

# Yonkers Rising

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May 8, 2020

## Metered Parking Relaxed



Yonkers parking restrictions at meters will now be enforced between the hours of 10am-6pm, and alternative side of the street parking regulations will remain suspended. The changes were made as part of a compromise between Mayor Mike Spano and members of the Yonkers City Council.

Some members of the City Council, and the public, wanted the city to completely stop enforcing metered parking. But the reality of doing that, which would have added to the City's financial woes (a \$13 million loss).

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## Made in Yonkers Hand Sanitizer

### Distillery Makes Donations to Seniors and to Public for sale



David Nahmias, owner of Nahmias Distillery, displays a 16 ounce and a gallon size hand sanitizer bottles, both produced at his Nahmias et Fils Distillery in Yonkers with 80% ethanol alcohol © 2020 Robert Kalfus

By Dan Murphy

Last month, we reported on the Nahmias Distillery in Yonkers, and how they were undergoing a transformation from making alcohol to making hand sanitizer. The change in production is now completed and owners David and Dorit Nahmias are selling hand sanitizer and, with support by Yonkers businessman Sid Blauner, bottles will be donated to local nursing homes and to volunteers. Former City Council President Chuck Lesnick invested in the distillery through the Federal Opportunity Zone Program.

The first bottles of hand sanitizer, which come in 16 oz, and a gallon bottles-128 oz., are made pursuant to the World Health Organization standards, and are 80 per cent ethanol. Instead of having to layoff their employees, the Nahmias family and their employees are now working on brewing up hand sanitizer.

They now can be purchased at Stew Leonard's, or you can visit Nahmias et Fils products web site at [www.NahmiasEtFils.com](http://www.NahmiasEtFils.com), or by calling (646) 644-42.. Products can be shipped, or pickup at the Distillery can be arranged. Both bottles are reasonably priced, 16 oz for \$12.00 and one gallon for \$60—for 128 oz. The distillery is located at 1900 Saw Mill River Road in Yonkers, but call first before your arrival.

## Help Save the Dogs! Page 3



<https://www.gofundme.com/f/1vm84jgbyo>

## Grassy Sprain Pharmacy Help Yonkers Bravest & Finest



Mayor Mike Spano, with owners and staff at Grassy Sprain Pharmacy, with donations to YPD & YFD-photo by Maurice Mercado

Members of the Yonkers Police and Fire Departments gathered at the Grassy Sprain Pharmacy to say thank you to owners Daniel Molino and Anthony Ciarletta for donating over a thousand bottles of hand sanitizer for Yonkers Bravest & Finest.

"We are very proud to help support our First Responders by donating over 1,000 bottles of hand sanitizer!! Thank you to The Yonkers Police Dept & Yonkers Firefighters for keeping us all safe," said Ciarletta.

Mayor Mike Spano also thanked Michael Mosiello, Director of the Office of Emergency Management for coordinating this effort. "The tremendous outpouring of support from residents and local businesses is another example of how we are #YonkersStrong," said Spano.

Grassy Sprain Pharmacy recently celebrated its 70th anniversary, first opening in 1949. They are located at 640 Tuckahoe Road and are one of the few businesses that are open in Yonkers during the pandemic.

We thank the employees at this pharmacy, and supermarkets, for serving us and staying open. Visit them online at [www.grassysprainpharmacy.com](http://www.grassysprainpharmacy.com), or by calling 877 947 2779. Delivery service is available.

## Blue Door Art Gallery Presents "Faces" Portraits



'I See Nothing', by artist Greg Beise

The Blue Door Art Gallery in Yonkers, is presenting "Faces" Portraits, Curated by Luis Perleman and Julie Cousens, with Exhibition Dates: May 1 - June 1, 2020. The online, virtual exhibition features over 50 Westchester based artists.

"At this time, it is more important than ever to recognize the humanity in each other as well as the dependency we have on one another. These portraits give us a peak through the artists eyes of how they see the world and give us new ways of seeing ourselves.

"The Blue Door Art Center wants to be there for you during this stressful time with food for your soul. Tonight, pour yourself a glass of wine or your favorite beverage, play some music, (shoes are optional) and click through to our virtual exhibition. Explore our website for our additional online offerings such as poetry workshops, children's art workshops and more. Enjoy! Thank you to our participating artists, members, sponsors, volunteers and staff, this is not possible without you. Donations are always welcome," write Blue Door.

Featuring Artists include, Les Von Losberg, Robyne Cohen, Kallin M. Brown, Russell Evans Julie Cousens, David Humphrey, Caitlin Teague, Lisa Oswald, Lisa Marum, Peter Casini, Elijah Goodwin, Bob Clyatt, Aria Luna. Robyne Cohen, Doris Cordero, David Rabinowitz, Karen Sokol, Mitchell Visoky, Victoria Marin, Ysabella Hincapié-Gara, Diane Cherr, Lily Schor, Donna Faranda, Devon Smillie, Dorothy Cancellieri, Anne Price, Jonathan Lessuck, Sharon Krinsky Dan Sciacca, Allison Belolan, Anne Price, Connie Freid, Glenn Lieberman, Sylvia Vigliani, Murali Mani, Juan Pablo Rivera, Rose Materdomini, Nan Cao, Greg Beise, Maria Daboin, Pat Slaven, Richard Bonomo, Felicia Atanasio, Maxwell Bauman, Susan Falcon-Hargraves Steven Levine, Vanetta Wingster, Dave Steck, And more...

