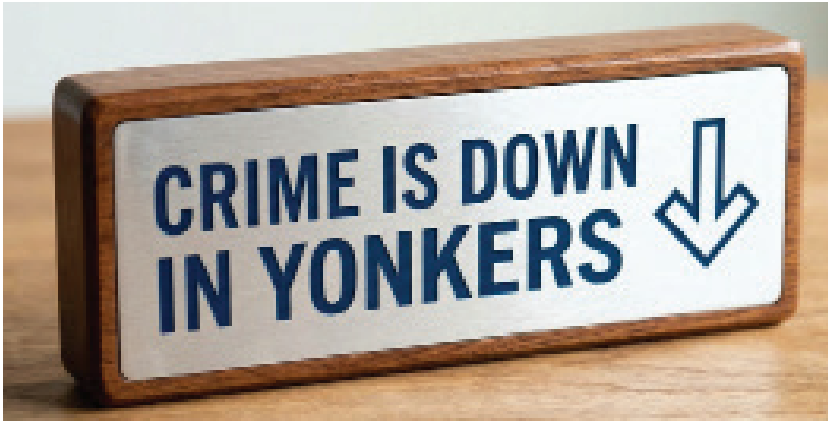


Crime is Down in Yonkers Recent Homicide First Since 2025



The latest shooting in Yonkers, which resulted in the death of 20-year old Brandon Garcia, has brought a renewed focus on crime in Yonkers. But before the shooting last week, Yonkers hasn't had a homicide since last August (2025).

Compared to 2025 YTD, Yonkers is down 83% in Homicides (1 vs 6) and down 33% in shooting incidents in which a victim was struck by gunfire (6 vs 9). The recent high point was In 2016, when there were 9 total homicides and 35 total shootings. Since then, there hasn't been double-digit homicide numbers in over a decade. Obviously, one shooting or homicide is too many- but for a city of Yonkers size, the stats are incredibly low and incomparable to anyone of our size around.

Yonkers Police Officers Reunite with Abandoned Baby Two Years Later



*Yonkers Police Officers Katie McEvoy and Tyler Barriera reunited with baby Melanie and her family
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Was Yonkers the Birthplace of American Golf?



legendary photo of John Reid, right, and his Apple Tree gang playing golf in Yonkers in 1888.

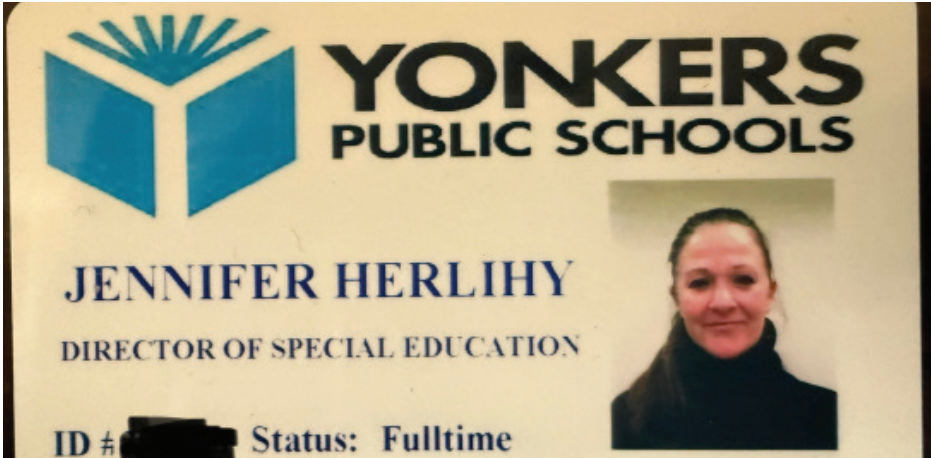
*Golf in Yonkers!
By Mary Hoar*

John Reid often is called "The Father of Golf" in America... but is he? Was Golf first introduced here? No... but he is the father of Modern Golf!

Reid was born 1840 in Scotland, where he was introduced to Golf. He emigrated to

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Former YPS Director of Special Ed. in Yonkers Files Lawsuit and Starts Podcast, No IDEA



By Dan Murphy

There are about 6,000 special education students in the Yonkers Public Schools, out of a total student population of 24,825, (24%).

We recently received a letter titled, The social-safety net fails special-needs families (<https://yonkerstimes.com/the-social-safety-net-fails-special-needs-families/>).

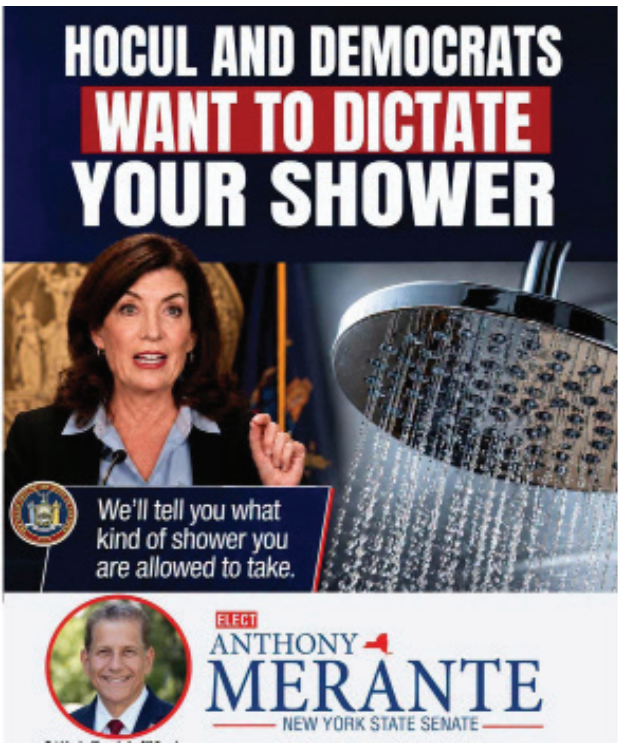
We then read the following set of Facebook posts from Jenn Herlihy, who served as Director of Special Education for the Yonkers Public School during the 2024-25 school year.

"In March 2025, as the Director of Special Education of the Yonkers Public Schools, I was unexpectedly placed on administrative leave and ultimately terminated in May of 2025."

