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The Grinch is in Good Spirits....For Now



City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy with the Grinch at the McLean Avene Tree Lighting on Dec. 4.

Toys for Tots Needs Your Help!

Donations Need to fill 40,000 Gift Requests This Year Leave a toy in the box or visit westchester-county-ny.toysfortots.org.



By Dan Murphy

One of the most successful non-for-profit charities that give kids who don't get a lot for Christmas a gift under their tree is the Westchester Toys for Tots program. For the past 8 years, Steve and Kelly Topilnycky have led the Toys for Tots Westchester program. And year after year, the demand for more gifts keeps growing.

Last year, Toys for Tots Westchester was able to provide over 28,000 toys for kids. This year, there are 40,000 requests for gifts, a more than 25% increase.

The basic mission of the Marine Toys for Tots Program is to collect new unwrapped toys and distribute those toys, and to help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope, to America's less fortunate children.

97% of every donation goes directly to Toys for Tots Westchester. The traditional way to make a donation is to place a new unwrapped gift in the over 100 Toys for Tots boxes across Westchester. The other way to donate is by making an online contribution.

To search for a location, or to donate online, visit westchester-county-ny. toysfortots.org.

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Con Edison Lifts Natural Gas Moratorium Increased Supply Ends 4 1/2 Year Ban

By Dan Murphy

In a letter to the NYS Public Service Commission, Con Edison announced that as of Dec. 1, their natural gas moratorium for new development connections in Westchester has ended. Con Ed began the moratorium more than four years ago, on March 15, 2019, to "address a supply-demand imbalance and support reliability of service to customers in the affected area," according to the letter, continued below.

"As of November 16, 2023, a combination of lower peak demand forecast and increased supply resulting from the Tennessee East 300 Project coming online resolves the Westchester supply-demand gap, eliminates the need for any delivered services in later years, including near-term elimination of the need for compressed natural gas to support the moratorium region's peak demand, and generally supports reliability of gas service throughout our service territory.

"Con Edison's support for the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act's clean energy goals remains steadfast, as outlined in our Company's Clean Energy Commitment. In alignment with our Commitment, the Company has been actively promoting non-fossil alternatives (i.e., electrification) through various marketing communications/channels and will continue to do so even though the moratorium is being lifted.

"We provide electrification education and solutions for customers in which we encourage them to consider full-electrification options. We also give them information about subsidies and incentives, rate options, contractors who perform relevant work, and other programs that will enable them to adopt electric heating technologies, like heat pumps, before they submit a gas service application.

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Spreading the Miracle of Chanukah in Yonkers



Above: Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz and his children with Veronica Bautista and her husband and children, showing the Chanukah dreidl games they made, at Home Depot Yonkers. Below: Look for the Chanukah Car Parade through Yonkers Dec. 12, photo (c) Robert Kalfus



By Robert Kalfus

The first night of Chanukah, the Festival of Light, starts this Thursday evening after dark December 7 when the first candle is lit, with each night adding yet another candle, continuing for 8 days, when all of the eight candles will be lit on Thursday night, December 14th spreading and illuminating light.

Preparing for Chanukah, this past Sunday December 2nd the Home Depot in Yonkers hosted a pre-Chanukah event with Chabad of Yonkers' Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz. More than 200 children, some with their parents' help, created, assembled, glued, and painted their own Chanukah dreidl games! to take home.

Chanukah recalls the miracles of a small outnumbered band of Jewish partisan fighters who fought for 25 years, refusing to accept defeat from the overwhelmingly better armed, more numerous and better trained Syrian-Greek forces, sent to crush their culture, religion, and entire way of life. The Maccabees liberated the oppressed Jewish nation, bestowing independence, and were inspired by the miracle of the single cruze of undefiled oil they found in the Temple in Jerusalem, sufficient for only one day of kindling the lights in the Holy Temple in

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Yonkers Mourns the Passing of Josephine Spano



On Dec. 6, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano along with his family announced the passing of his mother, Josephine Spano, 89. He released the following statement:

"Our beloved mother, Josephine Spano, went to be with the Lord this morning. She is the strongest woman I have ever known. She always made each of her 16 children feel loved, valued and cherished. We all just wanted to make her so proud.

She inspired us. She educated us. She dedicated her life to us. For that, we are eternally grateful. She was the matriarch of our family, placing her foundation in faith. St. Gerard, the patron saint of childbirth, was whom she turned to for prayer.

Notably, he said, "Who except God can give you peace?" You are at peace now, Mom. What gives me comfort is you now are reunited with dad – forever our guardian angels. We will always strive to make you proud and keep you in our heart always."

Mrs. Spano was married to Leonard N. Spano for 66 years. She was the mother of Nicholas, John, MariaElena, Eleanore, Leonard, Joanne, Rosemarie, Camille, Michael, Victoria, Anthony, Dolores, Loretta, Gerard, Joseph, and Vincent.

Funeral arrangements are as follows: Visitation at Sinatra Memorial Home, Inc. 499 Yonkers Ave. Yonkers, 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Thursday, December 7, 2023 and Friday, December 8, 2023.

