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YPD Officers Rally In Support of Disabled Officers Set To Be Fired



"The Mayor has decided to abandon his most vulnerable police officers, those seriously injured in the performance of their duties, taking away their health care in the midst of a pandemic,"
**Yonkers PBA
President Keith Olson**

On November 17, members of the Yonkers Police Department gathered on the steps of Yonkers City Hall to shed light on what they call the shameful decision by Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Police Department to fire four, veteran, decorated Yonkers police officers who were all seriously injured in the line of duty.

Calling it, "a false claim of fiscal responsibility, YPD PBA President Keith Olson said, "the Mayor has decided to abandon his most vulnerable police officers, those seriously injured in the performance of their duties, taking away their health care in the midst of a pandemic and trying to take away their dignity using a seldom used civil service rule. This move is being made despite the City's attorney advising not to do so."

The officers that are slated to be unfairly terminated include: Police Officer Shavon Johnson-Acker, a 13-year veteran of the YPD and mother of two who injured her knee so seriously she suffered through five separate knee surgeries in her fight to return to fully duty as a police officer.

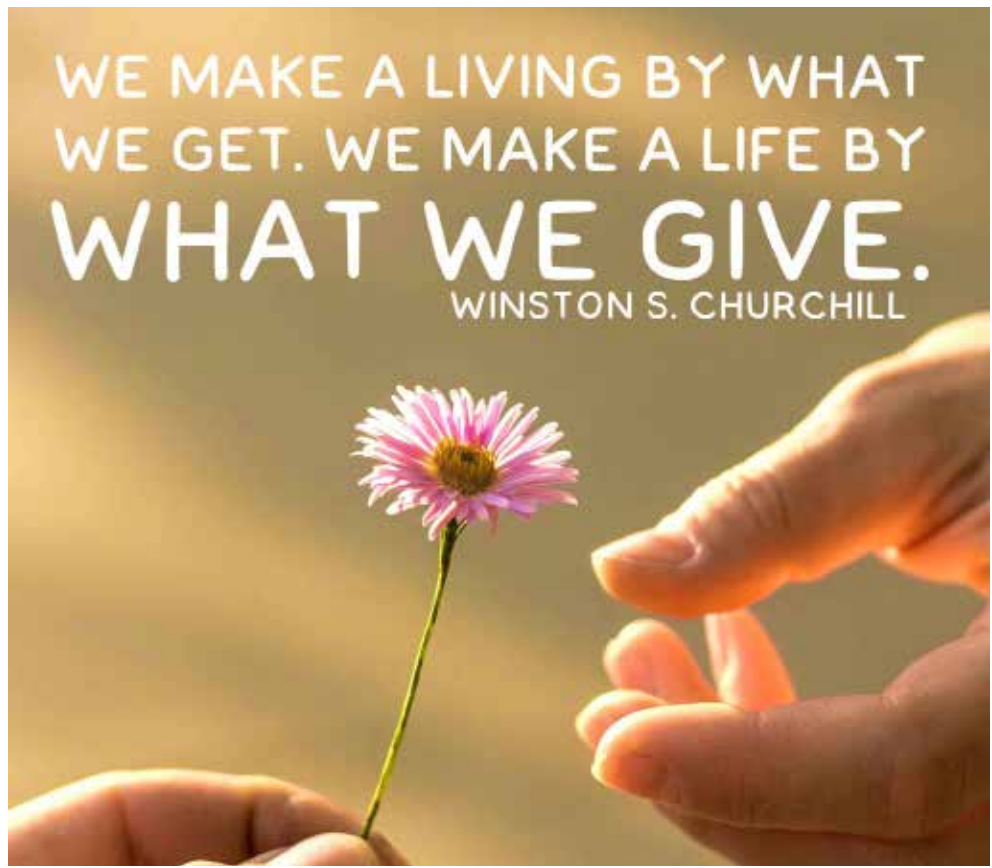
Police Officer John Sylvestri, a 12-year veteran and member of the elite Emergency Services Unit, who after undergoing knee surgery as a result of a line of duty injury, suffered from numerous pulmonary embolisms. Officer Sylvestri nearly lost not only his leg, but his life as well.

Police Officer Kirk Maher, a nearly 14-year veteran of the YPD who was injured so severely in an on duty car accident that he was forced to undergo dangerous spinal surgery.

Police Officer Marcos Mosqueda, a 9-year veteran of the YPD and father

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Yonkers Helping Those Who Need it This Thanksgiving



Several Yonkers community groups, and hundreds of volunteers, are stepping up to try and help those in need and make sure they have a Happy Thanksgiving.

The Eben-Ezer Church of God on South Broadway has been collecting donations and creating care packages to aid the homeless and those in need to keep safe and warm this winter season. Now more than ever the homeless community needs your support. Please consider donating some of the items listed or \$10 for each Care Package

Donations can be made on their website ebenezeration.org/outreach-ministries Items include: Mylar Blankets, Hand Warmers, Tooth Brush, Tooth Paste, A&D Ointment, Chapstick, Hair Pic, Brush, comb, Wide Brush, Nail file, Hand sanitizer, Bladder Ctrl Liners, deodorant, Alcohol Pads, Bacitracin, Band-Aid, Bags, Clear Big Bags, Contractor Bags, Draw String Bags, Sandwich Ziploc bags, Jumbo Ziploc Bags, Clothing/ T-shirts L, M, S, Socks, Nonperishables , Beef Jerky, Peanut Butter.

Items can be mailed to The Eben-Ezer Church, 245 South Broadway P.O. Box 616, Yonkers, NY 10705, or by calling 914-207-5255, or by email at outreach.ecog@gmail.com.

