including Mayor William Walsh, rooted for the young Yonkers team and witnessed them defeat the Pocatello, Idaho, team and win our first World’s Junior World Series Baseball Championship! The games took place in Philadelphia’s Sesquicentennial Stadium.

October 14, 1943: Missouri native John B. Powell, former editor of the China Weekly Review published in Shanghai, addressed the crowd from a wheelchair at a Community and War Chest Rally at Saunders High School.

A victim of the Japanese, Powell had lost 85 pounds and both feet. Interned after Pearl Harbor as a spy, his shoes were taken from him in his unheated, filthy cell. His feet froze, gangrene set in, so his feet were amputated. He returned to the States on the diplomatic exchange ship SS Gripsholm to receive medical attention at Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.

Powell died unexpectedly February 1947 and is buried in Hannibal Missouri’s Riverside Cemetery.

Wednesday, October 15th

October 15, 1945: The Herald Statesman protested the indefinite loss of Yonkers’ Recreation Pier. During the war, the pier was used by Blair Shipyards, with no sight of ending of “occupation” after the war ended.

Blair’s presence ended mooring of the Hudson River Day Liners and other steamers docking for trips, excursions, and picnics. The paper suggested if the Shipyard was to continue building and repairing ships on our waterfront, other facilities were needed for the dayliners so the “pleasures of Hudson cruising might not forever be barred to thousands of Yonkers residents.”

October 15, 1946: Mayor Frank reported Yonkers received a final refusal from the Federal Public Housing Authority (FPHA) on the request for siding for the veterans’ temporary houses on McLean Avenue. The mayor sent telegrams to Senator

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

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Notice of formation of 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 SteenShots 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.

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-7525A - Opening Date: 10/24/2025: Twenty-Four Month Contract with option to renew for Twelve (12) Months for Maintenance and Repair Services for US Pipe Travel Cutter and Mueller CL-12 Machine, as needed. (KS)

2) Bid No. RFB-7541 - Opening Date: 10/24/2025: Purchase of One (1) 2024 Ford Transit T250 Medium Roof Emergency Response Vehicle with Federal Signal Four-Corner Lighting Package - Color: White (FB).

3) Bid No. RFB-7539 - Opening Date: 10/24/2025: Purchase to supply Corrosion Inhibitor for Liquid Sodium Chloride Brine (FB).

4) Bid No. RFB-7515A - Opening Date: 10/31/2025: Twelve (12)-Month contract to provide annual maintenance of compressors at EJ Murray Memorial Skating Center (FB).

5) Bid No. RFB-7540 - Opening Date: 10/31/2025: Twenty-Four (24)-Month contract with mutual option to renew for Twelve (12) Months, to provide Harley Davidson OEM parts and repair services as needed (FB).

6) Bid No. RFB-7543 - Opening Date: 10/24/2025: Purchase of Rescue Saws for the Yonkers Fire Department (VB).

7) Bid No. RFB-7468 - Opening date: 10/24/2025: Thirty-Six (36)-month contract to provide preventive maintenance and repairs for Schneider Electric switchgear and motor control equipment (AC/TC).

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.

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 Publication 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.

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

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28th Annual Aisling Center Dinner Dance



L-R-Patrick Murphy, Derek and Beck Woods, Darragh Garvey

The 28th Annual Aisling Center Dinner Dance was held on September 26th at Mulino's at Lake Isle. Honorees were Darragh Garvey, partner of The MGF Group, Patrick K. Murphy, founder of New Logical Sports, and Derek and Becky Woods, founders of The Riverdale Children's Theatre. Visit aislingcenter.org to learn more.

A Look at Ballroom This LGBTQ+ History Month

By Dennis Richmond, Jr.



Ballroom culture — born from the creativity and resilience of Black and Latinx LGBTQ+ communities — remains one of the most influential cultural movements in America. Known as Ballroom or The Scene, it traces its roots to the Harlem Renaissance, when folx carved out spaces for self-expression, performance, and community way before acceptance was widespread.

At its core, Ballroom is built around community. After, you have Houses — chosen families that provide mentorship, love, and belonging to those often rejected by society or even their own families. The

first organized Houses, such as the House of LaBeija, House of Dupree, House of Ebony, and House of Pendavis, emerged in the 1970s, offering both creative outlets and emotional support. These Houses compete in elaborate events known as balls, where members walk categories like Vogue, Realness, and Runway, blending fashion, dance, and storytelling.

Today, Ballroom continues to evolve while preserving its message of empowerment and artistry. "I started in 2008 and became a legend in 2017," said Legendary Xoey West, of Richmond, Virginia. "I loved the art of Vogue, and now I'm known across the world. Ballroom gave me confidence and creativity — it's more than performance; it's a way of life."

For many people, Ballroom represents freedom and identity. GIAA Latham, 22, of Brooklyn, first attended a ball at 16. "Growing up in the South, balls were rare and sacred. When I walked my first ball at 18, I knew Ballroom was home," she said. "It's about freedom, expression, and the power to create my own narrative."

Veterans like Hermez Elixir, 29, of Houston, see Ballroom as a space to lead and give back. "I've been in Ballroom for over 17 years," he said. "I founded the Ultravating House of Elixir to build community and guide the next generation. Ballroom taught me strength and leadership."

For newcomers like Shahleek Lewis, 25, of Staten Island, Ballroom is both an art form and a social movement. "It's a cultural dance style born from the Black and Latinx queer communities of Harlem," he explained. "Anyone can start by taking vogue classes, going to Kiki events, and finding mentorship. Ballroom is about connection and belonging."

Darius "Zenith" Case, 26, of New York City, discovered Vogue as a high school student. "Through The Door — A Center for Alternatives — I was introduced to ballroom legends who helped me find my voice," he said. "By 2018, I joined the House of LaBeija, and Ballroom became a foundation for my growth as an artist and person."

Even for Icons, Ballroom remains life-changing. Bugz Donyale Luna, 44, founder of the Premier House of Donyale Luna, reflected, "Ballroom saved my life. Ballroom is not a safe space, but your house can be a safe space."

From Harlem to Houston and Atlanta to Baltimore, the Ballroom Scene endures as a celebration of resilience, artistry, and chosen family. And today, Ballroom is international. For generations of LGBTQ+ people of color, it remains not just a place to perform — but a place to belong.

