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Khader Tops Yonkers Democratic Convention With 86% of the Vote



Council President Mike Khader received the highest percentage of votes from Yonkers Democratic leaders for an incumbent with a challenger

12 Democrats Step Forward to Run for Office in 2021 in Yonkers

By Dan Murphy

While incumbents won the day at the Yonkers Democratic Convention held on Jan 27, almost a dozen new Yonkers Democrats stepped forward to run for office, and set up Democratic Primaries for City Council President, City Council, County Legislator and County Clerk.

Nominations were made for the following positions during the Zoom convention, who received the % of the vote of yonkers democratic party district and ward leaders, and proxies. I means incumbent.

City Council President:

(I) Mike Khader-85.7%

Lakisha Collins-13.89%

Peter Spano-less than 1%

City Council -2nd District

(I) Corazon Pineda-Isaac-82.5%

Crystil Suazo-17.42%

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Do You Know a YPS Family Who Needs Another Learning Device?

8,340 devices have been distributed for home use to date, including 5,146 laptops, 278 iPads and 2,916 Chromebooks

“When available, families with multiple children received additional devices,”

YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada

By Dan Murphy

As the saga continues between Yonkers Parents Seeking Solution, YPSS, and their attorney Michael Sussman, and the Yonkers Public Schools, YPS, and Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, “the digital divide” that some YPS students are having getting online to take course at home continues.

Superintendent Quezada, in a letter to Sussman and the public last week, identified that 8,300 devices have been given out to YPS students who did not have one. That is good news.

But the group of YPS students that do not have a device are multiple student families, or families that have more than one student in the YPS and do not have the money to purchase a device. Thousands of YPS students and their families live at or under the poverty line, and under the current policy, if there are multiple siblings attending YPS in a household, they receive one device.

In a previous story, we highlighted the issue with a community volunteer who told us that in a family with four YPS students, the oldest student in high school gets the device from YPS; the second oldest uses a cell phone to check in for attendance and try to listen to the teacher and the lesson, while the other two children in that family do not attend school that day, and the family rotates this process.

Currently, YPS students are attending school 2 days per week, with 3 days per week remote-at home learning.

In his response letter, Superintendent Quezada wrote, “There is no wait-list for devices, as of this date, and the majority of new device requests are for students new to the District, parents whose personal device is no longer working and they are unable to get it repaired, as well as District devices that are no longer functioning. The Mayor working with Altice provided Internet hotspots in high need communities. School staff reach out to every family whose children were not engaged in remote instruction to ascertain why and try to resolve the issue. Every available computer in schools were distributed to students.”

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2021 Black History Month Series Part I: Black Power in 2021



Clockwise: Dennis Richmond Jr, Alajah Whitehead, Tullehsa Burbage, and Javonte Spencer

By: Dennis Richmond, Jr. (@NewYorkStakz)

My father, Mr. Dennis Richmond, Sr. came of age during the 1970s. In 1973, when my father was 18 years old, the United States president was Richard Nixon. American prisoners of war are released from Vietnam that same year. My dad told me plenty of stories about his adolescence. He remembers meeting The Godfather of Soul, James Brown, in California. There’s one movement that my dad witnessed as a young man that entrances me. That movement is the iconic Black Power Movement.

Perhaps the most recognizable Black Power concept today is the powerful cultural expression of the 1960s and 1970s. People held their fists in the air as a sign of Black Power. People wore their natural hair as a sign of Black Power. People even attended HBCUs as a sign of Black Power. People followed ideologies from The Honorable Elijah Muhammad, Malcolm X, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and The Black Panther Party’s Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale. With all the fashion statements, natural hair, and cultural leaders of the 1970s, I had to ask myself, “What does Black Power look like in 2021?” To answer this question, I had conversations with young adults from across the country.

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The Shadow of Your Smile



Eric Schoen with Tony Bennett, right

By Eric W. Schoen

So, Staten Island Chuck didn’t see his shadow. He predicts an early spring. Punxsutawney Phil did see his shadow in Pennsylvania. That means 6 more weeks of winter weather. As far as I am concerned, this weeks storm provided us with all the winter we need. I’ll leave it up to the meteorologists who got it right this time. As we dig out our cars, we remember Yonkers own Ella Fitzgerald who said it best. Simply, this storm was ‘Too Close for Comfort!’

Which brings us to another musical icon, Tony Bennett. It was announced on Monday that Bennett has Alzheimer’s disease. He has been suffering for 4 years which included the time when he graciously agreed to have his picture taken with me in August 2017. The event celebrated the 50th Anniversary of WCBS Newsradio 880 and took place at the PlayStation Theater in Times Square.

I’ve always enjoyed Tony Bennetts singing, and his performance at the event was nothing short of spectacular. Talk about being in the right place at the right time. I came out of the theater, walked to the right and who did I see in the underpass that leads from 44th street to 45th street but none other than Bennett himself with an assistant waiting for their car. I walked up to him, told him how I admired him and how much I enjoyed his performance and asked if I could take a picture with him.

Without a bit of hesitation he agreed to the picture. Boy was I a happy camper. He was so kind. His music lives on as part of the Great American Songbook.

My parents both died very young. Dad was 59 and mom was 65. Dad died of a heart attack and mom had been ill for several years. I am sad that they died so young but grateful that neither of them had Alzheimer’s. Mom was in a coma 2 days before she died, I knew I would not see her the next

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Heart Health and Your Diet, During COVID



“It’s time to think not only about survival during COVID, but that this is my life for now and I need to be concerned about my diet, and my health,”

Alon Gitig, MD, Director of Cardiology at Mount Sinai Doctors-Scarsdale and Mount Sinai Doctors-Yonkers.

By Dan Murphy

February is American Heart Month and cardiologists from the Mount Sinai Health System are sharing tips on heart disease prevention to lower the risk of heart attack, stroke, and COVID-19.

