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Should The Rent be Cancelled?



By Dan Murphy

As many Americans have lost their job and begin to run out of money, progressive groups have begun the call for the cancellation of rent, and in delays of mortgage payments. "Rent strikes are proliferating across the country as newly unemployed renters deplete the last of their meager cash reserves during the COVID19 crisis. Congress is preparing an additional COVID19-related economic relief bill over the next several days, and renter protections will be a crucial point of conflict in those negotiations. We advocate for Congress to cancel rent for the duration of the COVID19 crisis," writes Tara Raghuvver, from People's Action, a progressive organizing group.

"Renters Are in Crisis. Roughly 20 percent of the U.S. workforce is newly unemployed due to the COVID19 pandemic. Before the pandemic, three-in-five renters could not pay \$400 in cash for an emergency. Forty-seven percent of renters spent more than a third of their income on rent.

"As eviction moratoriums end, huge rent-related debts, hits to credit scores, and evictions loom for millions of renters who could not pay the rent in April, May, and beyond. While some policymakers have proposed merely upping funding for traditional rental assistance, that approach would fail to meet the scale of the crisis. That's because rental assistance puts the burden on cash-strapped, crisis-mode renters to navigate bureaucracies and apply for relief and means testing and other restrictions mean that rental assistance will miss large segments of those who need it most.

"Instead of one-time rental assistance, Congress should cancel rent and mortgage payments for the duration of the crisis. H.R. 6515, the Rent and Mortgage Cancellation Act introduced by U.S. Rep. Ilhan Omar, provides the best hope for renter relief during this crisis. The bill calls for: Rent payment suspension for the duration of the crisis, meaning no rent obligation, no late fees, and no retaliation; Mortgage payment suspension for the duration of the crisis, meaning no mortgage payments, no debts, and no retaliation," writes Raghuvver.

The bill, proposed by Congresswoman Omar, who is a member of the squad, with fellow progressive congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib and Ayanna Pressley, has no chance of passing in the US Senate, led by Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell.

What about the landlords and lenders who will not be receiving their payments? Omar's bill proposes that the Department of Housing and Urban

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Taxi Drivers Get Donations to Protect Against COVID-19



Council Majority leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac, Marisol Mancebo, Marisol Alcantara and Chuck Lesnick, with Yonkers taxidivers and donated PPE-photo by Donna Davis

Yonkers Rising photographer Donna Davis reminded us that taxi drivers in Yonkers are also on the front line of the Coronavirus, transporting people in and around the City. Donna realized that some taxi drivers didn't have PPE, and she contacted Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac for help.

"I reached out to the Office of Emergency Management and they were eager to help! Marisol Mancebo the CFO of the Yonkers YMCA and Marisol Alcantara of the NYS Nurses Association also collected masks and gloves for the different cab companies. Chuck Lesnick was able to secure a donation of hand sanitizer from Nahmias Et Fils the distillery that is now bottling and distributing hand sanitizer in Yonkers. Together, we were able to distribute to 5 different taxi companies. Hundreds of drivers and staff members now have access to materials that will make them safer and the passengers safer. During this crisis partnerships are being formed regularly to provide and assist for one another," said Councilwoman Pineda-Isaac.

More from Donna Davis, who is also a RN, on what she sees in Yonkers during COVID next week.

Lessons Learned from Mayor Spano Antibody Positive Test--pg 3

Yonkers Has Slowed COVID Curve Budget Relies on Albany, Wash. DC

By Dan Murphy

"We have a potential for significant cuts because of the State budget and we don't have the ability to close them." Mayor Mike Spano

Mayor Mike Spano gave a Facebook Live briefing this week to update the people of Yonkers on the Coronavirus and the City budget.

Spano said that overall, Yonkers has 6484 cases, which has since risen to 6600. And while Yonkers has the most COVID-19 cases in Westchester,

Spano pointed out that "we are the largest City in Westchester and the most densely populated City in Westchester. The percentage of our population that has tested positive (3.2%) is less than other cities in the county."

Spano showed several charts which showed a continued decline over the past week, which shows a decline in the number of cases and a similar number of cases first reported on March 18. Those numbers reflect the numbers statewide, and are a good sign that Yonkers has seen the worse of the Coronavirus and has turned a corner and can now think about and discuss reopening the City and the schools.

Both Yonkers hospitals, St. John's and St. Joseph's, now have available beds for patients, another positive sign that the worst is over.

Spano showed a map of the City which showed the "Hot Spots" of large numbers of cases, which focused on Southwest Yonkers. The Mayor stressed the importance of staying safe, getting tested and complying with social distancing guidelines for members of that community. Elsewhere across the City, the COVID-19 numbers are low.

Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada also provided an update. Schools remain closed for the rest of this academic year, but students continue to learn from home. More than 100,000 meals have been provided to students so far, and will continue through the summer. Feeding Westchester is now providing food to the YPS on a weekly basis, which will be handed out at YPS Grab and Go sites.

Quezada said that the district is designing a re-entry plan "to see what September will look like." Later, the Superintendent said that the decision to open schools in September will be up to the Governor, and the State Department of Education will also provide guidance on how to do so. "The safety of our community, staff, unions and families will be first," said Quezada. Many questions remain, not only in the YPS, but across the state, about how schools will open, and how students will be able to comply with social distancing on a bus and in a classroom. Another question from a resident, whether the YPS will test every student and staff member before coming into school, was a good question, said Quezada, but one that will be

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"Ribbons of Remembrance" at Lenoir Preserve Yonkers



County Executive George Latimer places a ribbon on the remembrance tree at Lenoir Preserve in Yonkers

Overlooking the Hudson River and the Palisades at Lenoir Preserve stands a new memorial, the Ribbons of Remembrance, dedicated to Westchester County residents who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

Visitors will find the memorial a short walk away from the Lenoir Preserve parking lot in front of the Wightman Mansion. Ribbons and permanent markers will be available at the memorial. Visitors are encouraged to write the name of someone they have lost on the ribbon and tie it to one of two trees or the rope structure.

