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Hey Yonkers! Last Chance to Complete the Census forms



In one of its final efforts to promote participation in the 2020 Census, the City of Yonkers this week deployed its Yonkers Counts 2020 Census vehicle. The Yonkers Counts branded truck, equipped with loud speakers, is visiting neighborhoods throughout the city with English and Spanish messages from Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Yonkers Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac urging residents to complete the 2020 Census.

“It’s crunch time for Yonkers,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “Yonkers has a lot to gain if we gather an accurate count in the 2020 Census. The Yonkers Counts truck is just another opportunity for us to inform our residents that census data guides federal funding for critical services to cities like Yonkers. Now more than ever, response to the 2020 Census is vital – and it is safe and easy.”

Now through the end of September, the Yonkers Counts 2020 census truck will travel to historically undercounted areas of the city including Nodine Hill, Ludlow, South Broadway, Riverdale Ave., Warburton Ave., McLean Ave., Kimball Ave., Bronx River Road, Lincoln Park and around Municipal Housing Authority residences in southwest Yonkers.

Currently, Yonkers’ response rate to the 2020 Census is 60.1%. The deadline to complete the 2020 Census is September 30.

Yonkers Brides March Against Domestic Violence Saturday September 26 Co-Sponsor Majority Leader Pineda-Isaac to Attend



Gladys Ricart & Victims of Domestic Violence MEMORIAL WALK

On Saturday, September 26, 2020, Yonkers City Council Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac will be co-sponsoring the 20th Anniversary Brides March, which will start at 10am at Lincoln Park, on the corner of South Broadway and McLean Avenue, and will head down South Broadway to Getty Square. This is the first time the Brides March will take place in the City of Yonkers. Event co-sponsors include Westchester Latinos Unidos, 100 Hispanic Women -Westchester Chapter, the YWCA, Omega Phi Beta Sorority Inc., Theta Chapter, and Lambda Theta Alpha Sorority Inc., Xi Chapter.

The Brides March is held annually in various cities throughout the country in memory of Ms. Gladys Ricart, who was shot and killed on the day of her wedding by an abusive ex-boyfriend. Marches have been held every year since her death to honor the memory of Gladys Ricart and all other victims of domestic violence.

The march became known as the Brides March because women usually march in their wedding dresses (or wear white) to honor the memory of Gladys Ricart and to stand in solidarity with victims of domestic abuse. Men usually wear black to support those who mourn the death of victims of domestic abuse.

Majority Leader Pineda-Isaac acknowledged that incidences of domestic abuse are on the rise, especially now in the midst of a pandemic, because victims have been locked down in their homes with their abusers. She adds “Now more than ever, we have to show that there is strength in numbers, and show support for domestic violence victims and let them know that they are not alone. For anyone who is in an abusive relationship and needs help, please reach out to my office. We will connect you with the help you need”.

Marisol Alcantara, of Westchester Latinos Unidos, adds that in “honoring the life of Gladys Ricart, we remind the world that domestic violence

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COVID Cases in YPS “Extremely Low”

YFT Sues YPS –Teachers Reluctant to Come Back



Remote learning about colors at Family School 32.

By Dan Murphy

During any school day, the Yonkers Public School has more than 4,000 staff and contractors in their 39 schools. This week, after 3 new cases were reported in 3 different schools, a total of 9 YPS staff members have tested positive for COVID-19.

YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada called the 9 total cases “extremely low” and the math and health recommendations prove him correct. Nine cases, divided by 4,000 persons in the schools, (remember students in school doesn’t begin until Oct. 5), works out to a percentage of less than 1%, .225%, to be exact.

NY Governor Andrew Cuomo has set the bar for positive COVID cases in any school at 5% in order to close. The Yonkers Public Schools are well below 1%.

Both Superintendent Quezada and the Yonkers Council of PTA’s, believe that the YPS are on track to open their schools to hybrid learning on October 5. “We are still on track to begin hybrid learning October 5. Our families expect that our schools will reopen and we are working to do that-

“Our goal continues to be in school learning hybrid starting Oct 5—it should be up to parents to decide whether to send their kids to school and opt in,” said Carmen Goodstein, President, YCPTA’s.

In preparation for the Oct. 5th hybrid opening, the Yonkers Federation of Teachers, YFT, filed a lawsuit claiming that school administrators were denying requests by teachers with pre-existing conditions to work online and from home. “Respondents’ continued failure to consider telework as an accommodation for vulnerable faculty and staff unnecessarily exposes at-risk YFT members to serious illness and/or death when instruction can be provided safely and effectively from remote locations,” states the lawsuit.

One reason why Yonkers teachers have been required to work from school during the month of September, when students are still learning online, is the number of complaints made by parents about their students teachers inability to educate their children online during the spring of 2020.

