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Yonkers Student Excellence: Saunders HS Valedictorian, Salutatorian



Saunders HS Valedictorian Mariana Capistran, right, and Salutatorian Lizbeth Colon

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Saunders High School's 2021 Valedictorian Mariana Capistran and Salutatorian Lizbeth Colon.

Saunders High School Valedictorian Mariana Capistran will graduate with a 99.06 GPA. Her favorite teachers are Mr. Zappia -Physics, Mrs. Galucci 10th grade English, Ms. Hammond 10th grade chemistry.

Mariana's favorite subjects are English and Biochemistry and she has taken four AP-college link courses. Extracurricular activities include working as an intern at Sophie Davis Health Mentorship program at the CUNY school of medicine."It was an intro to those of us interested in medicine. We shadowed doctors and learned about different aspects of children's health, and the need they have for better health care."

Capistran also served as a YPIE Ambassador, and thanked her YPIE mentor Lisa for "helping me through the college process and pushing me to get the prep work and essay writing finished."

Accepted to a dozen colleges, Marianna will be attending Manhattan College in the fall. "Mahattan gave me a good package, and its close to home and they have small classes with a community feeling."

I plan to study exercise science as my major at Manhattan college and prepare myself for PA school. I am still taking time to explore my many interests and academic endeavors."

"One piece of advice that I've learned over the past two years is to stop procrastinating life and to appreciate every moment no matter how small. Stop stressing your grades so much and go to that football or basketball game. Don't pass up the experiences that are available to you because there may come a time, and don't put too much pressure on yourself."

Learning through COVID, "was tough in the winter, at home and you couldn't get out. I was stuck in my room but i kept pushing through it. I stayed in touch with my friends."

Mariana stayed at home for the rest of this year and learned remotely. She thanked her family for "being my biggest support system. They were always there to help me."

She never paid attention to the rankings for Valedictorian. "I didn't make it a big deal out of it. Your grade doesn't define who you are. I always wanted to keep my grades up and do it for myself," said Capistran.

Saunders High School Salutatorian Lizbeth Colon will graduate with a

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Yonkers Combined Girls Varsity Swim Team Finishes at 7-3



Members of the Yonkers Combined Girls Varsity Swim Team with Coach Schoenlank

The Yonkers Combined Girls Varsity Swim Team recently finished their season with a 7-3 record, and an 18th place finish at Section I Championships.

The team had 19 members on the roster from 6 different Yonkers Public Schools. The swim meets were virtual, with each competing team swimming at their own pool on the same day. Two officials certified the meet, and the times were entered into a database, which later showed the results of the competition.

"It was a really enjoyable season" Coach Schoenlank said. "It was difficult not having another team present during the meets, but we were able to motivate one another to the best of our abilities, and we were able to break several team records."

Two of the records were broken by Saunders Freshman, Maichina Gennerelli. Gennerelli broke the 200 and 500 freestyle records, then broke her own record again at Championships. The previous record in the 500 stood for nearly 20 years. Gennerelli enjoyed her first year on the team, but it was a unique season for the freshman, "The most challenging thing about this season was trying to go fast without having anyone to race," Gennerelli said, "but I'm lucky to have great friends on the team and amazing coaches to push me even when I think I can't go any faster." Girls swimming is usually a fall sport, but was postponed to the spring due

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Councilmembers Pineda-Isaac & Rubbo Seek Re-Election in Democratic Primary



Councilman John Rubbo, left, and Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac

By Dan Murphy

Two Yonkers Councilmembers, Majority Leader Corazon Pineda-Isaac, and John Rubbo, are running for re-election in the 2nd and 4th Council Districts. Both have challengers and will appear on the ballot in the democratic primary on June 22.

Corazon Pineda-Isaac is running for a third, four year term on the council. "I love the work that I do, and I'm proud of the work that I've done. I believe that I'm the strongest democrat on the council because my voting record and legislative record shows that."

Three issues that Pineda-Isaac has worked on is education, affordable housing and police reform. "In 2015, I saw the importance of how body cameras can improve police relations with the community. We started work on this before the national uprising."

"I've also worked hard in supporting and protecting renters from predatory landlords, and worked to create a landlord registry in Yonkers. And, with many new buildings going up with affordable units, we have also created an affordable housing registry to help people find those apartments."

"I'm one of the biggest fighters for education. The budget we just passed has increased services and programs to include more librarians and guidance counselors. But there is still work to do and I'm looking forward to it."

"I am working to make sure that the 2nd council district is one of the safest in the city. I know that some residents don't feel that way. We have included money in the budget for a lighting study on Elm Street to make it brighter and see how it works to improve it, and then bring it to other neighborhoods. Crime doesn't happen in areas that are well lit."

"I want to keep connecting to the residents because they are my greatest teaching tool. It's their suggestions and concerns that trigger other ideas. It's a symbiotic relationship that has helped me evolve and serve. I hope to serve for another term and build on what we have started."

"The pandemic took us all by surprise and turned families upside down. There is food insecurity in the 2nd district and I have worked to help get food to those who need it and help in a small way by connecting with Feeding Westchester and collect donations and PPE."

Pineda-Isaac's 'other hat' is her work as an Economic Development specialist for Westchester County. "I work hands on to provide grant funding, and can help people in Yonkers on how to apply and how to access funding. Yonkers does it through the IDA but I'm doing it myself."

The Majority Leader said that "there are many issues that all of us on the council agree on, but we vary in the spectrum. I consider myself to be a progressive and I'm passionate about the issues that I believe in and fight for. We always don't agree but I will always speak up and fight for my community."

Councilman John Rubbo is completing his first term representing the 4th council district. Rubbo has lived in the 4th district for all of his life; his

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City Launches \$14.5 Million Emergency COVID Rent Relief Program

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the City of Yonkers today is launching its Emergency Rental Assistance Program (Y-ERAP) to aid Yonkers residents with their payments of back rent, prospective rent, utilities and potentially relocation expenses due to the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. Yonkers is expected to grant \$14.5 million in aid now through September 2022, from funds received from the U.S. Department of Treasury under the American Rescue Plan.

