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Many in Yonkers Believe Karen Best Unfit, Unstable for City Court

“There are ethical rules about how judicial candidates should campaign.. she has done nothing but attack, and that’s not what judicial candidates should be doing”-Yonkers Democratic Chair Tom Meier

“Anyone who lies should not be a judge... We don’t need instability on the bench.” --Jeni Wallace, Wallace Foundation

By Dan Murphy

Perhaps the two most important traits in a judge are the ability to fairly and honestly sit on the bench and make decisions without preference to either side, and to serve the people who come before the court with integrity. Last week, Yonkers Rising reported on a story concerning Karen Best, a democratic nominee for Yonkers City Court. The story highlighted accusations made by Best concerning one of her opponents for City Court, Verris Shako, and Jeni Wallace, concerning COVID safety at a recent Halloween event.

Best asked, in a letter to the Yonkers Tribune, that Shako, who is also a democratic candidate for City Court, stay at home under quarantine. Jeni Wallace was also questioned, in her role organizing the event for kids. Best’s letter, or email, to the Yonkers Tribune has resulted in Wallace calling Best “A Liar,” because of the different stories Best has told about the letter and its origins.

The letter appeared with Best’s name, but later her name was pulled from the post on the Yonkers Tribune. Finally, Best’s name was re-added to the post, adding confusion as to what happened.

Jeni Wallace is a Yonkers treasure—she has overcome the loss of her son by giving back to her community. She is also a member of the Yonkers Human Rights Commission and a lifelong resident of Yonkers.

“Anyone who lies should not be a judge. What happens when someone comes before her? How can they trust her? She completely lied to me,” said Wallace, describing social media messages and texts between her and Best. “Karen (Best) told me that she never sent Hezi (Yonkers Tribune Editor) any-

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How Did YFD Do Better than Big US Cities With \$11M Fed Grant?



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A new class of firefighters, which will be paid for through a Federal grant

By Dan Murphy

Last month, the City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Fire Department received good news, when U.S. Senators from NY Charles Schumer and Kristin Gillibrand announced an \$11.5 Million federal grant which will fully fund 30 Yonkers firefighters for the next three years.

Specifically, the Senators explained, Yonkers Fire Department will fill 20 currently vacant positions and staff an additional 10 positions left open due to long term medical leave. This federal funding will help to relieve some of the financial stress that Yonkers has experienced due to additional overtime costs resulting from staffing shortages, vacant positions, and long term medical leaves.

A further analysis of the grant shows that Yonkers, in receiving \$11.5 Million received as much or more in Federal funds than other, bigger cities like New Orleans and San Francisco. First let me say that after covering Yonkers for more than 20 years, and having witnessed the difficulties that the City has had in obtaining its fair share of funding, it is good to report that this time around, Yonkers is at the top of the list of city's who received federal funds.

How did it all happen. We recently spoke to Yonkers Firefighter and former Local 628 President Barry McGoey, who was able to craft a grant ap

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YPS Gets an “F” from YPPS & Sussman

Between “4,500 and 10,000 of the school district’s nearly 28,000 students are unable to participate in their virtual classrooms.”

-Civil Rights Attorney Michael Sussman

By Camryn Sanchez

This week, the group Yonkers Parents Seeking Solutions (YPPS) engaged the help of Civil Rights Attorney Michael Sussman, Esq. to communicate with the city of Yonkers “in addressing the gross disparities faced by many vulnerable parents who currently lack computers and other resources.”

This semester Yonkers Public Schools has frustrated Yonkers parents with failure to provide transportation, devices, internet connection, and other important tools students require to access their classes. In a letter addressed to Mayor Mike Spano and Superintendent Edwin Quezada, Sussman aims to address “issues which seem highly relevant to our mutual quest to ensure equity in the provision of healthy educational environments for all Yonkers’ students.” Sussman says to fix these problems “will involve a full-fledged effort by the entire Yonkers community because the current situation is delinquent.”

The letter first examines “disproportionality in the lack of computers and other resources in communities of color.” Sussman believes that between “4,500 and 10,000 of the school district’s nearly 28,000 students are unable to participate in their virtual classrooms.”

Many students do not have adequate study spaces at home, and some in-person classes are being run by “less qualified” substitutes as over 100 Yonkers teachers have medical conditions that prevent them from teaching in-person. To correct these issues, Sussman suggests that the city make buildings such as community centers and churches available as student study spaces, and that schools allow their original teachers to simply teach virtually.

In terms of in-person transportation, Yonkers bus aides have been laid off in large numbers, resulting in unsupervised children who require oversight to maintain mask wearing and social-distancing regulations.

Sussman also expresses concern that students with IEPs (special education documentation) are not having adequate accommodations provided.

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Get Your COVID Mask for Halloween



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Yonkers seamstress Leah Katz, pictured above, dress designer and owner of LaRobeByLeah at 1254 Central Park Avenue in Yonkers, is seen among her growing collection of Halloween-themed masks that she creates daily.

Prices for each custom mask start at \$12. Brides have also purchased masks matching their wedding gowns, with masks matching bridesmaids’ dresses, made dressy and attractive with a string of pearls on elastic bands to loop around their ears, and even double-sided reversible masks.

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COUNTY LEGISLATOR JOHNSON SECURES \$10K IN FUNDING FOR NEW TECHNOLOGY AT NCC



Westchester County Legislator Christopher Johnson, 2nd left, who represents the 16th District in Yonkers, presents a check for \$10,000 in nonprofit funding for the Nepperhan Community Center and NCC Exec. Director Jim Bostic to purchase new chrome books for students during virtual learning.

County Legislator Christopher Johnson presented a check on behalf of the Board of Legislators in the amount of \$10,000 to fund the Nepperhan Community Centers’ purchasing of 40 new laptops. “On behalf of all the children and families we serve, I would like to thank Legislator Christopher Johnson and the Westchester County Board of Legislators” said Jim Bostic, Executive Director of the Nepperhan Community Center, “for providing a \$10,000 grant for our agency to purchase chrome books to assist the under-privileged children whose families cannot afford them, that we serve within the Yonkers Public Schools. Your generosity will help ensure that many children have the tools they need to be successful during these unprecedented times.”

