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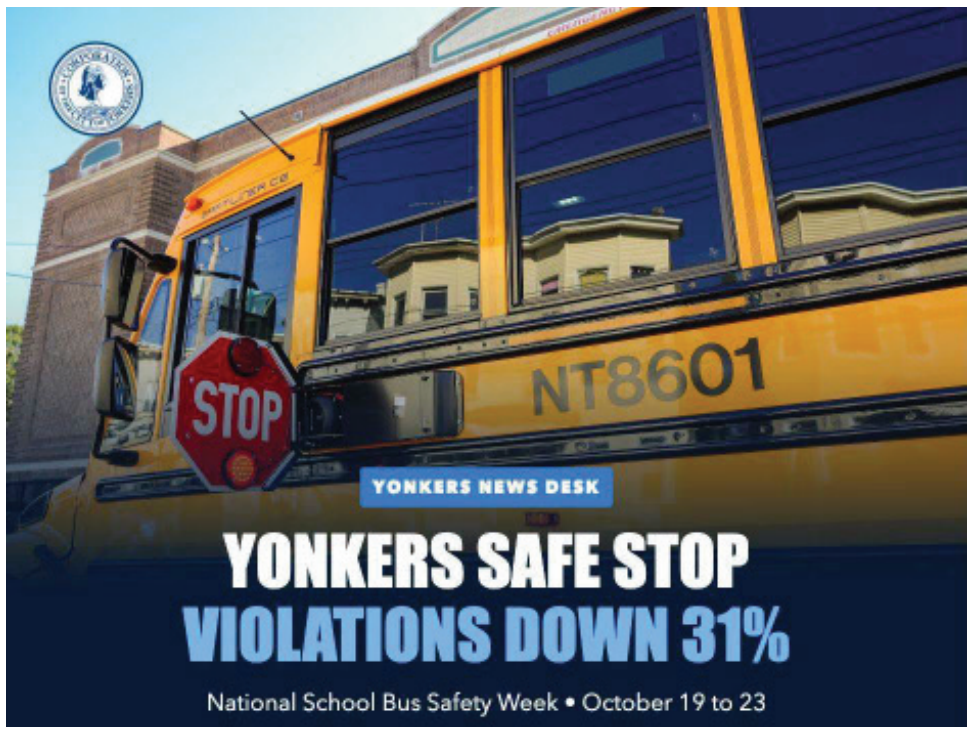
Happy 100th Birthday George Riggs



George Riggs with State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins at his 100th birthday celebration

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Yonkers Safe Stop Violations Down 31%



Yonkers Safe Stop bus camera violations issued fell nearly 31% between the last two full school years, from 24,468 in September 2024 through June 2025 to 16,908 in September 2025 through June 2026. That is 7,560 fewer violations issued. The program began issuing tickets on November 13, 2023, following a 30-day warning period. From that date through October 13, 2026, 64,904 bus camera violations were issued.

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Rest in peace, Yonkers Firefighter Roberto Rivera Jr.



From the Yonkers Fire Department:

It is with profound sadness that the Yonkers Fire Department announces the passing of Firefighter Roberto Rivera Jr., assigned to Fire Station 13, who passed away on October 24, 2026.

The members of the Yonkers Fire Department extend our deepest condolences to Firefighter Rivera's family, friends, and fellow firefighters during this difficult time.

A GoFundMe has been created. Roberto "Berto" Rivera was not only a pillar

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Nolan-Skipper Saga Continues asYonkers Residents Chime in





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We Endorse: Congressman George Latimer For Relection-NY-16



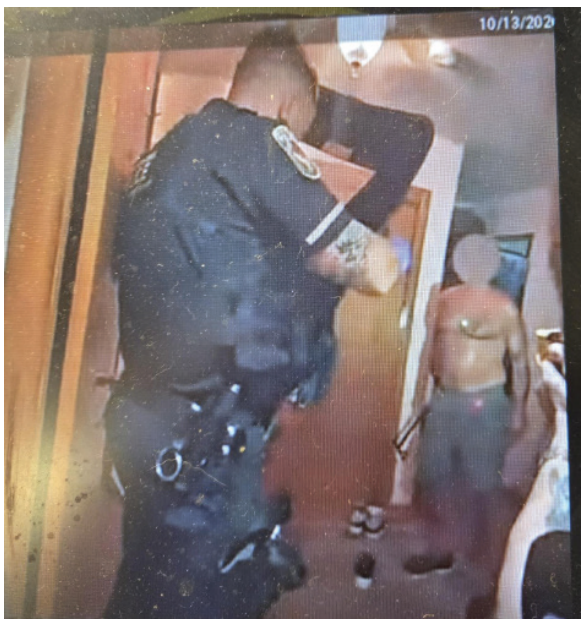
Rising Media Group and Yonkerstimes.com endorse Congressman George Latimer for reelection in NY-16. Rep. Latimer is completing his first term in the House.

Latimer challenged former Congressman Jamaal Bowman in a contentious democratic primary two years ago, after being encouraged to challenge the incumbent by thousands of Westchester residents.

Latimer's service to the people of Westchester is unm atched. He has served in the Assembly and State Senate, as County Executive, and now in Congress.

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Yonkers Police Officers Confronted by A Man with a Hachet



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From the Yonkers Police Department: We're back with another episode of FIND OUT FRIDAY, and today we're finding out that greeting our Officers with a hatchet is a surefire way to be introduced to electricity.

On October 13th, Yonkers Police Officers from our Emergency Service Unit (ESU) and 2nd Precinct responded to a residence after concerned family members called for assistance regarding a relative who was behaving erratically, holding a "cutting tool".
Upon entering the home, Officers were confronted by a man armed with a large

Yonkers Community Responds with Donations for Ukraine



Motria Watters of UUARC, Mr. Ivan, Oksana Kulynych, organizer of Donation drive

Yonkers resident Oksana Kulynych organized a community donation drive to send urgently needed medical equipment, medical supplies, and winter clothing to people in Ukraine affected by the ongoing war. With assistance from St. Michael's Ukrainian Catholic Church and other organizations, the initiative titled "Urgently Needed Donations to Ukraine" brought together community members to help people facing difficult and dangerous conditions. The United Ukrainian American Relief Committee (UUARC), a Philadelphia based organization founded in 1944 to assist refugees following World War II, collected the filled to capacity cargo van in Yonkers on Tuesday, October 27, 2026. The supplies will be shipped this Saturday in a container to Poland, then by tractor trailer to Lviv in western Ukraine for distribution to areas where assistance is urgently needed. The organizers of the donation drive are extremely grateful to the many individuals for their generous donations to this important cause.

I Am Back Beating the Drum for HBCUs



By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

More than a decade ago, I started talking to students, mostly teens, about Historically Black Colleges and Universities because I knew firsthand what an HBCU could do.

I was a 19-year-old student at Claflin University when I began visiting schools and encouraging students in New York to consider HBCUs. That work grew into what became The New York–New Jersey HBCU Initiative.

Katrina Jefferson encouraged me to expand the name from The New York HBCU Initiative to The New York–New Jersey HBCU Initiative. Professor Patricia Koger of Claflin University gave me the words that became my tagline, "Beating the Drum for HBCUs." And I am beating that drum again.

In 2020, the New York Amsterdam News described me as a "heartbeat" of the HBCU community. Six years later, I am continuing this work with an even greater sense of urgency.

The numbers help explain why. According to federal higher-education data, roughly 300,000 students attend HBCUs, and Black students continue to make up the majority of their enrollment. Yet HBCUs represent only a small fraction of American colleges and universities.