According to the American Heart Association, about one in three people with COVID-19 has cardiovascular disease, making it the most common underlying health condition. COVID-19 patients with underlying conditions are six times more likely to be hospitalized and 12 times more likely to die than patients without any chronic health problems. Nearly half of adults in the United States—more than 121 million people—have some type of cardiovascular disease. It is the leading cause of death among men and women in the United States; nearly 650,000 die from it every year. Yet heart disease is preventable 80 percent of the time.

Alon Gitig, MD, Director of Cardiology at Mount Sinai Doctors-Scarsdale and Mount Sinai Doctors-Yonkers, has agreed to share with our readers his thoughts on how to maintain a healthy heart during COVID.

This week Dr. Gitig discusses the relationship between your diet and the heart. “There are lots of fad diets out there, and many that claim that there diet will lower your risk of heart disease by lowering your weight quickly. But these studies and diets are plagued with problems because its difficult to monitor a persons diet for a long period of time and people’s recall of what they eat is unpredictable.

“So the studies are all over the map, one may say that eating eggs are good for your heart health, while another says that eggs are bad. But that doesn’t mean that all of the studies are useless, and there are large enough studies that show the same strengths and statistics for the reduction of risk of heart disease.

“In general, populations around the world have the lowest risk of heart disease, (heart attack and stroke) and some near 0 that share comment threads of diet. All of these groups have not been inundated with processed foods. American diets have a majority of processed food, and we need to eat more whole foods in their original form.

“Other commonalities of a good diet in people’s around the world is that they eat mostly plant based foods. They are eating more vegetables, grains, beans, legumes and fish. They do eat some poultry and meat but in small amounts. The Mediterranean Diet is an example of this type of diet, and can be used in making salads and cooking vegetables in olive oil. The Japanese also eat a low risk diet, with a lot more fish. Sushi is a whole food. When eating rice, brown rice is preferred,” said Dr. Gitig, who added that sugar and flour based products should also be avoided or scaled back considerably.

“We all know that sugar is not good for our heart, but what is not commonly known is that flour is also bad for our diet, and is ubiquitous in people’s diet in this country. Flour is not a whole food, the grain has been pulverized and the powder that results has lost its nutrient value and creates a rise in blood sugar.”

Dr. Gitig said that all of us should examine our diets after almost one year at home under COVID. “You have an opportunity while working from home to eat healthy. You can prepare healthy lunches at home. The other way to eat while at home that I see in my patients is to east more sandwiches and make a quick PBJ and snack all day.

“There are two different directions that you can go. But now after almost one year, its important for all of us to give what we are eating some conscious thought. Don’t kick the can down the road because we don’t know how long we will be at home. It’s time to think not only about survival during COVID but that this is my life for now and I need to be concerned about my diet and my health,” said Dr. Gitig.

More next week from Dr. Gitig, and from Mount Sinai Doctors of Westchester, about heart health. For more information, visit MountSinai.org, or MountSinaiDoctors.org/Westchester

Yonkers Boys Swim Team Continues Success During COVID



Senior Captain David Kantar at the 2020 State Championships last

There aren’t any managers, fans, handshakes, or even another team present at varsity swim meets this season. Divisional and State Championships have been canceled, and an abbreviated dual-meet schedule has been put in place. However, all these changes haven’t stopped The Yonkers Combined Boys Swim Team from continuing their success in the pool this season.

“We are extremely happy to be back swimming together again” Coach Julie Schoenlank stated, who is in her 5th season as head coach. “The boys are there to support one another and essentially replace the energy from the non-existent fans and opposing team.”

The boys began their season January 4, 2021 and have posted a 2-0 record thus far, defeating Byram Hill 75-58 and Harrison 48-45. There have been multiple meet postponements and cancellations, but the boys aren’t discouraged. “It’s definitely an unusual season, but we are taking it one day at a time” Senior Captain Manny Omana said. “I’m just glad we are back in the pool working together on another great season, as short as it is. Staying healthy is a priority.”

The swim meets are certified by two officials who are in-person at each team’s pool on the day of a meet. Times are recorded and entered into a Section 1 database. After both teams have entered their results, the program will show where swimmers placed and who won the meet.

Senior Captain David Kantar, of Yonkers High, has returned for his final season after making history for Yonkers last March on Long Island, just before the COVID outbreak. Kantar qualified for State Championship Finals in the 100 yard butterfly- a feat that has never been accomplished in Yonkers Swimming History. Kantar placed 26th in the State of New York with a time of 52.84. He also holds multiple team and pool records at Mark Twain Pool. David also qualified as a sophomore for State Championship Trials in the same event.

“It was a privilege to represent Yonkers at States,” Kantar said. “Knowing it was the first finals appearance in Yonkers History, I was overjoyed for this opportunity.” Even with 2021 State Championships canceled, Captain Kantar is staying positive: “It’s definitely a unique season, but we refuse to get discouraged. We will continue to motivate one another. With our first two meets, the team has proven we can create a racing environment even without opponents present. I see no regression in our future.”

Key Returnees include: Seniors: David Kantar (Capt. YHS), Manny Omana (Capt. SHS), Romulo Valadez (YHS). Juniors: Colin Reardon (YHS). Sophomores: Sean Reardon (RHS). Key Newcomers: Ajdin Cirikovic (JR, GHS), and Liam McMullen (FR, YHS).

Thanks for Yonkers Swim Coach Julie Schoenlank for her help putting together this story.

In a related story, Westchester school districts now have the choice to reopen their higher-risk sports, football, wrestling, ice hockey, rugby, basketball, contact lacrosse, volleyball, martial arts, and competitive cheer/dance, on Feb 1, after six hudson valley County Executive’s including Westchester County Executive George Latimer approved the decision. On Jan 22, the New York State Department of Education giving the option to local school districts.

Westchester County Executive Latimer said, “Since early March Westchester County has grappled with the realities of COVID-19. While the bodily threats of the virus are clearly documented – the mental impacts of COVID-19 are also equally devastating. Children in particular have suffered significant mental harms due to the isolation of not being in school consistently, not socializing with friends and family, and not partaking in extracurricular activities. Today, I stand with my fellow Hudson Valley County Executives in support of sports resuming in schools. To be clear, there will be protective protocols in place, and these additional precautions are to protect the athletes. But, I am in favor of providing our children with some normalcy so that they can begin to heal from this horrific pandemic.”