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

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Bottom left: Miss Columbus Maria Potenza

Bottom right: A visit from Christopher Columbus



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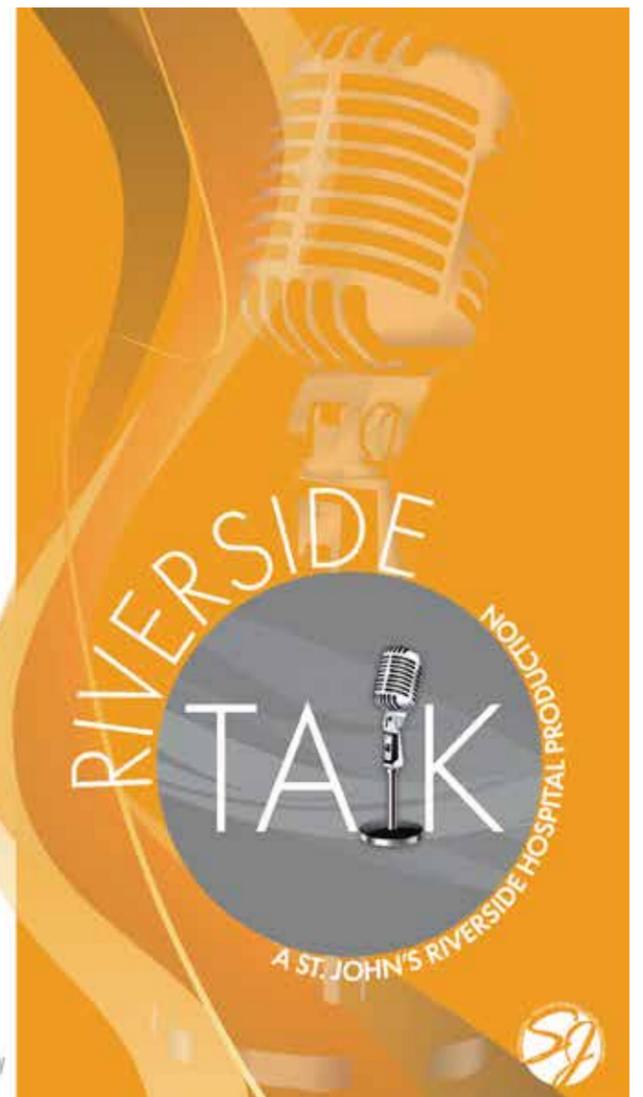
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Water Quality, continued from pg 1-

The spots in the Saw Mill that failed were the Yonkers daylighted section of the river – Van der Donck Park, Hearst Street, Walsh Road, and Torre Place. They all were recorded as having 10 times or more than the accepted amount of fecal pollution as defined by Federal standards. Sarah Lawrence’s College Center for the Urban River (CURB), located at 35 Alexander Street in Yonkers, performed the testing. The Yonkers daylighted section of the river was recorded as having 19,863 fecal cells per 100 milliliters of water, on August 21st.

The Hearst Street location was recorded as having 24,196 fecal cells per 100 milliliters, on August 14th. The Walsh Road site was recorded as having 3,873 fecal cells per 100 milliliters on July 10th. The Torre Place site was recorded as having 798 fecal cells per 100 milliliters, also on July 10th.

The site where the Saw Mill drains into the Hudson in Yonkers also failed, but not as dramatically. Riverkeeper, the most prominent organization protecting the river, recorded 462 fecal cells per 100 milliliters on August 13th.

The New York State fresh water sanitary guideline is 61 fecal cells per 100 milliliters. A grade of 10 times the standard means that the samples CURB and Riverkeeper tested and analyzed were recorded at ten times the acceptable threshold. “The entero was more than 10 times the allowable standard -- over 610 for freshwater sites and 1040 for saline,” said Shannon Roback, Riverkeeper’s science director. These sites “significantly failed,” Roback said.

“This is more than ten times what’s safe,” explained Dan Shapley, Riverkeeper’s senior director of advocacy, policy and planning. “If this (each site) was a public beach, it would be closed. Water is a magnet for kids,” Shapley said. We have to make it clean for them.”

If a swimmer accidentally swallowed the water, “it could cause gastrointestinal problems, especially if it was someone who was immune-compromised, or had an underlying health condition, or a child,” said Shannon Roback, Riverkeeper’s science director.

“If you have an open cut, you could be at risk for infection,” if you went swimming in these waters, Shapley said.

The cause of much of the high bacterial cell counts is rainfall that causes untreated sewage to flow into our rivers, Roback said.

“Water quality changes all the time,” Roback said. “Most places in the river are safe to swim most of the time. For example, seventy five percent of the time, the Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club is safe in dry weather.”

But “when it rains, there’s a flush of pollution into the river, of untreated sewage,” Roback said. “You can use our map to see which sites are regularly safe to swim and which are often not after a rain event,” she said.

Riverkeeper has published a map displaying water quality levels in the Hudson and its tributaries, for those who want to boat, swim, or fish in the water. The map also provides drinking water quality reports for the Hudson Valley watershed.

The fecal cell counts along the Saw Mill River are all extremely high, in Ardsley, Hastings, Pleasantville, and New Castle for ample, as Riverkeeper’s map shows.

“The Saw Mill runs through a densely populated area,” Shapley pointed out. “There are underground networks of sewers, old pipes in many cases. Many are leaking. Cracks will allow for stormwater to leak into pipes and sewers.

“The pipes have been around for a long time. It’s a common problem through the county,” Shapley explained.

“One hundred years ago or more, when these systems were built, they were designed to get waste away from where people were living,” Shapley said.

“Thirteen Yonkers sites are designed to spill into the Hudson when it rains,” Shapley said. In comparison, New York City has 460 of these sites, he said.

Also, “twenty-one other municipalities (in Westchester) are sending sewage to Yonkers,” Shapley explained. “Yonkers hosts the county municipal sewage plant.”

Compared to all the other sewage treatment plants along the Hudson River, including Ossining and Peekskill in Westchester, “Yonkers by far has the biggest volume discharge into the Hudson, except for New York City,” Shapley said.

“What surprises people is that even with all of this sewage infrastructure in Yonkers, the Hudson is usually really clean, wrote Ryan Palmer, Director of CURB, whose headquarters are in Yonkers on the Hudson, in an email.

“Clean, meaning even passing EPA levels for safe swimming. In fact the majority of the time the Hudson River sites we sample, JFK Marina and the Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club, pass these standards. The Saw Mill River, not so much,” Palmer stated.

“Sewage infrastructure crisscrosses the county,” Palmer said. “There are miles and miles of pipes. There’s a major sewer trunk line near the Saw Mill River. It runs along the Saw Mill. The pipes are very old.”

