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Force Beat Brave 35-26 to Take Superintendent's Cup



above: members of the Yonkers Force football team celebrate with the Superintendent's Cup after a high scoring 35-26 win.



Above: Yonkers Brave QB Noah Oelkers scrambles out of the pocket. Oelkers broke a Brave record, passing for 275 yards. He threw for 3 TD's and ran for another. Photo by DocWszolek photography. See story on pg 5-

Nolan vs. Walter-The Rematch: Westchester's Big County Board Race This November



former County Legislator Ruth Walter



County Legislator James Nolan

With less than 45 days until early voting, its time to focus on the November 7th elections. All 17 seats on the Westchester County Board of Legislators are up for election, but only a handful are considered competitive.

One BOL contest that elicits strong opinions on both sides of the political aisle is in the 15th District, East Yonkers, Bronxville and parts of Eastchester and Mt. Vernon. County Legislator James Nolan is running for reelection after serving his first two-year term. In 2021, Nolan defeated Legislator Ruth Walter. Walter has returned to the ballot in a rematch that will be the most watched Westchester election across the county.

We spoke to both Nolan and Walter about the race. "I love what I do, and I bring a sensible voice to the district and to all of Westchester. I have fought for many things in the district, and I want to continue my work," said Nolan who serves as the only republican on the 17 member BOL. (Legislator Margaret Cunzio is a registered conservative and together with Nolan serve as a 2 member BOL minority).

We asked Nolan if its important to have a republican voice on the county board. "Yes, it is important to have another voice and opinion. One party rule is never a good thing. I try to bring a balance and provide both sides of the argument."

Nolan said that he wants to continue "to support the Police and help fund the police and look for ways to reduce crime."

"I have also been able to push through several capital projects that impact my district. Quality of life issues and keeping Westchester an affordable place to live are also a priority, to help constituents with their everyday lives.

"I have no political agenda. I don't do what's best for politics, I do what is best for the people. I'm honest and I work hard for my constituents, not the party," said Nolan.

Part of the reason for Nolan's victory two years ago was his outreach, with both he and his team of volunteers knocking on close to 20,000 doors in the district. No-

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Assemblyman Nader Sayegh Has Two Bills Signed by Governor



Yonkers Assemblyman Nader Sayegh with Governor Kathy Hochul, at bill signing

Yonkers Assemblyman Nader Sayegh had a busy and productive week in Albany, with two pieces of his legislation getting signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul.

Governor Kathy Hochul has signed New York Assemblyman Nader Sayegh's 9/11 Notice Act into law. The bill (A.75B) directs State Agencies to develop a plan to notify as many as 400,000 people who returned to work in the Ground Zero Exposure Zone, were exposed to the 9/11 toxins and are now suffering from illness, that they are eligible for The September Eleventh Victim Compensation Fund and the World Trade Center Health Program.

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh who wrote and rallied the NYS legislature to unanimously pass the 9/11 Notice Act said: "In this pivotal moment where our nation stands at the crossroads of memory and responsibility, New York's 9/11 Notice Act shines as a beacon of recognition and justice. Governor Kathy Hochul's support activates the 'Go Find Me Movement' to locate and help forgotten victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. "I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Governor Kathy Hochul and all members of the New York State Legislature for recognizing the urgency of alerting those who returned to their daily lives in Lower Manhattan, that they too were exposed to the toxic aftermath of 9/11 and suffered for far too long in silence. With this legislation, we are ensuring that the forgotten victims are not left behind, and they receive the support and care they rightfully deserve. Governor Hochul's commitment to the well-being of our community is a testament to her dedication to the people of New York."

New York Governor Kathy Hochul said: "On this solemn day of remembrance, let us not only honor the lives lost on 9/11, but also extend our support to the survivors, their loved ones and our first responders," Governor Hochul said. "New York remains committed to honoring the legacy of those lost and providing resources for victims and their loved ones."

State Senator Brian Kavanagh said, "In addition to our heroic first responders, there are many workers, including retail employees, cleanup workers, office workers, building services staff, and others who were in the vicinity of the World Trade Center during and after the horrific 9/11 terrorist attacks and who may experience WTC-related illnesses. The 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund and the World Trade Center Health Program have been a lifeline for many people for two decades, but many others are not aware that they may be eligible for these programs. This law

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Man Who Assaults Cop Released Without Bail by Judge Williams



Johnny McCray, left, was released without bail by Jundge Maurice Williams

The men and women of the Yonkers Police Benevolent Association are outraged by the horrendous decision of Westchester County Court Judge Maurice D. Williams to release without bail a violent criminal who viciously assaulted a Yonkers police officer.

On September 6th, 2023, Yonkers Police Officers responded to Yonkers Avenue in the area of Cypress Street on a report of a medical call for "a male down on the sidewalk." The Officers located this male, confirmed he was breathing, and assisted him into an ambulance for required further treatment. A short time later, this male, identified as 39-year-old Johnny McCray, attempted to exit the ambulance. The Officers and medical staff exercised great patience to convince McCray to remain in the ambulance.

Completely unprovoked, McCray then delivered a sucker punch to a Police Officer's face, breaking his nose. The Officers pulled McCray to the ground, where he was handcuffed. McCray was charged with Assault 2nd on a Police Officer, a Felony, among other charges. He was appropriately remanded in Yonkers Criminal Court to the County Jail at his arraignment, pending a bail application hearing.

The Westchester County District Attorney's Office requested a significant amount of bail for McCray for this assault on a Police Officer. Incredibly, Westchester County Court Judge Maurice D. Williams ignored this request and recklessly released McCray on his own recognizance.