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Holocaust Remembrance Day Never Forgotten in Yonkers



Betty Migdol, holding a photo of Holocaust survivors

January 27 was Holocaust Remembrance Day, and 76 years after the liberation of Auschwitz, #WeRemember the millions of lives lost in the Holocaust and recommit to fighting hate and intolerance everywhere.

We remember, with respect, the victims of the Holocaust and take the time to reflect on the depths that humanity can sink to, but also the ways that individuals and communities resisted that darkness, before, during, and after this tragedy.

Yonkers' resident and Holocaust survivor Betty Migdol, who was recognized by City Council President Mike Khader and the entire City Council in 2018, shared her story once again.

"After the Holocaust, I was left without parents, a home, or any money. I didn't know what I was going to do. Then my cousins, who also survived, said to me that the Americans were setting up Displaced Persons Camps in Germany and they are going to it. I asked if they would take me too and they did. They supported me both emotionally and financially until we got to the Americans. Here I am in the picture of us in the DP camp. Today I have 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. I went through an unthinkable period in my life and came out stronger than anyone should have to be. Now I'm blessed to have a beautiful family and a great life here in Yonkers."

Betty Migdol has been a Yonkers resident since 1970. Migdol was born Dec. 19, 1927, the third of six children, to a religious and poor family in Ruscova, Romania, a small town in the Carpathian Mountains. In 1944, when she was 16, the Hungarians who had moved into her town rounded up all the Jews and sent them first to a ghetto and then on transport trains to the Auschwitz death camp. After six months at Auschwitz, she was sent to a slave labor camp.

When the war ended in 1945, Migdol fled from the Russian soldiers who were cruel to young girls, and was able to make her way home, where in Ruscova, she found out that any other family members who were sent to concentration camps died.

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Allan Benson, the first Yonkers resident to run for US President

Mary Hoar, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, member, Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Bd.

Monday, February 8th

February 8, 1910: Walter Donlevy, employed on the construction of the new Woodworth Avenue Otis building, saved the life of coworker John Rabbitt. Rabbitt, doing iron work on the fourth story, he lost his balance and fell. Donlevy, seated on the second floor crossbeam, heard him scream and managed to grab him with his left arm as Mr. Rabbitt fell downwards. Clinging with his right hand and legs to the beam, Donlevy held on as long as possible, until the finger nails on his right hand were torn out and Rabbitt slipped from his grip.

Both men were transported to Saint Joseph's Hospital, where Dr. Mac Frehman examined the two men. Rabbitt's leg was broken and Donlevy suffered internal injuries from the strain of holding the other man in the air. Frehman stated Rabbitt would've been killed if Donlevy had not caught him and broken the force of the fall.

Tuesday, February 9th

February 9, 1893: The Regents of the State of New York chartered the Yonkers Public Library. The first trustees were Dr. Edgar Hermance; attorney John Brennan, first President of the Library Board; Columbia University Professor A. V. Williams Jackson; Attorney James Irving Burns, Alderman, Assemblyman and Senator; and Superintendent of Yonkers Schools Charles E. Gorton.

February 9, 1982: The Yonkers City Council unanimously voted to give the Lincoln Letter to New York State as a restricted gift. The Lincoln Letter was written in 1864 to thank the village of Yonkers for their Sanitary Fair; money would be raised to care for the soldiers wounded during the Civil War. Copies of the letter were sold, and the original was raffled. The winner of the letter generously gave it to "the people of Yonkers." More than \$16,000 was raised at the fair.

Wednesday, February 10th

February 10, 1935: Off duty Yonkers Police Department Patrolman Alexander Reid made a flying tackle to catch a fleeing pickpocket as he ran out

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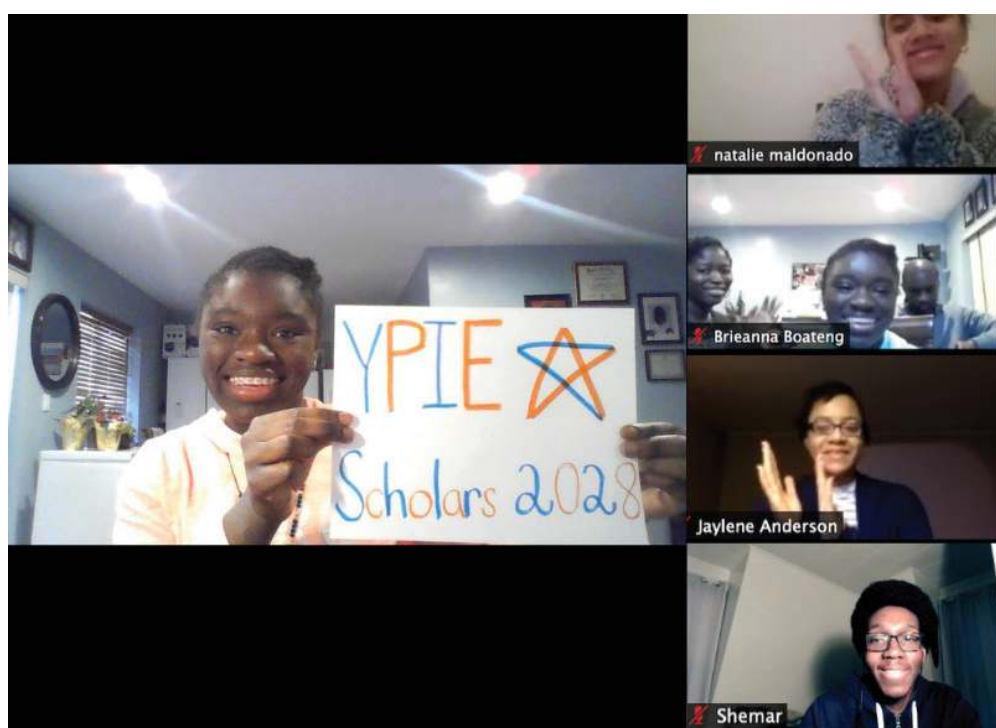
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YPIE Inducts Newest Class of YPIE Scholars from Across Yonkers Public High Schools



Yonkers ninth-grade students embark on their path to college as YPIE

Nearly 200 ninth-grade students from all eight Yonkers Public High Schools were sworn in as Yonkers Partners in Education (YPIE) Scholars, a community of students preparing for success in college and beyond.