The obvious solution is to fix the leaks and cracks, Palmer said, but this would require state funding. Shapley explained that an extensive engineering analysis would be required of the whole sewage system to find the leaks and fix them. State grants are available to support investigations of leaks and the repairs, he said.

One promising development is that a new county group has recently formed to lobby Westchester County governments for cleaner water. Called the Westchester Coalition for Clean Water (WCCW), the group will be calling on county and local governments to better manage sewer pollution, and stormwater flooding, increase access to the county’s waterfronts and improve the quality of fish and shellfish caught in local waterbodies.

“WCCW is calling for all waterways in Westchester to be clean and healthy, free of trash and sewage, and flood resilient within 10 years,” the group’s declaration states on CURB’s website. Members include CURB, Riverkeeper, Federated Conservationists of Westchester County, Groundwork Hudson Valley, Bronx River Alliance, the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Long Island Sound Study, Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club, and the Beczak Environmental Education Center.

The Riverkeeper water quality map can be found at: <https://data.riverkeeper.org>.

Dumping, continued from pg 1-

our Crime Control Strategies Division resulted in the identification of three dumpers; two were arrested, and one was issued a summons for their actions. Xhevahir KALAJA was responsible for over 10 dumping incidents. He repeatedly dumped full-sized vehicle tires and general garbage from his commercial business into the wooded area of Scotti Park. With the assistance of the Yonkers Department of Parks & Recreation, KALAJA was identified and later arrested on September 10, 2025, for violating Yonkers City Code. Working with our partners at the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, we filed criminal waste disposal charges under the New York Codes, Rules & Regulations Law. His vehicle was impounded that evening. The Westchester County District Attorney’s Office will be prosecuting this case.

A man from Mohegan Lake dumped commercial garbage on Cumberland Drive and in the area of 1157 Central Park Avenue. After gathering important information from area residents, he was identified and arrested on October 5, 2025, when our Field Intelligence Officers caught him in the act. He was charged with a violation of Yonkers City Code. His vehicle has been impounded and is in the process of being seized to become city property.

In late August, a New Rochelle man dumped several black garbage bags and furniture into a City of Yonkers DPW dumpster at Scotti Park, overwhelming the dumpster intended for city use. Again, with the assistance of the Yonkers Department of Parks and Recreation, he was identified and issued a summons in lieu of arrest. His vehicle was impounded and later released- he’s currently paying off fines and answering those summonses.

“The City of Yonkers will not tolerate illegal dumping. Period,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “The act of dumping is not only a health and environmental hazard, it is offensive to everyone who lives and works in our city. Thank you to our Police, Parks Department, and our vigilant residents who assisted in identifying those who disrespect our city.”

Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza stated, “Dumping in Yonkers will cost you. This is not a crime that our Officers or Detectives will overlook. All dumping incidents will be investigated; we will find you, and you will be punished to the fullest extent of the law, which may include us seizing your vehicle.”

According to Yonkers City Code, it is illegal to dump debris “in or upon any street, lot, park, public place or other area, whether publicly or privately owned.” Under an ordinance sought after by Mayor Spano and passed by the City Council in 2012, fines for illegal dumping increased from \$500 to a minimum of \$5,000 per violation, and as much as \$10,000 in the most severe cases. Additionally, vehicles that unlawfully dump are impounded immediately and subject to forfeiture proceedings.

Dumpers, be warned- you will be identified, you will pay hefty fines, and you will wish you had just thrown your garbage out as you were supposed to. Note: Booking charges are merely accusations; suspects are presumed innocent until found guilty in a court of law. Individuals charged only with violations will not be identified by name; the sole suspect identified by name in this release was charged with a crime.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT Docket: 24-CV-09750-PMH

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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 DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR
 SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2007-BR5,
 MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BR5,
 Plaintiff,

-against-

SHARON LUCAS A/K/A SHARON BLACKWELL; KYLE LUCAS; NEW
 YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; ADVANCED
 OXY-MED SERVICES, INC.,

Defendant(s).

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NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an Amended Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York, filed in the office of the clerk on July 14, 2025, wherein DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY, AS TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZED ASSET BACKED RECEIVABLES LLC TRUST 2007-BR5, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-BR5 is the Plaintiff and SHARON LUCAS A/K/A SHARON BLACKWELL, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction at the UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, 300 QUARROPAS STREET, LOBBY, WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601, on November 5, 2025 at 11:00AM, the premises in said Amended Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale described and therein directed to be sold, to which Amended Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale reference is made for the terms of sale and for a description of the premises which may be briefly described as follows: 8 VAIL AVENUE, PEEKSKILL, NY 10566; and the following tax map identification: Section: 23.14; Block: 7; Lot: 13.

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Dated:

 Melissa D. Mohan, Esq.
 Court Appointed Referee

Health Care for undocumented continued from pg 2-

My first thought was that every person, legal or undocumented, is entitled to be treated at any hospital Emergency Room. The Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA), a 1986 federal law requiring Medicare-participating hospitals to provide medical screening examinations and stabilizing treatment to anyone requesting emergency care, regardless of their insurance status or ability to pay.

In a letter to the editor, one of our readers writes, "The truth is, people who are in the United States unlawfully are not eligible to get federally funded health insurance. They cannot sign up for Medicaid or Medicare. They cannot get federally subsidized coverage through the Affordable Care Act online marketplace. It is against the law, and there are systems in place to prevent this type of fraud."

However, New York State has a program for persons with low incomes to receive free health insurance. It is called The Essential Plan and was highlighted by Vice-President JD Vance in a recent Tweet.

Bill Hammond from EmpireCenter.org wrote a piece titled: New York's Immigrant Health Coverage Becomes a National Flash Point.

Hammond writes, A little-noticed New York program that provides Medicaid coverage to elderly undocumented immigrants was thrust onto the national stage this week as the White House sparred with congressional Democrats over the federal government shutdown.

The program, which was launched in 2024, would not be directly affected by the budgetary issues being debated in Washington – but has become fodder for the broader battle over immigration policy.

Vice President J.D. Vance spotlighted the program in a post on X, the site formerly known as Twitter, as an example of Democrats providing government-funded health care to illegal aliens.

Vance was answering an earlier post from Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, Democrat from Rhode Island, who had said, " 'Health care for illegal aliens' is the new 'immigrants are eating cats and dogs in Springfield' " and called the claim "a baseless lie."

As of mid-day Friday, Vance's retort – an image of a state flier touting a "new health insurance option for undocumented immigrants over 65" – had been reposted 20,000 times, liked 87,000 times, and viewed 6.3 million times.

