

Yonkers Native Writes a Country Rock Song About The City of Hills



By Dan Murphy

Yonkers residents, and many former Yonkers residents have enjoyed a new song, Raised in the City of Hills, released by Yonkers native Michael James Vitrit, whose stage name is Michael James.

James grew up in Yonkers, went to Roosevelt High School, class of 1987, and played football, both for Roosevelt under legendary coach Tony DeMatteo.

We spoke to James

about his song and found out that James is not a professional singer. In fact, he created this song a few months ago. While he wrote and produced it, it is an AI generated voice.

“Yonkers has a way of staying with you. Raised by the City of Hills was written from my own memories of growing up in Yonkers, but it has become much bigger. Since sharing it, I’ve heard from current and former Yonkers residents sharing stories about their neighborhoods, schools, friendships, families and the places that helped shape them.

“Some of those stories have even reconnected people after decades. That’s the real heart of this song. No matter where life takes us, a part of Yonkers comes with us”

“We’re now working to get the song onto all streaming platforms,

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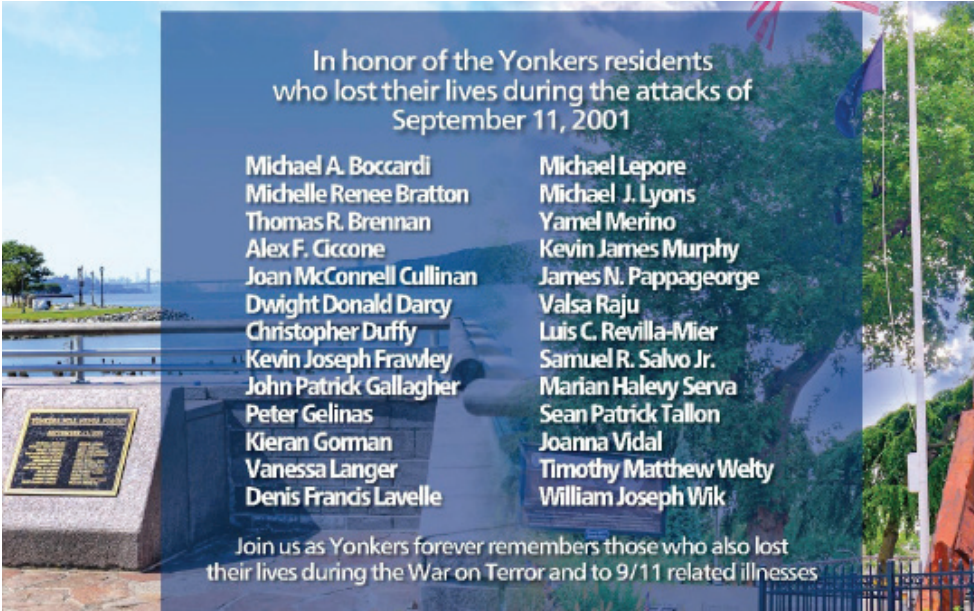
A Food Pantry Inside of a Library in Yonkers



At Yonkers Public Library’s (YPL) Riverfront Library in Downtown Yonkers, neighbors come to read, learn, use computers, spend time with their children, and connect with community resources. What some don’t know is that they can also come for groceries. During a recent visit, Feeding Westchester spent time with Jesse Montero (Director), Sandy Amoyaw (Riverfront Branch Administrator), and Oz Colo-Chang (Head of Children’s Services), pictured above, who showed us how the library’s food

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Yonkers Guardians Football Win First Ever Game 33-14



The Yonkers Guardians take the field for their first game. Photo from shotsbybrian and in 60 Seconds

By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers Guardians high school varsity football team played their first ever game at Roosevelt High School on Sept. 4, and came away with a dominating 33-14 win over Mt. St. Michael’s Academy. Kudos to Guardians coach

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Some Free Advice: Don’t Do Donuts on Central Avenue with Mom’s Car



From the Yonkers Police Department:

“Life’s Simple. You make choices... and you don’t look back.” – Han Well... sometimes you do look back. Usually when you’re watching your BMW head to the impound lot.

On this episode of Find Out Friday, one driver decided a busy Yonkers roadway was the perfect place to practice his donut skills with

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Yonkers Marathon is September 20



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Man Indicted for Strangling Girlfriend, Who Lost Consciousness, in Yonkers

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that a White Plains man was charged in a 13-count indictment for strangling and assaulting his ex-girlfriend during a violent attack in June and repeatedly violating an order of protection following his arrest.

The defendant, Micah Jackson, 21, was arraigned on Aug. 25, 2026, before Judge Susan Capeci in Westchester County Court on the following charges:

- Strangulation in the Second Degree: Class D Felony
- Two counts of Criminal Contempt in the First Degree: Class E Felony
- Two counts of Grand Larceny in the Fourth Degree: Class E Felony
- Petit Larceny: Class A Misdemeanor
- Two counts of Assault in the Third Degree: Class A Misdemeanor
- Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation: Class A Misdemeanor
- Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree: Class A Misdemeanor
- Three counts of Harassment in the Second Degree: Violation

The defendant pleaded not guilty and was released from custody on \$10,000 cash bail. He is due back in court on Sept. 16, 2026.

DA Cacace said: “Domestic violence is a devastating crime that inflicts profound trauma on victims, and what begins behind closed doors can too often escalate into horrific and dangerous conduct. Every victim deserves to know that they are not alone and have allies in law enforcement who will stand beside them. In this case, our prosecutors worked diligently alongside investigators from the Yonkers Police Department to ensure that the defendant is held accountable for his persistent and violent conduct. I commend the victim for her bravery and I applaud the collaborative efforts that went into this case, which was strengthened by New York’s STRIVE initiative. STRIVE (Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence) is a program focused on reducing domestic violence statewide and preventing serious injury and homicide in high-risk cases. Together, we can work to break the cycle of abuse.”

Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza said: “Breaking the cycle of intimate partner violence is not just about a single arrest, it requires a coordinated community response. I commend the District Attorney’s Office for their unwavering support in these cases. As our dedicated officers in the Domestic Violence Unit wrap up their investigation, the District Attorney’s Office will see justice through to the end. Through the resources made available by the STRIVE initiative, the Yonkers Police Department is better equipped than ever to enhance domestic violence investigations and connect survivors with the needed resources to begin their journey toward safety and healing.”

On June 1, 2026, at approximately 8:30 p.m., it is alleged that the defendant approached his ex-girlfriend near Nepperhan Avenue and Yonkers Avenue in Yonkers and struck her in the face and placed his hands around her neck, applying pressure, after she refused to talk to him. When the victim broke free, she ran towards her car and jumped into the back seat, but the defendant allegedly grabbed her keys, opened the door, and proceeded to strike her in the face.