Working in collaboration with local community-based organizations, specifically Cluster Community Services, The Bridge Fund of Westchester, Inc., Westchester Residential Opportunities, Catholic Charities and Westhab, Yonkers today launched the Y-ERAP at www.yonkersny.gov/yerap where residents can access information on eligibility requirements, program resources and begin the application process.

"Yonkers is proud to help struggling renters who have been impacted by the economic fallout of the pandemic," said Mayor Spano. "More than anyone, we know how to best serve our local tenants and landlords and connect them to our local nonprofits who are the 'boots on the ground' with those in need. We want to ensure our residents are part of the city's economic recovery as soon as possible."

Kristina Yamin, Executive Director of Cluster Community Services, said, "CLUSTER is honored to partner with the City of Yonkers, and network Agencies like the Bridge Fund, Westchester Residential Opportunities, Catholic Charities and WestHab to provide support for Yonkers residents financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The last 14 months have been unprecedented, but as we slowly move back to life with a renewed sense of normalcy, CLUSTER is dedicated to supporting Yonkers residents experiencing hardships to become whole again."

"As we continue to navigate the consequences of Covid-19 and anticipate the unknown that is still to come, we are looking forward to helping families not only regain their financial independence after such great loss but also help to build a sense of hope and empowerment for our Yonkers neighbors, as they begin to heal," commented Grace Perry, Director, The Bridge Fund of Westchester. "Keeping these monies within the local community allows us and our network of partner organizations to ensure that those who are the most vulnerable receive the help in a timely, supportive and client-centered fashion. The Bridge Fund of Westchester is both hon-

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Hudson River Museum Announces Amphitheater Summer Dates



The Afro-Peruvian Ensemble

The Hudson River Museum is pleased to announce our Summer Amphitheater Series on Friday and Saturday evenings from July 9–August 20, 2021, featuring artists of the highest quality across multiple disciplines and genres, with a focus on both iconic and emerging performers who give memorable shows every season. All performances are FREE and begin at 8pm, with doors opening at 7:30pm. No reservations required. Seating is on a first-come, first-serve, basis and we retain the right to limit capacity following NYS and CDC guidelines. Free parking is available. Learn more at hrm.org/amphitheater.

During such a challenging time, the HRM Summer Amphitheater Series offers culture-hungry audiences a safe outdoor venue, overlooking the majestic Palisades and the Hudson River, where they can come together to enjoy top-quality entertainment. Now celebrating its ninth season, this year’s captivating performances include tango, jazz, classical, R&B and soul, magic, and even a falconer showing off birds of prey.

Free Evening Hours: The Museum will also offer free admission on Friday and Saturday evenings, 5–7pm, from July 16–August 28, 2021. We will also be offering a free planetarium show on Fridays at 6pm. The Museum is thrilled to be reopening the HRM Planetarium on Friday, July 16, with a free show, after being closed since March 2020 due to the pandemic.

HRM’s Free Evening Hours is sponsored by Entergy. The Amphitheater schedule is as follows:

Friday, July 9, 8pm- Afro-Peruvian Ensemble. An unforgettable live experience that celebrates a unique heritage that will get you up on your feet! This all-star ensemble brings you the joyful sounds of the Peruvian coast with a contemporary treatment that is rooted in rich tradition.

Saturday, July 10, 8pm- Skyhunters in Flight. As twilight turns into night, watch trained birds of prey fly above you as master falconer Brian Bradley demonstrates their special powers. Get a closer look at live owls, hawks, and falcons from around the world. Learn how these beautiful birds play an important role in our environment, at the top of the food chain.

Friday, July 16, 8pm. Unison. The four core band members of Unison all reside in Westchester and have been performing together for the past four years. They play a range of covers as well as original music, with Joshua Bayonne on vocals and keys, Benjamin Martinez on guitar, Tyler Morgan on saxophone, and James Langley on drum pads and vocals.

Saturday, July 17, 8pm. Getting to Know You: Mind Reading Under the Stars. Forget everything you know about mind reading. Andy Gershenson, The Brooklyn Wizard, has been a professional magician for more than 15 years. His unique brand of magic and mentalism has been enjoyed by all.

For more information, visit HRM.org.

Ja’Mhi Jackson Named Yonkers Rising Player of the Year-Yonkers Force



Yonkers Force Player of the Year Ja’Mhi Jackson

By Phil Foley-

In May, Yonkers Force football Coach Dan DeMatteo presented Ja’Mhi Jackson with the teams Yonkers Rising Player of the Year Award. Jackson was a two way player for the Force playing both Fullback and Defensive End.

Coach DeMatteo said of Ja’Mhi, “He caught the attention of All Section 1... he was voted All Conference and All League even though we got to play only 2 games this past season... he has set up for a huge senior year this Fall... the part that we are most proud of is how he is doing academically...he has had some struggles as a 9th grader and has done a complete 180... his teachers joined the zoom call as well as school administrators and his parents to surprise and congratulate him... we are so very proud of him but his work is not done yet...this is hopefully going to spring board him to have an even better senior year athletically and academically,” said Coach DeMatteo.

“Jamhi Jackson is truly one of the best stories in Westchester. His hard work has caught up with his physical ability and he has become a well rounded Student-Athlete, serving as motivation for his peers both on and off the football field. We look forward to him moving on as a leader on the Force and at Gorton HS during his senior campaign,” said Gorton HS Assistant Principal Jamie Morales.

Congrats and best of luck to you Ja’ Mhi from your friends at the Yonkers Rising!

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to COVID. Senior Co-Captains, Joscelyn Galindo and Justine Espino competed in their final season for Yonkers. “This team means so much to me, and I was very glad I had the chance to come back for one final year to be with everyone”, said Galindo. “At first, it wasn’t guaranteed that we would even have a season-the start kept getting pushed back.”

