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Yonkers Brave Win First Game in Four Years!

Excitement for Force & Brave This Football Season



By Phil Foley

Congrats to the Yonkers Brave who won their first football game in four years when they defeated Cardinal Spellman in a game played at Lincoln HS last Saturday! The final score was 27-6

The key to the win was the Brave's running game which was operating on all cylinders. Three players totaled an astonishing 359 yards and four touchdowns.

Keba Cisse was the star of the game rushing for 157 yards and 3 touchdowns. He was joined by teammate Mikey Grullon Rojas who rushed for 109 yards and 1 touchdown. Roundig out the trio of rushers was

Justin Espinal who rushed for 93 yards on 7 carries, (13.2 yards per carry)

Coach Doug Hogue said after the game: "These kids put the work and sacrifices to win this game. They deserve this and so much more. First win in four years so enjoy it. enjoy it but the honeymoon has to be short, there is more work that has to be done."

Good luck this season Coach Hogue and the Brave football team.

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Yonkers Barber, Healing from Attack, Will Re-Open

"You don't hide from antisemitism. You need to shine a light on it and call it out."



Yonkers barber Slava Shushakova, 51, his right hand still bandaged from the unprovoked attack and stabbed in his store on August 29th by Ahmed al Jabali, 34. Shushakova puts on tefillin with the help of Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz and former City Council President Chuck Lesnick in the barber's Yonkers Avenue story, when he came to check on the remaining blood which had dripped from his hand, wrist and forearm from the attack. Observant Jews follow the Torah's commandment to literally bind the words of the Torah between your eyes and opposite the heart, on your head and a sign on your non-dominant arm, to demonstrate that these two organs are willing to perform service to God.

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The Yonkers Police Department reported: On Thursday August 29th, at approx 3:45pm the Yonkers Police Department received a call of a dispute at a barber shop in the area of Central Park Avenue and Yonkers Avenue. Upon arrival officers located a male victim with multiple lacerations to his right arm. The victim related that while performing barber services a dispute ensued and the customer allegedly grabbed a pair of scissors and struck the victim multiple times in the arm and hand while making antisemitic statements before ultimately fleeing from the location. Responding officers immediately began canvassing the area for the suspect and located a suspect who was later positively identified by the victim. The victim was remanded to Westchester County Jail pending his next court date," end of Yonkers Police Department statement.

The man identified as Ahmed al Jabali, 34, was intoxicated, and while getting a haircut began screaming "I want to kill you, you (expletive) Jew" and then stabbing

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The Hottest Race in Yonkers for Election 2024

John Isaac-Nader Sayegh, Assembly 90th Dist.



Yonkers Assembly candidate John Isaac pictured with his family

By Dan Murphy

The biggest election in Yonkers this November will be in the race for Assembly in the 90th District. Incumbent Democrat, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh is facing a serious challenge from small businessman, John Isaac.

While Isaac is proud of his Indian-American heritage, that is not the primary reason he is running for Assembly. "I am not a career politician. I think Albany is broken, and the policies that we have been getting from the democratic supermajorities are making it harder for all of us to raise a family. We can't afford the spending and some of the policies that my opponent has rubber stamped. We can do better.

Isaac came to America at the age of 19. He has lived in Yonkers for 17 years and has two grown children. Isaac is a financial planner in Westchester.

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City Settles 35 Year Old Sex Abuse Case Made Against LHS Teacher- Coach for \$800,000

By Dan Murphy



Louis DiRienzo

The City of Yonkers recently settled a sex abuse case filed by a former student at Lincoln High School for \$800,000. The lawsuit was filed by Patricia Adamchek in 2020, under the New York State Child Victims Act. That law, signed by then Governor Cuomo in 2020, permitted accusers to file sex abuse claims with no statute of limitations.

Adamchek alleged that she was sexually abused by Louis DiRienzo, a teacher and coach at Lincoln High School, on 12 occasions, starting when she was 16 and a student at Lincoln High School. The abuse occurred between 1986-1988 -when he began grooming her for sex when she was in the 11th grade.

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Yonkers Students Honor First Responders on September 11



Students from the Yonkers Public Schools thanked Yonkers Police Officers from the 4th Police Precinct on September 11

Yonkers Riverfest This Weekend-Celebrates 30 Years-See Page 8

Governor Signs Senator Mayer Bill Requiring School Board to Appoint a Non-Voting Student Member

New Survey Connects Clothing Insecurity for Students with Low Self-Esteem, Being Bullied and Skipping School



The Yonkers Board of Education, pictured above with Superintendent Anibal Soler, Jr.

Governor Kathy Hochul signed key legislation sponsored by Senator Shelley B. Mayer and Assembly Member Carrie Woerner to require every school board and Board of Cooperative Education Services in New York State to appoint at least one student ex-officio member.

Through Mayer and Woerner’s legislation, S.9018A/A.9855A, school boards will now be required to appoint at least one student ex-officio member who may participate in all public meetings and sit with the other board members. These student members will be non-voting and will not be entitled to participate in Executive sessions or any other non-public proceedings.

Prior to this law, districts were allowed to appoint an ex-officio student member, but had to seek approval from voters in their district via a referendum. This legislation simplifies the process, removing the referendum requirement and giving districts greater flexibility about how they appoint members. Further, it will expand opportunities statewide for students to participate in their school board by ensuring every district has at least one student member.

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, “I am proud my bill to require school districts and BOCES to appoint at least one student non-voting school board member has been signed into law by Governor Hochul. Today, students navigate a myriad of challenges in their lives at home and school. Some of these challenges are familiar to those of us who were high school students decades ago. Others may not be — the impact of social media, experience of social isolation since the pandemic, or fear and anxiety about the climate crisis. This legislation will ensure that students have a seat at the table where decisions that shape their educational opportunities and experience are made and that members of the Board hear and benefit from their insights as students. I want to thank Assembly Member Woerner for sponsoring this legislation in the Assembly and Governor Kathy Hochul for signing it into law.”

Assembly Member Carrie Woerner said, “As a former high school student School Board member, I know first-hand what a wonderful experience it was to be my school’s student representative and to be able to offer students’ perspectives on all School Board-related topics. Students are important stakeholders and I’m pleased to have partnered with Senator Mayer in ensuring they now have a place and a voice at the table in School Boards across the state.”

Grace Evans, a former Ex-Officio School Board member for Jamesville-DeWitt School District in Syracuse, said, “Education is a means to understanding and knowing the world. The spaces that it occupies are meant for exploration, invention, and creation. That these environments are thoughtfully and intentionally constructed is imperative to creating positive learning and living experiences. This legislation ensures that the student voice is centered in making decisions about the detailed and broader ongoing in districts, which, in turn, affect both the daily and longer-term lives of students. My own experience as a Student Board Representative gave me a layered and developed perspective on the education system and social issues that play into it, as well as important skills that continue to guide the way that I communicate, collaborate, lead, and live, on the largest scale. It has given me more opportunities than I could’ve ever imagined, including this one, to aid in making sure that all students have access to the same meaningful and impactful experience that I had.”

Assemblyman Steve Otis, a cosponsor of the new law, said, “Providing stu-

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The Sharing Shelf collects clothes distributed for free to low-income children and teens

The Sharing Shelf, the nonprofit clothing bank serving Westchester County, unveiled today the results of a survey of more than 100 caseworkers at the schools and social service agencies served by the nonprofit organization. The survey illuminates both the types of clothing needed and the impacts on students of not having age-appropriate, season-appropriate, well-fitting clothing that reflects the personality of the students. The Sharing Shelf addresses the clothing needs of children and teens – from newborn to age 19.

The most needed items of clothing – cited in responses from 123 caseworkers – are as follows: sneakers, 85% cited; coats, 81%; shirts, 80%; jeans/pants, 61%; underwear/diapers, 57%; sweatshirts/sweaters, 45%; sweatpants/leggings, 43%; shoes, 34%; and, socks, 20%.