The Salvation Army in Yonkers continues its efforts to bring home the cheer of the Holiday Season. The Salvation Army has been helping our communities throughout the pandemic. From the beginning of the pandemic the Salvation Army of Yonkers remained opened and has served over 80,000 bags of pantry to many of our residents and provide over 100 vouchers for clothes and or furniture. The Salvation Army also helped many of our frontline workers at both St. John's Riverside Hospital and St. Joseph's Hospital. The Salvation Army's main mission

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Latimer: A Second COVID-19 Wave Has Arrived in Westchester



Artwork from a portfolio created by Saunders Trades & Technical High School Graphic Design students, Ms. Moncado, teacher

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Executive George Latimer gave a blunt and honest health assessment as COVID-19 cases in the county continue to rise at alarming rates. During a press conference this week, Latimer said that the "Second Wave" of a spike in COVID cases and hospitalizations, "that we were warned off has come true."

Two weeks ago, Westchester had just over 1,000 active cases. This week that number has tripled to over 3,700. "We just filed a countywide robocall with a public reminder of the personal steps we must take: masks, hand washing, social distancing. We're now setting up PPE giveaways at apartment complexes to get the protection down to the grassroots level. We're going to ratchet back our County department staffs to remote work as much as possible. Only virtual meetings for our Boards and Commissions immediately, no in-person gatherings.

Governor Cuomo holds executive authority to effect the hows and whens of shutdowns. We don't want to see anything shutdown per se, but if we don't turn the corner soon...choices may be limited. We expect he will work in harmony with neighboring Governors. I know all too well the terrible economic impacts of any shutdowns and it is devastating to lives. All the more reason to stop any need for shutdowns by getting 100% compliance on social gatherings, masks, etc.

"We prize our personal freedom and we speak of personal responsibility. The price of doing our own thing could well be the lives of a neighbor or family member. If we step up as individuals, then there's no need for government to step in. But lives are at stake. Arguing over death statistics, that tries to minimize the threat we face sounds more like fighting to avoid

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Redevelopment of Cottage Gardens Affordable Housing Hits Milestone



One of the largest affordable housing redevelopment projects in the region reached another milestone with the closing on financing for 178 Warburton at The Ridgeway, a new \$56 million mixed-income residential complex of 81 apartment homes in Southwest Yonkers that is being developed by the Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY) and The Community Builders (TCB).

The new eight-story building, which is under construction, will feature a unit mix of 6 studio units, 35 one-bedrooms, and 40 two-bedrooms, and are affordable to families with a mix of incomes, ranging from 30% to 90% of Area Median Income (AMI).

The mixed-use building will also include a new Early Head Start day care center operated by Westchester Community Opportunity Program, Inc. (WestCOP), a private, not-for-profit, multipurpose social service organization.

178 Warburton at The Ridgeway is the fifth phase of the six-phase master plan to redevelop Cottage Place Gardens, a 256-unit distressed public housing complex built in 1945, into the mixed affordable and market rate development, The Ridgeway. It replaces three outdated public housing buildings (Cottage Place Gardens Building #4, 8, and 12) and a former gasoline service station with a new, energy efficient residential building. The project also includes the remediation of a brownfield. This phase of the redevelopment will have a significant economic impact by creating approximately 200 construction jobs over a 24-month construction period.

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Mayors Spano Makes Several Appointments

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano this week swore in Commissioner Louis J. Albano and Deputy Commissioner Lee J. Ellman to head the City's Department of Planning & Development. The Yonkers City Council confirmed the Mayor's appointments at its Council meeting last week.

"Collectively, Lou and Lee bring over 70 years of experience in municipal planning and community development," said Mayor Spano. "Their in-depth knowledge and expertise with urban planning, zoning, and housing in Yonkers and with our surrounding communities make for a seamless transition in continuing the City's ongoing economic development and urban renewal."

Albano has served as the City's Deputy Commissioner of Planning & Development since 2013 where he was directly responsible for coordinating and monitoring new and ongoing development projects for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; developed plans in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and interpreted and analyzed zoning ordinances, regulations and renewal plans. Previously, Albano served in the City of Mount Vernon's Planning and Community Development department in various roles including Commissioner, Executive Director of its' Urban Renewal Agency, and served as Director of Housing and as a Compliance Officer. Albano replaces former City Planning & Development Commissioner Wilson Kimball, who vacated her position in April 2020.

Ellman transitions into the Deputy Commissioner position after serving as Yonkers' Planning Director since 1992. During his role as Director, Ellman has overseen the City's Planning, Landmarks Preservation, Zoning Boards and Environmental reviews. He has led major Yonkers developments including the Alexander Street Master Plan, the Ravine Avenue Master Plan and Renewal Plan, the Ridge Hill Project Planning Renewal Zoning and Environmental Review and, most recently, the Ludlow Transit Oriented Development Plan. Albano's and Ellman's positions are effective immediately.

Last month, Mayor Spano today announced the reappointment of David B. Jackson as the City Assessor and his appointment of Gail Burns to the Yonkers Board of Education. David Jackson was sworn in as Assessor for another six-year term. Mayor Spano first appointed Jackson as City Assessor in 2013.

"Dave's extensive experience in assessment administration allows us to continue to build on our efforts in providing Yonkers taxpayers with a fairer and more efficient assessment process," said Mayor Spano. "I am confident he will continue to do a superb job for our city taxpayers."

Prior his tenure with the City of Yonkers, Jackson served at the Westchester County Tax Commission, worked with the Norwalk, Connecticut Department of Finance, Washington D.C.'s Department of Finance and Revenue and the City of New York's Department of Finance. Jackson was the former President of the New York State Association of County Directors of Real Property Tax Services.