The victim escaped from the car and entered a taxi, but the defendant allegedly followed her into the cab before they arrived at another nearby location. When the victim asked the defendant to return her car keys, he allegedly charged at her, punched her in the face, and strangled her until she lost consciousness. The defendant allegedly left the location with the victim’s car and stole her cell phones. A temporary order of protection was issued against the defendant following his June 5, 2026, arrest. The defendant allegedly violated that order on June 14, June 15 and June. The collaboration between the Yonkers Police Department and the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office is a byproduct of New York’s Statewide Targeted Reductions in Intimate Partner Violence (STRIVE) initiative. The defendant currently has two additional open cases throughout Yonkers. If you or someone you know is a victim, we encourage you to contact the police or the DA’s Office immediately: Yonkers Police Department Domestic Violence Unit: (914) 377-7322 or DVU@ypd.yonkersny.gov Westchester DA’s Office Multi-Lingual Tips Line: (914) 995-TIPS (8477) New York State Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-942-6906 (24 Hours)

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I’m a Yonkers Native and I’m Still Teaching

By: *Dennis Richmond, Jr.*

You have two types of people in the halls of academia: teachers and educators. Teachers get to work late and leave early. Teachers tell kids they can’t go to the bathroom. Baby, some teachers even hate their jobs. Then, you have educators. Educators get to work early and stay late. Their cars are often among the first in the school parking lot in the morning and the last ones out in the afternoon. They call parents to check in, not to complain. Educators earn the trust of the students they teach. I’d know because I’m an educator.

I’ve taught in Yonkers, the Bronx, and Mount Vernon, and in every school I’ve entered, I’ve worked to be an educator. I know I’ve made a difference in the lives of the students I’ve taught. That’s what keeps me going. In a world of artificial intelligence, I remind students that they are smart enough to think for themselves. In a world full of followers, I encourage my students to be bosses. “You’re a boss” is a phrase I say in my classroom all the time.

I didn’t become an educator overnight. I attended Claflin University, an HBCU and my mother, Mrs. Hortena Richmond’s, alma mater. I’m a legacy. After Claflin University, I attended Sarah Lawrence College. Along the way, people like my mother, Mrs. Francina Jubilee-Bauldie, Mr. Gavin Curtis, Professor Patricia Koger, and Mr. Bryan Boyd helped mold me into the educator I am today.

Black men make up a small percentage of teachers in America, especially at the elementary school level. Teaching elementary school isn’t just a job for me. It’s a privilege and a blessing. Having the opportunity to help mold the next generation and knowing that I had a hand in their growth is sometimes hard for me to fathom, but it’s real.

I’m still teaching and it’s for three reasons. First, I love teaching. There’s no other career I’d rather be in. Second, there’s always more to learn. I pick up new ideas for my classroom every day. Finally, kids need to see themselves, too. Yes, parental support matters. Community support matters. But seeing a teacher who looks like you matters just as much.

Good luck to all the educators stepping into another school year in 2026–2027.

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Darializa Avila Chevalier, who is running as a Democrat to become the U.S. Representative for New York's 13th Congressional District, covering upper Manhattan and parts of the Bronx, wants to cut the work week down to 32 hours, with no loss in pay.

Chevalier wants to establish a universal basic income for every American. She also wants universal health care for all. How are we going to pay for all that? Chevalier doesn't have an answer.

She also believes that the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7th, 2023, was justified. Hamas murdered 1,200 Israeli civilians and 40 American citizens that day, then took 250 hostages back to Gaza. Chevalier has deleted thousands of her tweets. Does that mean she's disavowing them, or just worried that she'll suffer public blowback because of her opinions?

Claudia Tenney is a Republican Representative in New York’s 24th Congressional District, spanning the Finger Lakes and western New York, near Rochester and Buffalo. While not outright denying that Joe Biden won the 2020 election, she said, there was “irregularity” in the vote.

“Disharmony” is a really weird way to describe what President Trump did on January 6th, 2021. He organized a riot at the Capitol to derail the vote to certify the 2020 election results. The approximately 2,000 rioters broke into the Congressional chambers, threatened to hang Vice President Mike Pence and attacked and injured about 140 police officers. Five people were killed. A police officer defending the building died of a stroke the next day, and four police officers committed suicide after the attack.

Tenney is trying to get her hands on New York State's voter registration records to attack a problem that does not exist – there is no widespread voter fraud. Her efforts are designed to suppress the vote, even if she won't say that.

Tenney opposed impeachment of Trump for the January 6th Capitol riot and a commission to investigate how the riot happened, saying an investigation would have a political motive.

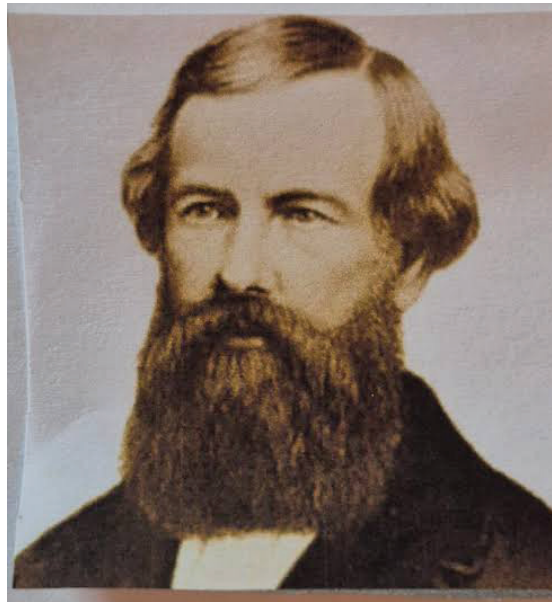
These two individuals demonstrate how both the Democrats and Republicans are failing the broad center of the country. Yes, of course, one individual does not a party make, but each of these politicians illustrate how our two major parties have been bent by the rise of extremists.

As a DSA member, Chevalier is part of a new corrosive force in the Democratic Party. A DSA member is running as a candidate for the U.S. Senate in Florida. The DSA is heavily supporting a Senate candidate in Michigan. They're got two candidates in New York for the House of Representatives—Chevalier and Claire Valdez, in the 7th Congressional District, in Brooklyn and Queens. And we have a DSA mayor of New York City.

The Senate race in Michigan features two particularly odious fellows – Abdul El-Sayed is the Democratic nominee, and Mike Rogers is the Republican candidate. El-Sayed is not a member of the DSA, but he’s got plenty of friends in the organization, and they helped push and promote his candidacy in the June primary election, beating a more moderate Democratic candidate in a tight race.

El-Sayed has sought out the support of a man named Hasan Piker, who has three million followers on the Twitch streaming service. Piker is the type of guy you call to take a baseball bat to a bee's nest. In other words, he's a man full of violent rhetoric, which has the potential to hurt people in profound ways.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



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

September 14, 1944: Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club's Watchman Alf Dahl narrowly escaped death during the intense hurricane that hit Yonkers. He was in the clubhouse at the height of the storm when the tempest ripped it apart! The building suddenly broke loose from the piles and dropped into the Hudson. Boats moored to the club dock were destroyed; those moored in the river had little damage.