Visit <https://bluedoorartcenter.org/gallery/faces-portraits>. to view the exhibit.

## Hanes Donates 300,000 Masks-PPE to Westchester



County Executive George Latimer, with County Legislator Catherine Parker and Mamaroneck Supervisor Nancy Seligson with donated PPE

Hanes Brands, the makers of men's underwear for generations, joined the fight against the Coronavirus by switching their manufacturing to making masks and other PPE's. Recently, Hanes gave Westchester County 300,000 masks and PPE's, with County Executive George Latimer and County Legislators traveling across the county to hand them out.

"We are proud to be here to drop off these cloth masks thanks to the generosity of Hanes and efforts of New York State. We are happy to be in different parts of the County, with our masks on, to deliver these for communities to use as needed," said Latimer.

"This generous donation is being used to make us all a little bit safer. These deliveries are just one part of our strategy to reduce the spread here in Westchester. The masks were made possible by Hanes Brands Inc. and the work of the State of New York. All communities in Westchester will benefit from these donations. We are happy to be here to deliver in person and show the County is trying to be a good partner to our Towns, Villages and Cities."

Latimer said every community will get a minimum of 3500-5000 masks with additional supplies going to larger communities like Yonkers, White Plains and Mount Vernon.

Hanes, one of the prime manufacturers of male underwear, offered to begin making PPE at the start of the crisis. The company donated 300,000 units to hard-hit Westchester trusting the county to distribute them to 43 different municipal jurisdictions.

The masks come in boxes of 3500 each, but once unpacked have a white cotton familiar look and feel. Most Westchester communities are giving out the masks to first responders, seniors, and employees who are still at work during the Covid 19 emergency.

County Executive Latimer also accepted a donation of 30,000 masks and other PPE from the American Chinese United Care Alliance, (ACUC). Latimer accepted the donation at the County Department of Emergency Services (DES) Building in Valhalla. The donation included masks, hand sanitizers and surgical gowns, from the ACUC and its membership donors. Donations are to be distributed to city organizations and hospitals that are

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## When Will the Mall Open?

When will City Hall & City Council re-open ?



American retailer Macy's announced that it will begin to re-open its stores across the country this week and will reopen all of its stores by the end of June. A similar announcement was made by mall operator Simon Properties, whose portfolio includes The Westchester in White Plains.

Due to the Coronavirus, the retail experience shoppers will find when Macy's opens in the Cross County Mall in Yonkers, or at the Jefferson Valley Mall in Yorktown, will be much different than before COVID-19.

All employees will be wearing the same, company issued mask. Trying on clothing will be extremely limited or stopped, and most of the retail sales portion of showcasing items behind the counter, like perfumes or jewelry, will now be done in a different way.

Macy's is expecting that only 20% of shoppers will return to its stores, and to the mall at first. Mall owners will try to enforce six feet apart social distancing, install a plastic barrier at its cash registers, and provide hand sanitizers throughout.

Access to and usage of the foodcourt and rest rooms will also include social distancing, and other parts of the old mall experience, like a kids play area and water fountains, will not return. Neither Macy's nor Simon Properties have decided whether shoppers will be required to wear a mask, but both did say that their decision to open in New York will be based on the guidelines and decisions of the Governor.

The question remains, can older retailers like Macy's survive COVID-19 when prior to the pandemic, their sales were already sinking? And will shoppers in Westchester return to their prior shopping habits, or even return to their local mall for some window shopping?

Another question not unique to Yonkers, is when should your local government re-open their City Hall? Members of the City Council recently debated whether they should hold their budget hearing and meeting back in the council chambers, or continue to hold them online.

Yonkers Rising recently received the following letter to the editor concerning this topic.

Dear Mr. Murphy, The Hyatt Community Association has served the citizens and taxpayers of the southeast quadrant of Yonkers since 1988. Please accept the following comments.

While important decisions still have to be made in Yonkers during the social distancing phase of our National Recovery, I feel that many will be disenfranchised by the requirement that meetings be entirely virtual. The Yonkers Budget for 2021 is shaping up to be very painful for the City taxpayers and employees alike. Many seniors on fixed incomes, after surviving the pandemic, will now have to figure out how to pay anticipated higher taxes to fill gaping holes in the budget. They are the ones least likely to simply "log in" to virtual meetings and negotiate their way through the comment process.---continued on pg 7--



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## Nurse Passes Away from Covid 19-Friend Needs Help Keeping Promise to Care for Dogs



This week, we received a heart-warming letter from Angie, who lives in Yonkers.

“Dear community, I need your help please. My friend Teresa saved many lives as a nurse in New York. On April 8, 2020 morning she passed away due to suffering several days with pneumonia. She lived alone with her four precious dogs who were like her children.

Before being taken to Lawrence hospital, she asked me if I can take care of her dogs if anything happens to her. I said I promise because my love for animals is tremendous. I have 8 dogs at home myself and 4 small animals. It is very hard for me to take care of all and provide for them with essential pet needs.

My promise to Teresa before her passing gives me calmness because I know she left calm herself knowing I am with her children. This was so unexpected and from my heart I ask for your help. I know it is difficult during these times but I do not want to put her dogs in an animal shelter.

