

## Former Mayor Phil Amicone Says “We Need John Isaac Now!” in the Assembly



*Assembly candidate John Isaac with former Mayor Phil Amicone*

*By Dan Murphy*

Former Yonkers Mayor Phil Amicone endorsed the candidacy of John Isaac, Assembly candidate in the 90th District of Yonkers. Mayor Amicone served two terms as Yonkers Mayor from 2004-2011. He was elected in 2003 and reelected in 2007.

Isaac is challenging Democratic Assemblyman Nader Sayegh in the 90th Assembly District, in a race that some are calling too close to call. Mayor Amicone’s endorsement is the biggest to date, and Amicone’s continued popularity in Yonkers will certainly help the Isaac campaign.

I love Yonkers. I love her for all she is, and it was with great honor and humility that I served as mayor of our great city. I will forever be grateful to my friends and neighbors who trusted me with their votes to elect me. In recent years, like so many of you, I have been very concerned about the state of affairs in and around Yonkers politics.

There are so many insiders, so much nepotism, so many closed doors allowing little daylight or transparency. This is a disconcerting situation. Now more than ever, we need a fresh voice, a new face, and some grace to balance our current slate of elected officials.

This is why, with great confidence, I enthusiastically endorse John Isaac to be the next assemblyman representing Yonkers in the 90th district. John is a family man, a humble and kind man of faith. John is also wise, a self-made success

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## Murder Suicide of Husband-Wife Shocks Yonkers



Google Maps Photo of 142 Chittenden Avenue

At just after 7:00 AM on October 16, 2024, the Yonkers Police Department received a report of an unconscious person in a home located at 142 Chittenden Avenue in this City. Upon arrival, units located two adults- one male, apparently deceased, with a gunshot wound to his head, and one female with several gunshot wounds to her body. First responders attempted life-saving measures on the female, who unfortunately succumbed to her wounds and was pronounced deceased on the scene. The male is identified as 54-year-old Sean O’Neill, and the female is identified as 47-year-old Arlene O’Neill. Detectives from the Major Case Squad and Crime Scene Unit responded to the scene to investigate. The investigation yielded that this was an apparent murder-suicide between a husband and wife who resided at that location. Investigators determined that a dispute took place, resulting in Sean O’Neill shooting Arlene O’Neill multiple times with a handgun before turning the weapon on himself. Sean O’Neill was identified as a retired NYPD Police Officer, and Arlene O’Neill was identified as a teacher in the Eastchester Union Free School District. The couple has three children who were home at the time of the incident but were physically unharmed. They are currently in the custody of family members. The City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Police Department extend our condolences to the family and friends of the O’Neill family.

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## Kawasaki Celebrates 5,000 Rail Car Built in Yonkers



*Mayor Mike Spano with Kawasaki Officials at their Yonkers Plant*

Kawasaki Rail Car, Inc. recently held a major milestone event celebrating its 5,000th railcar in the United States market. Taking place at Kawasaki’s facility in Yonkers, the event featured New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, MTA Chair and Chief Executive Officer Janno Lieber, Mayor Mike Spano and Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins.

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## Affordable Child Care is Essential for New York’s Future



*Assemblyman Nader Sayegh*

*Op-Ed by Assemblyman Nader Sayegh*

As the cost of living in New York State continues to rise, one issue remains front and center for working families across my district and state: the urgent need for affordable child care. Access to quality, affordable child care is not just a family issue – it’s an economic issue, a workforce issue, and ultimately, an issue of equality and opportunity. Without a robust, affordable child care system, parents are forced to make impossible choices between work and caring for their children. This not only stifles economic growth but also undermines the future potential of the next generation. New York must, and in recent years has, taken swift and bold action to address this crisis.

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## Voices Amplified: Social Media's Role in the LGBTQ+ Community



From Left to Right, Nekia Zulu and Cienna Rosalina, from Yonkers.

By Dennis Richmond Jr.

In today's digital age, platforms like TikTok, Instagram, and X (formerly Twitter) are revolutionizing how LGBTQ+ voices are heard and amplified. These spaces are not just for selfies and memes; they are vital tools for education, community building, and activism, transforming the landscape for marginalized groups in unprecedented ways.

TikTok has become a beacon for LGBTQ+ youth, allowing creators to share their journeys with a global audience through engaging short-form videos. Whether it's coming-out stories, discussions about gender identity, or humorous takes on queer life, users are discovering community and representation like never before. Hashtags like #LGBTQ, #TransJoy, and #NonBinaryVisibility connect millions, fostering a sense of belonging among young people navigating their identities.

Cienna Rosalina, a Yonkers native approaching nearly a quarter million followers on TikTok, highlights this shift: "Social media has significantly broadened the audience that LGBTQ+ activists can reach compared to the past. Activism used to be confined to protests and local events, but now it has a global stage." Cienna points out that for those in isolated or non-affirming environments, these platforms provide essential connections, offering support and validation that can be life changing.

Instagram plays a crucial role in visual storytelling for advocacy. Activists and organizations use its capabilities to spotlight pressing issues facing the LGBTQ+ community, from anti-trans legislation to mental health awareness. The platform's Stories and Reels features allow for quick dissemination of information and organization of events, while profile pronouns promote inclusivity.

Twitter, known for its immediacy, serves as a rallying point for LGBTQ+ activism. Users can quickly spotlight breaking news and engage in real-time discussions about crucial issues. Campaigns like #BlackTransLivesMatter gained traction here, highlighting the intersections of race and gender identity. Twitter fosters solidarity, enabling users to support one another and mobilize around urgent causes.

Despite its power, the digital landscape is not without challenges. Many LGBTQ+ creators face harassment and algorithmic bias, and censorship remains a threat. Yet, the potential for social media to amplify marginalized voices is undeniable. As these platforms evolve, so too will the ways in which queer individuals advocate for acceptance, equality, and joy.

Nekia Zulu, another prominent voice in the community, emphasizes the transformative impact of social media. "It's pivotal in bringing the LGBTQIA+ community out of the shadows of taboo," she says. "Now, you can find stylists, artists, and advocates who have always been part of this world but were hidden away." Social media allows these individuals to be recognized for their talents, from fashion to music, and shine a light on injustices faced by the community.

As we navigate the complexities of the digital age, social media remains a lifeline for the LGBTQ+ community, facilitating connection, education, and activism. While the journey has its hurdles, the collective strength and resilience displayed online is a powerful testament to the community's ongoing fight for equality. For many, social media isn't just a platform; it's a home.

