

Yonkers Middle High School Named 9th Best NY HS by US News & World Report



Yonkers Middle-High School graduates at the 2026 graduation ceremony

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Yonkers Middle High School for being named the 9th best high school in New York State.

“Yonkers High School offers Advanced Placement courses and participates in the International Baccalaureate program. In line with the IB program, Yonkers High School aims to create a “community of caring learners” by encouraging community service activity among its students. Students at Yonkers High School can graduate with a standard diploma, Regents Diploma or Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation. Extracurricular opportunities for students include clubs such as Habitat for Humanity and the Gay-Straight Alliance,” writes US News & World Report, <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/new-york/districts/yonkers-city-school-district/yonkers-high-school-14199>

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Yonkers Police Continue Impounding Unregistered, Uninsured, And Recklessly Operated Vehicles this Summer



From the Yonkers Police Department: We’ve been out here all summer – and we’re not going anywhere. As part of our Half the Wheels, All the Laws targeted enforcement operation, we continue to focus on

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Yonkers Celebrates Dominican Pride



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Yonkers Stands with Ukraine!

On Aug. 24, members of the Ukrainian community in Yonkers gathered at City Hall with Mayor Mike Spano and Councilman John Rubbo to raise the Ukrainian flag above City Hall in celebration of the 35th year of Ukrainian independence. Mayor Spano said “We raised the Ukrainian flag at Yonkers City Hall in recognition



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500 Backpacks Filled with Supllies Handed Out at Mayor Spano’s Backpack to School Drive

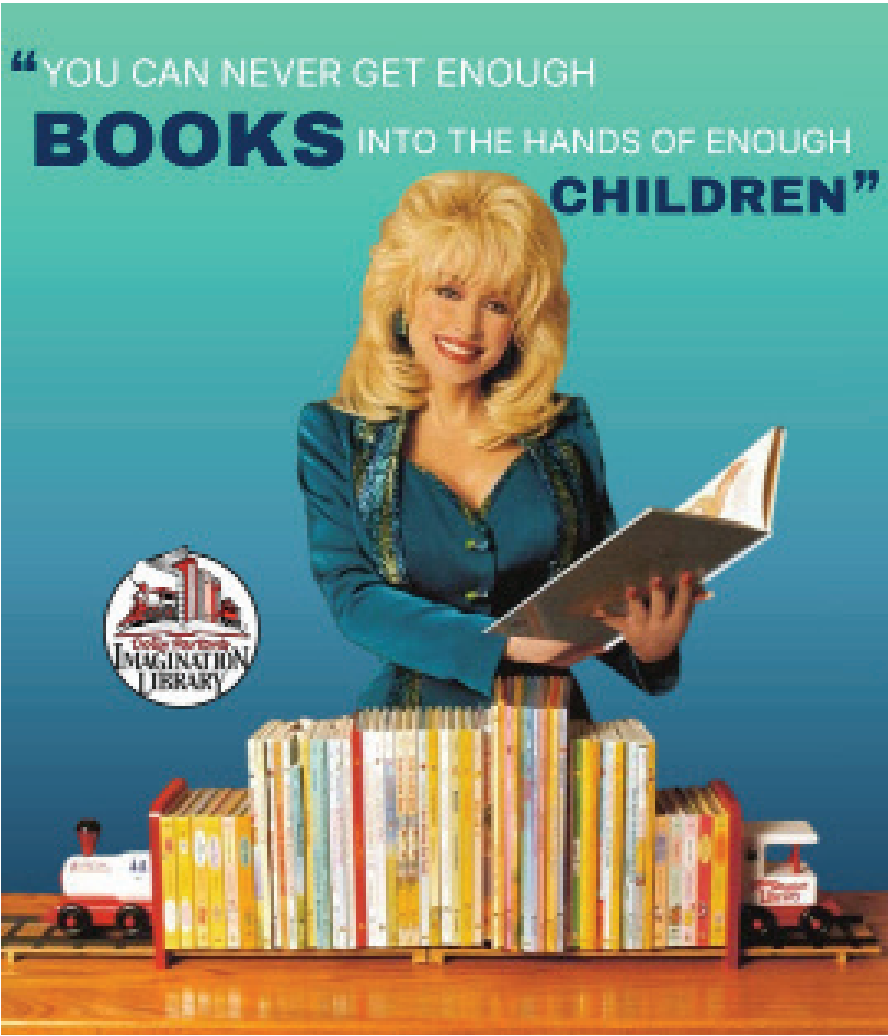


Mayor Mike Spano is joined by Yonkers Board of Education President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio and the Board of Trustees; Superintendent of Schools Dr. Aníbal Soler, Jr.; public officials Majority Leader John Rubbo and Councilwoman Tasha Diaz of the Yonkers City Council; School 23 Principal Cyrus Shojai; and event sponsors. Photo by Maurice Mercado

