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Yonkers Goes All In On EV!

90 EV Charging Stations- Largest Expansion in Westchester



L-R): Jason Baker, Yonkers Deputy DPW Commissioner; Thomas G. Meier, Yonkers DPW Commissioner; John Rubbo, Yonkers City Council Majority Whip; Tasha Diaz, Yonkers City Council Majority Leader; Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano; William Serratore, Yonkers Office of Sustainability Director; Shanae Williams, Yonkers City Council-member; Johnathan Rosen, EV Connect at Yonkers' Greystone Train Station, photo by Maurice Mercado

On April 11, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the expansion of 90 electric vehicle charging stations throughout the City of Yonkers. Part of the Yonkers Green City initiative, the installation marks the largest municipal expansion of electric charging vehicle stations outside of New York City.

"We are committed to creating a greener, more sustainable Yonkers and the addition of more electric vehicle charging stations will help us reach our environmental goals by making cleaner energy more readily accessible," said Mayor Mike Spano. "We want to make it easier for our residents and visitors to explore our City and provide them with cost-effective ways to stay charged on their journey."

The City of Yonkers received \$1.7 million for the project through the Con Edison Power Ready program. The City was also awarded \$260,000 from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure grant program and received \$235,000 from New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) through the Clean Energy Communities program. The City of Yonkers contributed \$447,000 towards the project.

William Serratore, Yonkers Office of Sustainability Director, said, "Given the number of electric vehicles being manufactured today, we want to give our residents and visitors to our City, options. We want to encourage people to go green and we want the City to remain a leader in environmental cutting-edge technology."

Department of Public Works Commissioner Thomas G. Meier said, "This innovative technology will help keep us on the right path to create less air pollution, cleaner streets, and a more environmentally friendly Yonkers."

The City of Yonkers currently has 85 electric vehicles in its fleet. EV charging station users would pay an average of 41 cents per kilowatt through the EV Connect app, by scanning the QR code at the port and paying online after creating an account.

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Term Limits Petition Will Have Enough Sigs to Present to City Council; Referendum on Nov. Ballot

Petition to Adopt a Local Law Establishing a three (3) or the Offices of City of Yonkers Mayor, City Council Members of the City Council
Section 37, Municipal Home Rule

by state that I am a resident and duly registered voter in the City of Yonkers, NY, entitled to vote in the next general election, and I do hereby support submitting the proposed local law establishing three consecutive terms as the Yonkers Mayor, City Council President and members of the City Council, for inclusion on the ballot in the next general election.

By Dan Murphy

A petition calling for a referendum vote on term-limits for the Mayor and City Council members appears to have more than enough signatures to have the required 5,000 needed. If the signatures are deemed valid by the City Clerk, the matter goes to the Yonkers City Council.

The City Council must determine whether to accept the petition and the proposed November date of the referendum, or return the petition back to the collectors who must get another 2,500 signatures and resubmit to the City Clerk.

The petition reads: I am a resident and duly registered voter in the City of Yonkers, entitled to vote in the next general election; that my place opposite my signature hereto, and I do hereby support, submitting the proposed local law establishing three consecutive terms as the Yonkers Mayor, City Council President, and members of the City Council for inclusion on the ballot in the general election to be held November 7, 2023.

The latest term limit law is now four terms, or 16 years for the Mayor and members of the Council. This referendum, if voted on and approved, would move term limits back to 3 terms or 12 years.

We hear that a "wide array" of Yonkers residents and voters are circulating the petition for a referendum vote. Look for someone to examine the petitions submitted.

While the petition drive has fared well, a lawsuit filed against the council vote

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Mayor Spano Honors Six Yonkers Volunteers During Day of Recognition for National Service



Mayor Spano honored six local senior volunteers who have donated their time to a variety of charitable organizations. All six honorees have contributed to Yonkers non-profit organizations, helping those in the community. Congratulations to the Honorees, pictured above with Mayor Spano and City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz.

Loretta Poole ~ Hudson River Museum, Evelyn Sahawneh ~ St. Joseph's Medical Center, Armand Grasso ~ RideConnect of Family Services of Westchester, Mary Mullady ~ WestCop: Foster Grandparents Program, Dorothy Clarke ~ Yonkers Partners in Education and Felicia Medley ~ Family Service Society of Yonkers.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Yonkers Competes at New Balance, Nike Nationals!



Ben Domingo at New Balance Nationals on March 11, 2023 at The Track At New Balance. Photo taken by Coach Derrick Burke.

Yonkers capped off a successful indoor season by sending five individuals to compete at New Balance Nationals at the Track at New Balance in Boston, Massachusetts and Nike Nationals at the Armory NYC in Manhattan from March 9-12th.

Senior captain Ben Domingo competed at New Balance Nationals in the 60mm hurdles for the Rising Stars division. Domingo in heat seven of the preliminary rounds ran a time of 8.74 to place 41st overall against the best hurdlers in the nation. Domingo had recently come off injury but pushed through to be able to compete at the meet. When asked about the performance, Domingo said “Nationals was another stepping stone for me. I was still recovering from a minor hamstring injury from states so my focus was to execute what I’ve been teaching myself while I was at home, and even though I didn’t do so well, I felt the difference and I knew that I had just started to hit the next level.”