When commenters pointed out that New York was funding the coverage with its own money, not federal aid, Vance argued back that "money is fungible."

"When the [federal] government gives billions of dollars to New York for Medicaid, that frees up state money in New York that can then be spent on illegals," he argued.

The back-and-forth drew New York's coverage expansion into a partisan standoff in Washington, in which Democrats are seeking concessions before providing the votes necessary to fully reopen the government. They have pushed for increased health funding as a condition of their support, and Republicans have accused them of wanting to spend the money on illegal aliens.

Regardless of the outcome, the program cited by Vance is not in jeopardy. So long as no federal dollars are used – as state officials insist – New York has the legal right to continue covering whoever it chooses.

Albany lawmakers authorized the Medicaid expansion in April 2022 as a late addition to the state budget for fiscal year 2023 – opening the program to low-income residents over 65 regardless of immigration status (see Part AAA of the Education, Labor, and Family Assistance budget bill of 2022). Benefits included state-funded coverage for physician visits, prescription drugs, hospital stays, home health, and nursing home care.

The program launched in January 2024, and 19,500 had signed up within the first three months, according to records provided earlier this year to the Empire Center.

Asked for enrollment and spending figures this week, a Health Department spokeswoman said: "The enacted [state fiscal year] 2023-2024 budget estimated 25,000 individuals would enroll in the new state-funded health program at an estimated cost of \$230 million, which is consistent with actual experience."

Those figures amount to less than one-half of 1 percent of the state's overall Medicaid enrollment and budget. However, state officials have been struggling to control the rapidly growing cost of care for older Medicaid enrollees, especially those who qualify for home care.

The program also represents a fraction of the state's coverage for non-citizens – most of which goes to immigrants who are not fully documented but legally authorized to stay, also known as "permanently residing under color of law" or PRUCOL (see table below). This group includes people who have been granted asylum or who have pending asylum applications and those covered by the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals.

New York provides health insurance for some 730,000 of these legally present immigrants through the Essential Plan, which up to now has been entirely funded by the federal government. That changed with passage of President Trump's budget and tax cut bill this summer, which excludes most legally present immigrants from federal health funding.

When fully effective, that change is expected to reduce Essential Plan funding by \$7.6 billion annually – which represents the bulk of the impact of the federal cutbacks in New York.

New York is obliged under a 2001 court ruling to provide care for some 506,000 Essential Plan enrollees who would otherwise qualify for Medicaid – i.e., with incomes below 138 percent of the federal poverty – whether or not federal funds are available.

The state is seeking the Trump administration's permission to continue their coverage by drawing down a \$9 billion surplus in the Essential Plan trust fund. When that money runs out in two or three years – or if the state's application is denied – that group would likely be shifted to Medicaid with the state paying the full cost.

Coverage for immigrants in the Essential Plan with incomes above 138 percent of poverty will stop in 2027. They also no longer qualify for premium tax credits to subsidize the purchase of commercial insurance.

Fully undocumented immigrants, also known as illegal aliens, have long been excluded from most federally financed Medicaid coverage – with an exception for treatment in emergencies. Since 2014, New York has allowed undocumented residents to register in advance for so-called emergency Medicaid if their incomes are below 138 percent of the poverty level. Enrollment in that category had reached almost 500,000 as of last year.

When the coverage for undocumented immigrants over 65 was approved in April 2022, it was one of many decisions made as part of a \$222 billion budget package. Most public criticism of the move came from immigrant advocacy groups, which had been pushing for the state to cover non-citizens of all ages.

Going forward, however, that policy choice could come under renewed scrutiny as lawmakers negotiate what is expected to be a tight budget for fiscal 2027. " end of column.

What Democrats are trying to focus on in the national debate over the federal budget is the subsidy for the Affordable Care Act, which benefits millions of Americans. The subsidy was passed during COVID and comes in the form of tax credits. These subsidies cover health insurance premiums for the roughly 7 percent of Americans who use the government-run Obamacare insurance marketplace.

The subsidies are set to expire at the end of the year—more on this next week.

15 Year Old Sentenced , continued from pg 1-

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a 15-year-old Stratford, Conn., resident was sentenced to 13 years to life in state prison for murdering Daquan Glenn in Doyle Park last year.

One month prior to Glenn's murder, the defendant, then 14 years old, attempted to kill someone else by firing a loaded gun at them. For this offense, he was sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of 1 to 3 years in prison, to run consecutively to the sentence for murder.

In issuing the sentence, Judge Helen Blackwood denied youthful offender status to the defendant.

DA Cacace said: "The defendant's lethal spree is all the more shocking given his age at the time of these offenses. More and more, we are seeing young offenders embrace merciless violence as a way of settling scores. This plague upon our communities must be addressed with every tool at our disposal, including policing, community investment and legislative reform. I will work with my partners across local and state government to stem this tide."

At approximately 5 p.m. on Aug. 26, 2024, the defendant shot at two victims, one fatally, at Doyle Park, in Yonkers. Daquan Glenn, 29, sustained multiple gunshot wounds, including two gunshot wounds to the head. He was later pronounced dead at Saint Joseph's Medical Center.

The second victim was discovered a short distance away with a gunshot wound to the leg. He survived his injuries.

One month prior, the defendant shot a loaded gun at another individual, who survived the attack.

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have many folks who come to Yonkers to pitch the next Yankee Stadium or Mall of the Americas, here one day and gone the next. I know Bob is advocating for some cause in heaven. He will be missed.

On the Sale front, stores like Target and Amazon and other retailers are having sales taking advantage of the 80 degree heat in October. Check them out, and have a fresh apple cider donut for me, or a yummy DeLite Bakery Jelly Donut!

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Congressman Mike Lawler asks Majority Leader Hakeem Jeffries to sign a bill which would reopen the Federal government

By Dan Murphy

Eight days into a Federal Government shutdown, Westchester Congressman Mike Lawler confronted democratic House Majority Leader Hakeem Jeffries outside of his office in the Capitol Building and asked Jeffries if he would back the Bipartisan Premium Tax Credit Extension Act, a one-year extension of the Obamacare subsidies to help reopen the government.

The exchange was great theater, caught on video and shared with millions online. Lawler wanted Jeffries and the democrats to sign onto a budget extender, which would keep the government open while the two sides negotiate a budget that both sides can agree on (good luck with that!).

Now, Lawler was the instigator in this confrontation, so he was ready and prepared to have the heated dialogue with the Majority Leader. So, he had the edge of knowing what was coming, and he had several reporters and dozens of cell phones around him to record it.