The Nepperhan Community Center will be working with Yonkers Public Schools to provide a safe space and assistance for virtual learning. Legislator Johnson advocated for funding for the Nepperhan Community Center during the 2020 Budget negotiations last year. “Although I fought for this funding last year, we all had no idea it would be needed to be repurposed for this type of programming. This is a time in our lives where our kids need us the most. Many families in our community have to choose between working or staying home to monitor their children, and not everyone can afford a laptop for each of their children to work on separately. This funding will help to alleviate some of that,” says Westchester County Legislator Christopher Johnson.

\$9.4 Million Mixed-Use Development Groundbreaking On Riverdale Ave.



Mayor Mike Spano and other city officials joined with Erin Construction and Development Co. for the groundbreaking of 9-11 Riverdale Avenue, a nine-story, mixed-use residential and commercial building to be built on a vacant lot along a prime corridor of Getty Square.

The \$9.4 million development, which last year received financial incentives from the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency, will feature 29 rental apartments and 2,150 square feet of ground-level commercial space. The building will have a mix of six studios, 21 one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units. It will also have a roof-top terrace with sweeping Hudson River views, a 700-square-foot common area for residents as well as basement storage and bike rack. Monthly rents will start at \$1,200. The project will create four affordable apartments and will generate an estimated \$700,000 in additional property tax revenues for the city.

“We are happy to see this long-vacant lot come to life with more residential and commercial space, inviting more activity to our downtown,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “Shovels are in the ground, dollars are being invested and Yonkers is back to business. Thank you to Erin Construction for your commitment to Yonkers.”

“Many thanks to Mayor Spano for being our most ardent supporter by encouraging our work here and seeing things through, despite unprecedented constraints. Thank you to Councilwoman Williams for always making time for us and providing important feedback on behalf of her constituents in the neighborhood. We thank Jaime McGill and her team at the IDA for helping us connect the dots and navigate the people and places that make Yonkers a great city to do business in. Our thanks go out to the entire development team – Alana Smith at Calyx, David Steinmetz and Kate Roberts from Zarin Steinmetz, Rob Ikes at H2M, Mike Kroog at CPC and Matt Hall and Darryl Austin at Goldstein Hall. So many hours have been spent in close collaboration with all of you and we are grateful for your time and expertise,” said John Murnane, CEO and Founder of Erin Construction.

Murnane added, “From its inception, we continuously sought ways to bring to bear a project that would meet the needs of the community without pricing out the market. This is no easy feat, particularly now in light of dramatic changes to our industry in light of the pandemic. With the continued support of all of you here, we can accomplish that goal, whatever it takes.”

The property is located in the DM-X Mixed Use District which has a high concentration of commercial, residential and institutional development in the Downtown. The zone encourages ground-floor commercial uses to activate the street-level environment.

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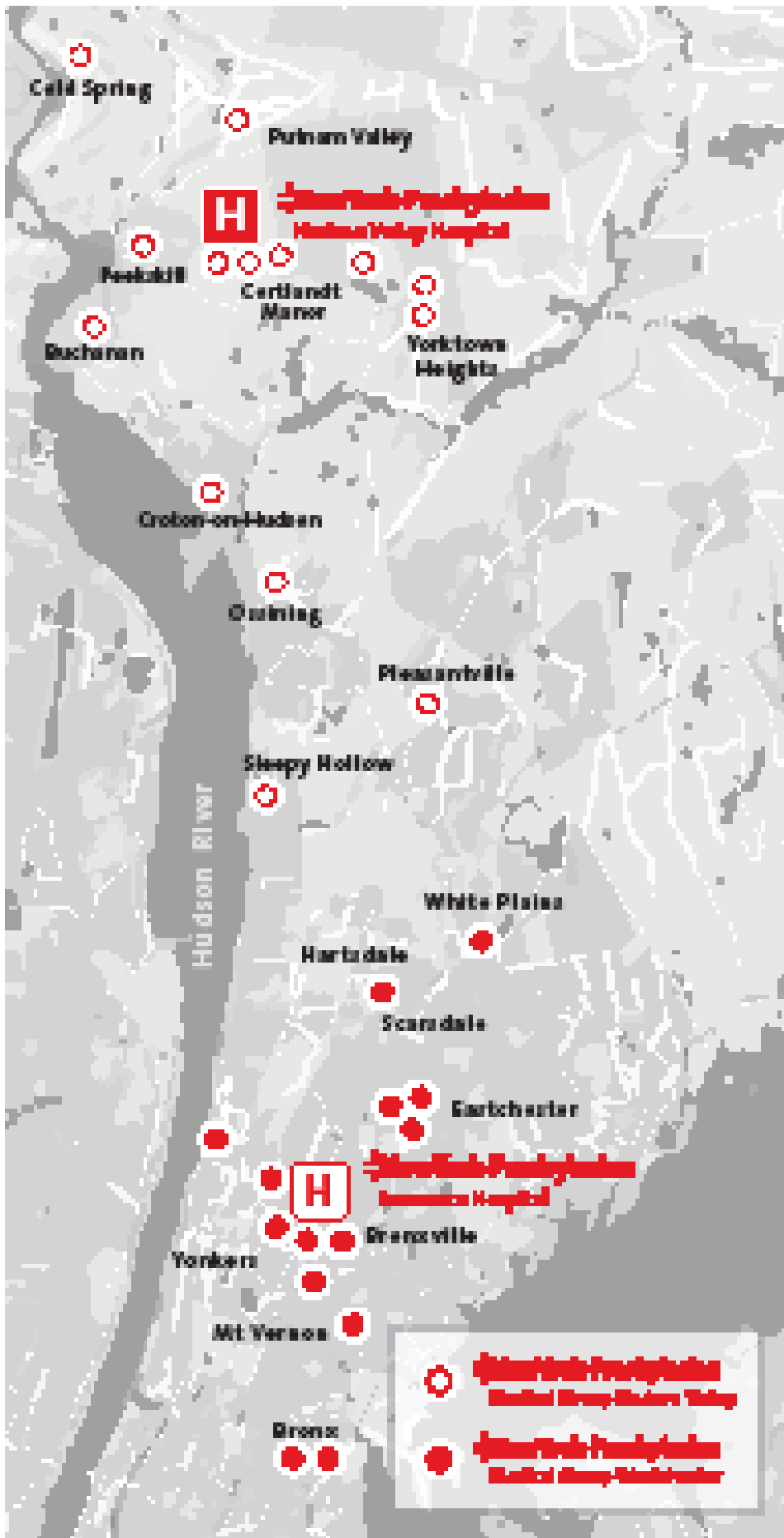
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Yonkers Police, FBI & Good Samaritan Honored for Heroic Acts