The Yonkers 4x400m relay consisting of Elroy Able, Ethan Arias, Akeem Carnegie, and Anthony Cruz while qualifying for New Balance, due to entry limitations competed at Nike Nationals. The quartet ran a time of 3:40.18 to place 26th in the Emerging Elite division.

Freshman Anthony Cruz, while qualifying individually in the 400m also unfortunately couldn’t complete due to entry limitations, was the only underclassman on the relay, and was a driving force in their success this season. When asked about the success that culminated in Nationals, Cruz said “We all played a part in our success in qualifying, not only for us but for Yonkers. It was a pleasure and an honor to run with our upperclassmen and I assure them I will carry on the legacy when they graduate.”

When asked what should be expected from the relay this spring, Cruz added, “It’s crazy to think that I would come this far, let alone the team. Hard work and dedication for our success will only multiply for the spring season.”

Domingo wrapped up his season finishing as the 21st best hurdler in New York State, while the relay finished as the 32nd best 4x400m relay in the state. The National qualifiers will return to action this spring for their outdoor season as they look to return to Nationals.

Latimer & Westchester BOL Want Cameras on School Buses to Catch Drivers Who Won’t Stop



Latimer introduces bill to add \$300 Fines for Violators Who Don’t Comply with School Bus Stop Signs

Westchester County Executive George Latimer & Board of Legislators Chairwoman Catherine Borgia are pleased to announce their efforts to increase safety for our school children. This bill would authorize the County to work with local districts to equip cameras on school bus stop signs and enforce penalties on drivers who fail to stop at them.

This authorization is required under New York State Vehicle and Traffic law § 1174-a, which “imposes monetary liability for failure of a motor vehicle operator to comply with school bus red visual signals and stop arm,” for any jurisdiction, including Counties, Towns & Cities which maintain any roads.

Latimer said: “The safety of our school children is paramount to all of us in government. This simple legislation satisfies the requirement by New York State Law to authorize these cameras and penalties in Westchester County. I look forward to continuing our great partnership with the Westchester County Board of Legislators to improve the safety conditions on our roads for school buses and school children.”

Board of Legislators Chairwoman Catherine Borgia said: “Installing cameras on school buses stop signs is a practical, simple way to protect our children’s safety. Let’s make the roads safer for everyone, starting with our most vulnerable passengers.”

Legislator Vedat Gashi said: “We saw the effectiveness of school bus stop arm cameras in Somers. This safety feature is necessary to hold reckless drivers accountable. I look forward to working with County Executive Latimer and my colleagues to expand the program to the rest of Westchester and keep children and families safe.”

Legislator Erika Pierce said: “Distracted drivers pass stopped school buses every single day in our county, putting our children at risk. Despite best efforts, the scale of the problem is beyond what our police and school bus drivers can handle. They need access to programs like this to help them keep our kids safe.”

Under this the County is authorized to enter into agreements with school districts for the installation, maintenance and use of school bus photo violation monitoring systems. Each school district located within the County that would

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This program is supported in part by a grant from the New York State Department of Health.

Court Ruling Opens the Door for Marijuana Stores, Cafes in Westchester County



By Dan Murphy

The slow rollout of legal marijuana dispensaries in New York State has also included NO legal marijuana dispensaries in Westchester County. That is because of a lawsuit filed against the NYS Cannabis law, which resulted in a Federal Judge issuing a temporary restraining order from any dispensaries opening in Westchester and the Hudson Valley.

But a recent Federal Appeals Court decision lifted the ban on dispensaries in Westchester, giving the NYS Cannabis Control Board the power to hand out the first license and location to legally sell marijuana in Westchester.

So far the NYS CCB has issued 66 license, but less than ten have opened. One of the requirements to receive a Conditional Adult Use Retail Dispensary program (CAURD) in NY is that owners of the pot business must have been convicted of a cannabis-related offense before legalization, or have a parent or spouse who was convicted.

The NYS CCB originally had 17 of its CUARD licenses set aside for the Mid-Hudson region which includes Westchester. Now they have doubled the CAURD licenses available, and 34 are now reserved for Mid-Hudson.

"I am pleased with the courts decision," said Governor Kathy Hochul. "For the first time, New Yorkers in nearly every region of the state will have access to safer, high-quality, adult-use cannabis products."

27 Westchester communities have already banned the sale of Marijuana. So Ardsley, Bronxville, Eastchester, Elmsford, Irvington, Larchmont, Lewisboro, Mamaroneck Town, Mamaroneck Village, Mount Kisco, Mount Pleasant, New Castle, North Castle, North Salem, Pelham Manor, Pleasantville, Port Chester, Rye City, Rye Brook, Somers, Tuckahoe, Yorktown and Harrison, and Ardsley, Elmsford, Dobbs Ferry and Irvington will not have a dispensary or cafe.

Four Westchester Cities, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, White Plains and Yonkers, and the Town of Pound Ridge and the Village of Sleepy Hollow will allow marijuana sales. Look for an award by the NYS CCB on Monday for a license to go to a business in one or more of those locales.