This year, the Induction Ceremony was held virtually with incoming Scholars and their families. Several YPIE Seniors, who have been YPIE Scholars throughout high school, shared inspiring words with this incoming class.

"...the college process was pretty daunting and stressful, but I would just like to thank YPIE for making it a little less stressful," said Natalie. "With all the help that I have received, I feel like I definitely am going to have an amazing future."

YPIE received a record number of applicants for its YPIE Scholars program this year. After completing a detailed application and attending a virtual Open House, these YPIE Scholars were selected because of their drive, commitment, and focus on their future.

"You're part of something special," stated Sam Wallis, YPIE Executive Director, "You were all selected because we saw something in you. You were selected to become a YPIE Scholar for a reason. You're in exactly the right place, you belong here, and we can't wait to work with you."

Many of the YPIE Seniors also shared their recommendations with the incoming 9th-grade Scholars:

"One piece of advice I'd like to give to the incoming freshman is to take every opportunity you get," said Lovebright. "It doesn't matter how small it is because it can definitely help you at some point in time in your life."

"Never think you can't ask your fellow upperclassmen or teachers for help and for those who think the sky is the limit, remember to shoot for the stars," Gian added.

"One piece of advice I'd like to give to our new YPIE Scholars is to be encouraged," Jaylene stated. "These are hard times, but keep on persevering and be as ambitious as you can be because it will grow character and grit."

The Induction Ceremony concluded with new Scholars reciting the YPIE Commitment to Excellence and enthusiastic applause as their names were presented by school on the screen.

YPIE Scholars receive rigorous academic tutoring, assistance throughout the college process, and ongoing support from YPIE staff and volunteer mentors from our community. Learn more at ypie.org.

Black Power in 2021, continued from pg 1-

Alajah Whitehead, Tulleehsa Burbage, and Javonte Spencer were all my interviewees. Spencer, from Blythewood, SC, said that Black Power in 2021 is "influence." He went on to say that "other cultures copy Black culture [and] mostly Black people start everything influential on social media." While Javonte Spencer reminds us that social media plays a significant role in Black Power, Tulleehsa Burbage, out of Philadelphia, PA, says Black Power in 2021 is "standing up for someone who can't stand up for themselves." She had done this financially when she paid for a stranger's tab when she was out one day.

Spencer uses social media, Burbage helps people financially and with their well-being, and Alajah Whitehead does both. A Yonkers native, a Mercy College graduate, and my oldest niece, Whitehead, is an essential worker. She works at a hospital in White Plains, NY. To her, Black Power in 2021 is "success." It's "being free to accomplish whatever you want, without people trying to hold you down," she said. Like Tulleehsa Burbage, with Alajah Whitehead, Black power isn't just about individualism. Black Power is "being where we want to be in life as a collective," she said.

While the younger generation may have their views on Black Power in 2021, it's my father's view that resonates the most with me. Now, a 65-year-old Bronx resident, my dad reflected on what America saw in 2020. "People of all social-economic backgrounds, sexual orientations, genders, and religious practices came together for peaceful Black Lives Matter protests in 2020," he said. "It's no longer Black Power. It's social unity."

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Senator Mayer's Youth Council Collects Coats for People in Westchester Who Need Them



Youth Advisory Council Members with Senator Shelley Mayer and Maria Imperial, CEO of the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester (Left).

On Saturday, January 30th, Senator Shelley B. Mayer and her Youth Advisory Council (YAC) braved frigid temperatures to host a Coat & Toiletries Drive in commemoration of the MLK Day of Service.

The collection took place at the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester. Donors were encouraged to bring new or gently used coats, socks, gloves, cloth face masks, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

Donations will benefit people in need working with the Westchester Labor Alliance (WLA). The WLA is a coalition of five community-based worker centers throughout Westchester defending workers and helping workers fight wage theft. Special thank you to Maria Imperial, CEO of the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester for her support of the initiative.

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said, "I am so grateful for the dozens of community members who donated so generously. During this time of great need, it's heartwarming to see the community rally to help others who are struggling. My Youth Advisory Council members, managed by my staff Perla Arellano, took the lead on this initiative, and I am so impressed by their work, deep empathy, and their desire to contribute. Thank you also to my dear friend Maria Imperial for allowing us to host the Coat & Toiletries Drive at the YWCA White Plains & Central Westchester and for her generous contributions!"

The YAC members who participated in the Coat Drive were: Allegra Acevedo (Hunter College), Erik Hernandez Torres (Norwalk Community College), Viana Soto (Port Chester Middle School), Sophia Sabelja (Eastchester High School), Alex Sabelja (Eastchester High School), Isabel Tiburcio (Rye Country Day School), Brian Hernandez (Port Chester High School), and Fredy Iasenza (Harrison High School).

Senator Mayer's YAC is composed of high school and college-aged young adults interested in civic engagement and serving the community. Those interested in joining the YAC should email Perla Arellano at arellano@nysenate.gov or call (914) 934-5250.

Cluxatawney Henrietta Predicts an Early Spring at Muscote Farm



Muscote Farm Curator Jonathon Benjamin with Cluxatawney Henrietta

On Groundhog Day, February 2, 2021, at the Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Curator Jonathon Benjamin lifted Cluxatawney Henrietta out of her coop and found an egg, signaling an early spring. Benjamin said: "As you know Punxsutawney Phil is a groundhog who has predicted the weather in Pennsylvania for years and years. We don't have a groundhog on the farm, so we use the next best thing – Henrietta, our weather predicting chicken."

This was Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm's third annual egg laying in honor of Groundhog Day. Cluxatawney Henrietta, a 3-year-old Ameraucana Chicken, predicted an early spring in both 2019 and 2020.

