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Yonkers Class of 2020 Celebrates In Different Ways



High School graduation celebrations included Gorton HS, above and Yonkers Middle-High School below.



Necessity is the mother of invention could never be more true as it has been throughout the COVID-19 health crisis. As the school year draws to a close, school district and communities across the country reinvented the traditions of high school graduation for the Class of 2020.

In a message to the community on May 29, 2020, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada wrote, "The year 2020 will forever be known for changing the world, our community, how we educate young people as well as each of our personal lives due to the COVID-19 health crisis. The occurrences over the past several months never could have been predicted. Yet, it has taught us how resourceful, resilient and determined we can and must be.

The Class of 2020 continues to persevere and is in the final steps of completing all of the requirements to earn their high school diploma. These magnificent young people earned \$124 million in scholarships and they plan to attend some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the fall. Our high school learning community is working tirelessly to celebrate this extremely important rite of passage for our students and families despite the restrictions due to COVID-19. Please know that every decision made had input from our high school students, administrators, teachers and community members."

The input included Zoom meetings with students representative from the eight (8) high schools, a survey for families and students, contributions from school administrators, ongoing discussions with the Board of Education Trustees and assessing every possible option available to the District that complies with state and county guidelines for gathering.

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YPS, Kiwanis & Rotary Celebrate Teachers of the Year



Montessori School 31 teacher Maureen Corrigan-Connell, one of three teachers of the year

At the June 17, 2020 Stated Meeting of the Yonkers Board of Education, President Rev. Steve Lopez, announced the 2019-2020 Yonkers Public Schools administrator and teachers of the year. "Traditionally, the Trustees present the well-deserved honorees a public tribute in-person at a Stated Meeting," explained President Rev. Lopez. "Unfortunately, the COVID-19 health crisis disrupts routines and good intentions. Therefore, tonight we announce this year's winners and thank our partners Mayor Mike Spano, the Yonkers Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club of Yonkers – East Yonkers." Yonkers Middle High School Principal Jade Sharp receives the Leadership in Education Award cosponsored with the Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers and the Board of Education.

Montessori School 31 primary teacher Maureen Corrigan-Connell,

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Majority Leader Pineda-Isaac Waits 5 Years for Police Body Cams to Pass



"In 2015, I understood there was a disconnect between police and people of color. I think body cameras would help build that trust."

Council Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac

By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers City Council held its last meeting before summer recess on Tuesday and approved a resolution urging the City to implement body cameras for Yonkers Police officers on patrol. For City Council Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac, the vote was satisfying because five years ago, she was unable to get support for body cameras for the YPD.

"In 2105, I understood there was a disconnect between police and people of color. It's important for the community to work together with the police and I think that body cameras would help build that trust. Everything

I felt then I feel now, and it's even more important now.

"In 2015, there was a republican majority on the council and my resolution didn't pass. This time around the will of the council is there, and support from the community and our residents is also there. I'm excited that conversations are happening and we are getting close to making it happen," said Majority Leader Pineda-Isaac.

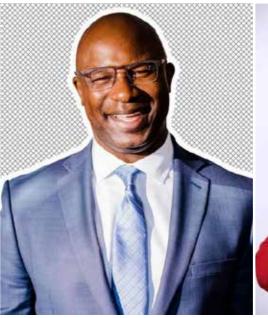
Last week, Mayor Spano commented that the City is working on an agreement to bring body cameras to Yonkers. "You spoke. I listened," said Mayor Spano. "Since the beginning of my administration, I have advocated for body cameras. Now, because of your collective voices, we are working with the Yonkers Police Department, Yonkers Police unions, and U.S. Department of Justice, on closing in on a deal to bring body cameras to The City of Yonkers."

Pineda-Isaac was the lead sponsor of the resolution that was co-sponsored by Council President Mike Khader, Councilwomen Shanae Williams and Tasha Diaz, and Councilmen John Rubbo, Mike Breen and Anthony Merante. The unanimous passage of Pineda-Isaac's resolution comes after watching the tragedies of George Floyd and Ahmaud Arbery unfold on camera, Yonkers will soon be the first Westchester city to have police body

"As a woman of color, as the wife of a black man in America, and as the mom of black sons, I stand in support of those calling for justice for the murder of George Floyd. My sons are still very young, but I'm not looking forward to the difficult, but necessary, conversation about race in America that one day soon I'll have to have with them. I hope this country can one day get to a place where such conversations are no longer necessary," said Pineda-Isaac.

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Democratic Primaries in Yonkers to Be Determined by Absentee Ballots





Progressive democrats Jamaal Bowman and Mimi Rocah are leading their races for Congress and District Attorney

By Dan Murphy

If the results so far in the democratic primary in New York on June 23 hold up, Yonkers will have a new member of Congress who lives in the City. Jamaal Bowman is leading Eliot Engel by 20 points and on primary night, his lead became national news. Bowman has quickly become 2020's version of AOC, Congresswoman Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, who shocked the country when she defeated Congressman Joe Crowley in 2018.

