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District 15 ~ Yonkers and Bronxville
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Dear Friends & Neighbors,

As I reflect on the first year of my second term in office, I am thankful for the progress we've made, but there is still a lot of work ahead in the coming months. This year, I successfully secured funding for several nonprofit organizations that are essential to supporting our community. I have worked with local governments in my district to address crime issues, specifically focusing on the rise of illegal mopeds and e-bikes that have become prevalent on our streets. While we face numerous challenges as a community, I believe that we can come together to find solutions that benefit us all. As we move forward, I remain committed to transparency and open communication with all constituents. With the help of Chairman Vedat Gashi and the Board of Legislator's Communication Team, we have launched a weekly newsletter to help keep everyone informed about what my office is doing. Together, we have the resilience to overcome obstacles and create a brighter future. I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and look forward to continuing our work to build a safer and more prosperous community.

Sincerely,

HAPPENINGS AROUND DISTRICT 15



BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

During my first term, my office established "Legislator Nolan Business of the Month". This year, I had the honor to spotlight half a dozen different businesses in Westchester including Mr. Kold Kuts on Yonkers Avenue and Direct Physical Therapy on Midland Avenue. If you would like to see my office highlight a business, please reach out to my office at 914-995-2851.

YONKERS HISPANIC HERITAGE PARADE

I had a great time marching in the Yonkers Hispanic Heritage Parade. The streets were filled with vibrant colors, music, and

food as the community celebrated Hispanic and Latino culture. Sunday provided an opportunity to explore the incredible impact Latinas and Latinos have had on the United States.

The Latino presence in America spans centuries, beginning with Spain's colonization of what is now part of the United States, specifically Florida and the Southwest, and they have been an integral part of shaping our nation since our founding. Through the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and the Treaty of Paris, the United States gained territories in...

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PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY

SAFETY MEASURES FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SURVIVORS

The Board passed legislation to provide free home locks and security cameras for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence. Developed with the Westchester County Office for Women, the County Executive's Office, and Pace Women's Justice Center, this Act enhances safety for victims.

ILLEGAL MOPED SWEEP

After numerous emails and calls I received this summer about illegal mopeds and electric bikes on the road, I did some research and decided that Yonkers, Bronxville, and Eastchester needed a moped detail sweep. I worked alongside our local police department and the New York State Troopers, to cover a wide area. After helping to organize the effort I was able to accompany County Police's detail.

The moped detail was carried out on the Bronx River Parkway, the Saw Mill River



Parkway, local streets in District 15, and on the South County Trail and the Bronx River Trail, where we had police standard ATVs. During the sweep, over 25 mopeds were impounded and over 100 summonses were issued.

I am committed to addressing this longstanding issue and ensuring public safety and quality of life for all constituents in District 15 and Westchester County.

YONKERS POLICE AND FIRE TRAINING FACILITY

I was happy to obtain \$250,000 for the Yonkers Police and Fire Special Operations Training Center that is under construction. This will be the first time, the City of Yonkers will have its own Police and Fire Special Operations Training Center. All police and fire units in Westchester County will have access to the center. ■

There are thousands of dollars in **UNCLAIMED FUNDS** currently being held by the NYS Comptroller's office.

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...the Southwest and Puerto Rico. This incorporated the people of this area into the United States and further expanded the presence of Hispanic Americans. The Hispanic population continues to grow and has increased by over 10 million people in the last 12 years and Hispanics now make up 19% of the population in our Country.



Legislator James Nolan, Liam McLaughlin, Board Chair Vedat Gashi

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

As a proud Irish American, I am always thrilled to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. I was excited to march in the Eastchester and Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parades. I was also given the privilege to select an honoree for this year's Westchester Board of Legislators Irish Heritage Ceremony. I chose my friend former Yonkers City Council President Liam McLaughlin.

CEDAR KNOLLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

This Summer, I had the pleasure of joining the Cedar Knolls Homeowners Association at their annual block party to kick off block party season! I look forward to attending more block parties this Summer. Cedar Knolls is a neighborhood of the city of Yonkers in New York's Westchester County known for the neoclassical-style architecture of its houses, which give it a look of an early-20th-century town. Cedar Knolls was established in 1913, the 104-acre community is home to fewer than 200 homes. There are no stores or sidewalks. The neighborhood was granted landmark

status in 1996, home modifications, including changes to landscapes, construction of new buildings, alterations of existing buildings, exterior paint color, and removal of trees taller than eight feet, are overseen by the Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board. At one point Charlie Chaplin and Ford Frick had houses in Cedar Knolls.

BRONXVILLE WOMEN'S CLUB 99TH ANNIVERSARY

I was honored to attend the 99th Annual Bronxville Women's Gala along with Eastchester Supervisor Tony Colavita and Bronxville Mayor Mary Marven. The Bronxville Women's Club was founded when Anna Lawrence Bisland, its first president, organized representatives of various local organizations to meet and, in 1925 with 176 women enrolled, The Bronxville Women's Club, Inc., was born. At first, the Club rented property in Lawrence Park West for its Clubhouse but soon ran out of space. Anna Lawrence Bisland donated the present site at the corner of Midland and Tanglewylde Avenues, and, with a thousand members contributing fifty dollars each and a mortgage, the

clubhouse began. The club still operates out of this clubhouse, a landmark of the opulence and optimism of a specific time and place in American history. This Spring, I was able to work alongside Board of Legislator Chair Vedat Gashi to deliver Community Funds to the Bronxville Women's Club.