How a lack of clothing impacts children emotionally, socially, and academically – based on responses from 109 caseworkers – is as follows: 88% report emotional impacts; 72% report social impacts; 58% report academic impacts.

The number of the 109 caseworkers who reported specific impacts on students with clothing insecurity is as follows: low self-esteem, 92; subject to bullying, 60; skip school, 40; impacted child’s friendships, 22; contributed negatively to a child’s behavior (i.e., outbursts), 20; child or teen did not participate in sports/after-school activities, 16; poor academic performance, 14; child has become withdrawn, 12; affected relationship with a parent or guardian, 7.

These survey results are especially timely, as applications for clothing received by The Sharing Shelf have nearly tripled over the last five years: from 1,863 in 2018 to 5,579 in 2023. While Westchester is among the nation’s wealthiest counties, its poverty rate for children under five grew from 9.5% to 11.7% from 2021 to 2022, according to Westchester Children’s Association, and over 67,000 children and teens live in poverty or a low-income home.

“Clothing insecurity is often overlooked, on the theory that as long as one has some kind of clothes, there’s no problem,” said Deborah Blatt, Founder and Executive Director of The Sharing Shelf. “But for students to perform well in school – and stay in school – they need to have clothes that are the right size, that are appropriate to the season, that reflect their personality, and they need enough of them to be clean. Clothing insecurity should be tackled in conjunction with the better-recognized food insecurity and housing insecurity. These survey results show us why.”

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



A postcard of Roosevelt High School, which will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2025

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

September 16, 1942: Dr. Lawrence Ashley, Chief of Yonkers Public Schools Vocational Education, announced student selection for Roosevelt's Preflight Training program. At the start of registration, more than twenty students applied. Open to Junior and Seniors in all high schools, students had to be eighteen years old on graduation. Training was after school, three hours five days a week. The original course student limit was 25 trainees; however, since more than 400 Roosevelt students attended the program's informational meeting, it was expanded.

Dr. Ashley investigated students receiving college credits for this pre-flight training, and reported he had an unofficial yet positive response from college officials; New York City's Air Training Corps indicated it would give full college entrance credit.

Tuesday, September 17th

September 17, 1891: Dedication of the Yonkers Civil War Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument in front of Philipse Manor Hall, honored Yonkers men who fought to save the Union in the Civil War.

September 17, 1942: The Army Quartermaster Depot announced Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company was awarded a contract for 155,000 wool blankets! Smith VP Maitland Griggs announced this agreement would keep the blanket-making department running full time into the next year.

Wednesday, September 18th

September 18, 1940: City Manager Raymond Whitney, acting Public Safety Commissioner, told YPD Officers they must pay debts or face charges. After Whitney checked on garnishees, he instructed Chief Edward Quirk to remind the men of the debt rule, requiring officers to pay "just debts."

September 18, 1943: Dr. Lawrence Ashley, Director of the Yonkers War Production Training Program at the Yonkers School of Aeronautical Manufacturing, sent 87 trained workers to Eastern Aircraft to work as aircraft riveters; an additional 114 workers had been sent earlier in the week. These new employees completed the specialized course in airplane riveting created by agreement between Eastern Aircraft and the United States Employment Service.

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The Third Precinct Police Community Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, September 18 - 7:30 PM at the Chema Community Center, 435 Riverdale Avenue. Usual quality of life issues will be discussed and residents and merchants of the southwest Yonkers area are urged to attend this important community meeting. For further information please contact Bob Stauff, President at 914 476-2284 or Captain Mike Mulvey at 914 377-7427.

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Latimer Proposes Naming County Trail After Yonkers Native Andrew O'Rourke



Westchester County Executive George Latimer, with members of the O'Rourke family, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins and Assemblymember MaryJane Shinsky

Westchester County Executive George Latimer is set to introduce legislation to the Westchester County Board of Legislators to honor Andrew P. O'Rourke, Westchester's sixth County Executive, by naming both the North and South County Trailways in his memory. The trailways are proposed to be named the Andrew P. O'Rourke Westchester County Trailway.

Latimer said: "Since the County Executive's Office was first created, these leaders have been tasked with challenge of making our County a greater place for every resident who calls Westchester home. While we may have differed on certain ideologies from administration to administration, we are all united by our deeply-rooted desire to leave an indelible mark on this County once our time is done. I am proud to recognize the accomplishments of Andrew P. O'Rourke, and it is my hope that as people travel this County landmark, they will fondly remember him as a great leader, too."

O'Rourke, who served as County Executive from 1983 to 1997, is remembered for his impactful leadership and contributions to Westchester County. Under his tenure, numerous projects and developments were launched that have had a lasting impact on the community. To recognize his enduring legacy, Latimer's proposed legislation will honor O'Rourke, and celebrate his commitment and service to the County.

Westchester County Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "The North and South County Trailways make up a cohesive 36.2 miles of pathway. Naming it as one united facility is only fitting and the proposed name of the Andrew P. O'Rourke Westchester County Trailway is a great way to honor former Westchester County Executive O'Rourke."

O'Rourke's Grandson Andrew J. O'Rourke said: "My grandfather would often say, 'life isn't a sprint, it's a marathon.' That mantra is what this trail represents. A pathway from one place to another, beset with twists, turns, breaks, sights and sounds. We may all travel the path differently, but we're all on the path. We'll all get there eventually. Thank you County Executive Latimer for your support for naming the North and South County Trailway in honor of County Executive Andrew P. O'Rourke who served Westchester County well."

O'Rourke's governmental career started as a member of the Yonkers City Council from 1966 to 1973, followed by nine years as member of the Westchester County Board of Legislators from 1973-1982, including the last four years as Chairman. As County Executive he invested strongly in people care, helping the poor and homeless, meeting the need for affordable housing, safeguarding the quality of our environment and ensuring adequate future water supplies. O'Rourke passed away on January 3, 2013 at the age of 79 after a long illness.

The introduction of this legislation is part of Latimer's ongoing efforts to honor past leaders who have made substantial contributions to Westchester County. In addition to proposing to name the Westchester County Trailway in honor of O'Rourke, Latimer also plans to recognize and celebrate the contributions of others who played a pivotal role in the creation of these trailways, including Alfred DelBello and Angelo Martinelli.

Since 1938 Westchester County has had nine County Executives, including Edwin Michaelian, for whom the County Office Building is named, and Alfred DelBello, for whom Muscote Farm is named.

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Hastings Music Teacher Charged with Sexual Abuse of Student at High School



Teacher of more than 20 years arrested for alleged unwanted touching and kissing of an underage student

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced today that a former Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District music teacher was arrested on charges alleging unwanted touching and kissing of an underage student in June at Hastings High School.

DA Rocah said: "The alleged actions of this defendant, a long-time teacher, exploited the trust placed in him by the school, parents, students and community when he allegedly sexually abused a student. We commend the brave young victim for coming forward."

The defendant, Michael Rubino, 63 of Hartsdale, a music teacher at Hastings public schools for more than 20 years, was arrested by the District Attorney's Office criminal investigators and arraigned today before Judge Peter Kolbert in the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Justice Court on charges of Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree, both misdemeanors, and Harassment in the Second Degree, a violation.

Bail was set at \$7,000 cash / \$25,000 bond / \$50,000 partially secured bond at 10%.

The defendant is scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 18.

According to the criminal complaint, at approximately 10:15 a.m. on June 10, the defendant took the student to the school auditorium where he pulled the student behind the curtains and hugged and kissed the student without their consent. After allegedly rubbing the student's back and kissing the student's cheek and neck, the defendant tried to kiss the student on the lips.

The student immediately reported the incident to a teacher who notified the administration the same day.

The district reported the incident to the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson Police Department, which referred the case to the District Attorney's Office, and placed the defendant on administrative leave pending the DA's Office criminal investigation.

The defendant retired from the district in July 2024.

Anyone who may have been victimized or may have information about other possible victims of the defendant can contact the DA's Office Special Prosecutions Division at (914) 995- 3000. Language assistance is available.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Stephanie Baehr of the Child Abuse Bureau in the Special Prosecutions Division.