Espino added, “It was so great to get back in the pool again after almost a year and a half. We missed not having more people in the pool and in the stands to cheer us on, but we were able to have a winning season nonetheless.”

The team will hopefully reunite in a few months to start the fall 2021 season. “Overall, we are a young team, and were really successful during this abbreviated season,” Coach Schoenlank said. “We have high expectations for next year, hopefully with teams competing in-person again. I’m excited to see what we can do.”

Section I Championship Results:
Maichina Gennerelli, finished 12th in the 200 free, and 6th in the 500 free:

In the 400 freestyle relay, finishing in 13th were the team of Elina Del-Castillo, 8th grade, PEARLS, Gianna Gennerelli, SO, Yonkers HS Emily Salazar, FR, Gorton HS Maichina Gennerelli, FR, Saunders.

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Don't Get a Flat on the Major Deegan, Darlin



By Eric W. Schoen

I learned something from an experience I had on the Major Deegan going south bound between the Yonkers border and the George Washington Bridge last Wednesday night. Simply, don't get a flat on the Major Deegan Expressway.

It all started out so simple. I was meeting friends for dinner by Yankee Stadium. Originally I was worried about stadium traffic. The threat of rain, thunderstorms, locusts, the sky falling that night postponed the Yankee game. Boy was I in luck! Other than the weather it should be smooth sailing to my destination without baseball traffic and the Thursday is the new Friday weekend getaway traffic as the weekend weather was supposed to be crappy.

I entered the Deegan from the Cross County and just to be sure I stopped to use the bathroom facilities at the gas station at the Yonkers/Bronx border with the \$4 gas. You know it. During the Mario Cuomo administration they upgraded all the service areas on Interstate I 87 from Yonkers to Buffalo, but somehow they missed this one.

I pull out of the gasoline station and somewhere between the 230th Street and Fordham Road exits I hit a pothole or something in the road and my right front tire starts to go flat. Right before traffic leading to the entrance to the George Washington my car is shaking and I know I have to pull over. So I pull over right passed the Bridge entrance, underneath all the connecting roadways so that in case it started raining cats and dogs I would be protected.

Now I have like every intelligent person should have AAA (Automobile Association of America) for towing and car break downs. But some rocket scientist or elected official who clearly must have been paid off big time over the years put a rule in effect that AAA cannot tow from roadways such as the Major Deegan or parkways or highways. So I would have to use the 'Authorized' tow, tow service allowed on the roadway to put on my spare 'donut' and get me moving. It's not as easy as it sounds.

I called AAA even though I knew they could not pick me up to get instructions as to what I should do. The Major Deegan is a busy road, I can barely put gasoline in my car at self service stations so I am not changing the tire myself. AAA told me (after waiting on hold what seemed like an eternity) they could not tow me and that I would have to be towed by the 'authorized tow' for where I was at. AAA Would reimburse me for towing costs.

I called 911, told the dispatcher I was on the Deegan south right passed the entrance to the Washington bridge. The minute I said Washington Bridge they said oh no, I was to call the George Washington Bridge-Port Authority for a toll. Lesson number 1. If you are on the Deegan never mention the George Washington Bridge because immediately the dispatcher wants to shift you from their jurisdiction to another jurisdiction. Tell them (hopefully you know) the exit numbers on the Deegan you are passed or right before.

I called the George Washington Bridge-Port Authority and we determined (not that I *continued on pg 5-*)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to law, that the City Council of Yonkers, New York will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 5:30pm, via videoconference, on the Petition of L & A RE Acquisitions LLC requesting amendments to Chapter 43 of the City of Yonkers Zoning Code by amending the Official Zoning Map of the City of Yonkers by reclassifying the below referenced properties located in the southwest quadrant of the Odell Avenue and North Broadway intersection in the northwestern portion of the City of Yonkers from the S-100 District (Detached Single-Family Dwelling on 100-foot Lots) to the OL District (Office Buildings and Research Laboratories, Residences Excluded) and to amend Chapter 43 of the City of Yonkers Zoning Code Table 43-1: Schedule of Use Regulations and Table 43-2: List of Use Regulations by including the "Nursing Home" use as a permitted use within the OL District. The properties subject to the above referenced Zoning Map amendment are as follows:

- 120 Odell Avenue (designated on the City of Yonkers Tax Map as Section 3., Block 3535, Lot 84)
- 967 North Broadway (designated on the City of Yonkers Tax Map as Section 3., Block 3535, Lot 68)
- 951 North Broadway (designated on the City of Yonkers Tax Map as Section 3., Block 3535, Lot 100)

The Petition is submitted in connection with the existing Hospital and Nursing Home uses at the subject properties and the proposed addition of a new dialysis treatment facility at 120 Odell Avenue.

Meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order 202.1. P All interested parties may appear at the public hearing and may submit any comments on the petition during the public hearing or in-writing prior to the public hearing. Instructions for attending the meeting and submitting comments and copies of the petition materials and City of Yonkers Zoning Code are available upon request from the City of Yonkers City Clerk who can be reached at (914) 377-6020 or by visiting <https://www.yonkersny.gov/home> or <https://www.yonkersny.gov/services/virtual-public-meetings>

Dated: June 4, 2021

Cuddy & Feder LLP, Attorneys for the Petitioners, 445 Hamilton Ave., 14th Floor, White Plains NY 10601.

Ice Bucket Challenge Co-Founder Pat Quinn Delivers Posthumous Iona Commencement Address



Pat Quinn, photo by Donna Davis

By Dan Murphy

Patrick Quinn '06, the late ALS Ice Bucket Challenge co-founder and proud Iona College Gael, delivered a posthumous keynote address during Iona's 77th annual Commencement Ceremony held virtually on May 23.

Here is Quinn's speech, God Bless Pat. "ALS has taken so much from me, however, it will never beat me. The disease will never win because I won't allow it. It may one day take my physical life, but my fight will last forever.