Yonkers Rising did not print details of the letters and emails we received from parents, or of the complaints we read online. But those complaints included teachers not interacting with their students on Zoom, teachers posting assignments that they had cut and pasted, teachers not showing up for scheduled online classes, and teachers performing other duties when they were supposed to be teaching.

If there are teachers who are ill and cannot attend in person learning, then they should consider utilizing their sick days. For those who are truly at risk because of a pre-existing condition, accommodations can be made. But for the YFT to sue the YPS, which in our view, shows an unwillingness or an inability to negotiate their concerns directly with the school district, is unwise at this challenging time for everyone. Any student or parent who doesn’t want to attend in person school can opt out. But for those parents and students who decide that they want to try and go to school, they should be afforded that opportunity, and given a teacher who wants to be there.

State Won’t Cut YPS Education Aid

\$70 Million Payment This Month Will Come without 20% cut

By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers Public Schools, YPS, got a reprieve from the NYS Division of Budget, when they announced last week that they would not cut the YPS state education aid by 20%. YPS receives \$300 million in State Education Aid every year, and a 20% cut would have totaled more than \$60 Million in reductions that YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada and the Board of Education would have had to make.

“We are glad that the Governor has heeded our call and decided to not withhold the September payments for our schools,” Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and state Sen. Shelley Mayer, chair of the Senate education committee, said in a joint statement. “These 20% cuts would have been devastating.”

A planned \$70 State Education Aid payment will now come at the end of September. Because of the continued State budget troubles, and the continued wait for a Blue State Bailout coming from Washington DC, future education aid payments from NY State are still not guaranteed.

The democratic majority on the Yonkers City Council was pleased with the news. “Some great news to share with you. Governor Cuomo announced that the state will not be withholding money for education as we had previously feared. 20% cuts to our schools would have been devastating and I thank the Governor and our state delegation for heeding our call. While this is positive news for Yonkers Public Schools, the city is still facing financial difficulties on the municipal side. While we should brace ourselves for some tough times ahead, rest assured the council is doing everything it can to minimize any negative impact on residents,” wrote Council President Mike Khader in an email blast.

But the two republicans on the City Council asked that a \$21.6 cut in state municipal aid also be restored. Minority Leader Mike Breen said “I want to thank Governor Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Senator Mayer, Education Chair, for joining off the delay of this month’s aid that is critical for our children’s education. However, with no commitment to future payments, many difficult decisions still must be

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“Women to the Fore” Exhibit at Hudson River Museum



Left, Julia Santos Solomon, Caribbean Thoughts Mashup, 2019. Right, Katori Walker, The Garden of the Divine Feminine 2020.

By Camryn Sanchez

Teeth lining a torso tattooed with red flowers, a protective army of faceless Ukrainian dolls, and a charcoal drawing of a banana blossom by Georgia O’Keeffe. The new collection at the Hudson River Museum showcases artists from all walks of life with one invisible unifying thread: women.

At first glance, “Women to the Fore” might appear haphazard. In one room, there are works by over forty artists in all different colors, mediums, sizes, time periods, and styles. However, this sampling of different themes makes its own statement. “We’re putting the past and the present sort of in a virtual connection with each other as if they could communicate over time,” says Laura Veookles, Chair of the Hudson River Museum curatorial department.

At “Women to the Fore,” each great art movement from the past 150 years is utilized. Women were historically restricted in art education, often forbidden from drawing nude models and instead were encouraged to paint fruits or flowers, however female artists have had a presence in every art movement from surrealism to modernism.

The Hudson River museum displays as many art movements as possible in the exhibit, and allows artists to represent themselves further by writing art labels in their own words. “The vast majority of labels are quotes directly from the artists, and the very few times that they aren’t are mostly the 19th century artists where we couldn’t get direct quotes,” says Victoria McKenna-Ratjen, curatorial assistant.

I really want the generation coming out to experience this and to see it and to know that it’s possible. It’s possible to do a mural in a museum... I want the next generation to see it, especially the girls.” Says Patricia Santos. Santos along with artists Nancy Mendez and Katori Walker created a large mural curated for the exhibit. All three women are Yonkers-based artists.

Walker says she was inspired to be part of an exhibit that celebrates women through time. “I think it’s something that should be shown more often. I think that it’s an opportunity to show that we do have a voice.”

“Everybody is connected, everybody has different stories, but we’ll all be able to relate to each other, and it’s a strong thing.” says Mendez, “We’re resilient. We’re strong. We’re warriors. Warriors of life. It doesn’t matter what age, what race, what color, none of that. We’re all fighters.”

For Veookles, curating an intersectional exhibit was very important. “Women to the Fore” has artists with different sexual orientations, ethnicities, nationalities, and ages, but there is unmistakably a sense of unity in the room. “This show is about the celebration that we’re all in it together and that we’re all celebrating each other and giving everyone a chance to be recognized.” Veookles adds.