Several Westchester Communities Move Forward with Building Assesory Dwelling Units (ADU's)



A recently completed Accessory Dwelling Unit on Finney Farm Road in Croton-on-Hudson. Photos provided by the property owners.

On Sept. 6, the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity, announced their partnership through the Plus One ADU program, an initiative designed to help homeowners create Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). This program aims to provide residents with affordable housing options while offering an opportunity to build generational wealth and maintain a strong community presence.

ADUs, such as backyard cottages and separate-entry apartments, are secondary units on the same property as a primary residence. Through the Plus One ADU program, eligible homeowners can receive financial assistance to build an ADU on their property, helping them stay in their homes, support their families, and contribute to the local housing supply. Currently, there are 52 communities participating in the Plus One ADU program, including seven

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Letters to the Editor:

(1)-"Our Fearful Leaders"—(2)-The "Cure"

"A decline in courage may be the most striking feature that an outside observer notices in the West today."

"The Western world has lost its civic courage, both as a whole, and separately, in each country, in each government, in each political party, and, of course, in the United Nations."

Such a decline in courage is particularly noticeable among the ruling and intellectual elites, causing an impression of a loss of courage by the entire society."

(Alexander Solzhenitsyn—at the Harvard graduation ceremony (1978)

Doesn't this remind one of 1939-40 when Britain and France tried to "buy peace" with a Nazi dictator, and the U.S.A. clung to its "Isolationist" policy---

(2) The "Cure": "If you hit a pony over the nose at the outset of your acquaintance, he may not love you, but he will take a deep interest in your movements ever afterwards." (Rudyard Kipling)

Joe Pettit
Yorktown Hts.

To the Editor:

I am writing to express my opinion on an outstanding candidate for Congress with the hope that you see fit to print this in your paper.

I am in full support of Dr. Miriam Levitt Flisser for Congress. Let's begin with her top qualification above all others. Miriam is a compassionate person. This has been demonstrated throughout her lifetime in her profession as a pediatrician, whose focus is caring for the most needing of citizens, our innocent children. To me, this qualification alone is the best that could be on anyone's resume. Miriam is not your run-of-the-mill politician.

On the issues, Miriam has core, common sense American values. She does not support the illegal immigration that is overrunning our nation, destroying our economy and our safety. She supports solid economic policies that will stop the irresponsible spending that is making it difficult for the average American to live. She will look to create policies that allow citizens to thrive on their own initiative, not create government dependency. She supports parental rights which protects our children and supports school programs that teach reading, writing and arithmetic, not gender dysphoria and sexuality.

In my humble opinion, Miriam fits the bill for an honest Congresswoman who genuinely cares for her peers – something this nation is sorely lacking. If you want change for a better America, vote for Miriam Levitt Flisser for Congress in November.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my view.

Sincerely
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After 11-Year Journey, New York Female-Led Excavating Company Secures MWBE Certification



Stacey Tompkins

After an 11-year endeavor marked by persistence and resilience, Tompkins Excavating (“Tompkins”) proudly announces its successful attainment of New York State certification as a Minority- and/or Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE). This milestone underscores the family-run company’s dedication to excellence and its commitment to diversity and inclusion in the construction industry.

Founded by Mark Tompkins in 1980 as a modest landscaping business, the company expanded into landscape construction and excavating services over the years. Recognizing the potential for growth, Stacey Tompkins left her management position at Aramark in 1991 with a vision to transform Tompkins Excavating into an industry leader. Under her leadership, Tompkins has grown into a prominent site development firm with annual revenues growing from \$1 million to over \$12 million.

Stacey’s determination and tenacity were pivotal as she tackled the numerous challenges of securing MWBE certification. Despite facing three rejections and enduring 11 years of appeals and costly legal battles, she ultimately succeeded in achieving approval.

“The MWBE certification isn’t something our company needed to be successful, but it’s certainly something that I earned,” said Stacey Tompkins, owner and president of Tompkins Excavating. “As a woman, wife, mother of three sons, and business owner, I am acutely aware of the challenges and perceptions I need to overcome just to be on a somewhat level playing field with my male peers. As women, we often have to work harder to earn respect in our fields. We have to be relentless in our determination.”

Over the past four decades, Tompkins Excavating has built a strong reputation for its experienced team and high-quality work. This commitment to excellence has established them as a highly sought-after subcontractor.

The company has been instrumental to projects throughout the Hudson Valley, including a major Rockland County project for Manhattan Beer, a Home Depot Distribution Center in Orange County, a 30-acre complex in Putnam County featuring Restaurant Depot and a Subaru Dealership, the Hamlet at Carmel housing development in Putnam County, and Westchester County projects such as the Caremount Medical Center and the Peekskill Firehouse.

“Our growth is a testament to our innovative practices and relentless pursuit of excellence,” said Tompkins. “We continuously invest in the latest technology and training to ensure we deliver the highest standards in site development services.”

As a family-run business, Tompkins Excavating prides itself on its hands-on approach, personalized service, and unwavering dedication to each project. Clients benefit from their meticulous attention to detail and a steadfast commitment to exceeding their expectations.

Michael Coates, Project Manager for Claris Design Build praised Tompkins’ exceptional service and professionalism:

“The Tompkins Excavating team consistently excels and is known for their professionalism, reliability and expertise,” said Coates. “They are the first trade in and the last trade out of a project and are a proven trusted resource.”

In the male-dominated construction industry, Stacey Tompkins has made a significant impact with her fresh perspective, strong leadership, and exceptional project management skills. Known for addressing common industry issues such as cost overruns and delays, she prioritizes collaboration and safety, reinforcing a “Everyone goes home” mantra among her forty employees to ensure a safety-first priority.

Stacey’s leadership has been recognized with numerous awards and she has been a featured speaker at industry trade conferences. She is actively involved in several organizations, serving on the boards of the Business Council of Westchester and the Building & Realty Institute of Westchester & the Mid-Hudson Region, while co-chairing their Women in Construction committee. Additionally, Tompkins Excavating is an active member on the UDig NY Counsel for Lower Hudson Valley. The company also engages with the community through organizations like Support Connection, Community Cares, and Her Honor Mentoring.

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17 New York State Legislators to Compete in Live Harness Races at Yonkers Raceway Sept. 20



L-R: Assembly Members Latrice Walker, Nade Sayegh, Stefani Zinerman, Dana Levenberg, Joe DeStefano, Ken Zebrowski, Eddie Gibbs, J.Gary Pretlow, Scott Bendett, Senator Dean Murray, Assembly Member Brian Cunningham, and Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts President and COO Ed Domingo at the 2023 Legislative Pace. Photo by Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts)

Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts (“Empire City”) announced the date has been set for the annual Legislative Pace. New York State Senators and Assembly Members have circled Friday, September 20, 2024, on their busy calendars for what is typically dubbed “The Hottest Political Race of the Year.” The Legislative Pace will give legislators the reins as they compete for bragging rights in what has become an ultra-competitive, yet friendly, must-see harness racing event at Yonkers Raceway hosted by Empire City and the Standardbred Owners Association of New York (“SOANY”).

The event has been held annually, with the exception of 2020, allowing New York State legislators to participate in before-the-card non-wagering harness races, holding the reins in double-seated jog carts alongside professional harness drivers. Each race consists of two turns around Yonkers Raceway’s historic one-half-mile oval.

The legislative line-up for the 2024 Legislative Pace includes State Senators Jamaal Bailey (D-Bronx) and Nathalia Fernandez (D-Bronx/Westchester), State Dana Levenberg (D-Westchester/Putnam), Nader Sayegh (D-Westchester).

“The annual Legislative Pace event presents legislators with the opportunity for lighthearted, friendly competition along with the thrill of close interactions with the horses,” said New York State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. “As the Chair of the Senate Racing, Gaming, and Wagering Committee, I appreciate having the opportunity to bring attention to the harness racing industry as part of our steadfast commitment to meeting the needs of the horses, riders, trainers, and owners.”