Above, Mayor Mike Spano, and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins thanks Zacharius Green. Below, Mayor Spano with the YPD



Mayor Mike Spano, joined by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, recently honored members of the Yonkers Police Department, the FBI, and Good Samaritan Zacarius Green for their actions on September 25 in Getty Square.

“As mayor for nearly 9 years, I recall a number of days in which I paused and thought to myself just how proud I am to be the Mayor of Yonkers. I am beyond proud of the work of our Police Department and of our friend Mr. Green,” said Mayor Mike Spano.

Officers Paul Samoyedny, Brian Menton (FBI), and James Menton and Zacarius Green (Good Samaritan) took down the subject who was running through Getty Square with a gun and who fired at an FBI officer.

The suspect was apprehended and subsequently charged with one count of attempting to murder a federal officer. “What may have seemed like a simple act of courage may have been a life-changing moment. Last month following a shooting in Getty Square, Good Samaritan, Zacarius Green, and members of the Yonkers Police Department secured an armed man whose intention was to inflict harm. Thankfully, no one was hurt.”

Speed, School Bus Cameras Yes Reusable Bags No!



By Eric W. Schoen

BULLETIN: As we go to press an announcement that Showcase Cinemas De Luxe movie theaters will reopen Friday, October 23 at Yonkers Cross County and White Plains City Center! Let's all go to the movies!

Readers of this column know I am no fan of Red Light Cameras that exist in New York and throughout our country. They simply cheat people out of their hard earned money. There is no check on traffic lights to make sure they are working properly allowing proper timing between red, yellow and green lights that I have seen!

I have tried numerous times to see the so called 'review' process where the tickets are, before they are sent out 'supposedly' reviewed by law enforcement officials to make sure there truly was a violation. Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano's administration has continuously refused my request.

If someone was actually reviewing the tickets I would think City Hall would want me to see it. Leads me to believe that no one is reviewing the tickets. Two things you should know. If the bright flashing lights that go on when pictures of license plates are being taken are interrupting your household living, you have the right to request a review and have the flashing lights cut back. Yonkers has done this at locations throughout the city. If the pictures and video you get from the city are dark and grainy that is probably what has occurred.

If you go to www.yonkersny.gov/live/parking-transportation/parking-violations-bureau/red-light-cameras-how-it-works-locations you can get a complete list of the locations where Red Light Cameras exist. Print it out, give it to your friends and neighbors. Let's all be extra careful going through Red Light Camera locations to decrease the revenue they bring in. Make our City Fathers who supported them happy!

There are fewer cars on the road due to COVID-19 and the many people who are working from home. This has given those who drive license to speed way over the posted speed limits. Earlier this week I was going through the traffic light on Rumsey Road to enter the Saw Mill briefly to go to the Cross County Parkway and motorcycles were passing me on my right and left, the left cycle going against traffic. Dangerous and scary.


I notice the livery and for hire cars and the Lyft and Uber cars driving particularly fast. Many of these cars are programmed using fancy systems to get to and from their locations as quickly as possible to make the car owners more money and the customers happy. That's no excuse for not following the speed limits.

Have you seen the large increase of kids and adults driving motor cycle type vehicles, some with and some without license plates in groups just for fun on the streets of Yonkers, New York City and other communities in Westchester? Never saw these

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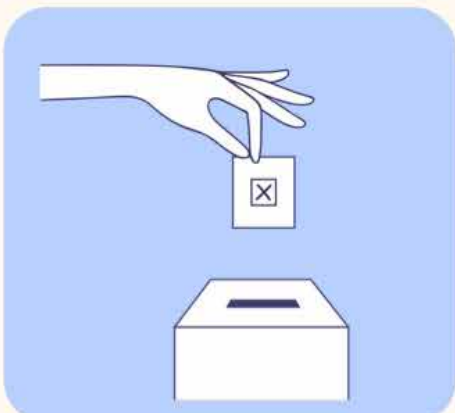
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FREE Adult Education Distance Learning from the Yonkers Public Schools

By Thomas J. Stefanchik

With so much time being spent online these days, now is the perfect time for adult learners to continue their education while at home. Pathways to Success, the Adult Education Program of the Yonkers Public Schools, is offering online classes FREE OF CHARGE to Yonkers residents, 18 years of age and older.

Currently celebrating its thirteenth year, Pathways to Success began offering remote learning in April, following the cessation of in-person instruction due to the pandemic. Adult learners can choose from a wide range of educational programs, including English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Adult Basic Education (ABE), and high school equivalency diploma preparation via the TASC (formerly the GED) or the National External Diploma Program (NEDP). Daytime and evening classes are available, with flexible scheduling to meet the needs of the adult learner looking to continue their education while at home.

In addition, Pathways to Success will resume its vocational classes later this fall, offering Medical Billing and Electronic Health Records (in collaboration with the National Healthcareer Association), Barbering, Culinary Arts, Retail/Customer Service, Microcomputer Applications, Home Health Aide (in collaboration with the Family Service Society) and Facilities Management. Depending on the program, classes will be taught via a distance learning, in person or hybrid model. Students who successfully complete these programs have the opportunity to earn industry-recognized credentials.