The chance to recognize female artists is not one that museums regularly take. How often do we walk into a gallery showcasing predominantly male artists, and never notice? “Now you will think about it if you walk into a gallery at another museum and you don’t see a single woman,” says Veookles. “Why should it be unusual that we walk into a room and everyone be a woman?”

Mendez states, “Ultimately although we all have our own journey we are all women, and we are all connected.”



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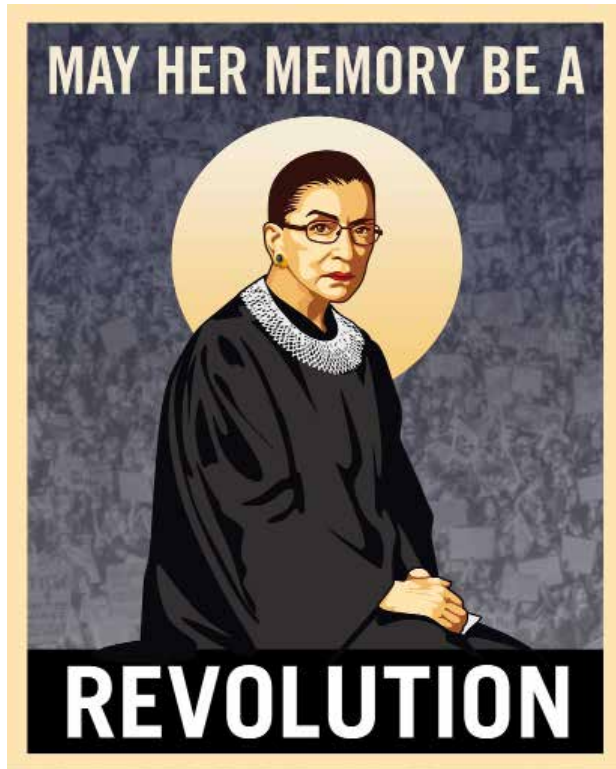


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Westchester Pays Tribute to Ruth Bader Ginsberg

Thank Hillary for Getting RBG on USSC



By Dan Murphy

Hundreds of Westchester residents said goodbye to US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg last week by holding rallies and ceremonies across the counties to pay tribute to her 26 years on the highest court in the United States, and for her lifetime of service to our country.

At one event, over one hundred people convened outside Senator Chuck Schumer's Hudson Valley Office to make clear to Minority Leader Schumer that they expect him to do everything and anything to stop the Republican-controlled Senate from confirming a Supreme Court Justice prior to the inauguration.

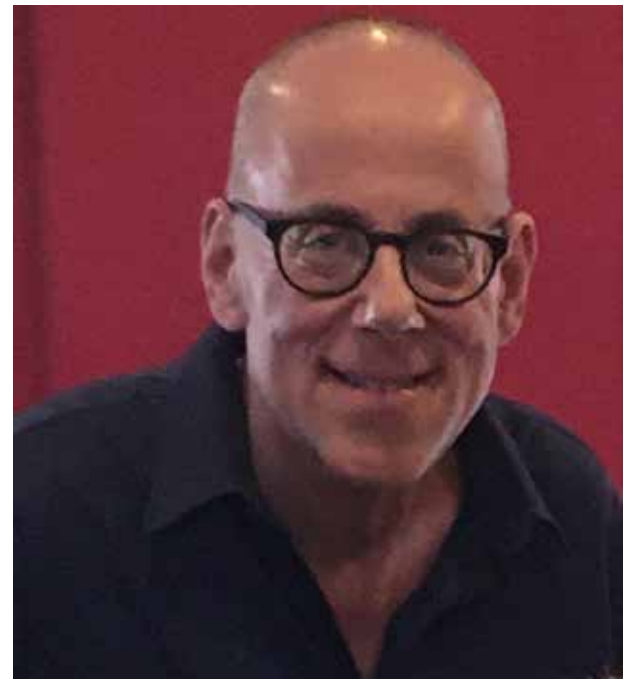
Irene Lindberg, a 10 year old from Peekskill and member of the Westchester County Junior Youth Council told the crowd, "If you are a woman and have a credit card in your name and your own credit history, if you have leased an apartment or brought property in your name, if you have consented to your own medical treatment, if you played a sport in school, then you can thank Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg."

"Justice Ginsburg fought for women's rights when no else was. As a single working mother back in the 70s I know what it was like to not have equal pay for equal work, the right to choose, and so much more. Those rights are now threatened. We must protect these rights for our daughters and granddaughters. No Supreme Court appointment until after the inauguration," said Kathie Talbot, Peekskill Common Council Member

"We want Senator Schumer to know we have his back. We have his back, but he must use any, and all, means within the powers and rules of the Senate to prevent the confirmation of any nominee to the Supreme Court," said Mark A. Lieberman, Indivisible Yorktown.

