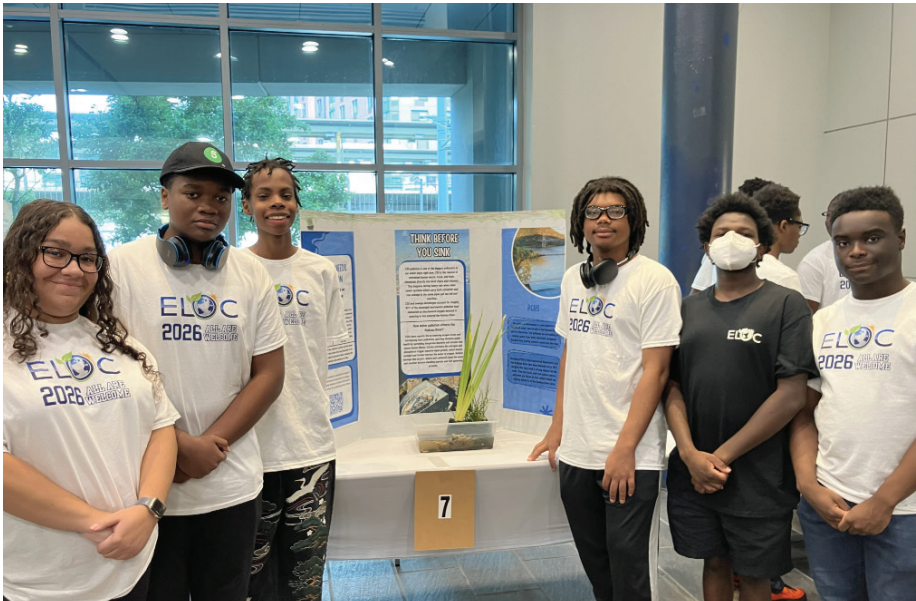


Cleaning Up the Hudson, Promoted By Environmental Leaders of Color Summer Youth Educational Program Teams

Yonkers Envisions A Reimagined Central Ave.



The Mount Vernon Youth Bureau's Think Before You Sink team, recommends placing semi-aquatic plants in the Hudson River to help ingest and clean up waste. The team placed first in the Environmental Leaders of Color summer energy and environmental program for teens showcase presentation
By Michael Gold

Cleaning up the Hudson with “bio pod” plants, conducting more local government monitoring of water quality in local water bodies, building rain gardens and installing permeable pavement to absorb floodwater comprised just some of the interesting innovations proposed by Westchester youth bureaus and YMCA groups at the sixth annual Environmental Leaders of Color (ELOC) 2026 showcase, the culminating project of the group’s energy and environmental program for teens. The showcase was held at the Yonkers Riverfront Public Library at One Larkin Center. About 130 teenagers participated in the six-week STEM leadership academy program. The theme for this year’s program was “Invasive Species and Ecology.”

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Yonkers Man Charged with 27-Count Indictment for Raping, Sexually Abusing 2 Women He Lured to the US on Dating Apps

On Aug. 13 Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a Yonkers man was charged in a 27-count indictment for repeatedly raping and sexually abusing two women whom he lured to the United States through dating applications.

The defendant, Pablo Alexander De La Cruz, 33, was arraigned Wednesday before Judge Robert Prisco in Westchester County Court on the following charges:

- Five counts of Rape in the First Degree: Class B Felony
- Five counts of Rape in the Third Degree: Class E Felony
- Four counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree: Class D Felony
- Four counts of Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree: Class B Misdemeanor

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Rabbi Mendy is Blowing the Shofar for the Upcoming Jewish New Year

Photo (c) and story by Robert Kalfus

The Jewish New Year is approaching! In the 30 days before Rosh HaShanah, Friday Night September 11, the shofar – a ram’s horn – is blown and heard daily, except on the Sabbath.

The shofar is blown daily in the morning during the Hebrew month of Elul (the 1st of Elul, about a month before Rosh Hashanah), and on Rosh Hashanah itself during holiday services. It is also blown once at the very end of Yom Kippur.

Blowing the shofar serves as a powerful spiritual alarm, a call



Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz

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Lost Borough Ice Cream Hits the Big Time



On August 4, the New York Times ran a story from foodie reporter Mahira Rivers titled, The Best Ice Cream Shops. Rivera highlights 18 New York City Ice Cream shops including Lost Borough Ice Cream, which has its original shop in Yonkers, at 1 Larkin Plaza.

Rivera writes, “Patrick Cruz and Kawana Jefferson first opened their ice cream shop in

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Marijuana Has Been Legal in NY for 5 Years+ What’s the Verdict?



It has been more than five years since former Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act into law, making it legal for adults 21 and older to buy and possess marijuana.

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Assembly candidate Frank Jereis and County Legislator David Tubiolo Sponsor Free Haircuts and Bookbags to help Yonkers Families “Trim” Back-to-School costs

With the cost of living hitting every family hard, Assembly Candidate Frank Jereis is sponsoring a free haircut and bookbag giveaway to make sure Yonkers families can send kids back to school looking their best and with the supplies they need to succeed.

The event, co-sponsored by County Legislator David Tubiolo, will be at the Empire Barber Shop, 851 Yonkers Ave, on Tuesday, August 25th from 10 AM to noon. Registration is required and can be done by calling 914-523-3473.

“Because of Trump’s tariffs, inflation, and the war in Iran, families are struggling more and more these days to make ends meet,” said Jereis. “Every little bit counts, so I’m proud to sponsor this event that helps Yonkers families keep more money in their pockets. This is only one step – we still need to rein in utility and insurance costs, expand affordable child care, and lower the cost of housing – but I’m going to do everything I can to help our community afford our cost of living.”

“I’m happy to join Frank in sponsoring this event,” said County Legislator David Tubiolo. “We’re working every day to take on our high cost of living, from holding the line on property taxes to expanding services for local families.”