My thoughts on the exchange were that it showed how Rep. Lawler is a rising star in the republican party, and if he is able to get elected and reelected to his House seat in Westchester, (not a given), he will quickly rise within the House leadership.

Lawler is quick on his feet, and able to articulate exactly what he wants to say. He is one of the best voices in Washington in delivering the republican party's message on the Federal budget. And with this exchange, he is now known across the country, famous with republicans, infamous with democrats.

An email blast came out from Lawler shortly after the exchange from Lawler's reelection campaign. "Even with the Government shut down, look what Mike is doing. He is still in Washington, DC for YOU! Working to get the Government open, while far-left lunatics like, Hakeem Jeffries REFUSE to even negotiate! We aren't asking for money, we are asking you to watch and share this!"

Yorktown native Dan Scavino, Assistant to the President & White House Deputy Chief of Staff, tweeted the video with the words Epic!

What the exchange also shows is the deep division in this country between supporters of both parties, because the perception of that video on the democratic side of the aisle is exactly the opposite of my words above.

Beth Davidson, one of the 8 democrats seeking to run against Lawler next year tweeted, "Mike Lawler takes healthcare away from tens of thousands of people in #NY17 and cuts hospital funding by millions--all to go trick or treating around the Capitol pretending to be a serious elected "official. All that's missing is his signature moonwalk."

From Occupy Democrats, "House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries VERBALLY DISMEMBERS a MAGA congressman for ambushing him in the hallway: "Did your boss, Donald Trump, give you permission?"

And he was just getting warmed up. This is exactly the kind of humiliation that these Republican cowards deserve...

"Will you sign on right now?" Republican Congressman Mike Lawler asked Jeffries, trying to get him to cave to Donald Trump to end the government shutdown.

Lawler wanted Jeffries to support a temporary extension of Affordable Care Act subsidies. Democrats are digging in for their constituents and are refusing to budge unless a longer extension is granted. They have the leverage and they're putting it to use for the American people.

"Let me ask you a question," shot back Jeffries. "Did you get permission from your boss? Did your boss Donald Trump give you permission?"

"He's not my boss," insisted an angry Lawler.

"Yes he is," mocked Jeffries.

"No he's not!" whined Lawler. "And by the way—"

"You're making a show of this to make yourself relevant," said Jeffries. "You're embarrassing yourself right now. You're chasing a crowd. You're an embarrassment."

"You have to sign on to the bill," replied Lawler.

"Let me ask you a question. You voted for the 'one big ugly bill,' correct?" said Jeffries

"I voted for a tax cut bill that gave the largest tax cut to Americans in history. Are you against that?" said Lawler.

In reality, the so-called "big, beautiful bill" was one of the worst pieces of legislation in American history. It funneled massive amounts of wealth to the super-rich while slashing \$1 trillion from Medicaid. It has proven extremely unpopular with the American people.

"You're embarrassing yourself right now," Jeffries said. "The largest cut to Medicaid in American history. You voted for that."

Lawler continued to ramble, trying to push false MAGA talking points.

"Listen, you're not going to talk to me and talk over me because you don't want to hear what I have to say," said Jeffries. "So why don't you just keep your mouth shut? Because you showed up and so you voted for this 'one big ugly bill, a permanent extension of massive tax breaks for your billionaire donors," he added.

This is how it's done. Democrats must stand their ground every single time, get under these Republicans' skin with mockery, and then destroy them with cold hard facts." End of Occupy Dems post. Republicans had the opposite view of the transcript of the exchange, "Jeffries lose it on Camera — Repeats "You're Embarrassing Yourself" Like It's a Prayer.

What a trainwreck. Democrat Leader Hakeem Jeffries completely lost it during an exchange with Rep. Mike Lawler, and it's one for the highlight reel.

It started off calm enough — then Jeffries went insane asylum mode.

Jeffries: "Did your boss Donald Trump give you permission?"

Lawler: "He's not my boss."

Jeffries: "Yes he is."

Lawler: "Why did you vote to shut the government down?"

Jeffries: "You're embarrassing yourself right now."

And then he just... kept saying it. Over and over. Like it was a nervous tic.

Lawler: "I voted for the largest tax cut in American history. The average New Yorker got a \$4,000 tax cut."

Jeffries: "You're embarrassing yourself."

Lawler: "You want to cut the standard deduction in half?"

Jeffries: "You're embarrassing yourself."

When Lawler hit him with facts, Jeffries hit back with attitude:

"Why don't you just keep your mouth shut?"

"You showed up... you're a complete and total embarrassment right now."

Lawler didn't blink:

"The only embarrassment here is you."

By the end, Jeffries was flailing — accusing Lawler of "shilling for billionaires," dodging questions about his party's support for anti-Israel radicals, and sputtering through talking

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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

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, October 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF THE FORMER PUBLIC SCHOOL #12 TO DAR HOLDINGS 164 LLC FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF SAID PROPERTY

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

MIKE SPANO, Mayor

Date: October 7, 2025

SUMMONS—SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER – GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1, Plaintiff, -against- DEBORAH ANN SCHINKEL, JESSICA ELAINE GARCIA, KRISTAL MARIE LAMANNA, ASHLEY NICOLE LAMANNA, AS HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE DECEDENTS PATSY LAMANNA A/K/A PATSY LA MANNA A/K/A PASQUALE LAMANNA AND SARAH LAMANNA A/K/A SARAH LA MANNA ; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENTS PATSY LAMANNA A/K/A PATSY LA MANNA A/K/A PASQUALE LAMANNA AND SARAH LAMANNA A/K/A SARAH LA MANNA, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); WESTCHESTER COUNTY CLERK; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants - Index No. 65738/2025 Plaintiff Designates Westchester County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Westchester County. To the above named Defendants— YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated September 8, 2025. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME – If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Charles D. Wood J.S.C. Dated: September 8, 2025 Filed: September 11, 2025. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 171 Fairfax Avenue, Hawthorne, NY 10532. Dated: June 20, 2025 Filed: June 24, 2025 Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Mark R. Knuckles, Esq., Of Counsel, 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591 Phone: (914) 345-3020

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Urban naturalist Bruce Rosenberg will lead a tour that examines more than 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. Also: Nov. 8. Get details and register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/medicinal-plant-and-tree-tour-4/2025-10-11/>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Birding for Beginners, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. It's a great way to learn some basics of birdwatching. Bring binoculars. Led by Chris Mignone of Central Westchester/Saw Mill River Audubon.