There are also encouraging signs for Black students nationally. According to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center's 2026 Persistence and Retention Report, 70 percent of Black students who entered

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What happens if you don't vote

By Robert M. DiVincenzo

First of all, lets talk about the polls. The polls are designed to influence the way people think, feel and take action or not, on election day. They are NOT the election. People get swayed one way or another by the polls and don't understand that who is being polled is the most important thing. If they are weak they will use it as an excuse to fuel their preconceived ideas and stay home (which they think is not voting) and as we will discover later, staying home and thinking you are not voting is not true. A poll that is not fact based and balanced fairly, is actually a form of propaganda.

That being said, please read on and let us expose an invasive and corrosive myth.

What if… Exposing a Myth

Let us expose a mind paralyzing myth. Sunday I heard a prominent conservative talk show host say, "What if people wont come out to vote". So why wouldn't they and most importantly, why wouldn't YOU?

It is because they have bought into the myth which has become a mind virus propagated by those who don't want you to get out and vote. This myth is, "my vote doesn't count, so why bother, nothing is going to change anyway". Nothing could be further from the truth. Nothing stays the same. Just take a look at your baby picture.

This excuse has become an inherently dis-empowering belief which is as infectious as a virus and results in lazy people slouching and falling to complaining, rather than being responsible for an outcome. No one knows how you voted unless you volunteer the information to them and its none of their business anyway!

Factually speaking, mathematically, not voting is passive voting. It is voting by forfeit!

You gave up your vote to another and allowed their vote to count twice. Allow me to explain. Lets say two people are running for office. You did not vote and you don't like the person who won. Well guess what; you voted for that person! You did not vote and you gave your vote to another voter who voted for the person who actually won; the candidate you don't like. You cannot argue with the math. You voted for the person you did not want to win by NOT voting. This is voting by forfeit.

What if… not voting is actually voting?

Lets pretend you are on a football team. You caught the ball and you ran with it all the way to the 5 yard line. Then mysteriously you stopped, turned around and gave the ball to the opposing team and they ran with it, scored and won the game! How long do you think you would remain on the team you were on?

You already know the answer to that question.

There really is no excuse for not voting because it is a myth. It does not exist. Do you understand?

Not voting IS voting.

Inherent in our system is voting for those who say they are what they represent. We vote for them and then most go to sleep for a time until they do, say and vote for something to the contrary. The tendency is for the electorate to go to sleep because of a false sense of trust. Do not go to sleep. Be watchful and be willing to call them out. This is your responsibility.

Remember: Thomas Jefferson said, "The price of liberty is eternal vigilance". That vigilance we speak of is not sometimes, it is eternal.

So stop being brainwashed and VOTE for the candidate who is going to preserve our constitution and our constitutional rights. If they falter, lobby. Call them on it.

Exercise your sacred constitutional right we all have in our Constitutional Republic and VOTE WISELY!.

So, really, there is no "staying home".
Your say in the matter? Wake up; Use it or Lose IT!
Wake up NOW!: VOTE WISELY!.

Robert M. DiVincenzo, Yonkers

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5oan Newton Cuneo, one of the foremost women drivers in the country, gave an exhibition of driving skills during a two-mile race in Yonkers in 1905

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Municipal Historian, 1977 recipient of the Key to the City of Yonkers, President Emeritus Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board Member, Founder of Revolutionary Yonkers 250 and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, November 2nd

November 2, 1944: City Manager William Walsh formally charged Yonkers Police Chief William Kruppenbacher with "delinquencies which seriously affected" his "fitness to discharge duties as Chief of Police." Walsh, in his role as Public Safety Commissioner, also charged Lieutenant O'Connor, and Patrolmen Boyle, Connolly and Posenski. The trial against all five men was set for November 14th; Deputy Public Safety Commissioner W. Chantler Arbuckle would preside.

The five, according to Walsh, were involved with the incident at a building at Copcutt Lane and Nepperhan Avenue. Walsh alleged the site was "used for suspicious or questionable purpose." Kruppenbacher allegedly took officers off that investigation and didn't investigate the incident. Walsh told Kruppenbacher he was "negligent and derelict in the performance" of his official duties.

Tuesday, November 3rd

November 3, 1930: DPW Commissioner William Colquhoun announced a plan to employ men to clean the bed of the Nepperhan River and the Main Street sewer outlet and remove obstructions. Colquhoun stated cleaning the Nepperhan was needed because it was full of trash, menaced health and clogged the flume carrying the river under Larkin Plaza. The men would clean the river from the Tubewell Station, removing trash and trucking it away. They would deepen the channel, making it easier for future trash would be carried into the Hudson.

The Main Street sewer outlet emptied into the Hudson under the City Pier at the end of Main Street. The men would use machinery to dredge the channel, enabling sewage to flow quicker into the Hudson, preventing future backups and overflows.

Wednesday, November 4th

November 4, 1922: A small number of Yonkers police officers kept more than 1,000 high school students at bay after a Yonkers-New Rochelle High School football game. A riot ensued when New Rochelle students decided to do a snake dance on the field after the game and Yonkers' rooters charged the field. After the officers ordered everyone off the field, 19-year old NYU student Andrew Imrie refused and became insulting. Sgt. Kennedy and Patrolman Roth took him into custody; the students then tried to remove Imrie from their custody. While the officers walked him to the Wells Avenue station, the crowd trailed them, with the number of people growing until there were more than one thousand students. The rowdy mob threw toilet paper, apple cores and garbage at the officers.

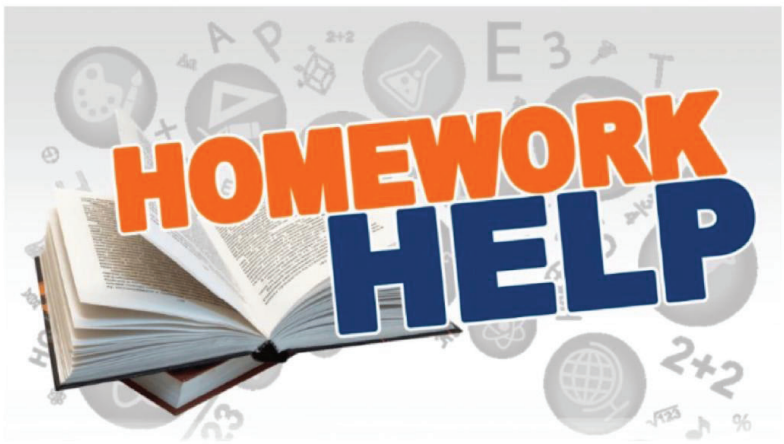
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Free Homework Help is Back at the Yonkers Public Library

Yonkers Public Library

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Clean Energy Supports More Than 10k Jobs in Our Area

State Funds Can Help Employers Hire More

Clean energy already supports more than 10,000 jobs in Westchester and Putnam counties, and employers hiring new workers for clean energy roles can now apply for New York State subsidies that cover part of the cost of hiring and training. That was the message for employers, educators, workforce professionals and community partners at the Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board's (WPWDB) 2026 Annual Meeting, held Tuesday, October 13 at the Gateway Center at SUNY Westchester Community College in Valhalla.

The meeting, themed "Building the Clean Energy Talent Machine: Aligning Training with Opportunity," opened with a keynote on the state of the clean energy sector from Angela N. Son, Founder and CEO of The Green Launchpad, and Antuan Cannon, Vice President of Talent Development and Innovation at Willdan Energy Solutions.