*Dennis Richmond, Jr., an educator, historian, and writer, illuminates the experiences of Black, Latinx, and LGBTQ+ communities in Yonkers and NYC through his journalism. Stay connected with him by following @NewYorkStakz on social media.*

## Upcoming Events at Philipse Manor Hall

Saturday, October 19, 2024

12:00 PM – 2:00 PM | in-person at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site | FREE

How did people entertain themselves in the past? Join us indoors (outdoors, weather-permitting) at Philipse Manor Hall to try your hand at all kinds of historical games. Learn the history behind these games and then learn how to play Quoits, Nine Men's Morris, Shut the Box, Mancala, Graces, Ninepins, Captain's Mistress, and more! For children and adults. Free! No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Historian & a Movie: Sleepy Hollow (1999)

October 26, 2024

Celebrate the spooky season in Westchester County! Join us in-person in the Gothic Chamber as we watch Tim Burton's "Sleepy Hollow" (1999). Based on the Washington Irving tale by the same name, "Sleepy Hollow" is set in 1799 New York where young police constable Ichabod Crane investigates a series of murders in the rural town of Sleepy Hollow.

We'll hear from Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site manager Michael Lord with commentary on what is and isn't accurate to Irving's story, the Hudson Valley's Dutch heritage, and the history of late 18th century New York. "Sleepy Hollow" is rated R and is not recommended for young audiences.

This program is free and open to the public. Seating is first come, first served. Registration is recommended but not required. To register, call 914-965-4027 or email philipsemanorhall@parks.ny.gov.

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## Former Children’s Village Employee Convicted of Having Sex with Teen at Dobbs Ferry Campus



**Rebecca Jean-Baptiste**

A former employee of Children’s Village, a New juvenile center that provides programs and services for at-risk youth, was sentenced on Oct. 14 to a 10-year prison term after being convicted of engaging in sexual intercourse with a teenage resident in 2021 at the Westchester County campus.

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah said: “Thanks to our partners at the NYC Department of Investigation and the Justice Center, we are holding this defendant accountable for an egregious breach of trust and ensuring she is removed from working with and being near minors.”

Following her guilty plea in June, the defendant, Rebecca Jean-Baptiste, 28 of Yonkers, was sentenced, for the charge of rape in the third degree, to a 10-year mandatory period of probation with sex offender conditions and a permanent order of protection in favor of the victim. By law, her conviction also mandates that she register as a sex offender.

Among the terms of sex offender conditioned probation, the defendant is required to attend sex offender treatment and is prohibited from going to places where children may frequent, and from residing and working with any minors.

New York City Department of Investigation Commissioner Jocelyn E. Strauber said: “Rebecca Jean-Baptiste was responsible for the well-being of the teenagers in her care. Instead, she engaged in a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old, who by law is incapable of consent. I thank the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office and the Justice Center for their partnership on this important investigation.”

Acting Executive Director Maria Lisi-Murray, Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs said: “Ms. Jean-Baptiste’s crime is a gross exploitation of power and a violation of her moral responsibility to keep those in her care safe. Let this sentence send a message to abusers of vulnerable individuals.”

In late 2021, the defendant illegally engaged in sexual intercourse with a 16-year-old resident at the Dobbs Ferry campus of Children’s Village. Among the approximately 10,000 children served by Children’s Village, more than 400 are housed at the Dobbs Ferry residential facility, where the victim lived.

The defendant was employed as a Limited Secure Placement Specialist responsible for the direct care of youths, and later as a Control Room Specialist monitoring cameras throughout the campus.

In May 2022, facility staff reported the incident to the Justice Center, which oversees incidents of abuse and neglect in state-licensed juvenile centers and schools. The incident was immediately referred to the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI), which began working with the Westchester DA’s Office.

The DOI investigation was conducted by Assistant Inspector General Octavia Hill and supervised by Deputy Inspector General Harlyn Griffenberg, Inspector General Laura Millendorf, Deputy Commissioner of Strategic Initiatives Christopher Ryan and Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Dominick Zarrella. The District Attorney, DOI Commissioner and Acting Executive Director thanked the Ardsley and Dobbs Ferry police departments.

Dear editor,

As the election draws closer, we cannot ignore the growing impact of climate change on our communities. Hurricane Helene and now Hurricane Milton, along with dozens of wildfires this past summer — they’re all clear warning signs of a very real climate crisis.

This issue deserves more attention than it’s received so far this election cycle. During the presidential debate, only one brief question was asked about climate at the very end.

The fact is, the climate crisis impacts us all, no matter where we live or how much money we make. Americans are being told to flee their homes and risk losing everything. Meanwhile, Big Oil continues to put profits over people by prioritizing fossil fuels that continue to destroy our environment.

We cannot afford to lose any more time in the fight against the climate crisis. We need leaders — at the federal, state, and local level — who believe in the science of climate change and are willing or can be convinced to take bold action before it’s too late. So I urge everyone: When you cast your ballot this November, think of our planet and the people that call it home.

*Sincerely,*  
**Leah Hallow**  
**Yonkers**

*Amicone endorses Isaac, continued from pg 1-*

ful business owner who came from India as a legal immigrant in pursuit of the American dream.

John will be a voice of common sense in the one-party vacuum of the assembly. He will always do what is best for Yonkers families, and he will NOT reflexively rubber-stamp every whim of Governor Hochul and radical New York City special interests.

At the same time, John Isaac is not an idealogue. John will work across the aisle with anyone, regardless of party, to get the job done. What a refreshing concept! Working with colleagues, rather than bullying opponents!

My friends, we need John Isaac now,” said Mayor Amicone.

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## Letters:

October 13, 2024

To the Editor:

In the upcoming election New Yorkers will have the opportunity to vote on an amendment to the New York Constitution: Proposal 1, the Equal Rights Amendment (Prop 1).

You probably think we have a full ERA in the Constitution in New York State, but it only covers discrimination based on race and religion.

Prop 1 adds more protections to the Constitution: against discrimination based on age, disability, ethnicity or national origin, and sex – including sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy and pregnancy outcomes, and reproductive health care and autonomy. Prop 1 protects abortion rights and access to birth control and IVF.

New York State already has robust civil and human rights laws, but these laws could be changed or overturned, depending on who is in office.

Prop 1 does not change these existing laws; it simply takes the civil and reproductive rights we have under New York State law and makes them permanent in the New York State Constitution.

The League of Women Voters supports Prop 1 and urges a Yes vote on this amendment.