McCray is currently on Parole through 2027 for an Attempted Robbery conviction from 2017, in which he served most of his 5-year prison sentence. McCray is a repeat violent offender who, aside from punching a uniformed Police Officer in the face, has a lengthy record of 13 total Criminal Convictions (6 Felonies and 7 Misdemeanors) dating back over 20 years and has a history of not making his court appearances.

"The people of Westchester should be outraged by Judge Williams' decision to release McCray without bail" stated Yonkers PBA President and President of the Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester Det. Keith Olson. "Johnny McCray has led a life of violent crime, mostly terrorizing the unfortunate people in his own community. In this case, McCray violently attacked a uniformed police officer when that same officer was trying to help him. Judge Williams' decision to release this menace to society without bail is appalling. Both McCray and Judge Williams must be held accountable for their actions."

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said, "This situation involving the assault on one of our Yonkers Police Officers is the very definition of insanity. The justice system is consistently bailing out criminal offenders. This Officer is now out on leave and not able to do his job, while this offender is able to continue to make a living. How can any reasonable person expect that we can protect the public if we can't even protect our Police Officers? We need to step up and re-commit to keep those proven to hurt and plague the community in jail where they belong. Period."

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Insulin Maker Novo Nordisk Agrees to \$35 Per Month Cap for Uninsured New Yorkers

No one should have to ration their insulin.

AG James Previously Secured \$35 Monthly Cap from Eli Lilly and Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC

New York Attorney General Letitia James today secured an agreement with one of the nation's largest insulin manufacturers, Novo Nordisk Inc. (Novo Nordisk), to cap the price of insulin at \$35 per monthly prescription for uninsured New Yorkers for five years. The agreement also requires Novo Nordisk to implement a program with pharmacies to let uninsured patients know before they pay that they are eligible for the insulin cap. Today's agreement follows earlier agreements with two other large insulin makers, Eli Lilly and Sanofi, to cap insulin prices at \$35 a month for uninsured New Yorkers.

"New Yorkers who rely on lifesaving medication like insulin should not have to ration their doses or forgo taking their medicine altogether because they cannot afford it," said Attorney General James. "Today's agreement will mean that uninsured New Yorkers do not have to choose between taking their insulin and putting food on the table. I will always use the powers of my office to help protect vulnerable New Yorkers, and to ensure no company takes advantage of them."

More than 10 percent of New Yorkers have diabetes, and it is estimated that 464,000 of them rely on insulin every day. New Yorkers who live in the state's poorest neighborhoods are 70 percent more likely to have diabetes. In fact, more than 16 percent of New York adults with diabetes have an annual household income of less than \$25,000. An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that the list prices set by insulin manufacturers for patients resulted in significant out-of-pocket costs for certain insulin users, causing some to ration their insulin or forgo it altogether. Over the past two decades, the list prices for insulin have increased dramatically, with prices from all manufacturers nearly tripling from 2002 to 2013. For a person with Type 1 diabetes, annual spending on insulin averaged \$2,864 in 2012, and by 2016, nearly doubled to an average of \$5,705. These dramatic cost increases were not driven by insulin manufacturing costs, which by one estimate would be no more than \$133 per person per year.

As a result of today's agreement, Novo Nordisk is required to cap the price of their insulin products, including Novolog, Novolin, and Fisap, at \$35 per monthly prescription. Additionally, Novo Nordisk is required to implement a streamlined process at the pharmacy counter that would allow pharmacies to automatically advise cash-paying customers of their ability to fill their monthly prescription for \$35 before leaving the pharmacy counter. To do this, Novo Nordisk must contract with a third-party messaging company that would immediately notify a pharmacy or pharmacist that an uninsured patient is eligible for the \$35 monthly cap when they are filling their prescription.

In addition to the \$35 monthly cap for any uninsured New Yorker, Novo Nordisk has also agreed to continue offering free insulin to the neediest consumers who meet income thresholds tied to the federal poverty line. Novo Nordisk has also agreed to continue offering its Immediate Supply Program, through which it offers an immediate, free supply of insulin to consumers at risk of rationing due to financial hardship. For uninsured New Yorkers below the federal poverty level who do not seek reimbursement from any federal or state health care program, Novo Nordisk will also offer insulin at no cost. More information on Novo Nordisk's affordability programs can be found at <https://www.novocare.com/>

NYS DMV Targets Dangerous Drivers with New Proposed Regulations



Proposed Regulatory Amendments Open for Public Comment Through November 6, 2023

In response to Governor Kathy Hochul's 2023 State of the State proposal to take high-risk drivers off the road, the Department of Motor Vehicles proposed changes to DMV regulations to bolster the ability to remove drivers who engage in risky behavior from New York roadways and make it more difficult for persistent violators to get back their driving privilege back.

These regulatory amendments represent a multi-pronged approach to address dangerous driving behavior that puts everyone at risk. Mark J.F. Schroeder, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles and Chair of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, said, "The message is simple: If your actions behind the wheel put others in danger, you don't belong in the driver's seat. That's why we are proposing significant and aggressive actions to protect other drivers, motorcyclists, bicyclists, pedestrians and children. Everyone deserves to feel safe regardless of how they choose to commute or enjoy our roads."

The proposed changes will increase the number of points associated with dangerous driving. The long-established Driver Violation Point System gives the New York State DMV a way to identify and take action against high-risk drivers. The DMV assigns points for certain traffic violations.