"My name is Pat Quinn, I'm born and raised in Westchester. Grew up in Yonkers, lived in White Plains for a little bit. I went to Iona Prep, went to Iona College – that's where I played rugby and met some of the best guys in my life.

"I traveled down to Baltimore, Maryland, to visit the world-renowned Johns Hopkins Hospital. On this one day, they would run me through a million tests – most of which I had already done a number of times. After all the tests, I remember sitting in the small room by myself just waiting for the doctor to come in and tell me what he was thinking. Every Google search I did, every scientific medical opinion I ever read – it was all flying around in my head. But, what I most remember was having that last bit of hope come over me. I still had hope it wasn't ALS and boom the door opened and my head went completely blank.

"The next thing I would hear is, "Patrick, it's conclusive that we can diagnose you with ALS." I remember walking out of the hospital, sitting on a bench and just staring into the sky. Even though I researched my symptoms and had a feeling it was ALS, I still had this hope inside of me that the doctors would find something different. They didn't. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. On March 8, 2013, I was diagnosed with ALS at the age of 30.

"Okay, now what? I was just diagnosed with a disease that patients' life expectancy is two to five years. I was diagnosed with a disease that no one has ever beaten.

"My disease is named after a baseball player, Lou Gehrig, who died over 75 years ago at the time and there is still no cure, even a treatment. It would have been really easy for me to give up. No one would have been mad at me if I decided to be quiet and accept what doctors were telling me was a death sentence. I want you to know that you can be great no matter what life throws your way. I want to show you goals can be achieved no matter what you are put up against. Doing something special, creating positive change, being successful, getting to where you want to be in life – none of this comes easy. Life is really difficult and I am sure many of you have gone through

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Westchester County Police Charge Bronx Man in Tire Dumping Incidents in Yonkers

Westchester County Police arrested a Bronx man early this morning as he was allegedly preparing to dump a load of tires on County parkland in Yonkers. After additional investigation, the suspect was charged in three other incidents in which tires were illegally dumped on County property and in a city park in Yonkers.

The incident began shortly after 1 a.m. when Yonkers Police observed a U-Haul truck near the entrance to County property off Midland Avenue. Due to the recent illegal dumping incidents, Westchester County Police were notified and responded to the scene.

The U-Haul was found to contain a load of tires and was impounded by Patrol officers. The driver was taken in to custody and brought to County Police headquarters in Hawthorne for further investigation by detectives from the General Investigations Unit.

Jose Rivera-Osorio, 38, of East 162nd Street was charged about 6 a.m. with four counts of Criminal Mischief (Intent to Damage Property), misdemeanors. He was released pending a June 8 appearance in Yonkers City Court.

Rivera-Osorio is accused of dumping tires:

- on April 30 in Sunnybrook Park, a City of Yonkers park;
- on May 6 in Tibbetts Brook Park, a Westchester County park;
- on May 20 on the County-owned bike path/walking path adjacent to the Bronx River Parkway near Scarsdale Road.

The fourth criminal mischief charge is in connection to his alleged intent to dump more tires early this morning on the County-owned property off Midland Avenue. The area includes a path that leads to the Flynn Footbridge

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and privileged to partner with the City of Yonkers and our Eviction Prevention partners in assisting individuals and families financially impacted by the pandemic.”

Marlene Zarfes, Executive Director, Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc., stated, “Westchester Residential Opportunities, Inc. (WRO) is proud to have been chosen by the City of Yonkers as one of the organizations authorized to distribute ERAP funds. This is an important step in pursuing recovery from the economic damage done to Yonkers and its residents by COVID-19. We are looking forward to helping Yonkers residents retain and/or secure safe, affordable, accessible and fair housing.”

Those eligible for the Yonkers Emergency Rental Assistance Program must have suffered a reduction of income or unemployment due to COVID-19, owe back rent beginning after March 20, 2020 and face homelessness or housing insecurity in 2021.


Eligibility includes:

- Resident of Yonkers, AND
- An obligation to pay rent, AND
- You or a household member that has been financially affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, AND
- Experienced or are at risk of housing instability, AND
- Your household is at or below 80% of area’s median income

Prioritization to households:

- with incomes less than 50% of area median income or
- households with one or more individuals that have not been employed for the 90-day period preceding the date of application.

The City of Yonkers expects to serve at least 400 households during the first round of its Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). The U.S. Census Bureau’s 2013-2017 American Communities Survey reported that there were 133,154 renter-occupied households in Westchester County, including 39,197 in Yonkers. It is estimated that 31,557 renter households in Westchester and 9,290 in Yonkers believe they are at imminent risk of eviction.



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parents and grandparents still live in the district. I’m always in my district, driving my son to school, and I’m traveling every day to look out for the quality of life issues that make our community thrive,” said Rubbo.

Councilman Rubbo addressed two issues raised by his opponent. The Coyne Park Senior Center and paving the roads and potholes in the 4th District. “Coyne park is one of the most popular senior centers and attracts the most seniors because it is an active center and one of the nicer ones. We have identified some upgrades needed in this city building like there are upgrades needed in other city buildings. The parks dept has a 5 year plan to make sure we are ADA compliant, and Coyne with be #2 to be upgraded, with handicapped accessible bathrooms and all of the upgrades made as promised.”

On repaving roads, Rubbo said, “Since I have been on the council, we have already spent more on repaving the 4th council district than in the previous 8 years. I’m committed to investing in infrastructure and with the help of Mayor Spano we have rolled out a pilot paving program that uses new technology to crack seal the roads, you can pave right over them and pave 5 times as many streets. We are looking at new technology to put every tax dollar to work, and we are paving more city streets in the 4th district than ever before.”

Rubbo has also supported the increased funding for the Yonkers Public Schools. “By investing in our schools we are helping to increase our property values and quality of life. My district has a lot of seniors but having a great school system is just as important to them when they sell their homes. There is no reason to run up to northern Westchester, and we are making Yonkers a place to feel comfortable staying here.