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Rest in Peace to American Country Singer,
Philanthropist, and Literacy Advocate, Dolly Parton





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My son is completely blind and once a month until he was 5 we received a book in braille from her foundation and I wish I could explain to you what a big deal that is. Stores in public libraries do not include books with braille on it, but Dolly made sure that even children with visual impairment had access to reading. She truly did care about all people. What a loss!



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From the Yonkers Public Library: Dolly has always understood the importance of fostering a love of reading in children. She launched the Imagination Library in 1995 under her nonprofit, The Dollywood Foundation, and it remains the world’s leading early childhood book-gifting program. The program has gifted more than 300 million free books to children across the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Ireland, strengthening children’s early literacy skills and family reading habits on a global scale.

“My dream has always been to help children love books and love learning, no matter where they live.” — Dolly Parton Dolly’s legacy lives on in all those who continue to carry out the mission of nourishing children’s love of reading.

From State Senator Shelley Mayer: So sad to learn of Dolly Parton’s passing. Dolly was an exceptional example of giving back to the community — she opened doors for countless kids through her Imagination Library, which provides free books mailed directly to their doors, and by funding educational scholarships. Through those and much more, her legacy will live on

Law Enforcement Makes the Case
for License Plate Readers

Putnam County Law Enforcement to Residents: Our License Plate Readers Are Not Flock. Your Data Stays Here, Under Local Control

Sheriff and police chiefs issue joint statement answering questions raised by national reporting on commercial camera networks.

In response to growing national questions about license plate reader (LPR) technology, and in particular about the Flock Safety camera network in use in many communities across the country, the law enforcement agencies of Putnam County are speaking with one voice to explain how our county’s system works, how it is different, and what it has done to keep Putnam residents safe.

Recent national reporting has raised serious concerns about commercially operated camera networks: data stored on a private company’s cloud, footage searchable by thousands of agencies nationwide, and searches conducted for purposes residents never agreed to. Those concerns deserve straight answers. In Putnam County, the answer is simple: that is not our system.

“When residents read those stories, they deserve to know exactly how our program compares, and the answer is that it does not,” said Sheriff Brian Hess. “Putnam County deliberately chose not to join any commercial camera network. Our data sits on a government server controlled by law enforcement, right here in the region. It is never sold, never shared with private companies, and never available to some nationwide search network. If someone wants to search historical data, they need an active criminal investigation. Period.”

How Putnam County’s System Is Different!

Not part of any national network. Putnam County’s cameras are not Flock cameras and are not connected to any commercial, nationally searchable database.

Government controlled. All data is stored on a government-owned server operated by law enforcement through the regional Real Time Crime Center partnership, not on a private company’s cloud.

No third parties. There is no integration with any third-party company or data broker.

Local access only. Only local law enforcement officers have access, and a search of historical data requires an active criminal investigation.

Plates, not people. The cameras photograph license plates only. There is no facial recognition, no identification of drivers or passengers, and no monitoring of ordinary residents. These are not speed cameras and they do not issue tickets. A plate that matches no alert list simply passes through.

Nothing is kept forever. In accordance with New York State Municipal Police Training Council (MPTC) standards, records are retained for two years and then permanently deleted.

By the Numbers: This Year Alone

From January 1 through August 11, 2026, the county’s 21 active fixed LPR sites generated 808 investigative alerts on 250 distinct vehicles of interest, roughly 25 alerts per week:

184 stolen vehicles (546 alerts). Stolen cars are rarely joyrides. In our investigators’ experience, they are driven into Putnam by offenders intending to steal more vehicles and commit larcenies while hiding their

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unregistered, uninsured, and recklessly operated mopeds, scooters, and dirt bikes across Yonkers. Since 2022, this initiative has landed about 1,000 illegal vehicles in the impound lots.

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Yonkers Barber Found Guilty of Assault, Weapon Charges for Slashing Patron at South Broadway Barbershop

On Aug. 19, Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced that a Yonkers man was convicted on assault and weapon possession charges after using a straight razor to slash a patron during a violent 2025 attack at a local barbershop.

A Westchester County jury on Tuesday found the defendant, Jeury Fernandez Navarro, 38, guilty before Judge George Fufidio of Assault in the Second Degree, a Class D violent felony, and Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, a Class A misdemeanor.