Bowman received the support and endorsement from AOC, and from Bernie Sanders, and other progressive, indivisible groups, who were organized and were seen handing out literature in Yonkers in the days before the primary. Bowman also appears to have survived an onslaught of negative advertisements against him by Engel and his supporters, all of which made no difference in the result so far, with Bowman leading Engel by 20 points.

advertisements against him by Engel and his supporters, all of which made no difference in the result so far, with Bowman leading Engel by 20 points. "The thing I'm most grateful for about this campaign is all the people coming together across our beautiful differences, Imagine what America could become if we could come together and take on the people on top who want to divide us up," tweeted Bowman, a 44-year old former NYC school principal who lives in Yonkers. **Primary results, continued from p**

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ER Dr. from Yonkers Named "Essential Hero"



Dr. Sarah Jamison, an emergency medical physician at St. Barnabas Hospital in the Bronx and a Yonkers resident, has been selected as a winner in Essence Magazine's My Essential Heroes campaign The national magazine asked its readers to nominate their essential heroes during the COVID-19 crisis by sharing their stories on social media. A vote was then held on the magazine's website to select the Essential Heroes winners, who will be cel-

ebrated in a special ceremony on July 4th.

According to the Essence website, "While serving in an impoverished, medically underserved community that has been severely affected by CO-VID-19, Dr. Jamison treated some of the most critically ill patients that the community has ever seen. While putting herself at risk for infection, she performed invasive procedures such as intubation to stabilize and support COVID-19 positive patients who were in respiratory failure."

"I feel very honored to have been nominated and selected as an Essential Hero," said Dr. Jamison. "I was one of many doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists and others at St. Barnabas and other hospitals in New York City and around the country who were simply doing our jobs during a very stress ful and difficult time.'

Dr. Jamison has worked at St. Barnabas Hospital since 2017 and is on the core faculty of its Emergency Medicine residency program. She is a graduate of SUNY Downstate Medical Center College of Medicine in Brooklyn and Spelman College in Atlanta. She competed her residency at the Jacobi/Montefiore Emergency Medicine Training Program of the Albert Einstein College of Medicine. According to "Dr. Jamison's work during the COVID pandemic was nothing short of heroic; she was on-duty during the peak of the crisis and led our ED during her overnight shifts," said Dr. Jeffrey Lazar, SBH Health.

Yonkers Playgrounds Reopen



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced all city playgrounds will reopen effective Saturday, June 20, and residents will be asked to adhere to the guidelines set forth by the City's Parks and Recreation Department to ensure the safety of all who use the playground. City playgrounds were previously closed in March to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

"We are soon to enter Phase III of the region's reopening so with

school quickly coming to an end and the official start of summer now here, it's time to open playgrounds to tame cabin fever," said Mayor Spano. "Working with the Parks and Recreation department, we will do this responsibly to ensure the safety and well-being of all our residents, especially for our young ones. The Parks Department will be disinfecting our playgrounds every evening to ensure they are ready and safe to use the next day."

All Yonkers playgrounds will be opened under the following guidelines: No more than 10 persons are permitted within the playground at the

Please maintain at least 6 feet of distance between yourself and others (non-household members).

Please wear a face-covering/mask (for those over two years of age and medically able to tolerate a face-covering) when keeping 6 feet of distance from others is not possible.

Please wash hands or use an alcohol-based sanitizer both before and after using the playground.

Please stay home if you are sick or showing or feeling any COVID-19 symptoms, such as fever, coughing, and/or trouble breathing.

Please stay away from playgrounds if you have come into contact

within the last 14 days with anyone who is sick.

Please follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/ State Department of Health (DOH) guidelines for preventing the spread of colds, flu, and COVID-19.

Failure to follow these guidelines may result in the closure of this playground. All 50 of the city playgrounds will be sanitized and disinfected every evening starting at 6pm.

SUMMER SERVICE CHANGES FOR BEE-LINE BUS SYSTEM
Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced that the following service changes are now in effect on the Bee-Line Bus System. In order to improve operating efficiencies and accommodate the needs of riders, there will be schedule changes on the following routes. Most of these adjustments involve changes to scheduled running time to reflect actual travel times. Riders should consult timetables for specific details about each route. Route 4 – There will be schedule adjustments on trips departing Bedford Park Boulevard on weekdays and weekends

Route 5 – There will be weekday and Saturday schedule adjustments on trips arriving and departing Yonkers. Routes 6 and 61 – There will be Saturday schedule adjustments throughout the day.

Route 20 – There will be Sunday schedule adjustments.

Routes 30, 32, 40 and 42 – There will be weekday schedule adjustments. Route 55 – A 6:25 a.m. weekday southbound trip will be added at Petrillo Plaza in Mt. Vernon. Route 60 – There will be weekend schedule adjustments.

