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Governor Hochul: Mask Mandate for Schools: Vaccine Mandate Possible



Governor Kathy Hochul, with Statte Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie

On Aug. 24, her first day in office, Governor Kathy Hochul announced a new, comprehensive plan to help ensure a safe, productive return to schools this fall in the midst of rising COVID-19 numbers fueled by the Delta variant. As part of this plan, Governor Hochul has directed the New York State Department of Health to institute a universal mask requirement in all schools, public and private, as determined necessary at the discretion of the Commissioner. The Department of Health will issue the requirement through regulatory action established by the Public Health and Health Planning Council.

Governor Hochul will also pursue options to mandate vaccines for school employees or require weekly testing in the absence of vaccines, and will continue to work with the Department of Health, education stakeholders and the Legislature on establishing the mandate.

“As Governor, my priorities are now the priorities of the people of New York – and right now that means fighting the Delta variant,” Governor Kathy Hochul said. “My number one priority is getting children back to school and protecting the environment so they can learn safely. I am immediately directing the Department of Health to institute universal masking for anyone entering our schools, and we are launching a Back to School COVID-19 testing program to make testing for students and staff widely available and convenient. We are also working to require vaccinations for all school personnel with an option to test out weekly, and we are going to accomplish all of this by working in partnership with all levels of government.”

To help ensure testing is available to students as they return to school, Governor Hochul is using \$335 million in federal funds to launch a new COVID-19 Testing in Schools Program in partnership with local health departments and BOCES in New York State outside of New York City. In addition, New York City has received \$225 million directly to initiate a COVID-19 Testing in Schools Program there, for a total of \$585 million in federal funding in New York State to support these programs.

Governor Hochul also launched an additional back-to-school COVID-19 testing program in partnership with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Rite Aid and BioReference to make testing more widely available for New York State public school students before the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

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Doctors Prescribe Chicken Soup for the Soul; Good Food, Good Mood



(L-R) Dr. David Lent, Chief of the Dept. of Surgery at St. John's Riverdale Hospital in Yonkers; Chabad of Yonkers/Greystone Jewish Center Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz; Rabbi Dr. David Calvello; and Robyn Fullerton cook, prepare and package a delicious kosher Shabbat dinner. Photo (c) Robert Kalfus

By Robert Kalfus

“One of the outstanding deeds of my father’s life was he prepared more than 50,000 Shabbat dinners for people who needed and appreciated the food,” said a man grieving for his father, speaking of the meritorious acts of his father’s life at a shivah minyan attended by Dr. David Lent, Chief of Surgery at St. John’s Riverside Hospital.

Hearing this man grieving for his father, and recount and value his father’s life, not in how much money he made, not in his possessions, not in how many vacations he took or where he traveled, not even in how much he loved and cherished his wife and family, but declaring the everlasting value of his father’s lifelong work was ensuring that others were not hungry, and received nourishing food, Dr. Lent and his wife Diane were inspired to dedicate their own efforts ensuring people not be hungry.

Dr. Lent’s work in Yonkers as a surgeon can restore people to a full and functioning life. He and his wife decided to generously donate each month a “substantial amount” which purchases all the ingredients for a weekly traditional kosher Shabbat meal, prepared by volunteers supervised by Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz, in the Chabad of Yonkers kitchen in the Greystone Jewish Center. Rabbi Hurwitz and his wife, Rebbetzin Chanie, and their older children, coordinate each week’s kosher food recipe planning, and food purchasing, and oversee each Thursday’s cooking and food preparation. The food assistance

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Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano Exploring A Run for Governor



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano hopes to become a moderate, suburban alternative in the democratic primary for Governor next year, according to sources in the administration and his political advisors. Yonkers Rising first reported the news online at YonkersTimes.com that Spano is contemplating his next step in New York politics and is moving forward with an exploratory campaign to run for Governor in 2022. Mayor Spano is in the middle of his third term in the City of Yonkers, which recently became the third largest City in New York State.