At its meeting on April 3, the New York State Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) awarded licenses to five companies in the Mid-Hudson region, including Buddy LLC- Owned by Joshua Mercado, LaAnthony Bannister and Regina Smith in the Mid-Hudson Region of New York State. For (4) years Joshua Mercado, a justice involved applicant, owned & operated First Class Vending Machines Corp. Mercado is said to be looking for a retail location on Central Park Avenue in Yonkers. The other four licenses were awarded to: Blaze 420 LLC- Owned by Milka

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What's the Matter with Ridge Hill?

By Eric Wolf Schoen



Let's start off by saying Ridge Hill and the City of Yonkers are in drastic need of a Walmart. The company build a concept store in White Plains which was not successful. So whatever side of the NYS Thruway you put it on, Walmart will do very well in Yonkers.

Secondly, what is taking the Target at Cross County so long to be finished. That's the \$20 million question I am asked everyday. It was supposed to open in the spring, and it looks like they are still far from finished. Target, Walmart, Stew Leonard's, Costco, Home Depot why is it that Yonkers, the 3Rd largest city in New York takes so long to get what every major city has had for years! (Editorial Note: my first Target trip was in California around 1995. That's like almost 30 years ago!) We are hoping that our Target is a Super Target with in store deli, bakery and lots of other good things!

Ridge Hill. When I heard the initial mixture of stores coming there I thought it a bit strange. Plop a Lord & Taylor in the middle? Though my favorite store has gone out of business, you could never walk into Lord and Taylor and see more than a few people shopping. Particularly with their Eastchester store 15 minutes away, there was no need for a Lord and Taylor at Ridge Hill. But I must admit I got some pretty good bargains there. But Lord and Taylor is the least of Ridge Hills problems.

Orvis? How many people in Yonkers really professionally fish, the clientele the store was supposed to cater to. One of the first stores to go out of business was the Brooks Brothers concept store. This was a new venture for the company. People in Yonkers like what they are familiar with. A regular Brooks Brothers is sorely missing in southern WESTCHESTER and North Bronx, and I think it would have done well.

Between Dick's and REI you had too many stores catering to sportsman. Add LL BEAN and the urban mall had way too many sports related stores for a not so sports related clientele. The stores to occupy the mall were not chosen carefully.

Now let's chat about individual parts of the mall. Those parking lots! Surprised no one got seriously injured the space for passing cars so narrow. The WestMed lot? It's simply a speedway with cars zooming and backing up simply a disaster waiting to happen. When you go to WestMed your bills for tests and procedures could potentially be thousands of dollars, yet they have the nerve to ask you to pay to park. Cheesecake Factory for a time was the only store validating parking as it was apparently put in their lease.

The new owners of Ridge Hill brag about the new parking payment system using apps to pay for parking. Believe it or not, many people do not know how to use the apps to pay which slows the whole line of cars down. Also, they have an APPLE store, so many people are coming with non working phones so they can't use an app on their broken phone. Many elderly people and younger people I wit-

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Councilman John Rubbo

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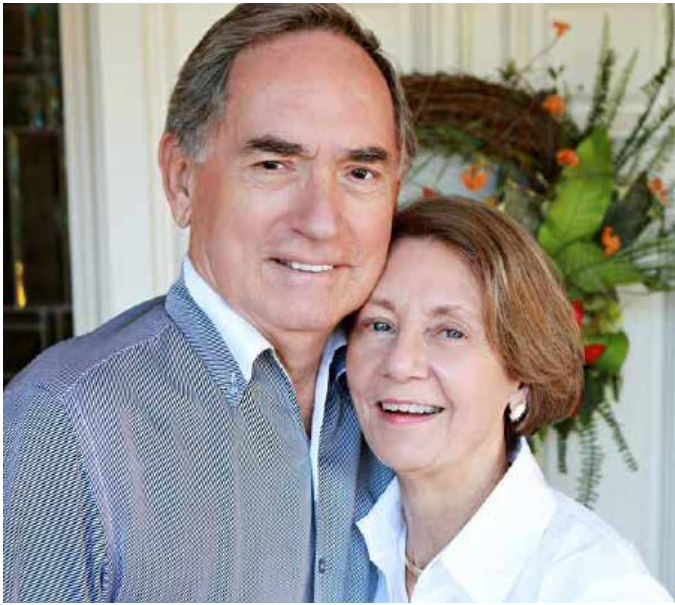
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New Alzheimer's Association Report Finds Direct Care Workforce Shortage Looming



The Alzheimer's Association 2023 Alzheimer's Disease Facts and Figures report, (<https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/facts-figures>) finds a shortage looming for direct care workers in New York and across the country. Direct care workers, including nurse aides, nursing assistants, home health aides and personal care aides play a vital role in caring for people living with Alzheimer's and other dementia in private homes, community-based settings such as adult day services and residential care, skilled nursing homes and other settings. According to the report, an estimated 1.2 million additional direct care workers will be needed between 2020 and 2030 — more new workers than in any other single occupation in the United States.

In 2020, there were an estimated 510,870 home health and personal care aids in New York state, according to the report. By 2030, 710,570 will be needed — a 39.1 percent increase.