Funeral Mass-9:00 am-Saturday, December 9, 2023-St. Peter's Church 91 Ludlow Street-Yonkers, ${\rm NY}$

Final Resting Place-Saturday, December 9, 2023, Mt. Hope Cemetery, *Jackson Avenue*, *Hastings-on-Hudson*.

PCNY Delivers 27,500 Turkeys to Yonkers Chicken Island Became Turkey Island for a Day

Elera Best

Wayne Schneider, 2nd right, and PCNYinthestreets donated a record 27,500 turkeys

By Dan Murphy

We had to say thank you to Wayne Schneider, and PCNYinthestreets, for hosting their 9th Turkey giveaway. This year a record 27,500 Turkey landed in the parking lot at Chicken Island, which was renamed Turkey Island for the occassion.

Yonkers residents and families lined up outside of Juices for Life, owned by The Lox and Styles P. at 211 Nepperhan Avenue.

This Turkey donated also go to Yonkers community groups and non-profits, who help get them to people in need. "I'm from Yonkers and I'm here to inspire other people and keep giving back here. This is a real community, we are setting records and helping people. This is my Yonkers."

In 2021, PCNY delivered 20,000 turkeys to Yonkers and New York City, increasing to 25,000 turkeys in 2022, and now 27,500.

How does he do it? Schneider explained that in 2010 he opened Precision Concierge New York ("PCNY"), a high-end concierge service that provides high end car, air, yacht service and party planning services. In 2020, Schneider opened up PCNY x NO Limit body shop in Yonkers to continue to give back to the community.

Through the various networking and connections, Schneider saw a way to help others, and PCNYinthestreets was formed as a non-profit organization, in 2015. This group does a lot for the homeless, and for those in need, like providing meals, clothing, and blankets in the winter. In addition to The Lox and Styles P. Mayor Mike Spano and Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins attended.

PCNY works with The Hometown Foundation in this effort. Thanks for all that you do for Yonkers!

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Philipse Manor Hall Presents Historian & A Movie, Holiday Carriage Rides & Jingle Bell Parade



left: The Muppet Christmas Carol

Philpse Manor Hall will present this Friday, December 8, 2023 at 7:00 PM the next film in our new Historian & A Movie series! We'll be watching "The Muppet Christmas Carol," with historian commentary from PMH education & programs manager Sarah Wassberg Johnson, and education coordinator John Farrell.

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Other December Holiday events at Philipse Manor Hall include:

Carriage Rides December 10 from 10 am – 4 pm Tickets available on November 17 at 10 am Treat your family this holiday season and enjoy the rare opportunity to experience the Preserve as it was originally intended: via horse-drawn carriage! We encourage you to wear festive attire and join the Jingle Bell Parade at 1 pm. (Those that register for the 1 pm time slot will be part of the parade!) We can accommodate groups of 4 or 6. Smaller groups will be placed with others. Children under 2 are free if they sit on an adult's lap. Those under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Cost: \$35

Jingle Bell Parade! December 10 from 1-2 pm Get into the holiday spirit and dress up for the occasion as you sip hot cider and walk around the lake alongside horses, carriages, and your fur-babies in costume. Enjoy carolers singing live and stop by the Swan Lake kiosk to enter to win a prize for best horse costume or best dog costume. Dogs must be leashed at all times. This family-friendly event is FREE; please register so we may communicate any changes due to inclement weather.



12/15 4:00 - 8:00 Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration • City Hall



Free Bee Line Bus Fares in Westchester for Holiday Season Through Jan. 1

Following two summers of free fares, Latimer announces the second

consecutive holiday season of suspended Bee-Line Bus fares

Westchester County Executive George Latimer once again taking action to ease the burden on Westchester residents' wallets this holiday season as Bee-Line Bus fares will be suspended from December 16 until January 1, 2024. The fare suspension will also apply to the County's ParaTransit system. This is the fourth time – and second consecutive holiday season – that Latimer has taken this action

Latimer said: "In the spirit of the season, we are once again easing the financial strain on Westchester residents. Suspending Bee-Line Bus fares during the holidays is a testament to our commitment to enhancing the lives of those we serve, made possible through responsible fiscal management."

During the Summer 2023 fare free program, average weekday ridership increased by about 22% compared to the weeks before that, while average ridership on weekends was closer to a 40% increase.

Commissioner of Public Works and Transportation Hugh Greechan said: "County Executive Latimer's strategic fiscal management has paved the way for initiatives that directly benefit our community. Suspending Bee-Line Bus fares is not just a seasonal gesture but rather a testament to our commitment to improving accessibility for our riders."

The Bee-Line is Westchester County's bus system, with convenient service connecting residents to jobs, recreation, shopping and other regional transportation services. It is the second largest transit bus fleet in New York State, operated by the County's Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPW&T).

Over 65% of all Westchester County residents are within walking distance of a Bee-Line bus route, making the bus both close and convenient. The system has over 3,300 bus stops and almost 60 routes. All Bee-Line buses are accessible, and designed with many accessibility features including "kneeling" buses, ramps and lifts.

