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Westchester Speaks out on Death of Tyre Nichols City Councilmembers Pineda-Isaac and Merante

Westchester Affiliated Police "Horrified" By Acts of Memphis Police

"America's DNA is sickened with the disease of police brutality, mass incarceration, and the dehumanization of Black bodies."

-Westchester Congressman Jamaal Bowman



a photo circulating on social media of Tyre Nichols giving a flower to a young girl

By Dan Murphy

Members of Westchester law enforcement, and elected officials, are commenting on the unfortunate death of Tyre Nichols. The Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester writes, "We stand with the Nichols family and joins the national law enforcement community in condemning the actions of five Memphis Police officers charged with the murder of Tyre Nichols.

"The Affiliated Police Associations of Westchester, APA, representing all of the 4,000 sworn law enforcement officers in Westchester County, is horrified by the actions of the Memphis Police officers responsible for the murder of Tyre Nichols. The utter lack of humanity shown by these officers is abhorrent. The APA commends Memphis Police Chief CJ Davis and the Memphis District Attorney's office in their swift firing and charging of these officers.

"Acts of cowardice in law enforcement are unacceptable. There is simply no place for this type of behavior in our profession. We understand the community's outrage and we pledge to work together on training on the duty to intervene and to render aid, on the use of force and on any other initiatives that will improve outcomes between police officers and the people we serve.

"The APA prays for Tyre Nichols' family and the Memphis community. No apology or words will ever make up for what the Nichols' has had to see or endure. We can only offer our sincerest and a heartfelt promise from from the law enforcement community as a whole to continue to strive to do better in Mr. Nichols honor and memory.

We will not let this dispicable act diminish the compasion and heroic word done by our police officers every day," said APA President and Yonkers PBA President Keith Olson.

Westchester Congressman Jamaal Bowman, issued the following statement following the release of the Memphis Police releasing the body cam footage of Tyre Nichols being beaten by five police officers.

"Sending my deepest condolences to the family of Tyre Nichols,"

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Mayor Spano Appoints Karen Beltran Yonkers City Court Judge



On Jan. 31, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced his appointment of Karen T. Beltran as City Court Judge for the City of Yonkers. Mayor Spano will swear in Beltran on Sunday, February 5 at 11AM at Yonkers City Hall.

"I am proud to appoint Karen Beltran as our newest City Court Judge," said Mayor Spano. "Karen has been in public service for 20 years, serving the Westchester community, especially as it pertains to procedural and family law. Karen's professionalism, deep knowledge and experience in litigation will prove to be a great asset to the Yonkers City Court system."

Beltran joins the Yonkers City Court bench after serving as the Deputy Administrator for Westchester County's Independent Office of Assigned Counsel and as the Senior Assistant County Attorney for the County's Family Law and Litigation Bureaus. Beltran previously served as a law clerk for the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Beltran holds a Juris Doctor Degree from the University at Buffalo School of Law and Bachelor of Arts from Purchase College.

Beltran commented, "I express genuine gratitude to Mayor Spano for this Yonkers City Court appointment. I thank him for recognizing the immense responsibility and importance of judicial appointments and for his confidence in me. As a child from an immigrant family, a proud Yonkers Public Schools and SUNY graduate and as a long-time public servant, this accomplishment is truly a community effort. I pledge to uphold our community values of resilience and perseverance while on the bench. I look forward to serving the public with respect, perspective and fairness."

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Announce Run for Mayor

Margaret Coleman and Prince Robinson Also Running



Councilmembers Anthony Merante, left, and Corazon Pineda-Isaac, right, and below Margaret Fountain-Colemen, left, and Prince Robinson



By Dan Murphy note Merante photo by Donna Davis

Two members of the Yonkers City Council, republican Anthony Merante and democrat Corazon Pineda-Issac, announced their campaigns for Mayor over the past week. The two join Margaret Coleman, an educator and community leader, and Prince Robinson, a comedian, as announced candidates for Mayor.

Merante made his announcement last week to a crowd at the Mt. Olympus diner. Merante told the crowd "I have not forgotten you." Merante stated as mayor he will be committed to focusing on "quality of life" issues which sadly have been lacking in Yonkers.

Critical issues such as neighborhood safety, housing that is affordable for our seniors, workforce and others on modest incomes, limiting City spending, going after Albany politicians to get our rightful share of funding for our City and for our public schools, rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure such as our sewers which are constantly flooding and water pipes that are consistently breaking, repairing deteriorating roads that wreak havoc on our vehicles and green lighting only smart development that lifts our neighborhoods.

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YMA LADY EAGLES, 11-4, ON THE RISE



The YMA Lady Eagles are having a tremendous season so far. Right now they are currently 11-4. At the midway point of their season, the YMA Lady Eagles Basketball team went on a spectacular run.

The Lady Eagles went 6-2 in a span that saw them beat Bronxville, Dobbs Ferry, Woodlands, and Hastings high School. Unfortunately the Lady Eagles could not overcome the Irvington Bulldogs with legendary coach Gina Maher, and Albertus Magnus High School.

The ladies success is no accident. They work hard all year, with AAU, summer and Fall ball. These ladies work continuously, and tirelessly in order to compete in Section 1. We have been fortunate to have a few college coaches attend almost every game we have played so far this season. In years past this was unheard of.

There are thirteen girls on the team, and our rotation is about 9 girls. Of those 9 girls 4 of them have been in constant communication with college coaches, and were offered roster spots at various colleges and universities.

Some of the schools that have recruited, and showed interests in recruiting our players are Columbia University, Mercy College, Robert Wesleyan College, Monroe College, Mount Saint Mary College, Manhattanville, Mount Saint Vincent, Umass-Dartmouth, Purchase College, CCNY, and Mount Holyoke College.

The-list in extensive. The girls have completely changed the narrative that college coaches don't come to games. They do at YMA, and one staff in particular even came down to watch an entire practice. This year the 2022-2023 team is captained by Ana Ndoci, and Sinead McGourty.

Coach Elie Moise said, "We are fortunate to have a great group of parents, and kids, along with community support. Without their help we could not do this. Our parents have made a consorted effort to keep their kids in YMA, and it has paid dividends. For years my goal was to compete outside of Yonkers and to try and bring respectability to Yonkers athletics. I think we are doing that with each win outside of the city. The credit goes out to the parents, and their kids! I always tell our girls, the kids make the program, not the coach. It is the kids, parents and community, and we are fortunate for that fact!"

Black History Month Events at Philipse Manor Hall Illuminate History of Slavery in the North

FIRST ANNUAL NORSC CONFERENCE
 Monday, February 6, 2023
Keynote Speaker
 Lavada Nahon

In honor of Black History Month, Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site is hosting several programs. On Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. Philipse Manor Hall is hosting "Doing the Work: How Including the Enslaved Expands our Understanding of Colonial New York," a lecture with Lavada Nahon. This program is available in-person and virtually.

Historians have identified at least 115 named individuals enslaved by the Philipse family at their properties in Manhattan and Westchester. Additional references to unnamed individuals increase the total to over 125. The enslaved communities living at the Philipse properties were large and diverse. With residences in Manhattan, Yonkers, and Sleepy Hollow, warehouses in all three locations, gristmills, sawmills, farmland, livestock, and sailing vessels, a large and skilled enslaved workforce was essential.

The Philipse's fleet of ships included several fitted for the transatlantic slave trade. These vessels brought thousands of African captives from places like Elmina, M'pinda Soyo, and even Madagascar. The majority were taken to sugar plantations in Barbados and Curaçao, but some, including several individuals from the Kingdom of Kongo, came to Westchester County to help build and operate the lower and upper mills. Their names have been lost to history, but their contributions remain.

In this special program, historian Lavada Nahon reveals how historians and researchers across the state are identifying artifacts, religious practices, burial grounds, and the names, numbers, and lives of enslaved people across New York State to enrich and expand the historical narrative of New York. Lavada Nahon is the lead Interpreter of African American History for the Bureau of Historic Sites, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. She served as project lead for the new "Our Whole History" exhibit at Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site.