Sources close to Mayor Spano confirmed that he is moving forward with plans to run for Governor, and that his candidacy for statewide office would depend on several factors, including how New Yorkers and NY Democrats view the job performance of Governor Kathy Hochul, and who else decides to get into the democratic race for Governor.

The idea of Spano for Governor was first raised by Jerry Kremer, an attorney, lobbyist, and former 13-term Democratic Long Island assemblyman, on the PIX11 Morning News on August 5. Kremer said there are both the expected names, like Attorney General Letitia James and New York Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, as well as newer names like New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Long Island Congressman Thomas Suozzi, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Suffolk County Executive Steve Bellone.

Since NY Attorney General Letitia James’ report on Governor Andrew Cuomo forced his resignation, Mayor Spano and his political team were waiting “out of respect and their loyalty to Governor Cuomo,” said one Yonkers political insider, noting that Mayor Spano did not call for Governor Cuomo to resign.

Now that Cuomo has resigned and Hochul is set to take office on Aug. 24, Spano and his advisors are ready to let it be known that the Mayor of New York’s third largest City is interested in running for Governor. “The new Governor will have at least one State budget to preside over, so she will have an impact on Yonkers, and Mayor Spano. But before then, Governor Hochul will have the next 8 months to prove to be a viable candidate for Governor. And she could do that, she has been underestimated before. But it’s also possible that she can’t win a democratic primary for Governor next year, and we want to be ready for whatever happens. The mayor of the 3rd largest City in NY doesn’t want to wait to see if Kathy

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Yonkers Welcomes First African-American Female Firefighter



Mayor Mike Spano with new Yonkers Firefighter Fatima Taylor

On August 17, Mayor Mike Spano welcomed 24 new firefighters on behalf of the people of Yonkers. “It takes a certain kind of person to take on the challenge of becoming one of Yonkers’ bravest. This week, I welcomed a class of 24 new firefighters and they have undergone the finest training to ensure their commitment to keeping Yonkers safe.

“It was also a historic day. We welcomed the first-ever African-American female firefighter in the city’s history, Fatima Taylor. It was an eventful day, filled with joy and excitement, but my message to all the graduates was simple, “Know that you have the full support of this administration.”

Firefighter Taylor becomes the second woman in the Yonkers Fire Department.

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Bird Scooters Celebrates One Year Anniversary in Yonkers, Police Remind Users of Rules

From NewYork-Presbyterian's Health Matters: What You Need to Know about the Delta Variant



Bird Scooters is celebrating one year of providing a quick, inexpensive ride for the people of Yonkers. The cost for a Bird ride is \$1 to start and 30 cents per minute. Bird also offers low-income access plans that include unlimited 30-minute rides for \$5 per month for anyone enrolled in or eligible for a state or federal assistance program.

The scooters have been successful in Yonkers for young adults and students who don't have the financial means to get around the city. The scooters are also a good way for the parents to keep a measure on them, if the parents rent out with the App on their phone, they can track where they are going.

The Yonkers Police Department would like to remind users of e-bikes and e-scooters that riding on sidewalks is not allowed and violators are subject to a traffic summons. As these personal transportation devices have become more popular, please be respectful of pedestrians and vehicular traffic and ride in designated lanes or streets in the direction of traffic and follow all rules of the road.

After months of declining infection rates in the United States, COVID-19 cases are on the rise again due to the highly contagious Delta variant.

On July 27, the CDC updated its guidance for fully vaccinated people given new evidence on the transmissibility of the Delta variant, adding a recommendation for fully vaccinated people to wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission. Fully vaccinated people may choose to wear a mask in these settings regardless of the level of transmission, particularly if they are immunocompromised or at increased risk for severe disease from COVID-19 or have someone in their family who is. NewYork-Presbyterian's Health Matters gives you the latest information on what you need to know.