September 14, 1944: Thanks to a prescient service dog, the lives of three people were saved in a hurricane! The couple exited the trolley on Ashburton Avenue to make their way home during the hurricane; power already was out. Nurse's Aide Ethel Giaccio rushed to help them off the trolley and across the street in the dark, heavy rain and strong winds. Suddenly the dog stopped short, and jerked his master so strongly, the man was thrown against both women. They had no idea why; Mrs. Giaccio saw no reason for the action. Seconds later, a large tree crashed to the ground, just a few feet in front of them!

September 15, 1778: Brigadier General Charles Scott wrote to George Washington, advising him a large party of the enemy were on the Albany Road (Broadway) and a second party was heading towards Valentine's Hill.

September 15, 1932: Flowers arrived daily for Donato Cafero, at St. Joseph's Hospital where he had been taken after having a severe pain in his side. Known around Borchers Avenue as Dan McCaffrey, he was the well-known occupant of an abandoned water tower, where he had lived for 30 years! The 50-foot tower was built to provide water for a new development but was soon abandoned. After moving into the tower's observatory, he built a kitchenette. and kept a vegetable garden behind the tower.

September 16, 1952: Purl Wightman, owner of the Hudson River Country Club, petitioned the Common Council to change her property's zoning. She

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Mayor Spano Announces Call for Project Proposals for Hudson Gateway Connector Downtown Revitalization Initiative, (DRI)

Applications for a Share of \$9.7 Million in DRI Funding Due October 16

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced that project proposals will be accepted for the Hudson Gateway Connector Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) beginning September 10, 2026. The Open Call for project proposals runs through October 16, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

The City of Yonkers was awarded \$10 million in DRI funding from New York State to strengthen connections to the Hudson River through expanded public access, walkable streetscapes, and new cultural and recreational destinations.

“Yonkers’ waterfront is one of our city’s greatest assets, and this Open Call gives residents, businesses and community organizations an opportunity to help shape its future,” said Mayor Spano. “We are looking for practical, transformative projects that strengthen connections to the Hudson River and create lasting benefits for the people who live, work and visit here.”

The DRI program funds transformational projects with the potential for immediate impact on the community’s downtown. A Local Planning Committee will evaluate and recommend projects to the State. The State will award up to \$9.7 million in grants to projects that advance the community’s vision and goals for the downtown waterfront. The remaining funds will support the strategic planning process. Awarded project sponsors will contract with the appropriate State agency and are expected to break ground within two years of award.

All recommended projects will be profiled in a Strategic Investment Plan for the DRI area. The plan will examine local assets and opportunities for economic development and community revitalization and guide investment in the Hudson Gateway Connector DRI area.

New York State launched the DRI in 2016 to accelerate the revitalization of downtowns within each of the State’s 10 Regional Economic Development Councils (REDC) into centers that attract redevelopment, business growth, job creation and housing diversity.

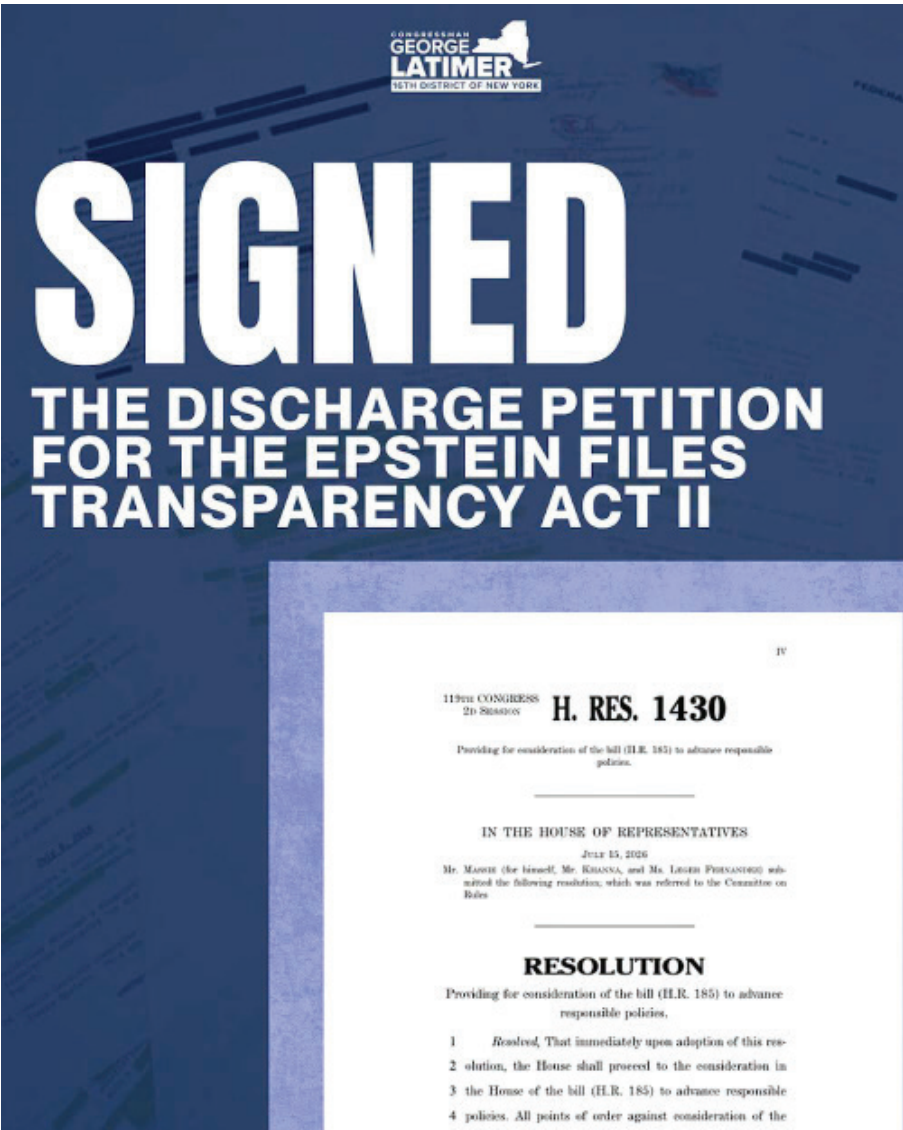
Application information: Eligibility information, evaluation criteria and the application are available at www.yonkersdri.com.

Paper applications: Call the Mayor’s Office at 914-377-6300 to request a paper application for pickup at the Yonkers City Hall Security Desk, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

To learn more about the New York State DRI program, visit ny.gov/programs/downtown-revitalization-initiative.

To learn more about the Yonkers DRI, visit www.yonkersdri.com.

Congressman Latimer Signs Epstein Files Discharge Petition



From Congressman George Latimer:

I signed the discharge petition to force a vote on a bill to authorize state attorneys general, victims of Jeffrey Epstein and his co-conspirators, and members of Congress to challenge the DOJ in court for its failure to comply with the disclosure requirements of the Epstein Files Transparency Act.

I look forward to voting on this bill when it reaches the floor and doing whatever is necessary to serve justice to the survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and support the rule of law.

Food Pantry in Library, continued from pg 1-

pantry has grown into a welcoming and reliable resource for families across Yonkers. The team describes it simply as a food pantry inside of a library.