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New York Giants' Darnay Holmes to Mentor YPS-MBK Students



Darnay Holmes

Yonkers Public Schools, Yonkers My Brother's Keeper (MBK) and New York Giants rookie Darnay Holmes have announced an exciting partnership to support student social and emotional well-being and academic achievement. Through his new youth development initiative, Chosen One,

Mr. Holmes will mentor individual students and meet with groups of MBK students and advisors for empowerment sessions beginning with a virtual meeting on June 16. Shaniece Flynn, who founded Chosen One with Mr. Holmes, will mentor Yonkers' girls and young women individually and in groups as well.

"We are energized by this new partnership which shows true dedication from Mr. Holmes and Ms. Flynn. It reinforces our message to Yonkers students that they are our top priority," said Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools and Co-Chair of Yonkers MBK with Rev. Dr. Jim Bostic, Executive Director of the Nepperhan Community Center. "This is another example of how our district continues to build creative partnerships to benefit our magnificent young people."

"We are very excited that through Chosen One, Darnay will be pouring his wealth of knowledge and experience into the lives of our young men," said Rev. Dr. Bostic. "We believe his connection to our young people will help to motivate and strengthen them and enhance the work we are doing in the Yonkers MBK movement."

Mr. Holmes, 21, was drafted by the New York Giants in April from his home in Calabasas, California. With his brother and Chosen One co-founder, Darick Holmes, Jr., he soon began looking for a "first friend" on the East Coast to establish his mentoring work.

"We were inspired to partner with Yonkers MBK when we saw the good work they were doing," said Mr. Holmes who will move to the East Coast with Ms. Flynn in July. "Through this collaboration, I seek to empower and uplift young men in order for them to reach their full potential."

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said he enthusiastically welcomes this promising collaboration. "Strong mentoring relationships improve the lives of young people by almost every measure. We are thrilled Darnay Holmes and Chosen One have selected Yonkers for building their first mentorship efforts in New York."

CORPORATION NOTICE CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 5:00pm, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 15 OF THE CODEOF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED "TAXES" IN RELATION TO THE IMPOSITION OF A CITY OF YONKERS INCOME TAX SURCHARGE TO CONFORM TO THE 2019 AMENDMENTS OF THE NEW YORK STATE TAX LAW.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York.

MIKE SPANO, Mayor

On this day in Yonkers history...

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



old postcard of Philipse Manor Hall

Monday, June 29th

June 29, 1908: Homes in the Prospect Street area were badly shaken by a series of early morning fireworks explosions in a Riverdale Avenue store. Damage was estimated to be more than \$3,000.

June 29, 1923: After witnessing the "tapping of the old Croton Aqueduct," Water Bureau Superintendent Harry Foley announced all danger of a "water famine" had been removed. The tapping would send 2,000,000 gallons of water into the Saw Mill River each day.

June 29, 1939: Reverend William Nixon, pastor of Holy Eucharist Church, announced their school would not open in the Fall. Opened in 1909, the school operated in a two-story frame building on Linden Street; close to three hundred students attended the school.

Tuesday, June 30th

June 30, 1874: Defendant August Lachman, after a long argument during a Yonkers City Court trial before County Judge Gifford, attempted to assassinate opposing attorney James Sanders just as the court was adjourning! The defendant suddenly jumped to his feet, and fired on Sanders, hitting him in the shoulder. Lachman again fired, hitting the attorney in the left side. He then calmly handed his revolver to the judge. Sanders' injuries, although very serious were not fatal and he recuperated at home.

June 30, 1919: After baker Solomon Weber's wagon fell into a street washout on Oliver Avenue, Officer William Kruppenbacher not only barricaded the hole, he filled it with bread, rolls and boxes from the wagon!

Wednesday, July 1st

July 1, 1944: Riverdale Avenue resident and NY Central Railroad employee, Private First Class Thomas Ryan was wounded in action in France. Ryan sent a letter to his sister Catherine announcing he "met with a little accident." Then a telegram from the War Department arrived a few days later, informing Catherine her brother had a serious chest injury. Ryan's next letter told his sister he was "feeling fine," and was "up and about" at the base Hospital in England; Catherine's next letter from the War Department assured her his progress was normal. Ryan's Purple Heart was sent to his sister.

July 1, 1944: The Yonkers War Finance Committee was given an unusual assignment—finding two bond winners! John Dran, President of the Yonkers Retail Merchants Association and owner of a Palmer Road grocery store, donated two war bonds as prizes, with winners to be selected at a rally. Problem was he had no way to locate the lucky customers! Dran asked the War Finance Committee to locate the two lucky clients. Hish

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IDA to Help Westchester Metal Works in Yonkers



The Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (YIDA) gave final approval of financial incentives to Waverly Saw Mill River Realty LLC, owner of Westchester Metal Works, for an \$8 million expansion of its operations in the city. The incentives, which were approved at the IDA's June 15 meeting, will allow the company to retain 30 jobs and add 20 more employees.

The company plans to relocate its operations to a new 20,000-square-foot facility at 1100 Saw Mill River Road in Yonkers. The company, which is a metals manufacturer and fabricator, has outgrown its current facility which is located at 55 Knowles Street in the Ludlow section of Yonkers.