In addition, Westchester residents will be voting on Westchester County Proposition 2024-1:

“Should individuals serving in the position of Westchester County Legislator serve four-year terms instead of two-year terms?” The League has not studied this and has no position, but it has been unanimously approved by Westchester County Democratic, Republican, and Conservative legislators, and would bring Westchester in line with the majority of county boards in the state.

Proposal 1 and Proposition 2024-1 are listed on the back of the ballot. Remember: flip your ballot over and vote on these measures.

**Susan Maggiotto**

*President, League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns  
Hastings-on-Hudson*

## NY Libertarian Party Urges No Vote on Prop 1

The Libertarian Party of New York (LPNY) opposes Proposal 1, the so-called “Equal Rights Amendment,” on the upcoming general election ballot. After careful review of Assembly Bill A1283, we believe its language poses significant risks to the rights and liberties of New Yorkers, and urge voters to reject it, allowing for a future revision.

If passed, Proposal 1 would add a wide array of new anti-discrimination categories, including ethnicity, national origin, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, pregnancy, and reproductive healthcare. This extensive list goes beyond similar initiatives in other states, most of which are narrowly focused on abortion rights. Notably, New York’s proposal avoids using the term “abortion” altogether.

Legal Concerns and Case Precedents

A key concern is the inclusion of “national origin” as a protected class. In 2021, New York City passed a law allowing non-citizens to vote in local elections, enabling approximately 800,000 new voters. This law was struck down in *Fossella v. Adams*, where the court ruled that it was non-compliant with the New York State Constitution. However, if Proposal 1 passes, the protection of national origin could potentially overturn this decision by giving legal standing to non-citizens, thereby allowing them to vote in state and local elections.

Similarly, the inclusion of “age” as a protected class raises concerns about parental rights. The LPNY supports parental authority over minors until emancipation, except in cases where due process dictates otherwise. The broad inclusion of age as a category of non-discrimination could lead to expanded autonomy for minors in areas such as medical decisions, as seen in *Parham v. J.R.* (1979), where the Supreme Court acknowledged that parents have the primary role in child-rearing, but also opened the door for state intervention in specific cases. Amplifying age protections in the state constitution could further erode parental rights, particularly in areas such as gender identity and vaccination, where legislative battles are ongoing.

Section B of the proposal, which could lead to expanded affirmative action and quota systems in the private sector, also raises legal red flags. This section could be interpreted as enabling new mandates for hiring practices, potentially clashing with previous case law on affirmative action, such as the recent Supreme Court decision in *Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard* (2023). In that case, the Court placed limits on race-based affirmative action in university admissions, signaling that such quota-based systems are legally vulnerable under the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment. Section B of Proposal 1 could lead to protracted legal challenges if it attempts to extend similar quota systems to the private sector.

Conclusion

The LPNY sees Proposal 1 as being too risky and imprecise, and it will open the door to unintended legal consequences if passed. We urge voters to vote NO on Proposal 1 and to stay vigilant as legislators work on revising the language for future consideration.

## On This Day in Yonkers History...



Valentine Homestead, With George Washington and "Farmer" Valentine in Foreground. Courtesy of D. F. Valentine.

*A sketch of Washington and Thomas Valentine at the Valentine house, which served as Washington’s Headquarters in 1776 and 1781.*

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

Monday, October 21st

October 21, 1776: While Washington was in his headquarters at Thomas Valentine’s home on Valentine’s Hill, General Lincoln joined him. During this time, a party of American light horse and infantry took possession of Philipse Manor Hall.

October 21, 1943: Charles Ketcham, President of the Yonkers Savings Bank, shared letters he received from five Yonkers overseas servicemen, members of two Yonkers families. Their mothers had been selected to christen “The City of Yonkers, N. Y.,” a Thunderbolt aircraft sponsored by the Yonkers Savings Bank a few months earlier. Selected because they were the two Yonkers mothers with the most sons serving in the armed forces, the two women were entertained royally by Ketcham and the other bank officials on the day of the christening in Long Island.

Tuesday, October 22nd

October 22, 1926: The chairman of the Newark committee to erect a tribute to hometown sons lost in the World War so admired the delicacy and beauty of Yonkers memorial, he wrote to our city authorities to inquire the name and address of the sculptor, and the cost of the tablet and its construction. Renowned sculptor Isadore Konti of Riverdale Avenue, when he learned of the inquiry, said he thought it was “... a great honor that a visitor should comment on the memorial.”

October 22, 1930: Both Mayor John Fogarty and President of the Board of Education Leslie Sutherland were principal speakers at the formal opening of Longfellow Junior High School on North Broadway. Thousands toured the building after the ceremonies.

Wednesday, October 23rd

October 23, 1892: Eickemeyer-Field, Eickemeyer Dynamo Machine and Yonkers Machine Companies consolidated to form the Eickemeyer-Field Manufacturing Company; they created power and electric light plants and electric railroad equipment.

October 23, 1945: As part of the celebration of the 100th anniversary of Smith Carpet Mills, Vice President Harold Zulauf spoke to the Lions Club about the good old days. He shared workers were not allowed to wear a derby to work because it was an “executive perk” of a foreman. Wearing one would constitute impersonating an officer of the firm!

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22nd day October, 2024  
City Council Chambers  
City Hall  
40 South Broadway – 4th Floor  
Yonkers, New York  
7:00 p.m.

The proposed amendment to the Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025, increasing the estimated total authorization set forth in said Capital Budget by an amount not to exceed Three Million (\$3,000,000) Dollar, from Sixty-Eight Million Five Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Eighty-Six (\$68,583,086) Dollars, to an amount not to exceed Seventy-One Million Five Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand Eighty-Six (\$71,583,086) Dollars, to fund capital projects in and for the City of Yonkers.

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

LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY  
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT  
October 8, 2024

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A PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE YONKERS CITY COUNCIL TO HONOR THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY'S REQUEST TO HONORARILY RENAME HALLEY STREET BETWEEN MILE SQUARE ROAD AND CRESCENT PLACE "PATRICK QUINN WAY"

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

VINCENT SPANO  
City Clerk

October 8, 2024

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## Yonkers Force and Yonkers Brave Play Hard

By Phil Foley

Our two Yonkers teams played their hearts out and left it all on the field last Thursday night. The following are the results:

The Yonkers Brave lost to RC Ketchem HS by the score of 31-0. After the game the Brave Coach had this to say, "We could not take care of the ball. Dealing with injuries. Ketchem came up with a good game plan and executed it."

This Friday the Brave play White Plains HS at White Plains. Kick off is at 6 pm.