In order to further assist students in finding a job, Pathways to Success offers professional resume preparation, interviewing skills, assistance with online job applications and other employment services. Pathways to success offers additional support services through the Family Welcome Center, where individuals and families are connected with the community resources necessary to meet their goals, and to help their children succeed in school. The Family Welcome Center coordinates referrals with numerous partner organizations in order to provide for such needs as health care, housing, insurance, immigration/ citizenship assistance and more.

Throughout its many year of serving the community, Pathways to Success has served tens of thousands of Yonkers residents, as overseen by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada and Principal of Career & Technical/Adult Education for the District, Sanah Susan Naber. For more information on Pathways to Success, please call 914-376-8600, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:00 pm, or visit their website at yonkerspublicschools.org/vive.

United Way to Hold Webinar for Front Line Workers

United Way's Hudson Valley 2-1-1 helpline has been helping people in crisis since 2006 and has become a key resource during the COVID-19 pandemic. To amplify its mission, Hudson Valley 2-1-1 will hold a free webinar on October 27 at 10 a.m. to help front line workers such as childcare workers, social workers, counselors, teachers, human resource professionals and others in the helping professions learn how use this valuable resource. Sign up at uwyp.org/211webinar.

United Way's 2-1-1 Referral Line handles an average of more than 80,000 calls a year from residents from Long Island to the Adirondacks. United Way's 2-1-1 is a free, confidential, multilingual information (over 200 languages) and referral helpline open 365 days a year. Nationally certified call specialists are trained to answer questions and provide referrals. In 2018, 2-1-1 added text messaging to its services.

As COVID-19 continues to unfold, 2-1-1 will be here for residents of the Hudson Valley, Long Island and upstate New York, answering questions about food assistance, housing and shelters, utilities, abuse prevention, suicide, foster parenting, medical help and more. Please call 2-1-1 or visit online at UWWP.org

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Romano, Daly & Shako Get Stonewall Democrats Endorsement

The Hudson Valley Stonewall Democrats announced their decision to endorse Dan Romano for Yonkers City Judge, marking yet another key community endorsement for the Romano campaign.

"I am very proud to have the support of as important an organization as the Stonewall Democrats," said Romano. "Groups such as the Stonewall Democrats have been dedicated to lifting up LGBTQ voices in our party and country for decades, and it is an honor to have their support. As your next City Court Judge, I will always be an ally to the LGBTQ community, and will stand against the hate and discrimination sometimes experienced by our LGBT friends and neighbors."

"We are proud to stand with Dan in his campaign for City Court Judge," said Hudson Valley Stonewall Democrats Vice President and Former Yonkers City Councilman Michael Sabatino. "The Romano family has been a staple in Yonkers for generations, and Dan has distinguished himself as a man of high character and qualifications for the office of City Court Judge. We are confident that he will be an ally to the LGBTQ community, and a strong addition to our City Court for years to come."

The Stonewall Democrats also endorsed Judge Tom Daly and attorney Verris Shako for Yonkers City Court.

The Hudson Valley Stonewall Dems are a group of LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer) Democrats and allies located in the Hudson Valley in Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, and Westchester Counties in New York State that advocate for legislation that guarantees equality and fairness for the LGBTQ community, and represent the political ideals, concerns, and priorities of the LGBTQ community.

Manhattanville College Announces Spring Semester 2021 Plans

Manhattanville College has announced plans for its Spring semester, saying it will continue to conduct a mix of in-person and remote learning classes beginning February 1. The Interim Provost of the college announced the plans last week in an announcement sent to the Manhattanville community.

Interim Provost Christine Dehne, M.F.A. said, "We expect to begin instruction for the Spring semester on Monday, February 1. Classes will begin remotely for two weeks with the first day of in-person instruction planned for Monday, February 15."

Dehne also announced that there will be no Spring Break this academic year. This is part of an effort to reduce traveling outside the area and therefore potentially reducing the risk of exposure to coronavirus. Residential students will move in the weekend of February 13 and 14. All residential students will be tested upon returning to campus and will be randomly tested throughout the semester. The semester will end on Friday, May 14.

"We want to assure everyone that when we return to campus in the Spring we will continue to follow all the safety protocols we developed with New York State and CDC guidance. These include social distancing, face coverings, testing, contact tracing, symptom monitoring and reporting, and for the residence halls – isolation and quarantine practices as necessary," said Dehne.

A complete outline of the college's safety protocols is available on the Manhattanville web site.

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Arrest Made for Drag Racing

Some Westchester Communities Look to Take Forfeiture of Cars



Last week, Westchester County Police arrested a New York City man this morning after observing an illegal speed contest occurring on the Saw Mill River Parkway in Yonkers.

In addition, as part of an ongoing crackdown on drag racing and noise caused by vehicles with loud mufflers, County Police wrote 17 summonses in the early morning hours for violations such as speeding, inadequate exhaust systems and other equipment violations.

"Drag racing poses a danger to the motoring public. In addition, the noise coming from vehicles associated with this activity is a significant quality-of-life issue for residents who live along our parkways," Public Safety Commissioner Thomas A. Gleason said. "The Westchester County Police continue to address this issue in a variety of ways, including conducting targeted enforcement on our parkways and participating in a task force with other law enforcement agencies in southern Westchester."

The arrest this morning came as two County officers assigned to watch for illegal speed contests observed two cars racing just after midnight on the southbound Saw Mill River Parkway near Palmer Road. The two speeding vehicles weaved in and out of traffic, putting other drivers on the road at risk.

Officers pursued the vehicles and were able to bring one of them to a stop near McLean Avenue. Joshua Cabrera, 19, of East 129th Street, Manhattan, was taken into custody and his vehicle, a 2018 Nissan Altima, was impounded. He was booked at County Police headquarters in Hawthorne and charged with Unauthorized Speed Contest, a misdemeanor, and Speeding, Unsafe Lane Change and Insufficient Tail Lamps, violations.