In order to move to the new location, the company needs to remove debris and concrete slabs at the site which it estimated would cost \$4 million. It is anticipated that construction of the new facility would create approximately 100 construction jobs.

United Way Announces Emergency Food -Shelter Grants

The United Way of Westchester and Putnam announces that \$1 million in grants have been distributed among more than 50 local, nonprofit organizations responding to unprecedented needs driven by COVID-19.

"COVID-19 has created an economic crisis the likes of which we haven't seen in 90 years," said United Way President and CEO Tom Gabriel. "In response, the United Way is honored to be able to distribute \$1 million in Emergency Food and Shelter funding to help our nonprofit partners address the basic human needs of families in our community. As a result, we estimate that more than 300,000 families will be helped through this funding."

The funds were made available through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Boards in Westchester and Putnam counties. This program provides federal funding which helps to extend currently available services for the hungry or homeless or at risk of eviction. The United Way of Westchester and Putnam is the administrative agent of the

Local EFSP Boards in Westchester and Putnam counties.

"The Bridge Fund of Westchester is extremely grateful for the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) funding," said Grace Perry, director of The Bridge Fund. "We primarily service client households that are employed but sit right on top of the poverty line and often do not qualify for public benefits, such as food stamps. However, these clients struggle monthly to meet a barebones budget and any crisis can give way to a missed rent payment, food insecurity etc. The pandemic only exacerbates these circumstances. The EFSP grant funding allows organizations like The Bridge Fund to help not only meet these most basic needs for individuals and families, but also ease their worry and give a sense of hope".

This is the second round of grants that has been awarded to nonprofits through the United Way of Westchester and Putnam. In May, 31 local nonprofit organizations were collectively awarded \$120,000 in grants thanks to the United Way's John M. Bendheim Community Disaster Response Fund and Bonwit Fund, as well as The PepsiCo Foundation.

Here is a list of organizations that received funding in the latest round from Yonkers, ANDRUS, Family Services Society of Yonkers, YMCA of Yonkers, Yonkers Community Action Program,

Call 914-997-6700, or visit uwwp.org for more information on the United Way of Westchester-Putnam.

D&B Engineers Awarded for Nodine Hill Water Tank



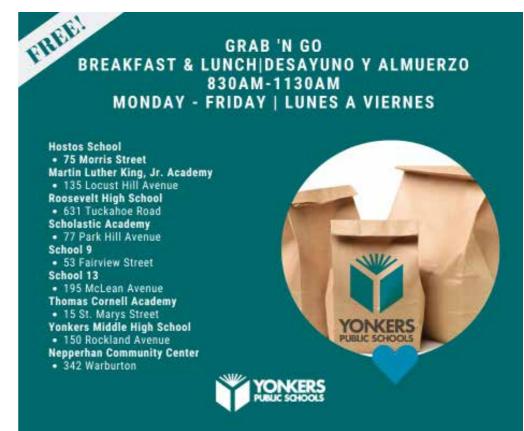
L-R-Carolyn A. Lowe, P.E., Michael G. Savarese, P.E. and Steven A. Fangmann, P.E., BCEE, President of D&B Engineers and Architects,

The New York State Society of Professional Engineers, Inc. (NSPE-NY) Westchester/Putnam Chapter D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C. (D&B) has presented its 2020 Project of the Year Award to D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C. The award acknowledges D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C.'s successful rehabilitation of the one-million-gallon elevated water storage tank on Nodine Hill serving the City of Yonkers. D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C. was honored as 'a firm committed to improving communities' quality of life via sustainable solutions and implementation of innovative technologies.'

At the Association's Awards Dinner held in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY, D&B Engineers and Architects, P.C. President Steven A. Fangmann, P.E., BCEE commented, "We received this honor with great pride. The D&B team collaborated with all parties in the field and provided construction management and inspection services. Key upgrades included improvements to bring the tank into compliance with ANSI/OSHA standards."

The four-million-dollar tank rehabilitation project on Nodine Hill

improved water quality for consumers, enhanced safety for operators and upgraded the aesthetics of the structure.





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Letter to the Editor:

Mr. Murphy, I am writing this letter to you after the Primary on Tuesday, so I'm not sure you can get it into this weeks paper. One thought that I had watching some of the results of the democratic primary in Yonkers.

It appears that Dan Romano will be elected a City Court Judge. I have read your coverage and others, and I understand that Mr. Romano and Karen Best both were not endorsed by the Yonkers Democratic Party. But Romano and Best were endorsed by several Yonkers elected officials.

These same officials are also democrats, some of who are up for election next year. My question to those officials is, do you expect to get the nomination of your party when you just went against the endorsement of your party for City Court Judge?

It is hypocrisy for those democrats to do one thing, and then come back to the same party that you bit. Some of us will remember. But i'm just a registered democrat and have no real power.

I hope you can keep printing your paper, Mr. Murphy. I have enjoyed it for years, Delores Katimitides, Yonkers.

Body Cameras for Police, continued from pg 1--

Another reason Yonkers didn't get police body cameras in 2015 was that it became a negotiated item with the Police union. This time it appears that the Yonkers PBA will let it happen.