The Yonkers Force lost to Nyack HS last Thursday night by the score of 30-8. Force Quarterback Justin Vavrica was 9 for 20 passing in the game for 95 yards. One of his passes was a Touchdown scored by Jacob Henry. Kai Everett score om a 2 point conversion for the Force.

The Force are 3 and 3 on the season are back in league action this Saturday when they play host to Ramapo HS. Kick off time is 1:30 pm at Roosevelt High School.

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get missed. Right off the parkways on Spruce Street is Carlito's where \$5 buys a slice of pizza and a soda. \$4 for children. Luigi's on Bronx River Road makes a mean white slice and great cheese and tomato sauce pizza. South Broadway has Gino's, always a favorite going back to the days of the Park Hill Movie Theater.

You might want to do bagels and lox and my friends at GOLDBERG'S across from Cross County Center have what I consider the best bagels in Yonkers. Crispy on the outside, soft and fluffy inside. They make bagel twists but you better get there early to get one. GOLDBERG'S has a full appetizing counter with cream cheeses low and full fat. High Ridge Bagels on Central Park Avenue is like all good bagel shops; boils the bagels first than bakes them in the oven. Don't buy a bagel unless it is boiled than baked.

This week a Paris Baguette opened in the High Ridge Shopping Center. Add delicious cakes and pastries to fresh breads and you can be in Yonkers and feel like you are in Paris. A place some of you may go to if you are not happy with the election results.

So make sure you vote and then splurge on some pizza or fresh bagels or whatever floats your fancy.

**Reach Eric Schoen at [thistooisonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistooisonkers@aol.com), or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!**

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## Jewish holiday of Sukkot Celebrated in Yonkers



Damon Kaplan and his daughter Pilar assemble the shafts supporting the walls, building a sukkah in Yonkers. Photo (c) Robert Kalfus 2024

By Robert Kalfus

Building a sukkah in Yonkers. The Jewish holiday began on Wednesday evening at sunset and continues for 7 days.

The Torah commands: "All who are native Israelites shall dwell in booths, that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel dwell in booths when I brought them out of the land of Israel."

Every year in the Jewish month of Tishrei, Jews celebrate Sukkot, also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, for seven days. Jews build a hut, the sukkah, outside in full sunlight, which must have an unobstructed view of the sky, not overshadowed by tree branches or another structure. The sukkah must have at least two and a half walls and a roof made of branches and leaves. It is important that when inside the sukkah, one can still see the sky and be exposed to the elements, and at night, see the stars through the shach, the semi-porous bamboo material used to make the roof.

Jewish families have all their meals, breakfast, lunch, snacks and dinner, seated inside the sukkah. Every day they shake the branches of the four different species of plants mentioned in the Torah: etrog, palm, myrtle and willow. Some people carry all their activities outside into the sukkah; studying outside and when Sukkot come earlier in the year, in warmer weather, even sleeping in the sukkah!

Sukkot commemorates the 40 years the Jewish people spent in the desert of their journey to Israel after escaping from slavery in Egypt. The sukkah is a reminder that only G-d is able to give a real sense of security and safety when "You shall dwell in booths for seven days". Sukkot is a week long Jewish holiday celebrating the fall festival, one of the most joyful festivals in Judaism.

People celebrate Sukkot by building a sukkah, decorating the sukkah, prayer, and celebrating with family and friends, inviting and hosting meals. It is a time to bring together family, friends and community.

## Antonio Mignone Honored with DAR Good Citizen Award



Antonio Mignone

The Hudson River Patriots Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are proud to announce that Antonio Mignone has been awarded the prestigious DAR Good Citizen Award. This honor recognizes young people who demonstrate outstanding qualities of leadership, service, and patriotism in their communities.

Antonio has shown exemplary dedication to his peers and community through various volunteer initiatives and leadership roles. His commitment to community service and education reflects the core values of the DAR.

Antonio's Eagle Scout project involved designing and planting a pollinator garden at Kittrell Park in White Plains, which is making a lasting impact on the community. This project highlighted his leadership abilities and demonstrated his commitment to improving the environment for all to enjoy.

In May 2024 Antonio graduated from Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains and is now a freshman at Samford University in Birmingham, AL where he is majoring in Political Science.

"The DAR Good Citizen Award highlights the importance of civic responsibility," said Philomena Dunn, Regent, Hudson River Patriots Chapter of the DAR. "Antonio embodies these ideals, and we are thrilled to celebrate his accomplishments."

The award was presented at a ceremony on October 13, 2024, in the Sacred Heart Church Hall, Yonkers.

If you are interested in learning more about this topic or DAR membership, visit Facebook.com/HRPCDAR

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*“My focus is on improving the quality of life for all Yonkers residents because everyone deserves the same opportunity for success. Hard work should pay off no matter who you are or where you live.”*

*- Nader Sayegh*

**SAFER COMMUNITIES**

Nader Sayegh strengthened penalties for organized shoplifting and gave judges more discretion to hold dangerous criminals accountable for their actions. He also brought back more funding for local police departments and will work with the federal government on common sense solutions to the immigration crisis. Sayegh is endorsed by Yonkers, County, NYC, and State police.

**INFLATION RELIEF**

Nader Sayegh is working to provide relief for residents and businesses struggling with inflation. He voted to raise the state's minimum wage, speed up middle-class tax cuts, expand child care assistance, and help first-time homebuyers.

**BETTER SCHOOLS**

Nader Sayegh secured a record increase in state funding for Yonkers public schools, which helped restore extracurricular activities like sports, music, art, library, and support services.

**PROTECTING OUR RIGHTS**

Nader Sayegh will defend a woman's right to choose. He voted to strengthen protections for reproductive freedom, and can be counted on to stand up to conservative attempts to roll back the clock and take away our hard-won individual rights and freedoms.



A family man, Nader Sayegh has always called Yonkers home, growing up in Southwest Yonkers with his seven siblings. He and his wife, Sana, built their life together here, raising their five daughters, all who attended Yonkers public schools, achieving successful careers.



After working his way through college and law school, Nader dedicated his life to public service. He served for over 40 years as a teacher, principal, college professor and President of the Yonkers Board of Education. Nader worked hard to better

our education system by helping increase graduation rates and expanding after-school programs. He also served as a captain in the New York Guard.

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## Babcock Place Renamed in Honor of Archbishop George Leon Harris



A portion of Babcock Place has been renamed in honor of Archbishop George Leon Harris. He was devoted to his community here in Yonkers and helped develop the Christian Love Tabernacle School of the Bible (CLT). He also created a prison ministry, provided religious services to at-risk juveniles and created a food program that was helpful during the pandemic. Thank you to Yonkers City Council for leading this recognition for Harris’s family.