The defendant is currently remanded at the Westchester County Jail and is scheduled to be sentenced on Sept. 24, 2026. He faces up to seven years in state prison.

DA Cacace said: “A Westchester County jury heard the evidence, understood the brutality of this attack, and held the defendant accountable. This was a brazen and vicious attack inside a local business, and there is absolutely no place for this kind of violence in Westchester. This verdict reinforces that those who endanger our communities will answer for their violent conduct.”

On Aug. 4, 2025, at approximately 3:21 p.m., the defendant, a barber at a South Broadway barbershop in Yonkers, grabbed the victim, a patron seated in another chair, by the hair, forcibly yanked his head back, and held a straight razor to his body. A struggle ensued, during which the defendant forcibly swung the razor at the victim, slashing his arm.

The defendant continued holding the victim by his hair as they exited the establishment, where the attack continued until a member of the Yonkers Police Department arrived at the scene and intervened, stopping the assault.

The defendant was subsequently taken into custody. The victim was transported to Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, where he was treated for a deep laceration to his left forearm that caused damage to his ulnar artery, nerve, and tendon, requiring surgery to repair the injuries.

The investigation was conducted by the Yonkers Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted by Bureau Chief Jonathan Strongin and Assistant District Attorney Samantha Murphy, both of the Trials Division.

F.C.A. §§ 617; CPLR 315, 316
FAMILY COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF RENSSELAER

In the Matter of an Article 6 Termination of Parental Rights Proceeding

File#: 42277
Docket #:
B-02144-26
B-02145-2
B-01628-26

Rensselaer County Department of Social Services (Petitioner)

SUMMONS

Darryl J. Marshall (Respondent)
(Publication)

Kai’Cere S.
Mercedes S.
Jamari S.

To: Darryl J. Marshall

A petition under Article 6 of the Family Court Act having been filed with this Court requesting the following relief: Termination of Parental Rights.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear IN PERSON before this Court on:

Date/Time: October 1, 2026 at 11:00 AM in Part 2
Purposes: Inquest
Presiding: Hon. Jill Kehn
Location: Courthouse, 1504 Fifth Avenue, Troy, NY 12180-4107
Room: 204

to answer the petition and to be dealt with in accordance with the Family Court Act.

Please bring this notice with you and check in with the Court Officer in the Part.

If you fail to appear as directed, a warrant may be issued for your arrest.

Dated: August 20, 2026 Lawrencia Colon, Chief Clerk

TO THE ABOVE NAMED RESPONDENT:

The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an Order of the Hon. Jill Kehn of the Family Court, Rensselaer County, dated and filed with the petition and other papers in the Office of the Clerk of the Family Court, Rensselaer County.

The Grinton Will Library has a new parking lot!



Yonkers Public Library is proud to celebrate the completion of the full repaving of the Will Library parking lot!

The lot had not been fully repaved since Will Library opened in 1962—making this a long-overdue and important investment in safety, accessibility, and our community.

The project included new curb cuts and regraded surfaces to make the library easier to access for patrons with disabilities and mobility challenges.

The \$200,000 New York State Local Community Assistance Program (LoCAP) grant, secured with the support of State Senator Shelley Mayer, helped fund the project, with the City of Yonkers covering the remaining costs.

Thank you to Senator Mayer, Mayor Spano, the City of Yonkers, New York State, and the YPL Board for helping make this important improvement possible.

Thanks to state funding secured by Senator Shelley Mayer, the parking lot has undergone its first full repaving since the library opened in 1962. The project also includes important accessibility upgrades, making the library more accessible for all.

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Letter: Trenchard Park Construction, Yonkers

Dear Sirs,

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Respectfully yours, Gerald Sullivan, Yonkers

Westchester DA Cacace Provides Internet Safety and Help to Protect Children & Families Online

Protecting You and Your Family Online: A Parents' Guide to Social Media Safety

Criminals use the internet, social media, gaming platforms, and messaging apps to deceive, harass, threaten, and extort victims, steal money and property, and exploit children