Although more direct care workers will be needed in the years ahead, the long-term care field is already struggling to fill existing direct care positions. Turnover rates are high in this workforce — estimated at 64 percent annually for direct care workers providing home care and 99 percent for nursing assistants in nursing homes, according to the report.

“The report sounds an important alarm on the urgent need to attract and retain these essential front-line care workers,” Sobel said. “These valuable professionals are not only providing direct care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementia, but they are vital in supporting family caregivers, particularly for those providing in-home care.”

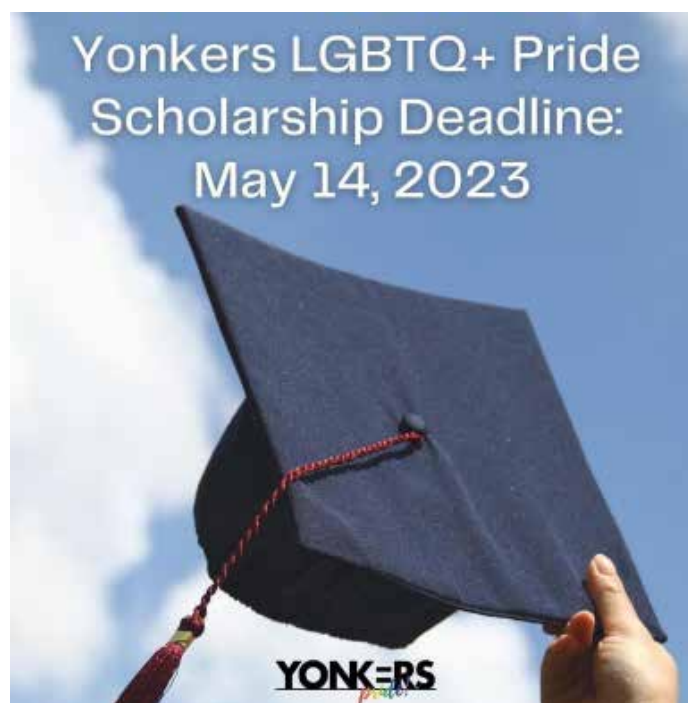
This year's report also examines the capacity of the medical specialty workforce essential for diagnosis, treatment and ongoing care for people living with Alzheimer's and all other dementia. The shortage of dementia care specialists could soon become a crisis for Alzheimer's disease care, especially with the recent Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of new treatments targeting the underlying biology of Alzheimer's disease, which is reframing the healthcare landscape for people with early-stage Alzheimer's or mild cognitive impairment (MCI) due to Alzheimer's disease.

According to the report, most states, including New York will have to nearly triple the number of geriatricians to effectively care for those 65 and older who are projected to have Alzheimer's dementia in 2050. In 2021, there were only 568 geriatricians statewide. By 2050, 818 geriatricians will be needed to care for just 10 percent of residents across the state living with Alzheimer's dementia.

Visit Facebook: @ALZHudsonvalley for more information.

YONKERS PRIDE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IS NOW OPEN!

Second Year: Three Yonkers Public High School Students Will Be Awarded



Yonkers Pride is thrilled to begin accepting applications for their 2nd annual scholarship program supporting the local LGBTQIA+ teen community. Three outstanding Yonkers Public School students that will be attending an accredited college, university, or vocational school will be selected to receive a \$1,000 Yonkers Pride Scholarship.

Students will be chosen based on their written responses highlighting how they have exemplified leadership/service to the LGBTQIA+ community and how their identity as a member or ally of the community has personally shaped their high school experience.

“Our mission is to motivate our members in the ongoing fight for equal rights and to honor and celebrate the diversity of the LGBTQIA+ community, their families, and their allies. I am proud to see so many of our young people demonstrating pride and motivation in this community, and I hope they carry it to college and beyond,” said Angel Castro, Chair of Yonkers Pride. “We couldn't be more delighted to award three deserving students this prestigious honor. We want to support more local community activists, and getting them one step closer to fulfilling their college dreams means a great deal to our organization.”

Applications for this prestigious scholarship are open now through Sunday, May 14, at 11:59 PM EST.

Specific qualifications* are as follows:

- Demonstrated leadership and/or service in the community
- Member or ally of the LGBTQIA+ community
- Current Yonkers Public High School student who will be attending an accredited college, university, or vocational school in US or Canada
- Official transcript showing a GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Demonstrated financial need
- Provide one letter of recommendation

*Qualifications are flexible

To apply and for additional information on the scholarship, please visit <https://www.yonkerspride.org/scholarship>.

Leader of \$8 Million Medicaid Fraud Scheme From Yonkers Gets 95 Months Jail

Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that JULIO ALVARADO was sentenced to 95 months in prison for leading a sprawling scheme to defraud Medicaid of millions of dollars through the billing of fraudulent transportation claims. ALVARADO previously pled guilty to one count of healthcare fraud. U.S. District Judge Kimba M. Wood imposed today's sentence.

U.S. Attorney Damian Williams said: “Julio Alvarado was the leader of a multi-million-dollar scheme to defraud Medicaid by filing false claims for medical transportation services that were never provided. He brazenly lined his own pockets with Medicaid funds meant to help the neediest New Yorkers. Today's sentence makes clear that this type of criminal conduct will be prosecuted and punished to the full extent of the law.”