What is the Delta variant? Like other viruses, coronaviruses, including SARS-COV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19 can change (or mutate) over time. This leads to different viral variants, and these have emerged in different parts of the world. The variants originally were named for their place of origin and with letters and numbers, but the World Health Organization now names them with Greek letters.

The Delta variant was originally called B.1.617.2 and was first identified in India in late 2020 and is spreading rapidly throughout the world. It is now the dominant viral strain in the United Kingdom and the U.S.

The CDC has labeled the Delta variant as a "variant of concern." What does that mean? SARS-COV-2 variants can have different properties than the original virus. Variants of concern are those viruses that can be transmitted between people more easily, cause worse COVID-19 illness, are less susceptible to antibodies resulting from natural infection or vaccination, are less susceptible to COVID-19 treatment or prevention strategies, or are more difficult to detect.

The Delta variant is more transmissible and may be associated with more severe COVID-19 illness, and this has led to a COVID-19 surge in unvaccinated populations.

What makes a variant more transmissible? Some viral variants can grow better in human cells and make greater quantities of the virus — the higher levels of virus can increase the efficiency of transmitting to other people. The Delta variant is about 50% more transmissible than the Alpha variant (originally identified in the United Kingdom) and about twice as contagious the original SARS-CoV2 strain. One study found that people with Delta may carry 1,000 times more virus in their nose and mouth than with the original strain — more virus means easier transmission to others.

Do the vaccines offer protection against the Delta variant? Full vaccination with the mRNA vaccines (Pfizer and Moderna) protects well against the Delta variant and the other common variants. (In fact, a recent study found that two doses of the Pfizer vaccine were 88% effective at protecting against symptomatic disease caused by Delta.) The Johnson & Johnson vaccine likely also offers protection, though possibly at a lower rate. According to the CDC, more than 97% of those hospitalized with COVID-19 infection and more than 99% of COVID-19 deaths currently are in unvaccinated people.

How do we stop the Delta variant from spreading? Vaccines are the best tool we have to end the COVID-19 pandemic. People who can't get vaccinated or don't respond to vaccinations (for example, people with compromised immune systems) should continue to wear a mask, wash their hands, and practice social distancing.

The CDC made the recommendation that people who live in areas of high transmission mask indoors. This is a reaction to the increasing spread of the Delta variant and the fact that after months of declining cases, U.S. COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are increasing again, especially in states and areas with low vaccination rates.

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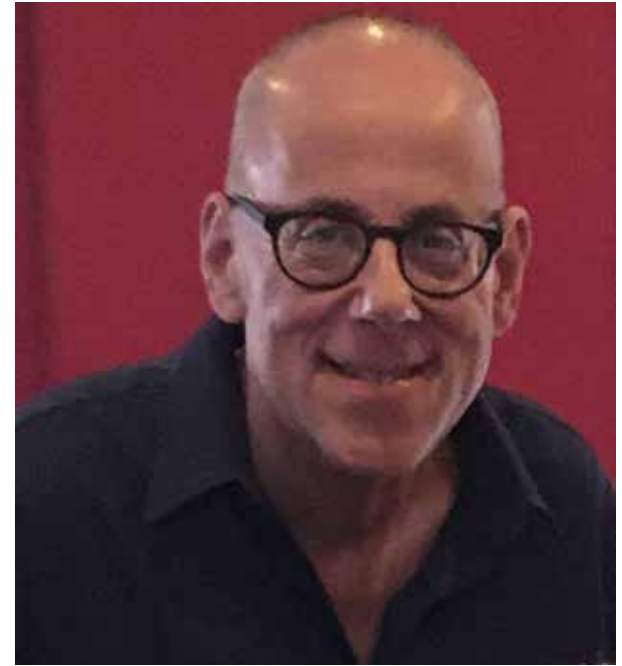
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Don't Change the Name of the Tappan Zee Bridge, Again

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By Dan Murphy

Yes, I realize that I called the Mario Cuomo Bridge the Tappan Zee Bridge in the headline. That is because most of us in Westchester still call it the TZ Bridge, despite the name change, and the controversy surrounding the change by former Governor Andrew Cuomo to honor his father, Governor Mario Cuomo, in 2017.