- TALK TO YOUR KIDS & APPROVE WHAT THEY'RE USING**
Make online safety an ongoing conversation – approve and know the apps, games, and social media platforms your children use.
- NEVER SHARE PASSWORDS**
Keep passwords for accounts, Wi-Fi, app stores, and devices private from children. Protect your home network and family accounts to help prevent unauthorized downloads, oversharing, or access to personal data.
- CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS**
Parents and guardians should have full access to their children's accounts and activate parental controls and privacy settings. Regularly review who can see posts, send messages, and contact your child.
- MONITOR SCREEN TIME & WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS**
Know how much time your child spends on phones, tablets, computers, and gaming devices. Be alert to sudden secrecy, changes in behavior, or reluctance to discuss online activity.
- DISCUSS SAFE ONLINE HABITS**
Teach children what is and isn't appropriate to share online. Urge them not to share personal info, passwords, photos, or videos with strangers – and never to open suspicious links, download unknown files, or engage with unfamiliar accounts.
- ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHER PARENTS**
Connect with the parents or guardians of children your child interacts with on social media and gaming platforms. Set clear expectations for online activity and behavior, including what should and shouldn't be shared.
- PROTECT CHILDREN'S PRIVACY ONLINE**
Keep your child's personal info and photos private on your social media, and ask before posting content about other children. You never know who may be watching.
- ALERT LAW ENFORCEMENT TO SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**
Save any online chats, conversations, or content that appears threatening, and call your local police immediately.

If you or your child is the victim of an online crime, report it to your local police or the Westchester County District Attorney's Office
(914) 995-TIPS (8477)



SUSAN CACACE
District Attorney

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Yonkers Man Who Strangled Partner to Unconsciousness Gets 5 Years

“Before this happened, I wasn’t someone who lived with fear or anxiety. But now, every day, I relive what happened on Oct. 10. Every day, the memories interrupt my thoughts and my peace. My quality of life has changed immensely. I can’t enjoy simple things anymore, watching a movie, playing with my child, driving, sleeping, or even having a normal conversation, without that day or the question of ‘why I stayed so long’ coming back to me.”
-Victim Statement

Westchester County District Attorney Susan Cacace announced today that Jorge Garcia, 42, of Yonkers, was sentenced to 5 years in state prison Tuesday for strangling his partner to unconsciousness, in front of their then-2-year-old son, in 2023. Judge Robert Prisco further sentenced Garcia to undergo 3 years of post-release supervision and provided permanent orders of protection for the victims.

Following a bench trial in November, Judge Prisco convicted the defendant of Strangulation in the Second Degree, a class D felony, Assault in the Second Degree (two counts), a class D felony, Unlawful Imprisonment in the First Degree, a class E felony, Assault in the Third Degree, a class A misdemeanor, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child, a class A misdemeanor.

DA Cacace said: “The defendant’s callousness towards his partner, the mother of his child, can hardly be put into words. But the only thing stronger than his depravity is the victim’s will to persevere, for herself and her son. I am inspired by her remarkable courage in not only surviving this attack, but reporting her abuser and seeing this case all the way through trial and conviction.

“I will never stop advocating for those fleeing abusive relationships. Survivors of domestic violence will always have a champion in this office.”

On Oct. 10, 2023, the victim knocked over a coffee machine in the kitchen. Enraged by this, the defendant tore down a camera that had been set up in the kitchen and dragged the victim to the bathroom, leaving their then-2-year-old son lying alone on the hallway floor.

The defendant then guided the victim’s body, while firmly grasping onto her neck, into the space between the toilet and the bathtub and placed his hands around her neck, strangling her until she lost consciousness.

The victim suffered permanent injuries from this attack, such as a fractured cheek bone, which required the insertion of a permanent titanium plate in her face.

In a victim impact statement read aloud at sentencing, the victim stated: “Before this happened, I wasn’t someone who lived with fear or anxiety. But now, every day, I relive what happened on Oct. 10. Every day, the memories interrupt my thoughts and my peace. My quality of life has changed immensely. I can’t enjoy simple things anymore, watching a movie, playing with my child, driving, sleeping, or even having a normal conversation, without that day or the question of ‘why I stayed so long’ coming back to me.”

The investigation was conducted by the Yonkers Police Department and the Special Prosecutions Division. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Daniela Pisahov and Domestic Violence Deputy Bureau Chief Janelle Armentano, of the Special Prosecutions Division.

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- #1 Poisoning.....100,304 deaths
- #2 Falls.....47,026 deaths
- #3 Motor-vehicle crashes.....44,762 deaths
- #4 Choking.....5,529 deaths
- #5 Fire, Flames, or Smoke.....3,375 deaths

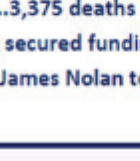
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Ukrainian Independence Day Celebrated at Yonkers City Hall



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of Ukraine’s Independence Day. As Ukraine continues to endure war, we stand with the Ukrainian people and pray for peace, safety and strength for families who remain vulnerable,” said Mayor Spano.