Son and Cannon reported that Westchester and Putnam are home to 10,297 clean energy jobs, about 5.6% of the 184,536 statewide, according to data from NYSERDA and E2, a national nonpartisan business group that tracks clean energy employment. Nearly three of every four of those local jobs are in energy efficiency, which includes installing heat pumps, insulation and building controls, and performing energy audits. Statewide, the energy efficiency sector added 5,446 of the 6,087 new clean energy jobs created in 2024, while energy storage was the fastest-growing sector at 7.1%.

The speakers also mapped the sector's four branches, i.e., energy efficiency, energy storage, renewable energy and clean transportation, to specific roles, certifications and the education each requires. Attendees said that breakdown made an abstract industry more concrete.

"Before I came, I knew green energy was happening, but I didn't know how to get the job seekers we serve on board," said Barbara Saunders, Business Services Liaison at the Yonkers Career Center. "When they took the sectors and put them into pockets of real jobs and said things like this is an engineering job, this is a technician job, this is project management, that's when the light bulb went off."

Hands-on sessions on state funding

Nearly 100 attendees then split into two hands-on breakout sessions built around New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) programs:

"Hiring and Training New Clean Energy Talent," led by Cannon, walked employers and workforce staff through NYSERDA's On-the-Job Training program. The program reimburses employers for part of a new hire's wages during training, up to $11,000 per hire, for early-career clean energy roles paying roughly $18 to $40 an hour. Participants drafted real training plans using NYSERDA's template. "Designing a Clean Energy Career Pathways Program," led by Son, covered NYSERDA's $30 million Clean Energy Career Pathways Training solicitation. It funds training programs of $250,000 to $1.5 million that prepare and place new workers in entry-level clean energy jobs. Teams sketched program concepts covering target roles, employer partners, budgets and outcomes. The next application deadline is November 24, 2026, with rounds continuing through November 2027. "I do on-the-job training every day, so this was right up my alley," Saunders said. "He had us work through real-life scenarios and decide which positions would be approved and which would raise red flags. When we walked away, you could hear everyone in that room saying, 'Oh, wow, is that how it works?'"

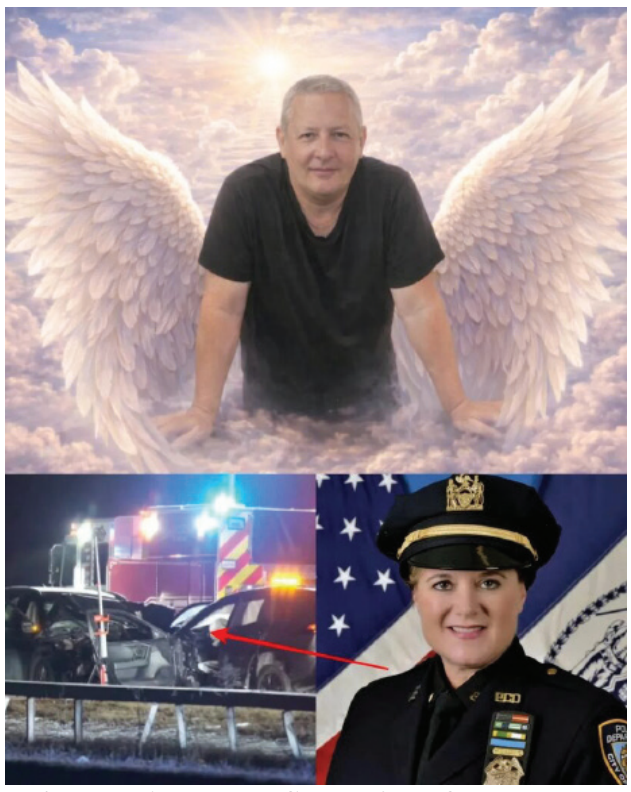
"Clean energy jobs are already here in Westchester and Putnam, and the funding to hire and train for them are available right now," said Thom Kleiner, Executive Director of the WPWDB. "Our job is to make sure local employers, training providers and job seekers know how to use it. Watching all of these people roll up their sleeves and draft real training plans tells us this community is ready to move from talk to implementation." Employers interested in clean energy wage subsidies, and organizations exploring training programs, can contact the WPWDB or any Career Center in the network at www.westchesterputnamonestop.com.

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Former NYPD Sgt. Tiffany Howell Gets 4-12 Years for Fatal Wrong Way Crash that Killed Manuel Boitel



Attorney General James Announces Sentencing of Former NYPD Sergeant for Manslaughter

Sergeant Tiffany Howell Was Off-Duty When She Struck Manuel Boitel's Vehicle, Causing His Death

New York Attorney General Letitia James today announced the sentencing of former New York City Police Department (NYPD) Sergeant Tiffany Howell, 48, of Warwick, Orange County, for causing the death of Manuel Boitel while driving the wrong direction on the Taconic State Parkway in Westchester County with a blood alcohol content of at least 0.18 on January 22, 2026. On August 19, 2026, Howell pleaded guilty to Aggravated Vehicular Homicide (a class B felony) and Manslaughter in the Second Degree (a class C felony) before Judge Anne B. Bianchi in Westchester County Court. Today, Howell was sentenced to concurrent sentences of four to 12 years in prison. Howell's driver license has been revoked, and she has waived her right to appeal.

At 11:37 p.m. on January 22, Sergeant Howell was driving south in the northbound lanes of the Taconic State Parkway at more than 50 MPH when she crashed head-on into a car driven by Mr. Boitel, causing his death. Sergeant Howell had a blood alcohol content of at least 0.18 at the time. Mr. Boitel was taken to a local hospital, where he was pronounced dead shortly after midnight.

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Section 70-b, OSI assesses every incident reported to it where a police officer or a peace officer, including a corrections officer, may have caused the death of a person by an act or omission. Under the law, the officer may be on-duty or off-duty, and the decedent may be armed or unarmed. Also, the decedent may or may not be in custody or incarcerated. If OSI's assessment indicates an officer may have caused the death, OSI proceeds to conduct a full investigation of the incident.

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— Pete Seeger

The Catalytic Converter Crooks are Back in Westchester



Larchmont PD Community Alert

Multiple catalytic converter thefts occurred overnight from vehicles parked in the Village.

Thieves can remove them in minutes, causing costly damage. Be on the lookout for jacked-up vehicles, people working under cars with tools, loud cutting sounds, or suspicious vehicles circling.

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Americans Behaving Badly

By Michael Gold

Recent stories in the media are making me question our ability to respect the rights of other people. A meanness has crept into American life, especially on social media.

Witness the seven men at a Cornell fraternity who allegedly raped a woman impaired by heavy alcohol and drug use at the school two years ago, a story that just came to light, because the woman recently brought a lawsuit against them.

How are some other men responding on social media? They're trying to identify the victim, to embarrass, harass and punish her online.

We do not have to excuse this woman for drinking to excess, then combining that with ketamine, which can cause hallucinations. But her poor judgment cannot not justify the predatory behavior of the fraternity boys who took advantage of an intoxicated woman.

A social media mob, as The New York Times calls it, is working feverishly to get Jane Doe's name out on the Internet.

Why are they doing this? These social media thugs think the alleged rapists are the real victims. I don't see how that's possible, but the men engaged in this disgusting effort to uncover Jane Doe's identity feel that the victim brought on the assaults herself. One of the leaders of this effort is a 23-year old man who has posted on social media asking Adolf Hitler for help to rid America of immigrants of color, as if Hitler were some kind of god.

In another sordid story, two men were charged in mid-October for allegedly supplying two Fashion Institute of Technology students in Manhattan with fentanyl last March. One of them, Moses Freire, allegedly raped one of the students, who died. Freire took photos of the two women he poisoned, then texted the photos to his friends.