In-person tickets are \$6 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, pay at the door. Doors open at 6:45 PM. Museum open 10 am to 5 pm. Call 914-965-4027 to reserve your spot. Virtual attendance via WebEx is free, but registration is required. Visit www.philipse-manorhall.com to register.

Two additional events include, on February 6, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Philipse Manor Hall is partnering with the Northern Slavery Collective (NorSC) to host the First Annual Northern Slavery Conference. The conference will address how area researchers and historic sites are working to educate the public and improve our understanding of slavery in the North. In-person tickets are sold out, but virtual tickets are still available. On February 9, Philipse Manor Hall will also host the New York State Commission on African American History (NYSCAAH). The Commission serves to highlight contributions by Africans and African Americans to our country and to New York State. Register by emailing RSVP-NYSCAAH@dos.ny.gov. The meeting will also be livestreamed at www.ny.gov/nyscaah. Visit www.philipsemanorhall.com to register.

Yonkers Public Schools Black History Celebration
 Feb. 10 Roosevelt HS-Early College Studies

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City Council Modifies Council Redistricting, Gets Community Input at Town Halls and Hearings

“The bottom line is that the voters must have trust in our democracy. If we move forward with the proposed map without taking the time for more discussion some will lose that faith, and we shouldn’t let that happen.”

City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy

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By Dan Murphy

Last week, we reported on the progress underway by the Yonkers City Council to redraw the six council districts, as mandated by law every ten years. After one public hearing, it was determined that the council, with the help of consultant Andrew Beveridge, would make amendments with a 2nd proposed redistricting map.

On Jan. 27, Yonkers City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy said she opposes adopting the first proposed Yonkers redistricting map “We must allow the public an opportunity to observe and understand the redistricting process. The Council should hold at least one additional meeting where the public can view a revised map based on their interests and concerns. The City Council does have time to wait, and still pass a redistricting plan that meets the deadline in February,” said Collins-Bellamy.

“I want to thank everyone who attended the two recent town hall forums on the proposed new districts. They were a great example of participatory democracy,” said Collins-Bellamy, adding, “Democracy requires that elected leaders listen to what the people say. I’ve listened, and it’s clear we need more time to respond to the many thoughtful comments we have heard in the past several days from the voters.”

“Yonkers has grown a lot in the past decade, to the point that there is a fifteen percent population difference between some of the existing Council Districts,” said Collins-Bellamy, “That violates one person one vote, so redistricting has to happen. But it must happen in a way that people think is fair and transparent, and right now we don’t have enough time to respond to the many questions that have been raised and still meet the political calendar for the nominating process. So the only fair thing to do is put the process on hold, spend more time talking with the public, and then adopt a map that people can agree is fair to everyone.”

Collins-Bellamy said that the growth in the City’s population, which has vaulted it to the third largest city in the state, resulted in a redistricting that necessitated more extensive changes than usual. She noted that the population growth has been disproportionate throughout the City, which meant that to comply with the law, significant changes are required to ensure that the total deviation citywide could be at most five percent, as required under State law.

“This meant that minor adjustments, which may have occurred in the past, aren’t enough to comply with the law,” she said, “There have to be some significant changes, but that requires we make maximum effort to discuss those changes with the voters who find themselves moved between districts. The only way to ensure those discussions take place is to put the vote on hold and use the time to respond to people’s questions,” said Collins-Bellamy.

As a result, another Town Hall was held on Jan. 25 at the Will Library, and another public hearing in the Council Chambers on Feb. 1.

Council President Collins-Bellamy said at the Feb. 1 hearing that the new council maps will be finalized on Friday Feb. 3, so that the Council can call a special meeting on Feb. 10 to vote on the new maps.

All of the public hearings can be viewed at the Council President’s Facebook page-www.facebook.com/YonkersCCP.

Now that the lines have been modified, it is expected that the City Council will vote 5-2 for the new lines. Councilman Anthony Merante is still not happy with the way in which his district was redrawn. Council Minority Leader Mike Breen may also be a no vote. Some of the controversy regarding Breen’s district was erased when republican and former council President candidate Ron Matten, who was in the 5th district, then moved to the 4th, is now back in the 5th district.

Council President Collins-Bellamy explained that the increase in development on the west side of Yonkers has resulted in an increased population, and the need to redraw the districts and specifically the east side districts of Merante and Breen.

While some are still critical of this process, it is being accomplished in the way that political lines are always redrawn. Once the Council President put the brakes on the process, negotiations were held between councilmembers and a second proposal was made.

That is called political compromise, and with 5 democrats on the council, there is only so much compromise that republicans can accomplish. The Council President also demonstrated the power of her office, which she used in this instance.

Several residents spoke out at the forums and meetings expressing their concern about being moved into another district or having their community split into two districts. The reality of their concerns, while legitimate, is that in a City of 200,000 people, under a redistricting plan, not everyone will be happy.

View the Map on Page 7-

and view it online at

<https://davesredistricting.org/maps?fbclid=IwAR0APk6LFjISeQFAWzmL-qp2fmQiC08IaeWrWEqoP7Qmsz4FiVqMSI8Tw#viewmap::fa0d1a5d-72c4-40f5-9410-89b46a823693>

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, February 14, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following Resolution and General Ordinance, to wit:

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO APPROVE AMENDMENTS AND PLAN MODIFICATIONS TO THE CITY OF YONKERS GETTY SQUARE URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, RIVERVIEW URBAN RENEWAL PLAN, DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN, AND GENERAL ORDINANCE AMENDING GENERAL ORDINANCE NO. 4-2000 AND THE ACCOMPANYING MAP, ALSO KNOWN AS CHAPTER 43 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, AND MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT BY AMS ACQUISITIONS, LLC OF PROJECTS ON PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AND DESCRIBED AS: THE TEUTONIA HALL SITE (LOCATED AT 41 BUENA VISTA AVENUE, SECTION 1 BLOCK 512, LOT 11); THE CHICKEN ISLAND SITE (LOCATED AT 20 PALISADE AVENUE AND 32 JOHN STREET, SECTION 1, BLOCK 485, LOT 1 AND SECTION 1, BLOCK 475, LOT 51); AND THE NORTH BROADWAY SITE (LOCATED AT 7 OVERLOOK TERRACE, 15 OVERLOOK TERRACE, 23 OVERLOOK TERRACE, 14 OVERLOOK TERRACE, 12 OVERLOOK TERRACE, 14 NORTH BROADWAY (PART), 16 NORTH BROADWAY, 18 NORTH BROADWAY, 28 NORTH BROADWAY, 30-32 NORTH BROADWAY, 50 NORTH BROADWAY, 2 BALDWIN PLACE, 10 BALDWIN PLACE, AND 18 BALDWIN PLACE, SECTION 2, BLOCK 2018, LOTS 8, 12, 16, 18, 20, 25, 48 (PART), 50, 51, 56, 57, 67, 71, 75 AND 79).

VINCENT SPANO, City Clerk

Is Lying the New Thing?



By Eric W. Schoen

We have the 29 year old woman in New Jersey who lied so she could become a high school student. We have the daily lies coming from George Santos. Though he has asked us for forgiveness, the lies coming from former Congressman Anthony Weiner. Richard Blumenthal, United States Senator from Connecticut lying to us about his military service.

Is lying the new thing? A study came out that said as far as the American people are concerned, lying is par for the course with politicians and the American people. What’s wrong with us. And how long is this lying thing going to go on?

Who is to blame? Do we just take everything for granted and make up what we want? Does anybody check anything out anymore? Or do we take everything as it is?