Another remembrance was held outside the Federal Courthouse in White Plains last weekend. **Continued on pg 6--**

Stop Being So Hard on Yourself!



By Eric W. Schoen

Yom Kippur is upon us. According to tradition, it is on Yom Kippur that God decides each person's fate. Jews are encouraged to make amends and ask forgiveness for sins committed during the past year.

Friends, this has been a tough year. The mystery that is COVID-19 is far from solved. Each day we get new information from our health officials as to what we should and should not be doing, and what is causing the spread of this terrible disease. Quite often the news one day contradicts the news from the previous day. It's unsettling but there is little we can do about it.

During Rosh Hashanah services, Rabbi Jeff Brown of Scarsdale Synagogue Temples Tremont and Emanu-El made an important point I want to share with you. Maybe we have to stop being so hard on ourselves.

Yes, the situation at hand is far from our control. We know what the experts say to do. I am not sharing with you some magical advice that will solve all of today's problems. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds. Wear a mask or other face covering when you are within 6 feet of others. Or are the authorities about to change the distance, increasing it? Use alcohol based hand sanitizers when soap and water are not readily available. Don't touch your face with your hands.

The number of infected and number of those dying have gone down but overall are still too high. Did the President keep information from us we should have known. Was it smart for our state to send patients testing positive for Coronavirus from hospitals to nursing homes and extended care facilities infecting others. Yes there will be plenty of investigations, but if you think anyone involved in these decisions is going to jail, I have that bridge in Brooklyn to sell you.

Our minds are in a state of flux. Should we say hello? Push the button on the elevator with our fingers or our sleeves? Find a sanitizer to cleanse the shopping cart at the grocery store? Visit with our elderly loved ones or if we are elderly invite our younger loved ones to visit with us.

All of these decisions weigh on our mind. It's upsetting. Are we making the right decision or not. Yes friends, it's time to stop being so hard on ourselves.

We are in the midst of a pandemic but we have to live our lives. And we have to interact with our loved ones whether it be by phone of FaceTime or in person. Make that call to someone we haven't seen in ages. Send a note to cheer someone up who we know needs cheering.

Prayer never hurts. Say a prayer for those who need one. Get back into the habit of prayer many of us had as children taking a few minutes to reflect on the day and pray for all we love and our country before we go to sleep.

Social distance when among strangers and if need be family and friends. If other are not following the rule bring it to their attention. If you see someone in a store without a mask bring it to the attention of the store manager or if need be to corporate headquarters. It's for your health as well as theirs.

If you see someone in distress, a car accident or a vehicle simply blocking a lane on our roadways, call 911 and if in a remote area stay with the person until help has arrived. Most of us can tell the level of help someone needs and if there is any danger in providing it.

Never disobey the instructions of the authorities. No need to speed as so many are currently doing because the roads are less crowded. A red light means stop, a yellow means slow down, and blinking lights mean slow down and proceed with caution.

Get outside and get a breath of fresh air. Didn't we just hear that those who have not left the house are more susceptible to catching COVID-19? Exercise at home or at the gym, wiping down every piece of equipment you use as you would expect others to do for you.

Most of us are blessed with good health insurance policies. If you are ill take advantage of them. That's what they are there for?.

So many homeless on the street. Don't give them money. Go into a grocery store and pick up something for them to eat. Or call 911 or social services to get them some relief.

We all need to find a way to relax. Find an app that will relax you. Turn on classical music, or practice deep breathing exercises. Go to an Animal Shelter and ask if you can help walking the dogs. Better yet, adopt a dog or cat. We have wonderful Animal shelters in Yonkers and New Rochelle.

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Westchester County Accepting Applications for \$10 M Small Business -Non Profit Grant Program

The Westchester County Office of Economic Development is now accepting applications for the Westchester County Business FIRST grant program, a \$10 million initiative designed to support small businesses and nonprofits facing challenges as a result of the COVID-19 crisis. Applications will be accepted through September 30, 2020.

"Managing a business is difficult enough in 'normal' times, but the added challenges caused by the pandemic are devastating for many organizations," said Westchester County Executive George Latimer. "The Westchester County Business FIRST grant program will help organizations get back on their feet and back to recovering their businesses."

Westchester County Business FIRST: Financial Investments for Recovery and a Sustainable Tomorrow is a new grant program designed to offer immediate financial relief to organizations in Westchester County that have been negatively impacted by the pandemic. Businesses and nonprofits with 99 or fewer employees may qualify for up to \$49,000 to cover expenses such as rent or mortgage payments, employee salaries or benefits, working capital, equipment and other COVID-19-related expenses.

The Westchester County Business FIRST grant program is being administered by the County Office of Economic Development through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act.

"Westchester County is investing in our small businesses and nonprofits today for a better tomorrow," said Bridget Gibbons, Westchester County's Director of Economic Development. "The Westchester County Business FIRST grant program will help restore financial resiliency in Westchester County and get our economy back on track."