"It felt like a bad dream and that someone must have made a mistake. I was never written up. I was never reprimanded. I was never told I was doing a bad job. I was

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Merante: Hochul & Democrats Want to Dictate Your Shower



From the Campaign of fomer Yonkers Councilman Anthony Merante, now a candidate for State Senate. "Governor Kathy Hochul and Albany Democrats apparently believe there is no part of your home that government bureaucrats should not regulate, even your bathroom. Under regulations adopted during the Hochul administration, shower heads sold or installed in New York cannot use more than 1.8 gallons of water per minute. But Albany did not stop with your shower. The state also limits residential bathroom faucets to

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"A Disgrace to All Police": Mt. Vernon Dept. Police Commissioner Indicted for Att. Murder

By Dan Murphy



Westchester law enforcement is shocked by the recent arrest and indictment of Mt. Vernon Deputy Police Commissioner Jennifer Lackard, her husband James Lackard, and their son Chase Lackard, left, for attempted murder.

Date and location- According to the investigation, on June 29, 2026, at approximately 11:57 am, in the vicinity of 265 East 161st Street, (Bronx County Hall of Justice) Chase Lackard, allegedly discharged numerous gunshots from a loaded semiautomatic firearm from the rear driver's side window of a tan Chrysler Pacifica, as his father was in the driver's seat and his mother in the passenger seat.

Chase Lackard allegedly fired his weapon in the direction of a group of individuals standing in the breezeway of the courthouse. One of the individuals in the group

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Mississippi Goddam: Why Are Black People Dying Under Strange Circumstances?

By: Dennis Richmond, Jr.

Something is happening but it's not in Yonkers. It's in Mississippi, and America has every right to ask questions. On July 4, 2026, 18-year-old Nolan Xavier Wells went to Horn Island off the Mississippi Gulf Coast with friends. And he never came home. Two days later, the Black college student was found dead along the island's shoreline. More than a month later, despite investigations and autopsies, fundamental questions surrounding exactly how Wells died remain unanswered. His family has continued pushing for answers while his death has attracted attention far beyond Mississippi.

Then came Tasia Fortune. On August 3, 29-year-old Fortune, a Black woman, was discovered hanging from a tree behind a vacant home in Jackson, Mississippi. Yes, folks. Hanging from a tree! Authorities reportedly believe her body may have been there for several days. As of this writing, officials have not publicly determined whether Fortune died by suicide, homicide, or another manner, and an autopsy by the Mississippi State Medical Examiner is expected to help determine her cause and manner of death. That uncertainty is important because nobody should declare Fortune's death a lynching without evidence, but nobody should pretend that the circumstances surrounding her death will not immediately raise painful questions either.

Some believe that Fortune took her own life. Maybe investigators will eventually determine there was no foul play. Maybe there was. But until investigators can establish what happened, people are going to ask questions, especially when a Black woman is found hanging from a tree. In freaking Mississippi. That image does not exist in a historical vacuum, and neither does the unexplained death of a young Black man whose family is publicly demanding answers. Mississippi carries one of the darkest legacies of racial terror in American history. That history is precisely why authorities should understand the enormous responsibility that comes with investigating deaths like these.

Nobody should manufacture a murder where the evidence does not establish one, and nobody should accuse innocent people of crimes based on rumors or social media speculation. At the same time, Black families should not be dismissed as conspiracy theorists simply because they want to know what happened to their loved ones. What does the physical evidence show? What do the autopsies reveal? What happened during the victims' final hours? Who saw them last? What can investigators definitively rule out? Those questions are not irresponsible. They are exactly the questions that thorough investigations are supposed to answer, and transparency becomes even more important when history has given communities legitimate reasons to distrust institutions.

Nolan Wells deserves answers, Tasia Fortune deserves answers, and their families deserve answers. This is not Mississippi in 1826 or 1926. This is Mississippi in 2026, and when Black people are found dead under weird circumstances that leave families, communities, and sometimes investigators searching for explanations, America cannot simply scroll to the next story. Maybe the final answers will be suicide, an accident, or natural causes. Maybe investigators will uncover evidence of foul play. Whatever the truth is, investigate these deaths thoroughly, follow the evidence wherever it leads, and tell the public what happened because Mississippi has too much history for unanswered questions to be treated like they do not matter.

Like Nina Simone said, "Mississippi Goddam."

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Letter: Please Help and Pray for the Family of Brandon Garcia



20-year old Brandon Garcia, right, was killed on Aug. 2. Photo from his GoFundMe page—<https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-brandon-garcias-funeral>

To Yonkers Rising and Yonkerstimes.com

I appreciate your coverage of Yonkers, and read your stuff a lot. I was heartbroken to read about the shooting death of Brandon Garcia by a 15-year old in Yonkers recently.

I have friends who know the Garcia family, and nobody deserves this kind of tragedy in their lives.

In your stories, you printed a photo of Brandon and you also provided the GoFundMe page. I appreciate that.

But I would ask if you would also print a story with the GoFundMe story from the family. It would mean a lot to them, they could use the help.

Sincerely, Rebecca Perez

GoFundMe page for Brandon Garcia reads: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-for-brandon-garcias-funeral>

Our family is going through an unimaginable loss right now. Many of you may have already seen the news that five people were shot, and tragically, my nephew, Brandon Garcia, lost his life. Brandon was only 20 years old and had his whole life ahead of him. He was full of love, laughter, and so much potential. Our hearts are completely broken. While we find comfort in believing that Brandon is now in the arms of his Creator, the pain of losing him is overwhelming. No parent or family should ever have to bury a 20-year-old loved one.

We are also praying for the other four victims who remain hospitalized and fighting to recover. We pray they are able to return home safely to their families. During this incredibly difficult time, we are asking for support. Any donations will go toward Brandon's funeral expenses and the medical bills associated with this tragic event. Every contribution, no matter the amount, will help ease some of the financial burden on the family during this devastating time. If you are unable to donate, we completely understand. Your prayers, kind words, and support mean just as much to us. Please keep Brandon, his parents, and our entire family in your thoughts and prayers. Rest in peace, Brandon Garcia. You will always be loved and never forgotten.

Nelly Melendez

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

The Congressmen requested a stay in Jones' execution and executions of the six other men, until a complete investigation was done. The seven men sentenced to death and the four men sentenced to life imprisonment were accused of mutiny. They had asked several times to be transferred to another unit because of the poor treatment Black soldiers received from their captain.