"I want to thank Mayor Spano for the opportunity and confidence in me to continue to build upon the work and the technology set in place in recent years to assist Yonkers taxpayers," said David Jackson. "I look forward to another productive term here in Yonkers."

Mayor Spano also swore in Gail Burns as his newest appointee to the Yonkers Board of Education. As trustee of the Yonkers Board of Education, Burns joins a nine member Board, which is the official policy making body of the School District. Burns' term is effective immediately, expiring in 2025.

Currently, Burns serves as the Executive Director of the Yonkers Parking Authority where she manages the operations and budget of the city's parking lots, garages and parking meters. She also serves as the city's liaison to the Mayor's Disability Board. Previously, Burns served as the Director of the Mayor's Office of Constituent Services under Mayor Spano. A lifelong Yonkers resident, Burns attended Yonkers Public Schools and is a parent to a Yonkers Public Schools graduate. "As we work toward providing our students with the best education possible, I am proud to appoint Gail Burns to the Board of Education as she brings unique perspectives as a parent, an alumna and active community member. Gail brings over 20 years of government experience to the Board and is aware of the issues and concerns of our Yonkers families, which she can effectively communicate to the Board," said Mayor Spano.

Gail Burns commented, "I am honored to join the other members of the Board of Education in their commitment to promote a valuable and robust educational experience to all Yonkers students. I am thankful to Mayor Spano for his faith in me as we collectively strive for the very best for our Yonkers children."

It's Thanksgiving Already?



By Eric W. Schoen

Normally in the week before Thanksgiving, I would be gathering the gifts for my cousins in Mahopac who graciously host my sister and I for a delicious Thanksgiving feast. My cousin Fred likes books, many of them with Jewish themes. My cousin Georgette likes cat related items, mugs, books, as well as kitchen gadgets.

My cousins Steven and Sharon like things they can use for dining and serving including glassware, linen napkins, fancy little napkin ring holders and other items for the table and for use around the house. What I like about them is that they usually incorporate our gifts immediately into their dinner.

One year Easter fell before Passover and I found these nice large egg shaped bowls perfect for preparing and serving mashed potatoes. They were the right size for mashed potatoes for 10-12 people, and they made it so easy to put the hot potatoes in and mash them with butter and cream bringing the dish right to the dining room table.

Cousin Daniel, now in High School loves a science project, a book bag or gym bag for his books or gym items or a warm seater or other garment of clothes. One year I bought him a dart board and darts, and he also like electronics.

We can never forget a gift for their beautiful cat or the big dogs they had for many years. The dogs loved people food and one year we arrived as a dog was munching on the crudites platter which I believe had chopped liver on it. The dogs and cats are part of the family and they were always welcome to enjoy my cousins excellent cooking.

My gifts come in fancy reusable gift bags I would buy at Burlington Coat Factory or TJMaxx or Marshall's for a dollar each. I might tie them with a ribbon but wrapping gifts is something I don't do well so why bother trying. This year with the ban on plastic bags the reusable bags would come in pretty handy. And Burlington, TJMaxx and Marshall's always have bags with designs for every season and for birthdays, anniversaries and other yearly occasions that with a little tissue paper on top and maybe a ribbon look very pretty.

My sister on the other hand loves to perfectly wrap gifts. She is good at it, enjoys doing it, and finishes wrapping the last few gifts as she watches the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Every gift has a matching bow and a gift card indicating who it is for.

We usually spend Passover, Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving and Chanukah celebrating with my Mahopac cousins. Quite often cousin Fred's sister, her husband who is a real Native American and their son join us. Before moving to Mahopac my cousins lived in Sleepy Hollow. How much more traditional can you get then spending Thanksgiving in Sleepy Hollow with a real Native American enjoying a delicious dinner with you?

Not this year. We actually haven't seen our cousins since last Thanksgiving, and even though we are in touch weekly by phone we miss the personal contact dearly. Passover, Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur, Thanksgiving and most likely Chanukah will be out of the picture this year.

Dr. Fauci and our health experts recommend limiting your holidays to no more than 10 people with those people individuals you have contact with regularly. And like I hope you and your family, we will follow the directions of our medical professionals. No one wants to take a chance getting sick.

After Thanksgiving dinner was over, we would drive home praying not to encounter deer along the way and take an hour or two nap. Than, I would meet friends (or sometimes go it alone) for Black Friday shopping that would start at midnight. As long as it was not too cold the excitement of the crowds put you in the Christmas/Chanukah spirit.

One year I was waiting in line, the lines separated by cold metal barriers for a 40 inch television set. 40 inches was big at the time, but now for the same price you can get a much larger set at about the same price I paid for my 40 inch one.

Every year I would buy 2 of everything on the front page of the Macy's Black Friday ad, the items that with rebate would end up costing nothing. Watches, pots and pans, small electronics, holiday sweatshirts, tea shirts whatever was there I would buy to get it for free. Why did I buy 2 of each item? I would send one rebate to my sister and one rebate to myself. So we ended up with 2 of each item for free.

I have a knack for filling out the rebate forms and now that they can be sent electronically over the internet it doesn't even cost you the price of a postage stamp. Sending the forms electronically also gets the rebate usually in the form of a VISA or MASTERCARD gift card to you sooner.

Most years I would fill out 10 rebates each for my sister and myself, and within a few weeks the gift cards would start rolling in. You have to be a little crazy to go extreme like I did. But it was all part of the holiday fun. Perfumes, watches, tote bags, kids clothing, unless it was something I knew we could not gift I would purchase the item and go through the rebate process.