Any amount helps for their vaccines, food, pet pads and grooming. Thank you for your consideration,” writes Angie

After we told Angie that we would highlight her request, she wrote back, “I feel very excited for the light that you are giving me, and in helping me care for the dogs and for the promise I made to my friend.”

Thank you Angie for doing some good during a difficult time. Our readers can help by visiting her GoFundMe page at:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/1vm84jgbyo>

## Child Care Council Receives First-Responders Essential Workers Grant

The Child Care Council of Westchester (CCCW) has announced the creation of the CCCW First Responders and Essential Workers Child Care Scholarship Fund for Westchester first responders and essential workers who are working during this pandemic and need help paying for child care. “Westchester's first responders and essential workers shouldn't be over-burdened by child care costs as they work to serve and protect others during this emergency,” said Kathy Halas, Executive Director of the Child Care Council of Westchester. ”

To be eligible for the CCCW First Responders and Essential Workers Scholarship, a parent must reside in Westchester County, be a first responder/essential employee working outside the home, and have a gross household income below 85% of NYS State Median Income (\$55,453 for a family of two, \$68,501 for a family of three, \$81,549 for a family of four, \$94,597 for a family of five, and \$107,645 for a family of six).

Applications are being accepted now and most are reviewed within three days. For those who are approved, payments up to the NYS Market Rates for Westchester will be made directly to child care providers, typically within a week of submitting the paperwork. The scholarship is renewable on a week-to-week basis based on availability of funds and other criteria. The application and additional details can be found here: <https://www.childcarewestchester.org/services/parents/paying-for-care>.

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## Some Things to Be Thankful For

By Eric W. Schoen



Mother's Day is upon us. It's hard to believe that 2 months ago, I was in my water aerobics class at New York Sports Club. Riding the recumbent bicycle 5 miles a day AT the gym. Doing various stretches to help my back and knees. Feeling pretty good.

Now when I wake up in the morning, I have to figure out what day it is. Biking has been replaced with long 40 minute walks around Tibbetts Brook Park. Stretching my back using the banisters leading up to the beautiful, empty soccer fields at the park. Using various objects (posts, brick edging) basically anything I can find to assist in stretching.

Am I getting the same results? I miss the gym and so does my back. But hey, I'm alive and kicking unlike many friends and neighbors and family members with lives ravaged by the Coronavirus. And sadly, a glance of the obituary column brings to mind people who I knew or know or I am acquainted with there family members who have died. Facebook postings bring to mind so many who have left us, usually the parent of a friend from grade school, high school or college.

I'm troubled in New York by the deaths in nursing homes of patients ordered by the New York State Health Department (which is responsible to New York Governor Andrew Cuomo) to return to these nursing homes after a positive Coronavirus diagnosis even if they have no symptoms. Every day the number of deaths at Nursing homes from the Coronavirus changes. On Tuesday it went up another 1700.

Is there some reason why we can't get accurate numbers of those who are dying from the Coronavirus? I can see a one day lag because yes, the facilities are busy. Which leads me to the first thing I am thankful for.

It was announced that Westchester County will be testing all nursing home patients for Covid 19. Smart move County Executive George Latimer. If patients test positive they should be isolated or moved to a facility where they are not among the general population. Like the hospital setup at Westchester County Center. We are not using this facility so let's keep our older population healthy and isolated from those who are ill or have the virus in nursing homes.

Earlier this week it was announced that the daily number of deaths in the county Coronavirus related had dropped down to 20. Since the outbreak started over 1000 people have died in 2 months. Any death is not good, but the drop in deaths shows we are doing what we are supposed be doing: social distancing, washing our hands, staying home and eating healthy foods and taking our vitamins.

Active Coronavirus cases in Westchester have dropped from 10,000 on April 18 to 5741 this week. 100,000 people in Westchester have been tested, 10% of the county population giving our researchers critical information so that they can learn about this virus and hopefully come up with a cure. All good news.

Mount Hope Cemetery which initially closed its gates to visitors has opened them. At first it was just on Sundays but now it is 7 days a week, Mother's Day, Father's Day and Memorial Day included. Many people run, walk or job around the cemeteries because of the peace and quiet. But please, leave your dogs at home. Thank you!

Last weekend was beautiful and our county parks and golf course were wide open for all to enjoy. Let's not forget social distancing rules and the particular regulations for the facility you are using. Don't be a pig. Clean up after you and your family have enjoyed the park!

This is Teacher Recognition Week. I am sure we can all name teachers who had a profound influence in our lives. Bob Dodson and Joe Farmer, two Principals who gave me the encouragement to engage in civic activities

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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 Budget 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 & Monday, May 18, 2020  
7:00 p.m. 3:00pm

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  
"The City of Yonkers"

Anyone wishing to speak may sign up by emailing the Yonkers City's Clerk's office at [cityclerk@yonkersny.org](mailto:cityclerk@yonkersny.org) 24 hours before the public hearing.

Each speaker shall be permitted three minutes and speakers shall be called in the order in which they have signed up.