On October 15th, a 16-year old boy killed three special needs children and a teacher at a school in Oregon. A fourth child and a second teacher were injured. The shooter had been a special needs student at that very school. The shooter's mother had purchased the shotgun for her son's birthday. The son, Griffin John II, killed four people and wounded two in three minutes.

How could this mother have not figured out that buying a shotgun for her emotionally troubled son was a really bad idea?

It seems we can't solve our problems. We can't even admit that we have problems.

How is it possible that we don't recognize school shootings as a national emergency? We're talking about the safety of our children.

The country has suffered 27 school shooting incidents with 17 people killed and 29 in the last year alone, according to Education Week, a nonpartisan news publication covering K-12.

We actually have a school shooting database now, to track every incident.

At the very least, we desperately need legislation that requires every potential gun owner to get training in basic safety measures before completing a purchase. The training should include watching videos of what a bullet does to the human body.

If Griffin John's mother had been legally mandated to take a gun safety and education course, which included a discussion of how to be a responsible gun owner, she might never have purchased this weapon for her child.

Every would-be gun buyer should be taught this basic principle from Spider Man – with great power comes great responsibility. You want to own a gun? Understand that the power it gives you means you potentially hold the lives of others in your hands.

The gun industry is so powerful it can toss politicians up in the air as eas

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Governor Hochul Announces NY Legal Cannabis Market Surpasses $4 Billion in Retail Sales

Governor Kathy Hochul announced that New York's regulated adult-use cannabis market has surpassed $4.1 billion in retail sales since adult-use sales began in December 2022, marking a major economic milestone for the state's burgeoning cannabis industry. This achievement reflects the growing number of New Yorkers choosing to purchase cannabis through the legal market and the contributions of licensed cultivators, processors, distributors, retailers, entrepreneurs and workers who are building an equitable and thriving industry. New York currently ranks third in adult use retail sales nationally.

"When New York legalized adult-use cannabis, we made a promise to build an industry that is safe, fair and creates real opportunity for the communities hit hardest by decades of failed drug policies. Topping $4 billion in sales shows that promise is a reality," Governor Hochul said. "Hundreds of licensed dispensaries are now open across the state, most licenses have gone to equity entrepreneurs, and cannabis revenue is going back to communities that need it most. We will keep shutting down illegal shops, stand up for small businesses that play by the rules and ensure this industry continues on a path of growth and equity."

Under Governor Kathy Hochul's leadership, New York has continued to grow its legal cannabis market while advancing social and economic equity, supporting small businesses, strengthening public health, progressing science and research and reinvesting cannabis revenue into communities across the state. As more consumers turn to licensed dispensaries, the state has also continued efforts to address illicit cannabis activity, helping protect consumers and support businesses operating within the regulated market. To date, enforcement efforts have resulted in the seizure of illicit cannabis products with an estimated value of $125 million, further protecting public health and safety.

New York State Office of Cannabis Management Executive Director John Kagia said, "Reaching $4.1 billion in cannabis sales is an extraordinary milestone for New York, but the real story is the people and businesses behind that number. From the advocates and lawmakers who made this market possible, to the entrepreneurs who have built New York's legal cannabis supply chain from the ground up, and the workers who show up every day to keep the industry's engine running – this achievement belongs to them."
serve."

New York's Cannabis Market at a Glance
$4.1 Billion +: Retail sales to date
$1.41 Billion: Retail sales through the third quarter of 2026
2,351: Cannabis licenses issued statewide
1,039: Licensed adult-use retailers statewide
2,257: Storefront Inspections to date
738: Padlocked and closed illegal cannabis storefronts to date
1,615: Notice of Violations Issued
$276,853,531: Estimated value of illegal products seized
744: Licensed adult-use dispensaries open and operating
56%: Share of adult-use licenses awarded to Social and Economic Equity applicants
5 Adult Use License Types: Cultivator, Processor, Distributor, Microbusiness and Retail Dispensary







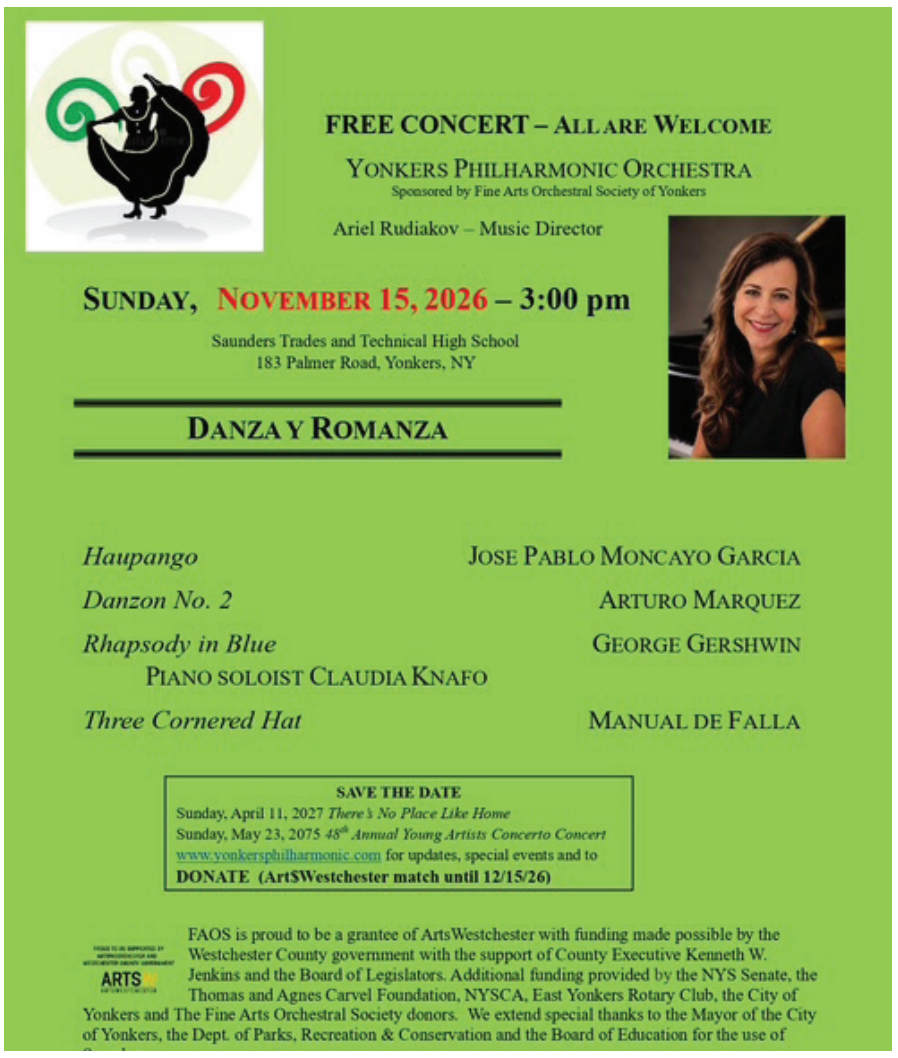
Council President Collins-Bellamy to Host 3rd Annual Brunch with Veterans



Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy is proud to host our 3rd Annual Veterans Day Brunch to celebrate the brave men and women who have served our country. This is our opportunity to say THANK YOU to the veterans who have sacrificed so much in service to our nation.