Now that Andrew Cuomo has resigned in disgrace, there are some calls to change the name of the bridge once again, back to the Tappan Zee Bridge. For several reasons, I say don't do it.

As Chris Churchill writes in the Albany Times Union, "The Tappan Zee name never died. Many in the Hudson Valley — the bridge connects Rockland and Westchester counties — refused to say "Cuomo Bridge," no matter what the highway signs told them. The name continues to inspire resentment.

Political motivations are behind the proposed name change. "With Andrew on his way out the door, let's erase a visible symbol of him bullying legislators and citizens alike," said State Senator Mike Martucci, a republican sponsor of the bill.

Mario Cuomo was an honorable man, and public servant. Removing his name from the bridge, tarnishes a Governor who served the people of New York with honor, and distinction. His thoughtfulness and eloquence, should not be forgotten. Gov. Mario also had to work with a republican state senate for his 12 years as Governor, and he did so without the hyperpartisanship we see today.

"It would be petty to take down the Mario M. Cuomo Bridge signs, erasing an honorable man's memory to punish a less than honorable son... Mario's true legacy was integrity, fairness, compassion and a clearly articulated view of government as a tool to raise up those who couldn't do it on their own... Mario Cuomo's ideas and their impact on a generation will outlast any building, any bridge," writes Howard Glazer, who worked for both Mario and Andrew Cuomo, in the Daily News.

A website, saveourtappanzee.com, was formed in 2017 after the name change to "return the Tappan Zee Bridge its original name, and to preserve the history of the Tappan Indians (Tappan) and Dutch Settlers (Zee is Dutch for A 'sea') who inspired the name. The original name of the span crossing the Hudson River between Westchester and Rockland counties must return. We have over 157,000 signatures, and our numbers are still growing."

Now that the call has return to change the name back to the TZ again, the website and the idea, is gaining momentum again. But if all of us in Westchester, and Rockland, still call it the Tappan Zee Bridge, why spend the \$200,000 that it will take to change the name back? Can't we just move on?

By Eric W. Schoen

I never knew there were so many people knowledgeable about the regulatory process of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). I heard from so many people, both friends and folks on the street that they would not get the Covid vaccine until it received full FDA approval.

Glad that I have such knowledgeable friends. Glad that there are so many people knowledgeable about the FDA and CDC regulatory practices. Come on let's face it. Just like me you hadn't a clue as to what full approval of a vaccine by the FDA entailed. But you do know that hospitals are again filling up with people who are coming down with the coronavirus. Most of these people were not vaccinated.

Yes, some people who were vaccinated are coming down with the coronavirus. But they are not getting as sick as those who were vaccinated. So bottom line, the Pfizer vaccine has received full regulatory approval from the FDA. So I expect all of you who were not vaccinated to roll up your sleeves and get the shot this week. No more excuses. By being unvaccinated not only are you endangering yourself and your loved ones and those around you but you are putting me and my family in danger. We've been vaccinated. That's unacceptable.

Now that the FDA has fully approved Pfizer if you are not vaccinated please wear a N95 or K95 mask or one of those goofy looking plastic shields to protect yourself and protect me. Or frankly, stay home. The time for games is over. The deceased Kennedy brothers are rolling over in their graves when Robert Kennedy, Jr. comes out and makes silly comments as to how you should not get vaccinated. But enough about vaccines.

So friends, we have a new Governor, Kathy Hochul. Her last name rhymes with chuckle. Just think about those soft chewy candies that come in several flavors. My favorites are the black, licorice ones and the green ones. We wish her well.