Council Majority Leader John Rubbo said, “ Yesterday, we proudly raised the Ukrainian flag at Yonkers City Hall to mark 35 years of Ukraine’s independence as a sovereign nation. Now more than ever, it is important that we stand in solidarity with the Ukrainian people and reaffirm our support for their freedom, sovereignty, and right to determine their own future. Yonkers stands with Ukraine!”

August 24 marks the adoption of the Act of Declaration of Independence in 1991, freeing the country from the Soviet Union.





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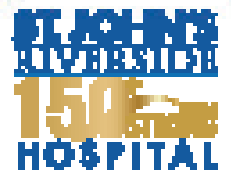
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\$184,500 in income. Whatever an employee makes over that amount is not taxed for Social Security contributions.

This upsets a lot of middle class and poor Americans. There's a basic issue of fairness involved. Why do people who make all this income get a free ride while the rest of us have to pay into the Social Security Trust Fund?

Edwards' other big idea is to invest part of the trust fund in stocks and bonds. This is much trickier. It means creating a government department that will pick which corporations to invest in to make a profit.

I see this as a huge minefield for the country. What if the stocks and bonds the government invests in lose money in any given year? The trust fund will suffer. The government could be pressed by Social Security recipients to make up for the trust fund's losses. The media will not take this event lightly, to say the least.

When the government takes shares in a private corporation, it had better be an emergency. This is what happened in 2008/2009, when the Treasury Department took control of General Motors and Chrysler, because the auto industry was about to collapse. When the crisis passed, the government sold its shares. The Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) worked.

The Obama Administration loaned \$535 million in 2009 to Solyndra, a California-based solar manufacturer, and the company ended up going bankrupt. This made headlines all over the country and embarrassed the Obama Administration.

Now, the Trump Administration has taken stakes in Intel, U.S. Steel, Westinghouse and a spectrum of other companies in quantum computing, nuclear power, semiconductors and other businesses.

The Cato Institute, the ultimate advocate of free markets, has condemned these moves, with good reason. The U.S. government should not be picking economic winners and losers in the private sector.

Corporations must contend with the free market every day to provide the discipline they need to compete effectively for sales and earnings. Government stakes distort the market, and they open up government officials to conflicts of interest, as Cato has pointed out. The government can't afford to further betray our trust. The public's faith in the Feds is already pretty low.

With these investments in the private sector, "The federal government is now acting as regulator, customer, financier, and shareholder," Cato stated in a July 30, 2026 article on its website.

So, the idea of investing Social Security reserves in the stock market looks like an idea that would be rife with financial pitfalls that the U.S. government couldn't avoid.

The peril facing the Social Security Trust Fund is rising with each passing day. The national debt will pass the \$40 trillion mark very soon. We are spending money like a drunk bachelor party dude in Las Vegas, who's determined to lay down more bets on his credit card because he's having such a great time. It's irresponsible and dangerous.

"If something cannot go on forever, it will stop," said Herbert Stein, an economist and senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute.

There is no question that America will either have to stop spending so much on Social Security or somehow expand its funding. The issue is how and when this will occur.

We can plan for it right now and help ease the onset of this crisis. Or we can let things slide until there's national chaos.

In the Bible, Joseph advised the Pharaoh to plan for the seven years of drought by storing twenty percent of the grain during the seven years of robust harvests, so the population wouldn't starve when famine came. The Pharaoh listened to Joseph, the country saved its grain for the future lean times, and Egypt endured the famine quite well.

Joseph's actions, as highlighted by the Bible, illustrate the benefits of prudence and conservative action – the ability to think and plan ahead because the future is capable of throwing lots of weird and terrible things at us.

Americans today are not prepared for this kind of crisis. We're generally fat and happy and we don't see anything but the next store or pretzel shop during our shopping trip to the mall.

We need a great leader like Joseph today.

Saving the trust fund and putting it on a more stable foundation is not glamorous work. It will probably not get a politician more views and "likes" on social media. It will not necessarily help our Representatives, Senators and Presidents advance their careers.

What it will do is help the American people – not only seniors but all working adults and their children who are not fabulously wealthy – anyone who needs a minimal old age safety net in our fiercely competitive capitalist society.

That's what we elected them to do. They should get to it.

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.

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identity. Real-time alerts let officers intercept them before the next crime happens.

27 known burglary crew vehicles (100 alerts), tied to residential burglaries across the region, many connected to New York City based crews. When one of these vehicles shows up here, it is a strong indicator that a crew is canvassing our neighborhoods for target homes. Nearly half of these alerts (46%) fired at cameras on the county line, catching them at the moment they entered Putnam.