I learned my lesson as Civil Service Administrator for the city of Yonkers. Before I joined. The Civil Service administration, Candidates would fill out applications for jobs and no one would check them out. I came in and checked out the employment information on several candidates. Boy can people stretch out their background. In one case a candidate was a scanner scanning products for a supermarket instead of doing professional scanning work. I brought this to the attention of the Civil Service Commissioners, who took the candidates position and not mine. The commission said, ‘oh, he scans for A. & P , he goes to Iona, he has to be smart. ‘ There went a job that should have gone to a professional scanner to a supermarket scanner. Fortunately the individual has retired by now but the individual went up the civil service ranks doing who knows what damage along the way.

By the way, 8 out of 10 people want Santos to resign.

BYE BYE BABY, BBB and HARMON Closing

So they are closing all the Harmon and select Bed, Bath and Beyond stores including the one in Greenburgh. Ouch! What will the mail look like without the plethora of discount coupons. The coupons were getting sparse to begin with and they were putting all kinds of conditions on them (date, item use, product use etc.)

When I got my Atkins Chocolate Shakes and bars and Think bars and Skin products (Arnicare) the coupons made a big deal. Then there was always the extra coupon that I some how found a way to use. We loved the coupons that were 20% off the whole purchase which gave a discount on all your items particularly after The holidays. Combine the coupons with good prices on the products and you could do very well.

As always someone picks up the slack. But in this case I think we will have to turn to Amazon as they have good prices and the products we want.

Aviation, Jets and Rails

Remember when the 747 was the big plane we all wanted to fly on. The last 747 flew it’s final mission this week. Bigger planes are the story now. A new Brooklyn cruise Terminal opened. This week. And finally, money has been put aside for the rail tunnel under the Hudson River. This tunnel has long been promised to us by Governors ,Cuomo, Christie and their subordinates but it never seemed to get built. The current terminal was damaged big time by Hurricane Sandy but never repaired.

Molotov cocktail Tossed at Jersey Synagogue

Anti-semitism is alive and well and consists of a Molotov cocktail tossed at a New Jersey synagogue. Leaders in the community put up a \$10,000 bond to catch this dangerous person. Hopefully they will lock him up and throw away the key.

Kangaroos

Kangaroo gloves for playing sports including kangaroo soccer cleats have taken on a Big popularity recently. The only thing is that there are man made products that don’t make us endanger these precious animals.

End Covid Emergency

If you haven’t got your supply of Covid test kits and your family hasn’t received shots, you better get them now while the government is still paying for them as soon the government is going to end the emergency and they will be yours to buy on the open market at prices controlled by the manufacturers. On another topic, there is an overload of Paxlovid,, the drug that lessens the Covid symptoms as subscribers are not offering the drug to their patients.

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YoFiFest Receives Matching Grant From Art\$WChallenge

The YoFiFest will receive an \$8,500 Art\$WChallenge matching grant after a successful fundraising campaign in 2022. ArtsWestchester's grant program rewarded the Yonkers film festival for raising \$8,502 in private donations.

"(This donation) is huge because we can use the money for anything," said Dave Steck, YoFiFest's founder, executive producer and creative director. "A gift like this allows us to motivate ourselves, our staff, our constituents and our audiences to engage with the arts in Westchester."

YoFiFest is one of 102 Westchester arts organizations that will receive matching funds under the program, which had a record-breaking year in 2022. Participating arts organizations raised \$786,541 in new private funds from 1,320 donors through the program, and the private funds were matched with \$501,571 from the Westchester County government.

"I would like to thank the individual donors to this program and Westchester County and the Board of Legislators for their long-term investment in an a matching grant program that over 16 years has paid dividends for the economy," said Janet T. Langsam, CEO of ArtsWestchester.

Grantees included arts organizations in every corner of Westchester such as: the historic Tarrytown Music Hall (receiving a matching grant of \$8,500), presenting live music, theatre, dance and film to tri-state audiences; Westchester Children's Museum (receiving a matching grant of \$8,500), a vibrant, interactive learning space for kids of all ages in Rye, NY; and the Wakanda Celebration (receiving a \$5,000 matching grant), a festival of community, culture and African pride in Mount Vernon, NY.

"Since the inception of the Art\$WChallenge in 2007, this powerful public/private program has raised over \$6 million to support Westchester's arts and cultural sector, matched with over \$3 million in County support," said County Executive George Latimer.

Yonkers Philharmonic Presents Annual Beethoven Festival Concert Feb. 5

On Sunday February 5th, at 3pm, the Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra presents its 8th Annual Beethoven Festival concert, with a varied program, conducted by guest conductor Andrés Rivas. The program features Beethoven's magnificent third symphony "Eroica", a revolutionary work in its time, written at a major turning point in Beethoven's life and career. Into this music, Beethoven poured his passion, fury and anguish as he dealt with his developing deafness, with a depth of musical expression that moves away from his roots in the classical and baroque styles and into the Romantic era.

Beethoven's Romance no. 2 in F major for violin and orchestra is admired for its lyricism and poetic qualities, expressed through beautiful melodies in cantabile (singing) style, decorated with virtuosity in baroque turns, trills, and grace notes. YPO concertmaster, Urara Mogi is highlighted as violin soloist.

Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture "Fingal's Cave" was inspired by the magic of Fingal's Cave on the uninhabited island of Staffa in the North Sea, which the composer visited at the age of 20 on his first visit to Scotland. In the true Romantic sense, Mendelssohn's inspiration became the source of his music. The cave is named after a Scottish hero in an epic poem by 18th century Scots poet-historian James Macpherson.

Cherubini's Concert-Overture is an exhilarating curtain-raiser, encompassing all the drama and character of his music for opera. Beethoven regarded Cherubini as the greatest of his contemporaries, particularly in the operatic genre and this work offers an exciting opening for our program.

The concert is free and all are welcome to join us for this exciting afternoon of music. Pre-concert lecture 2:15 to 2:45, presented by Dr. Margaret Benedict. Further information: www.yonkersphilharmonic.com. Phone: (571) 310-7060.

Tyre Nichols, continued from pg 1-

"Tyre Nichols should be alive today. He should be spending time with his son and his family. He should be talking, laughing and smiling with his friends. He should be enjoying his passion for photography. Instead, he was brutally murdered by five Memphis police officers. Tyre wasn't a threat. He was not breaking the law. He was attacked and beaten to death with multiple kicks, punches, and nightstick blows to his head. He tried to run for his life. He tried to run home to his mother. He called out for his mother in the same way that George Floyd did before he was killed."

"America's DNA is sickened with the disease of police brutality, mass incarceration, and the dehumanization of Black bodies. We call on President Biden and every elected official in this country to pass legislation and take executive action as necessary to protect Black bodies and keep all Americans safe; especially the most vulnerable. The disease of police brutality is systemic. And it has happened in every corner of the country throughout American history. From the slave patrols of the 1700's to 2023, Black dehumanization and murder at the hands of the state continues to be fueled by the disturbing legacy of institutional and systemic injustice. It's taxpayer money that funds police departments and it's that same taxpayer money that's used to defend officers who break the law and pay settlements when lawsuits arise. It is on all of us to demand radical change."

"The usual impunity hurts the most. Most officers who break the law aren't fired, charged or convicted. The swiftness with which the officers were fired and charged, and the release of the video should serve as a blueprint for every police department going forward. I also must acknowledge and thank the activists and organizers who continue to fight for accountability — and humanity."

"Police killed more than 1000 people in 2022, making it the deadliest year on record since we started tracking police killings.

We need federal, state and local legislation that holds law enforcement accountable and takes a public health approach to public safety. Federal legislation, like the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act and the People's Justice Guarantee can serve as models for the nation to follow. These policies, along with the Truth and Racial Healing Act can help us begin the process of curing America of its anti-Black racism that is so intricately and intentionally woven into the fabric of every American system and institution. If we don't, there will be more senseless killings of Black people by both police and vigilantes. It was vigilantes who killed Emmitt Till, Trayvon Martin, and Ahmed Aubery. The KKK were also vigilantes created to terrorize and kill Black people."