To be eligible, organizations must be in good standing with Westchester County and are required to demonstrate revenue losses of at least 25 percent from March 7, 2020 to present due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The applicant must establish that the organization was a financially viable operation prior to March 7, 2020, the date Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed Executive Order 202 declaring a disaster emergency. The organization must have been open as of Feb. 1, 2020, currently be in operation, or closed temporarily and plan to reopen for business in 2020.

Certain entities are not eligible to apply for the Westchester County Business FIRST grant, including units of government; real estate holding companies, businesses or nonprofits that generate revenue through passive real estate; adult entertainment establishments; gas stations; and businesses or nonprofits that have defaulted on federal debt, including loans from the Small Business Administration.

For more information on the application process, visit <https://westchestercatalyst.com/business-first-programs/grants/>

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Respect people's political views as they should respect yours. No matter who wins the elections you still have to pay taxes and not matter what anyone tells you they are still going to go up. Speaking of political views, are you registered to vote? Don't complain if you don't exercise your right to vote. They have made it so easy for you with mail in registration, absentee ballots (due to COVID-19), and early voting. Try to vote by mail so that the poor poll workers who work long hours in quite often not the best conditions don't have to worry about being in an environment where they can pick up germs and god forbid COVID-19.

Never put work over family or friends. Never be judgmental. You never know what someone else is going through. Never disobey your parents. So many of us wish our parents were still with us.

On a lighter note, don't take more sweetener than you will need for your coffee or tea at Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts. Condiments are there for you to use for what you are purchasing, not to feed the army at home. No more handfuls of Sweet'N Low sneaked out of the store in your pocket, purse or jacket.

With the difficult financial situation newspapers are facing in this country, in the New Year don't complain if you see a little mistake or typo in my article or in the newspaper. Big stuff let us know. The little stuff, well it means you are at the top of your game!

May you be inscribed for a blessing in the Book of Life. For all our readers, Jew and non-Jew, I wish you a happy, healthy New Year!

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

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made. I am asking that the state do the right thing and give us the funding that you have already budgeted for us."

City Councilman Anthony Merante said, "Thank you, but, that is not enough. A further commitment to funding the remaining portion of the school year and the reinstatement of the \$21.6 million in AIM aid must follow to prevent catastrophic reductions to our programs, services and City's workforce. The City's long term finances are in jeopardy as the state's unwillingness to meet their obligations will have significant negative effects on the June 30, 2020 audited financial statements as well as the current and future budgets and that is not acceptable."

The hope for many democrats in Yonkers, and across New York State, is that Joe Biden will be elected President and that democrats will take control of the U.S. Senate. If that occurs, then New York State could receive a bailout to help cover its \$13 Billion budget hole, and Yonkers could receive some of the municipal aid that was budgeted but then cut.

The YPS already had to make budget cuts of \$21 Million to its 2020-21 budget because it did not receive enough funding from the City and the state to keep up with the contractual salary increases of employees and other rising costs.

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is a public health issue and that we will continue to work to ensure that everyone lives in a violence-free world".

To date, thousands of women, men, and youth, among them members of the Ricart family and other families affected by domestic violence, along with elected officials, civic leaders, clergy, students, domestic violence advocates and survivors, gather every September 26, rain or shine, to memorialize Gladys and the many other victims who have lost their lives to domestic violence, and to raise awareness of the horrors of domestic violence.

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On This Day in Yonkers History...

Yonkers Public Schools Postpones Soccer to March 2021

Yonkers Public Schools Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada announced that fall varsity sports, which this school year is soccer, would follow the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHAA) Fall Season 2 that begins in March.

Dr. Quezada noted, "Out of an abundance of caution, Yonkers has determined that to protect the health and safety of our students and staff to the best of our ability, it is prudent to postpone our fall season. Another factor is the uncertainty schools face this fall related to COVID-19 restrictions, potential closures due to positive cases and parental concerns." NYSPHAA has already moved football, volleyball and cheerleading to Fall Season 2.

"Our focus over the next two months is the successful reopening of our school for students using a Hybrid scenario on October 5th," added Dr. Quezada. "In-person instruction is essential for our students' academic and social-emotional development. What we know is that vigorous public education is the universal stabilizer for the community. We are in fight for quality public education and Yonkers is relentlessly committed to equity for our urban children."



Westchester's First County Exec. and Yonkers Resident William Bleakley.

By Mary Hoar, President Untermyer Performing Arts Council, President Emerita of the Yonkers Historical Society

Monday, September 28th

September 28, 1891: John Copcutt filed lawsuits against the City of Yonkers and Alexander Smith & Sons' Carpet Company for fouling the Nepperhan River, and affecting his usage of river water. Mr. Copcutt purchased a tract of land that included the lower waterfalls where the Nepperhan River emptied into the Hudson and erected several substantial factories. Copcutt (1805-1895), a prominent industrialist, contributed significantly to the development of Yonkers, not only by building his factories, but also by building cottages for his workers to rent.