The cost of implementation is expected to be \$1.7 Million to purchase 400 camera, and then \$1.2 Million per year for data storage and software costs. Recently the NYS Senate and Assembly have passed bills requiring the State police to wear body cameras. Other Weestchester communities will be having the same debate soon.

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To the Editor, DACA Decision

The Supreme Court of the United States has determined that the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, or DACA, will remain in place, keep-

ing nearly 650,000 undocumented young people safe from deportation. In the 5-4 decision authored by Chief Justice John Roberts, the court ruled that President Donald Trump wrongly ended DACA. The majority opinion called the decision to terminate the program an "arbitrary" and "capricious" violation of the law.

Neighbors Link Community Law Practice has been tireless in its defense of DACA-mented individuals in Westchester County. Their statement reads: "Today the Supreme Court did the right thing by refusing to allow this administration to put the lives of hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients at risk of deportation in the midst of a global pandemic. Let us remember, many DACA recipients are the very people who are now on the frontlines responding to the pandemic as healthcare, transit and food workers – allowing many of us to shelter in place so that lives can be saved and the economy can keep running. We owe them a debt of gratitude. We applaud the justices for supporting these young people who are American in every way except on paper.

Make no mistake, we still have a lot of work to do. We need to find the collective and political will to create an immigration policy that is humane and just. Neighbors Link stands at the ready to contribute." Karin Anderson-Ponzer, Director of Neighbors Link Community Law Practice.

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Thursday, July 2nd

July 2, 1937: Mike Quill, head of the Transport Workers Union, CIO, successfully lead the effort to have a closed shop agreement signed by the Third Avenue Railway System.

July 2, 1938: Leon LaFleur, Director of Guidance for Yonkers Public Schools, asked to be returned to his previous position as Principal of Hawthorne JHS; he stated he asked for the release because of the total "lack of cooperation from the Superintendent," Lamont Hodge.

July 2, 1942: Empire City Racetrack Association, to cooperate with conservation of tires and gas usage, stopped their free bus service from area train and subways stations to the track.

Friday, July 3rd

July 3, 1911: The Manor Hall officially passed into custody of the American Scenic and Historic Society. During the first half of 1911, a few officials and departments still operated out of the Manor Hall, including the Board of Contract and Supply, the Comptroller, the City Treasurer and the Assessors.

July 3, 1945: Horace McMahon, known for playing policemen, gangsters, and fighters on the silver screen, visited Liggett's Drug Store in the Square. He thrilled Joan Hitchcock by asking for a quart and a pint of vanilla ice cream. He had returned to Yonkers to visit friends, as Yonkers is where he got his start in the old Warburton Theater. He performed in more than 40 Broadway productions and more than 150 movies, radio and television shows. One time President of the Catholic Actors Guild, he was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, and hosted an annual show for the La Rabida Council of Yonkers, in honor of the 300 members of the council serving in the armed forces during WWII.

Saturday, July 4th

July 4, 1840: Citizens of Yonkers presented Revolutionary War veteran Captain Joel Cook with a gold medal celebrating his War patriotic services. He was the guest of honor at the Fourth of July banquet; Hon. W. W. Scrugan, afterward a NY Supreme Court judge, acting on behalf of the citizens, presented the medal with this inscription:

"Presented to Capt. Joel Cook, by the citizens of Yonkers, in honor of his patriotic service in defense of liberty at the Battles of Danbury, White Plains, Trenton, Stony Point, Springfield and Tippecanoe."

July 4, 1911: Electric lights illuminated our new City Hall at Washington Park for the first time.

July 4, 1939: Forty-two people were injured by illegal fireworks and explosives, setting the record for the highest number of Fourth of July injuries in Yonkers. It was estimated several tons of the forbidden materials had been smuggled into Yonkers and given to children by "doting parents or overzealous storekeepers."

Sunday, July 5th

July 5, 1912: Police, pursing the new campaign to stamp out nuisances, arrested two nude swimmers in the Bronx River by Mile Square Road.

July 5, 1923: After Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company won the contract to make carpets for the decks of the new liner Leviathan; the company ran full speed for long hours to ensure the carpets were finished for the ship's trial run.

July 5, 1931: The Yonkers Common Council authorized paid leaves of absences for all war veterans while they attended state or national conventions. Alderman William Slater objected, asking, "Why don't we include all men married 25 years? They're veterans, too!"

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and our upcoming events, visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/YonkersHistoricalSociety. We also are on LinkedIn and Twitter @YonkersHistoric. For information on membership in the Yonkers Historical Society, please call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com.



The Black Bandwagon and The Matter of Black Lives

By Ivy Reeves, Community Activist & Empowerment Speaker

Politicians, entertainers, sports teams, and their owners are all jumping on the "Black Bandwagon." It is not as if Black people have not been around since the beginning of time. In America, Black people have been around for centuries, and, during the time of captivity, the African people were called savages, animals, three-fifths of a human, and many other mean, nasty, and derogatory names. Having the culture, language, and religion stripped away, the brainwashing and mind screwing, make it almost

impossible to be free again.