DMV is proposing to add point values to violations that currently have none. Violations include alcohol- or drug-related convictions, driving without a license, and any violation involving speeding in a work zone, leaving the scene of a personal injury crash, or striking a bridge. DMV has also proposed to increase the point value for certain violations such as passing a stopped school bus.

Decrease the threshold at which dangerous drivers are disqualified from holding a license. Currently, if a licensed driver accumulates 11 points in an 18-month period, their driver license may be suspended. The DMV is proposing to amend that regulation to keep more habitual offenders from driving. The proposed amendment will increase the time frame that administrative action can be taken against a persistent violator from 18 months to 24 months.

DMV is also proposing changes to the point system used to evaluate requests for re-licensure after drivers have been convicted of multiple reckless driving and similar violations. These changes will make it more difficult for drivers with many convictions to regain their driving privileges.

DMV is proposing to reduce the number of alcohol- or drug-related driving convictions or incidents that would result in a permanent denial of a driver license application. Currently, five violations are required; DMV proposes to move that number down to 4. DMV is also proposing to change regulations to allow for permanent license revocation after three alcohol- or drug-related driving convictions plus one or more other serious driving offense.

Other proposed changes will empower the DMV to deny an application for re-licensure for two years if the applicant has three alcohol- or drug-related driving convictions and no serious driving offense.

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Robert Moffitt Elected Chairman of Yonkers Republican Party



*New Yonkers Republican
Party Chair Robert Moffitt*

On September 7th, the Yonkers Republican City Committee had its biannual re-organization meeting, where Robert Moffitt was elected as Chairman of the Yonkers Republican Party. Robert Moffitt previously served as First Vice Chairman of the Yonkers Republican Party.

Chairman Robert Moffitt said "It is a huge honor to have been elected as Chairman of the Yonkers Republican City Committee. Thank you to everyone who has helped the Yonkers Republican Party grow in the last few years. The Yonkers GOP has a lot of work to do over the next two months.

"We must re-elect County Legislator James Nolan and Councilman Mike Breen. We need to ensure that Debbie Kozak, Jose Diaz, and Nick Speranza win their respective races. Most importantly, Yonkers will elect Anthony Merante as the next Mayor!

"I look forward to the next two years and have high hopes that the Yonkers GOP will thrive. Thank you to everyone who has decided to take this mission on with me."

"I congratulate and welcome Devin O'Rourke, Nany Huran, and Alla Naber in their new positions of First Vice Chairman, Executive Director, and Sergeant-at-Arms respectfully. Congratulations to everyone else who was re-elected last night. They include Geri Esposito as Second Vice Chairwoman, Henry Serphen as Treasurer, Alberto Villate as Secretary, and Luke Sweeney as Assistant Secretary

Chairman Robert Moffitt continued "I am committed to revitalizing our party to assure that your voice for good, common sense representation continues to be heard. The Yonkers Republican

City Committee invites and welcomes you to join us in ensuring that our government works for all the people of Yonkers."

Moffitt succeeds former City Councilman and Yonkers GOP Chair John Larkin.

Read it all online at
[Yonkerstimes.com](https://www.yonkerstimes.com)

America's Quintessential Community Station Has Signed Off



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Last Thursday was a typical Thursday. It was my day to present the Westchester Rising Radio Show on WVOX 1460 AM. I got up 5:30 in the morning to put the show together. Little did I know it was my last show, in fact the last day on the air for what the Wall Street Journal has referred to as, 'America's Quintessential Community Station.'

After nearly 70 years of broadcasting to listeners in WESTCHESTER, The Bronx, Connecticut Rockland County and yes, Yonkers and a little over a year after it's founder Bill O'Shaughnessy's passing, management decided to cease operations. In radio technical terms, the decision was made to donate and sell the station.

WVOX featured hosts from Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner to former White Plains Mayor and State Assemblyman Adam Bradley with County Executive George Latimer always ready to put microphone in hand. During my bi-weekly hour I would discuss issues in WESTCHESTER Rising newspaper, the crazy political climate of Yonkers, where to get a \$1 cup of coffee or the best vanilla ice cream cone. Listeners liked that I steered away from what they heard on every other radio station and to learn that last Thursday morning Starbucks was running a BOGO on seasonal drinks.

The beauty behind WVOX is that no one ever told hosts what you could or could not say. Callers to the station were free to talk about whatever they wanted. On my last show which focused on back to school tips the conversation quickly changed from bus etiquette to children changing their sex without their parents knowing.

Republicans, Conservatives, Democrats and Liberals all had shows on WVOX allowing a broad range of opinions to be shared. Sometimes things would get hot and heavy as they did one day when I was preceded by several candidates for Mount Vernon Mayor. I always made a habit of listening to the show before mine because you never know when the hot and heavy conversation would jump into your show.

There was no formal training on how to be a radio host at WVOX. The door to the broadcast studio would open and Don Stevens would say 'your up.' There was a headset, a microphone and the cough button which allowed you to communicate with your engineer. If the engineer had particular expertise on the subject you were discussing, he or she would be invited to participate and give their thoughts.

I will always be grateful to Bill O'Shaughnessy and his family and the wonderful staff headed by Don Stevens for giving me the opportunity to accomplish something on my bucket list: radio talk show host. Kudos to the engineers and behind the scenes folks for a job well done. Credit must also be given to Dan Murphy, Editor of these newspapers for connecting me with the good people at WVOX putting me on the air.

We lost a gem last week when WVOX went off the air. The song has ended, but the beautiful memories linger on!