We have a new Sheriff in Albany. I think she's going to be a kinder, gentler Sheriff, firm but kind, someone who cares about the citizens of our great state. She has a lot of house cleaning to do. And those that were part of the 'Cuomo' gang, folks that caused thousands of nursing home deaths, folks that arranged for the Governor's friends and family to get Covid tested while you and I stood out in the rain begging, folks that chauffeured members of the Governor's family around to private events on state time, folks that were involved and/or were aware of Cuomo's misbehavior. I could go on and on. She's got a lot of house cleaning to do.

But of course Andrew left us with a bang. And a Big Bang that was. He offended every police officer and law enforcement official in New York State by granted clemency to five men, including the commutation of the sentence of David Gilbert, a former member of the radical Weather Underground who, in 1981, took part in the robbery of a Brink's armored truck in Rockland County. Police lives were tragically

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Testing appointments will be available to New York students in grades K-12 at the 115 Rite Aid drive-through locations. Students are required to pre-register online and schedule a time slot for testing. Students aged 17 and under must have parental or legal guardian consent and be accompanied by a guardian at time of testing in the drive-through. Digital results will be delivered to parents for students to bring to school. COVID-19 testing is voluntary and will be provided at no cost to the student's family nor to the school district.

In addition to these new testing programs, New York State has available more than 4.3 million child-sized clothed face masks, about 10 million adult-sized clothed face masks and almost 55 million non-surgical face masks to provide to students and teachers in schools across the state.

New York State United Teachers President Andy Pallotta said, "Gov. Kathy Hochul brings a breath of fresh air to Albany, and she already is taking decisive action to bolster health and safety in our schools. We support universal mask wearing as part of a layered mitigation strategy that also includes robust COVID testing, contact tracing, proper ventilation and other strategies recommended by public health experts. We also support the governor's move to require regular COVID testing for school staff who are not yet vaccinated. It's critical that educators continue to have a voice in the implementation of vaccine requirements and other COVID policies at the local level."

In July, Mayor Mike Spano mandated that all municipal and Yonkers School District employees to provide one-time proof of COVID-19 vaccination by Labor Day or undergo weekly testing. Yonkers' 2,000 full-time municipal employees must show proof of vaccination or undergo routine testing by Labor Day, while the 3,500 full-time Yonkers Board of Education employees must do so by September 1, the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

The Yonkers Board of Education passed a resolution adopting Mayor Spano's mandate, that on or before September 1, all employees of the Board of Education must be vaccinated or tested on a regular basis.

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lost in that mess. I remember it as if it was yesterday.

Why Andrew alienated so many people on his way out we will never know. Apparently some lawyer in state government is related to Gilbert and lobbied for his commutation. Yep, the old friends and family deal. But unlike the pardons we have seen from former President Bill Clinton, Barack Obama and Donald Trump, this grant of clemency has upset a lot of people around the country.

Last week I heard that former Secretary of State, former Senator Hillary Clinton was considering a run for Governor to replace Cuomo. I, no pun intended chuckled when I heard Hillary's name. She and her husband will go around the world and make much more money than she will make as Governor giving speeches to groups rich enough to pay them.

Then to my surprise I opened the pages of this great newspaper last week and read that some unknown, former State Assemblyman (he resigned his seat in 1988 because he couldn't get the leadership post in Albany he wanted) who now considers himself a 'political consultant' opined that Yonkers Mayor Michael Spano was considering a run for Governor. Again, no pun intended I 'chuckled.'

New York Governors for the most part come from New City. They are usually lawyers or accountants or are members of some profession requiring a degree and licensure. They didn't just insult the person who everyone knew would take over for Cuomo after his misdeeds. They have broad name recognition statewide and a portfolio to present. Most importantly, they didn't lie to the members of their community and the press swearing that they did not believe in extending term limits for the office they held one week and changing their mind the next all for political expediency.

Then I thought about that little known State Assemblyman and Senator from Peekskill, former Peekskill Mayor, former candidate for President George Pataki and I thought you know what? Anything is possible. Pataki you may remember beat Andrew's father and became New York State Governor for three terms. Pataki was not well known but people were suffering from Mario Cuomo 'fatigue.' We wish Mike Spano well if he decides to run for Governor.