Legislative Pace participants will experience the more than \$1 million investment MGM Resorts has made in the historic 125-year-old track to enhance the racing experience. The upgrades are the first in more than 15 years and include a resurfaced and regraded track that raised the turns as much as a foot, upgraded track lighting to an LED system, a resurfaced paddock, and a new state-of-the-art tote board with video capabilities.

“Not only has the Legislative Pace become a highly-anticipated and fun evening for legislators, but more importantly this event allows members of the State Assembly and State Senate to experience racing firsthand and learn more about its importance to agriculture and the state’s economy,” said Joseph Faraldo, President of the Standardbred Owners Association, which represents horsemen at Yonkers Raceway. “Our industry creates tens of thousands of jobs and generates billions of dollars each year, and we are thrilled that so many legislators want to be involved in harness racing and learn more.”

Key highlights of past Legislative Pace events include a near Bronx sweep in 2019 with wins by Senator Jamaal T. Bailey (D-Bronx) who is competing again this year.

“I look forward to being present at Empire City Casino’s annual Legislative Pace event alongside my colleagues,” said New York State Assembly Racing and Wagering Committee Chair J. Gary Pretlow. “It will be another memorable year with so much fun and a competitive spirit from all the participants.”

Live racing continues at Yonkers Raceway Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings with a first race post time of 6:55 p.m. Races are simulcast and available for viewing and wagering online at www.EmpireCityBets.com where racing fans can create a free account and view live racing at Yonkers Raceway and tracks across the country. For more information on Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, please visit www.empirecitycasino.com.

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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. IFB-7331 – Opening date: 10/25/2024: Andrus Park and Playground renovations, located on Central Park Avenue in the vicinity of the Will Library (FB).
2. Bid No. IFB-7217 – Opening date: 10/11/2024: Twelve-month contract, with two options to renew for 12-months, to provide on-call maintenance, service, and repairs to roof and masonry systems for 41 school facilities throughout the Yonkers School District (MM).
3. Bid No. RFB-7195B – Opening date: 9/27/2024: Twelve-month contract to purchase various pool chemicals as needed for 2024- 2025 school year (VB).
4. Bid No. IFB-6833 – Opening date: 10/25/2024: Construction of New Transmission Line on Nepperhan Avenue from South Broadway to Elm Street. A non-mandatory site inspection/pre-bid meeting will be held on Friday, September 27, 2024. Meet outside City Hall Plaza, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701 (TC).

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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
TOWN OF EASTCHESTER PLANNING BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board of the Town of Eastchester will hold a public hearing on: Thursday September 26, 2024, at 7PM at the Town of Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York, in the Court Room/Auditorium on the application of:

Graziella's Market Eastchester
321 White Plains Road

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Related to:
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Map of the Town of Eastchester:
317 White Plains Road- Section 69-Block 6-Lot 3
250 Main Street -Section 69-Block 6-Lot 4.A

and located at the following address
321 White Plains Road (317 White Plains Road & 250 Main Street)
Eastchester, NY 10709.

Notice of Formation of NERVE Media LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 5/11/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 224 W 35TH St Ste 500, #825 New York, NY, 10001. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of C BY Mayra LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/03/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 3 Sherwood Terrace, apt 3K Yonkers NY 10704. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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Notice of formation of CUADRADO LAW PLLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/19/2024. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 295 Main Street, MT KISCO NY 10549.

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the barber. Jabaqli remains in custody at the Westchester County Jail.

Barber Slava Shushakova described raising his hands to protect himself from the stabbing attack by suspect Ahmed al Jabali. "I was able to stop my face and body from the stabbing, but my right hand, right wrist and forearm were stabbed. I backed away from him in my shop, yelling for him to stop, and that he will be arrested. He did not stop."

Shushakove says a mother with her child was sitting in the front, and she ran out with her daughter. Shushakova said Jabali then picked up a heavy broom that he uses to sweep the floor and swung it, trying to hit him. He says he was able to also block that. "He had backed me into the shop. I picked up a knife and threatened him. He then ran out the front door and ran across the street."

"I saw a man sitting in his car in front of my store, and yelled at him to call the police. The store next door saw what was happening and had locked their door. The police arrived pretty quickly and then had to wait for the ambulance to arrive."

Former Council President and member of the Westchester Jewish Council Chuck Lesnick said, "This should never happen in any circumstance, but especially as a hate crime. This man is a hard working russian immigrant who was making a better life for himself."

"We are going to hold an event once he is healed and is back to work. I am also working with Senator Shelley Mayer to see if there is some type of assistance he can get. As a sold practioner his business has been closed for weeks.

Lesnick said that Shushakova told him. "You don't hide from antisemitism. You need to shine a light on it and call it out and stand together."

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Only 200 trainees were left in the Aeronautical Training program.

Thursday, September 19th

September 19, 1960: Three hundred Otis employees were laid off because the company's contract with Brunswick Bowling ended; Brunswick decided to manufacture its own machines. Otis had manufactured bowling alley automatic pinsetters since Brunswick introduced the innovation four years earlier.

This didn't affect Otis' contract with the Bowl-Mor Company to manufacture, install and service tenpin machines. Bowling equipment was manufactured in a former Smith building Otis leased.

September 19, 1963: After spending \$1.5 million making improvements, Refined Syrups and Sugars announced an additional investment of \$5.5 million to expand their Yonkers facilities. Refined Syrups bought 8.5 acres south of their refinery to increase storage areas, modernize production facilities, renovate roads and improve company parking lots.

Friday, 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, 1939: Sara McPike, a Yonkers proponent for women's suffrage, President of the St. Catherine Welfare Association and a member of the Women Investors in America (WIA), asked Yonkers women to support WIA's efforts to keep America out of war. According to McPike, "The women of America must understand they cannot save their husbands, sons and brothers from being blown to bits on European battlefields if they do not prevent America from taking part in a war that would undoubtedly destroy our American form of government."

Saturday, September 21st

September 21, 1925: Plans were announced to transform the Riverdale Avenue frontage of the former Waring Hat Manufacturing Company's plant into 21 stores; well-known local architect H. Lansing Quick was designing improvements to the entire Riverdale Avenue building frontage. The large Waring Sizing Building on St. Mary's Street was slated to be converted into a garage.

The Waring Hat Factory property was bought by a syndicate of locally prominent businessmen... whose names were not revealed in the announcement.

September 21, 1945: The Ragone family of Morsemere Avenue held on to their hopes their son and brother Vincent, reported dead by the War Department July 1944, was alive. A brother reported he had received a letter from Vincent written two months later, September 1944. An unidentified soldier visited Yonkers to meet Vincent's parents but missed them; they were at work. Instead, he told neighbor Anthony Ziccinelli he was looking for the family to tell them Vincent still was alive, taken prisoner by the Germans... and was skin and bones.

Sunday, September 22nd

September 22, 1933: The first society kidnapping in Yonkers was thwarted with the arrest of nurse Caroline DePalma and gas station attendant James Medley.

After six weeks receiving terrifying threats, the wedding of Yonkers debutante Helen Batcheller and John Dougherty took place under very different circumstances than originally planned. Instead of a fashionable church wedding, it was a quiet wedding at the Leffingwell-Batcheller mansion, 250 Palisade Avenue. Agents from the Department of Justice acted as witnesses to the wedding, while Yonkers Police detectives guarded the home.

Helen's uncle, Russell Leffingwell, was Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for President Wilson.

September 22, 1938: Denise O'Brien, Park Hill Show Business attorney Denis O'Brien's daughter, phoned her dad to let him know she had survived. Their summer home in Westerly, Rhode Island, was hit by a terrible storm and tidal wave that smashed the east coast. Unfortunately, her brother Robert and his wife, Pawtucket RI residents, were among the missing.

Sixteen-year-old Yonkers' tennis star Audrey Lucas was killed in the same storm; a Massachusetts school chimney crashed through her school dining hall and crushed her.

Questions or comments on this column? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com.