**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:  
The Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers NY 10701  
<https://www.yonkersny.gov/government/departments/finance/city-budget-2021-executive>

# Happy Mothers Day !

'That Day in May'  
A Poem By Ann Muro

EACH YEAR THERE COMES THAT  
SPECIAL DAY

ALWAYS IN THE MONTH OF MAY

IT'S FOR THE MOTHER WE HOLD DEAR

ALTHOUGH FOR SOME IT BRINGS A TEAR

THOUGH SHE'S BEEN GONE NOW  
FOR A WHILE

WE NEVER WILL FORGET HER SMILE

WE MISS HER OH SO VERY MUCH

HER WARM EMBRACE AND LOVING TOUCH

IF SHE WERE HERE NOW SHE WOULD SAY

"PLEASE ENJOY THAT DAY IN MAY  
FOR NOTHING CAN KEEP US APART  
MY LOVE FOR YOU LIVES IN YOUR  
HEART...."

## Westchester to receive \$1 Million in Nourish New York Food initiative

The New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and Department of Health provided additional details on the distribution of the \$25 million Nourish New York initiative, as announced yesterday by Governor Cuomo.

Funding will be allocated regionally and based on need, from the State's special public health emergency fund, for food banks and emergency food providers across the state. The Nourish New York initiative, launched by the Governor on Monday, is working to quickly reroute New York's surplus agricultural products to the populations who need them most through New York's network of food banks. Instead of having up-state dairy farmers dumping their milk, which is usually sold and used in schools, the dairy products will be sent to food banks across the state.

Westchester will receive \$985,605. State Agriculture Commissioner Richard A. Ball said, "Nourish New York will be a lifeline for our families and our farmers who have been struggling with changes brought on by COVID-19. The agricultural industry has continued to give back to New York communities during this time; however, they have seen devastating losses financially as a result of lost markets, such as schools and restaurants. I am grateful to the Governor and to the entire Nourish New York team for launching this critical program that will help people who are food insecure to access the nourishment that they need while providing much-needed relief for our farmers."

Through Nourish New York, the State is providing funding to New York food banks so they can purchase excess products, such as fruits and vegetables, from New York farmers and surplus dairy products from New York dairy manufacturers, to distribute directly to communities. Food banks are expected to receive funding and begin purchasing this week.

Emergency food providers can spend the money allocated to them by doing any of the following: Setting up food-drive through events/give-aways (guidance available here); Distributing dairy vouchers that can be redeemed in grocery stores for products like cheese, yogurt, milk, sour cream, and butter, throughout the state, and/or; Purchasing products directly from New York dairy/food manufacturers for their feeding programs.

The majority of the funding will be used to purchase dairy products. Food banks and other emergency food providers will work with New York's dairy processing partners—Cabot Cheese, Chobani, Dairy Farmers of America, HP Hood, Upstate Niagara Cooperative Inc., and others—to purchase pre-packaged, consumer-ready products, such as milk, cheese, yogurt, sour cream, and cream cheese. The dairy cooperatives will use excess New York State milk to produce these products and are prepared to increase production to meet the rising demand.

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# No One Should Ever Go Hungry

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Food and Meals are available at the following 1 locations:

**YWCA Food Pantry**  
87 South Broadway  
Wednesdays at 1:00 P.M.

**St Peter-St Denis Church (first-come, first-serve)**  
Riverdale Ave & Ludlow St. Parking Lot  
Tuesdays at 8:30 A.M.

**The Gullotta House (hot meals served)**  
164 Ashburton Avenue  
Tuesdays at 3:45 P.M.

**Feeding Westchester Mobile Food Pantry**

**Schlobohm Housing @ 8 Schroeder Street**  
Tuesday, April 21 from 12:30 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

## County Clerk's Office Keeps Real Estate Records Moving

The Westchester County Clerk's award winning Property records Electronic Portal (PREP) continues to pay huge dividends to the real estate community and county taxpayers during the current Covid-19 pandemic. The system, initiated in 2013 to get fanfare and heightened expectations allows those looking to record vital real estate documents in digitized for, reducing work load, expenses and the common errors the old paper system produced and led to months' long delays. Today the system can a record a document in in less than thirty minutes.

County Clerk Timothy Idoni, who led the efforts to gain state legislation allowing for this system, said, "PREP has led to a much cleaner system of recordation in this vital section of our economy. Hundreds of millions of dollars in real estate transactions, fees and taxes, are processed in record time. And during this pandemic, there's very few reasons to have to come to the office to deliver papers, reducing liabilities for the property owners and insurance companies."

One of the true advantages to the system is the Clerk's staff can identify problems with a submission as soon as it is received and sent back to the submitter electronically, saving time and postage fees for both parties. PREP is not a mandatory system. Those looking to record in paper may continue to do so but submitters still have to put basic information into the system prior to mailing or delivering the documents to the County Clerk's Office. The PREP system will calculate all fees and taxes required in the transaction, allowing for a smother sail through the mandatory review process in the Clerk's office. Idoni was quick to point out that seventy-six percent (76%) of all recorded documents are done so completely through the PREP system.

The Clerk's office continues to work through the pandemic, with the first concern being for the safety of the staff and public, a majority of the staff is working remotely from home. SINCE NOT

All work can be completed remotely, a skeleton crew does go to the office to handle the paper submissions received through the mail. But work has been completed with few delays.

Should anyone have any questions about submitting through the PREP system, one can access more information through the Clerk's website Westchester Clerk.com/land or by emailing to CCLand@westchestergov.com. The Office can be reached by phone at 914-995-3130.

