

Year Two of Cell Phone School Ban for Students, who Face a Digital Detox



By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

New York State's statewide student cell-phone ban took effect at the start of the 2025–2026 school year, in September 2025. This second year of the ban will state here in Westchester when classes start this week.

Many of us know that for millions of American students, summer vacation meant months of texting, scrolling, streaming and carrying a phone almost everywhere. Now, as schools reopen, educators like me face something that may even be harder than collecting homework. Getting students to be comfortable with putting their phones away.

A 2024 Pew Research Center survey found that 95 percent of American teens ages 13 to 17 have access to a smartphone, while nearly half say they are online "almost constantly." One-third reported using at least one major social-media platform almost constantly. After

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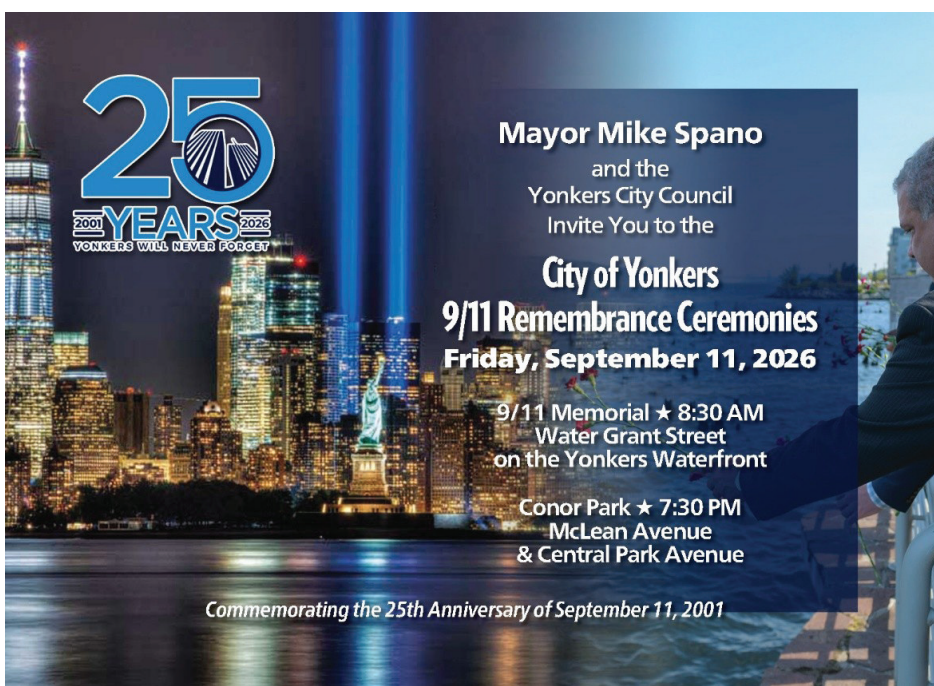
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Yonkers Residents Clash with Police in Heated Confrontation



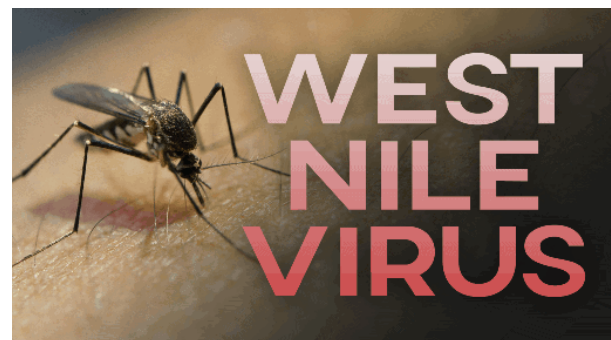
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A heated confrontation between some Yonkers residents and some members of the Yonkers Police Department on Sunday evening, August 30, 2026, is drawing widespread attention. This all unfolded after a video of the encounter began popping up online, garnering thousands of views.

The Yonkers Sanctuary Movement described the encounter in a Facebook statement as a "frustrating, cruel, and dangerous experience," alleging that officers behaved aggressively and abusively.

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Yonkers Resident First Positive West Nile Virus Case in Westchester in 2026



County Health Department Reminds Residents to Remove Standing Water and Take Other Precautions Against Mosquitoes

On Sept. 1, Westchester County stated it had learned of its first positive human case of West Nile Virus this year, which was a confirmed in a Yonkers resident who had recently traveled outside the county.

Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Sherlita Amler said: "This first case of West Nile Virus is a reminder to take precautions to protect yourself from mosquitos. To avoid breeding mosquitos in your own yard, remove all standing water around your home after it rains, and use repellents when you spend time outdoors, especially from dusk to dawn, when mosquitoes are most active."

West Nile Virus most often causes a mild or moderate flu-like illness, but can be more serious, especially for people age 65 and older, and those with underlying medical conditions.

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Bird Scooters Upgrade their Yonkers Fleet



Bird is upgrading its Yonkers fleet with a new, more sustainable swappable-battery scooter model. The new scooters can travel up to 34 miles per charge and will be added to the City’s operating zone this week, bringing the fleet to approximately 500 scooters across Yonkers.

This upgrade is part of Bird’s continued investment in the City of Yonkers. We’re committed to expanding sustainable, reliable micro-mobility options for residents and these newer scooters can already be found in operation. The top speed for our scooters in Yonkers is capped at 15 mph

Regarding sustainability, our scooters are a great option for short trips that might otherwise be taken by car helping cut down on local emissions and traffic congestion. The swappable-battery design also means less downtime, which reduces the program’s overall carbon footprint.

Here are more details on what makes the new model different:

- Reinforced aircraft-grade aluminum frame for durability
- Solid honeycomb tires with hydraulic front suspension for a smoother ride
- IP67-rated weatherproofing and a dual-locking battery compartment for security
- Extra-bright head and tail lights for better visibility.

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A Miracle in the Middle of a Tragedy

What happened in White Plains is heartbreaking. A newborn baby boy was allegedly placed inside a garbage can in a ShopRite bathroom and left there for approximately seven hours. According to authorities, the baby was eventually discovered by a store employee, who immediately called 911. First responders rushed the newborn to White Plains Hospital, where he was reported to be in stable condition. There is no way to describe the circumstances surrounding this baby's birth as anything other than tragic. A newborn is completely dependent on the adults around him for protection, warmth, food and care. What happened could have ended in an unimaginable loss. But it didn't. The baby is alive. And that is the part of this heartbreaking story that deserves to be remembered alongside the tragedy. Somehow, against terrible odds, this little child survived. An employee happened to discover him. Someone made the call for help. First responders arrived. Doctors treated him. And today, this baby has a chance at a life that could be filled with love, opportunity and hope. Some people will call that luck. Others will call it extraordinary timing. And for people of faith, it may feel like something even greater: a miracle. The word "blessing" can feel strange when talking about something so disturbing. The abandonment was certainly not a blessing. But the life that survived it can be. The blessing is that this child was found alive. The blessing is that someone heard the alarm and acted. The blessing is that this little boy now has people fighting for his safety and future.

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Dr. Stephanie Widmer, an emergency medicine physician and Director of Medical Toxicology at St. John's Riverside Hospital, says that substance use issues today have expanded to include synthetic drugs, as well as commonly abused drugs like alcohol and opioids. During a talk at Gorton High School, she explained that substance use is more dangerous than teens know, but treatment is available for teenagers who are struggling with a substance use disorder.

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

Monday, September 7th

September 7, 1933: The Yonkers Communist Party nominated William Raymond Gill of Carlisle Place as their candidate for Mayor, the first African American to run for Yonkers' chief office!

September 7, 1937: Supreme Court Justice Graham Witschief ordered Yonkers' City Manager referendum petitions impounded so their signatures could be established as legitimate by comparison with the Bureau of Election registry. Former Yonkers Mayors William Walsh and William Wallin, representing taxpayers believing these petitions were invalid, charged many signatures were "written in pencil, indelible pencil, and by the same hand." If questioned signatures were identified invalid, the number of valid signatures would be below the number needed to validate the petitions.

Since the petitions were in Yonkers and the registry in White Plains, City Clerk William McCabe would not turn over the petitions until court ordered.

September 7, 1938: Busloads of Yonkers parochial school children, Catholic Youth Organization members, Yonkers Boy and Girl Scouts attended the children's requiem mass for the late Cardinal Hayes at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He passed away three days earlier.

Dr. Widmer says that synthetic drugs have added a new layer of complications to substance abuse. “I’ve seen people come into the emergency department after smoking synthetic cannabinoids, and their blood pressure is on the floor,” she says. “They look terrible. It is really scary. And then the next day, we will get somebody who smokes something similar, and they are totally altered, like biting people, spitting. You do not know what you are picking up when you are buying a synthetic cannabinoid. It is not something that is grown naturally. It is not something that we can even say that we recognize—oh, I know that is _____ because they’re synthetic. Somebody is making them, so you can’t possibly know what you’re getting whenever you buy something unregulated.”