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Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

The Westchester in White Plains

Mall Walk, 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

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Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268

History of Lasdon, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

The tour will focus on the history and highlights of the Lasdon Arboretum. We will walk and examine the William and Mildred Memorial Garden, magnolias, trees, lilacs, conifers and azalea garden, as well as the Lasdon house and its history.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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

Quilltop: A BYOB Book Club, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Bring your own book to enjoy on the picturesque hills of the farm; the club meets once a month on the hill behind the Farm Stand. All ages are welcome!

Get details <https://hilltophanoverfarm.org/events/event-calendar.html/event/2024/09/14/quilltop-a-byob-book-club/488832>

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Lasdon Green Squad, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Every Saturday through November.

Get details and register <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/lasdon-green-squad/2024-09-14/>

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282

Farmers Market, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

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Get details <https://www.muscotefarm.org/markets/farmers-market-information.html>

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Gardening Sundays, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

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The Bronx River Parkway

Bicycle Sunday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bike, walk or jog a 13.1-mile loop of the Bronx River Parkway from White Plains to Yonkers. A portion of the parkway is closed to cars for the exclusive use of non-motorized bicyclists and scooters, as well as in-line skaters, walkers and joggers. Sundays through Oct. 13.

Get details <https://parks.westchestergov.com/bicycle-sundays>

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It's time to gear up for Westchester's largest festival as we say goodbye to summer and hello to fall! The Yonkers Downtown BID presents Yonkers Riverfest for its 30th anniversary. With an electrifying lineup that will bring excitement for all, this year's festival takes place on Saturday, September 14th, from 12pm to 7pm. Don't miss out on an unforgettable day of music, food, arts, and culture for residents and visitors. This year's exciting lineup includes 15+ live bands on 3 different stages, 140+ unique food, arts and crafts, community vendors, pop-ups, a fiesta corner, an art stop area, an environmental area, and a wellness area!

Riverfest's musical acts will make the day unforgettable, offering a variety of talents to suit every music lover's taste. Enjoy Elton John's classics performed by Philadelphia Freedom, the ultimate and most realistic tribute currently touring, with Doug Delescavage capturing Elton as the young, energetic performer he was in his 20s. Experience the captivating rhythms of Lulada Club, an all-women salsa group that sets the music scene ablaze from Colombia to New York City with their vibrant and skillful performances. Groove to the yacht-rocking hits of The Captain Cool Band, paying tribute to the soft rock sounds of the 70s and 80s. There's something for everyone to enjoy!

"Yonkers Riverfest has been a beloved celebration in our community for 30 years, and I am thrilled to be able to celebrate that milestone anniversary this year. This event has provided unforgettable moments for families and friends, and we look forward to many more," said Sara Brody, Executive Director of the Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront BID. "This year's event will once again bring together our community and visitors alike for a day filled with music, food, games, and fun!"

"Many eagerly await Yonkers Riverfest, as it showcases the rich diversity and vibrant beauty of our city's waterfront," said Mayor Mike Spano of Yonkers. "I encourage everyone to come and enjoy the festivities, delicious food, and lively entertainment. The event provides a wonderful opportunity to see how our downtown is blossoming into the heart of our community. A big thank you to the Yonkers Downtown BID for their dedication over the past 30 years, making Riverfest one of Westchester's top festivals."

Prepare your taste buds for the FIRST-EVER Westchester County Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Cookoff Competition! Yonkers Riverfest just got tastier! Watch five top-notch contestants battle head-to-head for the title of Westchester's Best Bacon, Egg, and Cheese – it's a culinary showdown you won't want to miss presented by @yonkersdowntown @snacktimeny @its_hector_the_connector and hosted by @francisvolpe @livinglikesmalls @its_hector_the_connector. Taking place at 2 River St Yonker, NY (River St. Stage) from 2:15PM - 3:00PM. The winner will claim the title of Westchester's Best Bacon, Egg, and Cheese.

Make sure to check out the variety of attractions like Eurobungy, a Mechanical Bull, and the 24 Ft Dual Slide! You won't want to miss No Limit Ninja and Mirror Guys! No Limit Ninja is the premier destination for ninja obstacle course training, envisioning a future where everyone, regardless of age or background, discovers their inner strength and resilience!

As seen in Comic Con & America's Got Talent, Mirror Guys will be stunting the streets for photos and more. The fun doesn't stop there- be sure to stop by the Zabo Circus for free aerialist work, juggling, balancing act, and an acrobatic variety show
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- 12:00-12:30 LULADA CLUB
- 12:30-1:00 THE CAPTAIN COOL BAND
- 1:00-1:30 MIRROR GUYS
- 1:30-2:00 NO LIMIT NINJA
- 2:00-2:30 MIRROR GUYS
- 2:15-3:00 BACON, EGG & CHEESE COOK-OFF

MAIN ST. STAGE

- 11:00-11:30 PHILADELPHIA FREEDOM
- 11:30-12:00 FLESH DANCE COMPANY
- 12:00-12:30 THE CAPTAIN COOL BAND
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- 1:30-2:00 MIRROR GUYS
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- 11:00-11:30 CITY STEEL BAND ORCHESTRA
- 11:30-12:00 TRAD BRASS
- 12:00-12:30 AMBER DOUGLAS
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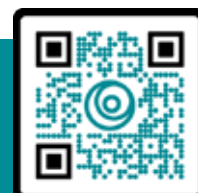
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Robison Summer Concert Series Concludes with Shot Thru the Heart at Kensico Dam Plaza



“Have a Nice Day” on the Great Lawn enjoying a tribute to Bon Jovi.

The Robison Summer Concert Series concludes with Shot Thru The Heart - A Tribute to Bon Jovi on Sunday, Sept. 15, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Kensico Dam Plaza in Valhalla.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: “Gather your friends and family for the finale of this year’s Robison Summer Concert Series. The culmination of this season’s outdoor music events will make this occasion especially lively and memorable. Evoke your youthful spirit, sense of community and open mind with a night of classic rock ‘n’ roll.”

Westchester County Parks Commissioner Kathy O’Connor said: “Bon Jovi’s music blends catchy melodies with powerful lyrics, making their songs universally relatable. Shot Thru the Heart will faithfully demonstrate the band’s consistent evolution of its sound over the decades, which has made Bon Jovi very popular across multiple generations.”

Gates open at 2 p.m., the concert begins at 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free. Please bring blankets and lawn chairs for general seating. Coolers are permitted.

The Robison Summer Concert Series is presented by the Westchester County Parks and Share Creative with Westchester Parks Foundation, and support from White Plains Hospital, Tompkins Community Bank, 100.7 WHUD, 107.1 The Peak, Hamlehub, Inspiria Outdoor Advertising, Morano Group Landscapes and Hardscapes and Westchester Magazine.

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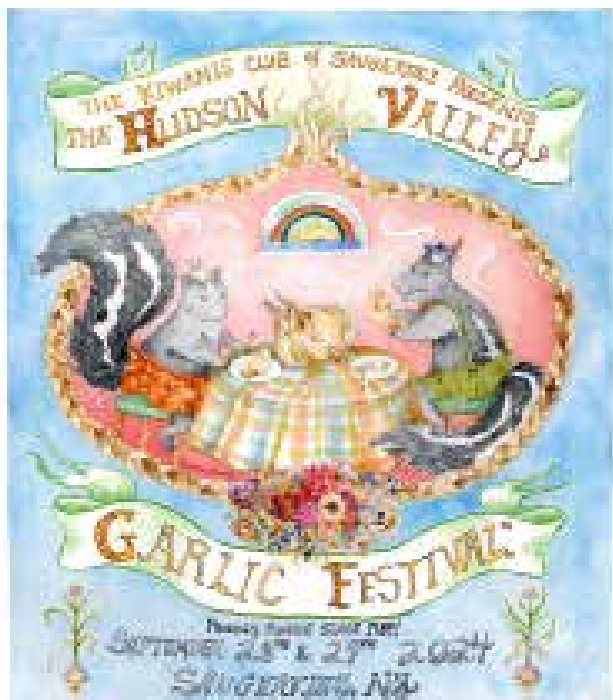
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Clothing insecurity, continued from pg 2-

“The survey results are especially notable,” said Alex Gatti, Chair of the Board of The Sharing Shelf, “because they highlight the impact of clothing insecurity on students in need: 84% of the 109 responding caseworkers cite the impact on low self-esteem; 55% cite the impact on being bullied; 37% cite the impact on skipping school. Those are big percentages, and they reveal how devastating clothing insecurity can be for students in need.”