Visitors are asked to drop used permanent markers in the designated bin to be properly disinfected by parks staff.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "We need within our culture certain social points where we can come together. We have all lost people that we know and love through this process. This is a chance to do something tangible to remember that person in those quiet moments, when it's you, the remembrance of your loved one and nature. We are here near the eternal Hudson and eternal mountains in sky that will be here before we got here and here long after we are gone. It's a way to remember that this people were once with us, important to us and we're not going to forget them."

Westchester County Parks Department Commissioner Kathy O'Connor said: "The Westchester County Parks Department is proud to memorialize the victims of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our staff has worked diligently to provide a peaceful environment that will allow people to reflect on the loss they are feeling."

Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health Commissioner Michael Orth said: "Although we are unable to grieve in traditional ways during this time, it is critical that we allow ourselves and others the time necessary to work through this process in order to move toward health and healing. Connect with loved ones and seek out additional support if you are in need."

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Brian Conway, Premier Irish-American fiddler, performs with the skill, grace and force that are steeped in tradition but distinctively his own. Conway has won numerous all Ireland fiddling competitions, and has been called one of the best fiddlers of his generation. Conway has been named Irish Echo's Top Trad Artist, the most prestigious award in the New York Irish music community.

Yonkers own Jerry O'Sullivan's outstanding style of playing the uilleann pipes is the result of integrating the many influences of his training and performing with his own personality, taste, invention, and sense of wonder. His excellence on the uilleann pipes causes him to be recognized as one of America's great uilleann pipers.

Acclaimed vocalist and Irish native Liz McNicholl has performed at numerous venues around the country, touring with the acclaimed group Cherish The Ladies, performing with her own band, and appearing on television several times. She continues to perform as a soloist with her band, singing a variety of styles of music from Celtic to Americana to Folk.

Guitarist Matt Mancuso, a spirited, exuberant and exciting musician, was introduced to Irish music as a child by his dad, and studied with renowned musicians and teachers Maureen Glynn and Tony DiMarco. Not only has he competed in the All Ireland competitions many times, he performs around the world, and had toured with The Lord of the Dance, Grada and the Kathy Ryan Band.

Our amazing performers are playing outdoors to ensure they are socially distancing, so visit our social media or call our Arts line at 914-375-3435 if the weather looks bad to check the status of the concert.

The concert is being performed in memory of American Irish activist Ira Goldman, who not only served as president of the American Irish Musicians Society and two Comhaltas Ceolteoiri branches, he also was a former board member of the Untermeyer Performing Arts Council.

This program, free and open to the public, is made possible by ArtsWestchester with support from the Westchester County Government and the City of Yonkers. For further information, please call the Untermeyer Performing Arts Council at 914-375-3435.

Important Parkng Update-Alternate Side of Street Parking

Please be advised Alternate Side of the Street Parking rules will resume for the week of May 18th through May 24th for street cleaning and will be sternly enforced.

Alternate side of the street parking rules will then be suspended for an additional two weeks after May 25th through June 7th, during which time we will reassess cleanliness.

Parking Meter Regulations are still in effect. However, shortened parking meter hours will still be from 10AM-6PM during New York State's PAUSE. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this unprecedented time. For additional questions or concerns, please contact the 24 hour Mayor's help line at 377-HELP that's 377-4357.

Contact Tracers Needed for State COVID-19 Initiative

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Positions available: *Team Supervisor, Contact Tracer or Community Specialist*

Would you like to become a part of the COVID-19 Contact Tracing Initiative? New York State is now searching for volunteers to fill three types of jobs: Contact Tracers, Team Supervisors and Community Support Specialists. Visit Public Consulting Group for more information today.

Contact Tracers are responsible for reaching out to the contacts of anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 to assess symptoms, ensure quarantine compliance and determine social support needs.

Team Supervisors lead a team of 20 Contact Tracers, and one Community Support Specialist who are working remotely, using digital tools. Community Support Specialists work with the team and the local health departments to address the physical/mental health, and social/human service needs of each family, especially for those who are in isolation or under quarantine.

New York State plans to hire a team of 6,400 to 17,000 staff, to support the New York State Department of Health and local health departments in performing contact tracing in communities across the state. The final number of staff will also depend on the projected total number of COVID-19 cases.

To be considered, candidates must be a New York State resident 18 years of age or older; meet the position description requirement; go through an interview process; and complete a training and certification program.

More information about how to apply to be a part of the NYS Contact Tracing Team can be found at:
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COVID Antibodies Test Comes Back Positive for Yonkers Mayor Spano

Lessons we can all learn

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano revealed on May 8 that an antibody test for COVID-19 that he recently took resulted in a positive test. Spano said that while he had previously tested negative for Coronavirus, and that he was never sick, or had COVID-19 symptoms, he tested positive for the antibodies test which discovered what thousands of Westchester residents have also found out: That they had the Coronavirus but never knew it.

Spano's announcement comes as Yonkers now has 7,000 cases of Coronavirus, the most in Westchester County. Last month, an unidentified employee in the Mayor's office also tested positive.

"I was pretty shocked that it came back positive," Spano said after finding out the results from his doctor, who said that the Mayor was one of the lucky residents of Yonkers and Westchester who were able to get through the virus without symptoms.

Spano added that he will use his antibodies to help others and will donate his plasma to help other COVID-19 patients recover. Currently, antibodies are being used in patients, but it has not yet been determined if they do in fact stop the spread of the virus.

There are several lessons that the people of Yonkers can learn from Mayor Spano and COVID-19. First, the fact that the Mayor was asymptomatic, and never had Coronavirus symptoms of fever, cough, shortness of breath or loss of smell, should be a warning to all of us.

What if we had the virus but did not know it? And if we did, did we make sure that we protected others by wearing a mask and by social distancing?