## Yonkers Partners in Education Celebrates YPIE Students at 17th Annual Gala



*Pictured (L to R): YPIE Executive Director Sam Wallis, YPIE Alumna Keila Hernandez, YPIE Gala Honoree Marie Rama, NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester Vice President of Operations Timothy J. Hughes, YPIE Alumna Perpetua Uduba, YPIE Board Chair David Westin, YPIE Alumnus Albert Asamoah Photo by Erik Kantar*

*“YPIE rests on the honest – and heroic – belief that through education and individual attention to our public-school children, regardless of their zip code, we can together build a better world.” - Marie Rama*

In a beautifully starlit room, the YPIE community celebrated 17 years of ensuring students are on the path to success in college and careers.

Gala Honoree Marie Rama captivated the room with her heartfelt remarks about her journey as a YPIE Volunteer since 2008 and the enduring relationship she has formed with her mentees.

“As mentors, we’ve heard their inspiring stories. And we’ve seen how their life experiences make them resourceful, responsible, wise, and kind. The majority of my former mentees, like so many other YPIE students, are now professionals giving back to our communities.”

Perpetua Uduba, one of Marie’s mentees, shared, “Since meeting Marie in the spring of 2016, she has been by my side throughout high school, college, and during my current postgraduate journey. Some of the many reasons why I cherish the mentorship I receive from Marie is because of her constant guidance, thoughtful advice, and unwavering support.”

YPIE also honored NewYork Presbyterian Westchester for its deep commitment to our community and YPIE students.

“Our mission at NYP focuses on providing hope and healing to all those who come through our doors,” said Timothy Hughes, CPA, Vice President of Operations and Business Development, NewYork-Presbyterian Westchester. “So, it is an incredible privilege for us to support Yonkers Partners in Education and its students who are pursuing a career in one of the most rewarding and transformative industries in the world – healthcare!”

YPIE students presented their impressive projects, including science research, finance, robotics, film, and more.

The event was held at Sarah Lawrence College, and the food was prepared by critically acclaimed chef and YPIE friend Peter X. Kelly.

YPIE thanks the supporters, volunteers, elected officials, school district leaders, and friends who joined this celebration. With the generous support raised from this gala, YPIE will continue to put college success within reach for thousands of students.

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## Latimer and County Health Commissioner Encourage all Residents to Get Their Flu Shot



Westchester County Executive George Latimer, above, rolled up his sleeve for his annual flu shot at the Westchester County Department of Health Clinic in White Plains. Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler administered Latimer's vaccine at the clinic.

Urging Westchester County residents to do the same, Latimer said: "Book a flu shot today, for your children and yourself. That yearly flu vaccine is the best way to avoid being sidelined by influenza, and one vaccine provides protection through the spring."

Vaccines are available at Westchester County Health Department Clinics by appointment; call 914-995-5800 weekdays before 4:30 p.m. to discuss eligibility. Flu shots are also available for a fee from many area pharmacists and medical offices. To find a vaccine near you, go to <https://www.vaccines.gov>. Vaccines are also available for uninsured and underinsured adults and children covered through the Vaccines for Adults and Vaccines for Children programs. To reach residents who have difficulty accessing flu shots, the Health Department is also holding clinics at some soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

Amler said: "I urge residents to get a flu shot for every member of their family six months and older, and the sooner the better. With new variants circulating, it is also a good idea to get the latest COVID-19 vaccine for your whole family. Vaccination protects you and it protects those around you who are more vulnerable to complications, such as infants too young to be vaccinated, seniors and people with chronic health conditions."

In the U.S., there are usually more flu cases between December and February, but flu can linger into May. One flu vaccine now provides protection all season long and can prevent illness or reduce the severity of flu symptoms. The vaccine becomes fully effective after about two weeks. Amler said that anyone who does get a respiratory infection should consider COVID/influenza testing.

Residents can once again order free at-home COVID-19 tests from the federal government to have on hand ahead of the upcoming respiratory virus season. Every household is eligible to receive four tests, which will be shipped free by USPS. Testing can help you determine if you have COVID-19 so you can decide what to do next, like getting treatment to reduce your risk of severe illness and taking steps to lower your chances of spreading the virus to others.

Antiviral medication is available by prescription for those who test positive with COVID or the flu, but it is most effective if started early in the illness, so contact your physician immediately. To avoid spreading germs to others, the CDC recommends residents wear a mask, cough or sneeze into their elbow and wash their hands frequently with soap and water. Those with flu should stay home for 24 hours after their fever subsides. Those who test positive for COVID should stay home to avoid spreading germs. They can resume activities when, for at least 24 hours, their symptoms are improving and they are fever-free without taking fever-reducing medication. Because they can still spread the virus, they should wear a mask in public for another five days, and clean surfaces they touch frequently.

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Thursday, October 24th

October 24, 1929: City Engineer Chris Sheridan revealed the city's plans to build a new street from Nepperhan Avenue to Silk Place and shift the Nepperhan River back to its original bed; the city planned to build a retaining wall along the river. The new road was created to shorten by one mile the circuitous route to the new municipal incinerator.

October 24, 1942: Sixty Yonkers firefighters, representing every Yonkers off-duty firefighter, volunteered their day off to ride US Army trucks collecting scrap metal! They reported to Larkin Plaza to work on the city-wide Scrap for Victory campaign.

Friday, October 25th

October 25, 1936: The New York State Historical Society presented Yonkers 22 historical markers at a special ceremony in Manor Hall.

October 25, 1946: Yonkers first Black dentist, Dr. Edward Jones, whose office was at 46 Warburton Avenue, was featured in a picture spread and article in Ebony magazine as one of the more influential residents of the Sugar Hill neighborhood.

Jones had been National Broad-jump champion some thirty years earlier and still traveled to various sports events in the New York area. Sugar Hill was located on a high bluff, covering the area from New York City College to the Polo Grounds, and was home prominent African Americans such as Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, Roy Wilkins, William Andrews, Canada Lee and William Stanley Braithwaite.

Saturday, October 26th

October 26, 1931: The Leake and Watts Orphan House at 463 Hawthorne Avenue celebrated its 100th Anniversary. The home, originally located at the site of St. John the Divine Cathedral in NYC, moved to Yonkers in 1888 when its location was sold to make way for the cathedral.

October 26, 1945: The women of Otis were complimented on their efforts to welcome the troops sailing past Yonkers on their way to Piermont and home.