22 vehicles linked to organized retail theft rings (141 alerts), typically out-of-state criminal organizations that travel here specifically to steal from our local stores.

17 vehicles flagged in special alerts (21 alerts) for violent wanted suspects, missing or suicidal persons, and domestic violence cases, situations where a single alert can save a life.

And that is just this year to date. This system has been protecting Putnam County for more than five years. Go back through those years and the successes compound: more stolen vehicles recovered, more burglary crews turned away, more cases solved, every single year. The 2026 numbers are simply the latest chapter in a long record of results.

Real Cases, Real Results

Over those five-plus years, the technology has helped identify a homicide suspect who confessed to murder, intercept a violent suspect entering the county to harm a family member, solve an armed robbery that had no witnesses and no video, corroborate evidence in child sex crime cases, catch the person who sabotaged the county's 911 center, capture a suspect wanted in a New York City shooting, dismantle multi-state fraud rings now under federal investigation, and locate missing and suicidal people before it was too late.

"For us this is a daily policing tool, not an abstraction," said Chief Anthony Hoffmann of the Carmel Police Department. "Our department alone has used LPR in 42 cases so far this year: hit-and-run crashes, stolen cars, larcenies, a missing person. It helps us solve crimes that used to go unsolved, and it does it without watching a single law-abiding resident."

"Within three days of installing our first camera, we identified the vehicle and suspect in a daytime home burglary within hours," said Chief Kevin Owens of the Kent Police Department. "Since then our readers have helped capture a suspect wanted in a New York City shooting and break open a burglary series spanning six counties. These cameras earn their keep, and the data stays in law enforcement hands."

Our Commitment:

Putnam County remains one of the safest counties in New York. That is not an accident. Offenders travel here from New York City, from neighboring counties, and from out of state. The LPR network is the county's early-warning system, and it was built the right way: locally controlled, law enforcement governed, and respectful of the privacy of the people it protects. Residents with questions about the program are encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office or their local police department. We welcome the conversation.

This statement is issued jointly by Sheriff Brian Hess, Putnam County Sheriff's Office; Chief Anthony Hoffmann, Carmel Police Department; and Chief Kevin Owens, Kent Police Department, with our partners in Brewster, Cold Spring, and the New York State Police.

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Yonkers High School is ranked #521 in the National Rankings.
89% of YMHS students took at Least One IB Exam and 89% of students passed at Least One IB Exam
78% of students are Mathematics Proficient, 64% are Reading Proficient, and 91% of students graduate.
Mayor Mike Spano said, “Congratulations Yonkers Middle High School Yonkers Public Schools! U.S. News and World Report just came out with their high school rankings around the nation and we are:
#521 in National Rankings
#9 in New York High Schools
#38 in New York, NY Metro Area High Schools
#1 in Yonkers City School District High Schools.”