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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



Adriaen Van der Donk, the Founding Father of Yonkers

Monday, May 11th

May 11, 1931: The Directors of the Hollywood Inn voted to dissolve the corporation; they said the jump in their taxes from \$1600-\$8000 was the major factor in the financial crisis the center faced. Started in 1896, the Inn was one of the leading facilities for young men in the country, and was responsible for the success of many of Yonkers sports stars.

May 11, 1941: The City of Yonkers Common Council unanimously adopted Councilman Dennis Cooper's resolution authorizing two week vacations with pay for all sanitation workers on the payroll for one year or more.

Tuesday, May 12th

May 12, 1923: A jammed steam whistle of the National Sugar Refining Company rudely awakened residents of South Yonkers and beyond. The shrill noise continued for several hours until management managed to find an employee that knew how to fix it.

May 12, 1926: After reading in New York papers that Public Safety Commissioner William Van Keuren claimed his resignation was at "his own volition, without any threat or intimidation that he should resign." Mayer William Walsh was irritated. Walsh told the Herald Statesman he sent Special Deputy Louis Van Dyk to give the Commissioner the message to "resign or be fired." Apparently Van Keuren offended the mayor and others when he "promised to make men" of the Yonkers police when hired the previous December.

May 12, 1929: The accurate marksmanship of Yonkers's Motorcycle Patrolman John Yascovic was credited for his saving the life of a six-year-old! The young boy had been attacked and severely bitten by an enraged bulldog.

Wednesday, May 13th

May 13, 1923: A new brewing company, Flynn and Montalto, leased the building at 251 Hawthorne Ave. Yonkers residents Joseph Montalvo and Charles Flynn owned the company, and planned to hire seventy-five workers when production started in July.

May 13, 1943: After learning from Price Administrator Prentiss Brown that gas supplies in the Eastern states had hit an all time low, Yonkers police were put on the alert to look for violators of the pleasure driving ban. Most gas stations were out of gas, but those that had a few gallons left were instructed to only sell them for essential driving.

Thursday, May 14th

May 14, 1856: A very strange fish was caught in the Hudson River off the coast of Yonkers. Four feet long from nose to the tip of its tail, its body shape resembled a toad fish. Its mouth was filled with teeth and was extremely large. When the creature was dissected, they found five full-grown shed, some hardshell crabs and a moderate size terrier. It had two hands, each with four fingers and a thumb, and fins. Some claimed it was a lophus, a creature described by Dr. DeKay, author of The Natural History of New York, and not uncommon to the waters around New York City.

May 14, 1926: The membership of the Lincoln Heights Improvement Association urged a park be built in their community and named after Lewis Sayre Conor, a Yonkers man killed during World War I. Conor had lived at 54 Hancock Avenue.

May 14, 1928: Saint Casimir's Church was formally dedicated by the hierarchy of the New York Archdiocese, including Patrick Cardinal Hayes, before a standing room only crowd. All present paid tribute to the pastor, Reverend Joseph Dworzak.

Friday, May 15th

May 15, 1940: The first day of the auction of artifacts from the collection of the late Samuel and Minnie Untermyer began at 2 PM at Greystone. French and English furniture, tapestries, oriental rugs, Chinese porcelain and jade, Indian miniatures, silver, China and other property were sold. The sale continued for three days.

May 15, 1942: The Herald Statesman presented Betty and Betty Fox and their sensational Dance of Death... on top of the Herald Statesman building! The couple performed 180 feet in the air on an 18 inch stage, using no railings or any type of safety equipment. Dances performed during the four shows included the waltz, foxtrot, Big Apple, rumba, tango, adagio and the "latest dance craze," the jitterbug. Ads for the event publicized the couple as "acclaimed by millions as the most Death Defying act ever preSented anywhere."

Saturday, May 16th

May 16, 1942: The Common Council gave permission to the US Shipbuilding Corporation of Brooklyn to use ten acres of city-owned land to construct buildings for a shipyard. The firm had a contract to build all-welded vessels for the war effort, and expected to hire at least 300 Yonkers workers.

May 16, 1945: Nineteen-year-old Albert Curcio of Glover Avenue was seriously wounded in Germany when he literally caught a Nazi grenade to prevent it from injuring his fellow servicemen. The device exploded, blowing off both his hands. He received a Purple Heart Medal and the Presidential Unit Citation with an Oak Leaf cluster. He also wore the Good Conduct Medal and three battle stars for action at Leipzig, the Rhine and the Ruhr. Before enlisting, he was a ship fitter for the Consolidated Shipbuilding Company of New York.

Sunday, May 17th

May 17, 1653: Adriaen Van der Do Adriaen Van der Donk nk copyrighted "A Description of the New Netherlands," the first book published by a resident of what now is New York State.

May 17, 1931: The York Division of the New York Central Railroad moved into its new station in the First National Bank Building. While its new home was under construction, it had a temporary station at 116 New Main Street. The brand new terminal was in exactly the same location as when the Putnam division first began, December 1888.

May 17, 1941: Striking simultaneously in several areas of Yonkers, police and Immigration Inspectors search for more than 1000 Yonkers residents as part of a nationwide drive to round up aliens here illegally in our country. Of the more than 1000 people questioned, only FOUR WERE ARRESTED.