September 28, 1940: Empire City Raceway prepared for 100,000 people to attend a Republican State Convention rally for Presidential candidate Wendell Wilkie. They provided 28,000 reserved seats, with additional seating placed on the lawn. Members of the Young Women's Republican Club of Westchester assisted, acting as uniformed Wilkiettes; the State Republican Convention that year was held at the Westchester County Center.

Tuesday, September 29th

September 29, 1918: Yonkers rang with the sound of factory whistles, church bells, the Liberty Band and the sounds of thousands of Yonkers residents to open the Fourth Liberty Loan drive. The official kick off was held at the Liberty Theater, where Mayor William Wallin introduced its official slogan, "All Yonkers. Carry on."

September 29, 1949: Seaman apprentice Steve Donatone of Willow Street took part in an amphibious landing at Carson Beach in the Boston area. More than 3,000 Navy and Marine Corps personnel, commanded by Naval Captain Richard Phillips, took place in conjunction with the National Marine Corps League convention. Eleven ships, jet fighter planes and helicopters from the Squantum Naval Air Station, and the Second Marine Division participated; Donatone was on the LS 1041.

Wednesday, September 30th

September 30, 1927: After a much long and heated discussion, twenty-three Yonkers school principals voted to turn down Superintendent Lamont Hodges' suggestion to establish uniform schools hours in all schools. The principals contended that a ninety-minute lunch was necessary for schools in the outlying area with students who lived a distance from the school.

September 30, 1936: Yonkers resident Judge William Bleakley was selected as the Republican candidate for New York Governor at the state convention in Albany.

Thursday, October 1st

October 1, 1941: US Coast Guard Third-Class Petty Officer Frederick Dormer of 1 Lawrence Street, received a bronze medal for the Life Saving Benevolent Association of New York from rescuing a man in Upper New York Bay. While on duty on the US CG Cutter Manhattan moored at Battery Park, Dormer saw a man fall or jump into the bay. He immediately ran to the seawall from which the man leaped, took off his shoes, and jumped in after him. After struggling with the drowning man, Dormer managed to get a rope around him and pulled him to the dock. Dormer then swam back to his ship.

October 1, 1942: Just five weeks after the Yonkers Common Council voted to suspend City Manager Raymond Whitney, they unanimously voted to dismiss the charges against him and immediately reinstate him. He had been charged with failing to suppress gambling in Yonkers; Governor Lehman had ordered gambling suppressed in Yonkers after receiving complaints professional gamblers were operating in our fair city. The Council had indicated they would fire Whitney at the end of the 30-day suspension. Instead, after Whitney's attorney Sheldon Pollock informed the Council his client intended to "defend himself to the utmost against charges reflecting on his honesty, reputation and ability," the Council dropped the charges. Those who had voted to suspend him—Curtis Frank, Edith Welty, and Thomas Sullivan—and James Sullivan who had supported him, voted shortly after Pollock's impassioned speech. Whitney made no comment. The Council members reversed their position without explanation; scuttlebutt had it that the Council agreed to drop the charges to enable Whitney to resign without jeopardizing his ability to take another job.

Friday, October 2nd

October 2, 1953: A Russian born Yonkers woman met her brother for the first time! Mrs. Irving Goodman of St. John's Avenue had left Russia two years before her 45-year old brother Manuel Brytwa was born. Brytwa had escaped Russia when Hitler invaded Russia, stowing away on a tramp steamer to Buenos Aires; all other family members were killed in concentration camps.

October 2, 1969: First Westchester County Executive William Bleakley passed away. After receiving his law degree from Cornell, he practiced law in Yonkers for nine years and served as a trustee on the Yonkers School Board.

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Letter to the Editor:

New York Governor and 1928 Democratic Party Presidential nominee Al Smith used to say "Let's look at the record," when he ran for office. In the same vein, I respectfully disagree with Frank Spotorno when he states that President Donald Trump was the "first President to stand up to China" (September 18, 2020 issue of Westchester Rising) – this simply has not been the case.

President Truman deployed U.S. troops to South Korea's defense during the Korean War when Russia and China supported the invading North Korean armies. Later, in 1959, President Eisenhower condemned the PRC for its human rights abuses in Tibet, and continued military assistance to Taiwan.

Even after the US normalized relations with the PRC, American Presidents have been critical of China. During the 1980s, the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations continued sales of missiles, tanks and other defensive weapons to Taiwan and worked to strengthen relations with that country. During the administration of George W. Bush, the PRC was persuaded to bring North Korea back to the Six Party Talks on nuclear proliferation. In 2007, Vice President Dick Cheney, speaking for the Bush administration, criticized the PRC for its military build-up. American military assistance (approximately \$ 14.1 billion) to the Taiwan government continued during the Obama years.