The Sharing Shelf is a nonprofit clothing bank serving Westchester County, NY. Founded in 2009, it operates a warehouse in Port Chester, where new and gently used clothes are collected, volunteers screen the clothes for quality, and the clothes are distributed for free to low-income children and teens through social-service agencies, schools, and other nonprofits. The Sharing Shelf also opened in 2024 (adjacent to the warehouse) a Teen Boutique, where teens in financial need, referred by schools and nonprofit organizations, can select their own clothing at no cost in a private and dignified setting that has the look and feel of a real boutique. In every case, the ultimate recipient is a child or teen in need – from newborn to age 19. The clothing is both age- and season-appropriate, fits properly, and boosts the individual’s esteem and confidence.

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Students with an ex officio seat at the table at school board meetings has several benefits. A student perspective may provide important information on an issue where student knowledge would be helpful towards reaching the best decisions. Public participation of a student representative should also increase the flow of information to all students on issues affecting their education. The experience will also enhance the education of the student appointed. Congratulations to Governor Hochul and to lead sponsors Senator Shelley Mayer and Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner ex officio for moving this legislation.

This law will take effect July 1, 2025.

The requirements of this bill apply to Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Yonkers, all Union Free School Districts, Central School Districts that operate a high school, Central High School Districts, Small City School Districts, and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services. New York City does not have a school board; but current law requires both Community Education Councils and the Citywide Councils to give students the opportunity to participate as non-voting members.

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in Westchester County.

The Plus One ADU program supports the FY 2025 Enacted Budget’s transformative housing package, secured by Governor Kathy Hochul to expand the state’s housing supply. Funded by New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR), the program provides grants to municipalities and nonprofits to create safe, high-quality accessory dwelling units. In turn, these grants are made available to single-family homeowners whose income falls below 100% of the Area Median Income (AMI). Income thresholds range from \$109,350 for a one-person household to \$181,200 for a six-person household, with eligible homeowners outside New York City able to receive up to \$125,000 per ADU.

To inform residents about this opportunity, a Virtual Information Session on the Plus One ADU program will be held on Monday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m. for Croton-on-Hudson residents interested in learning more about the program and its benefits.

“For our seniors fighting to stay in the community they call home or young people struggling to find a place to put down roots, accessory dwelling units can mean stable, affordable housing. I hope all interested residents will join the virtual information session on Monday, September 16th. Thank you to Governor Kathy Hochul, NYS Homes and Community Renewal and Habitat for Humanity for acknowledging the necessity of new housing solutions for our communities. Together, we can build a better future, by creating accessory apartments,” said Brian Pugh, Mayor of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson.

“The Plus One ADU program is one of many tools in our toolbox for addressing housing availability and affordability challenges in our community. The Town of Cortlandt has also signed on to the state’s Plus One ADU program and we will be rolling it out to our residents in the coming months. The Plus One Accessory Dwelling Unit is a breakthrough for our Town of Cortlandt residents living in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. This program will create new housing options for senior citizens, young people and those with modest incomes that simply need a place to live. The addition of the Village Croton-on-Hudson to the Plus One ADU program will enable middle class residents to take advantage of this opportunity. While the Town of Cortlandt continues its review of this program for other parts of the Town, I encourage all eligible homeowners in the Village to look into this and join the Village of Croton-on-Hudson at their webinar on September 16th,” said Dr. Richard Becker, Cortlandt Town Supervisor.

“The Village of Croton-on-Hudson’s Housing Task Force advocated for the reform of our accessory apartment law to make it possible for more Croton homeowners to build an ADU on their property, providing additional income for them and desperately needed housing for family members or tenants. The partnership between the Village, NYS Homes & Community Renewal and Habitat for Humanity with the Plus One ADU program is a breakthrough that will help keep our community affordable for working and middle class people,” said Adam Decker, chair of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson’s Housing Task Force.

“At a time when more than 1 in 10 residents in our village, more than 400 households, spend half their income or more on housing, an Accessory Dwelling Unit is a lifeline. For cash poor homeowners, such as retirees living on social security, it represents a new income stream that can help them stay in our community. For a tenant looking for a place to stay, such as a recent graduate who wants to build a life in our village, it means a place to call home. Thank you to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, Habitat and NYS Homes & Community Renewal for joining together for the Plus One ADU program,” said Nance Shatzkin, chair of the Croton Housing Network.

“In the face of our unprecedented housing affordability crisis, the advancement of accessory dwelling units is a beacon of hope for New Yorkers. These units provide much needed additional housing as well as enable homeowners to generate supplemental income, build generational wealth, and support family members in need. Habitat NYC and Westchester is proud to support initiatives that empower our communities to thrive and remain in the neighborhoods they love. This partnership with the Village of Croton-on-Hudson is a significant step towards creating a more equitable and sustainable future for all,” said Sabrina Lippman, CEO, Habitat for Humanity New York City and Westchester County.

For additional details about the upcoming Virtual Information Session and Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) regulations in the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, please visit <https://www.crotononhudson-ny.gov/ADU>. A total of 7 Westchester communities have either moved forward with ADU’s in their communities, or are in the process of doing so. The Town of Cortlandt is proceeding with the plan, and several homes in The Town of Bedford and the Village of Hastings-on-Hudson has completed ADU’s.

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Some of the issues that Isaac will highlight in this campaign include:

1- Opposition to New York State, and the taxpayers, spending \$5 Billion on services for migrants who have entered the country illegally and are now seeking asylum. "We are paying for hotels, meals and debit cards for people who did not come here legally. I came to this country legally -I came here as a legal immigrant, and I think everyone should come here legally"

2-Opposition to Proposition One, and to a proposal to allow high school boys to play on girls high school teams. "I support saving Girl Sports, and I agree with the state Athletic Administrators Association who are "adamantly opposed and rightfully concerned about the potential physical, mental, and liability implications for school districts, community members, families, and specifically, female athletes. These implications could include increased risk of injury, unfair competition, and potential loss of opportunities in their respective sports," regarding Mixed Competition.

"Our athletic directors know what is best, and they believe that sports are being invaded by politics. Let's forget the politics, this election is all about the people."

3-More support for the Police and ending cashless bail. "While crime remains under control in Yonkers, we need to back law enforcement more so that we can lower crime. I also want to repeal the Bail Reform Law that has created a revolving door for repeat offenders walking in and out of court."

4-Opposition to congestion pricing: "I stand with the vast majority of Westchester voters in strong opposition to the Congestion Pricing Tax. Residents of the 90th Assembly District are overburdened by the highest taxes in America and a sky-high cost of living, and further punishing thousands of Yonkers commuters for simply going to work is outrageous."

"In one of his very first votes, my opponent Nader Sayegh rubber-stamped this punitive, regressive tax. This June, Governor Hochul canceled the implementation of the tax in order to protect him from this unpopular scheme. Now we hear she may reimpose this tax after the election, but Nader Sayegh can't have it both ways. He owes the voters an explanation: does Nader Sayegh support the Congestion Pricing Tax or not?"

Isaac also denounced an honor given to Jim Wise, a Carmel School Board Trustee, by Senator Pete Harckham. Wise has consistently used the antisemitic phrase, from the river to the sea, at school board meetings. "I don't know what Senator Harckham was thinking when he chose to award the leaders of an anti-Israel organization. The fact that one honoree is a school board trustee who chants antisemitic slogans makes this even more egregious and offensive to the thousands of our Jewish sisters and brothers in Yonkers and beyond. Assemblyman Nader Sayegh must immediately call upon his colleague Senator Harckham to apologize for his awful lapse in judgment."