Another modern substance use issue is vaping, which has grown in popularity among teens and young adults. The CDC reports that as of 2024, 1.63 million teenagers (about 5.9 percent) used e-cigarettes.

Dr. Widmer explains that vaping can lead to serious lung injury in teens and young adults. “We’ve had young people come into the hospital and end up intubated for really extended periods of time because of this. And it is because sometimes these vaping cartridges are sold unregulated with contaminants in them that are harmful to people’s lungs.”

Tuesday, September 8th

September 8, 1915: An estate in Southwest Yonkers was purchased by a syndicate headed by George Howe. The property once owned by Henry Schiefflin, Joseph Lawrence and Isabella Lawrence Beekman, was bounded by Valentine Lane, Riverdale Avenue, Radford Street, St. Andrew's Place, Radford Place and Bettner Place.

September 8, 1938: Charges were dropped against two men held by Yonkers Police because their victims “refused to cooperate!” The two men were accused eleven days earlier of holding up twelve players in a card game held in a New Main street store; the men were arrested after the store’s owner identified both men from photographs

Wednesday, September 9th

September 9, 1938: National Republican Party Chairman John Hamil-

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AAA's Annual School's Open - Drive Carefully Campaign



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As students head back to school today, YPD is once again joining AAA's annual School's Open - Drive Carefully campaign to remind motorists to slow down, stay alert, and use extra caution around schools, buses, bus stops, and children walking to and from school. Remember

When a school bus has its red lights flashing and stop arm extended, you **MUST** stop. Passing a stopped school bus is illegal in New York State, including on divided roadways.
And don't assume no one is watching...

School buses in Yonkers are equipped with stop-arm cameras that automatically issue tickets to vehicles that illegally pass them. Violations come with hefty fines.

Give yourself some extra time, put the phone down, watch your speed, and be prepared to stop. Our students are counting on all of us to get them to school - and back home - safely.

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Yonkers Fire Department Begins Annual Fire Hydrant Inspections



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“Our fire hydrants are one of our first lines of defense when an emergency happens, so making sure every one is working properly is critical to keeping Yonkers families safe,” said Mayor Spano. “We appreciate the patience of residents while our firefighters do this important work.”

Inspections will take place Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and are expected to continue for approximately six to eight weeks.

“When our firefighters arrive at a fire, we need to know that the hydrant we connect to is going to perform as expected,” said Yonkers Fire Commissioner William Fitzpatrick. “These annual inspections allow us to identify potential problems before an emergency and help ensure our members have a reliable water supply when every second counts.”

Residents may see fire trucks and crews testing hydrants in their neighborhoods and may experience temporary fluctuations in water pressure or discolored water.

Residents are advised to avoid doing laundry during inspection hours in their area. Once cold water runs clear, it is safe to do laundry. Should residents' laundry become stained, they are encouraged to contact the Mayor's 24-hour Helpline at 914-377-HELP (4357) or call the Yonkers Water Treatment Plant at 914-377-6765, to obtain free packets of a non-chlorine bleach, "Red-B-Gone."

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Step back in time to the American Revolution! This free family-friendly outdoor festival will feature costumed reenactors, living history demonstrations, and hands-on activities.

Meet military and civilian reenactors including General George Washington (on his horse Nelson), his enslaved servant William Lee, Revolutionary War soldiers from both sides of the conflict, 18th century crafts demonstrators, and more. Enjoy live music and try your hand at 18th century country dancing, operating a cider press, an art printing workshop, Revolutionary wargaming, and playing 18th century-style children’s games. Explore the history of Philipse Manor Hall and colonial New York in the museum, and history buffs of all ages can also enjoy our special espionage activity, as you explore the grounds and meet historical people and booths of local history organizations to decipher your mission, using our special code book!

This festival coincides with Yonkers RiverFest, which features live music, vendors, and food throughout the downtown Yonkers area. Bring the whole family and spend the day in downtown Yonkers!

Jenkins Blasts Trump Administration
for Denying Disaster Aid to New York



County Executive Says Federal Government Is “Punishing Their Neighbors” as Blizzard Aid Denial Follows Withholding of \$87 Million in Counterterrorism Funding

Westchester County Executive Ken Jenkins is joining New York Governor Kathy Hochul in condemning the Trump Administration’s decision to deny New York State’s appeal for a Major Disaster Declaration following the February blizzard that caused more than \$168 million in damages and placed a significant financial burden on communities across New York, including here in Westchester County.