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Sunday, October 27th

October 27, 1776: American troops left Valentine Hill to join General Washington's assembly of his troops in White Plains.

October 27, 1917: Mrs. William Ives, leader of the Yonkers Suffrage Party, led more than 100 Yonkers women to Yonkers City Hall to visit Mayor Lennon; the group then headed to Manhattan to march in the New York City Suffrage parade.

October 27, 1917: Learning James Donaghy, part of the Yonkers Belmont (silent) Film Studio on Herriot Street was rejected from the US Aviation Corps because he was an alien, the Aerial League of America (ALA) immediately made him an active member!

According to Secretary of the ALA wrote it was because of "... our appreciation of your co-operation in assisting the league to render a maximum service in the organization of substantial aerial forces."

**Questions or comments on this column? Email [YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com](mailto:YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com). For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website [www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org](http://www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org), call 914-961-8940 or email [info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org](mailto:info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org).**

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MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC VS.

UNKNOWN HEIRS OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA; DONNAMARIE DISTASIO, HEIR-AT LAW OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA; RICHARD DISTASIO, HEIR-AT LAW OF THE ESTATE OF LUCIETTA BORGIA; SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBORHOODS LLC; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #12," the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint,

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**Three Early Voting Locations in Yonkers Starting October 26**

Early Voting in New York State will begin prior to the November 5th General Election. The early voting period will be from Saturday, October 26, 2024 through Sunday, November 3, 2024. Days and Hours as follows:

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Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.

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Nodine Hill Community Center, 140 Fillmore Street, Yonkers, NY 10701  
Riverfront Library, One Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER  
INDEX NO: 70289/2023  
D/O/F: 11/03/2023

**SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS**

Property Address: 351 South 3rd Avenue a/k/a 351 Third Avenue South a/k/a 351 South 3rd Street, Mount Vernon, New York 10550

Plaintiff designates Westchester County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the County in which the property is situated.

BRITE FAMILY LLC,

Plaintiff,

-against-

BRENDA O. JONES A/K/A BRENDA JONES A/K/A BRENDA A. JONES, if living, and if she be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff;

TEMICKA L. JONES A/K/A TEMICKA JONES A/K/A TENICKA JONES A/K/A TEMICKA C. JONES A/K/A TOMICKA L. JONES, if living, and if she be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff;

DOUGLAS R. DRAYGOH A/K/A DOUGLAS DRAYGOH A/K/A DOUGLAS R. MADDOX, if living, and if he be dead, grantees, mortgagees, lienors, heirs, devisees, distributees or successors in interest of such of them as may be dead, and their husbands and wives, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to Plaintiff; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA O/B/O INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE;

“JOHN DOES” and “JANE DOES”, said names being fictitious, parties intended being possible tenants or occupants of premises, and corporations, other entities or persons who claim, or may claim, a lien against the premises,

Defendant(s).

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 on the Plaintiff's Attorneys within twenty (20) days after service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the State, or within thirty (30) days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANTS: The foregoing Summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Nancy Quinn Koba, a Justice of the Supreme Court, Westchester County, entered Sept. 16, 2024 and filed with the complaint and other papers in the Westchester County Clerk's Office.

THE OBJECT OF THE ACTION is to foreclose a mortgage recorded in the Westchester County Clerk's Office on September 29, 2021 in Control #612713799, covering premises k/a 351 South 3rd Avenue a/k/a 351 Third Avenue South a/k/a 351 South 3rd Street, Mount Vernon, NY 10550 a/k/a Section 169.31, Block 3115, Lot 24.

**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.**

The following notice is intended only for the defendants who are owners of the premises sought to be foreclosed or who are liable upon the debt for which the mortgage stands as security.

**YOU ARE HEREBY PUT ON NOTICE THAT WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.**

PLEASE BE AWARE:

(1) that debt collectors, in accordance with the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq., are prohibited from engaging in abusive, deceptive, an unfair debt collection efforts, including, but not limited to:

- i. the use or threat of violence;
- ii. the use of obscene or profane language; and
- iii. repeated phone calls made with the intent to annoy, abuse, or harass.

(2) If a creditor or debt collector receives a money judgment against you in court, state and federal laws may prevent the following types of income from being taken to pay the debt:

1. Supplemental security income, (SSI);
2. Social security;
3. Public assistance (welfare);
4. Spousal support, maintenance (alimony) or child support;
5. Unemployment benefits;
6. Disability benefits;
7. Workers' compensation benefits;
8. Public or private pensions;
9. Veterans' benefits;
10. Federal student loans, federal student grants, and federal work study funds; and
11. Ninety percent of your wages or salary earned in the last sixty days.

TO THE DEFENDANTS, except Brenda O. Jones, Temicka L. Jones, and Douglas Draygoh: The Plaintiff makes no personal claim against you in this action.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: Brenda O. Jones, Temicka L. Jones, and Douglas Draygoh: If you have obtained an order of discharge from the Bankruptcy court, which includes this debt, and you have not reaffirmed your liability for this debt, this law firm is not alleging that you have any personal liability for this debt and does not seek a money judgment against you. Even if a discharge has been obtained, this lawsuit to foreclose the mortgage will continue and we will seek a judgment authorizing the sale of the mortgaged premises.

Dated:

Sandy J. Stolar, Esq., Margolin, Weinreb & Nierer, LLP, Attorneys for Plaintiff  
165 Eileen Way, Suite 101, Syosset, New York 11791-516-921-3838--#101810



*Kawasaki in Yonkers, continued from pg 1-***One of the 5,000 completed Kawasaki rail cars built in Yonkers**

474 cars for Metro-North Railroad, 336 cars for Long-Island Railroad  
517 cars for PATH, 266 cars for SEPTA, 748 cars for WMATA,  
140 cars for MBTA, 50 cars for MARC, 13 cars for VRE

Through four decades of operations in the City of Yonkers, the event recognized the thousands of jobs created and sustained by Kawasaki and the robust economic activity the business has generated for the State of New York. As a beacon of Kawasaki's United States operations, the company's presence in Yonkers is a testament to our global vision and local dedication in spearheading the future of America's public transportation.

"Established in Japan over a century ago, Kawasaki has left indelible tracks across the landscape of global railway history," said Ambassador Mikio Mori, Consul General of Japan in New York. "By selecting Yonkers four decades ago for its rail car manufacturing facility, Kawasaki demonstrated a commitment to the success and prosperity of New York State."