This year, we will also take a special moment to honor the memory of Ralph Eugene "Cos" Carswell, a veteran and Past Commander of American Legion Post 1017, Samuel H. Dow, whose life and service we remember with gratitude. Monday, November 9, 2026, 11:00 AM–1:00 PM, Homefield House, Please RSVP by November 2, 2026.

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Happy 100th Birthday George Riggs



By Dan Murphy

On Oct. 24 and 25, the family of Mr. George Riggs and his church, the Messiah Baptist Church in Yonkers, celebrated his 100th birthday

Mr. Riggs is one of the longest-living World War II veterans, serving in the Navy aboard the USS McCracken-APA during the invasion of Okinawa, Japan.

A birthday celebration at Castle Royale included family, friends, and State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Councilperson Deana Norman.

Mayor Mike Spano sent a proclamation that declared Oct. 24, GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS DAY.

The proclamation reads:

WHEREAS, As Mayor of the City of Yonkers, I am honored to join with family members and friends of GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS, who we recognize today on the momentous occasion of his 100th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 24, 1926 to Arthur and Lillian Riggs in Green Pond, South Carolina, GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS celebrates his extraordinary 100th Birthday, surrounded by the love and admiration of his family, friends, and community; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS answered our nation's call to service by enlisting in the United States Navy on May 17, 1944, serving aboard the USS McCracken (APA-198) during the invasion of Okinawa in April 1945. Following his honorable discharge on March 5, 1946, his wartime service was recognized with the World War II Victory Medal, American Area Medal, and a personal letter of appreciation from Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS pursued educational and technical training, earning certificates through Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations, the Board of Education, the New York Fire Department's Fire Prevention, and The Delehanty Institute's School of Radio, Electric and Television; he built an accomplished career as a Senior Engineering Technician, working for TECA Corporation and Vickers America and International Engineering Manufacturing Company, where he was selected to travel to China to help establish a factory; and

WHEREAS, GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS has demonstrated a lasting commitment to fellowship, leadership, and faith as a Past Master and life member of St. James Lodge No. 98, Free and Accepted Masons, and as Grand Photographer Emeritus of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York; he is also a proud member of Messiah Baptist Church in Yonkers, where he was baptized in April 1972; and

WHEREAS, Among his greatest sources of pride are his two daughters, Lillian Riggs and Joyce Riggs Spearman, both United States Army veterans, who carry forward their father's distinguished legacy of military service and dedication to our country; and

WHEREAS, The City of Yonkers is honored to raise its voice in tribute to GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS, who has, for ten decades, exhibited a steadfast commitment to life, serving as a quintessential role model for all to follow, and as living proof that kindness bears great rewards.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MIKE SPANO, Mayor of the City of Yonkers, do hereby proclaim this day as: GEORGE ARTHUR RIGGS DAY On the Occasion of His 100th Birthday in the City of Yonkers, and I call upon all residents to join in honoring GEORGE ARTHUR

RIGGS on this extraordinary milestone, thanking him for his dedicated service to our nation, and wishing him continued happiness, good health, and abundant joy surrounded by his beloved family and friends.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the City of Yonkers, this 24th day of October 2026.

MIKE SPANO, MAYOR.

Mr. Riggs is in great health, and danced at his birthday celebration. God Bless and Happy 100th Birthday!

Latimer Picks Up Endorsements for Congress



YPS Superintendent's Student Leadership Council Holds Meeting at Phillipse Manor Hall



Last week, students on the Superintendent's Student Leadership Council gathered at Historic Phillipse Manor Hall for their first meeting of the academic year.

During the meeting, each student representative had the opportunity to share their perspectives on how schools can better support diverse student talents, interests, and learning pathways.

Superintendent Dr. Anibal Soler, Jr. and Executive Director of Social Studies Ms. Sharon Courtney led a discussion about the future of education in New York State, including changes to graduation requirements, college and career readiness, and opportunities for student success.

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ily as softballs, but it's far past time for our elected leaders to show some spine and rebel. It's their job to protect us, not cave to a lobby that is solely interested in profit to the exclusion of all other considerations, like our lives. Yes, Americans love their guns, but we need to build some kind of protections into the system for everyone else.

I was an elementary school teacher in New York City for 18 years. We practiced shelter drills on a regular basis. When the principal called out over the loudspeaker the code words, it was my job to immediately lock the door, then herd the children into a corner of the classroom in such a way that none of us could be seen from the window in the door. You try tightly bunching up 25 or more kids into a corner, so they're out of sight. School administrators would then walk by every door to make sure that not even one child could be seen.

A few of the kids giggled, but notably, most of them did not. I think they sensed that this was a very serious business, that their little lives depended on them being able to hide well from a stranger who meant to harm them.

It's not just the terrible hole in our gun safety laws, where we have this inability to see an appreciation for the lives and integrity of other human lives, but in a host of other areas. There's a general pattern of blindness afoot, about how our actions can affect others.

Take a look at Elizabeth Holmes, former CEO of Theranos, for instance. No, she didn't kill anybody, but she could have come close. Her blood testing kit caused a great deal of unnecessary distress.

Theranos was started in 2003. Holmes thought she could take a shortcut to glory, wealth and fame by fooling investors about the capability of her blood test product.

A documentary film came about Holmes came out in mid-October. She claimed that with just one little drop of blood pricked from your finger, her company's product could figure out the amount of cholesterol and iron in your blood, as well as learn other genetic information about you, or whether you had some kind of disease, such as cancer or diabetes, instead of having a medical technician stick a needle in your arm.

Theranos attracted a number of famous and wealthy investors, including Rupert Murdoch, Larry Ellison, the CEO of Oracle, and George M. Schultz, a former secretary of state under President Reagan. The company sold 1.5 million blood tests for about 175,000 consumers in Arizona. Holmes became a billionaire. It was a lie. The blood testing product didn't work. The results were often inaccurate. A number of patients who got the test results underwent medical procedures that were either unnecessary or damaging to their health. Some people were falsely told they had cancer and were traumatized.

Holmes was prosecuted for investor fraud and found guilty in 2022. She's now serving time in a minimum security prison in Texas. She's currently seeking to have her sentence commuted by President Trump.

Jack Nicholson's character in the movie, A Few Good Men, shouted, "You can't handle the truth!' How is it that Americans have become so hardened to events that we can't look inside ourselves and think about the consequences of what we do, to ourselves and the people around us?

We have become resistant to learning. Americans are reading less, so we're learning less. Also, critically, we're not paying attention to objective media sources. "Overall, about half of U.S. adults (53%) say they at least sometimes get news from social media," stated a 2025 Pew Research Center study. Facebook and YouTube are the leading social media sites for news consumption.

"Facebook and YouTube outpace all other social media sites as places where Americans regularly get news: 38 percent of U.S. adults say they regularly get news on Facebook, and 35 percent say the same about YouTube," the study said.

"Smaller shares of Americans regularly get news on Instagram (20 percent), TikTok (20 percent) or X, formerly known as Twitter (12 percent)," the Pew study stated.

Social media is quite possibly the worst place to get news. Our social media feeds inflame and incite hatred of others. The algorithm just keeps putting out twisted bits of rage-inducing posts, urging us to despise the people who don't agree with us. Computer nerds used to have a saying – garbage in, garbage out. If you program the computer badly, it's going to give you bad data.

That's what's going on today. We're paying attention to the least objective media available, with a bias that intensifies over time, because of an algorithm that feeds us trash meant to get us angry and blast other people on the Internet.

We need to start teaching ethics classes in high schools. Included in all discussions should be several lessons on how to behave ethically on social media. Jesus said it best: " Do to others as you would have them do to you."

This might help sensitize kids in a nation that's forgetting how to feel.