The decision comes just one day after Jenkins supported Hochul’s call for the Trump Administration to release \$87 million in critical counterterrorism funding being withheld from New York.

Jenkins said: “Here we go – political games again by the Trump Administration. Our first responders, emergency management teams, public works crews and municipal employees did not hesitate when this storm hit. They showed up, worked around the clock and did everything necessary to protect our residents and keep our communities safe. The federal government should show that same commitment to the people it serves.”

Westchester County Department of Emergency Services Commissioner Susan Spear said: “Westchester County was significantly impacted by a major blizzard in February. The County and local communities spent millions of dollars in emergency protective measures, snow removal costs, road and structure repairs, electric service restoration, emergency responses, and much more. We carefully documented our expenses and exceeded the required Federal eligibility thresholds for FEMA support and reimbursements. That is how the federal law is supposed to work. Our emergency personnel stepped up when called to respond to public safety needs during a major blizzard. But now the federal government has refused to honor their commitment to our communities and our first responders.”

Jenkins said: “It seems that Trump and Congressman Mike Lawler forgot they are New Yorkers because they are punishing their neighbors over political disagreements – it’s disgraceful. New Yorkers deserve representatives who will put the needs of their constituents ahead of party politics.”

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Councilwoman Deana Norman’s Backpack Drive — A Huge Success!



From Yonkers City Councilwoman Deana Norman: We had the privilege of coming together at the YWCA for our Annual Backpack Drive serving District 1! It was a beautiful day filled with community, generosity, and a shared commitment to making sure our young people head back to school prepared and confident.

A HUGE thank you to everyone who partnered with us and helped make today such a tremendous success. Your generosity, time, and dedication truly made a difference! Special thanks to: Giselle at the YMCA, Kathy from Designer Optical, Marinda & Francesca from Homes for Veterans, Sam from Food Lab,,Local 628, Tiffany & Officer Brandon Renzi, Walgreens, Frank Jereis, Solid Rock Christian Center, City of Yonkers Veteran Services, Homes for Veterans, Blossoms, County Legislator Shanae Williams, State Senator Stewart-Cousins, La Piñata This is what community looks like — coming together, supporting our families, and investing in the future of our children. Thank you to everyone who donated, volunteered, partnered, and showed up. Because of you, District 1 students will start the school year with a little more confidence and a lot of community behind them. Together, we make a difference.

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Forever Smiling Foundation Donates 550 Backpacks & Supplies for the First Day of School



Turning Love into a Legacy!
From YPS:

At the 9th Annual Back-to-School Drive, Kahlil Gibran School Safety Officer Nancy Maldonado provided 550 backpacks filled with school supplies through her Forever Smiling Foundation to honor the memory of her son, Jonathan.

Nancy’s dedication to giving back was also recognized with proclamations from New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and the Westchester County Board of Legislators.

Thank you, Nancy and sponsors, for turning love into a legacy and helping #YonkersPublicSchools students start the school year with a smile!”

The Forever Smiling Foundation is a nonprofit created to honor the memory of Jonathan Maldonado, who died in 2017 in Greenburgh.

“We’re so grateful to every business, friend, and supporter who has sponsored, donated, or volunteered with us over the years. Because of you, we’ve brought smiles through school drives, coat giveaways, toy distributions, holiday meals, and so much more.

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Thanks to Nancy Maldonado for continuing this mission on behalf of her son.



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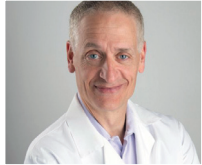
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TRUST 2025-1, Plaintiff

-against-

JAMES DUNPHY A/K/A JAY DUNPHY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBU-
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No. 60320/2026

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But despite these new drug concerns, Dr. Widmer adds that older
drugs like alcohol, marijuana, and opioids remain risky for teens.

“Alcohol remains a consistent concern among young people because
many accidents and dangerous situations occur when people drink too
much. The opioid epidemic also continues to be a growing concern.”

Addiction can begin in several ways for teens. In many cases, it
starts with substances that may seem safe.

“Very often people start with marijuana, which is legal in many
states,” says Dr. Widmer. “And people often believe that it is benign.
But people get high, and they decide they like how it feels, and then
they move on to other things, which is why I am sure many people have
heard the term ‘a gateway drug.’ It is a gateway drug, and it is not the
only gateway drug. There are many gateway drugs out there.”