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American Heart Association Award's St. Joseph's Medical Center's for Quality Stroke Care



St. Joseph's Medical Center staff with their AMA Award

Saint Joseph's Medical Center recently received the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association's Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award. The award recognizes the hospital's commitment to ensuring stroke patients receive the most appropriate treatment according to nationally recognized, research-based guidelines based on the latest scientific evidence.

Saint Joseph's Medical Center earned the award by meeting specific quality achievement measures for the diagnosis and treatment of stroke patients at a set level for a designated period. These measures include evaluation of the proper use of medications and other stroke treatments aligned with the most up-to-date, evidence-based guidelines with the goal of speeding recovery and reducing death and disability for stroke patients. Before discharge, patients should also receive education on managing their health, get a follow-up visit scheduled, as well as other care transition interventions.

"Saint Joseph's Medical Center is dedicated to improving the quality of care for our stroke patients by implementing the American Heart Association's Get With The Guidelines-Stroke initiative," said Saint Joseph's Medical Center President and CEO Michael Spicer. "The tools and resources provided help us track and measure our success in meeting evidenced-based clinical guidelines developed to improve patient outcomes," he added.

"We are pleased to recognize Saint Joseph's Medical Center for their commitment to stroke care," said Lee H. Schwamm, M.D., national chairperson of the Quality Oversight Committee and Executive Vice Chair of Neurology, Director of Acute Stroke Services, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts. "Research has shown that hospitals adhering to clinical measures through the Get With The Guidelines quality improvement initiative can often see fewer readmissions and lower mortality rates."

According to the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, stroke is the No. 5 cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability in the United States. On average, someone in the U.S. suffers a stroke every 40 seconds and nearly 795,000 people suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year.

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the self sacrifice that is needed in this revived moment of the pandemic. We were warned of this. And it has come true. How we respind to this is really the only question now.

Doctors, clinics and hospitals recognize that more COVID-19 surges are likely to occur. They are working with manufacturers to stock up on equipment, and they are continuing their policies for protecting patients and staff members," said Latimer.

Port Chester continues to be the county's #1 location of positive cases and is now labeled an Orange Zone, with neighboring Rye Brook in a Yellow Zone. Other parts of the county with a large number of positive cases include Yonkers and Mt. Vernon. But with neighboring Connecticut and Putnam County to the north both with high positive rates, all part of the county and its residents should be concerned and careful.

As all of us wait and pray for a vaccine, we agree completely with the County Executive, who admonished those who are refusing to practice COVID-19 precautions, such as physical distancing, hand-washing and mask-wearing. "I invite you to join us when we have refrigerator trucks of bodies with tote tags on them stacked up in a refrigerated vehicle in one location or another because we do not have the capacity to deal with the number of people that have died within a period of time," Latimer said. "And then tell me what you think your rights should be and shouldn't be when we have dead bodies stacked up like that. I lose my patience with that."

A total of 1,490 Westchester residents have died since March from COVID-19.

"Mini" Soccer Field Opens at Stefanik Park



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano unveiled the city's first-ever mini-pitch at Stefanik Park (Nepperhan Avenue & Ingram Street). The soccer mini-pitch, inclusive of new LED lighting, is a gift to the City of Yonkers from the U.S. Soccer Foundation and their partner, Target, valued at \$100,000.

"Thanks to the support of community partners like the U.S. Soccer Foundation, which worked with Target to make this project possible, we are thrilled to unveil a state-of-the-art mini-pitch for all to enjoy," said Mayor Mike Spano. "This public-private partnership resulted in the transformation of an underutilized area into a recreational play space that I am confident the community will appreciate."

"Stefanik Park holds a rich and unique history for Yonkers community members," said U.S. Soccer Foundation President & CEO Ed Foster-Simeon. "We're so excited Target is working with the U.S. Soccer Foundation to contribute to Stefanik Park by providing a safe and welcoming place to play for years to come."

"Target is excited to make soccer more accessible to kids in Stefanik Park, helping bring moments of joy to the Yonkers community through our partnership with the U.S. Soccer Foundation," said Maurice Cooper, senior vice president of marketing, Target. "We're proud to help create 100 new soccer mini pitches across the country by the end of 2020 to provide safe places to play, and give more kids the opportunity to get involved in the game."

The City of Yonkers announced its partnership with the U.S. Soccer Foundation to create the mini-pitch in late August 2020. The project is part of the U.S. Soccer Foundation's Safe Places To Play program, which, in conjunction with its affiliates like Target, seeks to transform underutilized areas, like vacant lots and empty schoolyards, into state-of-the-art pitches to play the game. Through its national affiliation, Target, the U.S. Soccer Foundation, will create 100 mini-pitches in communities across the country by the end of 2020.

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in our community is to continue to meet human needs.

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If you believe that there are more of our fellow residents who will be hungry this holiday season, one other worthy cause for your consideration is whyhunger.org.

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Affordable Housing milestone, continued from pg 1-

The Ridgeway redevelopment master plan calls for 500 units of housing, parking spaces, a ¼ acre central open space as well as mixed-use development in three of the six project phases. To date, 242 units across three phases have been completed, as well as the substantial renovation of an existing daycare center. Another 166 units of housing are currently under construction at 172 Warburton and 178 Warburton.

"This new phase of Cottage Garden's redevelopment points to the positive momentum happening right now in Yonkers as we revitalize our neighborhoods and improve the lives of the residents who live here," said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. "We are building a stronger, a more sustainable community for residents, thanks to the support of our federal, state, private and local community partners and their commitment to Yonkers. I look forward to the great improvements that will be made to this very deserving neighborhood."

"MHACY is grateful to our partners at Westchester County, the City of Yonkers and TCB for working together to provide environmentally conscious affordable housing. This is a great example of a successful public-private partnership," said MHACY President & CEO Wilson Kimball.