The lyrics to the song "Amazing Grace" goes, "I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see."

We're currently in the lost and blind phase.

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college in fall 2024 remained enrolled the following fall, the highest Black persistence rate in more than a decade. Black student retention at the institutions where they started also rose to 59.6 percent.

Those numbers matter because they challenge an old and dangerous narrative that Black students are somehow disengaging from higher education.

HBCUs are not relics of the past. They are institutions competing for the next generation.

But their survival should never be taken for granted. Historically, America had more Black colleges than it has today. Some institutions have closed after confronting combinations of financial difficulties, declining enrollment, accreditation challenges, and other pressures. Others found survival through consolidation.

Clark Atlanta University is one of the most prominent examples. According to Clark Atlanta University's official institutional history, Atlanta University, founded in 1865, and Clark College, founded in 1869, consolidated in 1988 to create the university we know today.

Funding inequity has also shaped the HBCU story for generations. Federal and state analyses have documented billions of dollars in historical funding disparities between Black land-grant universities and their predominantly white counterparts.

At the same time, new investment demonstrates that HBCUs remain essential to American higher education. According to the U.S. Department of Education, in September 2026, the federal government announced more than $174 million in additional one-time funding for HBCUs. The Department reported that, combined with $438 million in additional funding announced the previous year, more than $612 million in new HBCU funding was directed toward these institutions during fiscal years 2025 and 2026.

That investment matters. But money alone cannot introduce a ninth grader in Yonkers to Claflin University. A federal appropriation cannot put a Howard University brochure into the hands of a student in Mount Vernon. A statistic cannot sit down with a family in Harlem and explain that North Carolina A&T, S.C. State, Morehouse, FAMU, or one of our other HBCUs might be where their child belongs.

People have to do that work. That is why The New York–New Jersey HBCU Initiative is here.

I want students in Mount Vernon, Yonkers, New Rochelle, White Plains, the Bronx, and beyond to hold HBCU brochures in their hands. I want them to see the flags. I want them to learn the history. I want them to know about scholarships, admissions opportunities, and institutions they may never have encountered before.

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By Dan Murphy

An unfortunate event during a candidates' debate diverted the elections in Yonkers this year, including a confrontation in the women's bathroom.

The Yonkers Police department issued the following statement:

Yonkers Police Dept issues Press Release in connection with the incident at Beczak Environmental Education Center that happened on 10/22/26 between Kisha Skipper and Donna Nolan. Please read the Press Release below.

On Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at approximately 8:25 PM, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to the Beczak Environmental Education Center, located at 35 Alexander Street, at a political roundtable featuring several candidates, on a report of a physical altercation involving several individuals attending an event at the location.

Upon arrival, Officers separated the involved parties, detained one involved female for further investigation, and began looking into the circumstances surrounding the incident. The preliminary investigation determined that a verbal dispute between two women, one of whom is running for public office, and the other, a former member of her campaign staff. The incident occurred inside a restroom and escalated into a physical confrontation, during which a third woman, the mother of a candidate attending the roundtable, reportedly attempted to intervene, and sustained an abrasion to her lip. She was treated at a local hospital and later released.

The previously detained female was transported to the Detective Division for further investigation and was subsequently released without charges pending further investigation. She was also transported to an area hospital for a complaint of pain sustained during the incident.

The incident remains under active investigation by the Yonkers Police Department's Detective Division, which is conducting extensive interviews, collecting evidence, and reviewing available video footage. At this time, the incident appears to have precipitated from a personal matter and has not been determined to be politically motivated.

Currently, no individuals are in police custody, and no criminal charges have been filed against any party involved. As the investigation is ongoing, more information may be released as it becomes available".

Kisha Skipper issued the following statement: "Thank you to everyone who has offered support following the October 22 incident at the Beczak Environmental Education Center during Candidates Night.

I attended to discuss the issues facing District 15. During the event, I was followed to the restroom, first by Stephanie Holguin, a political operative of the incumbent, and then by Donna Nolan, my opponent's mother, who shut the restroom door (usually kept open) and prevented me from leaving despite repeated requests. I acted to protect myself. I dispute the characterization of my actions as an unprovoked attack.

The incident remains under investigation by Yonkers Police, and I am cooperating fully. I ask that the public allow that process to proceed before drawing conclusions. Intimidation and violence have no place in our community or our elections. Black women should be able to run for office without the threat of violence and intimidation. My focus remains on serving District 15 with dignity, integrity, and accountability. I will not be intimidated, and I ask for your vote for leadership that stands firm, demands accountability, and serves the people."

Former Yonkers NAACP President Outraged Over Handcuffing of Kisha Skipper at Candidates Forum- Op-Ed from Tanika Inlaw-Chambers

As the former President of the Yonkers NAACP, I am absolutely outraged by the treatment of Kisha D. Skipper, a Black woman, community leader, and candidate for public office.

Since when does a woman lose her right to dignity, privacy, and personal safety simply because she is running for public office? According to eyewitness accounts, Kisha was confronted and then followed into one of the most private spaces a human being can enter a bathroom! A place where any woman should have the reasonable expectation of privacy and personal security.***-continued top right***

Let that sink in. A Black woman is followed into a restroom, and reports being assaulted. Yet somehow, SHE is the one escorted away in handcuffs and detained by police! Where is the outrage? Where is the accountability? And where is the equal treatment under the law? I want to know why Kisha Skipper was the only person detained. What evidence justified that decision? Were the accounts of all parties given equal consideration? And what role, if any, did racial bias play in the response?

These are not unreasonable questions. These are questions that demand answers. As someone who has spent decades fighting for civil rights, equality, and justice, I refuse to remain silent when a Black woman seeking public office is subjected to treatment that raises such serious concerns.

We cannot continue to tell Black women to lead, to serve, to stand up for their communities, and then remain silent when their own dignity and rights are called into question.

The Yonkers Police Department owes the public a thorough, transparent, and impartial investigation. The fact that Kisha Skipper was released without charges makes it even more important that the circumstances surrounding her detention be fully explained.

Let me be clear: I am not prejudging the outcome of the investigation. I am demanding that the same standards of fairness, dignity, and justice apply to EVERYONE.

Being a Black woman in America should never mean having to fight twice as hard to be treated fairly especially when you are the one asking for protection.

I am watching. Our community is watching. And we deserve answers. When something ain't right. SPEAK UP!" said Inlaw-Chambers.

Both Nolan and Holquin appeared for a video interview on the Yonkers Voice. Watch the interview to hear their version of events. https://www.facebook.com/reel/1148546538123783

Indivisible NY-15/16 issued the following statement:

STATEMENT: On the Altercation at Candidates' Night at Beczak

The NYCD16/15-Indivisible Steering Committee condemns the violence that occurred near the end of a successful "Candidates' Night" at Yonkers' Beczak Center on Wednesday, October 21 – an event cosponsored by the Hudson River Community Association and Ludlow Park Residents Association.

We believe that in a democratic society, citizens should have direct access to candidates running for office. Wednesday night's event was an opportunity for just that: to hear from all candidates whose districts crisscross the Yonkers community and beyond.

In such a setting, we expect both the candidates and audience to exhibit respect for each other and for their differing opinions.andidates, while holding themselves to a high standard of civility when responding to audience questions, should also feel safe to express themselves without being threatened.

Those standards clearly were not upheld near the end of Wednesday's forum. An altercation occurred when the Democratic candidate for County Legislative District 15 was confronted in the women's restroom of the facility by two women associated with the Republican incumbent's campaign.

