

The
WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
celebrates

IRISH HISTORY AND HERITAGE MONTH

Monday, March 7, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Live streamed from the Board Chamber
<https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

PROGRAM

Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements
Chairwoman Catherine Borgia

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS



ANNE M. MCPHERSON

Presented by Legislator Benjamin Boykin II



OLIVER CHARLES

Presented by Legislator David J. Tubiolo

Catherine Borgia
Board Chair
Legislator, 9th District

Colin D. Smith
Legislator, 1st District

Erika L. Pierce
Legislator, 2nd District

Margaret A. Cunzio
Minority Leader
Legislator, 3rd District

Vedat Gashi
Legislator, 4th District

Benjamin Boykin II
Legislator, 5th District

Nancy E. Barr
Vice Chair
Legislator, 6th District

Catherine F. Parker
Legislator, 7th District

Jewel Williams Johnson
Legislator, 8th District

Damon R. Maher
Legislator, 10th District

Terry Clements
Legislator, 11th District

MaryJane Shimsky
Legislator, 12th District

Tyrae Woodson-Samuels
Legislator, 13th District

David J. Tubiolo
Legislator, 14th District

James Nolan
Minority Whip
Legislator, 15th District

Christopher A. Johnson
Majority Leader
Legislator, 16th District

José I. Alvarado
Majority Whip
Legislator, 17th District





ANNE M. MCPHERSON was born in the South Bronx as a first generation Irish-American, where she enjoyed the culturally rich and close-knit Irish community. She moved to White Plains in 1976 and has one son, Justin.

She has been a successful and self-motivated civil servant who while working full time, received her undergraduate degree in business, and went on to attain certification as an accountant and a paralegal. This level of education prepared her well for her roles in city government. In 1993, she was hired by the City of White Plains as the Deputy City Clerk, serving until 2006 when she was appointed as the City Clerk. Anne also oversaw the archives, where the City's records, artifacts and memorabilia are kept. During her career as City Clerk she had the distinction to be named a Certified Municipal Clerk and then Master Municipal Clerk by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Anne's love of all things Irish began as a competitive Irish step dancer earning numerous medals. During her life she has immersed herself in the music, stories and culture of the Irish people. She served as an Aide to the Grand Marshal for the 2008 White Plains St. Patrick's Day Parade and has served on the St. Patrick's Day Committee since, often acting as emcee at City Hall for the Parade. She has enjoyed visits to family in Ireland on numerous occasions.



OLIVER CHARLES was born one of 16 children in County Leitrim, Ireland, whose parents instilled a strong work ethic and sense of compassion that he would utilize later in life. Upon graduating from school, he was trained as a butcher in County Westmeath.

In 1976, Oliver immigrated to the United States, where he worked at a number of gourmet locations in Manhattan, including Jefferson Market, Citarella, and Ottomanelli & Sons Meat Market. Oliver also played drums and tin whistle for two popular local bands, "Irish Folklore" and "Celtic Justice."

In 1985, Oliver married County Kilkenny native Elizabeth Brennan, with whom he has four children: Brendan, Katie, Krista and Noreen. They are the proud grandparents to one grandchild named Luke, born to daughter, Katie, and her husband, Eric Beutel.

In 2000, Oliver opened a shop on McLean Avenue in Yonkers called "The Butcher's Fancy," which has cultivated a loyal following throughout the tri-state area for its Irish delicacies.

In 2015, it received an award from Westchester Magazine as the "Best of Yonkers Unique Specialty Store."

In 2015, Oliver was honored by the American Irish Society as its Irishman of the Year. He and his wife have assisted the community countless times throughout the years, donating both time and material to various benefits, distribution centers and food drives, especially in the McLean neighborhood. They have been especially generous during the COVID-19 pandemic in giving to those in need.