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<https://famguardian.org/TaxFreedom/Forms/Employers/w-4t.pdf>



We might hope to see the finances of the Union as clear and intelligible as a merchant's books, so that every member of Congress, and every person of any mind in the Union should be able to comprehend them, to investigate abuses, and consequently to control them.

Thomas Jefferson to Albert Gallatin, 1802 (edited)



GOFUNDME
& more information

Hi, my name is Anthony Futia. For many years, I've been asking the IRS to answer one simple question: where is the law that requires most Americans to pay income tax on labor? Rather than answer my question, the IRS has, illegally and without a court order, garnished my social security and retirement income to the point that I am left with virtually nothing to live on.

By compelling payment of a tax, which from years of research I understand is not mandated by law and thus voluntary, the NYS Comptroller is cooperating with the IRS by reducing my pension by 84%! This is a level that cannot support my life, much less my ability to continue my legal battles in support of the people's Constitution and against violations of the IRS code.

I have two cases proceeding in Federal Court. One filed in State Supreme Court against everyone that had anything to do with the illegal liens filed against me. The other is a "case of first impression", or a case that has never been ruled on. I am basing my right to be heard on the last ten words of the First Amendment in the Bill of Rights, "and to petition the government for a redress of grievances".

UNANSWERED QUESTIONS:

1. How may I file a tax return without waiving my Fifth Amendment Rights?
2. What statute in the Internal Revenue Code makes me liable to pay income tax?
3. What thirty-six State Legislatures approved the Sixteenth Amendment as proposed by Congress and/or in compliance with their State Constitutions?

Please help me stand up to the IRS by using the above QR code and contribute to the [GOFUNDME!](https://www.gofundme.com) They must be held accountable! We are legally entitled to receive answers to our questions rather than be punished into submission. This has been my life's work for the past 20 years, and I will never give up!

For additional information, visit:

<https://youtu.be/gpeo6FZgdD0?si=tSPJi7g22Q3tSwbH>

<https://wethepeopleofny.org/21st-century-efforts-to-restore-the-right-to-petition/>

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Letters:

To the Editor:

Two separate groups of everyday Americans, fulfilling their civic duty by serving on a grand jury, have now issued two separate indictments of Donald Trump for his efforts to overturn the will of voters, even after he knew he'd lost the 2020 election. These are the most serious indictments thus far because they deal with a conspiracy to overturn the foundation of our democracy: the vote of the American people.

There can be no more serious crime than a conspiracy to overturn the foundation of our democracy itself. It's shameful how many MAGA Republicans are now rushing to defend Trump instead of standing up for our democracy and our freedom to vote. Many of them are trying to rewrite history, so it's important to understand what Trump is accused of and why it matters.

According to both indictments, Trump deliberately lied about voter fraud and pressured local officials, like the Georgia secretary of state, to illegally overturn election results and manufacture fake slates of electors. When Vice President Mike Pence refused to toss out the legitimate results and count fake electoral votes, Trump incited an attack on our Capitol in a last ditch attempt to stop the certification of the election and cling to power.

These are serious charges. Our elected leaders of all parties must allow the trial to unfold without political interference and let a jury of everyday Americans do their job. No one is above the law, and Trump should be treated like everyone else and held accountable for his crimes against our country.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Weaver, Yonkers

Gentlemen:

County Court Judge Maurice Williams released without bail a low life with a lengthy rap sheet after the assailant, Johnny McCray engaged in an unprovoked attack upon a Yonkers Police Officer resulting in the Officer's nose being broken. That this assault took place in and of itself is extremely concerning. However, what is exponentially further alarming is that County Court Judge Maurice Williams saw fit to release the assailant without bail. To any sane individual it should be painfully obvious that Judge Williams' judgment is deeply flawed and as such he should be removed from the bench immediately. The Judge's complete disregard for the harm inflicted upon the Officer and by extension to the safety of all law abiding individuals renders him unfit to serve. The message of criminal empowerment that permitting this cowardly, criminal assailant to walk sends is beyond toxic. One can only wonder if Judge Williams were to have his nose broken in an unprovoked attack by a criminal assailant if he were to concur with a decision to release the assailant without bond? Where I grew up in the Bronx there was a statement that spoke to the need for minimal intelligence. That statement was, "You are NOT permitted to be that stupid!". Who gave Judge Williams that prohibited license?

Jerry Longarzo, Yonkers

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According to the Yonkers Police Department statement McCray convinced Judge Williams to release him by "issuing a simple apology and mentioning an upcoming job interview."

Yonkers Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza stated, "Every day, we ask our Police Officers to put their lives on the line to protect our community. All we ask is that the justice system stands up for our Officers and all victims of crime with the punishments imposed in court. Criminal acts cannot come without repercussions. If we continue to tell offenders that crime, especially violent crime, is not taken seriously by the decisions made in our courts, we can be sure that judges' inaction and gentle approach to punishing repeat felons will severely undermine and limit the effectiveness of any crime-fighting strategy."

The video from Police bodycam footage shows the officer and the EMT calmly trying to get McCray to go to the hospital before he punches the officer. <https://www.facebook.com/YonkersPD/videos/1787836821660204>

Judge Williams ran unopposed for County Court Judge in 2022, and was elected to a 10-year term.

"Background: Williams has served the Westchester community for over 16 years as a litigator in criminal and family courts with a focus on criminal, family, and immigration law. His most notable work includes representing youths charged with criminal offenses, earning him a seat on the Raise-the-Age Panel for Westchester County Courts in 2018," wrote The Purchase Phoenix.