Behind the scenes, an impressive operation makes that experience possible. What began as a smaller school pantry offering Balanced Bites (nutritious, kid-friendly food packages designed to help children and families access healthy meals), has steadily expanded with support from Feeding Westchester. As the pantry grew, so did its ability to receive and distribute more food, including fresh produce and items recovered through Retail Recovery.

The pantry is open Monday through Friday, making it the only Feeding Westchester community partner that operates a pantry every weekday. That consistency is especially important for neighbors who may be balancing work, school, transportation, childcare and other responsibilities.

In some months, the pantry supports as many as 700 households. On busy days, Sandy shared that 80 families come through the doors. Since the partnership expanded to include a food pantry model in June 2024, the library has distributed 179,000 pounds of food, and is now offering about 15,000 pounds of food per month. To keep up with that demand, the library has dedicated significant space to the operation. One large storage room holds food for daily distributions and Retail Recovery items. Another area contains refrigerators and freezers for fresh and frozen foods. The team shared that additional cold storage capacity would allow them to receive and distribute even more. Feeding Westchester has also adjusted its delivery schedule to support the pantry’s growth. While regular Yonkers deliveries take place on Mondays, YPL receives an additional dedicated delivery on Tuesdays each week.

Throughout the visit, the team emphasized how important the partnership with Feeding Westchester has been in helping them expand what they can provide to the community. There was no sense of one group giving and another receiving. Neighbors could walk into a place they already know, spend time in the library and access food alongside other community resources. Anyone who needs the pantry can sign up, and participating households can visit once each week. That accessibility reflects a larger vision the team shared with us. Yonkers Public Library is becoming more than a place to borrow books. It is becoming a community center.

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SATURDAY SEPT. 26, 2026	11:00 AM	 NEW ROCHELLE vs New Rochelle	 HOME vs New Rochelle
SATURDAY OCT. 3, 2026	11:00 AM	 JOHN JAY EAST FISHKILL vs John Jay East Fishkill	 HOME vs John Jay East Fishkill
SATURDAY OCT. 10, 2026	11:00 AM	TBA TBA SECTION 1 vs TBA Section 1	 HOME vs TBA Section 1
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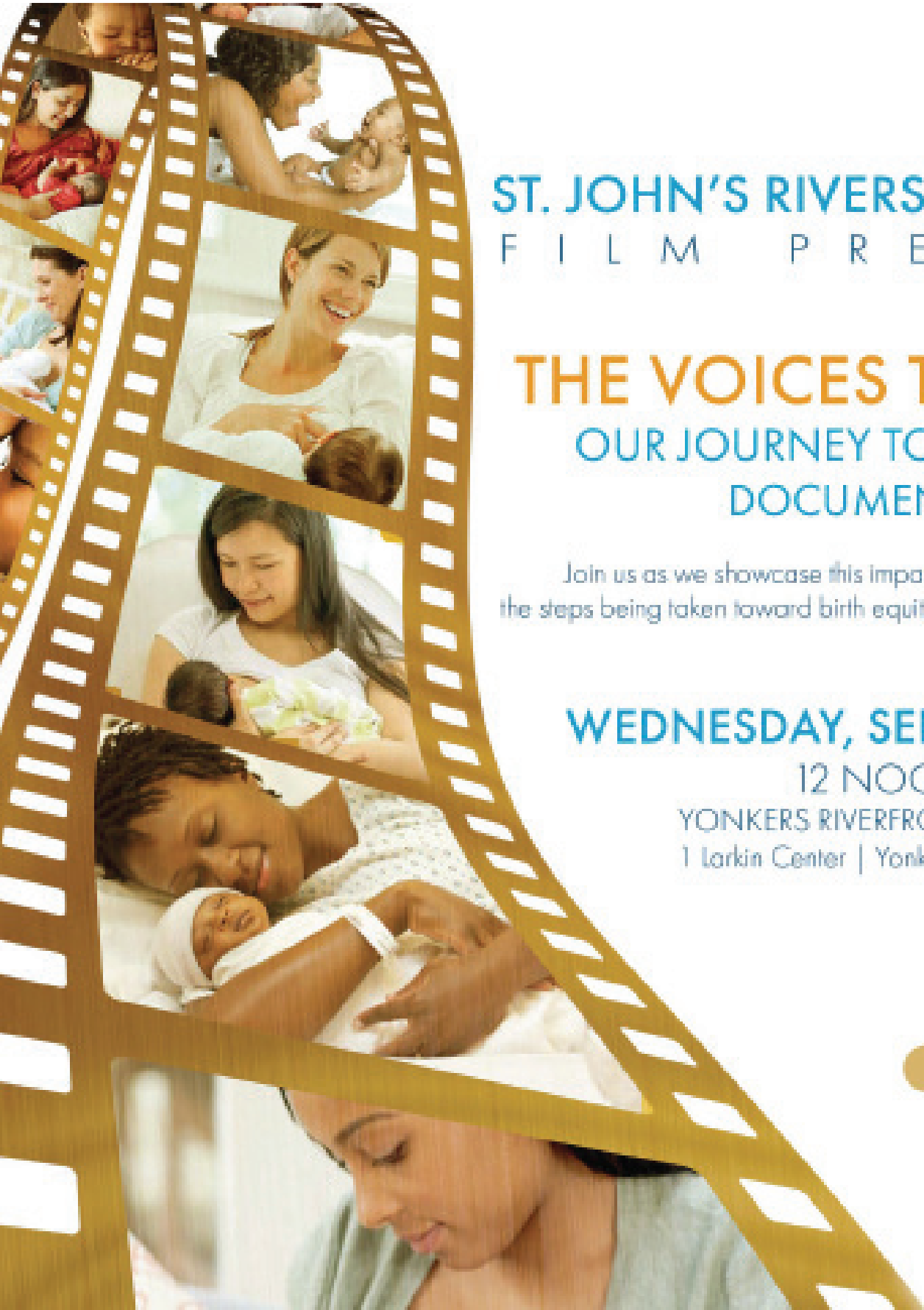
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Piker has said the U.S. deserved 9/11. He later retracted his remarks. He's expressed support for China, one of the most repressive nations in the world.

Piker has downplayed China's policies to eradicate the culture of the native population of Tibet and likes the government's socialist system. This is a country where nobody is free and the average monthly salary is about \$1,500. He put some blame on the U.S. for Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

On the other side, Mike Rogers, the Republican in the race, has recently supported President Trump's vividly imagined, and unsubstantiated fantasies claims of election fraud about 2020 and has sown great doubt about the integrity of the voting system.

Rogers, a former Congressman, said in 2020 that Trump's election fraud claims had no proof to back them up. Now that he needs the President Trump's support, he's changed his tune. Casting doubt about election outcomes is one of the best ways to destroy trust in our democracy.

Alongside the election denial and fraud bleatings of the Republican Party, its recent emphasis on white supremacy is going to only further divide the country. We have become a racially and ethnically diverse nation, and we are better and stronger for it.