According to court filings and statements made in court proceedings:

From August 2017 to February 2020, KJ Transportation C Services Inc. (“KJ”) was paid more than \$20 million for providing transportation services for Medicaid enrollees in the New York City area. A large volume of those claims were fraudulent. In some instances, the Medicaid recipient was deceased or out of the country when KJ claimed it was transporting that person to medical appointments. In other instances, the company used stolen identities, whereby the Medicaid recipient had never heard of KJ and had never taken any rides with the company. In other instances, the Medicaid recipients had received unlawful kickbacks from defendants in exchange for either providing KJ their Medicaid information or for fraudulently scheduling trips they did not take.

ALVARADO, who supervised more than a dozen other participants in the scheme, was responsible for billing more than \$8 million in fraudulent trip claims.

In addition to the prison term, ALVARADO, 63, of Yonkers, New York, was sentenced to three years of supervised release and ordered to pay \$8,507,115 in restitution and to forfeit \$8,507,115.

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last November may have more difficulty succeeding, based on a ruling in Rockland County.

In a story on the Yonkers Ledger, reporter Lindsay Lee writes an informative piece titled *Yonkers to Likely Echo Clarkstown on Term Limits and Redistricting* (<https://www.theyonkersledger.com/politics/yonkers-to-likely-echo-clarkstown-on-term-limits-and-redistricting/3017/>).

Lee writes how State Supreme Court Judge Amy Puerto recently upheld Clarkstown's Term Limits Law “So, in both of the issues of term limits and redistricting, the writing may be on the wall for the similar challenges from Yonkers. In regards to term limits, this is now the second New York State court to have affirmed that municipal governments may alter term limits without a public referendum. While no official ruling has been delivered by the Westchester Supreme court on the challenge in Yonkers, the differences in fact of that case as compared to Clarkstown and NYC may not be great enough to produce a different outcome.”

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Fire Warning Issued for Westchester County & Hudson Valley Region

County Executive George Latimer is advising residents that Westchester is currently at a heightened risk for woodland fires and is urging people to take precautions to prevent them.

The current dry conditions have increased the risk of fire in County parks and wooded areas in Westchester and the Hudson Valley region, he said. In recent days, a number of number of large brush fires have occurred around the County.

Commissioner Richard G. Wishnie of the Department of Emergency Services noted that New York State has issued a high fire danger warning for Westchester, which indicates that an elevated fire potential exists due to dry conditions, low relative humidity and strong winds.

“Conditions right now are very dry – we haven’t seen rain for a number of days – and the risk of fire in our parks and wooded areas is very high,” Wishnie said.

Brush fires have occurred in the last few days in Saxon Woods Park in the Scarsdale/White Plains area and in Cortlandt, Greenburgh, Harrison, Lewisboro, Mount Pleasant, New Rochelle, North Castle, North Salem, Ossining and Pelham Manor.

Latimer also noted that a statewide outdoor burn ban is in effect through May 14. This ban is an annual occurrence because the risk of outdoor fires generally is highest in the spring. Details on the burn ban can be found on the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation web site: dec.ny.gov.

Latimer provided a few safety tips for residents and visitors to follow to prevent outdoor fires:

- Where camp fires are permitted, limit their size and never leave one unattended. Make sure it has been fully extinguished before leaving a campsite.
- The burning of tree limbs or other organic debris is not permitted while the burn ban is in effect.
- Safely dispose of any charcoal used in a grill or ashes from wood burned in a fireplace.
- Extinguish cigarettes and other lightened materials safely and do not drop them in any wooded or grassy area.
- If you observe any smoke or small fire in any park or wooded area, please call 911 immediately so it can be quickly contained.

“When conditions are this dry, a small brush fire can spread rapidly and grow significantly in size in a very short period of time,” Wishnie said. “We are asking the public to take precautions to prevent a woodland fire. A simple, careless action could trigger the beginnings of a serious fire.”

Notice of formation of Cake Bar By Charlene, LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/08/2023. 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 Glenwood avenue, 18E, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of R.O.S.Y. LLC. filed with the SSNY EIN on 2/22/2023. 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, 2803 Larkspur Street, Yorktown Hts, NY 10598. Purpose: Real Estate

Notice of Formation of LIVE LONG LIVE STRONG FITNESS LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with SSNY on 11/07/22. Office location: Westchester. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 33 Sherwood Ave, apt. 3w, Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: any lawful act or activity.

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“We are on a mission to build a better planet by making electricity into a transportation fuel, and at EV Connect we fulfill that mission by providing reliable and convenient charging solutions that can be tailored for all use cases, including for municipalities like Yonkers,” said Patrick Macdonald-King, COO at EV Connect. “We are proud to continue our partnership and support of the City of Yonkers and Mayor Mike Spano, as they advance towards a sustainable future through investments in clean energy and EV charging infrastructure. We look forward to supporting the city’s ambitious energy plans as it moves toward electrification.”