The other lesson is how important testing is to bringing Yonkers back to reopening. The Mayor was tested, and now in Yonkers, there are several options for residents to get tested, either for COVID-19 or with a Coronavirus test.

If you test positive, you can self-quarantine for 14 days, and help stop the spread. We are glad that Mayor Spano shared his story because it can help educate us about the virus, and what we all still need to do to protect ourselves and others.

Mayer Proposes "SHARE Act" to Fund Public Education

On Tuesday, May 12, State Senate Education Committee Chair, Senator Shelley Mayer, and State Senate Higher Education Committee Chair, Senator Toby Stavisky, introduced S.8329, the SHARE Act—the Shared Help Assessment to Rebuild Education Act. The SHARE Act would bring in much-needed new revenue, asking those most capable of paying to share in the financial burden of COVID-19 for a very limited time, two years, in order for the state to avoid devastating education cuts.

"We are in a period of unprecedented fiscal crisis, and we must ensure that our public schools—the great equalizer of our democracy—are funded adequately. It is a time for shared sacrifice. Sadly, those earning less than \$70,000 annually are facing the disproportionate impact of the pandemic from a financial point of view. We must ensure that our public schools and public colleges & universities have the resources they need to help students recover educationally and emotionally from the toll of the pandemic," said Senator Mayer.

The SHARE Act increases the income tax rate for earners of more than \$5,000,000 from 8.82% to 10.90% for a period of two years. The new tax rate will apply to earners of more than \$5,000,000 who are married filing jointly, a surviving spouse, a head of household, married filing separately, or unmarried. The new tax rate for those earning more than \$5,000,000 would apply to taxable years 2020 & 2021.

"We cannot allow this terrible virus to threaten the futures of hundreds of thousands of students throughout New York State. In times of crisis, an equitable sharing of sacrifices for the benefit of all is a fundamental principle of our democracy. Now is the time to ask our highest income earners, those earning more than \$5,000,000 annually, to pay a modest amount more for a very limited time," said Mayer.

The new revenue generated by the SHARE Act would be shared between public schools and public higher education: 85% for public schools and 15% for SUNY and CUNY. "We must ensure that our public schools and public colleges & universities have the resources they need to help students recover educationally and emotionally from the toll of the pandemic," said Mayer.

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Reopening New York Sensibly

By Eric Schoen

We are all eager to get out of the house and resume our lives as they were before Coronavirus came upon us. This will not be like turning on the light switch in your bedroom. A lot of thinking has to come into play, and it has to be done slowly.

I just read an article that Memphis has put the reopening of that city in large part into the hands of four doctors: infectious disease specialist, immunologist, orthopedic surgeon and a pediatrician. They have been meeting through Zoom to provide guidance to the elected officials of Memphis in terms of how and when to reopen this city where music has been created that is such an important part of our lives.

Is that being done here? Are opening plans being heavily influenced by politicians and business people? We all want the economy open as soon as possible but many non health officials admittedly come to the table with good intentions but conflicting and competing interests that might trigger another outbreak that could be devastating not only to the economy but to the lives of the people of this country.

I heard something troubling on the radio Tuesday morning. New Jersey had reopened many public parks over the weekend but bathroom facilities in those parks remained closed. People were leaving human waste in plastic bottles. And deli containers. Disgusting and extremely unhealthy for the public works crews responsible for cleaning the mess up.

The reason why they kept the bathrooms closed was to stop the spread of Coronavirus. Forget about toileting for a minute. Haven't we heard from everyone involved in the Coronavirus crisis to wash your hands frequently with soap and water. How do you expect one to do this without soap and water you would find in the bathrooms at the park?

Continuing with our New Jersey park discussion, how do you expect families probably spending a minimum of 4 hours in a park to exist without toilets? Now you don't have to be a rocket scientist or someone with a large bladder to understand this. So now they are talking about closing the parks again, screwing the people who pay good tax dollars for an open park so that they will not be faced with this problem.

The person who should be fired here is the person who came up with the stupid idea to open the parks and keep the bathrooms closed. And the talk about getting Coronavirus from a bathroom? This reminds me of people during the AIDS crisis who said you could catch AIDS from a toilet seat or breathing in the air standing while in the company of someone with the disease. Only this time the virus is airborne and you can catch Coronavirus in the company of someone with an active case.

Look at the many deaths caused by the Federal government telling state health departments that they must direct nursing homes to accept patients with Coronavirus from hospitals. What brilliant scholar with no knowledge of viruses or how quickly they spread came up with that idea. The CV patient gets admitted to the nursing home and the home, often filled with individuals with compromised immune systems and comorbidities becomes a breeding group for Coronavirus.

Our government tells us that if we are going to be within 6 feet of each other to where a mask. Do you see a lot of people out there not heeding this advice? Big shots that pull up in their fancy cars to the 7 Eleven with a Police Society sticker that was bought off the internet and walk in unmasked.

There are floor markings every 6 feet telling you where to stand and wait to be called to ring up your purchase, and these idiots ignore everything. Next time someone comes close to you say something. Same thing goes if they don't have their mask on.

The big thing you hear today is contact tracing. It means that as soon as you know of a person who may have a virus or have tested presumptive positive, you work immediately to first isolate that person so they do not spread it further. You keep them away from other people, and then you work with that person directly to understand who they have come in contact with.

Contact tracers wind up tracking a "spider web of transmission," following a pathogen like the coronavirus as it spreads from person to person. Each person who's been infected is asked about their contacts, and then those contacts are approached. I'm no doctor, but I don't see how it is going to work effectively. The tracer can trace who a person remembers having contact with, but how about those the individuals who walked by the individual.

Those that served them at the local grocery store and the many other people they have been in contact with during the day. The medical folks say this is going to work, it's a technique old as time but I have questions in a big city like New York or even Yonkers how effectively contact tracing is going to work.