Directing ICE to arrest and imprison people of color, under horrid conditions, or deporting them to Africa is the kind of thing you expect from Russia, China, North Korea and Iran, not what used to be called the greatest democracy in the world. We have laws for treating people with decency. No, they weren't always followed, and America has certainly done some terrible things, but we have not seen the government act so brutally in generations.

Also, we are borrowing money as easily as water pours out of a loose faucet. The Republicans are silent about the national disgrace that is our debt of \$40 trillion. This has happened under a Republican President who cares more about building a ballroom than reducing our deficits.

Concerning the Democrats, I still distrust them because of the Presidential election in 2024. Joe Biden had clearly deteriorated. The Biden Administration said, in effect, "he's fine." I wrote emails to the White House about once or twice a month in 2023 and 2024, urging Biden to not run again. You think they're going to pay attention to a little guy like me? But I tried.

I went to a fundraiser for Biden in March 2024. Past presidents Obama and Clinton were there. Obama was the most eloquent. He had a lot of energy. Clinton was articulate enough, but his voice was rough, which made him seem frail. But compared to Biden, Clinton was a robust picture of health. Biden's speech at Radio City was slow and without passion, but he made sense. However, he talked old. He walked old.

I wanted to trust him, but in the debate he had with Trump in June 2024, Biden was barely coherent. I wrote savage emails almost every day to the White House demanding that Biden drop out. Thankfully, a lot of other, much more powerful people got him to do that.

He waited several weeks to take himself out of the race. Without any kind of democratic process, such as some kind of mini-primary or open convention that Obama had suggested, Kamala Harris was simply handed the nomination by the poohbahs that ran the Democratic party. After the election, I changed my voter registration to Independent.

So, the American people were not given a real choice in 2024. They clearly were not happy with the way the Democrats had handled the economy, the Presidency and the 2024 nomination.

The election suffered from a delusional mindset on the part of the Democrats – that the economy was fine and that Joe Biden was capable and competent.

Donald Trump, sold the country a delusional vision that we would quickly rid ourselves of inflation, get much lower energy and electricity prices, enjoy gasoline at \$2 a gallon and a better economy, and suffer no more foreign wars. He said he would cut government spending and bring peace to Ukraine in one day.

Inflation is running 3.4 percent higher than last year. We're at war with Iran, with no way out. Gas costs \$5.00 or more a gallon. Electricity costs are way up too. Ukraine and Russia are still slugging it out.

Extremists in both political parties are infected with fantasies about what the country looks like and what it needs. They're sowing division and driving people apart.

We need a politics that puts an end to the verbal bomb-throwing, and the divisiveness. We need leaders who are clear-eyed about our problems, can offer up realistic solutions, who try to include every citizen and inspire us to build a better country together.

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Sept. 11, 2026: the Convergence of 3 Major Events By Judith Niewiadomski

This year September 11th is the 25th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America. Nearly three thousand Americans were murdered on that day by Islamist terrorists and thousands more innocent civilians and first responders died from the toxins released by jet fuel that burned for months. Research has shown that September 11 is the actual birthday of Jesus Christ, which in the year he was born, was Rosh Hashanah. Biblically known as the Feast of Trumpets, it was the beginning of the Jewish New Year and its holiest holidays. This year, Rosh Hashanah, the beginning of the holiest days of the Jewish calender, beings on September 11th.

The sad anniversary of the September 11th terrorist mass murder shows the level of evil men can be degraded to by listening to the ravings of other men. The birth of Jesus Christ reminds us that we have hope because God sent His only begotten son., the only perfect man to pay the price for our sins, redemption and healing, and to fulfill the law and bring us eternal life and the ability, once we are born again to live by the spirit of God which became available on Pentecost. Rosh Hashanah/the Feast of Trumpets is a time of celebration, feasting, and prayer for a sweet new year.

While there is no indication in the Bible that the early Christian church celebrated Jesus Christ's birthday, his birth was the beginning of the fulfillment of promises that go back as far as Genesis 3:15. "One factor that helps us determine when Jesus Christ was born is the timing of the conception and birth of John the Baptist, whose birth preceded Jesus Christ's by six months. Zacharias, ... John the Baptist's father, was a priest of the course of Abia (Luke 1:5), which meant that he was assigned to carry out certain duties in the Temple at Jerusalem for a specified week twice a year. By calculating with the aid of chronological tables, we learn that the priests of the course of Abia would have been in their first term of annual service (according to our months) in the last week of May in 4 B.C. It was during this time that John's father found out that he was going to have a son (Luke 1:8-13).....During Elisabeth's sixth month of pregnancy (December, 4 B.C.), three months before John was born, God sent the angel Gabriel to tell Mary that she was also going to conceive and bear a child (Luke 1:26-31). Mary responded to the angel by saying, "...Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word..." (Luke 1:38). Perhaps it was at the moment she uttered these words that she conceived. Nine months from December of 4 B.C. sets Jesus' birth in September of 3 B.C."

"That Jesus was born in September, 3 B.C. is also supported by the Biblical record of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1,4-6: And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world [a figurative reference to the Roman Empire] should be taxed [registered]. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) To be taxed [enrolled, registered] with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered."

"These verses indicate that Jesus was born during a registration that was conducted throughout the Roman Empire to record an official declaration of political allegiance to Caesar Augustus from all of his subjects. Historical evidence indicates this registration took place in 3 B.C., the year prior to Caesar's twenty-fifth anniversary of supreme power, which was celebrated in 2 B.C. This historical evidence supports Jesus' birth as taking place in 3 B.C. September was a logical time of the year for such a registration to take place because the weather was mild for travel, the crops had been harvested, and one Judean civil year was closing and another beginning".

Luke 2:7: And she [Mary] brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

This verse tells us that after Mary brought forth her son, she laid him in a manger, which was normally used as a feeding trough, located in a stable or stall for animals. She did this because there was no more room at the inn... due to the influx of people into Bethlehem for the registration. In December, it would have been too cold to keep a newborn baby in a manger, but in September it would have been warm enough for this arrangement to work. This detail also provides support for September being the month of Jesus Christ's birth in 3 B.C. Luke 2:8 gives additional detail that supports the idea that Jesus' birth was not in December: "And there were in the same country [the same vicinity as Bethlehem] shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. "

"In Bible times in the late summer or early fall, farmers would often hire shepherds to keep their flocks in the farmers' fields overnight so that the sheep's manure would fertilize the fields. However, it was far too cold for sheep to graze at night from November through February. The presence of the shepherds is another indication that Jesus Christ could not have been born in December."[1]

This year Rosh Hashanah/the Feast of Trumpets, which occurs on Tishri 1 in the Jewish calendar, coincides with our September 11th. Rosh Hashanah is far more spiritual than the world's new year's celebration, it is the beginning of the holiest days of the Jewish calendar, concluding with Yom Kippur, the day of Atonement, a day of fasting, prayer, and reflection to seek forgiveness from God and others, the holiest day of the year in Judaism. Jewish believers fast, pray, and spend much of the day in synagogue services. Jewish believers renew their commitment to God

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wanted her 22,325 acres south of Odell Avenue to be changed to MG (garden apartments); the property had a golf course, clubhouse and caddie house. The two buildings originally were erected by the Bloomingdale Brothers’ to be “next door” summer homes on North Broadway, after first renting Yonkers homes in 1888. Mrs. Wightman intended to “preserve and protect the residential character of that part of North Broadway.”