Rubbo added that quality of life issues are very important to him and the people of the 4th district. “Maintaining the quality of life is something that I spend a great deal of time on. Whether its speeding in neighborhoods, or car thefts or having your dogs out of your yard, are issues that I stay up to date on and work with the Yonkers Police Department, and Commissioner Mueller on, to make sure we get out in front of these concerns. If we see a spike in burglaries then we shirt resources to the neighborhood where its happening the most.

Rubbo said that he wants the DPW to return the garbage cans on city streets. “I was willing to give it a try, but we see too much trash and litter along the roads now. I have been calling since last year to bring the cans back. The administration promised 20 in my district, but I want another 30 garbage pails. But we as homeowners and business owners need to keep our outside areas clean. I want our city streets to be pristine, its something you notice right away when you drive through a community.”

Rubbo said that serving the people of the 4th district involves, “Being a realist and understanding the complexities of government but also being able to get the job done for the people I represent. My opponent was to see 30% affordable housing across the city, and believe that bail reform has not affected the quality of life. He should go out and talk to the people affected.

“It’s important to stay in touch and not just believe what you read on a blog. I’m in touch with this community. I love Yonkers, we are such a diverse city that has so much to offer, and while we have come a long way, we can continue to do better. I love serving on the council so that I can help people, and make Yonkers a better place to live,” said Rubbo.

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Mobile Food Pantry Coming to Nodine Hill June 9

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2:30pm

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Lot

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99 GPA. Her favorite teachers are Danielle Fellini- Pre-Calculus and Calculus, and Ingrid Carchi- Spanish 1&2. Lizbeth's favorite subject is Math, and she has completed 10 honors and college link courses.

Colon participated in the Key Club- Vice President, Dominican Club - Secretary, Italian Club Community: Pathfinders Club through the Primera Hispanic Seventh-Day Adventist Church

Learning through COVID was difficult. "I really like the classroom setting and discussing things with my teachers and classmates. That's how I learn the best. It wasn't the same.

"I had a computer but I didn't have a laptop, and sometimes the wi-fi would go out. I ended up staying home for the rest of this year. I had to help my mom with my sister.

Accepted to more than 10 colleges, Colon will attend Lehman College in the fall. "I like the smaller classrooms and plan to continue my education and get my degree in Math and work as a Math teacher.

Lizbeth thanked God and her family. "My mom is always helping me she may not understand -but she is always there anyway she can."

Colon said "I wished I wouldn't have stressed out so much. I'm learning to take things slower and in the end everything will work out. Take school day by day because time flies and before you know it you will be graduating and moving on to college."

Both the Val and the Sal were friends since middle school, and in the end, it didn't matter to either who was #1 and who was #2. "I just tried my best did what I could and hoped for the best," said Colon.

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SPECIAL ORDINANCE 33-2021

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR THE PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF THE CACACE PARKING GARAGE; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$2,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

The bonds are authorized to finance the cost of the preparation of preliminary plans and specifications in connection with the proposed construction of the Cacace parking garage.

The maximum amount of obligations to be issued is \$2,000,000.

The period of probable usefulness associated with the project is five (5) years.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Special Local Finance and Budget Act of the City of Yonkers, constituting Chapters 488 and 489 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York (herein called the "Act"), the City is authorized and directed to include the pledge and agreement of the State of New York (herein called the "State") contained in said Section 17 of the Act, in the ordinance, and the Act provides that upon payment for the bonds or notes by the original and all subsequent holders thereof the inclusion of such pledge and agreement shall be deemed conclusive evidence of valuable consideration received by the State and City for such pledge and agreement and of reliance upon such pledge and agreement by any holder and that any action by the State contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of such pledge and agreement shall be void.

A complete copy of the Bond Ordinance summarized above shall be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York 10701.

Vincent E. Spano
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City of Yonkers, New York

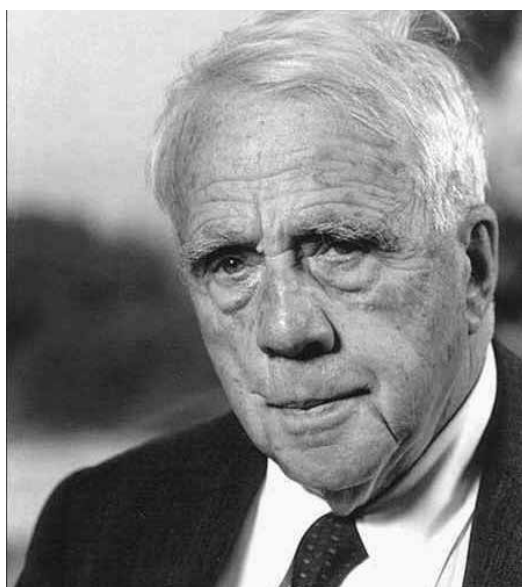
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On This day in Yonkers History...



Poet Robert Frost gave the commencement at Sarah Lawrence College in 1956.

Sarah Lawrence College is located in the City of Yonkers

By Mary Hoar, President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society, recipient of the 2004 Key to History, President Untermyer Performing Arts Council

Monday June 7th.

June 7, 1920: The Joseph Peene Sr., a tug that sailed the Hudson River for 28 years, sank at its moorings at Peene's Wharf. The 11-member crew, led by veteran Captain Michael Tavanier, was asleep on the tug, but escaped without injury.

June 7, 1936: As soon as Mayor Joseph Loehr threw the switch, the newly renovated low-service electric turbines began operating the water pumping station on Tuckahoe Road.

June 7, 1956: Two Frum Avenue residents, Seymour Schlitt and Richard DuPont, reported they had made contact with "ham" operators in countries behind the Iron Curtain! They both had reached stations in Latvia and Czechoslovakia on their radiophones; Schlitt also connected with a Russian amateur operator on International Morse Code.

Tuesday, June 8th

June 8, 1936: After having burned a twenty-foot cross in Southeast Yonkers, the Yonkers Ku Klux Klan sent a message to the Herald Statesman to publish. According to Kleagle, "We did not burn it to scare anybody," claiming their symbol of terror really was "an emblem of faith, hope and love." A Kleagle is a KKK officer tasked with maintaining their three guiding principles: recruitment, control and safeguard.