The total development cost for the entire multi-phase project is estimated to be \$296 million, with New York State Homes and Community Renewal is the primary source of financing. \$5 Million in funding for the project came from the Westchester County Housing Implementation Fund.

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To the Editor, Yonkers Rising

I was angered to read in Yonkers Rising last week that as a 30-year homeowner in Yonkers that I have been subsidizing the water bills of Empire Casino and Domino Sugar. First of all, I want to make sure that what you wrote, based on a resolution from Council President Mike Khader, is accurate. If there is a video, or Facebook live of a council committee meeting that goes over these allegations, I would like to watch it. Your story references a discussion with DPW Commissioner Meier and I will look to watch that.

Council President Khader has been in office for three years now, and has been working on fixing the problems of high residential water rates for most of that time. Where have the other members of the City Council been on this issue and how much have I paid to subsidize the big corporations in Yonkers?

Homeowners and taxpayers already subsidize developers, through the millions of dollars in tax breaks they receive through the IDA. I don't want another nickel of my hard earned money going to any other business. In fact, your story mentions that most businesses will pay their water bill and were unaware of this arrangement, or whatever you want to call it.

I also remember when we all received a water meter, our water bills went up. At that point, all of our water bills should have been figured out. But it seems that the big clients kept getting their discount.

I have more questions but I would request that you look into the ones that I have written you about,

Dorothy Pensel, Homeowner-Taxpayer-Yonkers

County Board Approves \$6.675 Million Renovations at Tibbetts Brook Park

This month, the County Board of Legislators unanimously approved a plan to make substantial improvements to Tibbetts Brook Park in Yonkers. The work includes major improvements to pathways as well as the entrance drive and parking lots, in addition to improved drainage along existing roads, parking lots and pathways.

The improvements come after work in recent years to renovate the pool, picnic areas, ballfields and access to the South County Trailway have led to a dramatic increase in park attendance. Legislator David Tubiolo, Chair of the Board's Parks and Recreation Committee said, "Tibbetts Brook Park is an enormously important resource to people in our community, especially now, during the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm so excited that the work we've already done to renew the park has drawn more and more people to this wonderful facility."

Legislator Ruth Walter, Vice Chair of the Parks and Recreation Committee said, "The importance of Tibbetts Brook Park, and all our County parks, has only grown during the COVID-19 pandemic. People rely on these parks for open space and recreation, especially in a densely populated city like Yonkers. Improvements we make to these parks today -- when interest rates are low -- will not only benefit us now, during these challenging times, but also will provide an improved quality of life in Westchester for years to come."

Legislator Jose Alvarado said, "This is a long time coming for this park in my district. Under previous administrations there had been very little done to maintain and improve Tibbetts Brook Park. But as we can see now that the County has made substantial improvements, people are excited to come out to this beautiful park. In a good year, Tibbetts Brook Park gets more than 80,000 visitors, and these improvements to parking and paths will only make it easier for even more people to enjoy."

Majority Whip Christopher Johnson said, "We have great County parks across Westchester, but Tibbetts Brook Park is special because it provides 161 acres of open space with a pool and playgrounds right in the center of Westchester's most populous city. This is a much needed, and much used resource for everyone in southern Westchester and I'm glad we're continuing to invest in the park and the people who use it."

The County Board recently authorized an amended bond act in the amount of \$6,675,000 which includes \$575,000 of previously authorized bonds to finance the cost of design, construction and construction management of the new improvements which are expected to take 15 months to complete.

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of three who suffers from debilitating spinal injuries as a result of an on duty car accident.

"Each one of the officers risked their lives protecting the people of Yonkers. Each one of these officers was seriously injured while performing their duties. Each one of these officers did everything they could do to return to duty with the Yonkers Police Department, including suffering through life altering surgeries. Each one of these officers has followed all the rules, have served their City and their police department with honor and integrity and have done nothing wrong," said Olson.

Mayor Mike Spano, through spokeswoman Christina Gilmartin, explains that the City is using Article 71 of the NYS Civil Service law to move the officers off the City payroll and onto permanent disability. Gilmartin said that the officers have been on injury leave for, on average, four years each, and that the City, and its taxpayers have paid more than \$6 Million for 10 offices on injury leave.

Olson added that the Spano administration did not handle the decision properly by having a conversation with all of the parties involved. But the City added that conversations about the officers on injury leave have been ongoing for more than a year.

What is notable is that the dispute between Mayor Spano and Olson and the Yonkers PBA is the first in Spano's 10 years in office. Olson and the Yonkers PBA endorsed Spano in each of his Mayoral runs, and the YPD PBA was the first City union to come to a long term agreement on a contract.

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Frederick Phillipse purchased parts of the Yonkers downtown from the Van der Donck family in 1672

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

Monday, November 23rd:

November 23, 1943: The Dresner family of Stone Avenue received a gift from son Lieutenant Allen Dresner, USNR, mailed from Hawaii where he was recovering from malaria. Tucked into a milk chocolate can were souvenirs collected during the year Dresner spent in the South Pacific. Among the souvenirs his mother Ruth found were Japanese shell casings, a deactivated grenade and... two molars! No explanation of where he had gotten the teeth, but his mom anxiously awaited his arrival home to find out why he kept them.

November 23, 1946: Robert Weist, Legislative Assistant to the Common Council, told the Taxpayers Organization of Northeast Yonkers the city would not have the promised twice-a-week trash collection in 1947. The organization was outraged and stated increasing weekly collections not only were imperative to safeguard the health of Yonkers people, they were necessary to control the dangerous Yonkers rat menace.