That includes alcohol, a substance that has long attracted the interest
of teenagers.

“Alcohol is certainly a gateway drug, and it is also very popular
among young people,” Dr. Widmer explains. “When you combine
substances and when you escalate the substances that you are using, it
becomes even more dangerous because you’re mixing the receptors that
are being affected. There is the possibility of impaired coordination,
sedation, altered mental status, and accidents. It escalates rapidly when
you start combining substances.”

Dr. Widmer adds that addiction is a health issue, and she wants teens
to feel comfortable seeking help if they or friends are struggling with
substance use.

“I want to be clear that addiction does not make someone a bad per-
son,” she says. “This is not a character flaw. It is a disease. And people
need to understand that to help people, you have to approach things on
a case-by-case basis, but it’s really important that if you’re thinking that
you maybe should get someone to help, you probably should get some-
one to help.”

Identifying the signs of addiction is not always easy, but Dr. Widmer
encourages people to be vigilant and pay attention to changes in their
loved ones.

“Sometimes it can be difficult, maybe because of our own biases, be-
cause of denial, because of other things,” she says. “But when you start
to see loved ones behaving abnormally in any setting, it should cross
your mind. Could this be drugs? Could this be addiction? There are cer-
tain symptoms that I look for in the emergency department: inappropri-
ate sedation, sleepiness, inappropriate sweating, or signs and symptoms
of withdrawal. But really, when personalities change, when the things
that are important to them change, when they become more withdrawn,
and they are not the person that you once knew, it is time to do a little bit
of investigation.

To that end, Dr. Widmer encourages teens who suspect a friend is
struggling with substances to seek help from supportive adults. “Go to
a teacher or an adult or somebody that you trust, and talk to them about
your concerns, and they can help guide you in the right direction because
there is not a one-size-fits-all. There are many ways to help support
people who may be struggling with addiction, but do not try to carry the
world on your shoulders.”

Treatment options today are broad, including new medications to
help with opioid addiction. “There are many options, and it depends on
the substance, of course,” Dr. Widmer explains. “It also depends on how
willing the person is to engage in treatment and what type of treatment
is best for them. But there can be a good deal of therapy involved. There
can be individual therapy, group therapy, and there are also medications
to help with addiction.”

In some cases, inpatient treatment is necessary. “Generally speak-
ing, when someone’s going through alcohol withdrawal, they should
seek care in a hospital because that withdrawal can be life-threatening,”
Dr. Widmer says. “There are medications that we can give for that. And
then when it comes to opioids, there’s also opioid withdrawal. There are
different medications that people can take in the hospital. But also, on an
outpatient basis, there are prescription medications that can help people
get off of opioids.”

For more information about substance use disorder and treatment op-
tions, visit St. John’s Riverside Hospital’s behavioral health page.

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Westchester County Department of Health staff will work with the resident to determine whether the exposure may have occurred during travel outside the county or closer to home.

Residents should walk around their property and remove any standing water to prevent mosquitos from breeding. Check flowerpot drip trays, kiddie pools, play equipment and other items left outdoors. Residents who notice large areas of standing water on public property should report them to the County Health Department at (914) 813-5000.

Throug hout the season, the County Health Department traps and tests mosquitoes to track the presence of viruses they carry. For more ideas on how to reduce the mosquito population near your home, go to

A Miracle, continued from pg 2-

Perhaps someday, when this child is old enough to understand his story, he won't have to define his life by the way it began. His story can become one of survival — of being given a second chance before he was even old enough to know what a second chance meant.

There are still many unanswered questions, and the legal process will determine what happened and what consequences follow. But whatever happens next, one thing is already certain:

This baby survived.
In the middle of something horrific, there is a small but powerful light. A child who could have been lost was found. A life that could have ended has continued.
And sometimes, when everything seems darkest, the simple fact that a life was saved is enough to remind us that miracles can happen in the most unexpected places.

William McCabe, Yonkers

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ton arrived in Yonkers as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar O’Daniel; Mr. O’Daniel was a member of the Republican Party’s National Finance Committee. Hamilton was staying in Yonkers for the weekend to attend a variety of events in Westchester.