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JUVENILE MATTERS
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The petition, whereby the court's decision can affect your parental rights, if any, regarding minor child(ren) will be heard on: 9/29/2026 at 2:30 p.m. at SCJM 60 Housatonic Ave, Bgt, CT 06604.
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Name of Judge: Honorable McLaughlin
Signed: Maureen McConnell, Clerk Date Signed: 08/20/2026
Right to Counsel: Upon proof of inability to pay for a lawyer, the court will make sure that an attorney is provided to you by the Chief Public Defender. Request for an attorney should be made immediately in person, by mail, or by fax at the court office where your hearing is to be held. If you are named as the alleged genetic parent of the child, you have the right to appear before the court on the date and time indicated and perfect your parentage in accordance with the Connecticut Parentage Act.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
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OPEN/CONTINUED HEARINGS
#5910 – Area Variances - 1205 Warburton Ave., Block: 3570, Lot: 1 (B0037131) Zone: MG. Apartment houses, low-density – Mark Blanchard, on behalf of Hudson Pointe, LLC., ToAllowFor: Applicant is seeking the construction of a new condominium unit. Variance is needed for combined side yards and rear yard.
* Adjourned https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1lPdZRuXEveyqXwEFvD0_sZTxaGZPPSx?usp=sharing
#5913 – Area Variance – Janet Giris, on behalf of Morris Westchester Upper Site Associates, LLC., on premises known as 79 Austin Ave., Block: 3285, Lot: 210 (B0034334) Zone: CM, Commercial, storage and light manufacturing. ToAllowFor: Applicant is seeking the construction of a shell building and site work for new storage facility: 201,760 square foot, 45-foot warehouse and office building with associated 272 parking spaces, 21 loading docks, 41 trailer parking spaces and related infrastructure. Variance is needed for exceeding building height. * Adjourned
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1X9-XUh8voN3LaCu4nsfuEMCr8tvWjew6?usp=sharing>
#5914 – Area Variances – Stephen A. Veneruso, on behalf of AVL Homes, LLC., on premises known as 69 Spruce St., Block: 430, Lot: 58 (B0036935) Zone: A. Apartment houses, high-density ToAllowFor: Applicant is seeking to build a new 60-Unit apartment building. Variances are needed for floor area ration, exceeding maximum permitted height, insufficient side and rear yard, exceeding maximum permitted building coverage and front yard parking.
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1o_5iOmj08xCEPt6r-4_d-P1D4mE0WEk3?usp=sharing
#5494 & 5667 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano Esq. on behalf of 581 Development Corp, owner, on premises know as 581 Saw Mill River Road, Block:3100, Lot: 200, (B0011017) Zone: I, Industrial. ToAllowFor: Applicant seeking the reconstruction of the warehouse to reflect the proposed use as a warehouse in the existing paint factory. Variances are needed for insufficient rear yard and construction of a dimensionally non-conforming building that is damaged to an extent exceeding 50% of the assessed valuation
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RBWzAOsVzaQil_PUqgLtBDPWCngLyarV?usp=sharing
#5908 – Area Variance- 185 Murray Avenue -Block:5088 Lot:55.56, Zone: T, Two -Family. Angel Sanchez, on behalf of himself, owner (B0038016). To Allow For: Applicant seeks to modify and construct garage roof to create an attic, variance is needed for having a second floor in the garage
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/12nKpQVuTD4ON9b5DOfoD-kfnTS223civ?usp=sharing>
#5926 – Area Variance – 151 Belknap Avenue, Block:3132, Lot:1; Zone: T, Two -Family. Mr. Germana Fraih, on behalf of himself, owner (B0038174) ToAllowFor: Applicant seeks to construct new 2 family dwellings, 2 story frame over basement with 2 car garage on a vacant lot, variance is needed for having insufficient lot width. <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dHyncIPx3qvZCot2LkHR64SezV-z60So?usp=sharing>
#5927 – Area Variance – 160 Shonnard Terrace – Block:2140, Lot:133, Zone:S-50, S-50, Detached single-family on 50-foot lots, Mr. Ralph Drury on behalf of himself, owner (B0038095). ToAllowFor: Applicant seeks to construct a deck replacement; variance is needed for insufficient rear yard.
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/189n9oaWuOSUQUCqvYdGqN6cc3K8GoKKW?usp=sharing>
#5928 – Area Variance – 88 Frederic Street – Block:2435, Lot:47, Zone: M, Apartment houses, medium-density. Amauris Ramirez, P.E. on behalf of Jose Balleste, owner (B0037416). ToAllowFor: Applicant is seeking to construct two exterior deck balconies at the rear of the building, variance is needed for Insufficient side yard and Nonconforming buildings or structures shall not increase any dimensional nonconformity
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17sOnABCtxy7U-GYbewHfle1oABGMlToJ?usp=sharing>
#5863 – Area Variance Amendment – 43 Moultrie Avenue – Block:3130, Lot: 11, Zone T, Two-Family. Nico Zapata, on behalf of Carmen Tejada owner (B0033416). ToAllowFor: Applicant has filed a new application seeking the previously approved variances, together with five additional variances. Applicant seeks amendment to previously approved variances #5863 for addition & alterations to a 1 family residence to create a 2-family residence
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Xjs3vQ4v_KnrFVa5ciJ3GsJUmKIGH3h9?usp=sharing
#5860 – Area Variance – 58 Purser Place, Block 154, Lots 55 & 67 , Zone: MG, Apartment houses, low-density, John J. Phelan, Esq. on behalf of MP Riverdale Associates, LLC owner (B0034771).ToAllowFor:Applicant seeks variances previously granted under case#5860, which have since expired pursuant to the Zoning Code. Applicant seeks to construct a new 6-story, 10 dwelling units, multi-family residential building.
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NEW HEARINGS
Case# 5930 – Area Variance – 287 Kimball Ave, Block 6162, Lots 63.64, Zone: T, Two -Family. Darlyn Alvare P.E., on behalf of Jose Herrera, owner (B0034402). ToAllowFor: Applicant seek variances for conversion of existing single -family dwellings into two-family dwellings with proposed vertical enlargement and 2 story addition at rear, including creation new driveway and open-air parking area at side yard.
<https://yonkers.municollab.com/zoning-board-of-appeals/projects/b2025081515/dashboard>
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LNKoTPDJ9kmA67rbp7gDdmvSEdRDhx7x?usp=sharing>
Case#5931 – Area Variance – 48 Shelburne Road – Block: 3208. Lot 56, Zone: S-50, Detached single-family on 50-foot lots. Steve A. Accinelli Esq. on behalf of Haris Radoncic owner (B0038471).
ToAllowFor: Applicant seeks variances to build a new, 1 -family, 2-story and basement home.
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RR2Rs-nxR2WtsGZjzs3QPVP6p60TK2pb?usp=sharing>
Case#5932 & 5637 – Area Variance – 25 Torre Place – Block:2390 Lot: 150, Zone: I, Industry. Patrick M. Bell of Cronin Engineering on behalf of Damian Quinn of Crannog LLC owner (B0020824). ToAllowFor: Applicant seeks variance to remove existing wood structures and replace them with steel framed membrane structure. Zoning Board of Appeals Area Variance #5637 6-15-2021 Planning Board Resolution 9-11-2019.
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1CwOqyECnQCtt_2u8EPpX0o2uQD-p-MHF?usp=sharing
Case#5933 – Area Variance – 162 Yonkers Avenue – Block:446, Lot 6.7, Zone: BA, General business and apartment houses, high-density. Artina Gashi of Crafted Edge Consulting LLC on behalf of Endrit Hoxhaj of 162 Yonkers Ave Realty LLC (B0038156). ToAllowFor: Applicant seeks variance to change of use from Tire Shop to Coffee Shop
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nJ6z3w10AYEqOiwILxUtv4X8yfJZEGOX?usp=sharing>