Westchester County Health Department Offers Residents Free Flu Shots in December

Flu Vaccine Clinics Open to All Ages December 13 and 20

With flu season officially under way, the Westchester County Department of Health will offer free flu shots by appointment this month to encourage residents to stay healthy.

Flu shots will be given for ages three and up on Wednesday, December 13 and Wednesday, December 20 from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Yonkers Riverfront Library, 1 Larkin Center. Appointments are highly encouraged and can be made at www.westchestergov.com/health. Walk-ins will be accepted while supplies last.

Flu shots also will be given to residents ages six months and older at Health Department clinics by appointment, on Thursdays in Yonkers and on Fridays in White Plains, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., while supplies last. For appointments, go to https://health.westchestergov.com/. You also can find a flu shot near you at https://www.vaccines.gov.

Flu and other vaccines are also available at no charge for uninsured and underinsured adults and children through the Vaccines for Adults and Vaccines for Children programs at Health Department clinics. Call 914-995-5800 weekdays before 4:30 p.m. to discuss eligibility. To reach residents who have difficulty accessing flu shots, the Health Department is giving flu vaccines at some soup kitchens and homeless shelters.

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "As the holidays rapidly approach, now is the best time for everyone six months and older to get an annual flu shot. Fully effective after two weeks, the vaccine will protect you and all your vulnerable family members and friends. With new variants circulating, it is prudent to schedule both flu vaccines and COVID-19 vaccines for your whole family. Vaccination protects those around you who are more vulnerable to complications, such as infants too young to be vaccinated, seniors and people with chronic health conditions."

In the U.S., there are usually more flu cases between December and February, but flu can linger into May. One flu vaccine now provides protection all season long and can prevent illness or reduce the severity of flu symptoms.

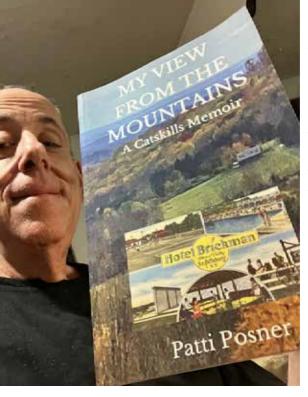
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We continue to adjust our offerings to accelerate adoption of clean heating solutions. Currently, homeowners are eligible for rebates of \$10,000 for air-source heatpumps (a promotional increase from \$8,000 through the end of 2023) and up to \$35,000 for ground-source heat pumps. As of the date of this letter, most ground-source heat pump jobs, and a significant percentage of air-source heatpump jobs, occur in our Westchester service territory. We also are exploring new technology, such as a utility-owned thermal energy network pilot project in Mount Vernon designed to serve up to 76 buildings – a combination of homes, apartment buildings, businesses, and government and community buildings –via a district geothermal network in a disadvantaged community.

Con Edison is actively ushering in the clean energy future. However, the Company has an obligation to serve once sufficient capability to provide reliable gas service becomes available. The Company will communicate with stakeholders and will also contact customers on the gas service interest list."



Holiday Gift? It's More than Herring and Cream sauce



By Eric Wolf Schoen

Eric Schoen, with copy of My View From The Mountains, A Catskills Memoir by Patti Posner

I read a book last weekend that I started early Saturday morning and read straight through until Sunday at 1:30 a.m. The book is A VIEW FROM THE MOUNTAINS-A Catskills Memoir by Patti Posner published by Hotel Brickman Publishing in Weaverville, North Carolina 2023.

I wrote a review of the book and it was on Facebook Monday night. When I awoke Tuesday morning the response by people throughout the United States was phenomenal. One of those who wrote me suggested that as there is so much trash published today, the book is quite unique and a perfect gift for the holidays, a time of year when we are all running around looking for gifts for those we love and having a hard time finding something special.

Amazon has the book for \$14.65 with an E-book version for \$10. Perfect stocking stuffer or to put with gifts next to your menorah or Kinara. A quick but enticing read. And you don't have to be a 'Catskills Kid' to enjoy it.

So I thought I would share my review with our Rising Media Group WESTCHESTER readers. Many of you spent time enjoying the beauty of the Catskill Mountains and stayed at the myriad of hotels that ran the gamut from Resorts like Hotel Brickman to 'cook-a-lanes' (not sure of the spelling) which consisted of nothing more than a hut with rooms, no amenities of the big hotels where you would 'cook' your own meals for your family.

First I will share with you a brief description of the book and topic for those who don't know what a 'fa-La-ta' danish is (a danish taken from the resort breakfast table 'for later.' Then I will share my review and comments on the resort (think the movie Dirty Dancing and the hotel where it took place) that I shared with the author and on Facebook. I'll conclude with some memories I think you will enjoy.