Jereis, who soundly won the Democratic primary to replace retiring Assemblymember Nader Sayegh, is a lifelong resident of Yonkers who lives the same financial challenges facing local families. He’s running for Assembly to deliver common-sense solutions, lower our cost of living, and improve our quality of life with safer streets and stronger schools.

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Yonkers Olympic gold medalists Steve Lysak and Steve Macknowski

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

Monday, August 24th

August 24, 1901: William Shrive, one of Yonkers’ first auto merchants, proudly announced not only was his Warburton Avenue company the sole Yonkers Agency for the Locomobile, it had—direct from the company in Bridgeport—one of their latest machines! The steam Locomobile, alleged to be the ideal carriage for physicians, sold for \$600.

August 24, 1948: Jimmy Dale of Kimball Terrace was selected from the 35,000 members of Local 802, American Federation of Musicians, to help with a musical therapy experiment at Kings County Hospital! A former President of the Kimball Crest Taxpayers and Civic Association, Dale selected five musicians to perform a variety of music styles from “boogie-woogie” to classical to jazz to opera. Doctors observed patients’ reactions to each of the various types of music and instruments!

Tuesday, August 25th

August 25, 1942: Phelps Dodge Copper Products Corporation, parent company of Habirshaw Cable and Wire Company, vigorously denied charges in a Federal Grand Jury indictment claiming they, with eight other firms, conspired to defraud the government of \$50 million, claiming the companies submitted identical bids to sell insulated cable to the US Navy.

Their defense? Rockbestos Products Corporation invented the cable and held its patent; Phelps entered an agreement with Rockbestos to manufacture it, agreeing not to sell the cable at a lower price. The Navy knew the agreement Habirshaw honored when bidding to supply the cable. The nine companies pointed out the government had not investigated the manufacturing costs or profit margins.

Wednesday, August 26th

August 26, 1936: Dr. William Hicks, St. Andrew’s Memorial Episcopal Church Rector, strongly stated all School Trustees critical of School Superintendent Lamont Hodges should resign. He believed they were injecting “religious issues” into Board of Education affairs and wanted them to quit “in the interests of the youth of Yonkers.” Hodge claimed he was pressured by YPS Board President Maurice Blinken to resign since the Board wanted to replace him with a Catholic; he later withdrew the claim.

While he was Superintendent, our Aldermen claimed he rarely hired teachers from Yonkers; instead, he hired upstate NY teachers from the college where he had taught. When he hired Yonkers teachers, they were from his church.

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New York’s Protein Squeeze: Families Cut Beef, Shrink

Portions and Serve More Meat-Free Meals

Recent reports have highlighted how rising grocery prices are forcing families to cut back on fresh fruit and vegetables. However, new research suggests that households are buying less animal protein, instead switching to plant-based sources, cheaper alternatives or serving smaller portions.

That is according to a survey of 3,042 households commissioned by MarketBeat, a financial media company, which found that 54% have lowered the amount or type of meat, seafood or dairy they purchase because of rising grocery prices over the past 12 months. This means that 4,170,231 New York households are cutting protein.

Animal protein sits at the center of both the household grocery budget and the wider consumer economy. Meat and seafood are among the more expensive essentials Americans purchase each week, meaning they are often among the first items to be swapped, stretched, downgraded or reduced when prices rise.

“For many people, meat and seafood have traditionally been treated as a basic part of the weekly grocery shopping, but these findings show that many households are now approaching it as an expense that must be carefully managed,” says Matt Paulson, founder of MarketBeat. “Families are doing more than changing brands. They are changing what they eat, how often they eat it and how much they put on the plate.”

Beef Is Taking the Biggest Hit: Beef is by far the protein source that New York households have cut back on the most.

Among respondents, 43% identified beef as the main protein they had reduced, compared with 10% who selected fish or seafood and 8% who named chicken or turkey, followed by pork at 8% and dairy at 7%. The findings suggest that households are not abandoning animal protein altogether but are becoming more selective, particularly with higher-priced products such as beef and seafood.

Nearly half of respondents (47%) said their household had replaced beef with a vegetarian protein source, such as beans or lentils, because of price increases.

“Beef has become one of the first places families feel pressure in the protein budget,” Paulson says. “When prices rise, people reduce or replace. The fact that almost half have switched from beef to a vegetarian alternative shows how quickly an everyday purchase can become an occasional one.”

Meat-Free Meals Are Becoming a Money-Saving Strategy:

Serving meals without meat or fish has become a regular cost-saving measure for many households in the Empire State. More than half of respondents (51%) said their household now serves a meal without meat or fish at least twice a week, specifically to save money. This includes 10% who do so every day, 13% who serve meat-free or fish-free meals four to six times per week and 28% who do so two or three times per week.

A further 16% serve such a meal once per week, while 11% do so less frequently. Only 22% said they never serve a meal without meat or fish specifically for financial reasons. The results suggest that what may once have been an occasional dietary choice is increasingly becoming a routine budgeting strategy.

“For many families, a meat-free meal is less about preference and more about making the grocery budget stretch,” Paulson continues. “When that happens several times a week, it starts to look like a real change in how people eat.”

Some Adults Are Giving Up Their Own Portions: The financial pressure surrounding meat and seafood is also affecting how food is divided within households. More than half of respondents (58%) said they had personally eaten a smaller portion or skipped a protein-rich food so their children or another household member could have more.

This finding illustrates that the protein squeeze is not simply changing shopping lists. In many households, it influences who eats what once the groceries reach the table. Matt Paulson says: “This may be the most concerning finding in the survey. People are not only changing what they buy. Many are eating less themselves so someone else in the household can have more. That shows how much grocery prices are affecting everyday life around the family dinner table.”

Eggs Are the Most Common Budget Fallback: When New Yorkers need a more affordable protein alternative, eggs are the most popular option. Almost one-quarter of respondents (24%) named eggs as their household’s main budget fallback. Processed meats such as hot dogs or deli meat followed at 13%, while 12% selected beans.Canned tuna or other canned fish was chosen by 9%, followed by peanut butter at 8%, dairy products at 4%.