Both sides were spouting how they would take their opponents down... Yonkers hired a coach AND a trainer! They frequently practiced at night.

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The Yonkers Herald reported our City Fathers were “sliding around in vacant lots with bird cages over their heads and pillows strapped to their shins.” They confidently expected to “wipe the floor” with their opponents.

August 19, 1943: After worrying for 18 months, Anna Sedlak of Elm Street finally heard from her son! She received a card from Michael Sedlak, US Army Medical Corps, who was interned by the Japanese at Philippine Military Prison Camp #1. The message was typed, no doubt by the Japanese to insure no pertinent details got out, but the signature definitely was his!

Sergeant Sedlak served in the Army for 13 years; he attended Holy Trinity School and Gorton High School. Before joining the Army, he worked for Levine Iron Works.

Thursday, August 20th

August 20, 1927: Since its Bureau of Criminal Identification was reorganized, enlarged and reequipped the previous January, YPD had taken more than 1,000 fingerprints and 125 prisoners charged with commission of felonies were charged with commission of felonies were photographed!

August 20, 1943: Three times in twenty-four hours, firefighters were called to the Habirshaw Cable and Wire Corporation's dump on the riverfront, just south of the plant. Fires broke out, sending thick clouds of smoke in the air; company officials said the fires probably were due to spontaneous combustion of materials in the dump.

Friday, August 21st

August 21, 1913: Thomas Ewing of Yonkers officially assumed his new position as US Commissioner of Patents.

August 21, 1952: Yonkers learned about Corporal Joseph Luciano of Linden Street's new "best friend." Saunders graduate Luciano had befriended a young German boy named Claus! The pair spent as much time together as possible; the Corporal shared his food and candy with the youngster and no doubt shared stories of life in Yonkers.

Before enlisting, the corporal worked for Eastern Aircraft Corporation in Tarrytown.

Saturday, August 22nd

August 22, 1928: With several aspects of the Mayoral/Common Council Presidency question undecided, Mayor Fogarty announced he would preside over the Common Council meetings until January 1st to avoid legal entanglements.

August 22, 1929: Antique Bottles and Junk Dealer Martin Whelan of Riverdale Avenue revealed old whiskey and liquor bottles were becoming fashionable to use to make table lamps.

Sunday, August 23rd

August 23, 1912: Two beautiful marble statues of angels arrived from Italy; they would be used to “enhance” the main altar of the newly built Memorial Church of St. Denis in Lowerre.

August 23, 1943: The War Manpower Commission deemed war work skills to be the only test for draft status. The Yonkers War Production Training School, our School of Aeronautical Manufacturing and Saunders Trades School, mailed recruitment notices to Yonkers non-deferrable businesses. These letters urged employees and executives aged eighteen to thirty-eight to avail themselves of our free training for war jobs during their spare time.

The notice emphasized in a war plant, trained employees would have a better job, earn more money and get promoted quicker than untrained employees. According to Program Director Lawrence Ashley, the Fall schedule was designed for men who needed essential war work training to maintain their deferred status.

Any questions on this column, email yonkershistory1646@gmail.com.

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

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The social-safety net fails special-needs families

By Jon Hochschartner

Being the parent of an autistic and nonverbal child, who will likely require around-the-clock care for the rest of her life, can be an isolating experience. Very few people understand the unique challenges you face. So it was with some relief after we found out our daughter was autistic, that I discovered the YouTube channel Fathering Autism, which documents the life of Florida parents caring for their now-adult, nonverbal child.

One of their videos, however, in which they discussed what would happen to their daughter after they died, inspired a great deal of anxiety in me. The parents had met with a financial planner and determined that in order for their child to receive one-on-one care in a home setting — outside of a facility — for the remainder of her life, they would need six-to-nine million dollars. Of course, I had previously thought of what would happen to our daughter when we died, but to hear the amount necessary to achieve what didn't seem like an unreasonable goal was overwhelming.

I'm a bit of a champagne socialist. My wife, for instance, runs a small pre-school and employs a handful of people. Still, that monetary figure seemed impossibly out of reach. It was hard for me to even think about the number for a prolonged period without mentally shutting down. Given our relative privilege, I couldn't even imagine how those less fortunate broached the subject. In my view, this shouldn't be a problem for individual parents to solve, and represents a significant failure of our social-safety net.

As a member of the Democratic Socialists of America, I hope the organization will address the situation of families like ours more specifically, and, in turn, force the broader Democratic Party to do so as well, creating a large enough coalition to enact change. I am far from an expert on policy in this area, but, speaking from my own personal experience, I know there are a variety of laws that could help our family a great deal. I'd like to mention a couple of them.

Parents of special-needs children who require high-levels of support should be eligible for being paid by the government as caregivers. It's effectively a full-time job and should be treated as such. For instance, sleep irregularities are very common for people like our daughter. It's not unusual for one or both of us to be up all night with her. Similarly, my daughter is frequently sent home from school early, and without warning, because she's melting down and harming herself or staff. Even with my wife working, it often takes both of us to make sure we have adequate and safe coverage for our other children.

Accessing our meager, existing social-safety net is a labyrinthine, esoteric process, so much so it's hard to avoid the conclusion the system was designed that way on purpose. In my understanding, some states allow parents of special-needs children to be paid as caregivers, but this is far from universal. For example, the Democratic-controlled state where we live, Connecticut, didn't allow this until recently, and I haven't figured out yet whether we qualify for the program. Again, it's difficult for me to envision how families in less enviable financial circumstances, in other states, can make this work.

Paying parents of special-needs children who require full-time support would, among other things, help these mothers and fathers save money for their kids' long-term care. Ultimately, though, expecting such parents to try and cobble together a small fortune to keep their children out of an institutional setting is deeply unfair and unrealistic. Most people with different abilities, who are capable of speech, prefer living in their homes to being forced into segregated, restrictive and frequently underfunded group facilities. Why should we assume those who can't talk would want or should expect anything different?

"State investments in home- and community-based services often result in short-term spending increases, but over time lead to long-term cost savings and a reduction in institutional spending, according to research from Brandeis University's Community Living Policy Center," according to Anna Claire Vollers writing in Stateline. "The national shift to community-based services has been overwhelmingly popular. About 82% of people who receive community-based services prefer to live at home rather than in an institution, according to the most recent survey by the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission."