Many of us have purchased masks to protect us. We think they protect us, but they are really supposed to protect others from coming into contact with anything coming out of our mouth or nose. Do we know what these masks are made of and the protection they provide. If we bought them for \$2 at the 7 Eleven do we know if they are surgical quality N 95 masks or one of the millions of imposters? For the country to open up properly we will all need to know that we are wearing masks that truly can protect us.

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Bernie's Back on the Ballot! Judge Restores NY Presidential Primary



Andrew Yang, left, and Bernie Sanders, right, and nine other democrats will appear on the NY State Presidential Primary ballot June 23

By Dan Murphy

Federal Judge Analisa Torres ruled last week that New York State will indeed have a democratic presidential primary on June 23. Torres decision overturns the move by the NY Democratic Party to cancel their presidential primary two weeks ago.

"The removal of presidential contenders from the primary ballot not only deprived those candidates of the chance to garner votes for the Democratic party's nomination ... it deprived Democratic voters of the opportunity to elect delegates who could push their point of view in that forum," wrote Judge Torres, who additionally called the NY Dems decision, "authoritarian and illegal".

Sanders supporters were outraged at the attempt to halt the presidential primary, even if Sanders and Yang had 'suspended' their campaigns. Former Presidential candidate Andrew Yang filed the lawsuit, and now Sanders, Yang and nine other democrats, Michael Bennet, Joe Biden, Michael Bloomberg, Pete Buttigieg, Tulsi Gabbard, Amy Klobuchar, Deval Patrick, Tom Steyer and Elizabeth Warren, will appear on the ballot.

"Senator Sanders wishes to remain on the ballot, and is concerned that his removal from the ballot would undermine efforts to unify the Democratic Party in advance of the general election," Malcolm Seymour, an attorney representing the Sanders campaign, wrote at the time to Andrew Spano, the commissioner for the New York State Board of Elections. Andy Spano is the former Westchester County Executive.

Judge Torres rejected the argument that holding the Presidential primary would be costly and put people's health at risk because the state was mailing out absentee ballot.

Peekskill City Councilwoman Vanessa Agudelo, a Sanders supporter, wrote, "As a Bernie Delegate running to represent the working class people of #CD17 who desparately need Medicare4All, a Green New Deal, workplace democracy & a true people's bailout, AND as one of the thousands* of volunteers across the state who worked countless hours in the winter to collect petition signatures, organize events and register new voters in order build collective consensus/awareness around these issues, I find this consideration to be a disgraceful attack on our democracy.

"Biden may be the presumptive nominee but New York State still has the right to make our voices heard and have our vote in November earned; we deserve to do so by voting for the democratic candidate and/or delegates that can leverage their numbers at the Democratic National Convention to influence the party platform in a direction that serves OUR interests.

"Cancelling the primary is a slap in the face to so many of us that worked hard to make a case for our candidate, their policies and the electoral process as a whole. I personally was able to register over 2 dozen people, half of whom were over the age of 55, with the caveat that they'd be able to cast their first vote for a candidate/platform that actually speaks to their day to day struggles. These are the people whom we need more than ever to be an active part of our civic process and yet our leaders continue to leave them behind, disempowered without a voice. We can not let this stand.

"Please, if you haven't done so already, email the two democratic state board of elections commissioners and explain to them why you think it's important that bernie maintain the right he's earned, which he's stated he'd like to exercise, to remain on the ballot for NY's RemoteVote Primary, so you can send his delegates to the convention to fight for rules change which will serve his platform," wrote Agudelo.

Realtors® Report: 77% of Potential Sellers Preparing to Sell After End Of Stay at Home Orders

More than 3 in 4 potential sellers – 77% – are preparing to sell their homes following the end of stay-at-home orders, with half completing do-it-yourself home improvement projects, according to a new survey from the National Association of Realtors®.

"After a pause, home sellers are gearing up to list their properties with the reopening of the economy," said NAR Chief Economist Lawrence Yun. "Plenty of buyers also appear ready to take advantage of record-low mortgage rates and the stability that comes with these locked-in monthly payments into future years."

NAR's latest Economic Pulse Flash Survey – conducted May 3-4 – asked members how the coronavirus outbreak has impacted the residential and commercial real estate markets. Several highlights include:

Five percent of Realtors® said their clients are shifting neighborhood preferences from urban areas to suburban areas due to COVID-19. About 1 in 8 Realtors® – 13% – reported buyers have changed at least one home feature that's important to them due to COVID-19. For these buyers, the most common home features they identified as important are home offices, yard space for exercising or growing food, and space to accommodate family.

Nearly 3 in 4 Realtors® currently working with sellers this week – 73% – reported their clients haven't reduced listing prices to attract buyers. View NAR's Economic Pulse Flash Survey report here:

<https://www.nar.realtor/research-and-statistics/research-reports/nar-flash-survey-economic-pulse>.

J. Crew files for Bankruptcy Is this Just the Beginning?

Career banker, CFO, and author, Richard Lawless predicts the imminent devastation of US retail, just beginning to be revealed by the Bankruptcy of J. Crew.

"J. Crew and its affiliated companies have approximately five hundred retail outlets throughout the country. These store front operations employ thousands of people. Unfortunately, J. Crew is not suffering alone. According to the National Retail Federation there are three million, seven hundred thousand, retail establishments in the United States. Those companies range from very small to giants like Macy's and Nordstrom's. They all have one thing in common. They are all running out of cash rapidly.

But it is not just about the retail establishments. It is about so much more. It is about the cities and states that will no longer receive the retail sales taxes that they desperately need to provide public services. It is about the mall owners that can no longer pay their real estate mortgages. It is about the construction workers that build these locations. It is about the light fixture manufacturers, the lumber suppliers, the steel manufacturers and the accountant and lawyers that support these businesses. Failing retailers like J. Crew will begin a chain reaction that will impact all other aspects of the American economy.