THE BOOK: Much has been written about the Catskill Mountains resort experience as enjoyed by untold numbers of first- and second-generation Jews who, in the early part of the 20th century, had been shut out of many other resorts because of anti-Semitism. While the hotels were indeed as wonderful as many novels and histories describe them, this book is different. It tells a sometimes piercingly honest story of the family that ran the Brickman, one of the most successful Catskills resorts. It is a tale of blood ties as strained by a sometimes ruthless business, explosive secrets, sex and drugs. But this story also is about a deep familial love, hard work, commitment and a winding path to self-knowledge. Patti Posner, daughter of one of the two brothers who ran the hotel, reveals (and thus preserves) the day-to-day life and inner workings of this now vanished world of hospitality, along with the human story behind it all.

MY REVIEW AND COMMENTS: Patti Posner Daboosh it's rare that I wake up in the morning, start reading a book and finish it and look at my watch and it's 1:30 a.m. the next day! I truly enjoyed your book and it brought back beautiful memories and tears to my eyes.

My parents, my sister and I spent a wonderful week every summer at Brickman. We got to the hotel as one summer we thought we had reservations at one hotel but they had overbooked. Dad's friends who spent dawn to dusk on the golf course always raved about the Brickman. We pulled up, you had a room, we took it but my sister was not happy that we were not going to our original hotel and would not leave the room. Dad spoke to Larry Strickler (Director of Activities) who sent a teen counselor to talk with her. She came down for dinner, got immersed in activities and as they say the rest is history!

I spent the days with my parents even though they had heard of your wonderful day camp. I had just spent 8 weeks at home at day camp and wanted no part of more. We participated in the wonderful activities outlined on a sheet every day, but as for dad, mom and their little boy, me give us that fresh country air, sunshine, a chaise lounge and the big Brickman outdoor pool and we were content, even the last week in August when the pool at times could be chilly.

Dad told me One of the Posner brothers (the owners) told him it was cheaper to feed non-Jews than Jews as non Jews didn't realize you could have as much from the menu as you wanted. Was the linguini in perch sauce really perch sauce or was it clam sauce. Two things til this day I wonder about!

We truly had the time of our lives at Hotel Brickman. Thanks for the memories and again, great job on the book. I learned through it that there is much more to operating a hotel than herring and cream sauce!

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Westchester Jews for Jamaal Letter Sufaces Asks Latimer Not to Run for Congress

By Dan Murphy

A letter from several Westchester Jewish residents in support of Congressman Jamaal Bowman asks County Executive George Latimer not to challenge Bowman in a democratic primary next year. Latimer has made no official announcement but a recent trip to Israel and a "premature" FEC filing indicate that Bowman-Latimer '24 is coming.

The two-month-old letter, which we first read in Black Westchester on Dec. 1, link – https://blackwestchester.com/jews-for-jamaal-send-letter-to-george-latimer/ was in response to a letter from several Westchester Rabbis urging Latimer to run against Bowman.

The letter states- "Dear Mr. Latimer: We are Jewish residents of Westchester living in the towns and cities of New York's 16thCongressional district. While many of us are active in a variety of political and civic organizations, including the Democratic Party, the Working Families Party, Indivisible, and a range of Jewish groups and synagogues, we are writing to you today in our personal capacities, to urge that you NOT run for Congress.

For over three decades, our district (though in slightly different form) was represented by a Democrat (Rep. Eliot Engel) who grew out of touch with its changing demographics and who took increasingly right-wing positions on a range of topics—supporting the "war on crime," voting to deregulate the banks, and backing George Bush's mistaken invasion of Iraq.

As Israel's governments became more and more rightwing, he stood by them unquestioningly, failing again to notice the changing attitudes of many in his district, including among Jews. Three years ago, Jamaal Bowman defeated Eliot Engel in the Democratic primary by 55.4% to40.6%, demonstrating that his progressive approach was more in tune with the values of the district's voters. In 2022, he again won the primary by a similar margin, showing that he is quite popular with our district.

We are aware that a group of rabbis in our district have called on you to run against Congressman Bowman in next year's primary. While we have great respect for the role that all our rabbis play as spiritual guides and community stewards, we question their political judgment.

As Jews active in the civic life of our district, we have been and remain tremendously supportive of Congressman Bowman. He is, as you are, a champion of the core Democratic values of prioritizing the needs of the weakest and most downtrodden, a fighter for public education, health care, labor and the environment, and a strong advocate for the communities of Westchester. He is a constant presence in the district and open to dialogue with all.

We also support Congressman Bowman for his honesty and consistency in supporting global human rights and for his clear support for Israel as a Jewish and democratic homeland. He is not "anti-Israel." and to refer to him that way is to deliberately distort his record, which includes many votes in favor of military and economic aid to Israel. He has also supported appropriate and fair efforts to oppose Israeli settlement expansion, annexation, and violations of Palestinian human rights, all in pursuit of peace and security for all Israelis and Palestinians.

Westchester Jewish community which is not at all monolithic. Congressman Bowman's comments on the current conflict merely echo comments in Israel and the U.S. by many leading Jewish commentators and scholars as well as many American rabbis, none of whom are "anti-Israel."

