

ITALEO Newsletter



UPCOMING MEETING

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

6:00 PM

Sicilian Sports Club

1296 E. Ridge Rd.

Irondequoit, NY

Guest Speaker:

Investigator Erin Rogers

[RSVP by 7/5/2024](#)

ZOOM Meeting Option
Starts at 7PM

UPCOMING EVENT

ITALEO SUMMER PICNIC

August 11, 2024

Noon to 5 PM

St. Paul Exempt

690 Thomas Ave.

Irondequoit, NY

*Visit our website to RSVP or
print out the flyer & mail it in!*

Lack of interest may result in
cancellation

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UPCOMING EVENT

2ND ANNUAL SHARON

RIVALDO COLONIAL

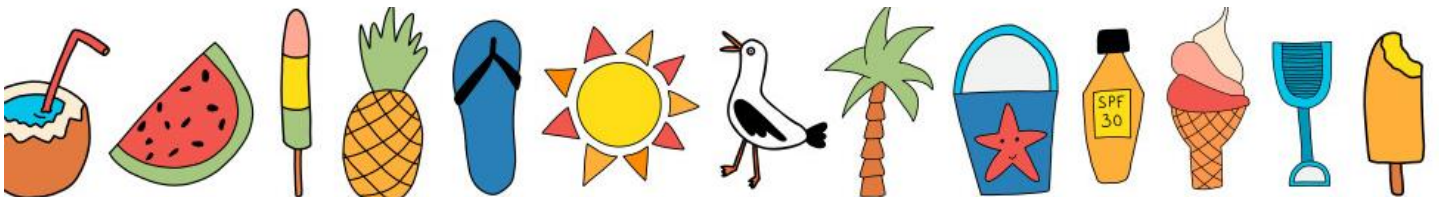
BELLE FALL CRUISE

September 7, 2024

400 Packets Landing

Fairport, NY

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FOR MORE DETAILS



LOCAL NEWS

Hochul awards nearly \$36 million to local law enforcement to reduce violent crime

Hochul discussed progress in bringing down gun violence and awarded nearly \$36 million to local law enforcement agencies to further reduce violent crime.

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ALBANY, N.Y. — New York Gov. Kathy Hochul announced Thursday that nearly \$36 million was awarded to local law enforcement agencies across New York state to continue the efforts to reduce gun violence.

The governor also said that shooting incidents with injury are down 28 percent from last year at this time.

"Keeping New Yorkers safe is my top priority," Governor Hochul said in a statement. "We've brought gun violence down to historic lows, and we're giving local law enforcement agencies more of the resources needed to keep tackling crime throughout every corner of our state."

The 28 percent drop represents 218 shooting incidents from Jan. 1 through May 31, 2024, compared to 303 incidents from the same time frame in 2023.

New York State Police Superintendent Steven G. James said, "The vast reduction in gun violence is an attestation to the progression we've made in combating the infiltration of illegal guns in New York. Our numbers prove the seizure of illegal guns is no small matter and these efforts are an integral part of protecting our communities. I offer my gratitude to Governor Hochul for the resources that are being provided to help us focus on this public safety mission."

Data is gathered from 28 police departments across the state participating in the GIVE initiative.

Amherst, Buffalo, Cheektowaga, Jamestown, Lackawanna, and the Niagara Falls police departments all take part in the state program.

"These positive trends are a testament to the collective work done by our GIVE partner agencies, SNUG Street Outreach programs, and other community-based organizations that we fund and support. This holistic approach recognizes that enforcement alone doesn't make neighborhoods safer," New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services Commissioner Rossana Rosado said in a statement.

ICL Bocce Tournament

The tournament was held at the IACC on Saturday, June 15, 2024. We had two ITALEO teams compete this year.

Team I: Ed Bernabei, Anthony DiFante, Nicholas DiFante and Steve Giliberti.

Team II: Carl Gigliotta, Milt Glendi, Jarod Inguigliato, and Phil Rivaldo.

Way to go, gentlemen!



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NY Attorney General announces takedown of major drug trafficking ring

*by: Kayla Bianchi, James Battaglia**Posted: Jun 13, 2023 / 01:07 PM EDT**Updated: Jun 14, 2023 / 05:19 AM EDT*

ROCHESTER, N.Y. (WROC)— Joined by law enforcement and government officials, New York Attorney General Letitia James announced the takedown of a major drug trafficking ring.

“We have a responsibility my friends to keep community safe and keep and ensure public safety and that’s why we are here today,” said NY Attorney General James as she started the press conference.

She then announced the takedown of the ring in the Finger Lakes region, resulting in 177 charges against 48 defendants related to their participation in the trafficking network.

The Attorney General said that more than \$440,000 in cash and more than 9 million dollars in illegal drugs were recovered in the takedown, including 10 kilograms of fentanyl, 10 kilograms of cocaine, ¼ pound of heroin, and other dangerous drugs.

In addition, over 19 firearms were recovered in the operation, including assault weapons, handguns, and ghost guns—all illegal.

The over 2-year investigation began in Wayne County and included hundreds of hours of covert surveillance and wiretaps.

“This was a major operation into a very detailed and interconnected web of drug peddling,” said Attorney General James, with an operation spanning Monroe, Wayne, Cayuga, Orleans, Ontario, Seneca, and Yates counties.