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But five years later, there are still opponents of the law and the idea that anyone over 18 can walk into a dispensary and buy legal pot, or gummies or other forms of THC.

Some claim that there has been a spike in the number of young New Yorkers now smoking pot on a regular basis. But supporters of the law claim that it is safer for anyone over 18 who chooses to smoke pot to do so legally, and without fear of buying dangerous weed off the street.

Despite that fear, the illegal marijuana market in New York state, and in the tri-state region (New Jersey and Connecticut also legalized in 2021), continues, despite an aggressive push by the NY Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) closing hundreds of illegal stores selling illegal pot and vapes to young adults.

The New York State Cannabis Enforcement Task Force has shut down 230 locations statewide, seizing more than \$63 million in illegal cannabis products.

Many New Yorkers who have applied to open a dispensary have had to wait because thousands of applicants have been waiting years for a license. OCM has handed out more than 2,000 licenses, with thousands more waiting to open.

Just like any retail store, some dispensary operators have succeeded, while others have failed.

“Five years ago, New York committed to building a cannabis market rooted in equity, safety, and opportunity, and today, that commitment is delivering real results,” Gov. Kathy Hochul said in a statement last week. “We are creating new pathways for small businesses while aggressively shutting down illicit shops that threaten public safety and undermine our legal market. Our focus is clear: protect consumers, support legal businesses, and ensure this industry grows the right way.”

On the five-year anniversary of legalization in March, OCM celebrated the 600th dispensary opening in Manhattan.

The Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act also requires that half of all licenses go to Social and Economic Equity applicants. 57% have gone to women-owned businesses and 51% to minority owned businesses.

And the state has also expunged more than 400,000 cannabis-related convictions, with Gov. Hochul saying that nobody is currently incarcerated in state prison for a marijuana-related offense alone, the governor’s release says.

A total of \$10 million has been earmarked for youth development.

“We, as legislators and leaders in the state, have a duty to take steps to correct the harm that was done by the War on Drugs. As the adult-use cannabis market in New York State continues to grow, we must not lose sight of the equity tenets of MRTA,” said Assemblymember Crystal D. Peoples-Stokes.

Legislation has been proposed to permit liquor stores to sell low-dose cannabis infused drinks, and it is now legal to sell at farmers’ markets.

Last month, OCM launched Cannabis Honestly, a statewide public education campaign that provides young people and adults with clear, practical information about cannabis.

Cannabis Honestly grew out of a year-long statewide Listen and Learn effort that brought together more than 450 young people, parents, educators, and community leaders through 23 facilitated conversations across New York. Participants shared how cannabis is showing up in young people’s lives today, the questions they have, where they get information, and the kinds of resources they want.

New York State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, “Adolescence is a critical period of brain development, and it’s important for parents and caregivers to learn how to talk openly and effectively about the risks of cannabis use during this important time. The Cannabis Honestly campaign was carefully and thoughtfully designed to equip parents and caregivers with the tools they need to have real-world conversations with their children about cannabis. As New York’s cannabis landscape continues to evolve, the Department remains committed to working with our partners to provide communities with meaningful health education and resources.”

OCM’s Listen + Learn Report found that 60% of young adults would go to a parent or trusted adult—but only about 1 in 10 adults felt prepared for that conversation.“In Mount Vernon, we were proud to partner with the Office of Cannabis Management during its Listen + Learn sessions because we know the best public initiatives begin by listening to the people they are meant to serve. The Cannabis Honestly campaign reflects those voices by providing trusted, evidence-informed resources that empower parents, caregivers, and other trusted adults to have meaningful conversations with our youth. Honest dialogue, education, and strong community partnerships are essential to helping young people make informed decisions, and I commend OCM for creating a campaign that puts New York families and communities first,” said Mayor Patterson-Howard, Mayor of the City of Mount Vernon.

Many middle-aged and older adults are now using legal cannabis, gummies, and THC to help with their health conditions, including sleep.“As outlined in my State of the State, New York is committed to building a cannabis framework rooted in public health and safety,” said Governor Kathy Hochul. “The State continues to lead in building a responsible, health-centered cannabis market.”

One ongoing research study examines the benefits that CBD and THC have to help with IBD Inflammatory Bowel Disease. Nurses and healthcare professionals are now specializing in helping patients navigate both New York’s Medical Cannabis Program and explore medical cannabis as part of their care.

Here in Westchester, there are 29 legal dispensaries,

7 in Yonkers; 3 in Mt. Vernon; 2 in New Rochelle; 7 in White Plains; 1 in Tarrytown and 1 in Sleepy Hollow, 2 in Ossining and 5 in Peekskill.

There are also more than 20 communities that opted out and do not permit the sale of marijuana, DESPITE the state law. The are:

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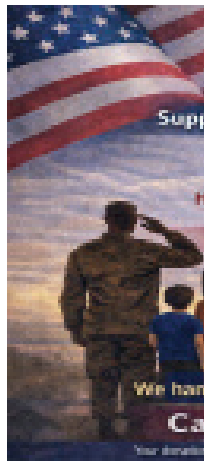
Created by playwright and director Donna Kaz, this moving performance is presented by the actual people whose lives were changed by 9/11, including an FDNY first responder, FDNY widows, World Trade Center survivors, and a recovery worker.

The six participants—Brenda Berkman, Ann Van Hine, Kate Richardson, Gerry Bogacz, Desiree Bouchat, and Anthony Palmeri—share their personal experiences of survival, loss, recovery, and life in the years that followed.

The performance will also feature a piece of World Trade Center tower cladding, gifted to Donna Kaz by the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey in 2010.