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“I’m deeply grateful for the unwavering support of our community and sponsors,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “Together, we’ve assembled an extraordinary collection of backpacks and school supplies for Yonkers students—setting them up for a strong and confident start to the school year. To every donor, your generosity and dedication to our city’s future truly mean more than words can convey.”

Backpacks and school supplies were donated by City of Yonkers employees, residents, and a range of corporate and nonprofit sponsors including Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, Castle Royale, Ridge Hill, The Appliance Doctor, Rock & Rod’s Classic Car Club, Adonis Crosby, Jimmy Guccione and Anthony Quatrocci.

“Preparing our children for a successful school year is both a shared responsibility and a joyful privilege.” said Board of Education President Dr. Rosalba Corrado Del Vecchio. “On behalf of all the Trustees, I join the Mayor in expressing our heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors whose support provides backpacks and school supplies, helping every student begin the year prepared, confident, and ready to learn. Together, we are giving our children more than supplies—we are giving them encouragement, opportunity, and a strong start. To our students, educators, staff, and families, we wish you a wonderful school year filled with discovery, growth, achievement, and endless possibilities.”

“Thank you to Mayor Spano, everyone at City Hall who pitched in, and the generous citizens of Yonkers who donated backpacks and school supplies,” said Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Aníbal Soler, Jr. “Inflation has driven up costs for everyone. The gift of a backpack brimming with pencils, crayons, markers, glue, erasers, rulers, and notebooks can ease the financial burden on a family and set up a student for success.”

Louis Theros, President & COO of Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts, added, “We’re proud to help Yonkers students head back to the classroom ready to learn and succeed. Providing backpacks and school supplies is a simple way to make a meaningful difference for local families. We are grateful to partner with Mayor Spano and Yonkers Public Schools to ensure students have the tools they need to start the year strong.”

Since 2012, Mayor Spano’s annual donation drive has distributed over 31,000 backpacks and school supplies to public school students. Due to the continuous outpour of support, each year non-profit organizations, churches and clients of the Westchester County Department of Social Services in the City of Yonkers are also able to receive backpacks and school supplies.

The latest survey on school supplies for 2026 from the National Retail Federation (NRF) determined that families with kids in grades K-12 expect to spend \$863.86 on clothing, shoes, school supplies and electronics. Total back-to-school spending is expected to reach \$43.3 billion, up from \$39.4 billion last year.

Notice of Formation of FRM Collective LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/06/2026. 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, 669 Main Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801. 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.

QUINCY DARBYSHIRE INTERIORS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/25/2026. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Quincy Darbyshire, 115 Loring Ave, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: any lawful act or 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

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Praveka Advisors LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 08/24/2026. Office: Westchester Co. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 70 Beach Ave, Larchmont, NY 10538. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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

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