What the parents of the Fathering Autism YouTube channel want for their daughter is not unreasonable and should be freely available to everyone who needs it. My wife and I are comparatively well off and yet how we will pay for the long-term care of our child is a constant — and at times crushing — source of anxiety for me. It's simply not something most parents are capable of planning for. A just society would care for its vulnerable members and not punish them for their inability to compete on the capitalist market.

Jon Hochschartner lives in Connecticut. He is the author of a number of books, including The Animals' Freedom Fighter: A Biography of Ronnie Lee, Founder of the Animal Liberation Front. Visit his blog at SlaughterFreeAmerica.Substack.com.

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the United States when he was 26 years old. Within a short time, he was hired by J. L. Mott Iron Works. He rose quickly in the company, thanks to his concentrated work ethic. He was named company's General Manager, his energy, integrity, and enthusiasm building the company into the manufacturing powerhouse it became. He managed the company for thirty-nine years and was named a company Trustee; he used his integrity and commercial acumen to turn it into a resounding success.

Reid's forthright honesty, work ethic and commitment brought him much recognition; he also was tapped to become a Director of the Central Foundry Company, Central Iron & Coal Company, and the Trenton Fire Clay & Porcelain Company.

An active member of the Engineers' Club, Fulton Club, Society of British Schools and Universities, and the Burns Society, he was elected to St. Andrew's Society of the State of New York, and served as its 38th President. The Society's next President was Andrew Carnegie!

Golf is a Scottish game, one he learned growing up. John missed playing. He asked a friend, traveling home to Scotland, to bring back a set of clubs and balls. February 22, 1888, he played golf with some friends on a three-hole golf course they set up on a cow field. They hung their coats and lunches on a nearby apple tree, creating the famous Apple Tree Gang!

Reid's first golf hole still exists on North Broadway; one square yard surrounding this historic hole is owned by the Yonkers Historical Society.

Less than nine months later, the friends decided to form a club, meeting at Reid's home November 14th 1888 to formalize their plan to found St. Andrew's Golf Club in Yonkers. They created a six-hole course on Palisade Avenue, where another old apple tree guarded the first hole. They moved to Gray Oaks on the Saw Mill River and created a nine-hole course. It was there the first National Amateur Golf Championship was held. They expanded again; in 1897, they built an 18 hole golf course at today's location In Hastings... I have been told a very small part of the course actually is in Yonkers. John served as St. Andrew's first president, leading the club for nine years.

St. Andrew's was instrumental in creating the Professional Golf Association and the US Golf Association, and hosted the first professional and amateur open championships. Afterwards, five leading clubs met in New York City; the Chicago Golf Club, Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Brookline Country Club and Newport Golf Club joined St. Andrew's to create the US Golf Association.

Reid's entire family played golf; his wife Elizabeth played on a championship level, winning mixed doubles tournaments. His son John won the Intercollegiate Golf Championship in 1898. Son Archiebald was Captain of the Yale Golf Team, served as President of the United States Golf Association, an honorary member of the National Golf Links of America. He just missed wining the US Amateur Champion.

St. Andrew's busy course did not have much free time for women to golf, so reserved very few tee times for them.

The first golf club for women in the United States was the Saeghill golf Club, formed by Elizabeth (Mrs. John) Reed, and friends, created by women and a few enlightened men so women could play golf without the restrictions of male dominated clubs! When the club expanded its membership, they purchased more property, including two homes owned by Joseph and Lyman Bloomingdale, (yes, THE Bloomingdale Brothers) at 1050 and 1090 North Broadway, to use as club buildings! In 1915, the club was sold to men owners; the new owners changed the club's name to the Hudson River Country Club. Dr. Orrin Wightman was Club President; his wife Purl Dula Wightman, was a Ligget and Myers tobacco heiress was the primary owner of the club. They lived across the street in what now is the Lenoir Nature Preserve. When they both had passed away, their heirs sold the golf club.

Yonkers was not the first place golf was played in the United States. There were rumors a few Scottish soldiers who came to defend England in the American Revolution brought their "sticks!" One story I read revealed when the British left New York City, the Americans took over their officers' quarters... and found golf clubs and golf balls!

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Village Of Port Chester Becomes First Municipality In Westchester County To Adopt Full Property Tax Exemption For Seriously Disabled Veterans

The Village of Port Chester has taken a historic step in honoring the service and sacrifice of America’s veterans by becoming the first municipality in Westchester County to adopt the optional 100% real property tax exemption for qualifying seriously disabled veterans, as authorized under New York State Real Property Tax Law.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved the local law following a public hearing, reaffirming the Village’s longstanding commitment to supporting those who have served our nation. The new legislation expands upon Port Chester’s existing Alternative Veterans Exemption by providing the fullest level of property tax relief permitted under New York State law for veterans who have sustained permanent and total service-connected disabilities.

The local law also continues the Village’s existing Alternative Veterans Exemption program, maintaining the maximum exemption levels authorized by New York State for qualifying wartime, combat, and disabled veterans. Together, these exemptions provide meaningful financial assistance to those who have served while recognizing the extraordinary sacrifices made by military families.

Port Chester remains committed to recognizing the service of veterans through policies that strengthen the community and ensure those who have borne the greatest burdens of military service receive the support they have earned.

“These veterans continue to live with the permanent consequences of their military service. Adoption of this exemption is a meaningful way for their communities to recognize that sacrifice and help qualifying veterans remain secure in their homes. I respectfully ask the media to help bring attention to this opportunity and encourage local governments and school boards across New York State to consider adoption,” said Chester B. Edwards II, Chair, Westchester Veterans Alliance, Inc.

is a reputed member of a rival Sex Money Murder crew. After the shooting, Jennifer Lackard switched from the front passenger seat to the driver’s seat of the vehicle as her husband relocated to the passenger seat.

Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark said, “These defendants allegedly conspired with each other to drive from their Bronx residence to the Hall of Justice for the purpose of shooting someone. Despite multiple shots being fired, thankfully no one was hit. It is stunning that this public official would jeopardize her position and reputation to be involved in this alleged conspiracy.”