Commissioner of Parks, Recreation and Conservation Kathy O'Connor said: "Each year we await Cluxatawney Henrietta's Groundhog Day prediction. Although Winter Storm Orlena makes spring seem far away, we look forward to the days becoming longer and hope you will take some time to explore our many parks." Henrietta agrees with Groundhog Staten Island Chuck, who didn't see his shadow but Punxsutawney Phil the long-time prognosticator of the winter weather did see his shadow. We will have to wait and see who is right.

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Nursing Home Bombshell: "A Larger Number of Nursing Home Residents Died From COVID Than DOH Reflected"

Attorney General Letitia James Report



NY Democrats Gov. Andrew Cuomo and Attorney General Letitia James
By Dan Murphy

Many of our readers, and New Yorkers, may not know the name Letitia James...until now. James, the Attorney General of New York State, issued a report on Jan 28, which found that "A larger number of nursing home residents died from COVID-19 than DOH data reflected."

In her 76-page report, AG James accused Governor Andrew Cuomo's Department of Health of "undercounting" the number of seniors in nursing homes that died from COVID. Hours after James issued the report, the State revised their number of Nursing Home COVID deaths to 12,743 up 43% from the original number of 8,914, basically admitting to the finding in the James report.

Prior to the change, Cuomo and DOH Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker have been adamant that the number of New York nursing home residents who have died from COVID has NOT been underreported. The higher number resulted from adding in residents who caught COVID in nursing homes and then went to hospitals where they later died.

Attorney General James' office received more than 950 complaints about Nursing homes last year. The report also lays blame on the 304 nursing homes in New York and their operators. 20 of those NY Nursing homes are now under investigation by the State AG. The report found that operators failed to properly isolate COVID-positive residents; failed to adequately screen or test employees; forced sick staff to continue working and caring for residents; failed to train employees in infection control protocols; and failed to obtain, fit, and train caregivers with PPE.

Cuomo's handling of the nursing home COVID crisis has been widely reported on, most notably a directive on March 25 from the Dep. Of Health requiring nursing homes to accept COVID-19 patients if hospitals didn't have room for them anymore. The result was more than 6,000 positive patients returning to nursing homes between March and May of 2020, which accelerated the spread of COVID to others in nursing home residents.

Gov. Cuomo and Dr. Zucker have always stated that they were following federal guidelines from the CDC, Centers for Disease Control, and that the number of COVID nursing home deaths in other large states have been similar, including: Pennsylvania with 10,287 nursing home deaths (49% of their total deaths), Florida with 9,273 nursing home deaths (35% of their total deaths), Massachusetts with 7,944 nursing home deaths (56% of their total deaths) and New Jersey with 7,733 nursing home deaths (36% of their total deaths).

Many are also analyzing AG James report in the prism of politics. While Cuomo requested the investigation by the AG of the COVID nursing home deaths, many in Albany surprised that the AG would put herself in direct conflict with Gov. Cuomo, who was said to be surprised by the report.

Republicans jumped to blame Cuomo for the deaths. Upstate NY Congresswoman Elise Stefanik said, "This is now more than a nursing home scandal. This is a massive corruption and cover-up scandal."

Democrats wanted more information, and time to review the report. State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins said, "The tragic situation in our nursing homes remains a heartbreaking reminder of the toll this pandemic took on this state. Nothing will bring back our loved ones that we lost but it is crucial that information guides our responses so this will not happen again."

NY U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand called for a full investigation of nursing home deaths across the country. Some have wondered why Cuomo and Zucker didn't release the information when it was available, in May 2020. Other New Yorkers are praising AG James for going where the truth lies, no matter what.

Holocaust Remembrance Day, Continued from pg 3-

In 1947, she was able to cross the Atlantic Ocean to come to New York, where her new life began. A few weeks later she met Harry Migdol and they married in 1949, had two daughters, and owned a business. Incredibly, she put the horrors of her teenage years behind her, and kept her love for the Jewish religion. Migdol has long been a member and supporter of Chabad of Yonkers.

"We have learned so much from Betty and continue to learn from her strong and deep respect that she has for Judaism," said Rabbi Mendy Hwitz of the Greyston Jewish Center Chabad of Yonkers. "As Betty continues to be a proud, strong Jew, we want to give this opportunity to every Jew - no matter of their level of observance - that they, too, can be victorious over the Holocaust."

City Council to Review Fees for Food Delivery Services



Council President Mike Khader has proposed a local law creating a new chapter of City Code concerning third party delivery services.

A draft of the law states, "The City Council seeks to protect and promote the small businesses and restaurants in the City of Yonkers. Delivery service providers have been charging very large fees to the small business and restaurants.

§ 32-2 Cap on Delivery Third Party Services. It shall be unlawful for a third-party delivery service to charge a food establishment or its customer a delivery fee or any other surcharge of more than 10%.

Many restaurants and take out establishments have been complaining for some time about the large delivery fee forced upon them.

"Did you know that when you order from Grubhub or Uber Eats they take 30% from the restaurant you are ordering from? Yes, 30%! So many of the local restaurants in Westchester & NYC work on 30% margins and less in many cases.

These companies also tie the hands of your favorite restaurant. If a restaurant works with Grubhub or UberEats they MUST (according to a contract) offer all specials to both the in-house customer and the app customer.

This means that technically, a restaurant can't provide a FREE appetizer to a frequent customer or a discounted price to someone who dines with them several times per week unless that SAME offer is made on Grubhub and UberEats to everyone.

These two companies are spending millions of dollars in advertising to make you think they are helping local restaurants during the COVID-19 shutdown, all while they are just taking advantage of an unprecedented time in our history," wrote one unhappy restaurant owner.

Hudson River Museum Elects Three New Members to its Board of Trustees

Hudson River Museum is pleased to announce the election of three new board members: Angelique Piwinski, Lorraine Shanley, and Derrick Touba. They were all unanimously voted to the Museum's Board of Trustees at the December 17, 2020 Board Meeting and each will serve a three-year term. The new trustees bring with them a wealth of experience in the fields of advertising, publishing, education, history, and community involvement.