Wightman’s attorney, former Mayor Wallin, stated Mrs. Wightman had no intention of building on the golf course or putting the property up for sale.

Thursday, September 17th

September 17, 1942: The Yonkers Police Department announced they expected a serious manpower shortage as many police officers were enlisting in the Navy. Area newspapers had announced the Navy wanted men with police and military experience for shore duty patrol, similar to Army Military Police. Patrolmen claimed they would earn more in the Navy... and wouldn’t have to buy their own uniforms and equipment.

September 17, 1945: McLean Avenue’s Yeoman Second Class Charles Kemp, serving on the battleship Wisconsin, received a second citation for “courage, discipline and endurance,” for his actions during the seventeen hours he and other survivors awaited rescue while drifting in lifeboats. A veteran of the Philippines, Okinawa and Iwo Jima campaigns, Kemp wore the Philippine Liberation ribbon, the Purple Heart and the Good Conduct medal.

Friday, September 18th

September 18, 1922: Samuel Untermeyer agreed to represent Republican Oscar Keller of Minnesota “and the people” before the House Judiciary Committee when Keller attempted to impeach Attorney General Daugherty. Republicans on the Judiciary Committee voted to delay the hearing until December; the Democrats voted to proceed immediately.

Keller and People’s Legislative Service Director Basil Manly spent the previous day at Greystone laying out their data on potential impeachment. They wanted Democrat Untermeyer because he had found widespread criminal conspiracies, price fixing and monopolies in the building trades while working on the Lockwood Committee in 1920. At the time, Untermeyer, the committee’s chief unpaid council, charged the Attorney General’s office was lax prosecuting more than 20 cases resulting from his investigation of the building trades.

Saturday, September 19th

September 19, 1928: Dr. Leon Pisculli, Park Hill Avenue, flew on the biplane Roma with Commander Cesare Sabelli, Pilot Roger Williams and navigator Piero Bonelli. Although the takeoff was successful, the plane soon returned. The plane backfired, blowing off a piece of the carburetor.

September 19, 1944: The Herald Tribune rehashed history and published an item stating Yonkers had been a “great stronghold of LocoFocoism 100 years earlier! Citizens organized a Clay Club; its first member was an old unnamed veteran who fought under Washington at the Battle of White Plains, under Wayne in the Ohio campaigns and under Harrison at Tippecanoe.”

LocoFocoism was the radical, anti-monopoly, militant working-class faction of the New York Democratic Party in the 1830s. Organized as the Equal Rights Party, it broke away from the conservative Tammany Hall leadership. Its main goal was achieved when President Van Buren urged and Congress passed the Independent Treasury Act.

Sunday, September 20th

September 20, 1853: Elisha Otis opened a small factory on the banks of the Hudson River to manufacture elevators equipped with his automatic safety equipment.

September 20, 1886: Ground was broken for construction of a horse car line, the Yonkers Surface Railroad

September 20, 1943: Eighty-seven trained aircraft workers were released from the Yonkers School of Aeronautical Manufacturing at Prospect and Clinton Streets; they went to Eastern Aircraft’s Tarrytown Division for employment as aircraft riveters at a salary of more than \$40 per week.

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 their website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, or email info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) # 2026 – 01B
REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS FOR
CO-DEVELOPMENT PARTNER FOR THE MHACY HOMEOWNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers, NY (the Authority) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications and Proposals from development firms interested in partnering with the MHACY for a Homeownership Development Initiative for work under a single award contract with the Authority for a five (5)-year term.

This RFQ is the only information provided to prospective respondents and contains submission requirements, terms, conditions, and other pertinent information for submitting a responsive proposal. The RFQ will be available online starting September 15, 2026, at www.mhacy.org.

There will be a Pre-Submittal Conference Meeting via Zoom for all interested bidders on September 30, 2026, via Zoom. The deadline for questions prospective respondents may have is October 7, 2026, at 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). All questions must be emailed to procurement@mhacy.org prior to the questions deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted.

Proposals must reach the Authority no later than 3:00 PM (EST) on October 30, 2026 Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD5369B.

The Authority is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate based on race, sexual orientation, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, or family status. The Authority solicits and encourages the participation of minorities and small businesses in procurement. Contact, related to this procurement, with members of the Authority’s Board of Commissioners, or Authority’s officers and/or employees other than the contact person show below, during the procurement process could result in disqualification of a proposal.

Wilson Kimball President & CEO Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers 1511 Central Park Avenue Yonkers, New York 10710

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to do right and by His grace and mercy, be written in the Book of Life. See here the spiritual contrast between the ideology that still butchers people, even those of their own religion, and the Judeo-Christian values of Western civilization where hundreds of first responders rushed into burning buildings trying to save the lives of strangers. Too many seem to have forgotten that is who we are, and this should be honored.

On September 11, 2001 President Bush said; “ Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. “ In this, President Bush was right because our nation is founded on Biblical principles. Jesus Christ articulated those principles when a power-hungry legalist, a Sadducee who did not believe what God’s Word says about the resurrections, tried to play gotcha He did not want to love and serve God and his neighbor, but wanted to destroy a man who did: “Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” (Matthew 22:35-40)

These principles are the foundation of America, though many have forsaken them or not yet come to know them. The sum of what GOD wants from us is to love Him and love our neighbor. These Biblical principles are why America has always been the most generous nation in the world, helping in every disaster—even those of our enemies, even rebuilding our enemies after wars, why we alone required government to protect the God-endowed rights of individuals to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. From early colonists on, individuals and privately organized groups have voluntarily helped the sick, the poor, have put together organizations such as Samaritan’s Purse, Cajun Navy, Mountain Mule Packers, and many others to help in disasters. We have Biblical groups laboring to bring the good news of God’s love, redemption, power, and healing to the world. We have volunteer firemen and volunteer responders. The brother of a murdered firefighter voluntarily runs Tunnels to Towers, which helps 9/11 victims and families, and has expanded to pay the mortgages of the families of other first responders who have died in the line of duty. We celebrate Thanksgiving as a national holiday because people who traveled an ocean for religious, freedom put aside time to thank God for surviving.

In the days following the worst terrorist attack on America, Americans were not forming roving bands to attack Muslims in the street, nor burning mosques and homes, evil acts that are typical responses in much of the world. There were no anti-Muslim riots. Instead, in America, volunteerism greatly increased. Not knowing what was to come, thousands of Americans trained for Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT) and in this area, a countywide first responder team, Westchester Emergency Volunteer Response (WEVR) to be ready to assist professional first responders should we be attacked again or face other disasters.

On this September 11, while we remember the victims of grievous evil, honor them by thanking God for the birth and ministry of Jesus Christ, the son of God, a rabbi who fulfilled the law and paid the price for our sins and the atonement that is memorialized on Yom Kippur. Because of his suffering service, we are twenty-five years closer to the resurrections and eternal reunion with our loved ones.