Suddenly, on May 25, 2020, the Caucasian, white elites, and Europeans grew a heart and developed a conscience for Black people after witnessing the cruel, senseless, and heartless murder of George Floyd. Why Mr. Floyd? Was it because it was witnessed by the world, during a pandemic, where people are quarantined at home with nothing else to do but watch television? It reminds me of the Christmas cartoon, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". They watched another senseless murder of a Black person, and their tiny hearts began to grow.

While there were 400 years of brutality such as rapes, beatings, lynchings, burnings of black bodies, during parties and outings- a term called "Picnic," where they would "pick a ni-er" and take pictures of themselves with black men hanging from trees in the background- a term called "Strange Fruit," Black Lives clearly did not matter.

Blacks were sold away from their families like chicken or cattle. When a Black male slave stood up to the slave master, he would be taken out onto the plantation, where the oppressor would embarrass and humiliate him by beating him, sodomizing him, and raping him in front of his family and all the other slaves. The purpose was to make an example of him and to intimidate the other Africans. Today the same method is used by attempting to take away the livelihood and quality of life by taking away job opportunities or firing you if you do not allow them to control you. And yes, just like years ago on the plantation, today we have a sad, sack of bootlicking, Sambos who will suck up to the oppressor just to have a tiny spot in their world.

When "Mr. Charlie" the (oppressor) needed more livestock (slaves) to work the plantation, they would take a young male slave and his mother, cover the son's head so that neither of them would know who the other one was and make the son have an intimate (sexual) relationship with his own mother, Hence the term "Mother F#**#r".

If that were not bad enough, how uncaring, and horrific could a people be to take little black babies, chain them up, and use them as bait to catch alligators, so they could make belts, wallets, and shoes.

Tulsa, Oklahoma's' Black Wall Street, The Tuskegee experiment with black men being given syphilis, the Civil Rights Movement and now Black Lives Matter means things have not changed that much

After Centuries of systematic racism in this country, one pandemic and one man's murder has touched the hearts of this country and worldwide to actually have us believe that the dehumanizing hatred, disrespect, and humiliation of black people will cease to exist now. The wealthy, rich white people and the fake, phony politicians are searching for photo opportunities with Black people during the election year. Some say they are now more sensitive to human beings whose skin is not the same color as theirs. Perhaps it is difficult for me to believe that after all the years of murdering, lynching, shootings, and other ways of killing, now, suddenly, there is this big change of heart. I got news for you! In the eyes of God, black lives have always mattered!

Black lives will always matter, but now we must act; we must make demands, and we must always stand strong and stand together when it comes to civil rights and being treated unjustly. When we do things for ourselves and for our black people, some white people like to say that we are racist. That will tell you just how ignorant some people are because they do not know the meaning of the word racist. Black people may, at times, be prejudice, bias, or discriminate, but not racist, especially here in America.

In the matter of black lives, black lives have always mattered. In this country, we just have not been treated as if we mattered. I do not believe you can teach kindness or compassion, and I fail to see any real, redeeming qualities in people that have been filled with hate for so many centuries. I am open to seeing how long this Black bandwagon of compassion, change of heart, and sensitivity to blackness will continue- especially after the







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Notice of Formation of A&A MOBILE RECONDITIONING LLC. Articles of Organization Filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 05/18/2020. Office Location: Westchester County, New York. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: Agustin Sierra 838 Nepperhan Avenue, Yonkers NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful act.

Notice of Formation of Creatorscapes Productions, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with NYS Dept. of State (SSNY) on 1/1/2020. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to: 47 Rockland Ave, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose.-06/26

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Legal Notices

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

Notice of Complete Application

Date: 06/12/2020

Applicant: ST JOHN'S RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL 967 N BROADWAY YONKERS, NY 10701-1301 Facility: SAINT JOHN'S RIVERSIDE HOSPITAL 967 NORTH BROADWAY YONKERS, NY 10701

Application ID: 3-5518-00222/00007 Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 19 Air Title V Facility

Project is located: in YONKERS in WESTCHESTER COUNTY
Project Description:
The Department has prepared a draft permit and has made a tentative of

The Department has prepared a draft permit and has made a tentative determination to renew a Title V facility permit held by the Saint John's Riverside Hospital located in Yonkers, New York for the operation of the following emission sources:

- Two identical Superior GC4RC500D boilers, each rated at 21 mmBTU/hr, located in the basement of the Main Hospital Building (Andrus Pavilion). The boilers previously operated on No. 6 oil but have been converted to No.4 oil. One CleaverBrooks boiler rated at 24.6 mmBTU/hr, capable of firing natural gas and No. 4 oil. This boiler was also converted from No.6 oil to No. 4 oil. The above three boilers vent via a common stack.
 The facility operates two Onan Emergency generators: one rated at 750 KW, lo-
- cated in the Generator Room behind Andrus Pavilion, the other rated at 200 KW, located in the boiler plant (Andrus Pavilion). Each generator has an independent stack. The generators are compressed ignition, reciprocating internal combustion engines, both manufactured prior to 2006. These are used during power failure as emergency power sources thereby meeting the definition of emergency generators. Thus they are, provisionally exempt sources.