Angelique Piwinski is a longtime advertising executive, community activist, and historian. She is currently an adjunct faculty member at the State University of New York and a Training Liaison for the WorkLife Training Institute, specializing in fostering LGBTQ-inclusive workplaces. Prior to that, Piwinski held media planning and account management positions at Grey Advertising Inc., Marketing Corporation of America (now Future-Brand), Ally & Gargano, GMI, Saatchi & Saatchi, and AFG&, where for two decades Piwinski was Executive Vice President, Group Account Director. In 2018, she retired from her position as Senior Diversity & Inclusion Program Specialist at the Interpublic Group (IPG).

Piwinski has also served as the mayoral-appointed Co-Chair of the City of Yonkers' LGBTQ Advisory Board for five years. In 2018, the Advisory Board successfully executed the first-ever Pride Festival in Yonkers. In 2015, Piwinski was unanimously elected to the Vestry of St. John's Episcopal Church in Yonkers, the first openly transgender person ever to serve on this governing board in the church's 325-year history. In June 2019, she was appointed by Governor Andrew M. Cuomo as a WorldPride Ambassador for New York State.

Piwinski is also an award-winning Yonkers historian, preservationist, and speaker, who served as a member of the Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board for ten years and as three-time President of the Board of Directors of the Friends of Philipse Manor Hall.

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Lorraine Shanley is President of Market Partners International (MPI), a publishing and media consultancy. She began her career at Barnes & Noble, and Book-of-the-Month Club, where she was Executive Vice President in charge of clubs and merchandise, and served as Editorial Director at HarperCollins. Shanley's clients include major publishers, nonprofits and edtech players, including the largest streaming video education company. She has worked with a range of museums and art publishers, including The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, the Getty, Phaedon, and Abrams.

Derrick Touba is an educator with 27 years of classroom experience. He is currently a Global History and Geography teacher at Gorton High School in the Yonkers Public Schools. Previously he taught at Yonkers' Roosevelt High School, School 23, and Emerson Middle School, as well as Intermediate School 158, Bronx, NY.

A recipient of a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement from the Superintendent, Touba was selected to serve as a mentor in the state-mandated peer mentoring program. Touba received an M.S. in Counselor Education from Lehman College, an M.S. in School Administration and Supervision and Social Studies Education from the City College of New York, and a B.A. in Sociology from Hampton University. He served as a Trustee of the Yonkers Public Library from 2015-2020 and is a Member of the New York State Council of Social Studies and the American School Counselor Association. Prior to teaching, Touba held positions as a Substance Abuse Counselor and Caseworker.

Legal Notice

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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, February 18, 2021 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 47 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED 'OUTDOOR SIGNS'.

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.

To participate in the public hearing via ZOOM please join using the following information:

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of the Strand Theater.

February 10, 1950: In one of the first paraplegic basketball games held in Westchester, the Flying Wheels from Van Nuys, California, defeated the Bronx Rollers from the Kingsbridge Veterans' Hospital by three points. Held at the Yonkers State Armory, the final score of the match was 25-22.

Thursday, February 11th:

February 11, 1922: Public Safety Commissioner Thomas Tobin announced he was considering buying Lewis Hughes Police Grenades to help subdue "obstreperous prisoners." When broken, the grenades gave off teargas designed to make it the prisoners "helpless."

February 11, 1944: Joseph Ringwalt, Chairman of Yonkers War Salvage Committee, released the annual report of our city's efforts in 1943. Citizens of all ages went over and above by collecting 13,000 tons of scrap metal, more than three times the city's quota assigned by the War Production Board. We also collected 60 tons of waste fats, 7000 tons of waste paper, and 13,000 tons of textiles.

Friday, February 12th

February 12, 1893: Justice Dykman dissolved the injunction restraining the Yonkers Board of Health from pulling down the Yonkers portion of the dam on the Bronx River between Bronxville and Yonkers.

February 12, 1944: While on a break from his duties with the Allied Military Government, Captain Vincent Catozellia of Gramercy Avenue took a walk around war torn Naples. He was shocked to run into hometown buddy William Jackson, USA, of Briggs Avenue; the friends were Morea shocked to learn they were assigned two blocks away from each other!

February 12, 1982: Mayor Angelo Martinelli formally presented Yonkers' Lincoln Letter to Mary Dugal, Phillips Manor Hall Site Manager, and New York State as a "restricted gift." The Lincoln Letter stated, "The President of the United States and Heads of Departments tender their best wishes and kind regards to the ladies who are managers of the Fair to be held at Yonkers for the benefit of the sick and wounded soldiers." The letter was signed by President Lincoln and cabinet members Seward, Chase, Stanton and Welles.

Saturday, February 13th

February 13, 1916: Yonkers resident Alan Benson, national leader of the Socialist Party and Socialist Candidate for the US Presidency, stated at a rally in Newark, "We have nothing to fear... We will never be invaded by Japan for their Navy is so much smaller than ours."

February 13, 1921: Workers building the new golf course on Tuckahoe Road near Ggrassy Sprain Road uncovered what they believed to be an Indian burial ground. Detective Sergeant George Ford announced a skull and an almost complete skeleton were discovered. And no, it was not the one that ended up at Sherwood House!

February 13, 1941: The Labor School of La Rabida Council, Knights of Columbus, opened their free school for men and women of all races, creeds and colors. The Council's hope was for all workers, union and nonunion, to take it vantage of the courses they offered.

Sunday, February 14th

February 14, 1927: Detective William Comey arrested a man for unlawful entry after he was found asleep in a Fairview Street bathtub. Comey had arrested the same man a few days earlier for burglarizing the Homeopathic Hospital Nurses' Home!

February 14, 1931: Brilliant Czechoslovakia and tennis star Karrel Kozeluh arrived in Yonkers to spend a week with the Ostrul family on Warburton Avenue. While staying in Yonkers, he played a match against Bill Tilden in Madison Square Garden, and then left on a tour of the US. An all around athlete, Kozeluh also played outstanding association football and ice hockey.