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## CONTINUED HEARINGS

# 5688 – Extension of Non-Conforming Use & Area Variance – Matthew M. Calvi, Esq., on behalf of Delano Realty Group LLC, owner, on premises known as 31 Harding Avenue, Block: 6230, Lot: 1, Zone: T

# 5689 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Woodycrest Yonkers LLC, owner, on premises known as 41 Woodycrest Avenue, Block: 2207, Lot: 19, Zone: T

# 5690 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of 125 Orchard LLC, owner, on premises known as 125 Orchard Street, Block: 2174, Lot: 101, Zone: A

# 5692 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, Esq., on behalf of The Plant Manor LLC, owner, on premises known as 1097 North Broadway, Block: 3515, Lot: 80, Zone: CA

# 5693 – Area Variance – William S. Null, Esq., on behalf of Parkview Equities, LLC, owner, on premises known as 15 Parkview Avenue, Block: 5652, Lot: 43, Zone: A

# 5695 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Woodycrest Yonkers LLC, owner, on premises known as 45 Woodycrest Avenue, Block: 2207, Lot: 17, Zone: T

# 5696 – Area Variance – Stephen A. Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of CCNA Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 470 Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 2073, Lot: 1, Zone: I

# 5697 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, Esq., on behalf of Point and Ravine LLC, owner, on premises known as 56 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2115, Lot: 5, Zone: A

# 5698 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, Esq., on behalf of Point and Ravine LLC, owner, on premises known as 69 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2114, Lot: 42, Zone: A

# 5699 – Area Variance – Steven A. Accinelli, Esq., on behalf of Point and Ravine LLC, owner, on premises known as 76 Point Street, Block: 2114, Lot: 17, Zone: A

## NEW HEARINGS

# 5700 – Area Variance & Improvement to a Non-Conforming Use – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Eglantina Kimbullaj, owner, on premises known as 50 Bainton Street, Block: 6161, Lot: 12, Zone: S-50

# 5701 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of CW Highridge Plaza LLC, owner, and Achieve Martial Arts, lessee, on premises known as 1809 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4445, Lot: 2, Zone: M

# 5702 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini, Esq., on behalf of Midland Gourmet Café LLC, owner, on premises known as 868 Midland Avenue, Block: 5066, Lot: 8, Zone: B

# 5703 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini, Esq., on behalf of Wee Nora Realty Corp, owner, on premises known as 111 Glover Avenue, Block: 6264, Lot: 32, Zone: T

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**Notice of Formation of Prime Snacks LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on (04/15/2020). Location: (Westchester County). SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: (1437 Nepperhan Avenue Yonkers, NY 10703). Purpose: Any lawful purpose.--05/29/20**

**Notice of Formation of Return on Capital Management LLC. Arts of Org. Filed with SSNY on 03/25/20. Office locaton: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Return on Capital Management, 65 Wilcox Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 5/15/20**

**Notice of formation of Experiments in Wellness, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/28/2020. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 300 Manville Rd, Pleasantville, NY 10570. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.--05/29/20**

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However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and in line with the directives issued by the Mayor of Yonkers regarding public safety, there is limited access to One Larkin Center. The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must wear face coverings and see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium who will clock in the bid and then contact Purchasing to pick up the bid. Sealed Bids will continue to be opened and read on the dates below, however, there will not be a public opening of bids. Those interested in listening to the bid opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid 6498 - Opening date: 5/22/2020: 2020 Highway Improvement Contract consisting of repaving, installation of manhole heads, frames, grates, gate valve skirts, catch basins, hydrant shut-off boxes, curbs, pedestrian ramps, bus pads, etc. (KS).

2. Bid 6500 - Opening date: 5/22/2020: 2020 Traffic Signal Improvement Contract (FB).

3. Bid 6489 - Opening date: 5/22/2020: Twelve-month contract with option to renew for 12-months to provide machine shop and fabrication services as needed (FB).

4. Bid 6490 - Opening date: 5/22/2020: Twenty-four month contract with option to renew for 12-months to supply new hydraulic cylinders and pumps and repair existing units as needed (FB).

5. Bid 6491 - Opening date: 5/29/2020: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase various brands, or equal, License Plate Reading equipment and components as needed (DNC).

6. Bid 6505 - Opening date: 5/29/2020: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase Lenovo and Intel, or equal, Server equipment and components as needed (DNC).

7. Bid 6497 - Opening date 5/29/2020: Twelve-month contract, with two options to renew for 12-months, to provide weed control services as needed (DNC).

8. Bid 6499 - Opening date 5/29/2020: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to supply Smith Blair pipe repair clamps and couplings as needed (KS).

9. Bid 6502 - Opening date 5/22/2020: Provide bus and van transportation for clients and staff of Camp Rays and Camp Pride for the period of 6/29/2020 through 8/7/2020 (KS).

10. Bid 6501 - Opening date 5/29/2020: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to supply Clow Valve products as needed (AC).

11. Bid 6508 - Opening Date 5/22/2020: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew FOR 12-MONTHS, TO PURCHASE DOG AND CAT FOOD, CAT LITTER AND WEE WEE PADS AS NEEDED (DNC).

12. Bid 6504 – Opening date 5/29/2020: Thirty-six month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide parts and repair services for Detroit Diesel Allison transmissions (SR).