June 8, 1940: Councilmember Edith Welty accused the "incompetent men" in city offices of making a deliberate attempt to discredit City Manager Raymond Whitney and sabotage the Council-Manager form of government.

Wednesday, June 9th

June 9, 1945: Yonkers learned Penny, a Belgian Police dog owned by the Maske family children, was serving his country; trained for sentry duty, he was stationed at a Prisoner of War Camp in Clarindo, Iowa. According to his Nepperhan Avenue family, Penny was "performing his duty in an excellent manner."

June 9, 1956: Speaking to a commencement audience of more than 1,000 at Sarah Lawrence College, American's foremost poet Poet Robert Frost urged the graduates to think for themselves. "I'd rather have an idea myself, than have it given to me. I pay attention to what others say, but I find time to think over what I've heard to develop my own ideas." The college graduated 75 that year, including five women from Yonkers—Christina Kwan, Ling Chang, Patricia Wagdia, Mrs. Richard Halpern and Mrs. James Klau.

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SPECIAL ORDINANCE 34-2021

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR THE PREPARATION OF PRELIMINARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW WATERFRONT PARK; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$2,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION.

The bonds are authorized to finance the cost of the preparation of preliminary plans and specifications in connection with the construction of a new waterfront park.

The maximum amount of obligations to be issued is \$2,000,000.

The period of probable usefulness associated with the project is five (5) years.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Special Local Finance and Budget Act of the City of Yonkers, constituting Chapters 488 and 489 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York (herein called the "Act"), the City is authorized and directed to include the pledge and agreement of the State of New York (herein called the "State") contained in said Section 17 of the Act, in the ordinance, and the Act provides that upon payment for the bonds or notes by the original and all subsequent holders thereof the inclusion of such pledge and agreement shall be deemed conclusive evidence of valuable consideration received by the State and City for such pledge and agreement and of reliance upon such pledge and agreement by any holder and that any action by the State contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of such pledge and agreement shall be void.

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SPECIAL ORDINANCE 32-2021

BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR VARIOUS CAPITAL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE SCHOOLS FACILITIES MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION; STATING THE ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST THEREOF IS \$30,000,000; APPROPRIATING SAID AMOUNT THEREFOR; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS OF SAID CITY IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF NOT TO EXCEED \$30,000,000 TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION

The bonds are authorized to finance various capital projects included in the School Facilities Management Plan for the Board of Education, as amended. The amount of obligations to be issued is not to exceed \$30,000,000. The period of usefulness associated with the construction of improvements to various school buildings and the sites thereof, is thirty (30) years. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 17 of the Special Local Finance and Budget Act of the City of Yonkers, constituting Chapters 488 and 489 of the Laws of 1976 of the State of New York (herein called the "Act"), the City is authorized and directed to include the pledge and agreement of the State of New York (herein called the "State") contained in said Section 17 of the Act, in the ordinance, and the Act provides that upon payment for the bonds or notes by the original and all subsequent holders thereof the inclusion of such pledge and agreement shall be deemed conclusive evidence of valuable consideration received by the State and City for such pledge and agreement and of reliance upon such pledge and agreement by any holder and that any action by the State contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of such pledge and agreement shall be void.

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

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

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

1. Bid 6642A - opening date 6/11/2021: Twelve-month contract, with options to renew, to provide repair and maintenance services as needed for HVAC control systems throughout the Yonkers School District. (KS)
2. Bid 6622A – opening date 6/11/2021: On-call maintenance and repair of fire suppression systems for the Yonkers School District. (FB)
3. Bid 6656 – opening date 6/25/2021: Twenty-four month contract to eliminate the City's backlog of tree services calls. The work shall consist of: tree removal, bole removal, stump removal, pruning, and raising – trimming/removing lower branches so as not obstruct pedestrians or vehicles. (TC)
4. Bid 6646 – opening date 6/18/2021: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase Smith Blair pipe repair clamps and couplings as needed. (KS)
5. Bid 6635 – opening date 6/18/2021: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide inspection and testing of Fire Apparatus pumps as needed. (FB)
6. Bid 6611B – opening date 6/18/2021: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide parts and repair service for John Deere equipment as needed. (FB)
7. Bid 6613B – opening date 6/18/2021: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide repairs, service, and inspections of Mohawk lifts as needed. (FB)
8. Bid 6667 – opening date 6/25/2021: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide maintenance and repairs to HVAC systems as needed. (AS)ma
9. Bid 6665 – opening date 6/25/2021: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide exterminating services as needed. (SR)
10. Bid 6543 – opening date 6/25/2021: Construction of the Enslaved Africans' Rain Garden on the City Waterfront. (AS)
11. Bid 6668 – opening date 6/18/2021: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide on-call plumbing repair and maintenance services. (KS)
12. Bid 6657 – opening date 6/18/2021: Purchase of HP 250 G815.6 Notebooks, or equal. (NG)

Notice of Formation of Bratdog LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/26/2021. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as the agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, Shantell James, 11 Lanark Road, Yonkers, NY 10705. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of LIB Scholastics Sources, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/06/2021. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as an agent of the LLC upon whom the process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: 20 Water Grant Street, Apt 324, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Notice of formation of Street Meatz, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/06/2021. 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, 28 Frazier Place, Yonkers, NY 10704 Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

Notice of formation of a Limited Liability Company Bougie The Brand By Shay LLC, Articles of Organization filed with the SSNY Office on 10/22/20 Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to : C/O BOUGIE THE BRAND BY SHAY LLC, 100 Riverdale Avenue Apt 7D Yonkers, New York 10701. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

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SUPREME COURT, WESTCHESTER COUNTY