County Legislator James Nolan stated, "I'm outraged to hear that County Court Judge Maurice Williams released Johnny McCray without bail despite the Westchester District Attorney Office requesting he be held with bail. Last week, Johnny McCray cowardly sucker punched a police officer while being helped into an ambulance. The officer is out on medical leave while McCray is allowed to freely walk the streets. Our pro-criminal Justice System is complete nonsense and we can no longer protect citizens. We need radical changes to our Criminal Justice laws or situation like these will continue to become more and more common. Enough is enough, we demand change! I stand with Yonkers Police and all law enforcement. I will continue to push for changes to not only protect constituents but law enforcement officers."

Update: McCray did appear back on Sept. 12 before Judge Williams and an ankle monitoring bracelet was placed on him. While this will keep him monitored by the Department of Probation, it does not prevent him from committing another crime.

Sources in the YPD say he is well known and has been arrested by officers for Decades, with his drug of choice being PCP-Angel Dust.

ICS Expanding Services into Westchester County, Including Yonkers



Independence Care System (ICS), the first and only Health Home program in New York State with specialized expertise in supporting people with physical disabilities, is continuing the expansion of its Health Home to provide disability-competent care coordination and essential services to residents of Westchester County. ICS's Health Home program focuses on keeping individuals as healthy as possible and out of the hospital and emergency room.

ICS has served adults with physical disabilities for more than two decades, ensuring they receive critical services, equipment, and supplies to enhance their health, mobility and independence. ICS began the first phase of its expansion in the spring in Richmond County, Staten Island.

"We are excited to continue our expansion and to now serve the Westchester County community," said ICS President and CEO Regina Martinez-Estela. "People with disabilities across New York lack important equipment, services and supports, and we will now be a source of support for them. As one of the most underserved and vulnerable populations, people with disabilities can now turn to ICS and receive support through our disability-competent care and expert specialized services."

ICS is a nonprofit organization founded in 2000 as a pioneering, innovative community of professionals dedicated to serving people who, prior to ICS, were often forced to spend their lives in institutions.

People with disabilities have turned to ICS for more than 20 years because of our expert, disability-competent staff who help them to improve their health and avoid hospitalizations, achieve goals, improve their quality of life, and be active members in the community. Our foundational pillars — health, mobility and independence — ensure for true health equity for people with disabilities so they can thrive while receiving the quality care they deserve.

We have developed a model of care designed to address the vast health disparities experienced by our members and those in underserved communities. We continue to work alongside our members and advocate for their specialized care, because we have seen the effects of a healthcare system that fails to address their needs. ICS offers disability-expert care coordination, educational and recreational programming that enriches members' lives, and is a premier provider of specialized mobility assessments for wheelchair users through our comprehensive On a Roll wheelchair program. To learn more about the ICS Health Home, email CommunityEngagement@icsny.org, call 646.653.6230 or visit www.icsny.org.

Fourth Precinct Community Council Meeting

The Fourth Precinct's Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September, 21, 2023, 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 hope everyone had a safe Labor Weekend and enjoyed the fairs and festivals in Yonkers. We would like to thank everyone for attending these meetings and look forward to seeing you in future meetings! If you may have any concerns, please get in touch with the non-emergency department. (914-377-7900) For anything emergency-related, please call 911.

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Upcoming Events from Hudson River Audubon Society

The Wilding of Westchester: Dana Goin, Program Coordinator and Wildlife Educator at the Wolf Conservation Center in South Salem, NY, will discuss ways to foster peaceful coexistence between people and local wildlife.

Wednesday, September 27; refreshments 7:00, talk 7:30-8:30. Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers. Also by zoom: email info@hras.org for invitation.

Hudson River Audubon Society Hawk Watch

Saturdays, October 7, 14, 21, 28, and November 4, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 -p.m. Search the skies for hawks migrating south. Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers. Meet behind the Lenoir mansion

Falconry show

Master Falconer James Eyring will introduce and demonstrate his trained hawks, owls, and falcons. Weather permitting, he will fly one of them over the field behind the Lenoir mansion Saturday, October 7, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers

The Big Sit

Join anytime to help find as many species of birds as possible from a single location behind the Lenoir mansion. Bring a chair and refreshments. Sunday, October 8, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Lenoir Nature Preserve, 19 Dudley Street, Yonkers

New York Army National Guard Promotions

Major General Ray Shields, the Adjutant General for the State of New York, announces the promotion of members of the New York Army National Guard in recognition of their capability for additional responsibility and leadership.

Daniel Canhedo from New Rochelle (10801), N.Y., and assigned to the 1156th Engineer Company, received a promotion August 10, 2023 to the rank of specialist.

Berenice Delacruz from Yonkers (10705), N.Y., and assigned to the Joint Force Headquarters, received a promotion August 28, 2023 to the rank of 1st lieutenant.

Keron Martin from Mount Vernon (10550), N.Y., and assigned to the 133rd Support Company, received a promotion August 29, 2023 to the rank of private 1st class.

Kevin Oommen from Yonkers (10705), N.Y., and assigned to the Company A, 642nd Aviation Support Battalion, received a promotion August 18, 2023 to the rank of specialist.

Jeanpaul Rodriguez from Yonkers (10710), N.Y., and assigned to the Signal Company, 42nd Infantry Division Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, received a promotion August 10, 2023 to the rank of sergeant 1st class.

Force vs Brave: Both Teams Played Well

We spoke to Force Coach Anthony Fava about last weeks win over the Brave. The Force are now 2-0 after a win over Magnus 39-0 in week one.

“Offensively we had a great day, with over 480 total yards. We had two kids with over 100 yards rushing and a receiver with over 100 yards.