"We call on President Biden, Congress, and elected leaders all over the country to lead for Black lives and lead for Black humanity," said Rep. Bowman.

Redistricting, Gerrymandering and You!

Op-Ed by Christine Peters

Do you like to win? Do you like feeling special? Do you like people always telling you how great you are? If you said yes to all these things-then you may enjoy being an elected official! Can you handle a base pay of \$48,000 for a part-time job? If you are the head of some committees you make more money...and no one will actually ask you to do anything with those committees! Some bad things are that constituents may tell you how you have to do your job, they may yell, protest, critique or curse at you. They may publicly and personally say mean things about you. They may always question your motives and intentions. If you can emotionally regulate enough to handle this...on the other side are the benefits. You will get your own fully paid and maintained city car, great health insurance, after 10 years you are vested in the pension system, the power to support your favorite friends, etc. But to sum it all up, you will get access and preferential treatment.

If you were given the opportunity to make sure this would continue through a competition, wouldn't you try to skew it in your favor?

Is this all sounding like an infomercial? Well, It's not. Instead, this is the reality of being an elected official in Yonkers and how human an experience it is. If given the opportunity to do so, anyone can – and may be – tempted to stack the deck in their favor. We can all understand the experiential complexities of being human but being human is not always being fair and just, which are qualities we expect from elected officials.

A little bit of history

Starting in March 2020, we all experienced a collective trauma, our state was shut down and we were avoiding certain death. That was the same year the last census was conducted by the Federal Government. The Census is just a short survey to count all the residents of a municipality. There were videos all over social media of people that looked like you and me urging us to complete the Census so Yonkers could get more federal funding. Our Yonkers residents needed help being counted because this is what determines state and federal funding for the next 10 years. This survey was also the main driver that would now set forth the redistricting process.

Redistricting is a process through which we can reorganize voting districts for the various levels of government to ensure that people are more evenly distributed for voting purposes. There is a process every 10 years, following the census, utilizing the numbers to ensure more even districts. Thus redistricting is political in nature and specifically influences elections and election districts.

For those of you that do not understand the significance of redistricting: it determines who will represent you in local, regional, state and federal government. In the case of our state representatives, at one time Senator Shelley Mayer represented about half of Yonkers and now it is only about 10%. Our County Legislators also have very different districts. Currently, District 16 and 17 are entirely in Yonkers. District 14 and 15 share borders with other places like Bronxville and Mount Vernon and therefore incorporate parts of those places within their representation.

Now that we are caught up on redistricting – what is more important is gerrymandering! Gerrymandering is drawing specific lines in order to favor a specific party or individual in elections. Currently, Yonkers has three times more registered Democrats than Republicans. Though the thought of creating districts in an uneven distribution to favor specific parties may seem wrong, it is not currently illegal.

WHAT ARE THE RULES OF REDISTRICTING?*

In 2021, New York Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation on rules related to fair redistricting. They are summarized as the following:

Districts are nearly equal in population. The smallest to largest district may only differ by 5% in population.

Districts are not drawn with the intent or result of denying equal opportunity of racial or language minority groups to participate in the political process.

Districts consist of contiguous territory – meaning you can't create an island and attach it to a different district. It all has to touch.

Districts are not drawn to favor incumbents or any particular party or candidate. Districts should be formed to promote orderly and efficient administration of elections.

HOW CAN THIS BE GERRYMANDERED TO FAVOR A POLITICAL PARTY OR INDIVIDUAL?

New York State created a bi-partisan Independent Districting Commission (BIDC) to manage state-level districts for Senate and Assembly seats. This BIDC was composed of individuals who were appointed by very partisan people. Our very own Deputy County Executive, who was the Former Yonkers Democratic Chairman is the Chairman of the BIDC. This Commission created maps that were then approved by the state legislature. This approval started the Westchester County redistricting process. Then Westchester County, a highly democratic legislature, picked a consultant, Simon and Wards to complete the new County maps. These maps were voted upon in December with the republican Legislator Jimmy Nolan's 15th district looking geographically quite different. He now has a district that runs from the Hudson River on the edge of Yonkers to the complete other edge of New Rochelle incorporating Bronxville, Eastchester, and parts of Yonkers.

The city council then started the process in September 2022 by approving a consultant to conduct the redistricting. This did not proceed and we then contracted Dr. Andrew Beveridge in Dec 2022. This is the same consultant who conducted our redistricting 10 years ago.

At our local Yonkers-level, we were presented with maps drawn by our consultant after several changes in January, just a few weeks before we had to finalize our districts. The current maps that were released to the public are not the original maps he originally presented to the council for review. Instead, the very people in elected positions who would represent these districts looked through the maps and got to input and change what districts they would want, for example when Council President Lakisha Collins Belamy stated she changed her own Election District back into the 1st Council District. It is only human nature to unfairly create circumstances where you would win, if given the opportunity, however this specific behavior affects us voters for the next 10 years. The very people who would be running in these districts got to choose what districts they would and would not want and even more, their decisions about their own runs would affect a generation of citizens who have not even yet gotten the right to vote. There were grumblings that even party leadership, specifically Yonkers Democratic Party chairman Tom Meier, was given access to these maps, when us citizens were not given access. Giving the City Council and political parties a say over the districts they will be running in, means that the candidates choose their voters, cut out their competition and voters have very little say over all of it.

THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS WOULD HAVE IMPROVED THIS PROCESS:

Start with the local municipality and expand upward. This would help us finalize the building blocks for each district, much like laying the foundation of a house before building the walls and roof.

The City Council could do a city-wide survey and town halls to seek our input as citizens of this city as to what we want, and don't want before restricting starts!

The Census data has been available since April 26, 2021. The council could have a meeting with their respective Caucuses to put together points to make the redistricting process easier, timelier and with greater citizen participation.

The City Council could present the original maps, before the partisan input, and ask for citizen feedback before any changes.

Create a deadline months in advance of elections. If they created a deadline for themselves in early January to have the original maps completed, there is far more time for a corrective process instead of this rushed process we currently find ourselves in.

Meet with neighborhood community groups/Homeowners Associations to ensure they are not broken up by redistricting such as the Hyatt Association, HRCA, Lincoln Park Taxpayers association, etc...

We know that there is no language in the City charter but this is a mandate so the Charter revision committee should create a referendum for us to put language into the charter and provide multiple options.

Maybe it's time for regular people who want to make a difference, connected to neighbors and with a history of careers outside of politics and government to run for office so that we can bring real world solutions to ensure a more efficient government.

Christine Peters is a resident of Yonkers and in 2015 and 2016, unsuccessfully ran for Westchester County Legislator. She remained very active in the political party system until 2021 and currently, continues to be involved in the Yonkers community through other roles.

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Yonkers Kiwanis Club, Board of Education, and City of Yonkers Partner for 2023 Teacher of the Year Awards

Students, Parents, Teachers & Administrators Called to Nominate Teachers at www.YonkersNY.gov

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the Yonkers Kiwanis Club in collaboration with the City of Yonkers and Yonkers Board of Education will present the 2023 Teacher of the Year Awards to three deserving members of the Yonkers Public Schools' faculty. Nominations can be submitted by students, parents, teachers and administrators today through March 1 at www.YonkersNY.gov.

Established in 1956, the Teacher of the Year Award celebrates Yonkers teachers who further excellence in education. A committee comprised of members of the Yonkers Kiwanis Club and Trustees of the Board of Education selects the honorees.

"Teachers do some of the most important and amazing work in our community and they deserve to be recognized with honor," said Mayor Spano. "The partnership between the City, the Yonkers Kiwanis Club and the Yonkers Board of Education celebrates the exceptional dedication and commitment of our everyday heroes in the classroom and, at times, even beyond the classroom."