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Ruth Malcomson 1924 Miss America

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian, President Emerita Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, Member of the Yonkers Landmarks Preservation Board, and President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday, April 17th

April 17, 1861: One hundred Yonkers men met at Farrington Hall to enlist “in defense of the Union.” One of the first three men to sign up was eighteen-year-old John Peene, scion of the Peene waterfront dynasty. Peene later served twice as Republican Mayor of Yonkers from 1894 to 1897. The first time he ran, he defeated celebrated author, humorist, satirist and editor John Kendrick Bangs by 207 votes. A few months later, Bangs turned his defeat into “Three Weeks in Politics” and sold 60,000 copies. The NY Times dubbed this works as “Mr. Bang’s Way of Getting Even.”

April 17, 1916: Seventy-five employees of the Habirshaw Cable and Wire Company in Yonkers received their pay and were immediately fired for participating in a recent strike, a strike that caused injuries to several people.

Tuesday, April 18th

April 18, 1925: Miss America of 1924 Ruth Malcomson, the “most beautiful girl in the United States,” appeared at the Strand Theater to open the competition selecting Miss Yonkers of 1925. She was welcomed by Florence Kreisler, Miss Yonkers 1924, and given the “Freedom of the City” by Mayor Wiesendanger.

April 18, 1940: Former longtime Palisade Avenue resident Thomas Beer passed away suddenly; Beer had lived in Yonkers more than forty years, moving here when he was eight. A biographer, novelist and short-story writer, his most popular book was “The Mauve Decade,” a work that sold 22,000 copies. Three of his books with his unique style of “stylized prose,” including “The Mauve Decade,” were credited with reshaping contemporary biographies. At the time of his death, he was in poor health and hadn’t written for three years.

Wednesday, April 19th

April 19, 1907: The New York State Assembly passed a bill to abolish the Yonkers Board of Park Commissioners.

April 19, 1913: Alderman John Davis, nationally known for his anti-shorts campaign, was elected secretary of the D & D Construction Company. The company planned to develop land in the Northeastern portion of Yonkers called Reynolds Farm.

April 19, 1931: Mayor John Fogarty announced he would not seek reelection in the upcoming mayoral campaign; as City Hall buzzed with the news, names of several candidates were put forward as potential candidates.

Thursday, April 20th

April 20, 1882: The Committee on History and Historical Relics asked for the loan or gift of historical items for the observance of the bicentennial of Philipse Manor Hall.

April 20, 1903: Workmen moved a four-ton safe from the Yonkers Savings Bank on South Broadway to Manor Hall. The safe was purchased to be used in the Tax Receiver office.

April 20, 1908: Nineteen-year-old Thomas Morrissey of Yonkers, member of the Mercury Athletic Club, won the 12th annual Marathon of the Boston Athletic Association, defeating second place John Hayes by only 21 seconds. Winning the Boston Marathon earned Tom a spot on the US Olympic Team. Morrissey did not finish the race; he was ill the entire week before the race and suffered severe cramping at the 16th mile. Although he had the reputation of never giving up, by the 22nd mile, he was too sick to go one, and had to drop out of the race. Yonkers Marathon winner John Hayes, who Morrissey defeated in Boston, won the competition for the US.

Friday, April 21st

April 21, 1923: The City of Yonkers purchased Glenview, the Trevor property on Warburton Avenue. The property included frontage of about 2,000 feet of underwater land, and cost \$450,000 for the estate. The mansion became the Museum of Art and Science, now the Hudson River Museum. Its first holdings were from the Yonkers Museum housed at City Hall and founded circa 1921.

April 21, 1929: Roland Francis and a group of African American ex-service-men organized the city’s first minority veterans’ post; they held its first closed meeting at Wiggins Hall at 24 North Broadway. The Samuel H. Dow Post, No. 369 VFW, now has a home on Warburton Avenue.

Saturday, April 22nd

April 22, 1930: New York City Sinking Fund Commission gave permission for Yonkers to use NY aqueduct property at St. Joseph Avenue to build a new

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CORPORATION NOTICE
CITY OF YONKERS-NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the City Council of the City of Yonkers, New York will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following General Ordinance, to wit:

PROPOSED GENERAL ORDINANCE

A GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING GENERAL ORDINANCE 4-2000, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 43 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS AND THE ACCOMPANYING ZONING MAP TO RECLASSIFY AND REZONE THE PROPERTIES LOCATED AT: 1) 1229 MIDLAND AVENUE, (ALSO KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF YONKERS AS BLOCK 5363, LOT 20) FROM MG DISTRICT (APARTMENT HOUSES, LOW DENSITY) DISTRICT OF THE CITY TO CU DISTRICT (COLLEGE, UNIVERSITIES AND THEOLOGICAL SEMINARIES) (THE "CU DISTRICT"); 2) P/O 879 KIMBALL AVENUE (ALSO KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF YONKERS AS BLOCK 5363, P/O LOT 1) FROM S-60 DISTRICT (DETACHED SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLINGS ON 60 FOOT LOTS) TO CU DISTRICT; AND 3) 161 HAMPSHIRE ROAD (ALSO KNOWN AND DESIGNATED ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF BLOCK 5349, LOT 29) FROM S-200 DISTRICT (RESTRICTED BUSINESSES, RESIDENCES EXCLUDED) TO CU DISTRICT.

