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Port Chester a hot spot for ICE

Clergy, officials gather at park to rebuke arrests

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PORT CHESTER — Jirandy Martinez’s voice trembled with anger as she talked about the deportation push that has swept up immigrants in Westches-

ter County and left children to wonder if their parents will be next. “It is unacceptable that in this country, where they’re supposed to be safe, they’re worried about whether or not they’ll see their parents again,” said Martinez, executive director of the Community Resource Center, a Mamaroneck-based nonprofit that provides support services for immigrants. Martinez was part of a small group of clergy, elected officials and other local

leaders who gathered in a Port Chester park on Thursday, Sept. 3, to denounce the federal roundups. New data shows more than 19,000 immigrants have been arrested in New York by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement since President Donald Trump returned to office last year and launched a crackdown to expel undocumented immigrants. And the Westchester village and longtime immigrant hub where Martinez and the others met to speak out was

a standout for arrests. The ICE figures showed that over 16 months starting in April 2025, agents had picked up 182 people either from Port Chester or who were stopped in the village through Aug. 1. The flood of information on New York arrests and detentions was obtained from ICE and posted recently by the Deportation Data Project, an academic

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25 YEARS LATER



Retired FDNY firefighters James Efthimiades, Jeffrey Coniglio, Robert Bacon, Jim McGlynn and John Drumm have lunch together at O'Hara's Pub near the World Trade Center Aug 5. On Sept. 11, 2001, after going back into the North Tower to search for Drumm, the other four firefighters became trapped in a stairwell when the tower collapsed on them. They were rescued five hours later, and discovered that Drumm had escaped the building before it collapsed. SETH HARRISON/THE JOURNAL NEWS

SURVIVAL & SACRIFICE

Retired FDNY firefighter is now sharing his story

Inside: From NY to Guantanamo Bay, Ron Bucca's family honors his 9/11 sacrifice. 2A

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Over the years, the firefighters of Manhattan’s Engine Company 39 have gotten together to share their story of surviving the collapse of the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. At memorial services, for media interviews, a documentary. • Absent was John Drumm, the fellow firefighter they went back into the north tower to save that day. • Drumm didn’t want to stand in the way of what he considered their story — going back in the north tower to save a brother firefighter only to have the 110-story building collapse on top of them. Had they died, Drumm isn’t sure he could have coped. And there are the 343 other FDNY firefighters who died that day while he lived. Survivor’s guilt.

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Large families accuse housing authority of inaction

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NYACK — Nine families claim the village housing authority failed to help them acquire appropriate housing for

their large families, and “allowed the clock to run,” which jeopardized their housing vouchers. The families’ lawyer on Aug. 31 filed an Article 78, which is a lawsuit used to challenge an action, or inaction, by a New York state government entity.

“Petitioners, all of whom are Orthodox Hasidic Jews, have households that are larger than typical,” the court filing states. The number of rooms needed for a family are set by U.S. Housing and Urban Development guidelines. The filing does not specify a claim of

discrimination. At least one family had already lost its Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher and had to go back on a lengthy waitlist, and the others were in jeopardy of losing

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