February 14, 1944: Briggs Avenue's Captain Charles Jackson MD decided to take a break from working in a military hospital in Australia, and headed to the beach. While he was splashing in the surf, he ran into Yonkers friend Lieutenant Joseph Catozellia of Gramercy Avenue; the lieutenant, with the Army Air Corps, had just arrived from an island in the South Pacific. And yes... they were brothers of the two men who met up two days earlier in Naples!

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House or our upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com.

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day as I was a cohost at the Will Library of a program featuring Mayor Koch. I held her hand and asked her if she knew who I was. She looked at me with that look only my mother could give as to say you idiot, of course I know who you are!

I am grateful neither of my parents had Alzheimer's and sympathize with those of you whose parents, relatives and friends are afflicted with this terrible disease. All we can do is pray and contribute toward Alzheimer's research. So I ask you to pray for our great crooner Tony Bennett and all of the other people who are suffering from Alzheimer's.

And now, as Paul Harvey, the late great radio commentator would say, 'The Rest of the Story!'

-Was New York Mayor Bill deBlasio crazy when he said outside dining is suspended earlier this week because of the storm? Who in their right mind was going to sit outside in 20 degree weather followed by over 18 inches of snow? Granted I sat at the top of the Spanish Steps in Rome drinking vino all bundled up when the weather was in the mid to high 40's. You would really have to be crazy sitting outside dining in the weather we had particularly when snow started coming down.

-On the Covid front, 10% of the people nation wide are apparently not coming back for their second shot! Are they crazy? Do they realize how many people are waiting for their first shot. What's wrong with people? There are no appointments downstate but yes Potsdam, Plattsburgh and Syracuse have appointments available. For a second week. Schedule the appointments not being filled upstate downstate.

One of the things listeners to the Westchester Rising Radio Show on January 28 learned is that people are finding about locations where vaccines are available via word of mouth. So make sure your friends, pharmacist, anyone you come in contact with knows you are looking for a shot. The rollout of the vaccine by New York State has been a disgrace, but I do hear once you get an appointment and get to the site things particularly at the Westchester County Center are going very smoothly.

As for Attorney General Latisa James Nursing Home Report, I have one simple question. Governor Cuomo and State Health Commissioner Howard Zucker (an anesthesiologist by trade) would not let the Covid-19 vaccine reach the arms of New York State residents until the state verified the efficacy of the vaccination. Every decision that came out of Washington and the then Trump White House was questioned and verified.

No one in the Cuomo administration questioned the directive from Washington to send those with COVID-19 from hospitals back into Nursing Homes causing over 8000 deaths? And it took the Attorney General's report for the state to admit more more deaths occurred. All of a sudden after her report came out Zucker 'finished' his report accurately counting the number of deaths.

Heads have to roll. I'll let you figure out those responsible for very bad decisions.

-Another Yonkers snowstorm. As I like to remind you every year (particularly for those new to our great city) as long as we allow cars to park on Yonkers streets you will never have good snow removal we see in communities everywhere around us. Yonkers great hills add to the equation. Plows plow the snow onto the parked cars, cars want to get out so their owners illegally throw the snow back into the street, and this vicious cycle continues until the weather gets warmer and the snow melts.

What particularly galls Public Works employees is when people have driveways and instead of parking their cars in their driveways they park the cars in the street. Happens every snow storm.

An idea. Can we have those giving out tickets for failure to put money in meters on city streets dig out the meters so motorists don't have to kill themselves trying to get to the meter. Go to the City of Yonkers website and refresh yourself as to what the streets are where no parking is allowed during a snow emergency. Yonkers Avenue from Seminary Avenue to Central Park Avenue is chock full of cars as my column deadline approaches and the city is under a Snow Emergency!

-Having worked in Yonkers City Hall when the city was under an Emergency Financial Control Board imposed by the State in 1988, the only advise I can give to my friend Mayor Shawyn Patterson Howard and the people of Mount Vernon is that you don't want one. The Board, whose issues were with the elected officials use to humiliate city hall employees, many long time civil servants who ran City Hall. Take it from me it was no fun!

-Yonkers City Councilwoman Corazon Pineda Isaac votes against the extension of term limits from two to three. At the time she says two terms are enough. And the Yonkers Democratic Party nominates her for a third term, and she accepts. Only in Yonkers friends, only in Yonkers.

Despite the doom and gloom, let's end with a quote from a tune Tony Bennett is so famous for: 'Gray Skys are Gonna Clear Up! Put on a Happy Face!'

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com 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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And "When available, families with multiple children received additional devices."

This is the unaddressed issue that many had hoped could be addressed through a fund raising drive to purchase or receive additional devices for those 2 or 3 or more children in one family who only get one device.

Michael Sussman addresses this topic in his third letter to Dr. Quezada and the Board of Education. "There is no question that more than 27000 students are "enrolled" in your school district. How many are daily partaking in education is an open question, one directly related to the efficacy of the virtual education being offered. So, for us, the critical issues are how many students still [a] are unaccounted for and/ or [b] lack access to technology sufficient to access education. Carefully reviewing your letter, I find no answers.

"We agree that about 8,300 electronic devices have been distributed to students. How many students needed devices and still need devices? You claim that there is "no waitlist for devices." Is the community to interpret this a representation that no students are now in need of functional devices or, put another way, as an affirmative representation that all who did need devices have now had them.

"Your fourth bullet under that section is illuminating to me: "school staff reach out to every family whose children are not engaged in remote instruction to ascertain why and try to resolve the issue." How many students are "not engaged?" When did this initial outreach from staff members occur? What kind of follow-up contact has been attempted with these families throughout the virtual school year? Direct answers are in order and the community needs direct answers to these questions:

"How many students still lack computers and are thereby not engaged in remote learning? On an average school day, how many students are not engaged in remote learning or attending school in Yonkers?"

"I would strongly suggest the employ of designated community outreach workers assigned to each school building and made responsible for making direct contact with its parents. Obviously, bi-lingual staffing is requisite to maximize meaningful dialogue," writes Sussman.