At first, you will notice some empty stores. Your kids will suggest that they are having trouble finding part-time jobs. Next, you'll hear your husband telling you they are laying off some workers at his company and finally the manufacturers and raw material suppliers will reduce their production. It will take many months before the full impact of the retail store closures is felt, creating a series of repeating economic downturns and rising unemployment.

According to the American Bankruptcy Institute, bankruptcy filings increased eighteen percent in the month of April. Law360 reports that a number of major law firms such as Hogen and Lovell are now cross-training lawyers in anticipation of a flood of bankruptcy filings later this year. Several companies, including Microsoft, Berkshire Hathaway, Alphabet and Apple are sitting on more than \$100 billion dollars of cash. That is not the case for hundreds of thousands of other businesses. According to a 2016 study by J.P. Morgan, most businesses are now down to less than twenty days of working capital. Once that cash runs out, the companies will have no choice other than to pursue bankruptcy protection."

Richard Lawless is a career banker and entrepreneur who spent three years investigating the Department of Justice while working with the FBI, U.S. Attorneys, Securities and Exchange Commission, and U.S. intelligence agencies. He is author of Capitol Hill's Criminal Underground.

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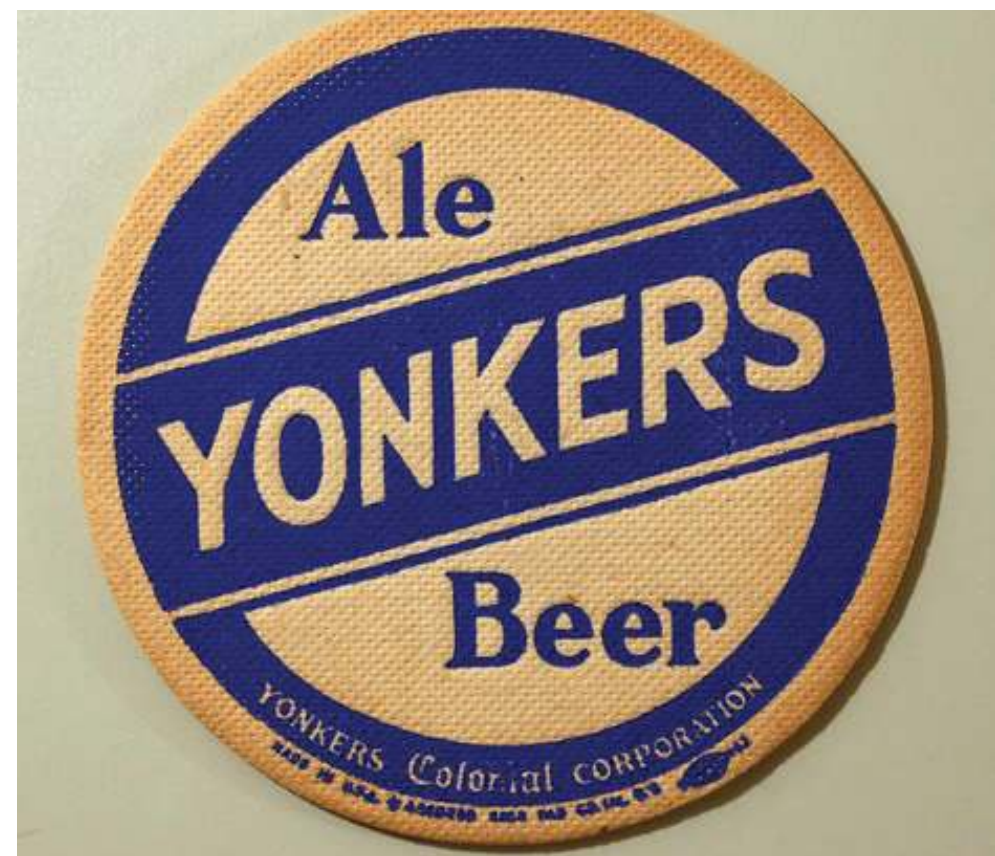
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On This Day In Yonkers History...



By Mary Hoar, President of the Untermyer Performing Arts Council, Yonkers Historical Society President Emerita and recipient of the 2004 Key to History

Monday, May 18th

May 18, 1893: An early morning fire destroyed the Yonkers Hat Manufacturing building on James Street; the corporation was run by Belknap & Company. Because of the expensive machinery in the building, the loss was estimated to be \$100,000, and 400 employees were temporarily out of work. Although the building was demolished, the loss was covered by insurance. The company, a 24-hour-a-day operation, announced that they would be back in business as soon as possible.

May 18, 1933: Bryn Mawr Park residents filed a \$5000 damage suit against the Yonkers Electric Company, The City of Yonkers and the Corporation Counsel's Office over the construction of high tension towers near their neighborhood. All three respondents were served the papers simultaneously to maximize the impact of the lawsuit.

May 18, 1939: Edie Realty Company, owners of property on Chicken Island, announced they had leased its property to be part of the largest parking project ever created in Yonkers, a project to be operated by "private interests."

Tuesday, May 19th

May 19, 1923: The Common Council authorized the sale of 386,000 bricks that have been stacked for three years on the Saunders Wharf. Originally purchased to build a stable and garage, a plan that fell through, the city ended up being stuck with a brickyard's worth of stock.

May 19, 1933: Mayer Joseph Loehr was called to an emergency Washington DC conference. This symposium was for mayors of all leading cities, with the hope this would speed passage of legislation providing immediate credit relief for the debt-stricken cities in the country.

May 19, 1943: Yonkers honored Valentine Lane's Maurice Mayer for his more than 4000 hours of volunteer service for the war effort, naming him the "Outstanding Yonkers Volunteer." Mayer served as manager of Yonkers' Fuel Office of the War Price and Rationing Board.

Wednesday, May 20th

May 20, 1918: Countess Laura Blackwell Turczynowicz addressed more than 800 people at the YMCA, and spoke about her experiences in Poland during the German occupation. A Canadian opera singer who married a Polish Count, she was trapped when German General von Hindenburg took over her family home in Poland. She escaped on an American Passport, and never saw her husband again.