“If we played a little better in the secondary, the game would not be as close as it was. Our defensive front line shut down the Brave’s rushing game. They had minus 2 yards. But they had three big plays, and their Quarterback (Oeklers) is good,” said Fava.

The final result was in doubt in the 4th quarter, with the Force holding a slim 27-26 lead. “We drove down the field and scored on 4th down. That put us up 33-26. We went for 2 points, which put the game out of reach,” said Coach Fava, who pointed to three Force players that had a great game.

Senior Wide Receiver Angel Aquino, who was the MVP of the game, with 6 receptions for 139 yards and 3 TD’s. “He was great for us last year and stepped up again. He scored the last 8 points for us and is phenominal.

Junior Quarterback Nazir Fields, rushed for 159 yards, threw for 2 TD’s and rushed for one TD.

Senior running back Corey Everett, rushed for 133 yards and a TD.

“We played really well, but they Brave played tough all game. Their coaches have worked hard and they perservered and never gave up.”

Now at 2-0 the Brave play on Thursday September 14 at home against North Rockland, one of the better teams in the division. “We beat Magnus and we beat the Brave. We did what we were supposed to do. Now we play the meat of our schedule and it starts with North Rockland.

“I do think we are better than last year. This is my third year and we have been building every year. COVID put us back two years ago but now the kids are coming out to play and work hard. Two years ago we had 27 kids, this year we have 47 on the JV and 39 on the Varsity. That is a solid number of kids who all worked hard for the past 9 months, in the gym and at summer camp. We have established a work ethic and the kids have bought in, and I’m proud of them,” said Coach Fava.

If the Force are able to beat North Rockland, look out. Game time 4pm at Roosevelt Sept. 14.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Heavyweight Boxing Champ Jack Johnson came to Yonkers in 1933 to look at locations for a night club

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

Monday, September 18th

September 18, 1946: Trustees of the Village of Tuckahoe were preparing to honor Yankee announcers Mel Allen and Russ Hodges for their words praising Yankee infielder George Stirnweiss of Tuckahoe and enhancing the image of their village. The whole thing was stopped dead in its tracks when Village Trustee George Whyte investigated and discovered Stirnweiss actually lived in the Crestwood section of Yonkers!

Stirnweiss joined the Yankees in 1943, one of the years they won the World Series. Considered the backbone of the Yankees during the war years, he was the 1945 American League batting champ. Post-war, he was Phil Rizzuto’s double-play partner. With his amazing glove work, he was one of the stars in the 1947 World Series between the NY Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Tuesday, September 19th

September 19, 1922: An attempt to overthrow the Republican Organization in Yonkers and Westchester failed miserably. Led by former Sheriff Ulrich Wiesendanger and former Yonkers Mayor and Republican City Chairman Leslie Sutherland, the movement had just a few victories in Yonkers; the revolt against the leadership of William Ward by anti-organization people was “smashed completely.”

September 19, 1927: For the second time in two years, the Ben Franklin Transportation Company was sold, this time the 100-year-old company was sold to “New York interests.” The company was controlled by the Peene family until the earlier sale.

September 19, 1933: Jack Johnson, 1910 Heavyweight Champion of the World, visited Yonkers to check out if we were a suitable site for a new night club. He met with Edward Einhorn, manager of the Manhattan Hofbrau on Main Street, to discuss reopening it.

September 19, 1942: Mayor Benjamin Barnes, Director of Civilian Protection, and Health Commissioner Eugene McGillian announced specific guidelines on care of dogs, cats and horses during air raids and alarms, and urged all pet owners to prepare for an emergency in advance.

Wednesday, September 20th

September 20, 1944: Captain Jacques Tunick, US Army Ordinance Division, came to Yonkers as part of an Army drive to recruit workers for their New York service shops. He brought a tractor, jeep, tank, and other vehicles damaged by shellfire with him, explaining thousands of pieces of equipment were in shops in the Bronx and Corona. Each had to be repaired and rebuilt to be returned to our men on the battle fronts; he needed 500 mechanics, machinists, carpenters and other skilled and unskilled workers for the work. He added, “In fact, we need any man who can work on repairing and rebuilding automotive equipment.” The army was storing the machinery at the former World Fair’s parking lots in Corona. Representatives from the Yonkers Office of the US Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission began accepting applications immediately after the rally. Eighteen men immediately applied.

Thursday, September 21st

September 21, 1944: City Judge Martin Fay threatened to throw out the case against staff at the Carpatho-Russian-American Center on Yonkers Avenue. Why? No representative from the DA’s Office appeared to prosecute the case, the third time the case had to be delayed. He promised if the case was adjourned again, he would dismiss it. The men, Center Manager Herbut and waiter Dinis, were charged with serving beer to a minor, and arrested by Policewomen Helen O’Lear and Helen Murray more than a month earlier.

September 21, 1947: After Cook Post of the American Legion withdrew from a county bowling tournament excluding African American veterans, refusing to be a part of any “anti-Negro” discrimination, two Yonkers clergymen, Reverends David Sheldon and H. Otheman Smith, saluted Cook Post in their Sunday sermons.

Friday, September 22nd

September 22, 1906: The Hodgman Rubber Works filed a permit application to build an addition to its plant on Scarsdale Road.

September 22, 1948: Ralph Feriolo, who led the Save-PR campaign in 1942 and slapped the faces of both Yonkers Republican and Democratic parties, was elected City Chairman of the Citizens’ Committee to Repeal Proportional Representation! He

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stated he had "lost confidence" in the system, and it had "resulted in 10 tragic years of irresponsible government and actual retrogression." With the help of committee officers Dr. William Crocker, Kristen Kristensen, Henry Herz, and Barbara Parsons, he led the fight to dump PR and restore the ward system of electing Councilmembers.