 Two newly installed identical gas-only firing TECODRIVE 7400 LE Ultra
- chillers are located at the S2 level of the Andrus Pavilion. Each chiller comprises two engines. Each engine has a total gas consumption of 1.5 mmBTU/hr for a total of 3.06 mmBTU/hr, manufactured in 2017. These two chillers have independent stacks and are compliant with 40 CFR 60, subpart JJJJ requirements.

 Emission units U-00006 and U-00007 comprise small boilers, laundry dryers,
- Emission units U-00006 and U-00007 comprise small boilers, laundry dryers and heaters. Additionally, at the nursing home there are two chillers. All these sources are located at the nursing home which since 2014 is not owned by the hospital.
- A total of five laboratory fume hoods are operated in the labs in Andrus Pavilion.
- There are six fuel oil storage tanks (exempt sources). It shall be noted that the facility eliminated the Ethylene Oxide Sterilizers and their associated abator in 2014 (emission sources E0006, E0007, E0008).

Regulations applicable to this permit include: 6NYCRR Parts 200, 201-1, 201-3, 201-5, 201-6, 202, 211, 212, 215, 225, 227, 231-2, 40CFR 60, 68, 82.

In accordance with 6NYCRR Parts 621.7(b)(9) and 201-6.3(c), the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has the authority to bar issuance of any Title V Facility Permit if it is determined not to be in compliance with applicable requirements of the Clean Air Act or 6NYCRR Part 201.

Persons wishing to inspect the subject Title V files, including the application with all relevant supporting materials, the draft permit, and all other materials available to the DEC (the "permitting authority") that are relevant to this permitting decision should contact the DEC representative listed below. The Draft Permit and Permit Review Report may be viewed and printed from the Department website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/32249.html.

DEC will evaluate the application and the comments received on it to determine whether to hold a public hearing. Comments and requests for a public hearing should be in writing and addressed to the Department representative listed below. A copy of the Department's permit hearing procedures is available upon request or on the Department website at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6234.html.

Availability of Application Documents-Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination- Project is not subject to SEQR because it is a Type II action.

SEQR Lead Agency- None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination- The proposed activity is not subject to review in accordance with SHPA. The application type is exempt and/or the project involves the continuation of an existing operational activity.

Coastal Management - This project is located in a Coastal Management area and is subject to the Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29) It has been determined that the proposed action is not subject to CP-29.

Availability for Public Comment-Comments on this project must be submitteed in writing to the Contact Person no later than 07/17/2020 or 30 days after the publication date, whichever is later.

Contact Person-VICTORIA A LAWRENCE NYSDEC 21 S Putt Corners Rd., New Paltz, NY 12561



Graduations, continued from pg 1-



Saunders High School Graduates are congratulated

Yonkers Public Schools is holding three (3) celebrations for each high school. Mementos Pick Up Day when the students come to school for a grand event observing social distancing to receive their awards, certificates, diploma and covers as well as memorabilia the schools purchased for their Class of 2020.

Turn Your Tassel is a photo opportunity for the coveted individual picture of the graduate in cap & gown taken with their school administrators, the superintendent and Board president at the high school, again observing social distancing.

Virtual Prerecorded Commencement Exercises follow the traditional format for the District's high school graduation programs including prerecorded speeches by administrators and students and each graduate's photo and accomplishments are separately highlighted. The prerecorded programs will be posted at a specific date and time on the school's webpage, on IGTV and on the District's WDMC-TV station.

"The Trustees and I have listened to our families and students desires and concerns about in-person graduations and balanced them against health and safety requirements currently in place," noted Board of Education President Rev. Steve Lopez. "We are confident the wonderful celebrations scheduled at the schools will provide fond memories for our Class of 2020 graduates."

Mayor Mike Spano noted in the June 10, 2020 press release, City of Yonkers to Light Yonkers City Hall Clock Tower in Honor of Yonkers Public Schools High School Classes of 2020, "..., it is important we find a way for the City of Yonkers to collectively celebrate all of Yonkers' resilient 2020 graduating high school seniors. Yonkers will shine bright for our shining stars!"



Long lines in Yonkers to vote in the democratic primary. Photo by Robert Kalfus

Primary results, continued from pg 1--

Engel, who has spent 32 years in Congress, did not concede, stating, "With so many absentee ballots outstanding and many still coming in, we know that the full results of the primary won't be known for some time. Every voter deserves to have their voice heard in our electoral system, and every primary ballot must be counted to ensure that happens. That includes the absentee ballots that only reached voters in the last day - they must be counted in every race."

This year, due to the Coronavirus, more than 1 million absentee ballots have been mailed out in NY State, and more than 100,000 in Westchester. How many of those ballots were mailed back and who did those democrats vote for is the question that will determine the outcome. And we won't know until June 30 or later because that is when absentee ballots are due back to the Board of Elections and will begin to be counted.