INDEX NO.: 58848/2019

BONITA WEST LLC v. 164 ELM REALTY CORP., et al., Defendants. Pursuant to Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, dated January 22, 2020 and entered on January 24, 2020, I, the undersigned Referee, will sell at public auction, in the Courtroom 200 of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, White Plains, New York on the 25th day of June, 2021 at 11:30 A.M., the premises directed by said Judgment to be sold, being in Section 1, Block 455, Lot 6 on the Tax Map of the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester, and known by the street number 164 Elm Street, Yonkers, New York. Approximate amount of Judgment is \$23,431.15 plus interest, costs, attorneys' fees and advances. Said premises will be sold subject to the provisions of the filed Judgment and the Terms of Sale. FRANK APICELLA, ESQ., Referee. SANDERS, GUTMAN & BRODIE, P.C., Attorneys for Plaintiff, 18 North Central Avenue, Suite 204 Hartsdale, New York 10530 (718) 522-0666

AGENDA FOR YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021 AT 5:00 P.M. WILL BE CONDUCTED IN A MANNER PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR CUOMO'S EXECUTIVE ORDER 202.1; IN-PERSON ATTENDANCE AT THIS MEETING WILL NOT BE PERMITTED. PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE WWW.YONKERSNY.GOV, THE DAY OF THE MEETING FOR LOG-IN AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

CONTINUED HEARINGS

5715 – Area Variance – Tom F. Abillama, R.A., on behalf of 1969 Central Park Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 1969 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 206, Zone: BR (B19994)

#5716 – Improvement and Intensification of a Non-Conforming Use – Gibbons Engineering, PC, on behalf of 687 Nepperhan Corp, owner, on premises known as 687 Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 2420, Lot: 12, Zone: I (B22644) *pending revised BAR

5727 – Area Variance – Andrew Maniglia of Ginsburg Development, on behalf of Pier LLC 70, owner, on premises known as 70 Pier Street, Block: 146, Lot: 1.4, Zone: M (B24085)

5730 – Area Variance – James J. Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of 2700 Central Park Avenue Partners LLC, owner, on premises known as 2592 (2700) Central Park Avenue, Block: 4877, Lot: 60, Zone: BR (B24536)

5740– Area Variance – Janet J. Giris, Esq., Esq., on behalf of N Broadway LLC, owner, on premises known as 316 North Broadway & 315 Palisade Avenue, Block: 2155, Lot: 59 & 16, Zone: M (B22920)

5741– Improvement to a Non-Conforming Use & Area Variance – Jennifer Porter, Esq., on behalf of Silver Bell Company, owner, & JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., lessee, on premises known as 1222 Nepperhan Avenue, Block: 3182, Lot: 15, Zone: I (B22243)

5743– Area Variance – David Steinmetz, Esq., on behalf of Miroza Tower LLC, owner, on premises known as 40 aka 44 Hudson Street, Block: 502, Lot: 1.10, Zone: DWD (B26744)

5744– Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Martin J. Loftus, Jr., owner, on premises known as 118 Kingsley Drive, Block: 4412, Lot: 54, Zone: S-60 (B22712)

5745– Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Croton Terrace Enterprises Inc., owner, on premises known as 14 Orchard Street, Block: 2076, Lot: 17, Zone: MG (B22842)

5747– Area Variance – William S. Null, Esq., on behalf of Parkview Equities LLC, owner, on premises known as 15 Parkview Avenue, Block: 5652, Lot: 43, Zone: A (B27258)

5748– Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Smerlin Cuello, owner, on premises known as 212 Warburton Avenue, Block: 2097, Lot: 60, Zone: M (B23151)

NEW HEARINGS

5736– Area Variance – James J. Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of 26 West 5th Street LLC, contract vendee, on premises known as 83-94 Vineyard Avenue, Block: 2170, Lot: 84 (78, 82), Zone: M (B23753)

5750– Area Variance – Randolph Carter, R.A., on behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, owner, on premises known as 201 Glenwood Avenue aka 176 Park Avenue, Block: 2161, Lot: 39, Zone: MG (B27042)

5751– Non-Conforming Use – Stephen A. Veneruso, Esq, on behalf of 155 Warburton Ave Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 155 Warburton Avenue, Block: 2099, Lot: 13, Zone: CM (B24278)

5752– Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of AR Consulting Engineer PC, owner, on premises known as 50 Vineyard Avenue, Block: 2078, Lot: 12, Zone: A (B23684)

5753– Area Variance – James G. Dibbini, Esq., on behalf of Monique Abrams, owner, on premises known as 2 Stoneleigh Road, Block: 4961, Lot: 47, Zone: S-100 (B26714)

JOSEPH CIANCIULLI
CHAIRMAN, ZBA

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Thursday, June 10th

June 10, 1936: Yonkers families who loved potatoes faced a serious problem. Due to bad weather, the price of potatoes increased 250%. In 1935, five pounds of potatoes cost ten cents; now, just six months later, five pounds of potatoes were selling for a quarter!

June 10, 1956: A former Marine, Reverend Thomas Killackey of Amackassin Terrace, was ordained a Maryknoll Priest. He received the crucifix of a Maryknoll missionary from Maryknoll Vicar General Reverend Thomas Walsh since he was leaving to serve in Hawaiian missions. A few days later, his brother Edward was ordained a priest of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, and said his first mass at Sacred Heart about a week later.

Friday, June 11th

June 11, 1935: The Yonkers Common Council, by a unanimous vote, passed a resolution to create the Municipal Housing Authority.

June 11, 1947: The City of Yonkers presented an illuminated scroll expressing the gratitude all Yonkers felt to William Ewing, President of the Alexander Smith Memorial Foundation, and to all the Yonkers Home News personnel. The scroll contained the Common Council resolution thanking the Foundation for their support of the Yonkers Home News. The Yonkers Home News was a weekly newspaper sent to all Yonkers servicemen and women serving both in the US and in the overseas theaters of war. Ewing, VP of the Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company, said it could not have been done without the humanitarian and financial support of the company. The only such paper in the country, the Yonkers Home News published 241 editions, from June 17, 1941 to January 29, 1946, "following Yonkers men and women first to camps and then literally to every corner of the globe," according to the scroll. It was sent weekly to 15,163 service people from Yonkers, to support morale by keeping them up to date with neighbors, friends, and events in Yonkers.