Judith Niewiadomski, Yonkers

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have voted. And let’s not forget Lawler’s critical vote for the One Big Beautiful Bill, cutting more than \$1 billion from Medicaid and SNAP and potentially causing well over 30,000 CD17 constituents to lose access to health care, while creating additional costs for working families and older adults—and protecting ultra-wealthy individuals and mega-corporations from paying their fair share. In fact, Lawler is this President’s trusted wolf in sheep’s clothing, his enabler, posing as a bi-partisan fair-minded legislator, but in truth a dishonest and expedient political operative picking our pockets every chance he can. This November, whatever your party affiliation, your vote for Cait Conley can begin to bring an end to this deception and chaos. Cait has given her word to prioritize the needs of all CD17 constituents, not just the privileged few. Given a chance, she will fulfill that pledge.J

Jay Forbes, Peekskill

THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids and Proposals for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room. The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the Sealed Bids opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid No. RFB-7692 – Opening date: 09/25/2026: Twenty-Four Month Contract with (2) 12-month options to renew to Provide Towing Services for Inoperable City Owned Vehicles, as needed (KS).
2. Bid No. RFB–7690 – Opening Date: 09/18/2026: Purchase of various dumpsters and compactors for the Department of Public Works Recycling Center (KAS).
3. Bid No. RFB–7693 – Opening Date 09/23/2026: Gymnasium Wood Floor Sanding, Refinishing and Court Markings - Four Schools (AC).
4. Bid No. RFB- 7694 – Opening Date 09/18/2026: 12-month contract to purchase up to 18 -55-gallon drums of Alpha Tech Pet KennelSol (or Yonkers approved equal) for the Animal Shelter (VB).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026, AT 6:00 PM, WILL BE HELD IN YONKERS CITY HALL, 40 SOUTH BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR (building is handicapped accessible). PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND UPDATES WWW.YONKERSNY.GOV . OPEN/CONTINUED HEARINGS

#5910 – Area Variances - 1205 Warburton Ave., Block: 3570, Lot: 1 (B0037131) Zone: MG. Apartment houses, low-density – Mark Blanchard, on behalf of Hudson Pointe, LLC., ToAllowFor: Applicant is seeking the construction of a new condominium unit. Variance is needed for combined side yards and rear yard. * Adjourned https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lPdzRuXEqveyqXwEFvD0_sZTxaGZPPSx?usp=sharing

#5913 – Area Variance – Janet Giris, on behalf of Morris Westchester Upper Site Associates, LLC., on premises known as 79 Austin Ave., Block: 3285, Lot: 210 (B0034334) Zone: CM, Commercial, storage and light manufacturing. ToAllowFor: Applicant is seeking the construction of a shell building and site work for new storage facility: 201,760 square foot, 45-foot warehouse and office building with associated 272 parking spaces, 21 loading docks, 41 trailer parking spaces and related infrastructure. Variance is needed for exceeding building height. * Adjourned <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X9-XUh8voN3LaCu4nsfuEMCr8tvWjew6?usp=sharing>

#5914 – Area Variances – Stephen A. Veneruso, on behalf of AVL Homes, LLC., on premises known as 69 Spruce St., Block: 430, Lot: 58 (B0036935) Zone: A. Apartment houses, high-density ToAllowFor: Applicant is seeking to build a new 60-Unit apartment building. Variances are needed for floor area ration, exceeding maximum permitted height, insufficient side and rear yard, exceeding maximum permitted building coverage and front yard parking. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1o_5iOmj08xCEPt6r-4_d-P1D4mE0WEk3?usp=sharing

#5494 & 5667 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of 581 Development Corp, owner, on premises know as 581 Saw Mill River Road, Block:3100, Lot: 200, (B0011017) Zone: I, Industrial. ToAllowFor: Applicant seeking the reconstruction of the warehouse to reflect the proposed use as a warehouse in the existing paint factory. Vari-ances are needed for insufficient rear yard and construction of a dimensionally non-conforming building that is damaged to an extent exceeding 50% of the assessed valuation https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RBWzAOsVzaQil_PUqgLtBDPWCngLyarV?usp=sharing

#5908 – Area Variance- 185 Murray Avenue -Block:5088 Lot:55.56, Zone: T, Two -Family. Angel Sanchez, on behalf of himself, owner (B0038016). To Allow For: Applicant seeks to modify and construct garage roof to create an attic, variance is needed for having a second floor in the garage <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12nKpQVuTD4ON9b5DOfoD-kfnTS223civ?usp=sharing>

#5926 – Area Variance – 151 Belknap Avenue, Block:3132, Lot:1; Zone: T, Two -Family. Mr. Germana Fraih, on behalf of himself, owner (B0038174) ToAllowFor: Applicant seeks to construct new 2 family dwellings, 2 story frame over basement with 2 car garage on a vacant lot, variance is needed for having insufficient lot width. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dHyncIPx3qvZCot2LkHR64SezV-z60So?usp=sharing>

#5927 – Area Variance – 160 Shonnard Terrace – Block:2140, Lot:133, Zone:S-50, S-50, Detached single-family on 50-foot lots, Mr. Ralph Drury on behalf of himself, owner (B0038095). ToAllowFor: Applicant seeks to construct a deck replacement; variance is needed for insufficient rear yard. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/189n9oaWuOSUQUCqvYdGqN6cc3K8GoKKW?usp=sharing>

#5928 – Area Variance – 88 Frederic Street – Block:2435, Lot:47, Zone: M, Apartment houses, medium-density. Amauris Ramirez, P.E. on behalf of Jose Balleste, owner (B0037416). ToAllowFor: Applicant is seeking to construct two exterior deck balconies at the rear of the building, variance is needed for Insufficient side yard and Nonconform-ing buildings or structures shall not increase any dimensional nonconformity <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17sOnABCtxy7U-GYbewHfIe1oABGMiToJ?usp=sharing>

#5863 – Area Variance Amendment – 43 Moultrie Avenue – Block:3130, Lot: 11, Zone T, Two-Family. Nico Zapata, on behalf of Carmen Tejada owner (B0033416). ToAllow-For: Applicant has filed a new application seeking the previously approved variances, together with five additional variances. Applicant seeks amendment to previously approved variances #5863 for addition & alterations to a 1 family residence to create a 2-family residence https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Xjs3vQ4v_KnrFVa5ciJ3GsJUmkiGH3h9?usp=sharing

#5860 – Area Variance – 58 Purser Place, Block 154, Lots 55 & 67 , Zone: MG, Apartment houses, low-density, John J. Phelan, Esq. on behalf of MP Riverdale Associates, LLC owner (B0034771).ToAllowFor:Applicant seeks variances previously granted under case#5860, which have since expired pursuant to the Zoning Code. Applicant seeks to construct a new 6-story, 10 dwelling units, multi-family residential building. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1bKmrKt-KRxjSxSQceOBMOo1WsY9XhCF?usp=sharing>