"Kawasaki has been an integral part of New York's economy for decades, driving innovation and providing significant opportunities throughout the State," said New York State Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "Their deep investment back into our economy, by contracting with local businesses has helped strengthen local industries and New York's economy. Today, as we celebrate the remarkable milestone of 5,000 railcars, we also recognize the skilled workers whose expertise has been crucial to this success. Kawasaki continues to set a high standard in manufacturing and innovation, and I look forward to their continued partnership in advancing New York's economic future."

"Over the past four decades Kawasaki has been a reliable partner to the MTA, manufacturing thousands of reliable cars for our customers," said MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber. "The company has been integral to the decades-long turnaround of the subway system and the 2025-29 Capital Plan recently adopted by the MTA Board calls for even greater investment in new subway and commuter rail cars."

"Kawasaki Rail Car has made a significant positive impact on Yonkers and the surrounding communities," said New York State Senator Shelley Mayer. "For over four decades, Kawasaki has built the rail cars that contribute to the strength of our public transportation system and has created well-paying jobs and opportunities for local residents."

"Kawasaki's presence in Yonkers makes an impact in more ways than one. Not only is Kawasaki an economic engine for our region, but most of the railcars it produces are used by the MTA. If you have ridden Metro North or a New York City subway, odds are you have ridden on a Kawasaki car that was built in Yonkers," said New York State Assemblyman, Nader Sayegh.

"Westchester County is proud to have Kawasaki as a key partner in driving our local economy by creating well-paying jobs for our residents and fueling economic growth," said Westchester County Executive George Latimer. I hope Kawasaki continues to call Westchester home for many years to come, long after my time here, and that they remain at the forefront of innovation, producing cutting-edge train cars that provide not only comfort and style but also the highest standards of safety."

"Kawasaki has been a proud partner of Westchester County, and particularly Yonkers, for decades, strengthening our economy and creating well-paying jobs for our residents," said Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins. "We thank Kawasaki not only for their lasting commitment to the people of Westchester, but also for helping us reach our destinations with comfort, style and safety."

"Kawasaki has played an integral role in supporting a thriving downtown waterfront by providing thousands of good-paying jobs and supporting small businesses in the surrounding area," said Yonkers Mayor, Mike Spano. "I am so pleased to have Kawasaki as part of the City's fabric for decades to come."

"This is an important milestone for Kawasaki," said Kawasaki Rail Car, Inc. President and Chief Operating Officer, Yusuke Hirose. "We are proud of our history in working with New York State, the MTA, Westchester County, the City of Yonkers and all of our customers and vendors to power the region's economy and deliver safety, reliability and comfort time and time again. Kawasaki looks forward to serving the MTA regions and transit authorities in the northeast corridor for many years to come."

"We are honored to be New York's partner in progress to meet the growing demand for Kawasaki's rolling stock," said Kawasaki Railcar Manufacturing Co., Ltd. President and Chief Executive Officer, Hiroshi Murao. "We constantly push the boundaries of what is possible, delivering safety, reliability and comfort levels that consistently surpass our customers' expectations. At our Yonkers facility, we create railcars but we also generate long-term value to drive savings in maintenance and operations for the State."

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## NONPARTISAN COALITION TO PROTECT KIDS-NY ANNOUNCES

### "WALK OFF FOR FAIRNESS DAY"

### Statewide Sports #GirlCott October 24

New York State high school athletes are being urged to walk off playing fields on Thursday, October 24th — "Walk Off for Fairness Day" — to protest the continuing efforts to end girls-only sports in New York, the nonpartisan ballot issue committee, Coalition to Protect Kids - NY, which is organizing the #GirlCott, today announced.

The Coalition is urging female athletes, and males who want to stand with them, to skip practices and games that day to raise awareness about two separate and imminent threats to Girls and Women's Sports in New York: the ongoing effort by the State Board of Regents to combine Girls and Boys High School Sports, and Prop 1, a 2024 statewide Constitutional ballot amendment that would almost certainly lay the groundwork for biological males gaining a permanent right to compete on girls teams, despite their clear physical advantages.

"Girls are being systematically canceled in this state, and 'Walk Off for Fairness Day' will give them a safe opportunity to make their voices heard," said Coalition to Protect Kids - NY spokeswoman Ayesha Kreutz. "So many of these young women are afraid of speaking out, so they're forced to watch as 50 years of female athletic progress gets washed away by destructive ideologues. Girls are not second class citizens, so why are they being treated that way?"

In April 2024 the NYS Department of Education issued draft guidance allowing boys on Girls Sports teams based on their chosen gender. It also allows boys - regardless of their gender choice - to play on girls' teams if the school fails to offer a boys' team in a selected sport. If Prop 1 passes on November 5th, these regulations could likely gain permanent NYS constitutional backing, the Coalition notes.

"New Yorkers know what's happening to Girls Sports isn't fair," said Tamara Marcella of Staying Woman TMM Global, a Coalition partner. "Indeed, 66% recently polled (Siena) want girls-only sports preserved in the state. They aren't anti-anyone; they're simply pro-Girl, and that should be enough."

Visit [protectkidsny.com](http://protectkidsny.com) for more information.

### *Op-Ed Childcare, continued from pg 1-*

Currently, child care in New York State is unaffordable for far too many families. Too many parents, especially mothers, are being forced out of the workforce because they cannot afford child care, creating a vicious cycle that hinders both family financial stability and economic productivity. This is an unfortunate reality I hear about regularly from constituents. Hardworking parents who want to contribute to our economy, grow their careers, and provide for their families are being hamstrung by child care costs that eat up a significant portion of their earnings.

The COVID-19 pandemic further exposed the deep cracks in our child care system. During the heights of the pandemic, many essential workers, many of whom were women and individuals of color, struggled to find child care while keeping our economy and health systems running. A lack of affordable options is not just a problem for individual families – it's a problem for our entire workforce. If parents cannot return to work due to child care challenges, our state as a whole is negatively affected.

New York has made real, substantive strides in addressing this crisis, but more must be done. This past state budget, I was proud to support efforts to expand access to child care assistance and increase funding for child care providers. We continued and enhanced initiatives to expand access to affordable child care, invested in New York State's child care workforce, and supported working families as part of the historic \$7 billion, four-year investment in child care services. This includes more than doubling funding to \$1.8 billion for the Child Care Assistance Program, which subsidizes the cost of child care for eligible families based on their income. \$50 million in capital grants for the construction or expansion of child care centers. \$50 million in business tax credits for workplace-based child care expansion. More than \$100 million in funding for the new LEAPS after-school grant program. Utilizing more than \$280 million in underutilized federal pandemic funds allocated to the Workforce Retention Grant program, which will provide recruitment funding and bonus payments to nearly 14,000 child care providers statewide. All of this done in a state budget that did not include any new increases in State income or business taxes.