VINCENT SPANO
City Clerk

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) # 2023 – 01
REQUEST OF PROPOSALS GRANT WRITING SERVICES FOR
THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF
YONKERS**

The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers (MHACY) is soliciting proposals from vendors to write federal, state/local, and private grant applications for funding sources for the MHACY and its affiliate non-profit, Mulford Corporation, Inc. as specified in this Request for Proposals (RFP).

This RFP package contains submission requirements and terms and conditions and other pertinent information for submitting a proper and responsive proposal. This RFP is the only information provided to prospective bidders (hereinafter "Responders" or "Respondents") and is available online starting April 14, 2023, at www.mhacy.org.

The RFP questions deadline is April 25, 2023, at 3:00PM Eastern Standard Time (EST). Any and all questions must be emailed to Dr. Denise Wesley at compliance@mhacy.org by the deadline. No telephone calls and/or written communication sent via mail will be accepted. Bid Submissions are due May 4, 2023, no later than 3pm. Late submissions will be handled in accordance with the provisions in Form HUD-5369B. After Bid Submissions are submitted, Formal Interviews will be conducted from May 8 to May 12, 2023, with Dr. Denise Wesley.

Proposals will be evaluated on the criteria stated in the RFP. Negotiations may be conducted with contractors who have a reasonable chance of being selected for the award. After evaluation of the proposal revision, if any, the contract will be awarded to the responsible firm(s) whose qualifications, price and other factors are considered to be the most advantageous to the **MHACY**.

The MHACY reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any irregularities or informalities if it is in the MHACY's best interest to do so. The MHACY reserves the right to cancel this RFP or to reject, in whole or in part, any and all proposals received in response to this RFP, upon its determination that such cancellation or rejection is in the best interest of the MHACY.

The MHACY is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, sexual orientation, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, or family status. The MHACY solicits and **encourages the participation** of minorities and small businesses in procurement. Contact, related to this procurement, with members of the MHACY's Board of Commissioners, or the MHACY's officers and/or employees other than the contact person show above, during the procurement process could result in disqualification of a proposal.

Wilson Kimball
President & CEO
Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers
1511 Central Park Avenue
Yonkers, New York 10710
Project No. 2023-

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nessed panicked when they saw they had to pay by app and no one was there to help them. 'We got rid of all the physical hardware in all our parking decks and put in apps so you can pay once and move from deck to deck throughout the property,' a company spokesman said. Dumb move. Just move your car and keep your ticket on the windshield.

When Ridge Hill opened, they had a trolley that transported people from one end of the property to the other. The trolley was big, and no one was ever in it. It has sat in the parking lot across from WestMed abandoned for years. What they need is a smaller vehicle, 8-12 seater easy to get into to transport people around the mall. This way people can park and not worry about moving their cars. Getting in and out of your car and moving it from lot to lot requires a lot of walking. The smaller vehicle will allow people to avoid jumping in and out of their cars which can be annoying.

Handicap parking at Ridge Hill faces another problem that exists throughout Yonkers. People parking in handicapped designated spaces without the necessary permits. The City of Yonkers can send police officers in to ticket illegally parked cars but for some reason does not do it. The ticket fees, money that goes to city coffers is somewhere in the \$150-\$200 range. A police officer or parking enforcement agent can easily ticket 5 to 10 cars a day (I see that many illegal parked cars in one lot) bringing the city a minimum of \$1000 a day. State laws even allow specially trained citizens to ticket cars and bring in revenue. Why Yonkers refuses this money maker I will never figure out.

There needs to be more handicapped spots on the roads in and around Ridge Hill. There is plenty of room for them when you take away the spots reserved for 'special vehicles' which are often occupied by individuals with OFFICIAL placards that have families, not 'officials' come out of the car. This happens all the time and individuals using placards illegally should be fined and towed with their owners getting points on their license.

Ridge Hill is just that, a hill you must climb in your car to reach it. I don't see how they can change the access roads without major blasting and construction.

The movie theater also poses numerous problems including but not limited to access to it over a breezy bridge where you can lose your balance. The theater is in desperate need of repair which was put off during the pandemic. Why should I go Ridge Hill when Cross County and White Plains have been updated with comfortable reclining seats?

There are other flaws at Ridge Hill which I hope they correct when they makes changes to the mall. In the interim send your ideas how to update Ridge Hill to the management office, 1 Ridge Hill Blvd., Yonkers 10710 or via phone at 914-207-2900. And wish those involved all the best in turning the facility around to make it first class.

Editorial Note: While we are chatting retail, many have complained about the parking at Dollar Tree on South Broadway and McLean Avenue and the inability to find a place to park because of abandoned cars and cars illegally parked. After my visit there on Sunday with no parking available at either store especially the big lot on South Broadway I spoke to the powers that be to address the situation.

Listen to Eric Schoen 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. Reach him at thistoisonkers@aol.com.

THE CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, One Larkin Center, 3RD Floor, Yonkers, New York 10701 (Located in the Yonkers Riverfront Library Building across from the Metro-North train station) will receive sealed Bids for the following projects until 2:00 PM, on the dates below.