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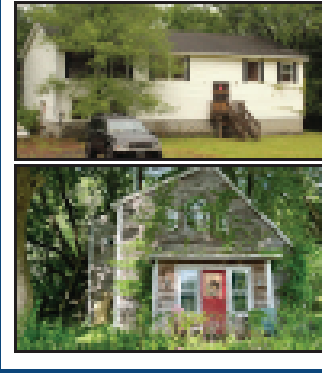
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More than once, he refused to tell Aldermen and Board of Education trustees where newly hired teachers were from, claiming he didn't have their addresses.

Thursday, August 27th

August 27, 1948: Yonkers Olympic gold medalists Steve Lysak and Steve Macknowski arrived back home on the SS Washington! City Manager Thomas Kennedy placed his car "at the disposal" of Mrs. Lysak and Mrs. Macknowski, accompanied by Sylvester Barker, Chair of the Yonkers Welcome Home Committee for the Olympians. The women were the first to reach their husbands!

Extreme heat canceled New York City's parade, so the trio whisked the Olympians to a luncheon at Yonkers City Club.

Yonkers later welcomed gold medalists Steve Macknowski and Steve Lysak home, the first American team to win an Olympic canoe race. The "Welcome Home" parade featured the handmade canoe the two built to win their championship. The two Steves, in their official US Olympic uniforms, traveled South Broadway lined with thousands of cheering people; a large spotlight shone from the Proctor Building to highlight the partners. Former Yonkers Olympians—Harry Babcock, Alan Helfrich, Thomas Morrissey, Jim O'Rourke, Michael Spring, and Al Tripoli-- served as honor guard for the medal winners. Pianist Jimmy Dale of Kimball Terrace accompanied Lucy Monroe singing "The Star Spangled Banner"

Lysak thanked the crowd, saying, "... no one could ask for more than the way we've been welcomed!"

Mayor Frank welcomed the pair home with scrolls at Larkin Plaza ceremonies. He told them Yonkers was proud, adding "Membership on the Olympic team means our Steves are the best in the United States and the best in the world!"

Friday, August 28th

August 28, 1942: Seventy-nine Yonkers secondary teachers started legal action against the Board of Education, contending the Board had "no right to reduce" salaries of tenured teachers or those with stellar reports. They wanted the 12½% salary reduction imposed the year before rescinded.

Saturday, August 29th

August 29, 1944: Yonkers War Salvage Committee Chairman Joseph Ringwalt enlisted Rose Englander of Warburton Avenue to promote salvage in the schools. Rose's plan was so successful, Ringwalt shared it with Washington's salvage leaders, who asked her to provide materials for use throughout the country!

According to Salvage School Program head Emery Balduf, it would "...inspire thousands of school children to redouble their salvage activities."

Sunday, August 30th

August 30, 1913: The dispute over the Democratic nomination for Alderman in the Sixth Ward came to a climax; Thomas Brogan, secretary to Mayor Lennon, was designated instead of incumbent William Corbalis. In the interest of insuring ward harmony, Brogan announced he declined the nomination.

August 30, 1944: The Herald Statesman editor received a letter from overseas. Corporal Meyer Goldman had written to praise Staff Sergeant Samuel Martirano of Cowles Avenue, one of Yonkers' men in arms!

Goldman wrote Martirano had no idea he was contacting the paper; he was a not man to brag about his heroism. Goldman said the Office of War Information wouldn't allow him to share details, but he felt the people of Yonkers should know about the soldier's achievements, bravery, fidelity and just plain hard work. Martirano had only been in the South Pacific for a few months, yet his actions quickly earned him another stripe, the Good Conduct medal and the Southwest Pacific campaign ribbon with a bronze star!

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.

Yonkers Envisions A Reimagined Central Ave.

On Aug. 17, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the launch of "Reimagine Central Avenue," the City's new community-centric planning initiative to redesign Central Park Avenue into a more walkable, connected and vibrant corridor. Serving as a vital shopping and business destination for decades, the initiative is taking a fresh look at Central Avenue's potential for more walkable residential-retail neighborhoods. Currently, Central Park Avenue's commercial corridor stretches 2.3 miles from Tuckahoe Road to the northern Yonkers boundary.

"Central Avenue has been an essential part of Yonkers for generations, and now we have an opportunity to reimagine its future in a way that reflects the evolving needs and aspirations of our community," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Shopping and living trends are changing nationally and this initiative is about creating a renewed corridor that reflects that, while supporting local businesses and creating new opportunities for residents. Most importantly, this plan must be shaped by the people who live, work and shop here. I encourage Yonkers residents to participate in the upcoming workshops and public hearing, share their ideas and help us build a Central Avenue that will serve our city for generations to come."

Residents and business owners are encouraged to participate in the planning process and attend scheduled public workshops and a public hearing to help shape the look and future of the corridor. The first of three public workshops will be held on Monday, August 31 at 6PM at Grinton I. Will Library, at 1500 Central Park Avenue, for the public to share their ideas on how Central Avenue can become a more welcoming place to live, shop, work and gather. Additional workshops will be scheduled over the next 8-10 months, culminating in a public hearing in June 2027.

Led by the City's Planning and Development Department and design, planning and engineering firms MUD Workshop, Colliers Engineering & Design and KSCJ Consulting, Reimagine Central Avenue will analyze land use, zoning, design and infrastructure systems along the corridor, in addition to community feedback, to propose thoughtful project and policy recommendations that enhance the quality of life for the area neighborhoods.

For more information on Reimagine Central Avenue, **visit www.reimagine-centralave.com.**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) # 2026 – 02

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES FOR THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY) hereby solicits proposals from qualified firms and/or organizations to provide Case Management and Technical Assistance Services to the residents of the MHACY owned/and or managed eleven (11) housing sites and the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program as specified in this Request for Proposals (RFP).

This RFP package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This RFP is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter "Responders") and is available online starting Tuesday, August 25, 2026, at www.mhacy.org.

The RFP questions deadline is Friday, September 11, 2026, at 3:00 P.M. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any and all questions must be emailed to procurement@mhacy.org by the deadline. It is the responsibility of the proposer to see that any proposal submitted shall have sufficient time to be received by the proposal due date and time. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted.