A thorough investigation by the Yonkers Police Department must answer many questions about the altercation and the YPD's resulting actions. Significantly, why was candidate Kisha D Skipper the only one of the three women apparently involved in the altercation who was handcuffed and taken to police headquarters? (She was subsequently released without charges being pressed.)

Who were the eyewitnesses interviewed when the police arrived on the scene, before taking the candidate into custody? Will video footage from the Beczak hallway, showing the sequence of two women entering the rest room after the candidate, then shutting the door that is always left open, be made public?

Will the Westchester District Attorney investigate the incident?

There has been a continuing pattern of harassment and intimidation on the part of incumbent Legislator James Nolan's campaign.

CALL TO ACTION:

Email the Mayor's office (Mayor@yonkersny.gov) and the Police Commissioner (police@ypd.yonkersny.gov) and call for a thorough, transparent investigation of this incident.

Call on the Westchester District Attorney (https://www.westchesterda.net/divisional-phone-directory) to investigate this incident.

Our group is among many expecting a fair and public accounting of this event.

We thank the staff of the Beczak Center, most of whom volunteer countless hours, for being a community hub for all of us.

We will support all efforts to keep the Beczak Center the open and peaceful gathering place it has been for 30 years."

What impact will this incident have on the outcome of the election in County BOL District 15 is unclear.

Notice of Registration of Radford Scott LLP, a foreign LLP organized in Dekalb Cty, Georgia on 8/7/23, filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 9/10/26. Office location: 145 Palisade St, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522, Westchester Cty. LLP Election on file with clerk, DeKalb Cty Superior Court, 556 N McDonough St, Decatur, GA 30030. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLP at its principal office, Two Town Ctr, 125 Clairemont Ave, Decatur, GA 30030. Purpose: The practice of law.



Notice of formation of Construction Management Consultants, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/29/2026. 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, 325 Hornidge Rd, Mamaroneck NY, 10543. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Denyshas LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/03/2023. 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 Rocket Corporate Services Inc. 2804 Gateway Oaks Dr. #100 Sacramento, CA 95833 Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of ISPARDA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/07/2026. 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, 113A Woodale Avenue, Peekskill, NY 10566. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Digital Infrastructure Services LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State on 10/22/25. Office: Westchester County. NY DOS designated as agent for service of process; DOS shall mail copy of process to 7 Ridgeway Cir White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of ACH HOLDINGS GROUP LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on October 8, 2026. 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 Corporate Creations Network Inc., 600 Mamaroneck Avenue #400, Harrison, NY 10528. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of ALLIANCE MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/03/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of PLLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to THE ENTITY, 7 RYE RIDGE PLAZA, UNIT #680, RYE BROOK, NEW YORK 10573. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formatioin of MISHA SCHWARTZ PRODUCTIONS LLC. Filed with SSNY on 05/07/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 77 VIRGINIA AVE, DOBBS FERRY, NY 10522. Purpose: Any Lawful activity.

Notice of formation of everyythingpancakes, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/25/2026. 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, 45 Birch Brook Rd, Cortlandt Manor NY 10567. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of elinfonet.com, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on June 30, 2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: Raymond Nardo, P.C., 55 Jericho Turnpike, Suite 205, Jericho, NY 11753. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF I WASH NEW YORK LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 24, 2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served.SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14 Westview Ave 508 Tuckahoe, NY 10707. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Elite Air Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/07/2026. 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, 193 Kneeland Rd, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Frontline Restoration Partners LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on July 7, 2026. Office Location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY is designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 333 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 359, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of DYLSOFT LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/29/2026. Office location: Westchester County. Principal business location: 12448 Flatlands Ave, Unit A1121, Brooklyn, NY 11239. 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 the LLC at 12448 Flatlands Ave, Unit A1121, Brooklyn, NY 11239. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.



Notice of formation of Affogato House LLC filed with the SSNY on 6/11/26. 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, 173 Huguenot Street, Ste. 200, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of TradeGrade LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/02/2026. 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, Registered Agents Inc., 418 Broadway, Ste R, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Treacy Quality Consulting, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/25/2026. 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, 111 Madison Avenue, Valhalla, NY 10595. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of Limitless Laughs Productions LLC Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on July 18, 2024 Office location: Westchester County SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 42 BROADWAY, FL. 12-200, NEW YORK, NY, UNITED STATES, 10004 Purpose: Any lawful act or activity

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF WILLIAMS ESTATES GROUP LLC

WILLIAMS ESTATES GROUP LLC, a domestic Limited Liability Company, was filed with the New York State Department of State on June 25, 2026. The office of the LLC is located in Westchester County, New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon the Secretary of State is: 2444 Boston Post Rd #1024, Larchmont, NY 10538. The registered agent of the LLC is Pierre S Williams, 31 Lexington Ave, Mt. Vernon, NY 10552, upon whom process against the LLC may be served. The purpose of the LLC is to engage in real estate services and travel agency services, and any other lawful business activities permitted under New York law.

Notice of Formation of Sanchez Construction Contractors, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/3/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Sanchez Construction Contractors, LLC, 130 Beech Street, #3R, Yonkers, NY, 10701. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

LUX OCULI NYC LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/29/2020. 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, 108 South Buckhout Street, Irvington, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of B Delights Bakery and Cafe, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/06/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated Brenda McDonald as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 26 Newkirk Rd, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Notice of LLC Formation

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Gill Tech Law PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on September 16, 2026. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him or her to: Brenda L. Gill, Esq., 40 Memorial Highway, #23A, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: To practice the profession of Law.

Notice of formation of HitchNGo LLC. Mobile Tow Hitch Installation. Filed with the SSNY on 06/17/2026. 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, 4 Lafayette St, White Plains, NY 10606. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Stone & Oak Management Group LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/24/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 92 Hamilton Ave, Apt 1A, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: To engage in any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Holiday Heroes LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/24/2026. 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 THOMAS DOOLEY 51 PARK DRIVE MT KISCO NY 10549. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

We Endorse Latimer, continued from pg 1-

Throughout his decades of public service—from the Westchester County Legislature to the New York State Capitol and Westchester County Executive—George Latimer has proven that government works best when leaders focus on results over rhetoric.

Latimer has stood up to President Trump on a variety of issues and has joined his Democratic colleagues in calling out the administration on budget cuts and the nonsense we hear and read every day.

As the national focus has turned to the congressional race in NY-17, Latimer has continued doing the work of the people.

Latimer now serves the people of Yonkers, parts of the Bronx, and lower- and mid-Westchester. He joins Westchester's former Congressmembers Nita Lowey and Eliot Engel.

Latimer serves as a steady hand in Congress who knows how to get things done.

Latimer's opponent is republican Joseph Cinquemani, who has run an active campaign, but not enough in this district.

We endorse Congressman George Latimer for reelection.

Notice of Formation of The Spinning Top LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/20/2017. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The Spinning Top LLC, 81 Pondfield Road #287, Bronxville, NY 10708. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

YPD, continued from pg 1-

hatchet who had been shouting aggressively and was refusing repeated commands to drop the weapon. With the situation becoming increasingly dangerous, Officers had to act quickly to bring the encounter to a safe conclusion.

A well-placed TASER deployment, courtesy of our friends at Axon, quickly brought the situation under control, causing the man to drop the hatchet and allowing Officers to safely take him into custody. Officers then transported him to a local hospital for medical treatment and evaluation.

The bottom line? Our Officers were faced with an armed individual in a potentially deadly situation and were able to resolve it without resorting to deadly force. That is why we invest in these invaluable tools and the training that accompanies them.