According to the AG’s office, investigators first focused on Michael Danzey and Terrance Raggs, Wayne County brothers accused of acting as the main source of cocaine for the drug ring. Prosecutors said the two also distributed the drugs directly to customers in Wayne County.

Danzey was also charged with attempted murder, after investigators said he shot someone who he thought had stolen from him. The victim survived. Raggs was accused of attempting to hide evidence related to the shooting.

Police investigating Aaron Sweeney and Ryan Faniel —both accused of selling cocaine and oxycodone— discovered Sweeney was allegedly getting drugs from people in Rochester.

That discovery led them to Avenue D in Rochester, where prosecutors say Sweeney got cocaine from Raquel Torres. Through that investigation, police found at least four others living on Avenue D who sold drugs from what they called the “Green House,” the “Blue House,” the “Yellow House,” and the “Camper.”

“This single block in the city of Rochester was a major trafficking hub that distributed these dangerous drugs throughout the region,” prosecutors said in a statement released Tuesday.

Police investigating those accused of selling drugs along Avenue D determined one man, Luis Rivera, was the sole source of cocaine in that network. They went on to focus on Rivera, intercepting communications and collecting evidence.

Investigators said they found Rivera and his sons —Luis Emmanuel “Manny” Rivera, Natan “Nate” Rivera, and Jacob “J” Rivera— distributed fentanyl and cocaine out of a residential building in Rochester. They said the suspects received large shipments of fentanyl from California, several of which were intercepted by police. The shipments were allegedly organized by J Rivera, who smuggled cellphones into a federal prison in Louisiana where he was serving time.

Investigators said the Riveras sold fentanyl pills as oxycodone, putting users at risk.

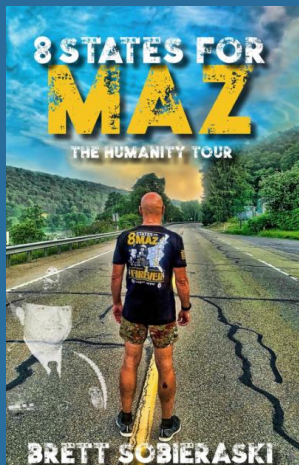
They also said the Riveras created a limited liability company to launder drug money by purchasing investment properties.

“Three years ago, the roots of this investigation delved into the sources of illicit narcotics in Wayne County and quickly led to other areas of the Finger Lakes Region,” Wayne County Sheriff Rob Milby said in a statement issued Tuesday. “In addition to the arrests and seizures of illegal weapons, drugs, and proceeds through this investigation, the quality of life in Western New York has also just improved tremendously.”

8 States for Maz: The Humanity Tour

Paperback Now Available

By Brett Sobrieraski



Officer Anthony “Maz” Mazurkiewicz of the Rochester Police Department was murdered in the line of duty on July 21st, 2022, doing the job he loved. Due to anti-police sentiment still lingering from the civil unrest and protests of 2020, many believed Officer Mazurkiewicz’s sacrifice had not received the recognition it deserved. Brett Sobrieraski was one of those people and set out to change that. At the time of his death, Officer Mazurkiewicz was assigned to the elite Tactical Unit, which has the designator number of “8”. 8 States for Maz was born when Brett set out to run a marathon every day from Florida to New York, through eight states, spreading the word of Officer Mazurkiewicz’s sacrifice while raising money for his family. This is Brett’s story of that run and the countless acts of humanity he witnessed along the way.

All proceeds from the sale of this book go directly to Officer Mazurkiewicz’s family.

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Irondequoit July Festival

July 3rd & 4th, 2024

Street Dance, 10K & Fun Run, Parade & Fireworks



Angels of Mercy
NEW YORK
4TH ANNUAL

**DRIVE-THRU
CHICKEN
BBQ**

FRIDAY, JULY 19 2024
1/2 CHICKEN 2 SIDES & A ROLL FOR \$18!

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Irondequoit National Night Out

August 6th, 2024

ITALEO Table, IPD 100th Anniversary Presentation, Law Enforcement Parade through neighborhoods

RECIPE CORNER

Prosciutto Melon Arugula Salad with Citrus Vinaigrette

Classic Italian flavors in this delicious SUMMER SALAD. Salty, sweet, and tangy, this prosciutto (Italian cured ham), melon, and arugula salad is a match made in Italian flavor heaven. This is an elegant salad/appetizer to wow a crowd that comes together with a few ingredients and little time.

- Total Time: 15 minutes
- Yield: 6-8 servings

INGREDIENTS

Citrus and Honey Vinaigrette

- 1/2 cup good quality olive oil
- 1/2 cup fresh squeezed orange juice + zest of one orange
- 2 Tbs honey
- 1 tsp salt (more to taste)
- 1/2 tsp fresh ground pepper
- 2 cloves of garlic cut in quarters

SALAD

- 8 oz fresh arugula salad (pre washed)
- 8 slices of prosciutto ham, excess fat trimmed
- 8 slices (about half a medium melon) of cantaloupe, cut into wedges and peel removed
- 8 basil leaves



If you'd like to submit an Italian Recipe to include in the next newsletter, please email us at:

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