Proposals must be received by MHACY no later than 3:00 P.M. (EST) on Friday, October 2, 2026. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B.

Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria stated in the RFP. Negotiations may be conducted with contractors who have a reasonable chance of being selected for the award. After evaluation of the proposal revision, if any, the contract will be awarded to the responsible firm(s) whose qualifications, price and other factors are considered to be the most advantageous to MHACY.

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AUGUST AUTHOR TALKS FROM THE YONKERS PUBLIC LIBRARY



The image is a promotional graphic for an author talk. On the left, there is a portrait of Beronda L. Montgomery, a Black woman with short dark hair, wearing a blue and white patterned top under a dark blazer. To her right is the cover of her book, "When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical Legacy" by Beronda L. Montgomery. The book cover features a green background with white and yellow text and illustrations of leaves and a small bird. Below the book cover, there is a blue banner with the text "AUTHOR TALK" in large white letters. To the right of the banner, there is a white box with blue text that reads: "BERONDA L. MONTGOMERY Author of When Trees Testify, Lessons from Plants. Tuesday, August 25, 2026 2 pm VIRTUAL".

This month, you can enjoy a riveting conversation with award-winning biologist Beronda Montgomery as we discuss her book, "When Trees Testify: Science, Wisdom, History, and America's Black Botanical Legacy". Tuesday, August 25 | 2PM (virtual) Rounding out the month, we'll speak with popular bestselling mystery author Lucy Foley, as we delve into her brand-new Miss Marple mystery, "Murder at the Grand Alpine Hotel". Thursday, August 27 | 2PM (virtual) For more details and Zoom info, visit ypl.org/events

Boxing is Asking the Question, Will the Hall of Fame Answer?

The campaign for Junior Jones and Iran Barkley is asking for transparency, dialogue — and the opportunity to let the voters decide.

By Neil Pellone/ Founder Tough Tony Team

For months, boxing writer/historian José Corpas and I have been leading a growing grassroots campaign asking the International Boxing Hall of Fame to do something very simple:

Put Junior “Poison” Jones and Iran “The Blade” Barkley on the ballot and let the voters decide.

We are not asking the Hall to induct them. We are not asking for special treatment.

We are asking that two accomplished former world champions be given the opportunity to have their careers evaluated by the boxing writers and historians entrusted with voting.

But as our campaign has grown, another question has become increasingly difficult to ignore:

How does a deserving fighter actually get onto that ballot — and who can have a meaningful conversation about it?

That question leads directly to International Boxing Hall of Fame Executive Director Ed Brophy.

I respect the Hall and its responsibility to preserve boxing history. But respect for an institution should never prevent us from asking how that institution operates.

Recently, I contacted one of the writers who votes once fighters reach the ballot. I told him Corpas and I would welcome an opportunity to speak with Brophy and respectfully present the cases for Jones and Barkley.

His response was revealing.

He told me he couldn’t begin to tell me how many people have tried to have that conversation and that the list of people sending Brophy names is very large.

I understand Brophy cannot personally meet with everyone advocating for a fighter.

But if so many people are trying to have this conversation, shouldn’t there be a clear way to have it?

This isn’t about attacking Ed Brophy. It’s about asking him to engage.

And other major sports show that transparency is possible.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame publicly explains how nominations are submitted and forwarded through its selection process. Baseball identifies its screening procedures and publishes detailed rules governing how candidates reach and remain on the ballot. Basketball publicly explains the committees through which candidates advance toward election.

Boxing should be able to answer the same basic questions.

Who determines which eligible fighters reach the International Boxing Hall of Fame ballot? What criteria guide that decision? How can historians, former fighters or advocates formally present the case for someone they believe has been overlooked?

Transparency wouldn’t weaken the Hall of Fame. It would strengthen it.

Jones and Barkley demonstrate why this conversation matters.

Jones was a multiple-division world champion who twice defeated Marco Antonio Barrera and also defeated Orlando Canizales — three victories over eventual International Boxing Hall of Famers.

Barkley was a three-division world champion who twice defeated Thomas “Hitman” Hearns and battled Roberto Durán in their unforgettable 1989 Fight of the Year.

Does that automatically mean they belong in the Hall? No. That’s precisely the point. Let the voters decide. And this is no longer simply Corpas and me asking.

Ray “Boom Boom” Mancini, Gerry Cooney, Christy Martin and Donny Lalonde are among the prominent boxing figures who have recorded messages supporting the call for Jones and Barkley to receive Hall of Fame consideration.

Others throughout the boxing community have echoed that sentiment, and fans are increasingly asking the same question.

When champions, writers, historians and fans are willing to have this conversation, why does meaningful dialogue with the Hall itself seem so difficult?

If Brophy receives more requests than one person can reasonably address, perhaps the solution isn’t silence. Perhaps it’s a transparent submission process, clear criteria for consideration and an explanation of how candidates are reviewed.

Corpas and I would gladly sit across a table from Brophy tomorrow and respectfully present the records, victories and historical context for both men.

We aren’t asking him to agree with us. We’re asking him to engage with us.

This campaign started with two names — Junior Jones and Iran Barkley — but it has become about something larger: transparency, dialogue and ensuring accomplished fighters have a legitimate path to consideration.

So my message to Ed Brophy is respectful but direct:

Talk to us. Talk to the fighters. Talk to the historians, writers and fans.

When the boxing community is raising its voice, the answer from boxing’s Hall of Fame shouldn’t be silence.

We’re not asking you to put Junior Jones and Iran Barkley in the Hall.

We’re asking you to open the door to the ballot. Then let the voters decide!