The Obama administration successfully negotiated the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade agreement in 2016 with Canada, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, and 8 other nations in the greater Pacific Rim region. TPP was seen as a strategic way to reduce these countries' dependence on Chinese trade and bring these nations closer to the US. The Trump administration foolishly decided to withdraw from the TPP, and in so doing, opened the door for China to extend its influence in the region.

Our relations with China have become more complex over the last several years, and President Trump's actions to date indicate that he neither understands America's vital interests in Asia, nor has any long-term strategies to advance those interests.

We can do better than this. President Ronald Reagan used to say "facts are stubborn things," which voters need to consider as they vote this fall. I see this election not only as a referendum on the incumbent President's performance since 2017, but also as a choice between two futures and enduring American values.

I believe that millions of Republicans, former Republicans and Independents will place country over party, and vote to elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris on November 3rd.

Stephen R. Rolandi, Larchmont.

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Westchester remembers RBG, continued from pg 1--

Many Westchester democrats recalled that it was Hillary Clinton, who played the crucial role of getting Justice Ginsberg nominated by her husband, President Bill Clinton in 1994. "I knew that of all the people who were part of the women's movement she was one of the key players because of her creative understanding of the law and her sense of commitment," said Hillary, in 2019 at an event with RBG and Bill Clinton. "I may have expressed an opinion or two about the people he should bring to the top of the list."

Bill Clinton said of that RBG meeting that he had known within 10 minutes that he was going to ask Ginsburg to be his nominee for USSC. "I wanted to nominate someone who understood that "we all live under the same set of rules."

RBG told President Clinton, "if you worried about my age, it was unnecessary." She was 60 and served for 26 years to age 87 until her passing.

Hillary added that Bill and RBG "hitt it off" at their first interview and meeting at The White House. "They had an extraordinary conversation about the Constitution and the role of the courts. It was a masterclass.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was someone I had looked up to for a long time—a young lawyer, and throughout my time practicing and teaching law. She believed that the Constitution had to be interpreted as providing for the equal rights of men and women. She understood there were certain assumptions in the law that favored or disfavored men as well as women, and had the brilliant insight that she could demonstrate that lack of equality by litigating on behalf of men."

"Her great gift was not only being a brilliant lawyer, litigator, and judge, but also a warm and empathetic human being. She felt the loss of respect and rights that her clients felt. And she felt compelled to try to right those wrongs,"wrote Hillary after RBG's passing. "This is a devastating personal loss for so many. But more than that, it is a devastating loss for our country. Her memory is already a blessing. May it also be a call to continue her work for justice and equality under the law. A successful life is distinct from a profound and vital one, however."

Justice Ginsburg was given a little piece of advice on her wedding day by her mother in law many years ago that is still good advice today. "In every good marriage, it helps sometimes to be a little deaf. I have employed it as well in every workplace, including the Supreme Court. When a thoughtless or unkind word is spoken, best tune out. Reacting in anger or annoyance will not advance one's ability to persuade."

Another lesson from RBG's life, is her friendship with Justice Antonin Scalia. "Despite our strong disagreements on cardinal issues — think, for example, of controls on political campaign spending, affirmative action, access to abortion — we genuinely respect one another, even enjoy one another's company. Collegiality is crucial to the success of our mission. We could not do the job the Constitution assigns to us if we didn't — to use one of Justice Antonin Scalia's favorite expressions — "get over it!"

RBG's lasting legacy will always be her efforts to argue, again and again before she was successful, that the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution included women. "I was a proponent of the ERA. The women of my generation and my daughter's generation, they were very active in moving along the social change that would result in equal citizenship stature for men and women...I ask no favor for my sex. All I ask of our brethren is that they take their feet off our necks."

Her continued service to our country while battling cancer showed how strong she was and, as she told Stanford University students years ago the importance of "doing something outside yourself. But if you want to be a true professional, you will do something outside yourself, something to repair tears in your community, something to make life a little better for people less fortunate than you. That's what I think a meaningful life is. One lives not just for one's self but for one's community."

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Notice of Formation of Eva Phillips-Rogers LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 2/14/20. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Eva PhillipsRogers, 16 Lehman Terrace, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 09/11

Notice of Sale

Supreme Court: Westchester County T11 Funding v Manuel Pereira et al. Defts 51986/2019 Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale filed and entered January 24, 2020, I will sell at public auction at the Westchester County Courthouse 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd White Plains NY 10601, on October 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. premises located in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester, State of New York known as Section 1, Block 463 Lot(s) 25. Sold subject to the terms of sale and filed judgment of foreclosure. Bank Checks Only, must be payable to the Referee for 25% of Bid Price, No Cash Accepted. Leticia Arzu, Esq. Referee