Why do we post this stuff? To show you the dangers our Officers face every day, and the lengths they go to in order to bring dangerous situations to a safe conclusion. Excellent work by all involved, demonstrating the training, professionalism, and restraint that help keep our Officers and the public safe!

Watch the video https://www.facebook.com/reel/1601393327574861

Safe stop, continued from pg 1-

Here is the school-year breakdown:

- November 13, 2023 through June 30, 2024: 19,710
- September 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025: 24,468
- September 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026: 16,908
- September 1, 2026 through October 13, 2026: 2,574

The first and current school-year periods are partial. The overall total also covers summer months, which are not included in the school-year breakdown. Most violations occur during the September through June school year, with relatively few recorded during July and August.

Help protect children getting on and off the bus. Stop for a school bus with flashing red lights in either direction, including on divided highways.



Yonkers Firefighter, continued from pg 1-

his family and his friends, but also of his Fire Department kinship. Berto was and always will be our brother, and this is a crushing loss for us all, and for the world.

As a brotherhood, the men of Station 13 ask for whatever donations you could give to help aid the family with funeral expenses in this extreme time of need.

Roberto Berto Rivera's Family Fund
https://www.gofundme.com/f/roberto-berto-riveras-family-fund?attribution_

Yonkers History, continued from pg 3-

Backed against the wall of the Woman's institute building on Palisade Avenue, Sergeant Kennedy drew his revolver and threatened to use it if the crowd continued. Getty Square Patrolman Fitzgerald and other officers joined them; Fitzgerald managed to keep the crowd back from the two officers until they reached the police station. The other YPD members tried to break up the crowd. Two NYU students, David Berer and Milton Desgrey, were arrested when backup arrived.

Thursday, November 5th

November 5, 1904: Several thousand people witnessed Frank Crocker of Yonkers break an automobile racing record at Empire City Track on Election Day! Croker drove a Ford racer, setting the amateur track speeds, covering twelve miles in 11 minutes and 32 seconds. Just a few days earlier on September 26th, he had set a new record for "automobile boats" in a match race in the first New York to Poughkeepsie race on the Hudson, traveling at an average speed of 26.2 miles an hour. Not only was it the fastest speed ever recorded in American waters, but it also was the record for a continuous run for a total distance of 136.6 miles.

Son of former Tammany Hall boss Richard Croker, Frank's racing career was cut short when he was in a terrible accident the following January while practicing for the Ormond-Daytona Beach tournament. He passed away the following morning at the age of 27, his life cut much too short by love of speed.

November 5, 1934: Ruth Killoch, in charge of the work at the Yonkers Public Library, announced our Yonkers Public Library had received the first ten "talking books" for use of the blind. Among the selections were John Masefield's "The Bird of Dawning," Kipling's "The Bushwood Boy,", Gladys Carroll's "As the Earth Turns," and P. G. Wodehouse's "Very Good, Jeeves!"

Friday, November 6th

November 6, 1905: Joan Newton Cuneo, one of the foremost women drivers in the country, gave an exhibition of driving skills during a two-mile race.

November 6, 1917: The Equal Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution carried in Yonkers by a majority vote of 2,305.

Saturday, November 7th

November 7, 1902: Employees of the Otis Elevators Company raised a flag on top of their waterfront building to celebrate the election of Norton P. Otis to US Congress.

November 7, 1935: Marie and Kathleen McCarthy, daughters of City Employment Director Frank McCarthy, dug up something other than weeds in their Ellott Avenue backyard! Kathleen's trowel hit something hard; she saw it was a coin. It had a king's head and the words "Georgius II Rx" on one side; the other side had a figure of a woman. Although worn, the date 1710 easily could be seen without a magnifying glass. Speculation at the time was it dropped during the American Revolution!

Sunday, November 8th:

November 8, 1939: Alderman William Slater, creator of Yonkers internationally known "Slater Anti-Shorts legislation," was defeated in his race for Ninth Ward Supervisor, ending his political career.

November 8, 1939: To celebrate Alderman Slater's defeat, McLean Avenue real estate agent Alfred Hudson flew blue and white striped shorts under the American flag on his 930 McLean Avenue building's flagpole.

Any questions on this column, email yonkershistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, the Sherwood House Museum on Tuckahoe Road or their upcoming events, please call 914-961-8940, visit website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.

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ArtsWestchester and Cross County Center

Unveil New Mural Celebrating 70 Years

NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins joins representatives from ArtsWestchester and Cross County Center at the unveiling of a new mural celebrating Cross County Center's 70-year history as a shopping and community destination in Yonkers.

Created by acclaimed artist Andrey Kravtsov, also known as Key Detail, the mural features colorful, 1950s-inspired imagery highlighting the generations of memories and connections made at the center.

The mural is part of CHARM (Cultivating Havens for the Arts through Regional Murals), a statewide initiative launched by Governor Kathy Hochul and administered by the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA). The mural is located in the North Lot between Zara and Shake Shack.



LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLMY
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

CIVIL SERVICE EXAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

30 DAY FILING PERIOD

APPLICATIONS CLOSE NOVEMBER 19, 2026
EXAM DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2026

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR
Promotional Exam #: 70-034810 | Open-Competitive Exam #: 60-066920

ASSISTANT HOUSING INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR
Promotional Exam #: 70-034820 | Open-Competitive Exam #: 60-066930

BUILDING INSPECTOR SUPERVISOR
Promotional Exam #: 70-034880 | Open-Competitive Exam #: 60-067040

SENIOR SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR
Promotional Exam #: 70-034950 | Open-Competitive Exam #: 60-067140

SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR
Promotional Exam #: 70-034960 | Open-Competitive Exam #: 60-067150

APPLICATIONS CLOSE NOVEMBER 12, 2026
EXAM DATE: DECEMBER 12, 2026

CLERK I DATA ENTRY
Open-Competitive Exam No. 2134

CLERK I SPANISH SPEAKING
Open-Competitive Exam No. 2132
Amendment: Filing date extended & exam date change.

CLERK I TYPIST
Open-Competitive Exam No. 2136

For full details, including qualifications, duties, and application instructions, please visit the official announcement on the City of Yonkers website.

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westchester residential opportunities

YONKERS FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER PROGRAM

LET'S TALK ABOUT YOUR FIRST HOME.
Join an information session to learn about the program and the steps toward homeownership. English and Spanish sessions are offered separately.

Monday, November 9, 2026
Riverfront Library • Community Room
English: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Español: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 12, 2026
Virtual Information Session
English: 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Español: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

PLEASE RSVP AT
OwnInYonkers.com

the YMCA

The YMCA of Yonkers and the Community Garden Project are extending an invite to residents to attend our

Community Garden Grand Opening

NOVEMBER 14, 2026
18 Thurman Street
(Near Poplar Street)
11:00 AM

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Mrs. MEYER'S CLEAN DAY



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FRANK WILL LOWER THE COST OF LIVING

- Expand access to affordable healthcare and protect programs from cuts
- Lower utility bills through Con Ed rate reform
- Increase access to safe and reliable childcare

FRANK WILL PROTECT OUR FUTURE

- Deliver equitable funding for Yonkers schools by fixing the school funding formula
- Bring home funding for local organizations, because supporting youth today strengthens the city tomorrow

FRANK WILL UPLIFT OUR COMMUNITY

- Build more affordable housing and expand pathways to homeownership
- Strengthen our infrastructure and create jobs
- Keep our communities safe and support law

This city raised me. I'll fight for the future of Yonkers - lower costs, safer neighborhoods and stronger schools.

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