"In every Yonkers school, teachers create meaningful age-appropriate learning experiences leveraging technology to support and nurture our children's curiosity, social-emotional and academic growth," noted Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada. "Great teachers respect and believe that every child possesses something special and has the ability to reach their potential. As a community of learners, let's embrace this opportunity to appreciate and celebrate the diversity and talents of great Yonkers teachers."

Board of Education President Rev. Steve Lopez added, "The Trustees are intentional about taking every opportunity to recognize the outstanding work of our teachers. This annual partnership with Kiwanis and Mayor Spano brings together everyone in Yonkers to recognize the hard work and commitment of Yonkers teachers. Everyone remembers great teachers who not only creatively taught us but truly cared about us. We are confident that these are the teachers who will be nominated this year."

Three Yonkers Public Schools teachers, representing the elementary, middle and high school levels will be selected. Students, parents, teachers and administrators are encouraged to nominate a teacher at www.yonkersny.gov. Eligibility requirements for selection as Teacher of the Year include employment as a teacher in the Yonkers Public Schools for at least five years; demonstration of dedication to the teaching profession which has led his/her students to both knowledge and understanding; and initiation of new, meaningful programs for either students, teachers or parents, or been innovative in the use of existing programs, and display significant community involvement.

"The Yonkers Kiwanis Club is once again honored to sponsor the prestigious 'Teacher of the Year' award," said Ralph J. Vasami, Yonkers Kiwanis President. "We are proud to have the opportunity to join the City of Yonkers and the Board of Education to honor these deserving Yonkers Public School teachers for their exceptional and dedicated service."

Online nominations must be submitted by March 1 at 5PM.

Registered Sex Offender Sentenced to 3-6 Years Prison for Sharing Child Pornography on Social Media

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced today that a Yonkers resident was sentenced to a term of three to six years in state prison for sharing child pornography on social media. The defendant was on probation for a prior sex offense conviction at the time of his arrest.

DA Rocah said: "Addressing the growing dangers online is critical and it's why we enhanced our Cyber Crimes Bureau in 2022 to focus on criminal investigations involving threats to minors on the internet, social media and gaming platforms. Let this sentence serve as a reminder that my Office will relentlessly investigate and prosecute sex offenders, especially those who exploit and threaten our children."

On two occasions between March 2021 and April 2022, Demetrios Kotopoulos, 41, uploaded a digital file of a nude child engaged in sexual conduct to Discord, a social media messaging platform, and was in possession of a video of an approximately 10-year-old child engaged in a sexual act. Further, between August 2018 and April 2022, the defendant failed to disclose the creation of a new email address to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, a mandatory requirement of all registered sex offenders. An investigation determined the email address was used to access Discord.

The Cyber Crimes Bureau and High Technology Crimes Squad of the Westchester County District Attorney's Office conducted the investigation after receiving a referral from the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program (ICAC), a national cyber-crimes prevention organization. The District Attorney's Office arrested the defendant on April 21, 2022, with assistance from the Westchester County Department of Probation.

On September 20, 2022, the defendant pleaded guilty to Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child, and Failure to Register and to Verify, all felonies, and also admitted to violating conditions of his probation. The defendant will be required to re-register as a sex offender upon completing his prison sentence.

The defendant was previously sentenced on April 10, 2018, to 10 years of probation, which carried sex offender conditions, after pleading guilty in May 2017 to Promoting an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child and Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child. The defendant was certified as a Level 2 Sex Offender by the Court in June 2018.

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Malcolm Wilson, Yonkers resident, veteran, Assemblymember and Governor of New York State.

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, February 6th

February 6, 1925: Billy Cook, owner of Billy Cook's Inn on South Broadway, and employee Joe Ryan, were arraigned before US Commissioner Boyle. Federal prohibition agents had raided the Inn the day before... while the Yonkers Republican Club held their annual dinner upstairs! Mayor Ulrich Wiesendanger persuaded the Feds not to search the dinner guests for liquor, as the dinner only had a "respectable group of citizens... many his own guests." In fact, the guests had no idea there was a raid until after dinner was served and the room cleared for dancing.

February 6, 1925: While interviewed by the press, Public Safety Commissioner Iles, a guest at the Yonkers Republican Club's annual dinner, attributed the raid to "political animosity, brought about by some person or persons... not friendly toward the Yonkers Republican Club."

Rolland Merrick, chief of the local Federal Prohibition Enforcement agents, stated his men knew nothing about the Republican Party dinner; the raid was planned the day before when an agent bought a drink at the Inn.

Iles accused Merrick a week earlier of "not doing his job." Merrick, questioned about potential prosecution of the Yonkers officials at the dinner, commented, "That remains to be seen."

Tuesday, February 7th

February 7, 1925: Roland Merrick, area Prohibition agents' Chief, announced prosecution of Yonkers Administration officials was not going to happen, as his team "got all we wanted," meaning they arrested the proprietor, the employee and got the evidence.

February 7, 1941: Assemblyman Malcolm Wilson introduced a bill to repeal the law requiring state-operated museums, including Philipse Manor Hall, to charge admission. The new admission charge at state sites caused a large drop in visitors.

Wednesday, February 8th

February 8, 1925: Fists flew in an argument between Democratic District Leader William Scully, Republican District Leader James Herald and Frank Cook, brother of the owner of Billy Cook's Inn. The men were discussing the raid a few days earlier, and why the agents had not disturbed the Yonkers Republican Club annual dinner after Republican Mayor Wiesenfeld asked they be left alone. Herald and Cook didn't like what Scully said, so they roughed him up before tossing him out.

Scully immediately went to the Third Precinct to report the incident; the officers drove him to the hospital to get four stitches. Scully chose not to make a complaint, but decided instead to bring a law suit for his damages.

Thursday, February 9th

February 9, 1925: At the Anti-Saloon League Field Day, Chief Counsel Orville Poland, discussing local enforcement of the Prohibition Amendment, labeled Commissioner Iles' statement that the League had "framed up" the evidence that led to the raid of Billy Cook's Inn as "willful untruth."

February 9, 1925: The NYS Assembly unanimously passed Westchester Assemblyman Shank's resolution that territory cannot be annexed by another city unless approved by the voters of the affected area. Westchester residents urged passage as fear grew that parts of the county would be annexed by New York City without consent. The bill passage stopped Woodlawn's movement to annex southeast Yonkers.

Friday, February 10th

February 10, 1947: Contractors could not get into the Labor Temple on Walnut Street, so called a locksmith. Inside, they found a deserted room with telephones and tables littered with bet records and pads! Someone immediately notified police and The Herald Statesman a "horseroom" was found. Commissioner O'Hara arrived with Captain James McCue and Lieutenant William Comey and confiscated all the materials. Dates on the scratch sheet were two years old.

February 10, 1953: Dr. and Mrs. Morris Woodrow were the honored guests of Arthur Krim, President of United Artists Corporation at the formal Premiere of John Huston's "Moulin Rouge" at the Capitol Theater. Mr. Krim was the bother of Beatrice Woodrow.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER
AMAT HOLDINGS, LLC

Plaintiff,
v.

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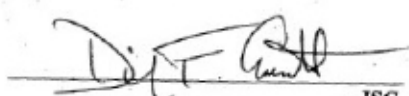
Defendant(s).
INDEX No. 69239/2018

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled action has been commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester, to quiet title and determine the ownership of a certain piece and parcel of real property located in the County of Westchester, State of New York, and more particularly described as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

- The property involved in the instant action is known as 156 and 158 Waverly Street, Yonkers, New York 10701, is bounded and described as follows
- Beginning at a point on the easterly line of Waverly Street where the same is intersected by the northerly line of land now or formerly of George Herriot;
- Running thence northerly along said easterly line of Waverly Street, 57.17 feet;
- Running thence westerly on a line drawn at an angle of 90 degrees 39 minutes 10 seconds from the easterly line Waverly Street, 100.01 feet;
- Running thence southerly parallel with Waverly Street, 37.22 feet to the aforesaid northerly line of land now or formerly of George Herriot;
- Running thence westerly along said last mentioned line, 109.75 feet to the point or place of beginning.
- The property is further described as Section 1, Block 477, Lot 65 on the Official Tax Map of the City of Yonkers.