Clark said that defendants Jennifer Lackard, 49, James Lackard, 55 and their son Chase Lackard, 20, of Boynton Avenue, the Bronx, were arraigned on the following charges - second-degree Conspiracy, fourth-degree Conspiracy, Attempted Murder in the second-degree, second-degree Criminal Use of a Firearm, Attempted Assault in the first-degree, second-degree Criminal Use of a Firearm, two counts of second-degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, first-degree Reckless Endangerment, two counts of Attempted Assault in the second degree, Criminal Possession of a Firearm, second-degree Reckless Endangerment and fourth degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon.

Jennifer Lackard was arraigned before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Laurence Busching on August 4, 2026. Bail was set at \$75,000/\$150,000/\$150,000. People requested \$150,000/\$450,000/\$450,000.

Chase Lackard was arraigned on August 5, 2026, before Judge Busching. He was remanded. James Lackard was arraigned before Judge Busching on August 6, 2026. Bail was set at \$150,000/\$300,000/\$300,000 with a 72-hour surety.

James Lackard was also ordered to surrender his passport. All three defendants are due back in court.

At the time of the shooting, Jennifer Lackard was serving as a Deputy Commissioner in the Mount Vernon Police Department. She drove Chase and James Lackard back to their residence on Boynton Avenue after the shooting.

When Chase Lackard exited the vehicle, he was wearing clothing different from that he wore at the courthouse.

On August 4, 2026, a search warrant was executed inside the Lackard residence. During the execution of that search warrant, a loaded .45-caliber semiautomatic pistol was recovered from a purse inside Chase Lackard’s bedroom. However, it does not appear to be the same firearm used on the day of the shooting.

Lackard was fired immediately after the news broke, with the following statement from the City. “The Mount Vernon Police Department is aware of the criminal charges filed by the Bronx County District Attorney’s Office against former Deputy Commissioner of Wellness, Jennifer Lackard. Effective immediately, the City of Mount Vernon has terminated Jennifer Lackard’s employment.

“The allegations are unrelated to her duties with the Mount Vernon Police Department and do not stem from any conduct associated with the Department or the performance of her official responsibilities.

“The Mount Vernon Police Department remains fully committed to its nationally recognized Wellness Unit. The department will continue to operate without interruption, and the critical wellness services and support it provides to our officers, civilian employees, their families, and the community at large will remain part of the Department’s ongoing commitment to the health and well-being of its workforce.

“As this is an active criminal matter being prosecuted by the Bronx County District Attorney’s Office, the Mount Vernon Police Department will not comment on the underlying allegations.”

When reporter Tony Aiello asked how Lackard was hired, the city issued another statement. Statement on Vetting and Hiring Process of Jennifer Lackard “The recent criminal charges involving former civilian Deputy Commissioner of Wellness and Reform Jennifer Lackard have raised questions about the City’s hiring process and the circumstances surrounding her employment. Jennifer Lackard was hired in July 2020 as Second Deputy Commissioner of Special Initiatives. The position was created during a pivotal period of 21st-century policing, criminal justice reform, and nationwide calls for police reform. Although this was not a sworn law enforcement position, it was a civilian leadership role established to help strengthen trust between the Police Department and the community while supporting procedural justice and officer wellness.

“Ms. Lackard brought nearly 15 years of professional experience in human services, including mental health, substance abuse treatment, DWI intervention, reentry services, community and coalition building, and criminal justice reform. While the position was civilian, Ms. Lackard was required to undergo a rigorous background investigation and employment screening, including fingerprinting, medical clearance, a driving abstract, financial disclosures, and a criminal background check. Based on the background investigation, she met the qualifications for the civilian position. No information disqualified her from employment.

“As part of the hiring process, information regarding her husband’s prior criminal history was disclosed, reviewed, and deemed not disqualifying for her civilian position.

“No employer can predict future personal conduct. Mount Vernon has faced challenges before, and we have always responded with accountability, transparency, and resilience. We remain committed to those principles as this matter proceeds.

The Mt. Vernon community was shocked, saddened, and concerned about the City’s future. Mt. Vernon NewsCenter, <https://www.facebook.com/MTVNewsCenter>, summed up the residents’ feelings, writing, “The latest arrest has intensified scrutiny of the Mount Vernon Police Department and City Hall. Jennifer Lackard, who earned \$138,219 from the department last year according to public payroll records, now faces criminal charges stemming from allegations that she acted as the getaway driver. Lackard has been charged but has not been convicted, and she is presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court.

“Some residents are now calling on federal authorities to expand their review of the city’s operations and are urging Mayor Shawyn Patterson-Howard to explain what additional steps will be taken to restore public trust.

“The Mount Vernon Police Department has already been the subject of a U.S. Department of Justice pattern-or-practice investigation that identified concerns regarding policing practices and recommended reforms.

“Public records also show that Jennifer Lackard’s husband, James “Big Jimmy” O’Brien Lackard, was charged in federal court in North Carolina in 2012 in connection with a heroin distribution conspiracy. Those charges occurred years before Jennifer Lackard’s appointment in Mount Vernon, and there is no public evidence that they are connected to the allegations in her current criminal case.”

Westchester law enforcement also couldn’t believe it. “I think the way in which she was hired needs to be reviewed. The City’s statement that her husband’s crimes did not disqualify her is a bad decision that needs review. All three members of this family appear to be involved in this crime, but are there others?” said one member of Westchester law enforcement. Another said, “It is hard enough to win the community’s support during this time. For Lackard to make this decision also defies logic. It’s a disgrace to all police.”



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DCCC New Digital Ad in NY-17 Calls Out Lawler’s Record of Voting With Trump 100%

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Today, the DCCC launched a new digital ad targeting vulnerable Republican Mike Lawler for his perfect record of caving to his MAGA party bosses in Washington, voting in lockstep with Donald Trump 100% of the time and rubber-stamping every single extreme policy the White House has pushed.

The digital ad will reach NY-17 voters on Meta, is backed by an initial five-figure investment, and will run for two full weeks. This marks the DCCC’s second digital ad campaign targeting Lawler for leaving New Yorkers behind.

From the Big, Ugly Bill that enacted the largest cuts to Medicaid in history and slashed critical food assistance, to the Rescissions Act that slashed billions for critical foreign aid and public broadcasting, and his countless votes to protect Trump’s cost-spiking tariffs, Lawler has betrayed his own constituents to advance Trump’s disastrous agenda time and time again.