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

Pumpkin Picking Weekend, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Join us for our annual pumpkin picking fundraiser! Free entrance includes live music, demos, kids' activities and games. Pumpkins, hayrides, apple cider and donuts will be available for purchase to benefit The Friends of Muscote Farm. Also: Oct. 12 and 13.

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

Trick-or-Treating, 12 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Visit the animals and explore the historic sites of the farm as you trick-or-treat at our barn doors! Treats will be available while supplies last. Costumes are encouraged!

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

"Hudson River Potters," 12 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

Four ceramic artists will be in the mansion on Oct. 11 and 12, and then seven on Oct. 18, 19, 25 and 26, all to show and sell their amazing pottery. Saturdays: 12 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.; Sundays: 10 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. Get details: <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/art-shows-at-muscote.html>

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

Fall Festival, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Join us in celebrating 40 years of the Sanctuary and 35 years of The Friends of Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary! We will have a birds-of-prey show, face painting, nature activities, crafts, sanctuary tours, a pumpkin patch, an edible bug bar, live music, and animals by Two by Two Animal Haven and The Nature Company. There will be food for purchase from food trucks. All proceeds will benefit the festival sponsor, the Friends of Read. Sorry, no dogs. Rain or shine. \$10 admission. Free parking. Get details: <https://friendsofreadwildlifesanctuary.org/fall-fest-2025/>

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851

Honeybees, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Do you wonder how beekeepers harvest honey from beehives? Join us with our beekeeper Todd Patton to learn about honeybees, the honey-extraction process, and then watch the harvesting in action during this indoor/outdoor program.

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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. Also: Nov. 8. \$5. Register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/fall-open-art-studio/2025-10-11/>

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-2-2/2025-10-11/>

SUNDAY, OCT. 12

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/2025-10-12/>

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

Muscote Farmers Market and Barnyard Beets, 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. Shop while listening to live music as part of the Barnyard Beets program, with a performance by Frankie Wortmann, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Get details: <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/barnyard-beets.html>

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

Curator's Tour of "The American Civil War: A War of Firsts," 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Curator Mark Told will lead a guided tour of the Westchester County Veterans Museum, sharing detailed insights about the Civil War exhibition. Free. Also: Dec. 6. Register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/curators-tour-of-the-veterans-museum/>

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Fall Garden Tour, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Join Lasdon's head gardener for a walk in our gardens to see what's in bloom. Check out the fall colors and interesting fruit and seed pods from our summer flowers. Meet at the Memorial Garden entrance. Also: Oct. 12. Register: <https://www.lasdonpublicgardens.org/event/fall-garden-tour/2025-10-12/>

St. John's Medical Group, continued from pg 1-

pra worked at the Mount Sinai Hospital system before joining St. John's Medical Group about three years ago. As medical director, he now divides his time between clinical and administrative work. Dr. Chopra says that St. John's approach to medical care has attracted the attention of many other skilled doctors who want to join the group. Rising overhead costs, insurance reimbursement issues, and challenges with work-life balance have made the independent physician model more difficult for doctors, leading to an increase in physicians joining group practices. The organizational structure offers benefits to physicians who previously struggled with long hours and administrative challenges.

"When physicians transition to a group like St. John's, the benefit is that we have multiple doctors working together. It's a multi-specialty group, and we share call. That work-life balance is there, so you get more time to spend with your family, and at the same time, you're enjoying your work more as well," Dr. Chopra explains.

He adds that patients also benefit from access to the whole group of medical professionals. "If a patient is part of St. John's Medical Group, they're cared for by the whole team, and we talk to each other about the patient. That provides a better quality of care. The patient is also pleased that when they visit another provider, that person already has knowledge of their case.

Dr. Ashok Chopra, Medical Director and specialist in geriatric medicine at St. John's Medical Group says that recent changes have expanded services and opportunities for patients.

"St. John's Medical Group has been around for 15 years and initially started with a few physicians," Dr. Chopra explains. "There was a goal to serve the community and provide better care for St. John's Riverside patients. Over the years, and especially last year, the group has experienced exponential growth, and we now have more than 45 providers in the group. We are also onboarding new physicians right now and talking to many more physicians in the community who want to be part of the Group."

After graduating from Government Medical College, Nagpur, India, Dr. Chopra worked at the Mount Sinai Hospital system before joining St. John's Medical Group about three years ago. As medical director, he now divides his time between clinical and administrative work. Dr. Chopra says that St. John's approach to medical care has attracted the attention of many other skilled doctors who want to join the group. Rising overhead costs, insurance reimbursement issues, and challenges with work-life balance have made the independent physician model more difficult for doctors, leading to an increase in physicians joining group practices. The organizational structure offers benefits to physicians who previously struggled with long hours and administrative challenges.

"When physicians transition to a group like St. John's, the benefit is that we have multiple doctors working together. It's a multi-specialty group, and we share call. That work-life balance is there, so you get more time to spend with your family, and at the same time, you're enjoying your work more as well," Dr. Chopra explains.

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF CHESTER

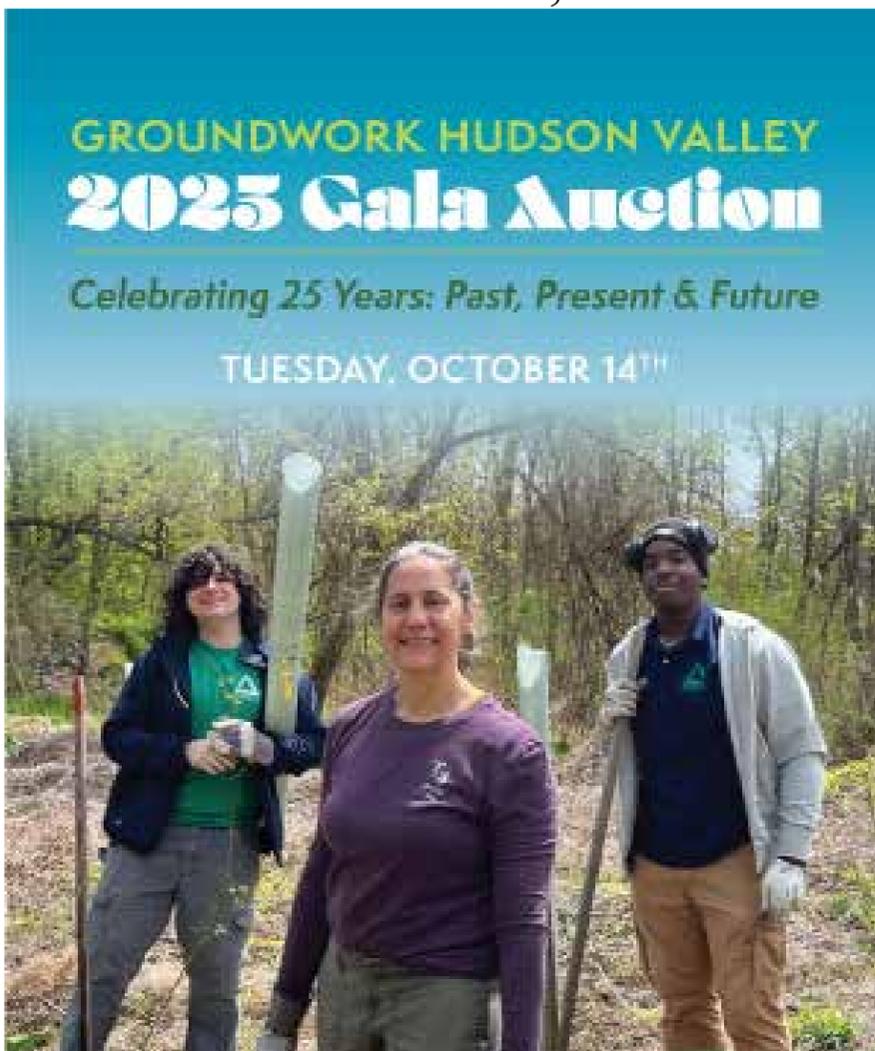
In the Family Court Sixth Judicial Circuit, Case No: 2025-DR-12-116