The rabbis urging you to challenge him represent only one segment of the

We are dismayed to see these rabbis, who are usually so careful with their words, not only distort his past record but also twist his clear condemnation of the October 7 Hamas terrorist attack into a false assertion that he blames Israel for it.

Here's what he actually said on October 7 in the wake of Hamas's attack: "I strongly condemn the horrific attacks by Hamas and am saddened by the loss of precious lives, especially on the holy day of Simchat Torah. We need a way to end this deadly violence that is killing and traumatizing generations of Israelis and Palestinians alike including the blockade of Gaza. I have been to the Gaza border and know that Israelis and Palestinians are constantly living in fear. We must work harder to ensure peace in the region."

The brutal attack of October 7 has shocked and traumatized all of us in the Jewish community, and we appreciate the statements of support that have come from across the political spectrum, including from you. You have been a Democratic champion throughout your career and as our **c**ounty executive. But we urge you to resist any temptation to primary Congressman Bowman, who is also a popular Democrat who is clearly aligned with the voters on so many issues, a great representative for all of us and particularly the Black and Brown communities that make up a majority of our district. A primary between the two of you would be needlessly wasteful and terribly divisive, especially at a time when all Democrats need to stand united against the rise of MAGA demagogues and authoritarianism. We look forward to hearing from you soon,"

Sincerely, Micah L. Sifry, Hastings-on-Hudson Peter Bernstein, Irvington, Iris Hiskey Arno, Hastings-on-Hudson, Peter Arno, Hastings-on-Hudson, Todd Brecher, New Rochelle, Mindy Chettih, Hastings-on-Hudson, Jay Gilbert, Hastings-on-Hudson, Paula Gilbert, Hastings-on-Hudson, Michael Goldstein, New Rochelle, Howard Horowitz, New Rochelle, Sarah Cox, Irvington, Lisa Genn, Irvington, Sara Gold, Hartsdale, Scott Rasmussen, Hartsdale.

Weekend Events at Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, DEC. 9

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Beginner's Birdwatching, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Join us for beginners' birdwatching from our indoor observation room and learn to identify some of the common birds in our area. For all ages; indoor-outdoor program.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Second Photography Exhibit for Read Sanctuary, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. View people's talents and love for wildlife photography. Refreshments will be provided. The exhibit will be on display through Jan.

Fourth Precinct Community Council Meeting December 21

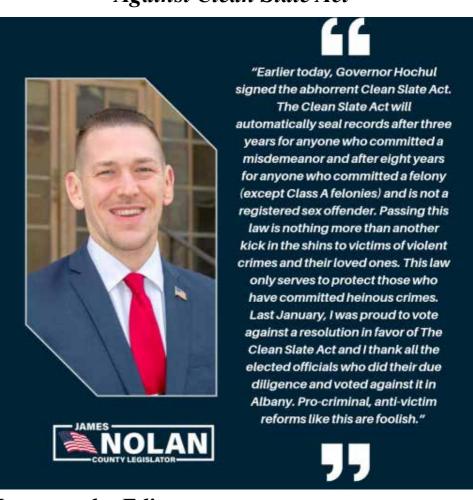
The Fourth Precinct's Community Council will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, December,21,2023, in the meeting room at the Fourth Police Precinct, at 53 Shonnard Terrace. Anyone who lives or works in the area served by the fourth police precinct is welcome to attend. All elected officials are also welcome. Captain Michael Messar, Precinct Commander, and Lieutenant Patrick Curtis will be available to discuss your issues and matters of interest.



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Legislator Nolan Speaks Out Against Clean Slate Act



Letter to the Editor:

Re: Senator Bob Menendez

Editor's Note: While most of us are glad that George Santos is no longer Congressman George Santos, his expulsion raises the same question about New Jersey Senator Bob Menendez. We also believe that Menendez should be forced to step down by his own party.

Yonkers Rising columnist Eric Schoen received this letter from a reader in Yonkers.

"Senator Menendez said for 30 years he has taken money from his savings account and stored it in his house. That money from as far back as 30 years ago must have real old serial numbers.

"The bills I saw on television were bonded. So they must have serial numbers up to the year 2023 in numerical order. No one has asked that question. Could the Treasury Department check on this? I am 88 years old and I read your column (Eric Schoen) every week.

Edward Murphy, Yonkers





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Latimer Visits Israel & Will Announce Run for Congress Against Bowman



Israeli President Isaac Herzog, left, with County Executive George Latimer

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County Executive George Latimer recently returned from a three-day trip to Israel with several other Westchester elected officials to view the aftermath of the October 7 attacks by Hamas. The trip was sponsored by the Westchester Jewish Council and UJA.

During the trip, Latimer met with Israeli President Isaac Herzog, and Israeli families waiting for their relatives held hostage to come home. Latimer and the delegation, which included Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, BOL Chair Vedat Gashi, County Legislator Margaret Cunzio, and New Rochelle Mayor-elect Yadira Ramos-Herbert. also visited a hospital and a kibbutz.

Latimer was clearly moved by the trip and the plight of the Israeli people. But he also pointed to the right of every American to protest their own country.