September 9, 1938: Mayor Joseph Loehr and a large delegation of prominent Yonkers residents attended the Pontifical funeral mass for Patrick Cardinal Hayes in St. Patrick’s Cathedral. The mass was sung by Cardinal Mundelein, the later Cardinal’s schoolmate from his New York’s Lower East Side school. After most people had left, Hayes’ body was placed in a cathedral crypt, witnessed only by cardinals and family members. Cardinal Hayes had Yonkers several relatives.

Thursday, September 10th

September 10, 1937: Clinton Hernandez, Yonkers Chamber of Commerce President, proposed selling the real estate of both defunct Yonkers banks—Westchester Trust Company and the First National Bank. He stated the sale would be a “major boon” to the 11,000 depositors of the banks, as well as to the City of Yonkers. It was sold to the “new” First National Bank of Yonkers, formed in 1933 after Samuel Untermyer championed the formation.

September 10, 1938: John Hamilton, Republican Party National Chairman, arrived in Yonkers to spend the weekend at the home of Edgar O’Daniel, Republican National Finance Committee member. While here, Hamilton met with Westchester County Party Chairman Charles Griffiths.

Friday, September 11th

September 11, 1935: A meal at St. John’s Riverside Hospital was enough to revive a man suffering from malnutrition! Weedsport NY resident Walter James was walking on North Broadway when he suddenly fell to the sidewalk. He claimed he had not eaten in four day, but hospital doctors found his condition was not serious. After eating dinner, he asked to be released... and was!

September 11, 1941: The government announced six Yonkers companies received government contracts. Cameo Curtain’s was to manufacture Mosquito Bars and Campbell Hat Company’s contract was to make Army hats. Otis Elevator Company’s contracts were for gun recoil mechanisms, elevators, steel castings and plane engine parts. US Industrial Chemicals contract was to manufacture ethyl alcohol; the NY Guild for Jewish Blind received a contract to make \$53,000 worth of pillowcases!

Saturday, September 12th

September 12, 1938: Vincent Dyckman Andrus, grandson of the late Yonkers “Millionaire Straphanger” John Andrus, set tongues wagging when he took a job at Arnold Constable’s, earning \$14.50 per week. The former Yale student, who was married, said he wanted a career in retailing. Andrus strongly denied Walter Winchell’s report he had taken the job because he ran through the million+ dollars fortune his grandfather left him.

September 12, 1950: Seventy-nine-year-old William Brogan completed seventy years of “continuous service” in Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company. He received a check for \$1,000 and a certificate from President William Ewing, expressing the carpet shop’s “appreciation for long and loyal service.”
Brogan’s comment? Brogan, who began working for Smith at age 9, said he was “shooting for another twenty.”

Sunday, September 13th

September 13, 1930: Hudson River Country Club President William Boyce Thompson formally opened the new clubhouse with a dinner dance attended by 150 members. The club, formerly the Saeghill Golf Club, was the first golf club in America started for women to play golf. When the club was sold, the clubhouse became the Hudson River Chateau catering, home to many Yonkers weddings, proms, and events.

September 13, 1947: Superintendent of Schools William Ankenbrand received a letter from President Roosevelt stating he signed the WPA appropriation of \$175,000 to construct the new addition to School Six. Every Yonkers school student was back on a full time schedule... except for the first graders at School Six. Those 55 students in class were divided into two shifts.

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

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YPD confrontation, continued from pg 1-

According to The Movement, officers allegedly pushed individuals toward a staircase, attempted to take a cellphone and pushed against a door while a daughter of one of those involved was present. The group said a father eventually arrived and helped to sort of resolve the situation.

Those allegations have not been independently verified, and the video circulating online does not necessarily capture everything that occurred before, during or after the confrontation. I want to make that clear.

Still, for those who have watched the footage, the video appears to show an increasingly tense exchange. That much is for sure. There were officers who appear visibly aggravated as the confrontation unfolds. That much is for sure too. A Yonkers police Captain seen during the encounter has also become the target of mounting criticism on social media. Particularly on Instagram. Some commenters are calling him by an apparent nickname and not by his government name.

The Sanctuary Movement similarly criticized the captain's response, alleging that he refused to acknowledge the officers' conduct as abusive.

The Sanctuary Movement said it plans to meet with the Police Department and is calling for the Yonkers police commissioner to meet with community members over broader concerns involving policing, immigration and interactions between law enforcement and residents.

The organization is also encouraging residents who believe they have experienced similar encounters to join them on September 16, 2026, to voice their concerns.