Tuesday, November 24th:

November 24, 1942: The Herald Statesman reviewed the success of the "V for Victory" warning for speeders! Because speeding wasted gas needed for the war effort, Yonkers drivers' began tapping out the special signal, "beep—beep—beep—beeeep" (three short and one long beeps, Morse Code for V) whenever they saw a fast-moving driver. Most drivers immediately slowed down, not only because speeding was "dangerous, it was TREASON," in the words of the paper.

November 24, 1947: Robert Weist, Legislative Assistant to the Yonkers Common Council, spoke on the advantages of the City Manager government in Yonkers on a Scranton radio station program arranged by the Scranton Junior Chamber of Commerce. He focused on the improvements since Yonkers adopted this form of administration: lower taxes; improved city services, improved garbage collection; Yonkers higher credit standing; and repairs of schools and streets.

Wednesday November 25th:

November 24, 1936: Mayor Joseph Loehr announced, for the first time in four years 3,000 Yonkers employees would receive a full paycheck on December 31st.

November 25, 1942: When The Herald Statesman's "Town Talk" column asked the question if anyone remembered the names of the two Yonkers men awarded the Distinguished Service Cross during WWI, few were able to answer the question! The men honored with the DSC, the second highest honor our country presents, were Recreation Superintendent James McCrudden and Yonkers Savings Bank's Angus Robertson.

Thursday, November 26th:

November 26, 1922: Three radio shops, Yonkers Radio Exchange on Main Street, Felsh & Kastl on Warburton Avenue, and Knepper's Sports Shop on Main Street, invited the public to hear Yonkers Statesman Sports Editor William Miley speak on the "Football Season of 1922." The show was broadcast over Tarrytown's Station WRW. Other Yonkers residents who owned radiophone receiver were invited to tune to 360 meters to hear the address.

November 26, 1945: McLean Heights' Edward O'Neill, National Sergeant-At-Arms of the American Legion, personally escorted General Eisenhower at their national convention in Chicago. Although a member of the American Legion's Committee on Distinguished Guests, this was the first time he had sole responsibility for an honored guest at the convention.

Friday, November 27th:

November 27, 1922: Best-selling British novelist Hugh Walpole spoke to a large audience in Philipsburgh Hall on "Books and Friendship." Although listed as a British author, Walpole was born in New Zealand; when he was five years old, his father, a minister, took an assignment at the General Theological Seminary in New York. When he was nine, he was sent to school in England.

November 27, 1943: Yonkers audiences at the Yonkers RKO Proctor's spotted Yonkers soloist and Private First Class Vance Campbell in the movie, This is the Army! Starring Ronald Reagan and Joan Leslie, all proceeds of the film went to the Army Emergency Relief Fund. Campbell portrayed an Army Chaplain in the film; when romance bloomed between the two Hollywood stars and reached the marrying stage in the film, Campbell performed the ceremony! This is the Army was the highest grossing musical film for eleven years, finally surpassed in 1954 by White Christmas. Proceeds from the movie were donated to the Army Emergency Relief.

Saturday, November 28th

November 28, 1910: Mayor James Lennon named a commission to review designs for murals for the new City Hall; Rudolf Eickemeyer, Jr., Charles Israels and Howard Chamberlin were appointed to this committee.

November 28, 1912: Yonkers own William Langford was the official referee for the Army-Navy game at Franklin Field in Philadelphia. Navy won, 6-0.

November 28, 1942: Harry Ahistedt's safety glasses were featured in Yonkers Works Digest, the company paper for Otis employees. Ahistedt, an experienced worker who performed a thousand operations a day, had a narrow escape; a bolt flew out of the machinery and hit the safety glasses he was smart enough to wear! The safety glasses, no doubt, saved his eyesight, and the incident and resulting publicity were a very important safety lesson to the men and women who worked for the company.

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Notice of Formation of AJK Productions, LLC. filed with SSNY on 10/23/2020. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to AJ K. 337 Upland Ave. Yonkers, NY 10703 Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

Notice of Formation of Lifest Media, LLC filed with SSNY on 10/28/2020. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to AJ K. 337 Upland Ave. Yonkers, NY 10703.

NOTICE OF FORMATION of LE TRIBOULET, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 08/24/2020. Location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent for service of process on LLC. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 76 Morningside, Apt 2S, Yonkers, NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of Excelsior LTL, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/05/2020. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 1 Sadore Ln 4K, Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of Public Real Estate Auction--City of Yonkers, New York

Notice is hereby given by the City of Yonkers (the "City") of the public auction of the surplus City properties listed below (the "Properties"). All Properties are located in Yonkers, NY.

The public auction will be held Friday, December 11th, 2020 beginning at 10:00 am in Auditorium of the Yonkers Riverfront Library located at One Larkin Center, 1st Floor, Yonkers, NY.

The auction and sale of the Properties will be conducted in accordance with certain terms and conditions (the "Terms and Conditions"); by participating in the auction, participants agree to be bound to the Terms and Conditions. The Properties may be offered for sale subject to certain express terms, conditions or restrictions imposed by the City, which will be disclosed prior to the auction. The Terms and Conditions will be available prior to the auction at www.williamsauction.com/Yonkers.