DCCC Spokesperson Riya Vashi: “Mike Lawler can slap the word ‘moderate’ on anything he wants, but he can’t rewrite his voting record. Lawler has chosen Donald Trump and his extreme policies over Hudson Valley families 100% of the time, and voters will hold him accountable for it.”

PUBLIC NOTICE

A GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ALSO KNOWN AS “GARBAGE AND REFUSE” IN REGARD TO ROLL-OFF AND UNDERGROUND REFUSE SYSTEM COLLECTION FEES

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the above-mentioned legislation to amend the City Code to permit collection via underground refuse system and amend the fee structure by removing a rental service and providing flexibility to recoup actual cost of provision of service.

Section 1. Chapter 91 of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled “Garbage and Refuse”, is hereby amended in part by amending Section 91-19 “Scope of City Collection” to read as follows:

§ 91-19. Scope of City collection.

A. No residential collections will be made from receptacles that are not made of metal, plastic or other suitable material, including heavy trash bags approved by the Commissioner of Public Works. However, the use of canisters in excess of the volume and weight set forth in § 91-17 hereof is authorized upon approval by the Commissioner of Public Works.

B. Except as may be provided pursuant to Subsection C of this section, no collection of ashes, garbage, refuse or other waste of any kind or description, including trade waste, will be made by the Department of Public Works from any business, industrial, manufacturing or other establishment conducted for profit.

C. The Commissioner of Public Works may collect garbage, refuse and waste from multiple dwellings by use of roll-off service or other refuse collection service approved by the Commissioner of Public Works pursuant to the fees authorized in § 91-24.

Section 2. Chapter 91 of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled “Garbage and Refuse”, is hereby amended in part by amending Section 91-24 “Collection Fees” to read as follows:

§ 91-24. Collection fees.

The fees authorized in this chapter shall be as follows:

A. Rental of containers for roll-off service:

(1) Twenty-cubic-yard container: \$125 per month.

(2) Thirty-cubic-yard container: \$150 per month.

(3) Forty-cubic-yard container: \$200 per month.

B. Roll-off service: \$100 per ton for in excess of two collections per week.

The City shall charge a fee for the provision of refuse collection via roll-off service and other refuse collection service approved by the Commissioner of Public Works. The fee shall be in an amount fixed by the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works with the approval of the Mayor. Any fee so fixed shall be effective 48 hours after it is posted in the office of the City Clerk and shall be payable by the applicant to the Comptroller of the City of Yonkers.

The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Dated: July 28, 2026

Vincent Spano
City Clerk

never given an improvement plan.

“My mistake was making complaints to Human Resources, the City of Yonkers Counsel assigned to the special education department, and my supervisor and for refusing to bury my head in the sand and lie to parents and the community.

“I was called a troublemaker...

Ruby Bridges’ parents were called troublemakers when they fought for their black daughter to go to an all-white school six years after the court made its ruling in Brown v Board of Education (1954).

Judy Heumann was considered a troublemaker when she led the famous Section 504 sit-in in San Francisco in 1977 to advocate for disability rights.

So let’s add Jenn Herlihy to the list of troublemakers. The big ol’ troublemaker who was standing up for the special education students in Yonkers Public Schools.”

And

“I am the former Director of Special Education for the YPS who was fired for speaking out about the district’s failure to educate and legally serve Special Education students in Yonkers.

“Get Ready! In one week, I will be launching a Podcast and Instagram account titled: No, IDEA. I will be posting my story, revealing all the violations and noncompliance issues; I will be sharing stories from parents who are waiting for an evaluation, placement, or annual review; and giving tips, free advice, and helping parents navigate the Special Education system! I will post the exact link asap!”

“If you are a parent of a Yonkers Public School student who is receiving Special Education or you are seeking a Special Education evaluation, please DM and leave me a message. I will be providing FREE Special Education advocacy services and advice, writes Herlihy.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61593056229210>

We have received numerous complaints over the years from Yonkers residents about the services provided to YPS special education students, including delays in getting services.

Herlihy served briefly in her YPS role, from December 2024 to March 2025, but she brought experience from the Scarsdale and Blind Brook School Districts. Her experience is why she was hired by YPS.

What happened between Herlihy and her superiors, we do not know. Herlihy has filed a Federal Lawsuit against the school district, alleging her firing was retribution for her coming forward with allegations including,

“I became aware of what I believed to be serious, widespread, and systemic special education non-compliance within the district.

“I observed that numerous students were awaiting initial special education evaluations outside of the legally required timelines; that hundreds of

“Individualized Education Programs (“IEPs”) had not been finalized for months; that certain IEPs from the prior school year still had not been finalized; and that students were awaiting appropriate special education placements and/or mandated services.

“In addition to my concerns regarding what I perceived to be significant violations of state and federal special education requirements, including requirements relating to the provision of a free appropriate public education (“FAPE”) to students with disabilities, I was also concerned that, as Director of Special Education, I was being placed in a position where I was expected to oversee a department that was, in my view, severely out of compliance with applicable legal requirements.”

The comments below this story on Facebook include parents and educators.

“As someone who sits in on IEPs for kids in foster care and justice-involved, and a former educator, I’ve personally never had a problem. But then again, parents who don’t know, are uneducated themselves on the rules and policies, or simply not 100% involved in their child’s education - those will get pushed back. The number of children who need IEP’s in any many urban district is always more substantial than what the district can physically keep up with. Then couple that with the need for interpretation for 20-30% of them, yeah, it’s tough. People just aren’t aware of how hard it is to keep up with the demand. The district would have to 1. Hire 20-30 more Special Education staff 2. Have parents who are more responsive and complete the social history and sign the PWN in a timely fashion 3. Have a capacity and space for all the evaluations to occur while also running a full school day.

Let’s take MLK - the school that has one of the highest numbers of kids who need evaluations, the lowest performing elementary in the district, and one of the larger schools (Pk-8). They are overwhelmed and underfunded. Whereas WH School 29... NO ISSUE. One is on Locust Hill, one is on N Central Ave. Now look at Di Charro. No issue. While anyone can argue that it’s equal education, as it’s the same district, same district administration - I largely dispute that. As a parent, I watched firsthand that my son had more opportunities because I enrolled him at one of the high-performing schools. But I’ve watched parents struggle with outside circumstances that affect a large part of their lives and affect their ability and knowledge of how to stand up for their child’s rights. It will ALWAYS be like that when the district is overwhelmed with the needs and does not have the capacity to handle the large caseload of Special Ed students that has nearly quadrupled in 20 years.”