Last Governor from Yonkers? Malcolm Wilson, of blessed memory. Andrew's father spearheaded a campaign to rename the Tappan Zee bridge to honor Malcolm Wilson. When Andrew built a new bridge to carry traffic, in the middle of the night the Malcolm Wilson Bridge became the Governor Mario Cuomo Bridge. Unethical. Against Andrew's fathers wishes.

Last Lieutenant Governor from Yonkers was Alfred Del Bello. Del Bello supported former Mayor Ed Koch in a primary against Andrew's father. Mario Cuomo won. Al DelBello won. Mario and Andrew gave DelBello no responsibilities. DelBello, who went on the make a lot of money after he left office representing developers before his untimely death quit the Lieutenant Governor position saying he had nothing to do.

So who knows what will happen. But me thinks there are a lot of Democrats with Statewide recognition who could easily beat Spano who is well known in Yonkers. But Yonkers, now the third largest city in New York State has changed a lot since Michael's beloved father Leonard was elected to the Westchester County Board of Supervisors, the predecessor to the County Legislature. The people who know the Spano name have moved and sadly many have gone to their reward. Time will tell.

I was down in Asbury Park over the weekend. Forgot how much I miss Walmart. I had to find a corded telephone for a family friend and lo and behold, Walmart had 2 pieces in stock. I bought them both. This is the kind of thing only Walmart Shoppers will be searching for.

I went to Walmart on Saturday morning. Most of the shelves were half empty. A Saturday, the busiest day for shopping and the shelves of Walmart are empty. What's going on? One worker blamed it on shipping delays caused by Covid. Another blamed it on ships being unable to get through the canal several months ago. Walmart has some savvy employees. I am tired like you for everything from the closure of a bathroom to empty store shelves being blamed on Covid. The lack of workers to work in stores like Walmart, restaurants and Supermarkets. Where did the shortage come from? I can't believe the extended unemployment benefits are preventing people from working. Something is going on in this world and no one seems to know what it is.

So I am in Walmart. My sister had asked me to pick up a bottle of old fashioned liquid Wite Out, the liquid you use to cover mistakes. I went to pay the 99 cents for the Wite Out. It came up 'restricted item.' I thought because the price was good they were restricting quantities.

No, it's a restricted item because kids are buying the product to sniff it and get high. What's going on in this world. What's next? Enjoy the waning days of summer!

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lived in Yonkers, he founded the Negro Society of Historical Research with Arthur Schomburg; this organization later became the foundation for the Arthur Schomburg Center for Research.

September 4, 1942: John Acropolis, the future Secretary-Treasurer of Local 456 Teamsters and Chauffeurs' Union, was appointed to teach Physical Education in the Yonkers School System, at an annual salary of \$1,565. Acropolis had been a star athlete at Yonkers High School, and captained the Colgate University Basketball team.

Sunday, September 5th
September 5, 1917: Yonkers firefighters, responding to a barn fire on Central Avenue, had to form a bucket brigade to get water to the blaze, as the closest hydrant was almost a mile away.

September 5, 1920: Vincent DeCarlo was named chairman of the dedication of the Waverly Street Armory as Columbus Hall, the Yonkers home of the Sons of Italy.

September 5, 1930: E. Bright Wilson of 209 Van Cortlandt Park Avenue complained to the Mayor about a herd of goats invading his property and creating a nuisance. City Dogcatcher Edward Smith was assigned to investigate the problem.

Questions or comments? Email YonkersHistory1646@gmail.com. For information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, please visit our website www.yonkershistoricalsociety.org, call 914-961-8940 or email yhsociety@aol.com.

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

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

The public auction will be held Friday, September 10th, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am in the Community Room AB of the Yonkers Riverfront Library located at One Larkin Center, 2nd Floor, Yonkers, NY.