EASTCHESTER VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE CORPS

This year, I was able to attain \$17,000 for the Eastchester Volunteer Ambulance

Corporation. EVAC has a rich history and was founded in 1949. This was the first time they received funding from the County.



Legislator James Nolan with the Easter Bunny

HOMEFIELD ASSOCIATION EASTER EGG HUNT

I was happy to attend the Homefield Association Easter Egg Hunt this year! I even got to meet a personal hero!

LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING CEREMONIES

This Spring, I was happy to attend Little League Opening Ceremonies throughout District 15 and was honored to throw the first pitch at the Hillcrest Lakers Opening Ceremony! ■



Legislator James Nolan, with Yonkers Minority Leader Mike Breen and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, present awards at the Hillcrest Lakers Opening Ceremony

GREEN INITIATIVES

FOOD SCRAP RECOVERY PROGRAM

A \$1.3 million capital project and Bond Act for the study, design and development of a major composting facility to reduce County waste and generate compost.

BRONXVILLE FLOOD MITIGATION FUNDING

I was able to work with my colleagues in County Government to deliver \$250,000 for flood mitigation problems in the Village of Bronxville. These projects are crucial to protecting communities from the devastating impacts of severe weather events. By investing in infrastructure improvements, such as levees, drainage systems, and flood barriers, we can help safeguard homes, businesses, and vital public services.

ENHANCEMENTS TO COUNTY PARKS

PARKLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Revitalizes a segment of the RiverWalk trailway in Tarrytown, enhancing the trail and preserving over 2,000 acres of open space.

RELIEF FOR TAXPAYERS

SENIOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS

Excludes Social Security income from eligibility calculations, increasing relief for seniors with fixed incomes.

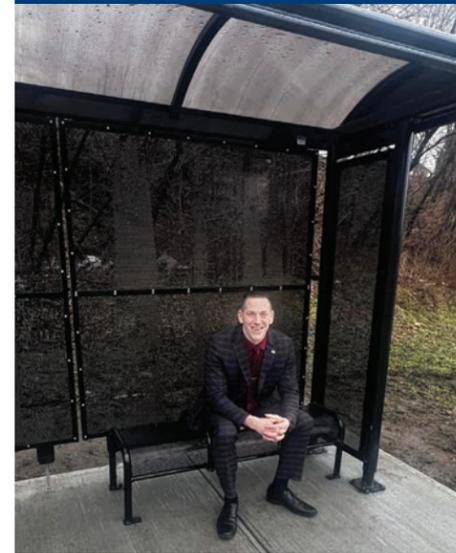
VETERANS, SENIORS, AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

It was a pleasure to have collaborated with County Executive George Latimer and his staff in helping to create the Veterans Advisory Committee. County Executive Latimer signed an Executive Order at the Westchester County Memorial Day Ceremony creating the brand new advisory committee. The Veterans Advisory Committee marks a significant step forward in supporting the brave individuals who have served our country. The committee's establishment will ensure that veterans receive the resources they deserve, paving the way for a more supportive community for them.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY VETERANS, SENIOR, AND YOUTH VETERAN HIGHLIGHT

As Chair of the Veterans, Senior, and Youth Committee, I was happy to launch a Veteran Highlight Program. I have been honored to have highlighted and met so many veterans who have done so much for our Country. The first veteran I highlighted was Joe Monaco, who was also the Grand Marshall at the Crestwood Memorial Day Parade. Sergeant Specialist Joseph Monaco served in the US Army from 1968 to 1969 in Vietnam. After his service, he worked as a Yonkers DPW Worker and was a member of Teamster 456 for 32 years. ■



Legislator James Nolan pictured with the brand new bus shelter at Central Park Avenue and Sadore Lane

INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECH UPGRADES

PUBLIC SAFETY ANSWERING POINTS SYSTEM (PSAP)

A \$1.3 million investment to modernize 911 Call Centers for emergency calls and coordination.

ROADWAY CULVERT RESTORATION

This Bond Act finances a project to inspect and evaluate culvert structures along County roads. It will address flooding and determine necessary maintenance, rehabilitation, or replacement, establishing a priority-based schedule.

BUS SHELTER IMPROVEMENTS

The Board approved replacing 95 old buses with new hybrid and electric models and upgrading bus shelters with solar power, ADA accessibility, and other improvements, including the long-awaited bus shelter at Central Park Avenue and Sadore Lane. In February I visited the newly installed bus shelters on Central Ave northbound and southbound next to Sadore Lane. The bus shelters look terrific and I was happy to work with the Department of Public Works to help get this project done. Sadore Lane was a recent addition to my district after redistricting.

County Executive George Latimer signs Executive Order creating new Veteran's Advisory Committee