He was released on a desk appearance ticket and is due in Yonkers City Court on Oct. 29. Gleason said that the County Police will continue this targeted enforcement on the Saw Mill River Parkway and Bronx River Parkway and will continue to participate in a multi-agency task with the Yonkers, Greenburgh and New York State Police departments.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



General Dwight Eisenhower visited Yonkers in 1952 for his Presidential campaign

Mary Hoar, President Untermyer Performing Arts Council, Member Landmarks Preservation Board, President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society

Monday, October 26th

October 26, 1899: Responding to a request from Principal Thomas Baker of the High School, Yonkers received a letter from Admiral of the Navy George Dewey greeting the students. The Admiral "begged to express" his hope that the students would grow up with a "high appreciation of their duty to flag and country." The letter later was published in the Searchlight, the school's monthly magazine. Dewey is the only person in US history to be awarded the rank of Admiral of the Navy; created at the request of President McKinley on March 3, 1899, it was approved and awarded by the Senate the very same day.

October 26, 1946: Visitors to the Destroyers Fecteler and Isbell, docked at the Yonkers Recreation Pier for Navy Day ceremonies, could not see the sailors lined up because they all were reading copies of The Herald Statesman. Why? The afternoon paper featured several photos of the arrival of the ships in Yonkers that morning, highlighted not only on Page One, but also on Page Four!

October 26, 1947: Children from the Caryl Avenue area held a short ceremony to celebrate their work turning part of the property next to the Caryl Station of the old NY Central Getty Square branch into a playground.

Tuesday, October 27th

October 27, 1918: Schools reopened after a three-week shutdown caused by the deadly Spanish Flu. Yonkers Health Officer Dr. Clarence Buckmaster said all children would be watched closely, and any child showing signs of the flu would be sent home immediately.

October 27, 1944: Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal sent a Navy Day commendation telegram to the men and women of the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company for their role in the war effort. "The patriotic support of our working forces at home has been a major factor in our successes... it seems appropriate, therefore, on this day when America pays tribute to her fighting Navy, to tender a salute on behalf of the fleet to the men and women who are backing up the Navy in the war plants."

Wednesday, October 28th

October 28, 1916: Yonkers Public Safety Commissioner Fleming ordered police to monitor children and prevent vandalism; he also told his officers to "let the youngsters have innocent fun."

October 28, 1929: Although New York State military officials canceled a permit for Republicans to use the armory for an event at the last minute, the Non-Partisan League had to quickly move its reception and dance to Philipsburgh Hall. The 2,500 attendees acclaimed incumbent Mayor John Fogarty as a candidate for reelection; Republican leaders claimed "trickery" had forced the cancellation of their use of the armory.

October 28, 1947: Three Yonkers men were part of a group of men who served on the USS Antietam that held a memorial service for World War II servicemen killed in action. The servicemen were Private First Class Thomas Carroll, USMC, of Portland Place; Seaman Second Class H. Berger, USN, of Bruce Avenue; and Seaman First Class F. J. Pietrantonio, USN, of Waverly Street.

Thursday, October 29th

October 29, 1931: Under a decision by Supreme Court Justice William F. Bleakley, the remainder of the \$60,000 left in the Hollywood Inn endowment fund created by the late William F. Cochran was split between the YMCA, the Knights of Columbus and the Jewish Community Center.

October 29, 1947: When fighting a fire of burning leaves at Grant Park, city firefighters proved their ability to saving money. Although the fire threatened the trees and bushes in the park, it was extinguished with the help of Vineyard Avenue men who beat down the flames with brooms, instead of the expensive chemicals normally used!

October 29, 1952: General Dwight D. Eisenhower visited Yonkers, making a campaign stop in Larkin Plaza.

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No Toll Increases on Cuomo TZ Bridge With EZ-Pass

The Thruway Authority has proposed a toll freeze of \$4.75 for Rockland and Westchester E-ZPass holders through 2022. Senator David Carlucci asked the Thruway to consider extending the freeze to residents who are not E-ZPass holders. In 2021, residents who do not have an E-ZPass could face a toll of \$6.83, plus a \$2 administrative surcharge per billing statement, and in 2022 a toll of \$7.48.

"Right now, it's a quarter difference for drivers without an E-ZPass, and beginning in 2021 they are looking at a significant increase," said Senator David Carlucci. "Drivers without an E-ZPass will also be hit with a \$2 surcharge, which the Thruway should wave. Many seniors and residents on a fixed income are not E-ZPass holders, and we need to make sure they are not driven into debt by tolls."

In 2017, the Thruway Authority made about \$731.5 million in toll revenue, about \$736 million in 2018, and about \$739 million in 2019. While unpaid tolls reached an all-time low in 2019, at about \$475,000 worth.

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

Tuesday, October 27, 2020

7:00 p.m.

The proposed amendments to the 2020/2021 Capital Budget are on account of new capital projects and/or other items which are for the benefit of the City. The total amount of the proposed increase on account of foregoing shall not exceed Sixteen Million Seven Hundred Fifty-Five Thousand (\$16,755,000.00) Dollars.

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

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Anyone wishing to comment may use the following methods -

VIA Mail:
City Clerk's office City's Clerk's office at
40 South Broadway Suite 107
Yonkers, NY 10701
Via E-mail: cityclerk@yonkersny.org
Via Telephone: 914-327-1846.

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

MIKE KHADER
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dated: October 20, 2020

Notice of formation of Beauty By ChrissyB LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY on 9/30/2020. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of the process to 201 Ravine Ave Apt 6E, Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Virtual Public Hearing on Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 5:15pm, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, ENTITLED 'VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' IN REGARD TO AUTHORIZING AND EMPOWERING THE CITY OF YONKERS TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM IMPOSING MONETARY LIABILITY FOR FAILURE OF A VEHICLE OPERATOR TO STOP FOR A SCHOOL BUS DISPLAYING A RED VISUAL SIGNAL AND STOP-ARM

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 and on the City's Website.

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MIKE SPANO, Mayor Date: October 16, 2020

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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 and on the City's Website.