ENTER:


HON. DAVID F. EVERETT
J.S.C.

Dated: September 20, 2022
White Plains, New York

AGENDA FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2023 AT 6:00 PM, WILL BE HELD IN YONKERS CITY HALL, 40 SOUTH BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR (building is handicapped accessible). PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND UPDATES WWW.YONKERSNY.GOV .

OPEN CONTINUED HEARINGS
5790 – Area Variance – James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of Mehranco Limited Liability Co., owner, on premises known as 1999 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 42.43, Zone: BR (B30132) (Adjourned to May 2023 ZBA meeting)

5797 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of Marketin Hila/110 Ravine Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 110 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2118, Lot: 39, Zone: A (B29521)

5799 – Area Variance – Jacob Amir, Esq., on behalf of Dagro Associates II, LLC., owner, on premises known as 165 aka 167 North Broadway, Block: 2094, Lot: 25, Zone: BA (B23338)

5800 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Assoc., P.C., on behalf of Sherwood Holding Company, owner, on premises known as 1186 Yonkers Avenue Rear aka 2 Sherwood Terrace, Block: 6315, Lot: 14, Zone: BA (B29260) *adjournment requested

#5805 – Use Variance - Daniel Patrick, Esq. Cuddy & Feder LLP, on behalf of Sgarson LLC, owner, on premises known as 673 aka 675 McLean Avenue, Block: 6215, Lot: 1.49, Zone: B (B31393)

NEW HEARINGS

5807 – Area Variance – DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP, on behalf of 46 Randolph LLC & N Broadway LLC, owners, on premises known as 316 North Broadway and 315 Palisade Avenue, Block: 2155, Lot: 59 & 16, Zone: M (B22920)

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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 continue the Public Hearing commenced on January 31, 2023 on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. and on Friday, February 10, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. in the City Council Chambers, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York on the following local law, to wit:

PROPOSED LOCAL LAW

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION C1-4 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENTITLED “CITY COUNCIL DISTRICTS” (REVISED)

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
INDEX NO. 57364/2022 COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT INDIVIDUALLY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE FOR FINANCE OF AMERICA STRUCTURED SECURITIES ACQUISITION TRUST 2018-HB1

Plaintiff,
vs.

DAWN MCMAHON, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; ANN MARIE DEMARTINO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; GEORGINA GUALDINO, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE, AS HEIR AND DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DISTRIBUTEES OF THE ESTATE OF GEORGE F. DELLA CALCE, any and all persons unknown to plaintiff, claiming, or who may claim to have an interest in, or general or specific lien upon the real property described in this action; such unknown persons being herein generally described and intended to be included in the following designation, namely: the wife, widow, husband, widower, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors, and assignees of such deceased, any and all persons deriving interest in or lien upon or title to said real property by, through or under them, or either of them, and their respective wives, widows, husbands, widowers, heirs at law, next of kin, descendants, executors, administrators, devisees, legatees, creditors, trustees, committees, lienors and assigns, all of whom and whose names, except as stated, are unknown to plaintiff; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; JOHN DOE S/H/A JOHN DOE #1,

“JOHN DOE #2” through “JOHN DOE #12,” the last eleven names being fictitious and unknown to plaintiff, the persons or parties intended being the tenants, occupants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises, described in the complaint, Defendants.
Plaintiff designates WESTCHESTER as the place of trial situs of the real property

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS
Mortgaged Premises:
105 COLGATE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703
Section: 3, Block: 033, Lot: 23

To the above named Defendants

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in the above entitled action and to serve a copy of your Answer on the plaintiff’s attorney within twenty (20) days of the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service, or within thirty (30) days after service of the same is complete where service is made in any manner other than by personal delivery within the State. The United States of America, if designated as a defendant in this action, may answer or appear within sixty (60) days of service. Your failure to appear or to answer will result in a judgment against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. In the event that a deficiency balance remains from the sale proceeds, a judgment may be entered against you.

NOTICE OF NATURE OF ACTION AND RELIEF SOUGHT

THE OBJECT of the above caption action is to foreclose a Mortgage to secure the sum of \$652,500.00 and interest, recorded on December 21, 2011, in Instrument Number 513193130, of the Public Records of WESTCHESTER County, New York., covering premises known as 105 COLGATE AVENUE, YONKERS, NY 10703.

The relief sought in the within action is a final judgment directing the sale of the premises described above to satisfy the debt secured by the Mortgage described above.

WESTCHESTER County is designated as the place of trial because the real property affected by this action is located in said county.

NOTICE

YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME

If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home.

Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property.

Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action.

YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT.

Dated: January 18, 2023
ROBERTSON, ANSCHUTZ, SCHNEID, CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC
Attorney for Plaintiff Matthew Rothstein, Esq. 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310
Westbury, NY 11590 516-280-7675

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 6909 - Opening date: 2/17/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide parts and repair services as needed for Mack trucks (FB).
2. Bid 6910 – Opening date: 2/17/2023: Purchase of one Chevrolet Bolt EUV 1FF48, or Yonkers approved equal. (FB).
3. Bid 6911 – Opening date: 2/17/2023: Purchase of one Nissan Leaf SV Plus, or Yonkers approved equal (FB).
4. Bid 6902 – Opening date: 2/17/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to furnish and deliver, as needed, approximately 27,000 bulk gallons of Geomelt® 55, or Yonkers approved equal, sugar beet-based anti-icing/de-icing fluid (FB).
5. Bid 6899A – Opening date: 2/17/2023: Purchase of 46 Radiant 762, or equal, suppressors and flash hider caps to be affixed to M4 rifles (NG).
6. Bid 6904 – Opening date: 2/17/2023: Purchase of one Lift-A-Load Elevating

Platform Trailer #EPT4-514, or Yonkers approved equal (KAS).

7. Bid 6914 – Opening date: 3/03/2023: Columbus Park Phase 2 Improvements (FB).
8. Bid 6915 – Opening date: 2/24/2023: Six-month contract, with option to renew for 6-months, to furnish and deliver 36% food grade phosphoric acid as-needed for the Water Treatment Plant (AC).
9. Bid 6916 – Opening date: 2/24/2023: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for two 12-month terms, for the rental of 35Ekomille 1000, or Yonkers approved equal, humane rodent elimination traps to be dispersed throughout the City (FB).
10. Bid 6919 – Opening date 2/24/2023: Twelve-month contract to purchase of Garrett model 1168414, or Yonkers approved equal, walk thru metal detectors with casters (VB).
11. Bid 6920 – Opening dated: 2/24/2023: Purchase of various science class supplies, various manufacturers, or Yonkers approved equals, 114 categories (NG).