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

THE PROPERTIES

SECTION	BLOCK	LOT	ADDRESS
1	451	10	70 Yonkers Ave
1	6050	371	70 Sweetfield Cir
2	6050	65	78 Sweetfield Cir
2	3215	27	13 Suffolk Trl
2	3215	25	17 Suffolk Trl
2	3215	23	21 Suffolk Trl
2	3270	192	1212 Saw Mill River Rd
2	211	110	240 Oak Street
1	461	76	146 Oak Street
2	2089	2	43 St Josephs

For online bidding, the Terms and Conditions, and more information, please visit: williamsauction.com/Yonkers or call 800.801.8003. Philip R. Heiliger RE Lic 10301207074 Williams & Williams RE Lic 109911428

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.

However, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and in line with the directives issued by the Mayor of Yonkers regarding public safety, there is limited access to One Larkin Center. The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must wear face coverings and see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will clock in the bid and then contact Purchasing to pick up the bid. Sealed Bids will continue to be opened and read on the dates below, however, there will not be a public opening of bids. Those interested in listening to the bid opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

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

1. Bid 6679 - opening date 9/24/2021: 24-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months to provide Janitorial Services for City owned facilities. (AS)
2. Bid 6684 – opening date 9/24/2021: Fuel oil tank restoration at Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy. (KS)
3. Bid 6685 – opening date 9/17/2021: 24-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide parts and repair services for International Trucks as needed. (FB)
4. Bid 6686 - Opening date: 9/10/2021: Twelve month contract for the City to deliver construction and demolition debris and rock and dirt to New York State Department of Environmental Conservation approved C & D Processing Facilities as needed (NG).
5. Bid 6687 – Opening date 9/10/2021: Purchase of 10 each steel bars, 36” wide X 24’ long X ½” thick. (FB)
6. Bid 6688 – Opening date 9/10/2021: 24-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide parts and repair services for Chrysler vehicles as needed. (FB)

Public Notice

All questions relative to the RFP should be directed in writing via e-mail to Mr. Sean McGrail, Executive Director at sean.mcgrail@yonkersny.gov using the Questionnaire Form. Questions need to be submitted no later than 09/10/21. This RFP is soliciting proposals to service out-of-school Youth residing in zip codes impacted by high rates of gun violence in the City of Yonkers.

The YWDB will determine the awardee based on the quality and innovations of the proposals received.

RFP Procurement Schedule
(Dates subject to change with notice from the YWDB)

RFP Issue Date:	August 30, 2021
Bidders Informational Session:	September 3, 2021
RFP Questions Due:	September 10, 2021
Proposal Due Date:	September 14, 2021
Grant Award Date:	September 20, 2021
Contract Start Date:	Immediately
Contract End Date:	July 31, 2022

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**Manhattanville College Nursing School
Graduates First Class of 2021**

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program ignited by Dr. Lent currently serves 30 individuals, members of 13 Yonkers families who are alone, need food assistance, or have been isolated, quarantining due to Covid-19, or unable to shop. These people eagerly anticipate each week's Friday delivery of a delicious kosher Shabbat dinner of challah, chicken soup with vegetables and matzoh balls; roast chicken with rice, potato kugel (pudding), and dessert. The delicious roast chicken's secret ingredients are paprika and garlic, simmered for about four hours.

Pirkei Avot (Ethics of our Fathers) says "every good deed encourages and leads to another good deed", noted Rabbi Hurwitz, who saw that Dr. David and Diane Lent's dedication to helping others spreads and increases good deeds. The food sharing program started last December after the holiday of Hanukah, and the light shed by this immense good deed has grown, and caused the recipients and their families to feel better, become healthier, take a greater interest in their religion, to attend synagogue religious services and events, be reassured that they are linked to their Yonkers community, and cared for by their neighbors.