”YPS teachers are disgusted as well. Our hands are tied, and we cannot help our students even get a meeting in a timely manner. For example, a parent wrote a letter for her child to be evaluated in December of his Kindergarten year. This child was slotted for a meeting this month - he is now entering 2nd grade. Once the child has a meeting, it should be about 6 months before the IEP is finalized and he is placed. Hold principals accountable as well. They are deterring teachers from asking parents to advocate for their child by writing a letter for testing. They know the process is 2-3 years behind. Then they want to know why the child is so far behind. It’s a disgrace. Thank you for fighting for the children of Yonkers!”

The podcast is expected to start next week. Visit her Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61593056229210>

Read it all Online at
Yonkerstimes.com

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1.2 gallons per minute, kitchen faucets to 1.8 gallons per minute, toilets to 1.28 gallons per flush and *urinals to 0.125 gallons per flush.*
The state even allows local governments to impose stricter restrictions. No, Albany is not standing outside your bathroom with a stopwatch. But state bureaucrats are deciding which fixtures you may legally purchase and install and the Department of Environmental Conservation is telling New Yorkers to take shorter showers.
This is another example of Albany’s obsession with controlling the every-day choices of New York families. Instead of repairing our aging water infrastructure, lowering utility bills and making New York more affordable, Democrats continue imposing one mandate after another. New Yorkers do not need Albany bureaucrats micromanaging their kitchens and bathrooms. We need common sense, personal freedom and a state government that understands its limits.
As your State Senator, I will fight unnecessary mandates and work to get Albany out of your home, out of your wallet and out of your shower.

BY ANTHONY MERANTE TEAM

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SUMMONS–SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER – GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1, Plaintiff, -against- JAMES DUNPHY A/K/A JAY DUNPHY, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JON R. WEDEN; THE UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW, NEXT-OF-KIN, DISTRIBUTEES, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, BENEFICIARIES, TRUSTEES, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS AND SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST AND GENERALLY ALL PERSONS AND PARTIES HAVING OR CLAIMING, UNDER, BY OR THROUGH THE DECEDENT JON R. WEDEN, BY PURCHASE, INHERITANCE, LIEN OR OTHERWISE, ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT HEREIN; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (SOUTHERN DISTRICT); "JOHN DOE #1" through "JOHN DOE #10" inclusive, the names of the ten last name Defendants being fictitious, real names unknown to the Plaintiff, the parties intended being persons or corporations having an interest in, or tenants or persons in possession of, portions of the mortgaged premises described in the Complaint, Defendants - Index No. 60320/2026. Plaintiff Designates Westchester County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject premises is situated in Westchester County. To the above named Defendants– YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your Answer or, if the Complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a Notice of Appearance upon the Plaintiff's attorney within twenty (20) days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the date of service or within thirty (30) days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. If you fail to so appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated July 1, 2026. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME – If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY IN ITS CAPACITY AS SEPARATE TRUSTEE OF GV TRUST 2025-1) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Robert S. Ondrovic, J.S.C. Dated: July 1, 2026 Filed: July 1, 2026. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 92 Pleasant Avenue, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Dated: March 26, 2026 Filed: March 27, 2026 Knuckles & Manfro, LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Jordan J. Manfro, Esq., 120 White Plains Road, Suite 215, Tarrytown, New York 10591 Phone: (914) 345-3020

Letter: North Westchester vs Southern Westchester: Two Views on ICE
To the Editor:

Mr. Murphy, I was interested to read two different stories from you about the actions taken by Westchester residents regarding ICE.
In your Yonkers paper, you highlighted how the City of Yonkers, and its large Latino population, is opposed to ICE in their neighborhoods.
In your Westchester paper, you highlighted the Gorman family in Yorktown, and a number of republican candidates supporting ICE.
I appreciated you writing both sides of the argument; that is certainly the case here in Westchester.
And both arguments have merit.
I also support the comments of Assemblymember Dana Levenberg, who has said on more than one occasion that most residents support the apprehension of those illegals who have committed serious crimes, but do not support removing persons who have lived productive lives in our country

-Carol Nelson, Peekskill

Letter: Get A Peeler
I recommend to your readers to get a peeler to increase their consumption of fruits and vegetables. You can buy a good peeler on Amazon for less than fifteen dollars.
It can help you become thinner by making it a lot more enjoyable to eat fruits and vegetables.Thank you for printing this letter and thus improving your readers lives.
Robert Johnson, Brooklyn, New York

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The drive came at a critical time as the American Red Cross declared only the second national blood supply crisis in its history, citing critically low donations and worsening shortages of Type O and other blood types. NYBC was also responding to a second blood emergency this summer, as extreme weather and storm-related disruptions contributed to critically low blood inventories across New York and New Jersey. With the nation’s blood supply under extraordinary strain, community donors are more important than ever.
The strong turnout at St. John’s demonstrated the community’s commitment to patients in need. Every donation helps ensure lifesaving blood is available for patients undergoing surgery, cancer treatment, traumatic injuries and other medical emergencies. The August 6th drive was the third community blood drive hosted by St. John’s in partnership with the NYBC in 2026. Together, the three drives collected 150 donations, with the potential to impact 450 lives. Two were held during blood supply emergencies – one regional and the most recent national – underscoring the importance of St. John’s ongoing partnership with NYBC and the generosity of the community.
St. John’s is proud to continue its longstanding partnership with NYBC, helping support the blood supply needed to care for patients while giving the community an opportunity to make a lifesaving difference.

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST,

-against-

OMOWUMI LONGE, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Westchester on June 20, 2024, wherein U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST is the Plaintiff and OMOWUMI LONGE, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction in the LOBBY OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 111 DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. BLVD., WHITE PLAINS, NY 10601, on September 17, 2026 at 9:30AM, premises known as 437 SOUTH 5TH AVENUE, MOUNT VERNON, NY 10550; and the following tax map identification: 169.39-3091-37.