THE PROPERTIES

SECTION	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
1	133	3	94 St. Andrews Pl
1	451	10	70 Yonkers Ave
1	511	13	17 Hawthorne Ave
2	2060	31	409 Prescott St
2	2062	29	15 Mulberry St
2	2062	30	13 Mulberry St
2	2079	18.19	11 Orchard St
2	2116	7	230 Woodworth Ave
2	2116	12	242 Woodworth Ave
2	2116	13	242 Woodworth Ave
2	2116	39	293 Warburton Ave
2	2116	40	289 Warburton Ave
2	2118	39	110 Ravine Ave
2	2121	15	409 Warburton Ave
2	2121	30	27 Glenwood Ave
2	2121	31	25 Glenwood Ave
3	3036	3	46 Chase Ave
3	3140	1	65 Chelsea Pl
3	3157	16	33 Drake Pl
3	3157	17	35 Drake Pl
3	3157	18	37 Drake Pl
3	3215	23	21 Suffolk Trl
3	3215	25	17 Suffolk Trl
3	3215	27	13 Suffolk Trl
3	3270	192	1212 Saw Mill River Rd
5	5071	44	86 University Ave
5	5071	46	90 University Ave
6	6050	65	78 Sweetfield Cir
6	6050	371	70 Sweetfield Cir
6	6250	28	189 Scott Ave

The following property owned by the Yonkers Community Development Agency will also be offered for sale at the public auction:

1	511	12	15 Hawthorne Ave
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For online bidding, the Terms and Conditions, and more information, please visit: williamsauction.com/Yonkers or call 800.801.8003.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The ordinance, a summary of which is published herewith, has been adopted on October 27, 2020, and approved by the Mayor on November 9, 2020, and the validity of the obligations authorized by such ordinance may be hereafter contested only if such obligations were authorized for an object or purpose for which the CITY OF YONKERS, in the County of Westchester, New York, is not authorized to expend money or if the provisions of law which should have been complied with as of the date of publication of this Notice were not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the publication of this Notice, or such obligations were authorized in violation of the provisions of the constitution.

Vincent E. Spano, City Clerk
City of Yonkers, New York

SPECIAL ORDINANCE 38-2020

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE CITY'S 2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET, AS AMENDED; STATING THE TOTAL ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$32,820,119; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$32,820,119 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

The bonds are authorized to finance various capital projects included in the City's 2020-2021 Capital Budget, as amended. The amount of obligations to be issued is \$32,820,119. The periods of usefulness are various periods from 3 to 40 years.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Special Local Finance and Budget Act of the City of Yonkers, constituting Chapters 488 and 489 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York (herein called the "Act"), the City is authorized and directed to include the pledge and agreement of the State of New York (herein called the "State") contained in said Section 17 of the Act, in the ordinance, and the Act provides that upon payment for the bonds or notes by the original and all subsequent holders thereof the inclusion of such pledge and agreement shall be deemed conclusive evidence of valuable consideration received by the State and City for such pledge and agreement and of reliance upon such pledge and agreement by any holder and that any action by the State contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of such pledge and agreement shall be void.

A complete copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York 10701.

DATED: October 27, 2020 Yonkers, New York

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The bonds are authorized to finance various capital projects included in the School Facilities Management Plan for the Board of Education, as amended, and to acquire books and equipment for use by the Board of Education.

The amount of obligations to be issued is not to exceed \$39,700,000. The period of usefulness associated with (i) the construction of improvements to various school buildings and the sites thereof, is thirty (30) years and (ii) the acquisition of books, hardware, software and equipment for use by the Board of Education, is five (5) years.

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DATED: October 27, 2020 Yonkers, New York

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This year I noticed on the front page of the Macy's catalog there are some rebate items but most of them end up costing you something after the rebate! I guess the stores got smart to people like me..

Stores have started their Black Friday sales weeks early to avoid people standing on top of each other at the registers and from getting sick. Many items can be ordered in advance for curbside pickup so you don't even have to set foot in the store. Make sure if it comes with a rebate you get the Correct rebate form and individual receipts. Include the UPC or other code and check off to make sure everything is packaged neatly.

So my friends, this will be a very different Thanksgiving. Chanukah and Christmas most likely too. Maybe things will get back to normal by Passover and Easter. Wear your masks, wash your hands and socially distance. I still see people in stores without masks.shame on them!

I miss spending time in person with cousins Fred, Georgette, Sharon, Steven and Daniel. Pray for an effective vaccine to protect us that will in the not to distant future allow us to celebrate together!

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.

To All Veterans, Thank You for Your Service

Rolling Thunder POW/MIA Chair of Honor Dedicated at MGM-Empire Casino



POW-MIA Chair of Honor at MGM -Empire Casino

Empire City Casino by MGM Resorts commemorated Veterans Day with a flag raising ceremony for the installation of a new flag pole, and the dedication of a Rolling Thunder POW/MIA Chair of Honor, donated by Vietnam veteran Edward O'Neill. The Chair of Honor will be permanently installed inside the valet entrance of Empire City Casino in honor of Veterans of all wars.

The flag raising ceremony for the newly installed flagpole located outside the iconic porte cochere entrance at Empire City was led by members of the Westchester County Police Ceremonial Unit. They raised the flag for the first time as veterans proudly saluted and participants stated the Pledge of Allegiance when the flag reached full staff.

The program included remarks from Chris Kelley, President of MGM Resorts' Northeast Group "The freedoms we enjoy in this country come from great sacrifice," said Kelley. "MGM Resorts has a long history of recognizing, honoring and remembering our military heroes and we are proud to be able to raise this new flag at Empire City, a great symbol of those freedoms, and install this Chair of Honor to ensure we never forget the sacrifices made on our behalf by veterans and their families."

The dedication of the POW/MIA Chair of Honor was performed by local veteran Edward O'Neill. O'Neill is a disabled Vietnam veteran and has served with the non-profit Rolling Thunder Inc. for more than a decade.

The organization was founded by veterans concerned over the lack of attention paid to Prisoners of War/Missing in Action service members from the Vietnam War. The group expanded to over 95 chapters worldwide, focusing on POW/MIA issues from all wars and conflicts, as well as advancing rights and legislation to improve veteran benefits.