We Need A Politics of Kindness

A poem by Nate Levin

We need a politics of kindness

We need a country of humans, not actors, not consumers, not producers, not owners, not earners, not click-collectors, of voters who decide in their hearts, with their hearts, in communion with all hearts and souls on the earth, fastened on our home orb, looking around and ever around, not up and beyond

We need to swim and float in the complexities of the past and of the present, holding foreign to ourselves no voices that have spoken or are speaking, attending to the state of souls and hearts that gave and give breath to the voices, attuned to all love carried in the voices, and noting but not partaking of any hatefulness that a voice carried or carries

We need a politics of kindness

Nate Levin, Rye



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

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

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

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

1. Bid No. RFB-7687 – Opening date: 09/11/2026: Furnish and deliver HPE Aruba AP-735 (or Yonkers approved equal) and subscription services as needed for 24 months (NG).
2. Bid No. RFB-7688 – Opening date: 09/11/2026: Furnish and deliver Cisco Catalyst (or Yonkers approved equal), equipment and licenses as needed for 24 months (NG).
3. Bid No. RFB-7689 – Opening date: 09/11/2026: Herbicide and weed control services (NG).
4. Bid No. RFB-7686 – Opening date: 09/11/2026: Rental and refill of gas cylinders citywide (NG).
5. Bid No. RFB-7684 – Opening date: 09/11/2026: Electrical repairs/ replacement of Current Transformer Cabinet at 319 Tuckahoe Road (MM).
6. Bid No. RFB-7675 – Opening date: 09/11/2026: 12-month + 12-month option to renew for the purchase of up to 800 tons of Fine Mortar Sand as needed (TN).
7. Bid No. RFB-7673 – Opening date: 09/04/2026: Twenty-four-month contract, with two 12-month renewal options, for automotive glass service, repair, and replacement for all City of Yonkers vehicles (VB).
8. Bid No. RFB-7674 – Opening date: 09/04/2026: Twenty-four-month contract, with two 12-month renewal options, for maintenance and service of all City of Yonkers air compressors (VB).
9. Bid No. RFB-7669A – Opening date: 09/04/2026: Purchase of Mid-mark mobile platform animal cages (or Yonkers approved equal) for the Yonkers Animal Shelter (VB).
10. Bid No. RFB-7682 – Opening date: 09/04/2026: 12-Month contract to provide Service and repair of electric motors and pumps for Yonkers Public Schools (FB).
11. Bid No. RFB-7681 – Opening date: 09/04/2026: To provide citywide on call HVAC maintenance and repair services (FB).
12. Bid No. RFB-7678 – Opening date: 09/04/2026: 12-Month contract to provide annual maintenance and on-call emergency service of compressors at EJ Murray Memorial Skating Center (FB).
13. Bid No. RFB-7677 – Opening date: 09/04/2026: To provide repairs/ parts for hydraulic cylinders/pumps as needed (FB).
14. Bid No. RFB-7676 – Opening date: 09/04/2026: 12 mo. *contract to purchase up to 600 Suits (24 Cases of 25) of Tyvek 400 suits as needed (FB).*
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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TOWN OF EASTCHESTER ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Architectural Review Board of the Town of Eastchester will hold a public hearing on: Thursday September 3rd, 2026 at 7:00 PM at the Town of Eastchester Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York, in the Court Room/Auditorium on the application of: New Residence at 201 Old Wilmot Road
for: Architectural Review & Area Variances tied to Maximum building coverage, Maximum impervious coverage, Distance from principal building to accessory structure, Maximum building height, Maximum height from grade to first floor, and Maximum gross floor area related to: the demolition of an existing 1-1/2 story residence and construction of a new 2-story residence affecting the premises identified as the following Section(s), Block(s) and Lot(s) on the Tax Map of the Town of Eastchester: 64.D-4-17 and located at the following address: 201 Old Wilmot Road

TOWN OF EASTCHESTER
EASTCHESTER/TUCKAHOE
SCHOOL TAXES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I HAVE THIS DAY
RECEIVED THE WARRANT TO COLLECT THE
SCHOOL TAXES FOR 2026-2027
FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026 TO JUNE 30, 2027
EASTCHESTER UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TUCKAHOE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
AT MY OFFICE
Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, N.Y.
OFFICE HOURS 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
OFFICE CLOSED ON SATURDAYS
TAXES DUE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026

TO AVOID PENALTY, the first half must be received by Sept. 30, 2026. The second half school taxes are payable by January 31, 2027.

IMPORTANT: Official U.S. Postal Service postmarks are accepted to secure a penalty-free payment if postmarked on or before the due date. FedEx UPS, and DHL mailed to 40 Mill Road, Eastchester can also be accepted as timely if showing a mailing on or before the due date. However, metered mail postmarks (such as Pitney-Bowes or Quadiant/Neopost, for example) are NOT acceptable for this purpose under the NYS Real Property Tax Law (RPTL), and neither are foreign postmarks. An envelope without any postmark-- or an illegible postmark-- is deemed under the law to have been made on the date of delivery to the collecting officer. If the due date is not met, the following Penalties prescribed by tax law for deferred payment apply:

Rates of Penalties SECTION 550-A WESTCHESTER COUNTY TAX LAW PENATLY SCHEDULE		
	First Half	
Second Half	Due Sept 1st	
Due Jan 1st		
During SEPTEMBER	NONE	
-		
(Taxes payable without penalty on or before September 30, 2026)		
During OCTOBER	2 Percent	
-		
During NOVEMBER	5 Percent	
-		
During DECEMBER and JANUARY	7 Percent	
-		
During FEBRUARY and MARCH	10 Percent	
10 Percent		
During APRIL	12 Percent	
12 Percent		
During MAY	13 Percent	
13 Percent		
During JUNE	14 Percent	
14 Percent		

July 1st-2027, Delinquent taxes will be filed with the Westchester County Clerk’s Office.
In addition, 1% per month thereafter until completion of IN-REM foreclosure.