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.

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Mead, FPHA Commissioner Myer and the National Housing administrator-expeditor William Wyatt, stating material similar to beaverboard was used on the McLean Avenue units without siding and the material, "already was buckling." Veterans' temporary housing was built from surplus Government supplies and moved from site to site. They took satisfaction in moving and rebuilding hundreds of structures without using finished siding.

They assured the mayor they would do anything necessary to put the accommodations in a livable condition before the veterans moved in.

Thursday, October 16th

October 16, 1939: Residents of South Yonkers were upset muddy water suddenly ran out of their cold-water taps. Why? Yonkers switched from the Wendover Road connection to Catskill water from the Hillview gatehouse, and the reversed flow stirred up sediment in the pipes. The Water Bureau's "water gangs" flushed out hydrants and the condition was gone by the end of the day.

October 16, 1943: Staff Sergeant Carl Rudin, 75 North Broadway, was one of five "chorus cuties" putting on shows somewhere in China between bombing missions! If no WACS or Army nurses were around, these good sports pretended to be female entertainers. Rudin, who had worked for Danmore Dress Company a few buildings away from home, was a member of the US Army Air Forces heavy bomber group called the Liberators of China.

Friday, October 17th

October 17, 1776: General George Washington traveled Tuckahoe Road to inspect troops, roads and fortified places along the Bronx River, leaving from his headquarters at Thomas Valentine's home on Valentine Hill, now St. Joseph's Seminary and College.

October 17, 1923: Although City Judge Charles Boote, running for reelection, declined to actively campaign because the work of the court did not leave time for him to campaign, more than 100 people formed a committee to do electioneering for him. Boote believed tending to the court was more important, even if it cost the election.

Saturday, October 18th

October 18, 1935: The Carnegie Corporation of New York, in observance of the 100th anniversary of Mr. Carnegie's birth, presented a portrait of Andrew Carnegie to the Yonkers Public Library. Carnegie donated \$50,000 to build the library in 1903.

October 18, 1943: The John Dunbar Post, American Legion, accused the Board of Education of neglecting Roosevelt High School! Listing areas of concern in writing, the post mentioned leaking bathroom faucets, uneven flooring, broken and missing windowpanes, and a desperate need of painting. They stated the building was neglected for many years.

Sunday, October 19th

October 19, 1895: After the Common Council announced its plans to tear down the Manor Hall to build a new City Hall in its place, an irate citizen placed an ad in The Yonkers Statesman: "in memory of Philipse Manor hall, assassinated in 1895."

October 19, 1960: Democratic Presidential candidate John F. Kennedy made a campaign visit to Yonkers. He said, "I have come here today to request your help in this election. Whenever it rains, the Republicans go inside, but we stay outside and fight. We are up here today in Yonkers in a campaign to ask your support, to ask you to join us, to ask you to build a stronger country. I ask your help."

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visitors.

By contrast, Bally's Bronx project struggled in its CAC review. The committee did not produce a unanimous vote, with at least one member dissenting and the reasons were serious. Critics pointed to Bally's deteriorating financial position, including a negative credit rating watch by Fitch, as well as reports of stalled or under-delivering projects in other states. Questions about whether Bally's has the financial strength to deliver a mega-casino in New York loomed large.

"The fiscal viability just isn't there," said one CAC member during deliberations, adding that the Bronx community could be left with broken promises if the project falters.

Unlike Queens, where a casino would be integrated into a web of attractions, Bally's faces an uphill climb selling the Bronx site. Its relatively remote location and lack of surrounding amenities raise doubts about whether it could compete with the bright lights of Manhattan or the established draw of Queens' sports-and-entertainment corridor.

More troubling for Bally's, analysts say its Bronx proposal would do little to stop the billions of gaming dollars New Yorkers already spend annually in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut. Without the pull of a broader destination, Bally's risks becoming a regional afterthought in the most competitive casino market in the nation.

The State's Gaming Facility Location Board will ultimately decide which three applicants secure licenses. MGM's Empire City in Yonkers and Resorts World in Queens are seen as near-locks, leaving Bally's and Citi Field in what amounts to a Bronx vs. Queens playoff for the third slot.

And right now, it looks like the Mets are winning.

With a unanimous CAC vote, visible community enthusiasm, and a project anchored in one of New York's most-visited destinations, the Citi Field proposal appears to hold a decisive advantage. Bally's, meanwhile, faces questions not only about location and amenities, but also about whether it has the financial horsepower to cross the finish line.

As the casino stakes rise, the Yankees vs. Mets rivalry may once again capture headlines. But this time, it's not baseball fans keeping score, it's Albany.