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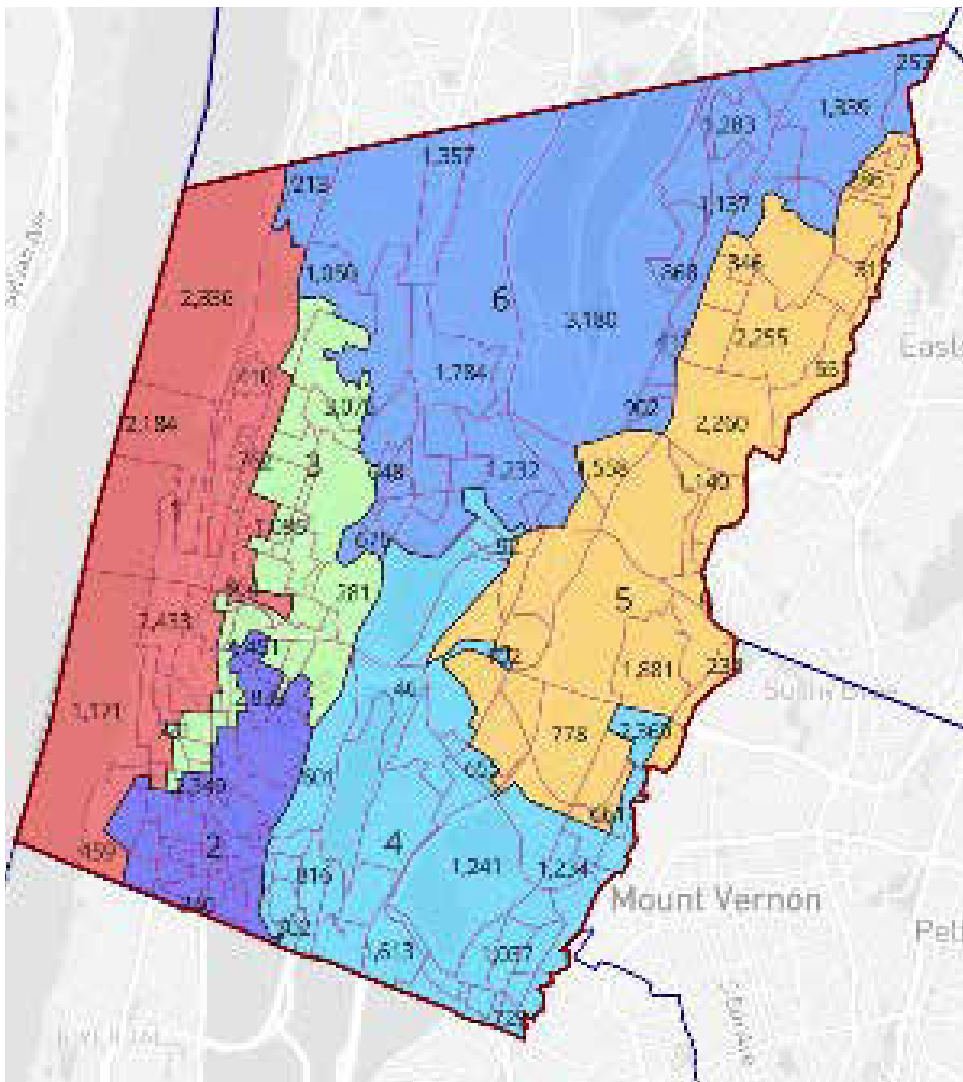
Yonkers Police Make Two Arrests in Weekend Shootings



From the Yonkers Police, Jan. 30:
 Last week, there was a shooting on Saint Joseph Avenue on 1/20, and another on Beaumont Circle on 1/24. In both incidents, victims were struck by gunfire and suffered non life-threatening injuries. Within days, Deandre PHILLIPS (top, 30) was apprehended for the former, and within hours Ricky TOWNS (bottom, 44) was apprehended for the latter. Both are now facing Attempted Murder and other felony charges.

If you commit acts of violence in The City of Yonkers, you will be caught; you will be charged; and the #YonkersPD will do everything in its power to make sure you are held accountable for your actions.

This Second Proposed Council Redistricting Map below, appears to have a support of the majority on the council



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Merante added “Yonkers cannot flourish without a strong core infrastructure.” He concluded his remark with his mantra “ Let’s Build A Better Yonkers Together”
 We interviewed Merante, and hope to post that story online at Yonkerstimes.com next week.
 Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Issacs decision to run for Mayor came as a surprise to some. Pineda-Isaac has been considering a run for Mayor for almost a year, and on Feb. 1 she emailed her supporters, writing I want you to be the first to know that I have made a huge decision. I am running for Mayor of Yonkers. As one of the youngest women ever elected to the City Council, I made it my purpose to be a leader to other young women of color who haven’t seen themselves represented. Part of what makes Yonkers special is the diversity that flourishes here, and we need public officials in whom our city can see itself. I am very proud of what we have done together. I have dedicated myself to keeping Yonkers affordable for the countless families that have lived here for generations and pushed for Yonkers to become a welcoming place for new families who want to call our city home.”

Margaret Fountain Coleman announced on Jan. 15 that she is a candidate for Mayor outside City Hall. “ I am both proud and excited to announce my candidacy for Mayor of the City of Yonkers. Democracy is in jeopardy and will continue to see a mass exodus of Yonkers’ residents because of fiscal irresponsibility and lack of affordable housing and employment opportunities. Voters in Yonkers have so few options, it’s time for the election of a “new voice” that will appropriately address the issues that plague our city. It’s time to make Yonkers ONE community.”

Several fellow educators in the Yonkers Public Schools supported Coleman in her run for Mayor. “Margaret Fountain-Coleman is an innovative and efficient leader that represents what Yonkers needs for its students and this community,” said Bryan Boyd, Yonkers Teacher.

Comedian Prince Coleman said that he is the political outsider in the race for Mayor. “I want to make a change and I have a vision. Some people are afraid to embrace change, but some people want change. I’m in it to win it.

“I’m going to be more hands on Mayor. I want to be on the streets making sure my city is working, and identify where the problems are. Let’s attack the drug problem and the homeless crisis. I want to bring a New Year’s Eve celebration to Yonkers. I am not a politician, and I think our elected officials should come from different walks of life. If you give me a chance, I can be an asset to Yonkers.”

More on other candidates running in Yonkers in the weeks to come.

NYS Department of Civil Service Announces Application Period Now Open for Investigators

Applicants Can Apply Online to Take the Exam Through February 22

The New York State Department of Civil Service (DCS) announced that the application period is now open for New York’s entry-level investigative civil service exams.

The exams, which are used to fill titles in several state agencies, will be held as in-person written exams in April 2023. Qualified candidates can apply online until 11:59pm EST on Wednesday, February 22, 2023.

People interested in being considered for these investigator positions within state government must first meet the minimum qualifications for the title or titles of interest and register for the civil service exam by submitting all the required information by February 22 at <https://www.cs.ny.gov/examannouncements/types/oc/>

The exams are multiple-choice tests and will be offered in April 2023. All candidates who are qualified to take the exam will receive an admission notice via mail approximately two weeks prior to the date of the written test. The admission notice will provide the candidate with details about when and where they are scheduled to appear, along with other pertinent information. Candidates will also receive a reminder email in advance of the exam.

The exams are used to fill the following titles at multiple agencies: Investigator 1, Investigative Officer Trainee, Investigative Officer 1, Investigative Specialist Trainee 1, Investigative Specialist 1

For many of the titles, the exams will also be used to hire individuals to work in Motor Vehicles, Cannabis and Beverage Control investigation. In addition, the exams will be used to hire individuals with proficiency in other languages. While the exam is in English, those with proficiency in other languages will be required to pass a language proficiency exam at the time of hire for certain titles.

To take the Trainee exams, individuals must have:
 Either 1. four years of investigative experience;
 Or 2. an associate’s degree and two years of investigative experience;
 Or 3. a bachelor’s degree or higher.

The entry-level investigative positions perform investigations or investigative activities. These positions require knowledge of a variety of laws, rules or regulations, organized criminal activity or fraud. Investigative positions may use a variety of techniques to obtain information, evidence and prepare written reports.

All positions include generous benefits including paid leave, health benefits, and retirement plans, and telecommuting options may be available to employees in this title who meet certain criteria. It is estimated that approximately 200 investigative positions will be filled over the next year.

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Saturday, February 11th

February 11, 1946: The War Department notified Westchester County Supervisors Yonkers had applied for a permit to build a yacht basin, marine railway, bulkhead, and to fill in the Hudson River at Greystone, the former estate of Samuel Untermyer. Yonkers wanted a bulkhead to enclose an area extending 400 feet offshore of the high-water line.

