

The  
**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
celebrates

# **BLACK HISTORY** MONTH

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.**

Live streamed from the Board Chamber  
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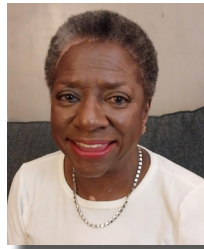
## **PROGRAM**

**Soloist Performance**  
Tanisha Blanche

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

**Welcoming Remarks & Acknowledgements**  
Board Chair Vedat Gashi

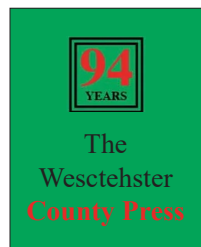
## **PRESENTATION OF TRIBUTES**



### **LINDA TARRANT-REID**

*Author and Executive Director, The Lincoln Park Conservancy, Inc.*

Presented by Majority Whip Terry Clements



### **WESTCHESTER COUNTY PRESS**

*Longest-running Publication for  
Westchester's African-American Community*

Presented by Majority Leader Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

Accepted by Sandra Blackwell, Publisher

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**Vedat Gashi**  
*Board Chair*  
Legislator, 4th District

**Colin D. Smith**  
Legislator, 1st District

**Erika L. Pierce**  
Legislator, 2nd District

**Margaret A. Cunzio**  
*Minority Leader*  
Legislator, 3rd District

**Benjamin Boykin II**  
Legislator, 5th District

**Nancy E. Barr**  
Legislator, 6th District

**Catherine F. Parker**  
Legislator, 7th District

**Jewel Williams Johnson**  
Legislator, 8th District

**Emiljana Ulaj**  
Legislator, 9th District

**Judah Holstein**  
Legislator, 10th District

**Terry Clements**  
*Majority Whip*  
Legislator, 11th District

**David Imamura**  
Legislator, 12th District

**Tyrae Woodson-Samuels**  
*Majority Leader*  
Legislator, 13th District

**David J. Tubiolo**  
Legislator, 14th District

**James Nolan**  
*Minority Whip*  
Legislator, 15th District

**Shanae V. Williams**  
Legislator, 16th District

**José I. Alvarado**  
*Vice Chair*  
Legislator, 17th District

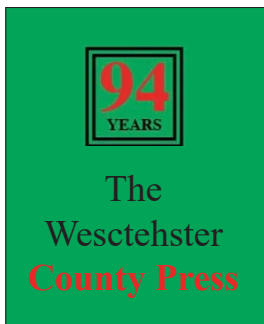




**LINDA TARRANT-REID** is an author, historian, freelance journalist, photographer and community advocate. She has published two notable books on African-American history, and has written on the subject for *The Daily News*. Linda was nominated by Governor Kathy Hochul and confirmed by the New York State Legislature as Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation Commission for the Taconic Region in 2022. The region includes state parks and historic sites in Westchester, Dutchess, Putnam and Columbia Counties.

Recently she has turned her attention to the needs of New Rochelle residents through her efforts in urban farming, food justice and food insecurity. She has been the garden administrator for grow! Lincoln Park Community Garden since 2011. The garden was created to memorialize the 50th anniversary of the struggle by the parents and students to desegregate Lincoln Elementary School in 1961. The 10,000 sq. ft. urban farm is located on the school's former campus. In addition, she is one of the main organizers of the New Rochelle Juneteenth celebration.

Ms. Tarrant-Reid's current passion project is The Lincoln Park Conservancy, Inc. Its mission is to preserve, educate, and celebrate the rich history of the Black community in New Rochelle and address food insecurity in marginalized and disadvantaged communities. Linda is the Executive Director of the Conservancy and is spearheading the initiative to establish The Lincoln Park Conservancy History & Culture Center in downtown New Rochelle. Ms. Tarrant-Reid has also launched grow! Eat, a program that feeds the food insecure in New Rochelle. Linda is currently working on doubling the growing space for produce for the grow! Eat Program.



**WESTCHESTER COUNTY PRESS** is the oldest and only weekly publication in the County dedicated to the African-American community. It evolved from a small publication for the residents of Hastings-on-Hudson in 1928, to serve Westchester's African-American residents under the stewardship of Jessie and Reverend Alger I. Adams in 1951. Orial and M. Paul Redd, Sr. purchased the paper in 1986 and remained owners and publishers until Mr. Redd's untimely death in 2009. It was then purchased by longtime volunteer, Sandra Blackwell, who was able to step up and take the helm as President, Publisher, and Editor.

The publication is a member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association and is committed to telling the essential stories of African-Americans while providing timely information regarding events of interest across the County to approximately 12,500 readers. 5,000 copies per week are printed, as well as a digital edition.

*Westchester County Press* is an educational tool with archives that are preserved and made available in digital form. Future generations can research the contributions and accomplishments of past generations about how African-Americans have enriched Westchester County and made it the more inclusive place it is today.