Saturday, September 23rd

September 23, 1912: The American Real Estate Company sold a home in the Park Hill neighborhood to Pulitzer Prize playwright Owen Davis (322 Park Hill Avenue). Davis wrote more than 200 plays and was considered by many to be America's most prolific playwright.

September 23, 1917: Humorist and author Irvin S. Cobb spoke on "Patriotism" at a meeting in the Public Library Hall.

September 23, 1943: Full production at the Habirshaw McLean Avenue branch in the Valley building (McLean & Van Cortlandt Park Avenues) was inaugurated! The branch opening was the result of months of work, supervised by the Navy, to create special machinery to manufacture the specific wire needed by the Navy.

Sunday, September 24th

September 24, 1915: After it was found Yonkers theater owners were ignoring the requirement to obtain licenses to operate their theaters, Captain George Cooley ordered a campaign to arrest any theater operator who did not have required permits.

September 24, 1943: Habirshaw Cable and Wire Corporation opened a new branch at the old Bare Wire Plant on Saw Mill River Road. The Bare Wire Plant had been vacant and abandoned for years. Monthly output of this new facility would produce enough wire to be used in a lengthy campaign.

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BRIEFS

SCHOOL DAY #1

The major complaint I got about the first day of school is that there was no air conditioning in many classrooms and offices. Believe it or not some districts closed for the day or sent students home early.

Now when I was a boy no classrooms had air conditioning and it was a rare school office that had a window unit. We went to school, drank a little extra water from the fountain, opened the windows in the classrooms and had perfectly normal school days.

Remember in Yonkers the school buildings are quite old and were built before the advent of air conditioning. The buildings have to be rewired to accommodate window units, a major expense. Central air. Also very costly.

Bottom line is drink water and dress light when the temperature hits 95 degrees.

PARKING AT RIDGE HILL

Parking at Ridge Hill is a complicated mess. Prior to Covid you paid credit card or cash. During Covid parking was free. Many stores including Lord and Taylor and smaller stores closed. Several months ago they introduced a parking system where you pay with your smart phone.

What happens if you don't have a phone? Or if your phone is broken and you are bringing it to the Apple Store. Or if you don't know how to text. Whenever I am at Ridge Hill it's always mature adults having a hard time.

If you don't pay they put a parking ticket on your car. Is this legal? Problem is the only way to pay the ticket is by money order. There is no place to call with your credit card or you can't send it with your credit card number to an office or post office box.

Please put the old system where you paid with credit card or cash back. And City Hall. Check out the legality of the parking tickets they are putting on cars.

TARGET

It seems like overnight the Target at Cross County came to life. The windows have been uncovered and all the outdoor signage is in place. They are hiring at all levels. I say between Halloween and Thanksgiving the store will open.

Now if we can only get a Walmart in Yonkers!

9/11 Was 22 Years Ago?

Can it be 22 years? I was a Yonkers Public Schools administrator, the Superintendent of Schools was addressing a Yonkers Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, and as I left the room heading to my car one of my colleagues said a plane had hit the World Trade Center. It was early on so no one knew how bad the situation was.

I went to my office. Everyone was gathered around a rabbit ear television set as the building was not wired for cable. Telephone communication was iffy. All Central Office Administrators were gathered. We knew we had to communicate with parents and guardians. This was done by a letter to parents that Administrators dropped off at schools. I brought a copy of the letter to Cablevision studios and Janine Rose put me live on the air. Cablevision. Our major means of communication as radio and television antennas were down.

We set up a school with beds and supplies and staff in case at the end of the day a child was not picked up at school or at the bus stop. We had 26,000 students to worry about. Fortunately all of our plans worked.

We pray for the people who lost their lives on 9/11. And pray that a tragedy like this never happens again.

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will help remedy this by enlisting employers of those who worked in the area on or after 9/11 up until July 31, 2002 to notify each employee of these programs. I thank Assemblyman Nader Sayegh for championing this bill in the Assembly, all those who advocated for its passage, and Governor Hochul for signing it into law."

9/11 Legal Advocate Michael Barasch, managing partner of Barasch & McGarry said "To this day, tens of thousands of workers, former students and residents of lower Manhattan are unaware of their eligibility for coverage, both for themselves and their families." "Most first responders are registered due to the insistence of their unions and the city and state agencies that employed them, but the vast majority of non-responders are unaware of the protections and services available to them as well. 69 cancers have been linked to 9/11 toxins and they can take decades to develop. By signing this bill, Governor Hochul is sending a clear message that New York stands with its heroes, survivors, and their families, providing them with the information they need to access the healthcare and compensation they deserve."

Assemblyman Sayegh urges anyone with questions about the 9/11 Notice Act and how to apply for assistance to contact his Yonkers District Office at 914 779 8805 or via email at sayeghn@nyassembly.gov.

Assemblyman Sayegh's Grow Your Own Education Legislation Signed Into Law

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh's Legislation to encourage young people to become teachers has been signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul. The Legislation (A.68A) directs the commissioner of education to issue guidance to school districts for developing programs to attract underrepresented candidates into the teaching profession.