February 11, 1953: Because of the heavy traffic on the narrow Bronx River Road resulting from closure of parts of the Bronx River Parkway for repairs, Yonkers used barricades to close off the road at the Mc Lean and Yonkers Avenues intersections. Yonkers police were on hand to shunt traffic west to Central Park Avenue during morning and evening rush hours. The parkway had been closed without provision for an alternate route; as a result, thousands of cars were exiting the parkway in Yonkers, according to Walter Hopkins, chair of the Bronx River Road Committee.

Sunday, February 12th

February 12, 1929: the home of Park Hill pioneer Edwin K. Martin, was sold to Dr. Paluel Flagg, a well-known New York specialist and member of an old Yonkers family. The home at 87 Alta Avenue was one of the first to be built in Park Hill by the developer, was constructed of Mile Square granite, and had eighteen rooms and five baths. Before Martin bought the home, the building was the Moeller Boarding School. In 1926, the school lost the legal fight to have its residents attend School #18 on Park Hill Avenue.

February 12, 1953: The Junior Chamber of Commerce (Yonkers Jaycees) kicked off its ten day “Americanism” drive. The organization began the program to remind Yonkers residents the many blessings they enjoyed under the American way of life. They encouraged people to fly their flags, and asked clergy of all denominations to speak of Americanism in their sermons. Local movie theaters were supplied film trailers to show, and banks, shops and utilities were requested to feature displays promoting this theme.

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

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Briefs :

Happy 1st Anniversary to New York Times Wordle game.

Have you ever seen so many plane cancellations due to ice all over the country? Yonkers got new fire trucks. We bless them and the safety of all of Those Who ride them!

In closing: Why was Yonkers so shocked about redistricting. Dr. Andy Beverage has been employed by the city every 10 years as long as I can remember to advise on the new district lines. He has done the work for the Democrats and I think for the Republicans on occasion.

Anthony Merante is running for Mayor on the Republican line. Pending nomination. As a parent of children in the Yonkers Public Schools he was aggressive fighting for more money for our schools. He got ‘taken in’ by the powers that be and voted most of the time at the direction of the mayor. Let’s see how he ‘floats’ in his candidacy for Mayor. It should be interesting!

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.

City Court Judge Karen Beltran, continued from pg 1-

and fairness.”

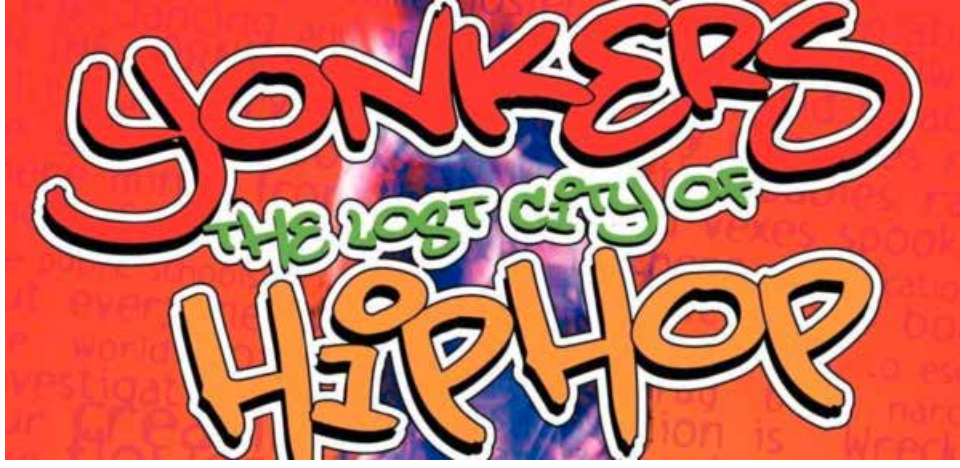
Yonkers Chief Judge Hon. Arthur J. Doran stated, “I am very excited that Karen Beltran will be joining our Bench. She brings with her a long history of civic contribution here in Yonkers, that together with her vast legal expertise will prove as an invaluable asset as a Yonkers City Court Judge”.

Beltran fills the vacant seat left by Judge Elena Goldberg-Velazquez and will run for a full 10-year term in the November 2023 election. Beltran joins Chief Judge Hon. Arthur J. Doran, III, Hon. Karen N. Best, Hon. Evan Inlaw, Hon. Ada D. Medina, Hon. Daniel P. Romano and Hon. Verris B. Shako on the Yonkers City Court bench.

It is also interesting to note that Beltran ran for Yonkers Mayor against Spano in 2019. Beltran has also served as the President of the Yonkers Council of PTA/PTSAs.



Celebrate Black History Month at the Yonkers Public Library



Celebrate Athletes for Black History Month

Thursday, February 9 | 11:00 am | Will Library

Join us for discussion and personal accounts of African-American athletes who have made their mark on sports globally since the 1936 Berlin Olympics and Jesse Owens performance against the backdrop of Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. Many African-American athletes have more than just on field accomplishments such as Jackie Robinson, Elgin Baylor, 22 American Football League All-Stars in 1965, Bill Russell, Muhammad Ali, Curt Flood and many others took principled stands and helped change society. Please note this program is in person.

Black History Month Movies

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Sacks

Thursday, February 9 | 2:00 pm | Will Library

Till

Saturday, February 11 | 2:00 pm | Riverfront Library

Yonkers: The Lost City of Hip Hop

Thursday, February 9 & 23 | 5:30 pm | Riverfront Library

In honor of the 50th anniversary of Hip Hop, author Jerome Enders and TuT Publishing will be discussing his book: Yonkers: The Lost City of Hip Hop.

Join us for this two-part interactive workshop that will discuss the historical and musical traditions of Yonkers Hip Hop, known throughout the world. Please note this program is in person.

Check Out What's Cooking for Black History Month!

Saturday, February 11 | 2:00 pm | Riverfront Library

Join Yonkers native Chef B for delicious culinary delights. He will share tasty recipes and stories from his 25 years of experience in the world of cooking. Please note this program is in person.

Visit www.facebook.com/yonkerspubliclibrary/?ref=ts, for more information on these events and more.

High School Basketball Championships Return to Westchester County Center



The Executive Committee of Section One, Inc., of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) met Monday, Jan. 30, and approved the highly anticipated return to the Westchester County Center for the 2022-23 Basketball Championships. Championship week is scheduled to begin with the semifinal match-ups on Monday, Feb. 27.

Last week, Section One leadership conducted a site visit with Westchester County officials to assess the status of renovations taking place at the venue. "It was truly amazing to see the transformation that the Westchester County Center has undergone. First, this storied space was converted into a medical facility as part of the greater effort to address the needs of our county in battling the COVID-19 pandemic. Now it is returning to serve once again as the premier venue to host our Basketball Championships. While renovations are ongoing, we are optimistic for its return," stated Todd Santabarbara, Executive Director.

Amendments to the previously adopted boys and girls basketball tournament calendar were also approved.

- Monday, February 27th – Class B Semifinals
- Tuesday, February 28th – Class C Semifinals
- Wednesday, March 1st – Class A Semifinals
- Thursday, March 2nd – Class AA Semifinals
- Friday, March 3rd – Class D Boys Final and Class B Finals
- Saturday, March 4th – Class C and Class A Finals
- Sunday, March 5th – Class AA Finals

The last time a basketball championship was celebrated in the Westchester County Center was in March 2020.

County Executive George Latimer said, "The Westchester County Center has been a major landmark in this County for generations – and for Section One Basketball players that facility's elevated status is even greater. For nearly three years, the County Center was used as a beacon of hope in our battle against COVID-19. From its transformation into a hospital center, to a testing hub and finally to a vaccination clinic, this iconic venue changed itself to adapt to the times, like we all did. But now, finally and like we all do, we see progress. This tournament was the last event hosted at this facility before COVID-19 hit and now it will be the first event hosted upon its re-opening. With Section One Basketball returning to the County Center, this iconic tournament is in its rightful home and I look forward to welcoming these exceptional schools, student-athletes and families back."

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