Isaac is running based on an overall theme that Yonkers residents can't afford the failed politics coming from Albany for another 2 years. "My opponent has been a rubber stamp in Albany for all of these policies that are hurting our communities. I don't think a lot of voters know how this is happening, but they want it to stop. I won't be a rubber stamp."

The question that voters will answer when they go to the polls on November 5 is do they want to vote for change-and take a different path? "Based on my experiences in Yonkers, there is no real sense in Albany about what is going on here and what everyday New Yorkers are going through.

We can do better. That is why I'm running for Assembly. I want to go to Albany and make a change. I'm not a career politician, and I don't want to be one. And I can't be a rubber stamp, I care too much about my community.

Isaac, a member of the Asian American Republican Committee and the Indian-American Chamber of Commerce, wants the 30% of Independent voters in the district to take notice. "I want to be a voice of reason for them. I think a lot of voters are tired of the same old democratic supermajority in Albany. We can't afford it anymore.

"I'm worried that my children and grandchildren won't have the same opportunities I had. I want everyone to have a chance at the American dream.

One thing is certain. John Isaac is giving the voters in Yonkers a choice when they go to the polls. We congratulate him for stepping forward to run for office. Too many people complain but won't throw their hat into the ring. If elected, Isaac, who has raised his family in Yonkers, would become the first elected Indian-American from Yonkers and Westchester.

Two years ago, Sayegh defeated Yonkers Councilman Mike Breen by a slim 52%-48% vote.

If you want to learn more about Isaac, he will be holding a fundraiser on Monday September 16 at Reno's Trattoria in Yonkers.

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester Action To Foreclose A Mortgage Index #: 67747/2023 U.S. Bank National Association, As Trustee, Successor In Interest To Wilmington Trust Company, As Trustee, Successor In Interest To Bank Of America National Association, As Trustee, Successor By Merger To Lasalle Bank National Association, As Trustee For Lehman Xs Trust Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2007-6 Plaintiff, vs Desmond Dunchie If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, Dorothea Shepherd Aka Dorothea Leslie, Alicia Leslie Aka Alicia Leslie Dunchie, Mooi River LLC, Ocwen Loan Servicing, Llc Successor By Merger Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 439 Homestead Avenue Mount Vernon, Ny 10553 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Desmond Dunchie Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Paul I. Marx of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Thirteenth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, dated January 31 ,2007 executed by Desmond Dunchie and Dorothea Shepherd AKA Dorothea Leslie to secure the sum of \$472,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 470540230 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on March 7, 2007. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed February 14, 2008 and recorded on March 25, 2008, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 480740250. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed July 5, 2012 and recorded on December 26, 2012, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 522433224. The mortgage was subsequently modified on February 7, 2013. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed December 1, 2015 and recorded on February 5, 2016, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 560333308. The mortgage was subsequently modified on September 5, 2018. The property in question is described as follows: 439 Homestead Avenue, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10553 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. 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DATED: August 14, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82202



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Fourth Precinct Community Council to Meet September 19

The Fourth Precinct's Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM September 19, 2024, in the meeting room at the Fourth Police Precinct, at 53 Shonnard Terrace. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the fourth police precinct is welcome to attend. All elected officials are also welcome. Captain Michael Messar, Precinct Commander, and Lieutenant Patrick Curtis will be available to discuss your issues and matters of interest.

We thank everyone for attending these meetings and look forward to seeing you in future meetings.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the non-emergency department. (914-377-7900) For anything emergency-related, please call 911.

This week the Brave take on Mt. Vernon HS on Saturday 1:30 pm at Mount Vernon.

The Force under Coach Joe Venice take on Ketcham HS at Ketcham this Friday. Game time is at 6pm. Good luck to the Force and Coach Venice.

Editor's Note: There is excitement from the Yonkers community over both football teams, but especially for the Yonkers Brave and their new coach Doug Hogue.

One resident wrote, "A high-impact coaching hire— at Yonkers Public Schools. The name should be familiar. Doug Hogue was promoted to head coach of the Yonkers Force in the offseason and brings instant football credibility to the sideline. The 35-year-old Yonkers native played at Roosevelt before suiting up at linebacker for Syracuse. He then spent a couple of seasons with the Detroit Lions and Carolina Panthers. Hogue inherits a program that went 0-9 last season.— at Yonkers Public Schools."

Another Brave Mom wrote, "My name is Barbara Figueroa I am one of the many proud moms of Yonkers Brave Football team. My son is Jayson Ellison he plays for Yonkers Brave Varsity team. I wanted to give the boys a big SHOUTOUT on a wonderful first game played. Well deserved win!

Strength & growth comes with continuous dedication, effort and struggle. Nothing great comes easy to achieve excellence you must work hard & never give up and be the change.

Braves coaches has given our boys the STRENGTH, COURAGE & the CONFIDENCE to believe in themselves

Braves is not just a football team they are FAMILY. True strength is the courage to defeat our fears which will always make the VICTORY worth fighting for and more rewarding Everytime."

We hope to speak to both coaches and discuss this season. For anyone of our readers who wants to submit a story about sports in the Yonkers Public Schools, please email Phil Foley at pfoley14@aol.com.



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SEC. 1821 D, BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE UNDER A POOLING AND SERVICING AGREEMENT DATED AS OF MAY 31, 1992-B, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NY, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 11 Winans Street Larchmont, NY 10538 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of Patricia F. Haviland AKA Patricia H Sayles Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by William D. Nye AKA William Nye and Deborah A. Nye AKA Debbie Nye dated the February 26, 2008, to secure the sum of \$102,041.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 480850572 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on April 3, 2008. The property in question is described as follows: 11 Winans Street, Larchmont, NY 10538 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. 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DiRienzo, Sex Abuse, continued from pg 1-

The settlement was made in April of this year (2024) but new details have come to light, and the settlement was approved by the Yonkers City Council.

The lawsuit accused the Yonkers Public Schools of Negligent Supervision, Negligent Retention, Negligent Failure to Train Teachers and Administrators Related to Sexual Abuse and Train Students Relating to Sexual Abuse, Negligent Failure to Provide a Safe and Secure Environment, and Failure to Report Child Abuse.

The lawsuit states that Adamchek was a student at Lincoln High School from 1984 to 1988. At the time, Louis DiRienzo was a Health Teach and Varsity Football Coach at the school. Adamchek was a cheerleader and a student of DiRienzo. Adamchek alleged that in the fall of 1986, before her 16th birthday, DiRienzo began a process of "grooming" her with the goal of sexually abusing her.

The acts of grooming included, but were not limited to, DIRIENZO giving PLAINTIFF money, allowing PLAINTIFF to skip class with no consequences, giving PLAINTIFF his car keys so she could drive DIRIENZO'S car to the store during school hours and buy breakfast for PLAINTIFF and DIRIENZO, and telling PLAINTIFF he wanted her to be his girlfriend. This grooming behavior occurred on SCHOOL property.

During the pendency of the sexual abuse, PLAINTIFF informed one of her teachers during regular school hours, Ms. (Helaine) Katzenberg, an employee and agent of DEFENDANTS, that she was "sexually involved" with DIRIENZO. Upon information and belief, following this report of sexual abuse to the above-referenced teacher, no corrective action was taken by DEFENDANTS to protect PLAINTIFF from further sexual abuse.

DIRIENZO instructed PLAINTIFF to meet him during school hours or after cheerleading and football practice. During said times, DIRIENZO kissed PLAINTIFF on the mouth, fondled her vagina over her clothes, fondled her vagina skin-to-skin, and digitally penetrated her vagina.

DIRIENZO also used his position of authority vested in him by DEFENDANTS as Varsity Football Coach and PLAINTIFF'S Health Teacher to cajole and otherwise require PLAINTIFF to masturbate him, orally copulate him and engage in vaginal intercourse with him.