ROCCO N. CACCIOLA
RECEIVER OF TAXES

Dated August 20, 2026

- Six counts of Forcible Touching: Class A Misdemeanor
- Criminal Obstruction of Breathing or Blood Circulation: Class A Misdemeanor
- Unlawful Surveillance in the Second Degree: Class E Felony
- Unlawful Imprisonment in the Second Degree: Class A Misdemeanor

The defendant pleaded not guilty and is being held at the Westchester County Jail on bail, which was set at \$400,000 cash, \$2 million bond, and \$3 million partially secured bond. His next court date is Nov. 17, 2026.

DA Cacace said: “The alleged conduct in this case is reprehensible and deeply disturbing. The defendant allegedly preyed upon the vulnerabilities of these young women, exploiting their trust and subjecting them to rape, sexual abuse, and emotional manipulation. Their courage in coming forward and reporting the alleged abuse is an inspiration to all survivors, and I commend the diligent work of my office and the White Plains Police Department in pursuing this case. This indictment sends a clear message that this behavior will not be tolerated in Westchester, and that I will continue to use every available resource, including working closely with our law enforcement partners, to protect and support survivors of sexual assault and hold offenders accountable. We encourage anyone with information about this case to contact our office or the White Plains Police Department, as our investigation remains ongoing.”

White Plains Police Commissioner Wade Hardy said: “Justice demands that we stand as a shield for the vulnerable. The successful indictment of Pablo Alexander De La Cruz underscores the White Plains Police Department’s steadfast commitment to integrity and victim protection. By working hand-in-hand with the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office, we ensure that no case goes uninvestigated and no predator goes unchallenged. This partnership is about more than just an arrest; it is about guaranteeing that victims, no matter where they are from, receive the justice they deserve. I am proud of the diligence shown by our officers and our partners in this critical pursuit.”

Between March and June 2026, it is alleged that the defendant separately lured two women – one from Eastern Europe and the other from Northern Europe – to the United States through dating applications under the pretense of pursuing a relationship. He allegedly purchased their plane tickets and then brought each victim back to his White Plains apartment on separate occasions, where he forcibly raped and sexually abused them while emotionally manipulating them.

The first victim, who traveled to the US in March 2026, was allegedly raped by the defendant on the day she arrived, with the sexual abuse continuing for approximately two months. On at least one occasion, the defendant allegedly secretly recorded them engaging in sexual activity.

The defendant allegedly refused to assist the victim after she lost her passport, prompting her to eventually escape his home and report the alleged abuse to police. The second victim, who traveled to the US in June 2026, was allegedly raped by the defendant the day after she arrived. Days later, after resisting his sexual advances, the defendant allegedly kicked her out of his apartment, leaving her homeless and prompting her to report the alleged abuse to police and seek medical treatment.

The defendant was arrested on July 10, 2026, by the White Plains Police Department, with assistance from the Westchester County District Attorney’s Criminal Investigators Squad. This investigation is ongoing and is being conducted by the White Plains Police Department and the Westchester County District Attorney’s Criminal Investigators Squad. If you are a victim or have any additional information, please contact the White Plains Police Department at 914-422-6256 (<https://whiteplainspublicsafety.com/submit-a-tip/>) or the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office multi-lingual tips line: 914-995-TIPS (8477)

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 Huffay, 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.

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Young Environmental leaders, continued from pg 1

The winning team, Think Before You Sink, from the Mt. Vernon Youth Bureau, highlighted two major sources of pollution in the Hudson River – PCBs and combined sewage overflows (CSOs).

“Eighty two percent of the waste is sewage. The rest is chemicals,” said Samantha Mendez, one of the Think Before You Sink team members.

About 1.3 million pounds of liquid PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, were released by General Electric into the upper Hudson River from 1947 to 1977, as part of its production of insulation and fire prevention features in the electrical devices the company manufactured. The PCBs have spread the length of the 315-mile-long Hudson. General Electric has paid for clean-up efforts, but PCBs remain in the sediment of the river, as well as in the shoreline and the bodies of the fish and birds that live there.

The Yonkers Wastewater Treatment Plant alone puts anywhere from 60 million gallons to one billion gallons of sewage into the Hudson every year, according to Hudson Riverkeeper.

The Think Before You Sink team proposed that local governments test the river and its tributaries on a weekly basis, so “people can track the pollution in the river,” said Travis Ruez, a Think Before You Sink team member. He also suggested creating a call-in phone number allowing people to report on pollution they see in the river. Right now, Westchester County and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation test the river regularly.

“We want to start with monitoring tributaries, like the Saw Mill River,” Think Before You Sink member Karrington Tucker said. The Center for the Urban River at Beczak (CURB), a private nonprofit organization in partnership with Sarah Lawrence College, currently monitors the Saw Mill River and the Hudson River for sewage pollution.

To help reduce the pollution in the Hudson, Think Before You Sink proposes something called bio pods, semi-aquatic plants.

“Put semi-aquatic plants in the river to absorb the waste,” said Tucker. “They ingest the waste.”

The Sea Savers, from the New Rochelle Youth Bureau/Booker T Washington Vocational Institute, highlighted the impact of air and water pollution on people and marine wildlife in Long Island Sound.

“Kids can’t go to the beach. It’s too dirty,” said William Gallagher, from the Sea Savers team. “There’s too much plastic in the ocean. I’m swimming and I feel a soda bottle on my feet. It’s not right,” he said. Also, “animals get trapped by plastic,” Gallagher added.

The Sea Saver kids mentioned that they’ve seen needles on the beaches too. “It’s disgusting,” said Zaim Bukhari.

Climate change has affected aquatic life too, Bukhari said. “Rising water temperatures drive out fish populations,” he said.

The Sea Savers suggested putting a floating solar-powered platform in water bodies, to monitor water quality. The platform would contain sensors “that track chemical and physical changes in lakes, rivers and coastal areas to spot pollution or contamination,” the Sea Saver presentation board stated.

Two Sea Saver members, Gallagher and Efraim Jacob, have signed up with the Save The Sound group to clean up the beaches around Long Island Sound.

The New Rochelle Youth Bureau Rain Garden team recommended building rain gardens to help protect against the increasing floods that Westchester is suffering due to torrential rains caused by climate change.