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WITNESS, Jennifer M R Ulwick, First Justice of this Court. Date: September 21, 2020			<i>Jennifer M R Ulwick</i> Register of Probate
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thing.”
It is also interesting to note that a photo of the Halloween event, also posted on the Yonkers Tribune accompanying Best’s story, features Shako and Wallace, but someone was cropped out of the photo. That someone is State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. Apparently, whoever cropped the photo, didn’t want the most powerful woman in New York State in it because they didn’t want to involve her.

Wallace was clearly hurt by the accusations made by Best. “I never meant to be in the spotlight. This is just bullying, and I don’t want it to hurt the foundation and the people we serve in Yonkers. We don’t need instability on the bench.”

Wallace also explained that during the height of COVID in the spring, she helped hand out 800 meals every day to the hungry in Yonkers. Helping her was Verris Shako and Judge Tom Daly, who is running for re-election to City Court. Best and Verris Shako are also vying to become the first African American woman to serve as a Yonkers Judge.

The support for Wallace from Yonkers community was strong. Yonkers Rising has learned that several Yonkers democrats are now considering what, if any actions they should take concerning Best for the November 3 election.

Best, Shako and Dan Romano are the three endorsed democratic candidates for three seats on the Yonkers City Court. Judge Daly’s name will appear on the republican and conservative party lines.

After the June 23, primary, Best wrote letters questioning the role of the Yonkers Democratic Party and Chair Tom Meier, in supporting her campaign now that she won the democratic nominee.

Meier responded months ago that Best was getting the same support as all of the Yonkers democratic candidates. We followed up with Meier this week.

“Just because somebody wins the democratic primary doesn’t mean that every democrat has to like you. My job as chair is to support our candidates and I have done that.”

“I would also say that its not normal for a judicial candidate to have a byline like that (Yonkers Tribune). There are ethical rules about how judicial candidates should campaign, and if some demonstrate a lack of character or temperament, there could be violations.”

She (Best) won the primary. In Yonkers, that tantamount to winning the election. She should be thankful and humbled by the support she got in the primary but instead she has done nothing but attack, and that’s not what judicial candidates should be doing,” said Meier.

Another strange occurrence in this year’s race for City Court involves Best and Delfim Heusler. Heusler, who writes the Yonkers Insider blog, is supporting Daly and has been critical of Best. Recently, signs for Best for City Court have been found on the windowsill of Heusler’s bedroom, where a Daly for Judge sign can also be found.

All of this adds up to something Yonkers voters have never seen. “This election is more like a barroom brawl than a civilized race for Judge. Where have all the good times gone?” asked one Yonkers Democrat.

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Friday, October 30th

October 30, 1666: Mr. and Mrs. O’Neale sold Colendonck to her brother Elias Doughty of Flushing. Mary Doughty van der Donck O’Neale, widow of Yonkers’ founder Adriaen van der Donck, had won the legal right to claim “Younckers land” as hers just weeks earlier.

October 30, 1927: After Public Works Commissioner William Goldsmith inspected Yonkers’ newly constructed city jail on Alexander Street, he declare it was the “finest example of jail construction anywhere in the country.”

October 30, 1952: Cub Pack 105 had an exciting meeting at School Five. The boys voted to hang placards on all the doorknobs in their area, urging all citizens to vote. Highpoint of the meeting was a visit by Philadelphia Phillies pitcher and Yonkers native Steve Ridzik who spoke on the importance of sportsmanship and clean living.

Saturday, October 31st

October 31, 1935: An earthquake that shook 17 states and Eastern Canada hit Yonkers. Although no real damage resulted from the quivers felt in Yonkers, thousands jumped out of bed in panic.

October 31, 1945: A bit of role-playing by a victim caused a bandit to incriminate himself! Detectives William Harding and Louis Ligay had caught William Holmes with a loaded revolver at the USO the previous day. The detectives told butcher shop owner Angelo Colacurcio who had been robbed to dress like a plainclothes policeman. He was to walk into the Detective Division and hand Harding a typewritten paper, saying, “You left this downstairs.” Harding thanked him and called him Tom. To everyone’s astonishment, Holmes shouted, “Cut out the comedy! His name ain’t Tom. He’s the guy we stuck up!”

Sunday, November 1st

November 1, 1907: The Park Hill Lyceum roller skating rink opened at School and Herriot Streets.

November 1, 1936: Because Yonkers resident and Republican gubernatorial candidate William F. Bleakley received more than 20 threatening letters, authorities enlisted twenty New York City plainclothesmen and Westchester County Deputy Sheriffs to provide security for him and his family the last few days of the campaign.

November 1, 1941: After arguably the most contentious debate in the history of the Common Council chamber, Yonkers Councilmembers appointed seventy-six Proportional Representation canvassers to count ballots in the coming election.

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types of vehicles prior to the pandemic. Now they rev up their engines and speed, darting in and out of traffic. Very dangerous. And I don’t see law enforcement doing anything to stop the dangers they are causing. Maybe law enforcement can’t legally do anything.

Bottom line is that because fewer vehicles are on the road, speeding has gotten out of control. Everyone’s honking their horns for the car in front of them to go faster. If it happens to you just slow down And make the speeder wait.

All of this calls for speed cameras on our area roadways. A calibrated fee schedule based on how many miles over the speed limit a car is going. With municipal budgets in crisis they should find this as a much needed revenue source. Maybe with these cameras people will slow down. Something has to be done before accidents happen and lives are lost.

Speed Cameras in New York City in school zones have been very successful in stopping cars from speeding. Yonkers and other municipalities in Westchester can certainly use School Speed Zone cameras, but we need to have these cameras on roads where large numbers of people speed, at least through this pandemic which many feel has given them the right to go charging through our streets.

A proposal for School Bus cameras in Yonkers is before the City Council. I support it. We need a major campaign to inform the public what the rules are regarding passing a stopped school bus. In New York City you can make a full stop and slowly go around a stopped school bus lights flashing and stop signs extended. You can’t do that in Yonkers or anywhere in Westchester.

Lights flashing, signs extended in Yonkers and Westchester you must stop until the signs come down and the warning lights are off. New York City folks come up to Westchester and honk their horns as cars are stopped the way they are supposed to. Don’t break the law. You know what it is.