"As a lifelong educator, I understand and appreciate the importance of an ethnically and racially diversified Teaching Faculty and Staff," said Assemblyman Sayegh. "With our projected shortages in the teaching profession, it is the time to encourage our youth to become teachers and especially those from underrepresented communities. My Legislation "Grown Your Own Initiative" was well supported by the NYS United Teachers and Yonkers Federation of Teachers and will accomplish such. I thank Governor Kathy Hochul for signing this Legislation into law especially as our students return to an academically rewarding school year."

Governor Hochul said: "Today, I'm signing legislation that'll help increase the number of underrepresented teachers in our classrooms that are helping our kids and award funding to districts to help them accomplish this goal. Because we know teachers make it all happen and they shape our future. They mold the characters of our children. They spark their curiosity. They do so much."

The Education Trust-New York supported Sayegh's Legislation. Its Deputy Director Jeff Smink says seeing teachers of color in the workforce is critically important to students of color and there is research that shows having a diverse teaching workforce will reduce drop-out and suspension rates.

The bill signing was held at the headquarters of the United Federation of Teachers in New York. UFT is the parent organization of the New York State United Teachers which supported the measure during the 2023 Legislative Session.

land says this election will not be different. "We are ahead of schedule and our team of volunteers is working hard. We have more union endorsements this year and now that I have a record to run on, the people know who I am."

Nolan also agreed with the view of some that as an incumbent, he now has the political advantage over Walter. "Two years ago, the voters in the district elected me, and I did what I said I was going to do to represent them. I don't see the voters changing their minds two years later."

"She (Walter) had her chance to represent the district, and she is running on a socialist platform that is not in the people's best interest. Her views don't fit with the constituents.

"She is running on a self-promotion, self-centered platform, and she is going after the guy who is a sanitation worker that is addressing the needs of the average person in the district. She is more about politics, while I am running to defend the police and control taxes.

"Sometimes when people get elected, they stop showing up. Very few people come close to my work ethic and every day I'm out here working for the people.

"I have fought hard for projects that will help my district and Westchester. But I'm not afraid to open my mouth when I disagree. I am asking the voters not to look at the party but the person," said Nolan, who in addition to his BOL post works for the Yonkers Department of Public Works.

One capitial project that Nolan points to is the Sprain Ridge Park Pool. "It is an honor to announce that I was able to obtain in this year's 2023 Budget funding to replace the Sprain Ridge Park Pool building. This is one of my accomplishments in my first term which I am proud of because as a kid this is where I would go to the pool with friends and family. Since I was elected infrastructure has been a priority of mine especially because it was ignored by the previous representative. Fixing a building that was originally built in the 1970s was no longer the answer and I made sure that the entire building would be replaced."

Two notable votes that Nolan took in his first two years were his vote against a ban of Menthol Cigarettes in Westchester (which was vetoed by County Executive George Latimer), and his vote against the Reproductive Healthcare Facilities Access Act.

Nolan said that the Reproductive Healthcare Facilities Act, which passed 15-2, could be challenged in the courts, and that is what has happened, with a lawsuit headed to the US Supreme Court and the BOL changing this bill by removing the 8 foot "bubble zone" that prevented protestors from approaching women entering a clinic.

While Nolan called Walter a socialist, Walter challenged Nolan's ethics and whether his "MAGA" views represent the district. "I want to do better for the district. I don't put myself in every picture."

"I am not a socialist or a communist. I am a local business owner. I employ people and make a profit. That is the definition of capitalism. My business contributes thousands of dollars in sales tax to the county."

"But I do believe in the importance of county government, to protect the consumers and keep us safe and healthy. I have proposed installing noise-cameras in the district.

"I am the former Court Clerk in the Village Justice Court, and the granddaughter of a police captain in Boston. I support the Police in their efforts to combat crime and bring criminals to justice. I would never defund the police, and as chair of the cyber security taskforce, I want the police to educate the public on the dangers of cyber bullies and bank account theft," said Walter, who focused on three issues where she differs with Nolan: The environment; gun violence protection, and protecting the right for woman to have an abortion.

"We recently saw another flash flood in Yonkers. I am fully supportive of decarbonization. Our planet is warming, and these storms are going to get worse. Trump got people not to trust the science, but its just the facts.

"We have so many guns in our society and some are not illegal. Guns are the #1 killer of kids and of suicide. I don't want to take away anyone's 2nd amendment right, and we have good gun laws. But it's important to recognize that people want better gun laws."

"My opponent voted against the health clinic access bill. I am a woman and I have been pregnant. I come from a catholic family of 8 brothers and sisters so this wasn't an issue in my family. But you don't personally have to access a facility to understand that other people should have the right to do so without interference.

"My values represent the majority of the views of the district," said Walter, who claimed that Nolan is "hiding the fact that he is a republican. He scrubbed it from his website, and if he were confident that this is a republican district he would be saying that. He may switch parties again."

I'm proud of the work that I did and I'm confident of winning in November. I think people are upset about the Trumpy turn republicans have taken here and across the country

I'm building a case of a person who is not doing the right thing. He would say I'm elitist, I would say he's MAGA. I grew up the youngest of 8 kids in a middle class family. I run a store not a hedge fund.

He is the only republican, but what about the 17,000 democrats in the district? Should they bow to him?

I notice that my opponent only attacks me, not the County Executive or the Mayor, both of whom are Democrats.

Both Nolan and Walter agree on one thing: This is the biggest BOL race in the county, and it is also a bellweather of the political divide in the country.

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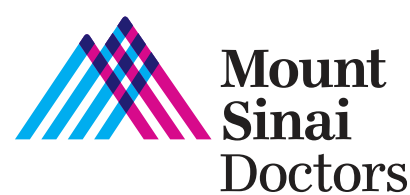
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