Their presentation featured a photo of a walkway at Lincoln Avenue and Prince Street in New Rochelle that was inundated with water. A set of steps led to what looked like knee-high water that seemed to spread out over at least fifty yards.

“Put a rain garden next to the walkway to absorb the water,” said Makayla Jerome, a Rain Garden team member. “Plant shrubs and flowers. The water gets absorbed in a shallow bowl,” she said.

“A rain garden collects rain water and allows it to soak into the ground,” said Ronique Edwards.

Nicola Catts demonstrated how it works. The team had created a model with a “cement top” made of dry clay, with moss vegetation and dirt next to it. Catts poured a glass of water on the simulated cement, which slid over the surface and flowed into the moss, where most of it sank into the soil.

The Peekskill Youth Bureau’s team — Paving the Way for Peekskill with Permeable Pavement — addressed the flooding issue as well, making the case for putting down permeable pavement in parking lots and other areas. Permeable pavement, which can be made up of gravel, clay, sand, topsoil and grass or sod, allows water to flow into the ground, instead of pooling on surface roads and sidewalks.

“Floodwater will get into people’s basements. Floodwater can attack the structural integrity of the foundations of a building,” said Joseph Goldwire. But with permeable pavement, “the water will go into the ground,” Goldwire explained.

“This can be used for parking lots and sidewalks in residential areas,” said Bryson Hammonds, another Peekskill Youth Bureau team member.

“We will bring this model to the Peekskill City Council and present this,” Hammonds said.

ELOC founder and executive director Diana Williams told the crowd during the awards presentation, “Never forget what hard work, commitment and consistency can do in your life.”

The members of the winning Think Before You Sink team were Shema White, Karrington Tucker, Samantha Mendez, Travis Ruez, Nate Simmons and Mykel Gayle.

The Sea Savers, the second-place team, were teamed by William Gallagher, Joxel Torres Alvarez, Zaim Bukhari and Efraim Jacob. The third-place team, The Clean Ups, from the Yonkers YMCA/Garden Club, included Prisley Massoukina, Zaniya Shell, Benjamin Ortiz, Michael Earle, Heaven Lyons, Mariana Bernal, and Francisca Osei Tutu. In their own words, the Clean Up team stated, “Our mission as a group is to effectively address the harm everyday littering causes to our local ecosystem, such as wildlife, plants, public health, and properly value in Yonkers. We developed an effective response to this issue by creating a youth-run volunteer group with paid participants, ages 10-17; they will also receive payment and daycare access. The Clean Ups participate in education classes about their ecosystem and have 2 weekly cleanups.” Waternet, also from the Yonkers YMCA/Garden Club, earned honorable mention. Their members were Diana Torres, Alonso Torres, Joselin Tapia, Elvin Cruz, Elizabeth Aguilar, Kyara Bautista, Ximena Anaya, and Estefani Matinez-Ines. The Waternet team, like the Think Before You Sink team, addressed pollution in the Hudson. They described their project like this: “Our project is meant to provide a solution that will clean the Hudson River of dangerous types of pollution such as PCB’s and sewage waste. It uses a floating chemical filter that will rid the river of chemicals while preventing future waste from entering. Our aim is to bring restoration to the native organisms of the Hudson by helping clean and filter the water to prevent a nutrient imbalance caused by the sewage waste.” The Paving the Way for Peekskill With Permeable Pavement team, also earning an honorable mention, were teamed by Joseph Goldwire, Gerrard Hyatt, Bryson Hammonds and Abraham Zumba Vienes.

Michael Gold is a columnist for The Yonkers Times. His work has been published in The New York Daily News, The Albany Times-Union, The Hartford Courant and other newspapers. He’s a volunteer trustee with the Putnam County Land Trust.

Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) proposes to collocate wireless communications antennas at a top height of 56 feet on a 74-foot building rooftop at the approx. vicinity of 28 Beekman Avenue, Sleepy Hollow, Westchester County, New York, 10591. In accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the FCC regulations implementing Section 106 review, public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted to: Trileaf Corp, Hannah Dell, h.dell@trileaf.com, 1775 The Exchange SE, Suite 525, Atlanta GA 30339, 678-653-8673.

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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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

CBRE Arranges \$9.5 Million Sale of 1219 Yonkers Avenue, former Movie Theater, for Residential



Rendering of
1219
Yonkers
Avenue

CBRE announced the sale of 1219 Yonkers Avenue in Yonkers, NY, a vacant land parcel positioned for multifamily residential development in one of Westchester County’s most dynamic growth corridors. The site, located one block from the Mount Vernon West Metro-North station, offers a gateway opportunity to the City of Yonkers. The property was acquired by Stagg Group from 1219 Yonkers Avenue LLC, a joint venture of Aubrey Capital LLC and Empire General Contracting Inc. for \$9.5 million.

The CBRE team of William V. Cuddy, Jr. and Jacqueline Novotny spearheaded the marketing campaign for the property and represented Aubrey Capital in the negotiations. “The demand for quality new residential product is insatiable,” said Cuddy. “Market fundamentals are compelling. Homes with multimodal transportation options in dynamic neighborhoods continue to outperform expectations.”

Situated along Yonkers Avenue, the site benefits from immediate access to Metro-North commuter rail service, major highways and employment centers throughout Westchester County and New York City. The property generated significant interest from developers seeking to deliver new housing in well-connected suburban markets. “We are seeing strong demand for development sites that offer transit accessibility, favorable demographics and a supportive environment for new residential development,” said Novotny. “This transaction highlights the confidence that developers have in Yonkers and its transformation into a destination for residential investment.”

Yonkers continues to attract multifamily developers and institutional investors due to its proximity to New York City, extensive transportation infrastructure, expanding residential population and ongoing public and private investment. With transit-oriented development a key driver of housing growth across the region, Yonkers has emerged as one of the most active and attractive markets for new multifamily development in Westchester County.

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