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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 6553 – Opening date 10/16/2020: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to Purchase Sigma Valve boxes as needed (AS).
2. Bid 6548 – Opening date: 10/16/2020: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide on-call commercial kitchen equipment repair services for the Yonkers School District (JH).
3. Bid 6549 – Opening date: 10/16/2020: Twenty-four month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to furnish and install graphics on various Police vehicles as needed (DNC).
4. Bid 6544A – Opening date: 10/16/2020: Twenty-four month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to furnish parts and provide repair services as needed for Toyota vehicles (DNC).
5. Bid 6551 – Opening date: 10/23/2020: Landscaping services for the park land in front of the Cacace Justice Center along South Broadway (AC).
6. Bid 6552 – Opening date 10/23/2020: Twenty-four month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide maintenance and repair services for firefighting protective clothing and accessories as needed. (KS).
7. Bid 6448A - Opening date: 10/23/2020: Elevator Upgrades at Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY. (AS)
8. Bid 6550 – Opening date 10/23/2020: Twenty-four month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide standby emergency snow removal services. (FB).

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He was elected to the Yonkers City Court in 1917 and in 1922 elected Westchester County Judge, endorsed by both major parties; this was the first time a judge ran with dual endorsement in Westchester. He was elected to the NYS Supreme Court in 1928. Bleakley ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1936 but was elected Westchester's first County Executive two years later. He resigned as County Executive in 1941 to accept an appointment from his former opponent Governor Lehman to the Moreland Act Commission to investigate Workmen's Compensation violations.

Saturday, October 3rd

October 3, 1931: Former Notre Dame Football Captain John Law took over as coach of the Manhattan College Football Team. Law captained the undefeated 1929 National Championship Notre Dame team, coached by Knute Rockne. Rockne considered his 1929 team to be the "strongest" team of all he coached. October 3, 1933: Captain Arthur, head of the Vineyard Avenue Firehouse, received the Order of the Purple Heart for wounds he received in 1918 while fighting with the 27th Division of the A. E. F. in France.

Sunday, October 4th

October 4, 1929: The Yonkers Statesman put up a magnetic player board on the lower part of Main Street. This board allowed thousands of Yonkers baseball fans to see a play by play account of the World Series between the Athletics and Cubs.

October 4, 1943: Yonkers was abuzz because First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt mentioned Yonkers in her column, "My Day." While speaking about her trip to the South Pacific, she mentioned sitting with a "youngster from Yonkers," who attended Colgate. She was charmed when he mentioned he often passed through Hyde Park when traveling back to school. Unfortunately, she did not say who the student was!

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Above: Join Lori Belilove & The Isadora Duncan Dance Company at 5:00PM EST on September 26, 2020 in the Walled Garden amphitheater at Untermyer Gardens, where Samuel and Minnie Untermyer watched the Isadorables perform in 1923. More information and tickets here <https://isadoraduncan.org/untermyer-performance/>

*Featuring Faith Kimberling (left), Emily D'Angelo (middle), and Hayley Rose (right) at Untermyer Gardens Conservancy
Photo Credit: Jessica Norman*

This event requires visitors to wear masks and socially distance.

Seating will be provided. Tickets cost \$50 each, and can be purchased at <https://www.untermyergardens.org/duncan-dance-company.html>

The Board of Directors of the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (IDA) has voted preliminary approval of financial incentives for a \$72 million project that will transform a blighted and vacant block in the Warburton Ravine Urban Renewal Area into a sustainable intergenerational community. Point & Ravine Apartments, which is a public partnership between developer Conifer Realty LLC and the City of Yonkers, will feature a mid-rise building with approximately 120 income-restricted one- and two-bedroom affordable housing rental units targeted to both senior and family housing and construction of approximately 26 units of income restricted affordable housing rental townhome-style apartments.

The project also includes construction of new parking lots on certain land owned by the City and improvements to Irving Park. Construction costs are estimated at \$43.4 million. The land acquisition is estimated at \$8.24 million. The IDA voted on the application at its September 4th meeting. A rendering of the project is pictured above.

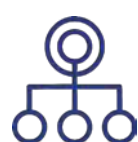
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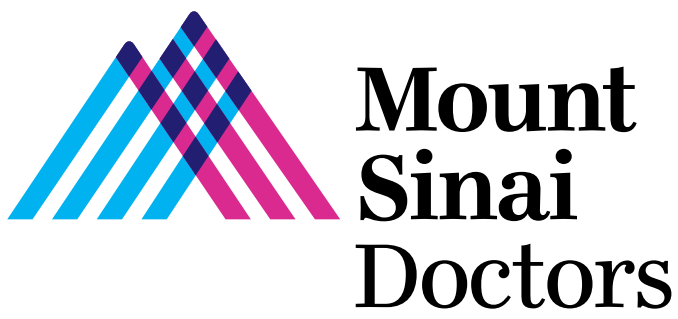


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