Another big Westchester democratic primary has Mimi Rocah well ahead of Anthony Scarpino is the race for Westchester District Attorney. Rocah received 68% of the vote to Scarpino's 32%, a more than 2 to 1 margin over a sitting, incumbent DA.

Rocah's campaign had been extremely aggressive campaigning against Scarpino's record, or lack of prosecution of some cases involving police corruption. The momentum in the DA's race always seemed to be with Rocah, and the killing of George Floyd did not help Scarpino's core issue for re-election, that he was the law and order candidate and former FBI agent.

Scarpino's campaign did try to explain to democratic voters that he had checked all of the progressive boxes on the issues before his office, like not prosecuting small marijuana offenses and not asking for bail in many minor criminal cases before bail reform became state law. Scarpino did not concede stating, "There are still tens of thousands of absentees ballots outstanding and more coming in. That process needs to run its course. The results of this election are still pending, and we look forward to seeing all the votes counted."

Rocah almost claimed victory on primary night, stating, "While tonight's results are preliminary, and it is imperative that every vote is counted, our lead is extremely strong and the strength of our support so far makes it clear that we will win this primary. We look forward to focusing on and winning the election in November, and reforming criminal justice in our county"

Absentee votes will also determine the outcome of who democrats will select to be their nominees for Yonkers City Court. Five candidates are running for three seats, Tom Daly, Brendan McGrath, Verris Shako, Karen Best and Dan Romano. The race is too close to call and we will report back in July on who the three winners are.

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Turnout was high in Yonkers, with many democrats still waiting on line after 10 pm to vote at one of eight polling places in the City. Other voters had troubles receiving their absentee ballots on time.

YPS-Kiwanis Teachers of the Year, continued from pg 1--

Yonkers Middle High School grade 8 Social Studies teacher Beth Isenberg and Roosevelt High School – Early College Studies Spanish teacher Dr. Ida D'Ugo are the 65th Annual Teachers of the Year sponsored by Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, the Kiwanis Club and the Board of Education. Their formal in-person presentation will take place in the fall when they will have the full excitement of receiving their honors with family, colleagues and friends present to celebrate.

"There are many extraordinary educators throughout our District," noted Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, "Principal Sharp, Ms. Corrigan-Connell, Ms. Isenberg and Dr. D'Ugo are consummate knowledgeable professionals. There are common threads in their nomination packets; pedagogical expertise, collegial leadership, and compassionate understanding for the children we educate and their families."

"Yonkers is fortunate to have many talented teachers and administrators," said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. "These awards are an opportunity for our Yonkers Public Schools community to publicly recognize the incredible contributions great teachers have on the academic, social and emotional development of our children. Congratulations to Principal Sharp, Ms. Corrigan-Connell, Ms. Isenberg and Dr. D'Ugo – all of whom have proven to go above and beyond to make the difference our students need and deserve."

The Leadership in Education Award, also known as the Administrator of the Year, is presented to an administrator who personifies the spirit, dedication and accomplishments of an outstanding instructional leader. For several decades, the Rotary Club of Yonkers sponsored this award. When they merged with East Yonkers Rotary, they vowed to carry-on the tradition cosponsored with the Board of Education.

"The Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers is pleased to partner with the Yonkers Board of Education in presenting the 2020 Leadership in Education Award to Jade Sharp, Principal of Yonkers Middle High School," noted Rotary Club President, Steve Simpson. "Rotary's motto is 'Service Above Self' and, for us, the Leadership in Education Award recognizes the importance that administrative leadership plays in helping today's students learn and become tomorrow's community-minded leaders."

Yonkers Rotary first partnered with the Board of Education to present this award in 1986. Rotary President Simpson added, "At that time there were 18,850 students enrolled in Yonkers public schools. While the times have certainly changed, and the school district has grown to over 26,000 students, the importance of education and leaders who are passionate and effective has not changed and our Rotary Club is pleased to recognize Jade Sharp as this year's Leader in Education."

For sixty-five years, the Kiwanis Club of Yonkers, in cooperation with the Yonkers Board of Education, sponsored the Teacher of Year Award giving recognition to public school teachers who have demonstrated excellence in teaching, made significant contributions to the school community and engaged in activities that have led to student growth and development. Historically, one teacher who meets these criteria is selected each year from a slate of nominees to be inducted into the Yonkers Teacher Hall of Fame. In 2015, the Mayor of the City of Yonkers joined the tribute awarding annual recognitions to outstanding elementary and secondary Yonkers teachers. Nominations are submitted online by students, parents/guardians, and colleagues.

"The Yonkers Kiwanis Club has been honoring outstanding teachers for the past 65 years through this program," noted Judy Bartunek, Yonkers Kiwanis President. "We are delighted to recognize Ms. Corrigan-Connell, Ms. Isenberg and Dr. D'Ugo as the honorees for the 2019-2020 school year. These professionals are highly motivated, talented and dedicated teachers. We thank them for their untiring efforts to provide quality education to the students in the Yonkers school system, especially during these extraordinary times."



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