Latimer spoke about the crisis in the middle east and how lucky we are in the United States. His lengthy comments during his weekly address about the history of antisemitism and the Nazis only underscored the belief of many, that he is planning a run for Congress against Congressman Jamaal Bowman.

"President Biden has a policy towards Israel and I am well aware of the protests. I don't have a George Latimer plan for peace, but history will repeat itself if we do not understand the lessons that it teaches us," said Latimer who made no comments about a possible run against Bowman, except to say, "I've got a lot to think about."

Before Latimer's weekly address, a document from the FEC (Federal Election Commission) circulated in the media in which Latimer signed a statement of candidacy for Congress in the 16th District of NY, currently held by Bowman.

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Jerusalem, yet lasting for eight days, the length of time necessary until new pure olive oil could be pressed.

Rabbi Mendy Hurwitz of Chabad of Yonkers/Greystone Jewish Center welcomes all to enjoy and witness "spreading the light," to see the first candle of Chanukah lit at 4:30 pm Thursday December 7th at Ridge Hill, 1 Ridge Hill Blvd., near Lego Land featuring live music by DJ David Ross, crafts, for children, hot latkes (Israeli style potato pancakes fried in oil), sufganiot (donuts) and a gelt drop!, all free.

Rabbi Hurwitz noted "Judaism is a religion not to be practiced just in the synagogue. Judaism is a way of life, a religion which informs all your actions wherever you are," and Chanukah's celebration, inspiration, food, and joy is shared.

Chanukah's fourth night features a terrific Chanukah luncheon 2 to 4 pm at the Greystone synagogue, featuring a hot buffet luncheon, more latkes, music, dancing, dreidls, children's crafts, and chocolate gelt. Please RSVP calling (914) 963-8888 or by email at Rabb@JewishYonkers.com.

Following the luncheon, many people are welcome to leave the synagogue to see a majestic sight, a giant chanukiah lighting at 4:15 pm with a majestic view of the Hudson River in Untermyr Park at the Temple of Love area.

Monday, December 1th will see a Menorah lighting at 6 pm at Yonkers' Cross County Shopping Center, featuring live music, dancing, more sufganiot (with a variety of fillings), latkes, dreidls, and chocolate gelt.

Tuesday December 12th will see multiple events, starting with a 4:30 pm menorah lighting at Boyce Thompson Center, 1086 North Broadway, Yonkers, followed by mounting a menorah on each car's roof. Yonkers police cars will escort those celebrating, bringing the light and joy of Chanukah to all corners of Yonkers, ending the parade with refreshments and pizza at Nahmias et Fils, Yonkers unique micro-distillery which produces Legs Diamond bourbon whiskey, rye whiskey, and the special Mahia, a traditional Moroccan spirit distilled from figs.

Wednesday December 13th features a menorah lighting at the office of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano at 4:30 pm, 40 South Broadway. Join Mayor Spano as he celebrates Chanukah with a special Chanukah lighting and chanukah treats.



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On This Day in Yonkers History...



An early 20th century photo of the Nodine Hill Water Tower

From my collection

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, December 11th

December 11, 1939: Theresa Hudak of Prescott Street filed a lawsuit after the Nodine Hill Water Tower collapse. Mrs. Hudak's suit contended she suffered both concussion and body bruising after a boulder crashed through the wall of her home and hit her! Yonkers awarded her son Joseph damages six months earlier for injuries he suffered during the disaster.

December 11, 1943: Yonkers Police began surveying streets near the Habirshaw Cable and Wire Corporation's Point Street plant to solve the neighborhood parking issues caused by plant workers. Round-the clock shifts of workers park their cars on both sides of the street, leaving narrow lanes for drivers; residents feared emergency vehicles would not be able to navigate narrow roads created by the plant parking.

Tuesday, December 12th

December 12, 1926: Disregarding the threat against his life, Public Safety Commissioner William Cameron raided two more speakeasies in South Yonkers to continue his campaign against gambling and illegal taverns.

December 12, 1926: Once a magnificent Yonkers home, the three-story Waring Mansion on South Broadway was sold at auction. One of 16 remaining frame buildings on South Broadway, it was built by Dr. Robert Baird and was to be demolished within a few months.

December 12, 1931: The contents of the Hollywood Inn were sold at a public auction, with Arthur I. Miller as auctioneer. Bidding for most items were very "spirited."

Wednesday, December 13th

December 13, 1941: Honoring the request of US Army officials, City Manager Raymond Whitney banned the use of sirens by hospital ambulances and Police and Fire Department vehicles. The sirens only could be used for air raid warnings.

December 13, 1944: Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company became the first to adopt television as an advertising tool for it company with the premiere of "The Magic Carpet" to be aired every other Wednesday at 8:30 pm on Station WABC. Although the company acknowledged pioneering TV as an advertising medium was chancy, because of the limited audience. The program would take people who liked to travel, but couldn't because of wartime restrictions, to visit through travel films, interesting places around the world.