Mind you, video of Sunday's confrontation remains online for the public to watch and draw its own conclusions. The video is constantly being shared. And as the footage continues to spread across social media and garner tens of thousands of views, scrutiny is growing over what happened and what preceded the confrontation.

Here's the video: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CKj1Rs9Cd/>
Note: The Yonkers Police Department issued the following statement: The Yonkers Police Department is aware of videos circulating on social media depicting an interaction between Yonkers Police Officers and members of the community at the YPD Hudson Street Annex. The videos capture portions of the encounter but do not depict the circumstances that initially prompted the interaction or the incident in its entirety.

For reference, the Hudson Street Annex of the Yonkers Police Department is not a police facility that is ordinarily open to the public, nor is it a location where members of the public would typically enter to make reports, file complaints, or request police services. The facility primarily serves as an operational reporting location for Officers assigned to the Department's Bicycle Unit and Getty Square foot posts.

On Sunday, August 30, 2026, at approximately 10:00 p.m., an Officer assigned to the Hudson Street Annex returned to the facility to complete administrative duties. After using his Department-issued identification card to access the building, the Officer observed an unidentified male enter immediately behind him without independently accessing the building.

Given the late hour, the non-public nature of the police facility located within the building, and the Officer's understanding at the time regarding other occupants and authorized after-hours use of the property, the Officer asked the male to identify himself and explain his purpose for entering the building. The male declined to provide identification and stated that he "lived in the building." The Officer also observed that the male appeared unsteady on his feet and potentially intoxicated. Based on the totality of those circumstances, the Officer continued attempting to determine whether the male was authorized to be inside the building.

The male was ultimately identified as being affiliated with a tenant that utilizes space on another floor of the building. That information, however, was not known to the Officer when the encounter began, and the male did not identify himself as being affiliated with any when initially questioned. Instead, he stated that he lived in the building, which was inconsistent with the Officer's understanding that the property had no residential tenants.

The interaction subsequently expanded to include additional civilians and Officers and became contentious. No arrests were made, and no force was used. The Yonkers Police Department is conducting an internal review of the incident, including the actions of all Officers involved, to determine whether Department policies and procedures were followed throughout the encounter.

While the initial inquiry was preliminarily determined to be warranted under the circumstances, the Department's review will examine how the interaction proceeded from that point forward, and we will not prejudge those findings.

The Department is also reviewing the circumstances surrounding the shared use of the building. The Department had not received official notification that individuals affiliated with other tenants would access or utilize the building during late-night or other non-business hours. The Yonkers Police Department is working with building representatives to address communications and property access issues moving forward."

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Yonkers Man Indicted for 2021 New Year's Eve Cold Case Murder



Facebook photo of Shawn Jefferson

On July 29, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that Yonkers man Shawn McLaurin, 43, was indicted for the 2021 New Year's Eve cold case murder of 49-year-old Shawn Jefferson in White Plains.

The defendant was arraigned on Wednesday before Judge Melissa Loehr in Westchester County Court for Murder in the Second Degree, a class A felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Second Degree, a class C felony. McLaurin pleaded not guilty and remains remanded to the Westchester County Jail. His next court date is Oct. 28, 2026.

DA Cacace said: "This indictment is the result of years of tireless work and collaboration between the White Plains Police Department, the Westchester County District Attorney's Office Cold Case Bureau and Criminal Investigators Squad, and the FBI's Westchester Safe Streets Task Force. While nothing can erase the immense grief Shawn Jefferson's family has suffered, today's actions bring us one step closer to holding the defendant accused of this vicious crime accountable. Our law enforcement partnerships remain critical in solving cold cases and ensuring violent offenders are brought to justice."

White Plains Police Commissioner Wade C. Hardy said: "This indictment is a powerful testament to what can be achieved when local, county, and federal agencies stand united in pursuit of the truth. While years have passed since the tragic loss of Mr. Jefferson, the resolve of our detectives never wavered. I commend the outstanding work of the White Plains Police Department, the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, and the Westchester County District Attorney's Cold Case Unit and Criminal Investigators. Their persistent, detailed work ensured that this case moved from an arrest to a formal indictment, reaffirming our promise to this community that time will never ease our commitment to the pursuit of justice for everyone."

On Dec. 31, 2021, at approximately 11:51 p.m., it is alleged that, following a physical altercation with the victim on Ferris Avenue in White Plains, the defendant shot him six times in the chest and torso with a 9mm firearm while the victim was seated in the driver's seat of his vehicle outside his home near North Kensico Avenue. After the victim crawled out of his vehicle and onto the ground, the defendant allegedly fired a seventh shot and fled the scene. Officers from the White Plains Police Department responded to the scene and found the victim suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. He was transported to White Plains Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 12:29 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2022.