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the bid opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

Solicitation documents are available for downloading from the Empire State Purchasing Group website at <http://www.empirestatebidsystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid 6962 - Opening date: 5/05/2023: One-time purchase of sixty Glock 19 and ten Remington 870 replacement weapons for the Training Division, or Yonkers approved equals (NG).
2. Bid 6949 – Opening date: 4/28/2023: Six-month contract to purchase estimated quantities of various Corbin/Russwin, or Yonkers approved equals, locks, cores, and related hardware. (KAS).
3. Bid 6960 – Opening date: 5/05/2023: Twelve-month contract to purchase up to 15 model-year 2022 or newer, Ram ProMaster, or Yonkers approved equal, vans (FB).
4. Bid 6961 – Opening date: 4/28/2023: One-time purchase of Godwin model CD225M Dri-Prime, or Yonkers approved equal, trailer drawn trash pumps, one 6” and one 8” (FB).
5. Bid 6955 – Opening date: 4/28/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase liquid chlorine, per Yonkers specifications, in 150-pound containers, as needed (AC).
6. Bid 6956 – Opening date: 5/05/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase bulk quantities of 25% caustic soda per Yonkers specifications as needed (AC).
7. Bid 6958 – Opening date: 5/05/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase various types and quantities of Clow fire hydrant repair parts as needed (KAS).
8. Bid 6959 – Opening date 5/05/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase various types and quantities of Hymax, or Yonkers approved equal, clamps and couplings as needed (KS).
9. Bid 6952 – Opening date 5/05/2023: Twenty-four month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase Lion Commander Ace, or Yonkers approved equal, structural firefighting protective gloves as needed (KAS).
10. Bid 6950 – Opening date: 5/19/2023: Unity Park and Playground Improvements located at 10 & 16 Post Street (Post and Elliot Avenues) (KS).
11. Bid 6951 – Opening date: 5/19/2023: Clemens Park and Playground Improvements located at 10 Leighton Avenue (FB).
12. Bid 6953 – Opening date: 5/19/2023: Forty-eight-month contract to purchase estimated quantities of Mueller or Kennedy, or Yonkers approved equal, smart fire hydrants with built in pressure sensor devices, hydrant pressure sensor retrofit kits, annual access to hosted platform, and two days of training (AC).
13. Bid 6948 – Opening date: 5/12/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide on-call roof repairs for City facilities, per Yonkers specifications (TC).

PUBLIC NOTICE

***YONKERS POLICE DEPARTMENT/
NOTICE OF ABANDONED VEHICLE***

I, Christopher Sapienza, Commissioner of the Yonkers Police Department, do hereby issue the following notice pursuant to Sections 109-144 and 109-147 of the Code of the City of Yonkers:

A 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee, bearing no license plates (and identified by VIN # 1C4RJFBG2FC193602) has been lawfully impounded since 10/21/22 and to this date no owner has come forward to claim any interest in this vehicle.

Any persons having a legal interest in this vehicle may seek recovery of said vehicle by contacting Lt. Gregory Forshey no later than April 19, 2023. If such person has a legal right to the vehicle, they shall be responsible for all costs incurred by the City to remove and store said vehicle and for the cost to publish any notice.

If the vehicle is not claimed by May 4, 2023, the vehicle shall be deemed abandoned and title shall vest with the City on May 4, 2023, (20 days from the date of publication).

Dated: April 14, 2023

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Saturday, April 22nd

April 22, 1930: New York City Sinking Fund Commission gave permission for Yonkers to use NY aqueduct property at St. Joseph Avenue to build a new entrance into Glen Park.

April 22, 1943: Lieutenant Colonel James Mylod, former commander of the 27th NY National Guard Military Police Company of Yonkers, was awarded the Soldier's Medal for heroism in Hawaii. Mylod and another officer stayed aboard a burning vessel off Honolulu to allow the crew to escape to safety. His Yonkers company left our city for federal service October 1940.

April 22, 1964: Mae Coyle of North Yonkers was mentioned in President Lyndon Johnson's announcement the threatened national train strike was settled. Mrs. Coyle's granddaughter Cathy Baker had written to the President, asking him to help keep the trains running so her beloved grandmother could attend her First Communion!

Sunday, April 23rd

April 23, 1908: A parade led by Mayor Warren met Tom Morrissey, winner of the Boston Marathon and champion long distance runner of the United States, champion runner Samuel Mellor who finished eighth in the Boston Race, William Foster, John Welsh and Albert Hayden when they returned from the Massachusetts event.

April 23, 1931: Because Yonkers sold the property just south of the Habirshaw Cable and Wile Company plant near Point Street, the Aldermanic Committee on Public Works inspected the property and decided the Yonkers Yacht Club had to be moved.

April 23, 1959: Renowned drummer Gene Krupa married Patty Bowler at St. Denis Memorial Church on Van Cortlandt Park Avenue. The ceremony was performed by parish priest Father Marshall.

Questions or comments? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com.

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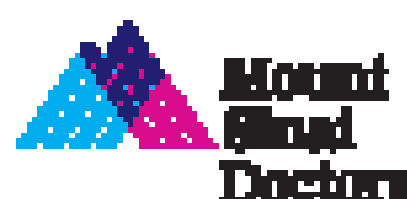
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