13. Bid 6511 – Opening date 5/22/2020: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase up to 40 Philips Hadco model L8055W32LED4K, or equal, LED light fixtures as needed.

14. Bid 6493 – Opening date 6/26/2020: Construction of the West Wing, a 3-floor addition to the west side of the Hudson River Museum located at 511 Warburton Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10701. This construction is subject to a Project Labor Agreement (AS).

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## When Will We Re-open? continued from pg 2

The Zoning Board of Appeals have doubled up their meeting schedules in May to handle a backlog of cases. Those meetings will be virtual as well. The instructions on the ZBA meeting notices simply say “Please check the website [www.Yonkersny.gov](http://www.Yonkersny.gov) the day of the meeting for log-in and additional information. This requirement will not increase the likelihood of citizen participation when it is most important. At the ZBA many cases have already been heard and have been on the roster for some time. Many have not been adequately vetted. There should be a moratorium on decisions in recently introduced cases until the public can have a real chance to weigh in.

As far as the Yonkers Budget Hearings go, even if they were held outdoors at say, Fleming Field, this budget has the potential to drag out many hundreds of Citizens and commenters who would be hard pressed even there, to maintain social distancing.

The stakes are too high at this time to rely on comments on from a tech savvy few on issues that are bound to lead Yonkers down a dark path. We should all try to be inventive at this critical time to give all of our people an opportunity to be heard

Thank you., Larry Wilson - President, HYATT ASSOCIATION

Editor’s Note: Mr. Wilson, thanks for the letter. Many of our readers, and elected officials, are contemplating the same question that you have asked—when should we open City Hall? This topic was discussed by councilmembers, who decided to continue their meetings and hearings online and at home.

The two arguments, that difficult budget decisions should be made in person, and that it would not be safe to have, not only several members of the public, but the hundreds of City employees that usually show up for budget hearings, together in the council chambers, both have merit.

## PPE Donations-continued from pg 2--

in need of PPE to combat the COVID-19 outbreak.

The ACUC Alliance is a recently-launched grassroots coalition of more than 150 Chinese American and Overseas Chinese organizations throughout the Tri-State Area. Members include charitable entities, businesses, alumni associations, other Chinese cultural, religious, and professional groups and individuals, all committed to helping local communities in the fight against this once-in-a-lifetime pandemic.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: “The safety of Westchester County’s front line workers – our doctors, nurses and first responders – is absolutely critical in our fight against COVID-19. This PPE donation will go a long way in protecting our health care heroes and preventing the spread of this virus. We are extremely grateful to the ACUC for this generous donation.”

ACUC Board Member Victoria Alberto said: “ACUC is a grassroots organization made up of citizens who believe that we can make a difference for our fellow citizens and this special country we all call home. This disease has devastated our entire world and forever changed how we interact and do business. This virus has caused tremendous suffering- it does not respect political borders, age or health. Our members understand that only by working together, pooling our resources and knowledge can we hope stop and cure this terrible disease. ACUC is committed to our Westchester partners today and in the future as you work to respond and recover from this pandemic.”

The list of donations for Westchester County are as follows:

- Westchester County Government – 20,000 disposable masks
- Westchester Medical Center - \$6,300 cash, 100 plastic protective gowns, 400 KN95 masks, 400 gloves, 150 surgical masks, 30 N95 masks
- White Plains Hospital: \$13,000 cash, 600 KN95 masks, 1,200 Surgical masks
- Town of Greenburgh: 2,000 surgical masks

The donations will be distributed from the Westchester County DES Warehouse. This has been Westchester County’s largest emergency response operation to date.

## child care for first responders con’t from pg 3

As part of the CCCW Scholarship application process, parents will also be required to apply for a subsidy through the Westchester Department of Social Services (DSS). For those approved, the CCCW Scholarship could help pay for care until those funds come through. The subsidy would then replace the scholarship, subject to ongoing eligibility.

In addition to its own scholarship, the Child Care Council will administer the New York State CARES scholarships announced by Governor Cuomo on April 23rd, for first responders and essential workers whose income is less than 300 percent of the federal poverty level. These scholarships are currently available through May 15th. CARES funding will also be used to purchase supplies for child care businesses statewide, including masks, gloves, diapers, baby wipes, baby formula and food. Information will be posted on [www.childcarewestchester.org](http://www.childcarewestchester.org) as it becomes available.

Any Westchester parent who needs help finding or paying for child care during the Covid-19 pandemic is encouraged to call the Child Care Council and speak to a child care specialist. All services for parents are free, and the Council is maintaining a list of open providers. Call 914-761-3456 x140 and leave a message or visit [www.cccwny.org](http://www.cccwny.org).

## Schoen continued from pg 3

and didn’t try to stop me when I led a student walkout and march to City Hall over cuts to the Board of Education budget. My oh My things never change. The yearly Yonkers budget tango threatening layoffs in our schools has just begun this year, compounded with large Coronavirus monetary expenditures.

English Teacher Bill DiBartolo who instilled in me the confidence to write and encouraged students to express themselves. Ms. Sueko my kindergarten teacher at School 13 who helped to take away my initial fear of school. Ms. Helen Quinn who in her first year of teaching was saddled with a student who was redistricted at the time from School 13 to School 27 because of population shifts and wanted no part of it. Spanish Teacher Rose Levine who taught me me how to speak and understand the few words I know in Spanish. I could go on and on.