Ultimately, affordable child care is not a luxury – it's a necessity. My colleagues in the State Government and I have taken concrete steps in helping to combat this crisis, and will continue delivering to benefit all New Yorkers in the future. If we are serious about building a stronger, more equitable future, we must invest in our child care system. That means continuing to provide funding, increasing accessibility, and ensuring that every family has the opportunity to access quality care for their children. This is not only an investment in our children, but also in our state's economy and future.

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## Yonkers Halloween Pet Parade & Fashion Show Set for October 26



The Yonkers Halloween Pet Parade & Fashion Show is BACK for 2024! Join us for a howling good time where your furry friends will be costumed up to take center stage of attention on Saturday, October 26 from 12 to 2pm!

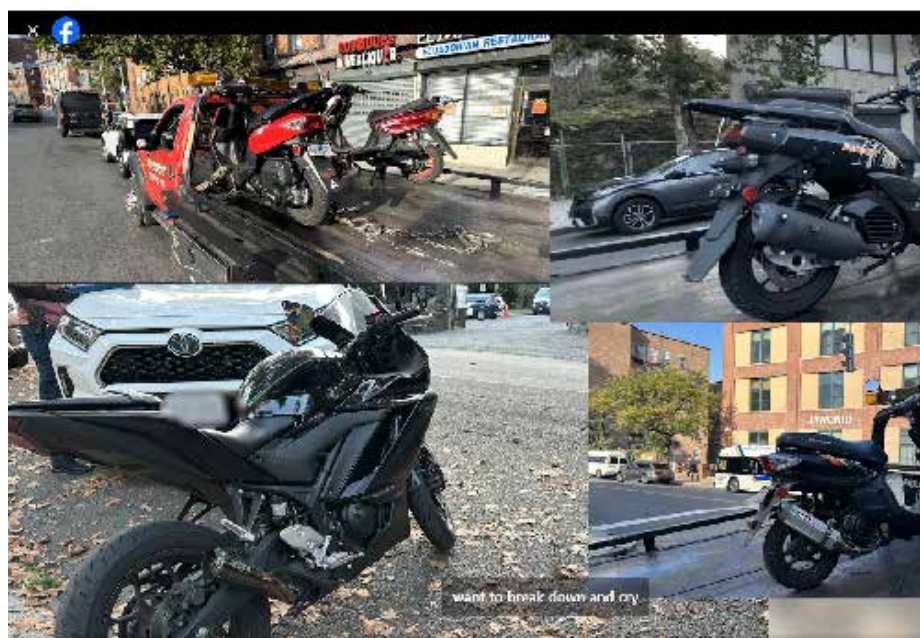
Watch as pets parade then compete in the Fashion Contest Show for scariest, cutest, and most creative costume by the Yonkers Waterfront! Best costumed pets win a PRIZE!

Check-in will start at 12 PM by the Waterfront Amphitheater, 71 Water Grant Street. Parade will start promptly at 12:15 PM and Fashion Contest Show will begin at 1 PM.

FREE 360 Video Booth for you and your pet. Plus, FREE gift bags for all pets sponsored by Animal Specialty Center

\*\* Free registration is needed prior to event. Registration is per pet & a number will be given to your pet upon check-in arrival.

## Yonkers Police Take More Illegal Mopeds and Motorcycles Off the Streets



It's been fifty-seven days since our last targeted moped & motorcycle enforcement detail... We're back, and our "Half the Wheels, All the Laws" operation last week did not disappoint!

Since the Summer of 2022, at the direction of Mayor Mike Spano and Commissioner Sapienza, we have conducted several dedicated details to enforce the reckless operation of mopeds and motorcycles. Despite being something that is enforced regularly by our Officers, we found that dedicated and concentrated efforts, primarily by our experienced plainclothes units, make a significant impact on the number of illegal vehicles that we can take off the roadway.

Last Thursday, (Oct. 3) in just under 3 hours, we impounded nearly 30 mopeds, scooters, and motorcycles. These vehicles had everything from registration violations to equipment violations, and many were being operated recklessly. We issued over 50 summonses during that time- tickets that will hopefully send the message home to operators that in order to be on our streets, you have to obey the law.

The day ended with the arrest of Jacob Navarro Salguero (26) of the Bronx who thought it was a good idea to operate his black Yamaha motorcycle recklessly, speeding dangerously through rush hour traffic with no license plate. Our Pattern Crimes Unit caught up with him and placed him under arrest, issuing him 7 summonses and charging him with Reckless Endangerment, Reckless Driving, and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation for having 19 active suspensions on his license.

Since our last detail in May, we have taken almost 200 illegal mopeds, motorcycles, scooters, and recreational vehicles off the roads- over almost 300 for the year!

We won't tolerate the dangerous and unlawful operation of recreational vehicles in our City. It continues to be one of the top complaints from our community, and it will continue to be one of our top focuses for enforcement until these operators follow the law.

**YONKERS CHAMINADE MUSIC CLUB  
FREE CONCERT**

Sunday October 20, 2024 at 2:00 pm  
Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Ave., Yonkers NY

Featuring Renowned Artists

**REBECCA YOUNG, Violist**



**JAMES RENSINK, Pianist**



Performance will include Arpeggione Sonata by Franz Schubert, Schindler's List Theme by John Williams, several virtuoso transcriptions by Fritz Kreisler.

After the concert:  
**Join us for refreshments and the opportunity to greet the artists.**

Information: [www.chaminademusic.org](http://www.chaminademusic.org) [chaminade@optonline.net](mailto:chaminade@optonline.net) free parking

## Las Hermanas Mirabel Students Learn About Fire Safety



Thank you to our Yonkers Fire Prevention and Yonkers Fire Department for visiting Yonkers Public Schools Las Hermanas Mirabel Community School. The kids learned about fire safety while exploring a smoke trailer and learned what to do in case of a fire. Firefighters encouraged our students to practice fire drills and home and make sure their homes have working smoke alarms.

MAYOR MIKE SPANO  
& THE YONKERS DEPT. OF PARKS, RECREATION & CONSERVATION  
PRESENT

**HALLOWEEN  
AT UNTERMYER PARK**  
945 North Broadway, Yonkers

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>  
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM

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Outdoor Movie showing  
"Halloween Town" (PG) at dusk on October 25th  
"Halloween Town II" (PG) at dusk on October 26th

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL 914.377.6450



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