O'Neill is also a member of VFP Empire Post 375 of Yonkers and Bejar Post 49 of Armonk, as well as a long-time member of the Disabled Veterans of James J. Peters Medical Center in the Bronx.

"The mission of Rolling Thunder, and my personal mission, is to educate the public about the many American Prisoners of War and Missing in Action service members who have not returned home," said O'Neill. "I am incredibly grateful to MGM Resorts for agreeing to permanently install the Chair of Honor at Empire City Casino in remembrance of our veterans, and thankful for the company's continued dedication to veterans worldwide."

Area veterans from Yonkers VFW Empire Post 375 and Post 1666 attended the event, along with their family members. Military veterans who are now employees of Empire City Casino also attended and led the Pledge of Allegiance as part of the Flag Raising Ceremony.

"We are honored to have our new flag raised for the first time by members of the Westchester County Police Ceremonial Unit, and have this POW/MIA Chair of Honor, which was generously donated by Mr. Edward O'Neill, reside here at Empire City in perpetuity," said Ed Domingo, Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officers of MGM Resorts' Northeast Group. "It is our hope that this Chair of Honor will convey MGM Resorts' deep respect and gratitude to our heroes."

Notice of Formation of Art. Of Org. for HEAL HERRR LLC Filed with SSNY on 9/8/2020. Office location: 600 Broadway STE 200 #2144 Albany, NY 12207 SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail the process to 77 locust hill avenue Yonkers ny apt 603 10701. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

Hudson River Audubon Society Program

On Wednesday, December 2, from 7:30-8:30 p.m, the Hudson River Audubon Society presents Carole Griffiths, Museum of Natural History ornithologist, discussing biodiversity in Ecuador. Slide show focuses on birds. This event is free and open to the public by zoom; email hrasbird@gmail.com for invitation.

Sgt. Ruby Carlisle-Thomas Inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame



Sgt. Ruby Carlisle-Thomas

Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins recently inducted veteran, Sgt. Ruby Carlisle-Thomas of Yonkers into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame.

The coveted honor was announced on Veterans Day, during the NYS Senate's virtual ceremony to recognize distinguished veterans from across New York. To be selected for the esteemed award, individuals must have served in the United States Armed Forces and demonstrated service to their community or accomplishments as a civilian.

The Senate Majority Leader said Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas entered the military as a Morse Code operator in the late 1970's and worked for the National Security Agency (NSA). Due to her strong work ethic and expertise, Carlisle-Thomas was promoted to Sergeant in 1980. She then went on to receive the Army Good Conduct Medal for exemplary behavior and re-enlisted serving her country in both Germany and Japan because of her needed expertise and intelligence skills.

"Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas joined the army at a time when few women served in its ranks and that makes her a trailblazer," said Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "She worked as Morse Code operator for the NSA and was called upon to re-enlist in Germany and worked on special projects in Japan. We thank Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas and every veteran for their service to our country and for keeping us safe, here at home."

"I am honored to have been inducted into the New York State Senate Veterans' Hall of Fame and to receive recognition from Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins," said Sgt. Ruby Car-Thomas. "Senator Stewart-Cousins goes above and beyond to recognize veterans, and this comes at a time when we need more of that, I cannot thank her enough. From a very young age, I wanted to serve my country, and I tell people that can be done in the armed forces or right here in your own community."

After Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas completed her military service in 1988, she did not stop serving. Now, she devotes her time to helping other veterans through a ministry at her church and runs a prison ministry for incarcerated young men. Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas continues to volunteer in Yonkers and was an integral part of the community's effort to feed those in need.

"Sgt. Carlisle-Thomas, like many veterans has really given back to her community. She is most deserving of this esteemed honor from the NYS Senate," said Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. "The Senate Majority continues to work on improving the quality of life for our veterans with opportunities like this to honor their service, and legislatively we continue to fight to protect the benefits and services veterans deserve and have earned."

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Sunday, November 29th

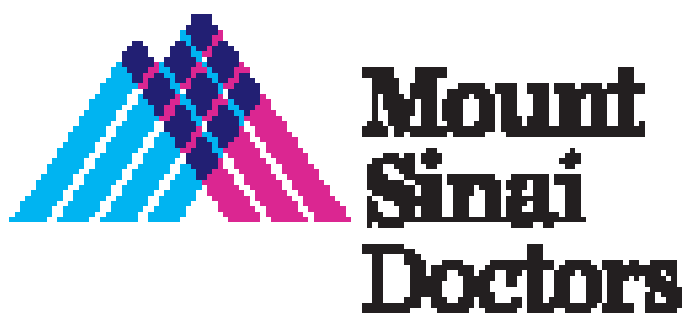
November 29, 1672: Elias Doughty, brother of Mary Van der Donck O'Neale, sold Colendonck to Thomas Delaval, Thomas Lewis and Frederick Philipse. At the time of the purchase there was a thriving business at the mill near the mouth of the Nepperhan River; Philipse found it so profitable, he bought out his partners and became sole owner in 1686. He gradually extended his holding until his lands covered all the land from the Spuyten Duyvil Creek to the Croton River.

November 29, 1943: The lack of parking facilities for employees of Habirshaw Cable and Wire Corporation, long a major issue both for employees and local residents, not only caused numerous complaints to police and City Hall, but also was a major safety concern. The company finally agreed to purchase an empty lot across from the Glenwood Gardens apartments for employee parking; the Common Council created a zoning change to permit parking in the lot. The Council asked the City Manager to make certain the site only would be used for open air parking and meet with the Habirshaw management; before any discussions could take place, the company announced it had cancelled its contract to buy the property!

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and our upcoming events, please visit their website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org or email yhsociety@aol.com.

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