ALL THAT CERTAIN PLOT PIECE OR PARCEL OF LAND, WITH THE BUILDINGS AND IMPROVEMENTS THEREON ERECTED, SITUATE, LYING AND BEING IN THE CITY OF MOUNT VERNON, COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index No.: 68185/2022. Robert Hufjay, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

Yonkers Police Officers Reunite with Abandoned Baby Two Years Later

From the Yonkers Police Department:

Some calls stay with you long after you go home. This was one of them. On February 6, 2024, Yonkers Police Officers Katie McEvoy and Tyler Barriera responded to a report of a newborn baby found abandoned in the hallway of a Yonkers apartment building. The officers immediately took the baby into their care and, with the assistance of Empress EMS, transported her to Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital in Valhalla. While the baby was being treated, Special Victims Unit Detective Sgt Cherie Prashad, Detectives Dean Renzi, and now-retired Monique McManus, alongside Detective Vionett Martinez (Cold Case Unit), Detective Javier Sarmiento (Intelligence Unit), and Detectives from our Major Case Squad worked diligently to investigate the circumstances surrounding her abandonment and hold the person responsible for placing her in danger accountable. More than two years later, that baby was reintroduced to us as Baby Melanie. Following the recent finalization of her adoption, Baby Melanie and her family returned to Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital for an emotional reunion with the Police Officers, Detectives, Doctors, Nurses, and staff who played a role in her rescue and care.

For our Officers and Detectives, it was a rare opportunity to see what happened after their part of the story ended. Police officers routinely encounter people during some of the most difficult moments of their lives, but rarely get the opportunity to see where their stories ultimately lead. Yesterday, they did. They saw a happy little girl surrounded by a loving family, along with medical professionals including Dr Edmund LaGamma (Chief of Newborn Medicine) and De Borah Brinston (NICU Nurse Manager), and other medical staff who all played a role in caring for her after our officers placed her in their hands. From the Officers who found and protected her, to the Detectives who sought justice for her, to the medical professionals who cared for her, and ultimately to the family who gave her a loving home, so many people became part of Baby Melanie’s story. Yesterday wasn’t about remembering how that story began- it was about celebrating where it led. And we were so grateful to be a part of it.

Notice of formation of Rat Attack Snacks, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/2/2026. 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, 516 Park Avenue Yonkers NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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

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

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

Notice of formation of W4J9R1 Holdings, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/23/2026. 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, 2 Gedney Park Drive, White Plains, NY 10605. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of Infinity Strategies Group LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on September 1, 2025. Office location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 255 Huguenot Street, Apt 913, New Rochelle, NY 10801. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of M.C.K. VENTURES LLC of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/31/2026. 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 MCK VENTURES LLC 465 TUCKAHOE ROAD, #1304 YONKERS, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity

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

Notice of Formation of Moving Minds LCSW PLLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 06/02/2026. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Nichole Rankin, 8 Oakbrook Road, Ossining, NY 10562. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of CONNECTED EXPERIENCES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 01/30/2026. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY designated agent for process and shall mail copy to LLC at 212 Colabaugh Pond Rd, Croton On Hudson, NY, 10520. Purpose: any lawful act.

Crestwood Library is getting a makeover!



Crestwood Library will be temporarily closing for renovations beginning Monday, August 17, 2026. We’re excited to make improvements to the branch, but we want to make sure you’re prepared for the closure—especially if you have library holds!

Have an item on hold for pickup at Crestwood?

Please update your pickup location before Monday, August 17 to make sure your materials are available at a convenient location.

To change holds location ONLINE:

Log into your library account.

Go to Your Account → Titles on Hold and update the pickup location for your pending holds.

If you plan to place new holds during the closure, go to Your Account → Your Preferences and change your preferred pickup branch to Will Library, Riverfront Library, or another convenient Westchester Library System location.

To change holds location over the PHONE:

Call the Will Library Reference Desk at (914) 457-1820 and ask to have your hold pickup location changed from Crestwood to the library of your choice.

Already have Crestwood materials checked out?

Due dates for materials checked out from Crestwood will be extended throughout the closure, so you don’t need to worry about returning them while the branch is closed.

We’re excited to usher in this new era for Crestwood Library and appreciate your patience during this temporary closure.

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work available for purchase. There is painting that comes alive with 3d glasses by Rev. Nancy Rouse and an installation with a floating pool you can interact with by Stephen Anderson, Midnight Swim On A Starry Night Admission is free, making it an easy and enjoyable summer outing for visitors of all ages.

Families are especially welcome! Young visitors can take part in a special Art Scavenger Hunt, encouraging them to explore the gallery, look closely at the artwork, and discover something new—and everyone who completes the hunt receives a prize. Whether you’re an art lover, looking for an original piece to take home, or simply searching for something fun to do with the family, stop by Blue Door Art Center and spend a little time under our Starry Summer Nights. 13 Riverdale Ave. Yonkers, NY Gallery Hours: Thursdays and Fridays, 3 – 6pm, Saturdays, 1 – 6pm
Visit BlueDoorartcenter.org to learn more.

Notice of formation of LR Project Solutions LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 3/10/2026. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of the process to the LLC, 108 Boulevard, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity

Notice of Formation of Laura Lucido Occupational Therapy PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 3/31/26. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 153 Fieldpoint Drive, Irvington NY 10533. Purpose: To practice the profession of Occupational Therapy.

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



2026-27 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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KEY

Schools Closed for Students

Half Day for Students

BOE - Home, Communications from the Community and Stated Meeting 5:30 p.m. (Saunders Trades and Technical HS, Angelo L. Paradise Auditorium)

Report Card Distribution Week (check dates for grades)

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Medical & Nursing Services 914-376-8226

Safety & Security 914-376-8678

Student Enrollment 914-376-8091

Transportation 914-376-8015

Starry Summer Nights Shines
at Blue Door Art Center, Yonkers

Rev. Nancy Rouse with her 3-D painting, Chaordic Music Series # 46. Photo by M. Trommer

By M. Trommer

Blue Door Art Center opened Starry Summer Nights, Summer Members Exhibition, a vibrant summer exhibition featuring the work of more than 30 local artists. On view through September 12, the exhibition celebrates the creativity and diversity of our region's artistic community, with an exciting array of art

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