May 20, 1942: School Trustee Edna Capewell enrolled in the National Defense Aviation Manufacturing School; although she had never handled tools, she had to meet the school standards before she was able to enroll. Her classes ran from 7:30 AM to 4 PM five days a week.

May 20, 1953: Yonkers shortwave radio owners listened to Mrs. Robert McClure, wife of the former City Planning Board Member, broadcast from Ankara, Turkey! The program described Turkish folk music and dance being studied by the Turkish-American Women's Cultural Society. McClure was one of the leaders of the organization, founded to bring together Turkish and American women living in Ankara. The society planned to broadcast programs monthly.

Thursday, May 21st

May 21, 1907: Yonkers Civil War Veterans announce their claim to the "youngest soldier yet," with the release of the name of George Hendrickson. Hendrickson was only 14 when he enlisted in Yonkers on September 3, 1862, to fight in the war.

March 21, 1946: Although Gorton High School had a complete set up to teach aviation courses, including a plane and engines, the course was scheduled to be transferred to Yonkers High School. A similar course had been taught at Roosevelt, but its teachers had been called into the service. There were not enough interested students at either Gorton or Roosevelt to continue the course.

Friday, May 22nd

May 22, 1950: Because of the Common Council resolution asking the City Manager to consider allowing fishing in the Grassy Sprain Reservoir, City Manager Wagner sent a letter to the Council advising against it. An investigation done in 1949 by W. H. Larkin, the Regional Engineer for the NYS Health Department, concluded it was "inadvisable to stock this reservoir with fish or take any action to invite fishermen to the vicinity of the reservoir." Larkin stated the Waterway was vital to our water supply, and advised Yonkers should "preserve the safe character of the water supply and keep it as free as possible from pollution." The only alternative was to build an expensive filtration plant to purify the water; at that time, only chlorine was added to decontaminate the reservoir.

May 22, 1950: The Yonkers City March was introduced at the "I Am An American Day" ceremonies held at Larkin Plaza. The March, composed by Frank Alfidi, with lyrics written by Somerville Place's Tony Labriola, was to be the subject of a resolution introduced by Mayer Kristensen to formally adopt it two days later. The day of the vote, Alfidi and Eugene Ettore performed the tune on accordions for the Council. Labriola was a well known actor, not only for performing on the Ken Murray CBS TV Show, he also was appearing nightly at the Roxy Theatre in New York.

Saturday, May 23rd

May 23, 1923: Reverend Larned and his assistant Reverend Langstaff officiated at an unusual United Veterans Memorial service: veterans of the Civil War, Spanish American war and World War I, including men who served with our allies, gathered at Saint John's Episcopal Church in Getty Square for the program.

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Bicycle Sundays & Muscoot Farmers Market Open

Some Say Its Too Soon



a family safely attending Bicycle Sunday 2020

By Dan Murphy

Over the past two Sundays, Westchester residents have had the opportunity to enjoy Bicycle Sundays, a tradition where the Bronx River Parkway is closed to auto traffic from White Plains to Scarsdale. All of Westchester's, 9x county golf courses are now open, and this Sat-Sun? Muscoot Farm will hold its Farmer's Market for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic hit Westchester, our state and our nation.

For most of us who have been complying with Stay at Home orders and wearing our masks whenever we go out, the news that in some way, we are trying to slowly re-open our county is welcome news. Westchester County Executive George Latimer explained that his administration is taking "a reasonable approach to open what we can and still maintain social distancing."

"I traveled up and down the route for bicycle Sunday, and I found that most bikers were wearing masks, and complying with social distancing. When you ride a bike, you don't get close to someone, and we have no bicycle clubs participating. All of our golf courses are now open, but we are not allowing basketball or football where you can't socially distance. This is a very moderate and sensible approach. We need to maintain some semblance of reality by opening some things. This is a middle of the road strategy," said Latimer.

But there are some Westchester residents who believe that its too early to re-open almost any part of our county. Greenburgh Supervisor Paul Feiner has been vocal about not opening yet. "Last week the Greenburgh Medical Advisory Committee made up of local Greenburgh Doctors unanimously recommended that the county postpone Bicycle Sunday's. The concern: Cyclists wouldn't practice social distancing and some people without masks could infect others. They were right."

"I rode on side roads and took photo of cyclists biking at different locations off of the parkway. Based on my personal observations there were significant incidents of failure to socially distance and I estimated that 15-20% of the cyclists did not wear masks. On Main Street in White Plains the county police required bicyclists to stop every few minutes so cars could drive on Main Street into White Plains. If a bicyclist was forced to stop social distancing is impossible. "

"I worry - if even a small segment of cyclists infect others when participating in Bicycle Sunday's - there is a great risk that some people can get sick or even die. That's why we close schools, businesses, restaurants, cancel proms, work from home. I love Bicycle Sunday's. And, came up with the idea over 46 years ago. I think holding this event during a pandemic sends mixed messages to the community that the pandemic is over. Most people who participated in Bicycle Sunday's had a fantastic time. I hope some don't get sick," writes Feiner.

Before the first Bicycle Sunday of 2020, the Greenburgh Medical Advisory Committee wrote to Westchester County, and referenced two studies.

A study published in March 2020 in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that, under some conditions, virus-laden droplets can travel up to 26 feet. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2763852> "There is no virtual wall at the 3 to 6 feet distance," said the study's author Professor Bourouiba of MIT.

There is an April 2020 Belgium-Dutch study that suggests that 6 feet of separation falls far short of what is safe when people are walking for exercise, running or cycling because of what is called the "slipstream" effect, the stream of air driven back by a person walking, running or biking. <https://medium.com/@jurgenthoelen/belgian-dutch-study-why-in-times-of-covid-19-you-can-not-walk-run-bike-close-to-each-other-a5df19c77d08>

Latimer spoke generally to this reporter about "undue fear. It's easy to sensationalize. My whole purpose in opening up is there are things that you can do safely. There are sacrifices involved but you have to have freedom. It's always a balance. If the situation does get out of control, then we will shut it down."