Schools closed because of the pandemic and teachers and students learning how to do online learning in less than a week with many students not having the resources they need at home and obtaining them and learning how to use them. Parents have new appreciation for teachers.. Nobody will ever say teaching is an easy job, 9-3 each day with so many vacations and time off.

Absentee ballots to vote by mail sent automatically to your home by the Board of Elections. You won’t have to worry about getting sick from your poll worker and they don’t have to worry about getting ill from you.why it took so long for this to happen I will never know.

Finally, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano after much pressure changed the hours street meter parking is in effect. It is now 10 am to 6 pm. Not as good as total elimination but a step in the right direction after pressure from Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, readers of this paper and other community members.

Many promising vaccines being worked on eradicate the Coronavirus. Subways in New York City closing for the first time in history from 1 am-5 pm so the 385 cleaners can do a deep cleaning and get the homeless off the trains and the services they need. You can finally get the toilet tissue and paper towels and sanitizers you need to keep everything clean.

This week is also Nurses Professional Week. Where can we begin to thank those on the front line now and in the past for all they do to keep us healthy. A shout out to Msry Anne O’Toole who took such good care of my mother at St. John Riverside Hospital, my friend Nina LaMagna who works extremely hard during this crisis and all the nurses at St. John’s Riverside Hospital and United Hebrew Rehabilitation who literally and figuratively got me back on my feet after two complete knee replacements and gastric surgery.

Finally, we experienced something we have all been waiting for, particularly those of us involved in the law whether it be lawyers, paralegals or one of the many other legal professions. The ability to hear oral arguments before the Supreme Court. Within the next two weeks i hope you will tune in to Court TV to see how the top court in the land works. Fascinating!

To all the mothers out there a Happy Mother’s Day! Yes, there are many things we should be thankful for!

Reach Eric Schoen at [thistooisonkers@aol.com](mailto:thistooisonkers@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](http://WVOX.com) and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

## Parking meters continued from pg 1--

And the remaining merchants who are open for business want their customers to park and then leave every half hour, so that the next customer can park.

The compromise solution has meters in enforcement from 10am-6pm. “We continue to adjust to the effects of COVID-19, which includes addressing the possible hardships parking meters may impose,” said Mayor Spano. “Shortening the hours of the street meters is a way to provide some relief to our residents without compromising local businesses. As always, I encourage residents who need to park for extended hours to please use the garages or lots.”

The City Council recently voted 5-2, to call on the City of Yonkers to suspend parking meters. In efforts to help residents who are staying home during this crisis that live in areas with parking meters, the Majority Caucus has voted in favor of urging the City of Yonkers to suspend parking meters. Reducing the parking meter hours has become a compromise to make sure that businesses and residents are taken care of.

“I want to thank Mayor Mike Spano for making strides to accommodate the community on this citywide issue. We may not have gotten parking meters suspended completely, but I worked tirelessly to come to a compromise to make sure that the residents get some form of relief. If PAUSE is extended beyond May 15th, I am confident that this new meter regulation will abide accordingly. I also want to thank the City Council for showing support and allowing me to take the lead on this.” said Councilwoman Tasha Diaz.

Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, who continuously advocated for the suspension of parking meters citywide, said, “This decision is a step in the right direction. I encourage the City of Yonkers to ameliorate the economic concerns of our residents and follow in the footsteps of many large cities in New YORK State and Westchester County by suspending meter enforcement altogether.”

“We’ve heard from the community about how challenging it is to continue feeding meters while simultaneously following our governor’s instructions to stay home. We’ve advocated on their behalf, and I’m happy that we were able to find a middle ground in which parking meter hours will be reduced, thereby providing some relief to residents who live near commercial areas. This is a win for the community, even if it’s not the full meter suspension we were all hoping for. Thank you to Councilwoman Diaz for her constant advocacy and negotiation that helped make this possible.” said Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac.

Minority Leader Mike Breen said, “The City of Yonkers continues to look for ways to address hardships and create relief for our residents without hurting our local businesses. I thank Mayor Mike Spano for agreeing to this compromise and Councilwoman Tasha Diaz for leading the charge on this issue.”

“Compromise is the key to effective governing. Thankfully, Mayor Spano agreed to change parking meter restrictions around our City while New York is on PAUSE. Also, I want to thank Councilwoman Diaz for taking the lead on this initiative. Job well done!” said Councilman John Rubbo.

Councilman Anthony Merante has also expressed his gratitude, “I commend Mayor Spano for his willingness to adjust the hours of enforcement for the City’s parking meters. It is important that the City continues to provide relief to our residents, whether it be financial or the peace of mind of not having to look for parking as often. I also want to commend Councilwoman Tasha Diaz for her tenacity in seeing this through”.

On-street parking meter enforcement hours are typically from 9AM to 8PM unless otherwise noted on posted signs. For more information on Yonkers Parking Authority locations and regulations, visit [www.yonkersparkingauthority.com](http://www.yonkersparkingauthority.com).



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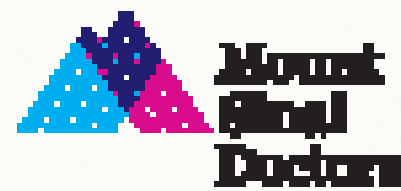
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