Thursday, December 14th

December 14, 1939: Although City Hall received state actuary George Buck's report on Yonkers Police and Fire Pension Funds ordered by the Common Council, Corporation Counsel Harold Garrity refused to release it, even to City Clerk Francis Heafy, without explicit permission from Mayor Loehr.

December 14, 1939: The Yonkers Board of Ed's Executive Committee recommended immediate suspension of Deputy Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds Alfred Corbin; fraud was allegedly "perpetrated in installation of new heating equipment at School Five on Lockwood Avenue." The Board's Committee on Buildings and Grounds was directed to investigate the issue and hold a trial on the charges; the Board wanted to hire an outside, "disinterested heating engineer of the highest integrity" to conduct an independent investigation to protect taxpayers. A separate inquiry was in process by the Westchester District Attorney's office.

Friday, December 15th

December 15, 1939: The photographic memory of Patrolman Charles Dellacato led to a South Yonkers manhunt, a police chase of a trolley, and capture of the suspect in a White Plains murder! The suspect had asked Dellacato directions to the subway at 1 am. A short time later, Officer Dellacato received a description of the wanted man and realized this was the man he just spoke to! He immediately contacted headquarters; they notified NYPD. The search was on! The two departments searched South Yonkers streets and Van Cortlandt Park Woods. The suspected murderer was arrested a short time later walking up the steps of the Van Cortlandt train station.

December 15,1950: Cuban Ambassador Dr. Luis Machado awarded Commandership in the Order of Carlos Manuel de Cespedes to Colonel Christopher Moran of Langdon Terrace, in recognition of his "outstanding services in furtherance of inter-American good will and solidarity in peace and war." Moran was Director of the Historical Society of the New World; he stated friendship between the US and Latin America was increasingly important. Moran, a Knight of Malta and Commander of the Italian Royal Order of St. Maurice and Lazarus, was active in the NY National Guard. He had received the Legion of Honor and Croix de Guerre with Palm from France.

Saturday, December 16th

December 16, 1917: The Peoples Savings Bank of the Town of Yonkers received authorization to legally change its corporate name to Peoples Savings Bank of Yonkers. At the time of its original incorporation in 1866, Yonkers had yet not been designated a city; that happened in 1872.

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December 16,1942: Yonkers' Common Council unanimously passed legislation proposed by Council Edith Welty to allow, under stringent conditions, to admit children between eight and fifteen years old to attend movies without an adult!

A theater had to be licensed by the City Manager and have a separate section on the main floor only for unchaperoned children; this section had to be closest to exits without obstructions. Children could not be admitted during school hours, and the theater had to have a matron to watch over the children.

Sunday, December 17th

December 17, 1931: Yonkers announced it would use electric lights on the Christmas trees in our city parks; Superintendent of Parks Louis Milliot announced it would cost approximately \$650.

December 17, 1958: Commerce High School on North Broadway received a bomb scare! The school office got the call; the caller said, "There's a bomb in the building," and hung up immediately. Police and YPS officials immediately were notified, and Principal William Gawchik called a school wide assembly while the building was exhaustively searched. No bomb found!

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 info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org.

PUBLIC NOTICE

GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 66 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS KNOWN AS "NOISE" RELATING TO PROHIBITED **NOISES**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that amends Chapter 66 of the Code of the City of Yonkers entitled "Noise" is hereby amended, in part, by amending Subsection A of 66-4 entitled "Enumeration of prohibited noises" to raise the decibel levels for certain noise violations.

The penalties for violation of this ordinance are as follows:

§ 66-24 Penalties for offenses.

Any violation of any provision of this chapter or violation of a lawful abatement order shall constitute a Class II offense.

The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Vincent Spano, City Clerk Dated: December 4, 2023

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 5:00pm, Mayor's Reception Room, 2nd floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, ENTITLED 'VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC' IN REGARDS TO DUE PROCESS PROCEDURES FOR TOWING AND IMPOUNDED VEHICLES.

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the City Clerk's office, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York and on the City's Website.

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Steve Topilinsky said "it's a tough time for many families in Westchester. We need your help and donations, especially for teens ages 12-18. We are working hard to get every request met with a toy but we need your help." A list of high needs toys can also be found at -/westchester-county-ny.toysfortots.org/.

Boxes will remain in place for your donation until Dec. 13, but donations can be made up until Dec. 22 online, or by dropping them off at St. Matthew's Church in Hastings on Hudson. Topilinksy said that while they have a small group of dedicated volunteers, more volunteers are needed. Former County Legislator and Marine Jim Maisano holds a annual event to collect Toys for Tots. This year it will be held on Saturday December 16, from 11am-2pm at Patsy's in New Rochelle.