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Case# 5930 – Area Variance – 287 Kimball Ave, Block 6162, Lots 63.64, Zone: T, Two -Family. Darlyn Alvare P.E., on behalf of Jose Herrera, owner (B0034402). ToAllowFor: Applicant seek variances for conversion of existing single -family dwellings into two-family dwellings with proposed vertical enlargement and 2 story addition at rear, including creation new driveway and open-air parking area at side yard. <https://yonkers.municollab.com/zoning-board-of-appeals/projects/b2025081515/dashboard> <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LNKoTPDJ9kmA67rbp7gDdmvSEdRDhx7x?usp=sharing>

Case#5931 – Area Variance – 48 Shelburne Road – Block: 3208. Lot 56, Zone: S-50, Detached single-family on 50-foot lots. Steve A. Accinelli Esq. on behalf of Haris Radoncic owner (B0038471). ToAllowFor: Applicant seeks variances to build a new, 1 -family, 2-story and basement home. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RR2Rs-nxR2WtsGZjzs3QPVP6p60TK2pb?usp=sharing>

Case#5932 & 5637 – Area Variance – 25 Torre Place – Block:2390 Lot: 150, Zone: I, Industry. Patrick M. Bell of Cronin Engineering on behalf of Damian Quinn of Cran-nog LLC owner (B0020824). ToAllowFor: Applicant seeks variance to remove existing wood structures and replace them with steel framed membrane structure. Zoning Board of Appeals Area Variance #5637 6-15-2021 Planning Board Resolution 9-11-2019. https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CwOqyECnQCtt_2u8EPpX0o2uQD-p-MHf?usp=sharing

Case#5933 – Area Variance – 162 Yonkers Avenue – Block:446, Lot 6.7, Zone: BA, General business and apartment houses, high-density. Artina Gashi of Crafted Edge Consult-ing LLC on behalf of Endrit Hoxhaj of 162 Yonkers Ave Realty LLC (B0038156). ToAllowFor: Applicant seeks variance to change of use from Tire Shop to Coffee Shop <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nJ6z3w10AYEqOiwILxUtv4X8yfJZEGOX?usp=sharing>

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and we’ve already started thinking about a second version that can bring even more Yonkers landmarks, neighborhoods, and memories into the story. There is simply too much history to fit into one song,” said James.

Here are some of the lyrics
Before the skyline changed its face, Before the old signs disappeared,
Getty Square was full of life, And every corner held a year.
South Broadway down to Nepperhan, The Sugar House beside the tide,
Old Proctor lights and Carnegie walls, With the Hudson rolling by.
Nothing there was ever level, Every road could test your will,
Maybe that’s where we first learned, How to keep climbing every hill.
You can leave those streets behind you, But you carry Yonkers all your life.
Cross County on a Saturday, Wanamaker’s, Gimbels in their day,
A movie down at Central Cinema, Then something hot along the way.
Sal’s Pizza down on Nepperhan, Tropic Frost on Yonkers Ave,
A wedge wrapped tight at Landi’s deli
Roosevelt red, Gorton pride, Lincoln, Yonkers High stood tall, We thought those days would never fall.
We were raised in a city of hills, Where the Hudson watched us grow.
We learned to fight, we learned to laugh, We learned how far our hearts could go.
From Getty Square to Central Ave, Through every change and every mile,
You can leave those streets behind you, But you carry Yonkers all your life.
Cruising Central in the eighties, Windows down and radios loud,
South Seas, San Martino’s nights, Running with that hometown crowd.
Beefsteak Charlie’s, Charlie Brown’s, Ground Round shells beneath our feet,
Late-night stories, old friends laughing, Every memory had a street.
Yonkers Raceway on a Sunday, Flea market treasures row by row,
Jeffrey Park up on the hillside, Watching generations come and go.
The Saw Mill taught us how to drive, Those Lockwood turns could test your nerve
We learned early in those Yonkers hills, You earn whatever road you deserve.
I still see Proctor’s marquee shining, Hear the buses coming down the line,
See the Palisades across the water, Like a picture frozen back in time.
They can’t erase where you’re from.”

James hopes to have this song and his other songs released to all music streaming platforms, including YouTube Music, Spotify, Apple Music and more.
His Spotify artist page is Michael James https://open.spotify.com/artist/7wBNHE4BzScf3bxgMiUbPj?si=a8w1eMloQ0W6ssEnkV-Nyw&utm_source=copy-link

“I hope people hear the song, Raised in the City of Hills and remember who they are, who helped them and why Yonkers will always be a part of them. If it brings families together to share their stories, then the song has done something much bigger than I ever imagined

“My mom and I grew up in Yonkers, and I lived there for 26 years. I live in North Carolina now, but I never forgot about Yonkers. It’s my love and I wanted to put it out there.”

“This song is about resilience and grit and getting knocked down but getting up and moving forward. I have gotten thousands of comments and I’m trying to respond to everyone.

“I’m looking to collaborate with some big-time artists, and I would love to have these songs performed live. You can leave Yonkers, but Yonkers never leaves you,” said James who has worked for Xerox for 38 years, with their old offices on Executive Boulevard.”

Listen to the song on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/reel/989057014152037>.

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Doug Hogue for having his team ready to play from the opening kick off.
Congratulations to Yordy Diaz (special teams), Thomas Deddle (defensive) and Brendan Mulvihill (overall and offensive) for being selected the Yonkers Guardians Football Players of the Game.

Brendan Mulvihill stood out on offense for the Guardians, rushing for 187 yards and passing for 72 yards.

Next up for the Guardians is Scarsdale High school. We will give you the recap of that game next week.

Note: In a previous issue, we had a complaint with the decision not to field two Varsity Football teams in Yonkers this year.

We have read several reports of high school football teams in our area having to cancel their football for the year because of a lack of players.

This appears to have been part of the reason for a merger into the Guardians for this year.

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.

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Notice of Formation of FRM Collective LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/06/2026. 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, 669 Main Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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Notice of Formation of Blossom & Spruce, LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/29/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC at 83 Grandview Ave., Dobbs Ferry, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of GABRIELLA'S FRIENDLY CONCIERGE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/26/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to THE ENTITY, 147 OAKLAND AVENUE, EASTCHESTER, NY, 10709. Purpose: any lawful act or 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.

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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 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 formation of TE Inheritance Law PLLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 08/19/2026. 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, 3 El Retiro Lane, New York, NY 10803. Purpose: Law.

Notice of formation of Chatsworth Drive Confectionaries LLC. Arts. Of Org. Filed with SSNY on 08/20/2026. 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, 3 El Retiro Lane, New York, NY 10803. 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 Playwich LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/31/2026. Office location: Westchester County. Principal business location: 333 Mamaroneck Ave, #423, White Plains, NY 10605. SSNY is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Registered agent: Northwest Registered Agent LLC, 418 Broadway, STE N, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. Duration: perpetual.

Notice of formation of AyurvedaNewYork, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on Sept 4, 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, 145 Palisade Street Suite 200 PMB 1015 Dobbs Ferry New York 10522. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

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