Quezada brought up a reasonable request in his response letter, asking that those who need a device to come forward to the school district and explain that they have 3,4,5 children attending YPS and that they need more than one device. The Superintendent also asked Sussman, and Yonkers Parents Seeking Solutions, YPSS, to come forward with specific information on parents and students who need a device.

We would also ask that anyone who needs a device comes forward, and if necessary, contact us in confidence if necessary, or contact you councilmember to discuss. Or contact YPSS at ypseekingsolutions@gmail.com All relevant elected officials have been contacted and are aware of this situation.

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Several other Yonkers democrats will attempt to get on the ballot and run in the democratic primary. Zafiro Acevedo will be running in the 2nd Council District. London Reyes is expected to challenge Jose Alvarado for County Board in District 17, and Carlos Burgos is expected to challenge John Rubbo in the 4th Council District.

City Council President Mike Khader received the highest percentage of votes in a contested nomination with 86%. "It is an honor to receive the support of the local Democratic Party," commented Khader. "I am proud of what our party has been able to achieve over the last four years both at the polls and at City Hall, and I am grateful for the committee's faith in me to represent our party in this critical election season. I have spent the last three years fighting for Democratic priorities in our great city, and I don't plan on stopping any time soon."

"I am not taking anything for granted in this race," continued Khader. "I have been incredibly grateful for all of the support that I have received since announcing my re-election campaign. I believe that my track record of results for our city speaks for itself, but I plan to take my message and vision for our city to every single voter in Yonkers, and I look forward to the campaign as an opportunity for dialogue and engagement with all Yonkers residents."

"I thank the Committee for its nomination, but now my message is simple: let's get to work," concluded Khader.

City Council Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac received 82.6% of the vote of Yonkers Democrats in her re-election bid in the 2nd district. Pineda-Isaac's name was placed in nomination by Eileen O'Connor. The incumbent shared, "I am very honored and humbled by Eileen's endorsement and the strong support of so many of our city's district leaders. With the backing of Yonkers Democrats I am confident the great constituents who make up the 2nd District will re-elect me to Council so I can continue to advocate for them because there is still more work to do."

Majority Leader Pineda-Isaac has worked with her colleagues in Yonkers government and the state legislative delegation to ensure that education funding remains a top priority for the City, which has resulted in higher rates of graduation and national recognition for academic excellence. She is also working to expand the Affordable Housing Ordinance and increase the number of affordable units in all new developments in Yonkers to provide greater accessibility to more people.

Pineda-Isaac has also introduced legislation establishing an Affordable Housing Registry to make finding and applying for affordable housing units easier for residents. Most recently, in collaboration with the South Broadway Business Improvement District, she crafted legislation that mandates the licensing of hotels so that Yonkers retains greater control over hotels in order to benefit neighborhoods and the City. Known as one who meets regularly with constituents to address their issues and concerns, Pineda-Isaac says there is still more work to do:

"I fight for what is right, even when what is right may not be popular. Yes, I have a reputation for speaking my mind but I stay true to my values and beliefs, and I am planning to take on the next four years with as much grit, determination, and enthusiasm as I displayed during my first two terms in office."

Yonkers Democratic Chair Tom Meier said, "County legislators Ruth Walter and David Tubiolo will be voted on at the county convention along with county executive and county clerk on Feb 10 because their districts cover more than just Yonkers.

"I expect that legislators Walter and Tubiolo will receive a unanimous nomination and overwhelming support to continue the great work they are doing along with Legislator Alvarado and Majority Whip Johnson."

"The overwhelming support for Council President Khader, Majority Leader Pineda-Isaac and Councilman Rubbo demonstrate the confidence that the democratic party has in them and the hard work they oave and will continue to do. Another hard working civil servant, former Police Chief Tim Hodges rounds out the democratic party's endorsed ticket," said Meier.

Other results from the Convention:

City Council 4th District-

(I) John Rubbo-100%

City Council 6th District-

Tim Hodges-79%

Stella Schwuchow-21%

County Legislator-16th District-

(I) Christopher Johnson-72.1%

Dwanita Crosby-26.9%

County Legislator -17th District

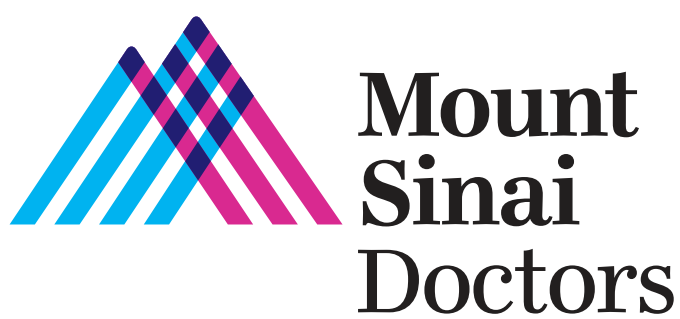
(I) Jose Alvarado-100%

Several democratic challengers to incumbents were please with their results as a first time candidate. Council President canddiate Lakisha Collins-Bellamy said, "After less than one week in the race for Yonkers City Council President, I was able to gain 13% of the district leader votes at the Democratic Convention. Now is the time to put in the work."

"I'm proud to share my vision that represents the heart of the city of Yonkers — our people," said Collins-Bellamy, a life-long Yonkers resident, Democrat and graduate from Yonkers Public Schools, who is raising a family in her hometown. "I love my city, and we deserve leadership that meets the various needs of our city's residents. We need diversity in the city's workforce, an increase in affordable housing opportunities, quality education, and improved public safety measures — during and after COVID-19."

Collins is currently serving as a Trustee on the Yonkers Board of Education, and as Legal Counsel with the Municipal Housing Authority of Yonkers. She was appointed to the Yonkers Board of Education by Mayor Mike Spano, who also appointed Collins-Bellamy to the Yonkers Police Reform Committee.

One more Yonkers Democrat wants to be on the ballot for a Democratic Primary June 22. City Councilmember Shanae Williams is running for Westchester County Clerk against incumbent Democrat Tim Idoni.



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