Rabbi Hurwitz tells of one weekly meal delivery he made to an elderly recipient, where he saw that the food he delivered Friday of the previous week was still inside the refrigerator, unopened and untouched. The Rabbi called the Yonkers police, who performed a "Wellness Check", and found the person inside, too weak to get out of bed, dehydrated, and had not eaten in a week. The human kindness of sharing food and visiting saved his life. "We all need to feel connected, to be part of a caring community" said Rabbi Hurwitz, inviting all from the Yonkers community to participate.

The meals are delivered to each person via a secure place at their location, both to assure their privacy and Covid pandemic safety for the volunteer and the recipient.

Rabbi Hurwitz welcomes more volunteers, including those interested in learning traditional Jewish Shabbat cooking, and helping with packing and delivery. Teenagers are welcome! Everyone can help by learning cooking, preparing, packaging food, and helping deliver the free Shabbat meals, or with a financial donation. Please contact Chabad of Yonkers Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz at 914-963-8888 or email at Rabbi@JewishYonkers.com.

Manhattanville College's first class of nursing students earned more than their stripes this week. They earned official pins marking their entry into the nursing profession during a year when a worldwide pandemic challenged them to give their all.

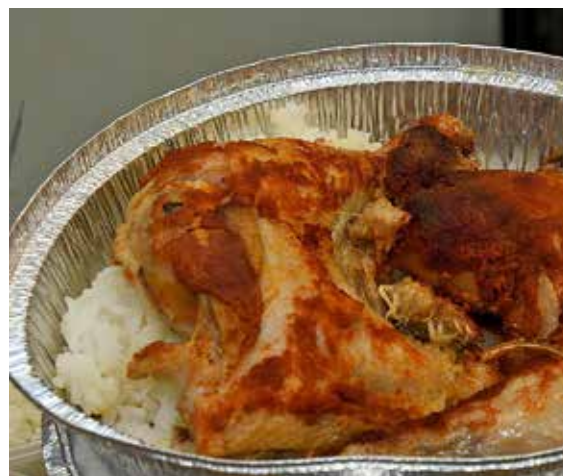
Eleven students were honored in a Pinning and Award Ceremony that celebrated their courage over the last year. Interim President Louise Feroe, Dean Debra Simons, and Associate Dean Orhan Hakli all commended the students for their courage and dedication in joining the ranks of healthcare professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We initially thought that some of the students would defer their admission and put their dream of becoming a nurse on hold because of this deadly global pandemic," said Hakli. "They said no! They said our patients need us; our nation needs us — now more than ever. When most of us could not even go outside during this pandemic, these brave individuals said that they want to go to hospitals, to be trained to become nurses, and help the sick."

The Pinning Ceremony is a tradition dating back to the 1880s and inspired by Florence Nightingale who blazed the trail for nurses on the frontlines. As a special surprise, students also heard from alumna Tisa Fotopulos Pelzman, a graduate from the Class of 1949 and the original Manhattanville College school of nursing. The school awarded nursing degrees in the 1940s to prepare nurses to serve in World War II.

Anne Brandon, Carolyn Brandt, Jennie Chacon, Donna Nicole Crepault, Emily Estrella, Maria Estupian, MaryKate Dichiaro, Alicia Gomes, Saquiba Hassan, Sara Hios, and Amanda Peters were recognized for being part of the first cohort to graduate in the college's program. Special awards were given to Emily Estrella (Leadership Award and Deans Award); Sara Hios (the Caritas Award) Donna Nicole Crepault (the Valiant Nurse Award) and MaryKate Dichiaro (the Spirit of Nursing Award).

Manhattanville launched its new nursing program last year. It offers three degrees in nursing: Bachelor of Science in Nursing for traditional 4-year and transfer students, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing for second-degree students who already hold a bachelor's degree, and a Master of Science in Nursing –Family Nurse Practitioner.



Roast Chicken and Matzoh Ball Soup, distributed to food insecure people in Yonkers, Photos (c) Robert Kalfus



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