PLAINTIFF was sexually abused by DIRIENZO in DIRIENZO'S car while on property of SCHOOL, in SCHOOL'S weight room during school hours, and at DIRIENZO'S friend's house. In total, PLAINTIFF believes she was sexually abused about 12 (twelve) times between 1986 and 1988.

Plaintiff sustained "physical and psychological injuries, including but not limited to, severe emotional distress, depression, humiliation, embarrassment, fright, anger, anxiety, and loss of educational opportunity."

Adamchek filed a criminal complaint with the Yonkers Police Department on November 19, 2019. But "Due to the nature of the allegations and the amount of time elapsed, any potential criminal charges would not be eligible for prosecution," stated the YPD.

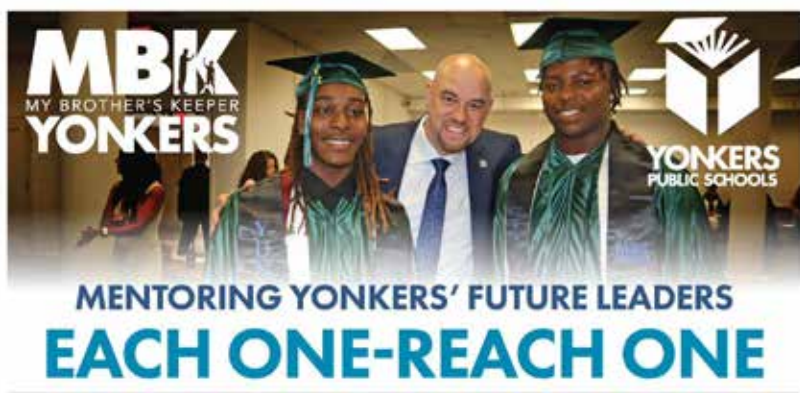
DiRienzo went onto work in the New Rochelle School District where he was the Varsity Football coach for the State Championship team in 2019.

Days before the lawsuit was filed, DiRienzo was suspended from his position as New Rochelle High School Football Head Coach by the New Rochelle Board of Education on November 13, 2019. He resigned later that year.

Attorney Michael Dowd said in previous interviews that his client Adamchek, "is certain" that there are other victims. "My client is certain that he did this to other girls before and after her, and she wants them to know that it's OK to speak up. This case represents another instance where a person who is in a position of power abused their power to sexually abuse a student at a high school."

We are trying to verify whether additional victims have come forward, and whether DiRienzo is still a member of the Westchester Sports Hall of Fame.

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE INDEX #: 69679/2023 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff, vs PAUL MCGRATH IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, KATHLEEN OAKES-MCGRATH IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON BEHALF OF THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 23 Tatomuck Road Pound Ridge, NY 10576 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Paul McGrath, Kathleen Oakes-McGrath Defendants In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Paul McGrath and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath dated the August 26, 2006, to secure the sum of \$405,000.00 and recorded at Instrument No. 462830253 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on December 21, 2006. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed May 27, 2008 and recorded on June 30, 2008, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 481720016. Plaintiff is also holder of a mortgage dated April 24, 2008 executed by Paul McGrath by the attorney in fact and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath to secure the sum of \$19,653.77 and recorded at Instrument Number 41720024 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on June 30, 2008. Said mortgage was consolidated with the mortgage referred to at Instrument No: 462830253 by a Consolidation, Extension and Modification Agreement executed by Paul McGrath by the attorney in fact and Kathleen Oakes-McGrath dated April 24, 2008 and recorded June 30, 2008 at Instrument Number 481720032 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk to form a single lien in the amount of \$417,000.00. The consolidated mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed June 5, 2012 and recorded on June 15, 2012, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 521643051. 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DATED: August 9, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82100



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DiNAPOLI: AUDIT FINDS COUNTIES ARE NOT CHECKING PRICES AND SCALES AT RETAILERS

An audit of 10 counties found that some did not adequately test the accuracy of retail prices or test scanners, scales and devices used to price, weigh or measure goods at grocery stores, gas stations and other retail locations to make sure that consumers were paying the correct price, New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli said today.

“When consumers shop for groceries or buy gas or even mulch, they expect the retailers to be fair and the pricing or weighing devices they use to be accurate. If price scanners or scales are incorrect, or prices don’t match those displayed, it can add up and consumers may end up paying more for everyday items,” DiNapoli said. “Our audit found that counties need to step up their efforts to protect consumers and routinely test these devices and check that consumers are getting what they pay for.”

Testing of retail pricing and weighing devices falls under the jurisdiction of the state Department of Agriculture and Markets which monitors compliance with state law, but counties are charged with inspecting and testing the accuracy of vendor pricing and devices used at local retailers to determine how much a consumer pays.

County weights and measures departments are called on to inspect everything from commercial scales and gas pumps to packaged items at grocery stores. They are authorized to set up procedures for conducting local inspections, including testing scanners to ensure they are charging the correct prices, testing weighing devices, handling consumer complaints, following up with businesses that have deficiencies and taking enforcement actions.

Auditors examined 10 counties: Greene, Jefferson, Madison, Nassau, Niagara, Orange, Seneca, Tompkins, Washington, and Wyoming. They reviewed nearly 1,800 devices and 260 businesses.

Retail sales in New York were more than \$260 billion in 2023-24. Approximately \$8.3 billion was spent in grocery stores in the counties audited during the audit period of January 2022 to September 2023 (see Figure 1 for a county-by-county breakdown of per person spending in grocery stores).

Key Findings:

Nine county departments did not adopt price accuracy testing procedures – only Greene had a local law for price accuracy testing.

Five departments did not perform any tests for price accuracy. The two counties that performed regular testing, Jefferson and Niagara, found products scanning at higher prices ranging from 20 to 31% above the marked price. Three counties did some testing but did not have a routine process for doing so.

None of the counties completed all the required testing of weighing and measuring devices or maintained complete inspection records. Of the 1,793 devices that auditors reviewed, 430 devices (24%) were not inspected. Reliable systems were not in place to ensure that counties had full lists of all devices that needed testing. Some county officials said they did not have enough staff to do the inspections and others had difficulty reaching business owners to do the inspections.

Four departments did not have documentation to determine actions taken on 25 of 74, or 34%, of consumer complaints reviewed. According to state law, a complete record of all complaints received, and the results of those investigated should be maintained.

DiNapoli’s audit noted that pricing and device inspections play a significant role in providing consumer protections at a local level. Consumers are at risk of overpaying for goods when counties do not ensure retail pricing is accurate, and weighing and measuring devices are tested. It recommended that counties develop and implement procedures for periodic price accuracy and testing; perform testing in accordance with Agriculture and Markets law and regulations; and maintain complete records, including an inventory of businesses and consumer complaints.

Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Westchester ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE Index #: 71686/2023 Mortgage Assets Management, LLC Plaintiff, vs William J Rudy, Jr. As Heir To The Estate Of William J Rudy Sr. Who Was Surviving Spouse Of Rita J. Rudy, Unknown Heirs Of William J. Rudy, Sr. If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devises, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America On Behalf Of The IRS, United States Of America On Behalf Of The Secretary Of Housing And Urban Development “John Doe #1” through “John Doe #12,” the last twelve names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the Subject Property described in the Complaint, Defendant(s). Mortgaged Premises: 1 Oakhill Road Ardsley, NY 10502 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Westchester. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Unknown Heirs of William J. Rudy, SR. Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Charles D. Wood of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Fifth day of August, 2024 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester, in the City of White Plains. The object of this action is to foreclosure a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Rita J. Rudy (who died on November 1, 2022, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) and William J. Rudy, Sr. (who died on June 19, 2023, a resident of the county of Westchester, State of New York) to secure the sum of \$675,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at Instrument Number 513253555 in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk on November 28, 2011. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed January 22, 2018 and recorded on February 13, 2018, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 580433468. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 17, 2021 and recorded on September 24, 2021, in the Office of the Westchester County Clerk at Instrument Number 612673299. The property in question is described as follows: 1 Oakhill Road, Ardsley, NY 10502 NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this Foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: August 9, 2024 Gross Polowy LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 82120

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