The defendant was arrested on July 12, 2026, following a comprehensive investigation led by the White Plains Police Department, with assistance from the Westchester County District Attorney's Office Cold Case Bureau and Criminal Investigators Squad, and the FBI's Westchester Safe Streets Task Force.

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Cell Phone Ban, continued from pg 1

a summer of that access, a bell-to-bell restriction can feel less like a classroom rule and more like sudden digital withdrawal (Pew Research Center). It’s going to be tough.

The problem follows students into school. In February 2025, the National Center for Education Statistics reported that 77 percent of public schools prohibited cellphone use during class. Yet 73 percent of school leaders said phones had negatively affected attention spans, 72 percent cited mental-health effects and 53 percent said academic performance had suffered (National Center for Education Statistics). A lot of us know the problem. But many of us do not have the time to fix it.

Educators, my colleagues, appear to have even more worries. A National Education Association survey of 2,889 educators found that 90 percent supported prohibiting student cellphone use during instructional time. Among teachers working where students had access to devices, 73 percent reported classroom disruptions (National Education Association). Even though New York has phone bins and phone lockers, many students find ways to avoid them.

The broader screen-time picture is striking. A CDC report published in October 2024 found that 50.4 percent of teenagers spent at least four hours daily on screens outside schoolwork. Among those students, 27.1 percent reported recent anxiety symptoms, compared with 12.3 percent among teens logging less than four hours (CDC).

Public patience is shifting, too. Pew found in June 2025 that 74 percent of American adults supported classroom cellphone bans, up from 68 percent in 2024, while support for all-day restrictions climbed from 36 to 44 percent (Pew Research Center).

I would love to say just take the phone away. Throw it out. But that really does not work. Surprisingly, it does not immediately undo the habit. A 2025 study of 1,227 adolescents published in The Lancet Regional Health – Europe found restrictive school policies reduced phone use during school by roughly 40 minutes, but did not significantly reduce overall weekday or weekend use (ScienceDirect). I guess it falls on the folx at home.

So, there you have it. This may be September’s real challenge. Schools are not simply enforcing a rule. They are asking students to abruptly change a behavior that was reinforced all summer.

The first weeks may bring frustration, resistance, and students instinctively reaching for devices that are no longer available. They might even think they feel or hear a phone vibrating that isn’t there. For educators, like me, patience may be almost as important as policy. Here we go!

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Notice of Formation of Cortese Collective LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on April 1, 2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to Cortese Collective LLC, 185 Ashford Avenue, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10533. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of ANVIL STAFFING LLC . Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/09/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 66 Hutchinson Blvd Scarsdale, NY 10583. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of formation of Construction Management Consultants, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/29/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 325 Hornidge Rd, Mamaroneck NY, 10543. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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

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

Untermeyer Gardens Conservancy Welcomes
New Interns for the Fall



Introducing our Ses-
sion 3 interns!

They are here till
the end of October,
so you'll be seeing
them around a bit.

The interns are start-
ing their 4th week
(already!) and have
harvested the veggie
garden twice now.

All vegetables go to
food banks in Yon-
kers & Mt Vernon.

This time they har-
vested okra, peppers,
zucchini, squash,
chives, kale, Swiss
chard, cucumbers &
Armenian cucum-
bers.



Yonkers Guardians HS Varsity
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2026 VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
FRI SEP 4	MOUNT SAINT MICHAEL	HOME ROOSEVELT HS	4:00 PM EST
THU SEP 10	SCARSDALE	AWAY SCARSDALE HS	4:00 PM EST
SAT SEP 19	WHITE PLAINS ★ HOMECOMING ★	HOME ROOSEVELT HS	1:30 PM EST
SAT SEP 26	NEW ROCHELLE	AWAY NEW ROCHELLE HS	1:30 PM EST
FRI OCT 2	JOHN JAY	AWAY JOHN JAY EAST FISHKILL HS	7:00 PM EST
FRI OCT 10	BYE WEEK		
FRI OCT 17	MAMARONECK ★ SENIOR NIGHT ★	HOME ROOSEVELT HS	1:30 PM EST
FRI OCT 23	R C KETHEM	AWAY ROY C. KETCHAM HS	6:00 PM EST

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