We are fortunate in Yonkers that we have very few accidents involving our precious school children. Yet we all see cars illegally and dangerously passing stopped school buses. This must be stopped. The drivers must be fined. And the bus drivers can’t drive their whole shift with lights flashing. Yes, I’ve seen it happen if not for the whole shift but for long stretches of time where no pickups are taking place. That’s why education is so important.

Now be honest friends, did you ever think you would see me supporting these types of ticketing programs. They are for safety. Red Light Camera programs are quick money grabbers. I still think the Red Light Cameras should be eliminated until someone shows me where the law enforcement review process is taking place and that all lights in Yonkers are properly calibrated. The calibration must come from an unbiased source.

Whenever if ever that happens I’ll take a second look at the Yonkers Red Light Camera program!

Briefs: Early Voting in New York Starts Saturday October 24. In Yonkers it takes place at the Will and Riverfront branches of the Yonkers Public Library. The Board of Elections website lists all the early voting locations in Westchester. You can drop off your absentee ballot in a locked box at the early voting locations. No waiting in line.

The Board of Elections needs poll workers. They have increased the salary but with COVID-19 there are risks to the job. Check the Board of Elections website. If it is not too late to request an absentee ballot do so. Why put your health and the health of others in jeopardy. Make your voice heard. Vote!

Enforcement of the Reusable Bag Campaign took place on Monday. I saw a sign at Stop and Shop that said their staff will not pack groceries in the reusable bags you bring from home. I agree. Who knows when the bag was washed or what has been put in it. Though I still haven’t seen plastic bags in Yonkers trees, the state could have waited until the current pandemic is over to introduce a reusable bag program.

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericnyonkers. 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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He asks that Yonkers Public Schools stop threatening to report Yonkers parents to CPS (child protective services) if their children are not participating in online learning, as many families simply do not have sufficient resources to let their children participate.

Finally, Sussman points out that parents are not properly informed on any of these problems. Parents do not have information on the safety of school buildings, the majority of school communication has been made only in english which is not the native language of many Yonkers families, and families without devices and internet connection are not receiving digital communications from the school district and are left in the dark.

Halfway through the fall semester, Yonkers parents have run out of patience over the city’s failure to educate disadvantaged students. Although Sussman said in a private interview that he would like to “avert litigation,” he also states, “there is always a chance of a lawsuit.” It appears that parents and the community are taking action.

Editor’s Note: Sussman’s letter can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/YParentsseekingsolution>.

During the 1980’s, Sussman served as Assistant General Counsel for the NAACP National Office, and served as lead counsel for the Yonkers Branch, NAACP and a class of approximately 40,000 individuals in a successful school and housing segregation suit against the City of Yonkers, Yonkers Board of Education, State of New York and HUD. This period of Yonkers history was recently turned into an HBO miniseries “Show Me a Hero.”

Efforts are underway to determine how many students need a computer or Chromebook, and then to try to raise money, or get corporations to donate devices.

More on this story next week.

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Black & Blue Lives Matter: Westchester Divided



Above, A BLM rally in Irvington, right, a Back the Blue rally in Mamaroneck

By Camryn Sanchez

Both ‘back the blue’ and ‘Black Lives Matter’ rallies occurred in a divided Westchester this week where organizers and speakers agreed that policing should be reformed and not defunded.

Both movements have had several rallies in the county over the past few months, and both have future rallies planned. Police Officer Robert Miceli organized the back the blue rally in Mamaroneck on Saturday with more than 150 attendees from neighboring cities, and activist Kelli Scott organized a Black Lives Matter rally with around 100 attendees in Irvington on Sunday.

In terms of demands, speakers from each event inadvertently echoed one another time and time again. For example on commending the release of body cam footage which Black lives Matter speakers believe will hold police accountable. Back the blue attendee Chris Daniello supports body cameras for a different reason: “There are a lot of different indicators that the common citizen doesn’t understand that police are trained for.” He says that longer videos from body cameras help to contextualize police actions.

Speakers at both events also called for: holding police accountable for committing crimes, participating in peaceful protests, and increasing diversity training for police officers. “They [police officers] should be trained on diversity,” said Robert Miceli’s wife and fellow coordinator Lori. “We all come from different backgrounds, so they should train better on that.”

Most importantly however, each rally affirmed that the lives of police officers matter. State Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins stated at the Black Lives Matter Rally: “They’re trying to tell you that if you think black lives matter that you don’t think blue lives matter. That is false.”

Back the blue speakers advocated for increased law and order, using words like ‘anarchy’ and ‘Marxism’ to describe the Black Lives Matter Movement. In Irvington, Scott stated that law and order is important to her as well, and that believing in the existence of systematic racism is not synonymous with being against law and order. “Order only comes when issues are confronted. We can’t turn a blind eye to issues and then expect law and order.”

Although supporters from each movement did unknowingly agree on many points, they did not agree on everything. Speaker Peter Bernstein stated in his speech in Irvington that it is important to end qualified immunity because without it he believes law enforcement is not being held accountable. Miceli disagreed, saying that ‘bad cops’ should be dealt with by their own departments.

Miceli also believes that the Black Lives Matter movement wants to defund the police, (which Scott emphatically stated it does not.) “We’re not trying to erase police officers so to speak. We’re trying to get rid of the bad ones, so it’s nothing against cops per say,” said Scott.

Miceli’s father Frank expressed concern for police officers like his son who he says are under attack in America. “They have a thankless job and I wouldn’t want their job to be quite honest with you. Every day called names, thrown bricks at, hit in the head, shot at. All to try to protect people.” This is similar to the fear expressed by the Black Lives Matter movement about people of color who are constantly and consistently attacked by law enforcement every day.

“It’s just a matter of time before we see another social media front row seat of some injustice happening to another black man or black woman. It’s just a matter of time. It’s been happening for 400 years,” said speaker Alberta Jarane.