Latimer said that in general, the residents of Westchester are "being good and using common sense. There is more and more compliance with social distancing and wearing a mask, but some people are stubborn. We are not going to be the behavior police."

Recently, Latimer went to Greenburgh to meet with faith leaders and hand out masks donated by Hanes. "If you want to help the problem in your own town, this is how you do it. I'm doing my job for everyone in all of Westchester.

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Pandemic Prayer

By Ann Muro

There is a pandemic out there
 That leaves many so depressed
 And now it is our trust in God
 That we must put to the test
 Anxiety, fear and hopelessness
 Can be quickly swept away
 When we live in faith and trust
 While thanking God each day
 It is with love and gratitude
 That we thank the Lord in prayer
 "Thank you Lord for loving us
 and for always being there"

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CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS
 PUBLIC HEARINGS
 2020/2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

I, Mike Khader, City Council President of the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on the proposed 2020/21 City of Yonkers Capital, Operating and Grant Budgets as follows:

Electronically Remote Due to COVID-19 Pandemic
 This meeting is being conducted in accordance with executive order 202.1

Thursday, May 14, 2020 & Tuesday, May 19, 2020
 7:00 p.m. 7:00pm

Please be advised that this meeting will be held "remotely" due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and will be available to the public on the following platforms:

TV
 Optimum Channel 78
 Verizon Channel 39

City of Yonkers Website
<https://www.yonkersny.gov/>

Facebook Live
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Anyone wishing to comment may use the following methods:

IF YOU WISH TO SEND VIA MAIL
 City Clerk's office
 40 South Broadway Suite107
 Yonkers, NY 10701

Via E-mail
 City's Clerk's office at
cityclerk@yonkersny.gov

Or Call 914-327-1846.

Comments will be received until noon the day of the Public Hearing.

MIKE KHADER
 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dated: May 6, 2020

City of Yonkers
 Summary of FY20-21 Executive Budget

Revenues
 Property Taxes: \$393,732,589
 Special Taxes: \$181,364,568
 State and Federal Funding: \$108,778,272
 City Departments: \$43,109,969
 Other Revenues: \$46,281,692
 Appropriated Fund Balance (General): \$33,021,887

Total Revenues Sub-Total: \$806,288,977

Library Fund: \$555,952
 Water Fund: \$47,354,804
 Sewer Fund: \$11,219,832
 Board of Education: \$371,605,457

Total Revenues: \$1,237,025,022

Expenditures
 City Departments: \$336,564,807
 Fringe Benefits: \$174,707,395
 Special Items: \$30,285,925
 Board of Education: \$613,238,420
 Total Operating Expenditures: \$1,154,796,547
 Debt Service: \$82,228,475

Total Expenditures: \$1,237,025,022

Revenues vs. Expenditures: -0-

Property Tax Levy
 Board of Education Property Tax Levy: \$251,001,891
 City Property Tax Levy: \$142,730,698
 Total Property Tax Levy: \$393,732,589

Property Tax Rate per \$1000 of Assessed Valuation (AV)
 Board of Education Tax Rate: \$545.70 per \$1,000 AV
 City Tax Rate: \$310.63 per \$1,000 AV
 Tax Rate: \$856.33 per \$1,000 AV

Capital Budget
 City Total: \$29,465,119
 Board of Education Total: \$34,300,000
 Total: \$63,765,119

The FY21 Executive Budget is available for review by the public at:
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Reopening Westchester, continued from pg 5

The debate between Latimer and Feiner is happening all over our country, and there is no right or wrong answer. Perhaps, the county police can listen to Feiner's recommendation about not having to stop at stop lights along the Bronx River Parkway.

Other than that suggestion, those who are fearful of opening up too early also should recognize the other part of the Pandemic: The inability for all of us to function in a normal way, which leads to depression and anxiety, and not having other illnesses treated, and the increased use of alcohol and drugs. But in the end, the decision is up to each one of us. This weekend, I will be attending the Muscoot Famer's Market with my daughter, and hopefully will be golfing soon.

Below is the release from Muscoot. Check online for tickets before you go, many of the tickets are already taken.

Weekly Farmers Market Returns to Muscoot Farm

Registration required in order to comply with social distancing. You can support local farmers and sustainability and enjoy a day at the farm, following social distance guidelines, during the weekly Muscoot Farm Farmers Market, starting Sunday, May 17, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Westchester County Executive George Latimer has announced.

Advance registration is required at westchestercountyparks.eventbrite.com. County Executive Latimer said: "The Farmers Market at Muscoot has been a favorite destination for Westchester residents over the years. It's a great way to support local farmers and food producers and an opportunity to buy some great fresh foods. Our Parks Department has put in place several procedures that will make a trip to the market enjoyable while assuring social distancing."

The day will be divided into six, 45-minute blocks where 30 people maximum will be allowed to shop at one time in order to maintain safe social distancing. Additional rules: Masks and gloves must be worn at all times, verification of registration (print out or phone) must be shown upon arrival, shopping time is limited to 30 minutes, though 20 minutes is encouraged. There will be one-way circulation through the market, and credit/debit card or contactless form of payment preferred; bring cash as alternative. Arrive no earlier than 10 minutes before your scheduled time. Event is rain or shine. The market will be held every Sunday through Nov. 22. Admission is free. For details, call Muscoot at (914)-864-7283. Muscoot Farm is located on Route 100 in Somers.

Yonkers History, continued from pg 5--

May 23, 1933:

An unnamed Yonkers beer lover was unhappy with his glass of beer, and did not think he was getting his money's worth. He took a sample to City Hall to be tested; the analysis revealed he was right! Instead of being 3.2% alcohol, it only was 2.36% alcohol by weight.