SUMMONS-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER – GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1, Plaintiff, -against- HOPE T. COCCHI, ROBERT J. MORZILLO, AND MICHAEL A. MORZILLO, AS HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE DECEDENT ANGIE MORZILLO A/K/A ANGIE K. MORZILLO; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT ANGIE MORZILLO A/K/A ANGIE K. MORZILLO, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants - Index No. 65454/2025 Plaintiff Designates Westchester County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Westchester County. To the above named Defendants- YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated August 27, 2025. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME - If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GITSIT MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST BBPLC1) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Robert S. Ondrovic J.S.C. Dated: August 27, 2025 Filed: August 27, 2025. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 40 Newkirk Road, Yonkers, NY 10710. Dated: June 16, 2025 Filed: June 18, 2025 Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Mark R. Knuckles, Esq., 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591 Phone: (914) 345-3020

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Saint Joseph's Medical Center Announces \$20 Million Grant to Renovate Operating Rooms



From left, New York Assemblyman Nader Sayegh; New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins; New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald; Michael J. Spicer, President and Chief Executive Officer of Saint Joseph's Medical Center; Saint Joseph's Medical Center Board of Trustees Chairman James Landy and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano

Saint Joseph's Medical Center announced a grant for \$19.68 million from the New York State Department of Health's Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program IV (SHCFTP IV) to renovate its operating rooms. The grant will enable the hospital to modernize its surgical facilities, improve patient outcomes, and expand services.

The grant was announced by Michael J. Spicer, President and Chief Executive Officer of Saint Joseph's Medical Center, at a press conference held at the hospital and attended by State, County and City officials. Joining Spicer at the event were the following speakers: New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald; New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins; New York Assemblyman Nader Sayegh; Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Saint Joseph's Medical Center Board of Trustees Chairman James Landy.

Saint Joseph's Medical Center's operating rooms will be renovated so patients don't have to leave Yonkers to get cutting edge healthcare with the latest technology that results in superior outcomes and enhances the patient experience.

"Under Governor Hochul's leadership and unwavering commitment to ensuring the health and well-being of all New Yorkers, investments like this will help New Yorkers receive quality care close to home," said State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said. "Modernizing Saint Joseph's operating rooms will improve patient safety, expand access to advanced surgeries and strengthen the health of the Yonkers community."

"This funding will allow us to take a monumental step forward for our hospital and the community we serve," said Michael Spicer, President and Chief Executive Officer of Saint Joseph's Medical Center. "With the renovation of our operating rooms, Saint Joseph's Medical Center will further reduce healthcare disparities for the community we serve—now and in the future."

In addition to improving patient safety, the renovations are expected to increase operational efficiency, reduce turnover times between surgeries, and allow the hospital to serve more patients. The project is also aimed at continuing to attract and retain highly skilled surgeons by providing them with best-in-class surgical equipment and technology. Construction is expected to be finished by 2029.

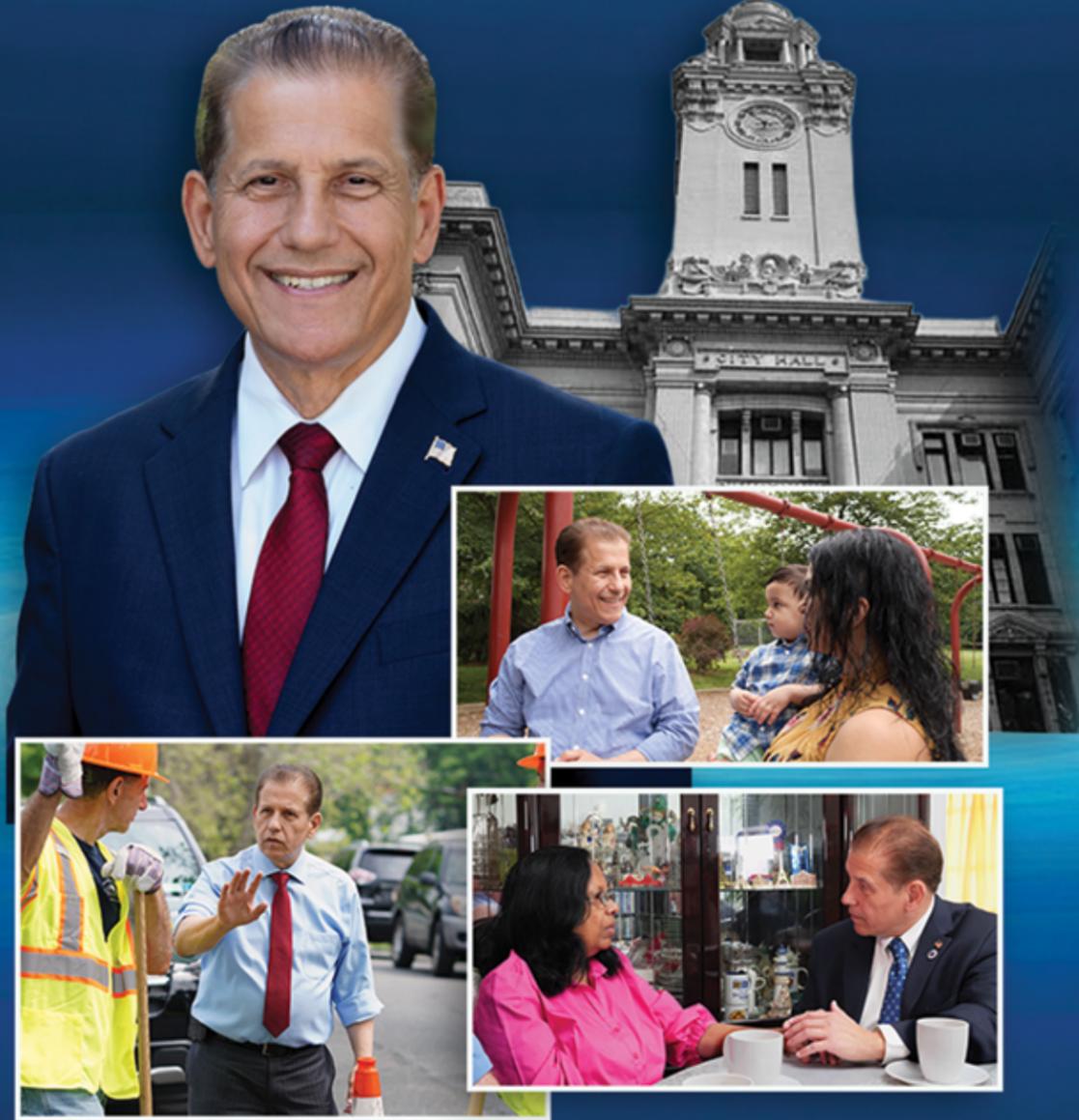
The New York State Department of Health's Statewide Health Care Facility Transformation Program IV is providing nearly \$300 million in new state funding in support of more than 50 projects aimed at expanding access to inpatient, primary, behavioral health, and long-term care services in underserved populations.

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