"We can't continue without community support. This year we have 40,000 children that are on our list, without help we won't meet this goal! We are seeking Eric Schoen, continued from pg 3-

Eric Schoen, Long time guest with his family. President Friends of Yonkers Public Library. Retired Administrator Yonkers Public Schools. Columnist, WESTCHESTER Rising Newspapers (yonkerstimes.com)

SOME MEMORIES: We are still in touch with waiters from the hotel who saved their earnings so they could go to Medical School and receive medical degrees. And families from Yonkers and beyond who stayed at the hotel. The hotel offered nightly entertainment and we saw a young David Brenner and Anna Maria alberghetti perform. You might have seen him in one of the Catskills on Broadway shows or other television shows, but comedian Mal Z. Lawrence was known in the Catskills as a "blue" or racy comedian. No kids were allowed at the late show, 1 a.m. were he performed. The chocolate milk always tasted better at the hotel than at home as did the oatmeal. Dad's birthday most often would fall during our week at the Brickman and the hotel would prepare a delicious birthday cake for him. At the end of August the outdoor pool was quite chilly but that never stopped dad and I from taking a dip in the pool and people asking us at dinner, 'Wasn't the water cold?' As a kid I would get a massage in the Massage Room, nothing fancy but a massage table and a man usually in his late '70's or '80's who would give you a massage so soothing that it would, for lack of better words change your world. To this day I will only trust my back to the hands an 'old timer' like at Brickman.

Many Catskills hotels would have Singles Weekends, and my uncle Dr. Augustus Wolf (Yonkers doctor) who I am named after would participate and could always be found on the dance patio with someone much younger than he was. We would stop and say hello but that was it. Despite being close family, he did not want us interrupting his dancing and schmoozing with women who he was old enough to be their father!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com, or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!

Formation of 25 COUNTY ROUTE 62 LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/6/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The principal business loc. and address SSNY shall mail process to is Floann and Raymond Landeck, 79 Pembrook Dr., Yonkers, NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company TM Studio Ink LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 08/18/2023 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : 5 Palisade Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company 2023 Holdings LLC Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 08/21/2023 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to : 5 Palisade Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Latest date upon which LLC is to dissolve: No specific date.

Notice of formation of D & E Guest Reality Management, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/15/2023. 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, D & E Guest Reality Management LLC, 79-81 Main Street, P.O. Box 1100, Yonkers, NY 10702. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Jaylee's Beauty Lounge, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 10/29/23. 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, 55 Cole Street, Ste. 101, Yonkers, NY, 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

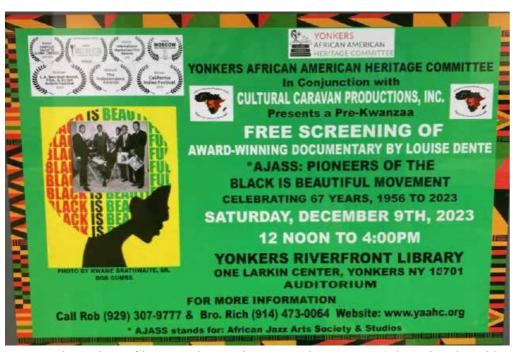






YAAHC Presents A Pre-Kwanzaa Screening of

"Pioneers of the Black is Beautiful Movement" Dec 9



The Yonkers African American Heritage Committee (YAAHC), in conjunction with Cultural Caravan Productions, Inc., is presenting a Pre-Kwanzaa FREE screening of the award-winning documentary by Louis Dente, "AJASS: Pioneers of the Black is Beautiful Movement," on Saturday December 9 at the Yonkers Riverfront Library from 12 noon-4pm.

The two-hour documentary chronicles the journey of AJASS (African Jazz-Art Society and Studios) from the Bronx where they hosted jazz concerts to Harlem where their work was later Influenced by the teachings of the Honorable Marcus Garvey and his protégé, Carlos Cook of the African Nationalist Pioneer Movement (ANPM).

This movement led to "NATURALLY" shows which featured the Grandassa Models, the first African superhero known as Lil Zeng, The African Boy King, and a wealth of visual arts creations and books to celebrate the rich history and aesthetic beauty of Africa and its descendants. The contributions of AJASS celebrated the life and history of people of African ancestry versus Eurocentric aesthetic standards, as well as fought against colorism, a hidden bias in skin tone. For more information, visit www.yaahc.org.

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Before Latimer's weekly address, a document from the FEC (Federal Election Commission) circulated in the media in which Latimer signed a statement of candidacy for Congress in the 16th District of NY, currently held by Bowman.

Some called the FEC document premature, while others predicted a Friday Dec. 8 announcement. But the cat was out of the bag, and in a Politico story, Latimer touted his record as County Executive, calling Westchester County government under his leadership "the most progressive" in New York.

"We've cut taxes and reduced crime, but we've also made the buses environmentally friendly," Latimer said. "We've done Black maternal health; we've built recreational communities in the heart of poor communities. I've done a ton of things that represent progressive government"

Latimer, who just turned 70, said to Politico Bowman "has been in Congress for three years, and I've done a bunch of things over the past three decades." "Right now, in Congress, a lot of it is showtime down there. A lot of it is posturing and culture wars."

The Politico story can be found at-.https://www.politico.com/news/2023/11/30/bowman-latimer-primary-00129360.

Westchester appears to be heading towards two of its most interesting Congressional elections in some time, with Latimer challenging Bowman and Rep. Mike Lawler against former Rep. Mondaire Jones in the 17th NY-District.



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