May 23, 1942: Cameo Curtains on John Street was awarded a large government contract to manufacture mosquito bars for the Army. The contract was so big, Cameo would have to hire 100 more machine operators and work two shifts until 1943.

Sunday, May 24th

May 24, 1920: The Common Counsel gave Captain Charles Pease, Groschen Avenue, permission to dock the steamboats Daisy and Winthrop at the City Pier during the summer. Pease planned to start a regular service between the Palisades interstate Park and Yonkers.

May 24, 1943: Fifth-eight employees of the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company completed the job methods training course given by the Training with Industry Division of the War Manpower Commission; the purpose of the training was to help workers produce more quality products in a shorter time.

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and our upcoming events, please visit our Facebook pages. For information on membership in the Yonkers Historical Society, please call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com.

Mayer, SHARE Act, continued from pg 3--

Senator Stavisky, Chair of the Senate Higher Education Committee, said, "Education, from pre-K to college, has been underfunded for many years. As a result of the pandemic, education will be facing unprecedented challenges. This legislation will mitigate its fiscal effect. We cannot forget the young men and women fighting to earn their degree and improve the future for themselves, their families, and their communities.

"We cannot fail our next generation of young professionals and entrepreneurs, and we must ask those capable of helping our public education system get back on its feet to do so."

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Schoen, continued from pg 3-

Startling numbers the other day. 60% of the people who got Coronavirus were not out and about in contact with others who had the virus but were simply sitting at home as the government told us to do. Which leads me to believe what I have been saying all along. For your psychological as well as physical health you need to get fresh air everyday, exercise to the best of your ability and breath fresh air into those lungs.

When you are in bed in the hospital don't they encourage you if you can to get out of bed and move around so you won't catch pneumonia? I'm no medical doctor but I do believe the same is true if you are sitting in the house and not moving around and either going out of the house for fresh air or opening those windows wide to let the fresh air in

How can a store like Target which is allowed to stay open as they sell pharmacy items and fresh food stay open without any problems but we fear opening Macy's would cause a Coronavirus outbreak. They limit the people they let in the store, monitor the people going to cashiers who have plexiglass covering them, big signs encouraging social distancing, clean bathrooms, someone wiping down the carts after each use and associates throughout the store to help you and gently remind you if you are not following the rules.

Reopening New York State and America is going to take a lot of hard work and thought. Things will have to change. Washing hands? First thing we are taught in school. But I see many people still not doing it.

We've come so far. Let's put our thinking caps on guided by the medical professionals and we will overcome COVID 19. We are New Yorkers. We are Americans. Very Smart, savvy people.

It's up to you!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistoisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

Yonkers COVID and Budget Update- continued from pg 1--

answered by the State Education Department soon.

Spano then commented on the upcoming Yonkers budget, which remains unresolved. That is because Governor Andrew Cuomo has warned of a 20% cut to funding for Yonkers and the YPS if NY state doesn't get a bailout from Washington DC. And in Washington, the debate over whether to provide that funding to New York continues, with the House of Representative passing a \$3 Trillion bailout -stimulus that includes billions for NY State.

But that bill has not gone to the US Senate, where Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has stated before that there will be no "Blue State Bailouts," and President Donald Trump has also said that he does not support COVID relief directly to New York government.

"The virus has definitely played a role in our budget, and in every short-fall imaginable, including your paychecks," said Spano. "We have a potential for significant cuts because of the State budget and we don't have the ability to close them."

What Spano meant that devastating cuts will have to be made to both the YPS and City government to close what could be \$80 Million in less State Aid to Yonkers. The Mayor presented a budget to the City Council last month that has a 2% property tax increase, and has a \$21 budget gap in the YPS. But that budget relies on Yonkers receiving State Aid that may not be there. At least another week is needed to find out what happens in Albany, and Washington. "This is a fluid state budget, its not done and a lot has to happen between now and June 1," said Spano.

#Cancel Rent--continued from pg 1--

Development, (HUD) would pay back some landlords through a relief fund and a separate relief fund would be set up for some lenders. We stipulate "some landlords" and "some lenders" because not everyone gets bailed out from Uncle Sam.

Both relief funds will reimburse landlords and lenders for lost rent and mortgage payments. Without taking a deeper dive into who will pay for this relief fund, (my daughter and your children and grandchildren because we are printing money and borrowing all of this "stimulus spending), there is a stipulation in Omar's bill for landlords and lenders. They must agree to fair renting and lending practices for five years.

And if a landlord can't afford to provide free rent in anticipation of a Federal relief program, Omar wants to create an affordable housing fund to buy the rental properties and create affordable housing.

Here in New York, Governor Andrew Cuomo expanded the eviction moratorium from June 20 to August 20. Landlord groups, like the Under the Roof coalition, say that many landlords are small businesses, or mom and pop investors, who need rent money to pay their bills.

Landlords need to pay their staff, (porters, superintendents) and pay their utilities and property taxes, and most landlords have mortgage payments as well. One landlord in Yonkers that we know told us, "I have to pay for my employees because they have rent to pay and a family to feed. I have water bills and sewer bills and utilities to pay every month to make sure that my building is safe and clean for my tenants. And what about my renters who can't afford to pay their rent? Should they have their rent cancelled as well?"

The lenders that Omar refers to in her bill are mostly banks. We bailed out the banks in the financial crisis of 2008, which went on until 2010 and was much less of an economic crisis than the one before us.

But many progressives did not agree with the decision back then to "bail out the banks," and if mortgage payments are delayed along with rent payments, won't the banks be seeking the same type of relief?

Even in Senator McConnell's home state of Kentucky, the #CancelRent movement is gaining ground. "instead of bailing out cruise line companies you need to be putting your focus and priority making sure Americans have the ability to stay in their homes. You need to put resources towards housing," said Eric Dunn, from the National Housing Law Project.

One proposal that makes some sense for mortgage payments would be for banks to move three months of mortgage payments due now to the end of the loan, which would just extend the length of the mortgage. But how can this be done on a rental apartment lease?

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