Many of the back the blue speakers and attendees voiced concern that police have become vilified. “The criminals are now heroes and the heroes are now criminals. I mean it’s a complete reversal,” said speaker Sammy Ravelo. There is also frustration that local Mamaroneck government has been unfair to law enforcement supporters and shown favoritism to Black Lives Matter supporters.

No one took the opportunity to attend an opposing rally and engage in a conversation about their intentions.

Back the blue speaker Dr. Darrien Porcher said on Saturday: “All lives matter!” One day later, Black Lives Matter rally speaker Sitara Herur asked: “If all lives matter, then why weren’t you here today? Show up and show us that all lives matter by showing up when we say yes that black lives matter... I’m asking to matter, and if you have a problem with that you’ve got to do some long hard thinking about why you feel so challenged by me saying that I matter too.”

For months attendees from these rallies have shouted ‘blue lives matter’ and ‘black lives matter’ across the county at one another, without either side disavowing the sentiment of the other. Still, the back the blue speakers insist that the Black Lives Matter movement does not stand for the same values as theirs, failing to acknowledge that they are both advocating for similar police reforms.

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Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) has been helping students across Yonkers apply for this much needed financial aid, including at annual FAFSA Completion Nights each fall, during which hundreds of students and their families work with volunteers and staff to complete this essential form and other paperwork required for students to obtain aid.

Without having the opportunity to hold this event in person, the YPIE team was determined to continue helping students, even if remotely. Last week, YPIE held its first online "YPIE FAFSA Week" with nearly 100 meetings via Zoom with students and their families.

YPIE FAFSA meetings will continue through November with the plan to complete FAFSA applications for the hundreds of students in YPIE programs as well as students throughout the Yonkers Public Schools.

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Monday, October, 26	8 am - 4 pm
Tuesday, October, 27	12-8 pm
Wednesday, October, 28	8 am - 4 pm
Thursday, October, 29	12-8 pm
Friday, October, 30	8 am - 4 pm
Saturday, October, 31	12-5 pm
Sunday, November 1	12-5 pm

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For the 2020 November General Election, you can vote in person before Election Day. This year Election Day is on Tuesday, Nov 3, 2020

What is Early Voting?

Westchester County registered voters can vote in-person before Election Day at ANY of the seventeen (17) Early Voting Centers.

Who can vote early?

All Westchester County registered voters can vote early.

When can I vote early?

Early voting period will be from Saturday, Oct. 24, 2020 through Sunday, Nov. 1, 2020. The complete schedule is listed above.

Where can I vote early?

You can vote at ANY of the designated early voting sites throughout the County.

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application that caught the attention of FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security.

"Originally, the grant was for a 75% match in the cost of the 30 firefighters. But we contacted our representatives in Washington, (Senators Schumer, Gillibrand and Congressman Eliot Engel), and they were able to have those restrictions lifted. FEMA made it 100% with no cost sharing coming from the City or the taxpayers," said McGoey.

McGoey and the City then drafted the grant based on a successful grant filed by the City of Buffalo. "We tried to justify not hiring new firefighters but use the funding to replace open positions that became vacant to retirements and long term injuries, and our award was granted. I spent a week to prepare it and submit it but it was worth it."

"Once we had the grant submitted, it took a tremendous amount of lobbying to FEMA. We pointed out all of the significant risks, and all of our challenges and high hazards in Yonkers. And while every city has suffered through COVID, we pointed out that our infection rate was greater than in New York City," said McGoey.

The \$11.5 Million grant was the largest grant awarded and usually reserved for larger cities like Pittsburgh and Phoenix. That's one of the reasons why Senator's Schumer and Gillibrand called it a "massive grant."

"In the end all of our efforts paid off. This pays the total cost of 30 Yonkers Firefighters for the next three years, including salary, pension and health benefits," said McGoey who added that a new class of firefighters is already at the academy.

It is also interesting to note that the grant was approved by the Trump administration, who at time has been at odds with New York.

Congratulations to the YFD and thanks to Barry McGoey for the hard work, and knowledge to complete a successful, and yes, "massive grant."

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AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR DAN ROMANO FOR YONKERS CITY COURT JUDGE!

This election cycle has been a difficult one, but the pandemic that has spread across the nation, and the societal challenges it has highlighted have helped me find further conviction in my lifelong belief in the importance of an **honest and independent judiciary**.

I truly believe that I can bring this to the bench in Yonkers. As the next City Court Judge, I promise to bring **compassion, integrity, and most importantly, fairness** to the courtroom, and to ensure a **just day in court for everyone in Yonkers** — not just the wealthy and well connected.

I hope that I can count on your **vote this Election Day, November 3rd**, and I hope that together we can make Yonkers a better place for everyone!



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Candidate
Yonkers City Court Judge

A Community Garden Celebrated at Main Street in Yonkers



above: Mayor Spano, Senator Stewart-Cousins and Councilman Rubbo join with community volunteers at Main Steet Community Garden opening. Bottom right, the ribbon cutting for the garden's opening, bottom left -the Academia de Mariachi Nuevo Amanecer.



Mayor Mike Spano joined with Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Councilman John Rubbo and residents to officially open the New Main Street Community Garden, located at the corner of New Main Street and School Street.

In early 2018, the members of the Latin American Youths Group noticed a vacant lot in the area being used as an illegal dumping ground; with permission from the City of Yonkers, they began the monumental task of cleaning up the lot, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic, they were forced to suspend their efforts and in July 2020, equipped with renewed energy and additional volunteers, they restarted their efforts to completion.

Special thanks to Pedro Alvarez Marin, Liver Sanchez, members of the Latin American Youths Group and all the volunteers who came together to make this possible! Main Street Community Garden is a safe, open space for recreation and relaxation, as tables and chairs grace the area.

All of the work and decor was paid for out of the pockets of the volunteers. This includes 2 large picnic tables with umbrellas, 3 metal benches with the word Welcome on them, a solar powered water fountain, a large bird feeder and several bird houses attached to the trees present on the lot. Also, performing for the event were the talented members of: Academia de Mariachi Nuevo Amanecer. photos by Donna Davis



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to vote for President.*