Saturday June 12th

June 12, 1955: Jan Fortuniewicz of School 25 received the one millionth container of milk served in Yonkers Public Schools during the 1954-1955 school year, the first time the schools had served that many containers of milk in a year! By coincidence, it also was Fortuniewicz's birthday.

June 12, 1956: Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stanley Wynstra closed all Yonkers public schools early to hold a meeting, closed to the press, with the 900 Yonkers teachers. Wynstra discussed the Yonkers Teachers Association (YTA) boycott of all after-school programs. The refusal of teachers to put in the voluntary after school hours apparently had "stirred the Board of Education to indignation;" Board President Mrs. John Dill asked the YTA to call off the boycott so future salaries could be discussed without "entanglement in such an emotional issue freighted with teacher disservice."

Sunday, June 13th

June 13, 1854: The Yonkers Savings Bank opened for business in the old Getty House; twenty-seven people deposited \$265 the first day. Before this bank opened, Yonkers people traveled to New York City to do banking, either by horseback or river sloop.

June 13, 1936: Yonkers was the butt of the joke in the June 13th edition of the Saturday Evening Post. Edward Acheson's article "Burke Tells All," explained the need for Americans to consult the latest Burke's Peerage before heading to England for vacation, if they hoped to rub elbows with royalty. Acheson ended the article with this sentence, "For the American tourist who slinks back to his own country without at least a conversational acquaintance with a brace of barons or a bevy of knights might just as well have spent the summer in Yonkers."

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

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didn't know) that I was on the Major Deegan. So then I had to call 911 for New York City/The Bronx for the 'Authorized Tow.'

The 911 dispatcher asked if I was off the road and in a safe area. I told her yes, I was on the shoulder. Lesson number 2. It was nice of me to pull over on the shoulder, but cars safely on the shoulder without injured passengers or leaking fluids are not a priority for tow operators or police. Cars blocking traffic, with (god forbid) injured passengers and leaking fluids are. And so began my over 5 hour wait for the 'Authorized Tow' who I assumed would take off the bad tire and put on the donut spare so I could be on my way.

Shortly after 8 p.m. I got a call from the New York City police that they were turning around at Fordham Road and because of traffic it might take them a bit to arrive. They never did. 8:46 p.m., 9:48 p.m., 11:02 p.m. I called 911. No tow truck nor Police Car. I was on the list or schedule! After I called a Police Supervisor would call each and every time and say help was on the way.

I even draped a white blanket I had in my SUV over the back of my car. I figured it would serve as a distress signal.

For the next hour and a half not one Police Car, Tow Truck nor civilian vehicle pulled over to see what was wrong. So much for friendly New Yorkers! By midnight from inhaling all the automobile fumes I was feeling sick, called 911 and asked them to send EMT and ambulance. They found me and arrived within 8-10 minutes.

After checking my vitals and seeing everything was ok, the kind Emergency Medical Supervisor saw I was in distress and offered to attempt to change my tire. Above and beyond the call of duty. The car was on a decline, and the piece of crap jack that comes with the Nissan buckled. I needed a professional jack you see at your local garage. Even calling a friend to help me would not work unless he or she had a professional jack to lift the car. Or a flatbed or other lift.

The EMS Supervisor got on the phone with his Supervisor to see what was going on. Apparently, the police didn't see me and would close my case out every time I called 911. Heck, the EMS saw me. I don't know what was up with the New York Police responsible for the Deegan.

The EMS Supervisor called his Supervisor and finally the 'Authorized Tow' arrived. Could he simply change the tire and put on the donut? Nope! The 'Authorized Tow' contract only allows them to tow the car off the road to the next exit. The 'Authorized Tow' driver said he had passed the section of the road I was stranded on numerous times during the night and did not see me. I guess NYC needs to include eye glass coverage in their next contract with 'Authorized Tow.'

'Authorized Tow' told me he could not tow me to my home in Yonkers but could only tow me to the gas station on the northbound side of the road where I started the evening using the facilities. He then suggested that he take me to Jerome Avenue at 1 in the morning and he knew a guy who would put on the donut for me. For \$10 and a \$5 tip he promptly did it.

Then the 'Authorized Tow' guy gave me his bill. \$140 for 20 minutes of work and he didn't even change the tire. Nice work if you can get it. He told me his credit card machine always has problems. Could I pay him in cash? Go to the ATM. I said listen, I am have an MBA, a BA, I am a Paralegal, a Newspaper Columnist for Rising Newspapers and even have a radio show on WVOX. I will bet the contract his company has with the city requires him to take credit card payments.

The liar 'Authorized Tow' guy didn't have one of those credit card machines with him. He called his dispatcher and my credit card was approved.

What did I learn from this experience. The 911 dispatcher system in New York is broken. Mind boggling that in over 5 hours no Police Officer saw my car and stopped, not even the original one who was on this way. No city vehicles including dozens of passing garbage trucks stopped to help. The white blanket 'distress' signal was meaningless as no one stopped to help or see if I was alive.

The 'Authorized Tow' company on the Deegan, Autorama Enterprises of Bronx passed the spot I was located at numerous times, and according to driver Jose did not see my car and did not stop. The 'Authorized Tow' should be authorized to change a flat tire.

And 'Authorized Tow' company drivers from Autorama like Jose, Dept. Vehicle Plate Number 4, who gave me a bill with unreadable Tow ID License and NY Registration Numbers, New Yorkers aren't stupid. They don't have \$140 in cash in their wallets in 2021. And they certainly are smart enough not to fall for the give me cash, credit card machine don't work BS! And, 'Don't Get a Flat on the Major Deegan, Darlin'."

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tough times or maybe you're going through something right now. You need to know you can overcome these tough times, but you can't do it alone. You need to build support. That is what I did next.

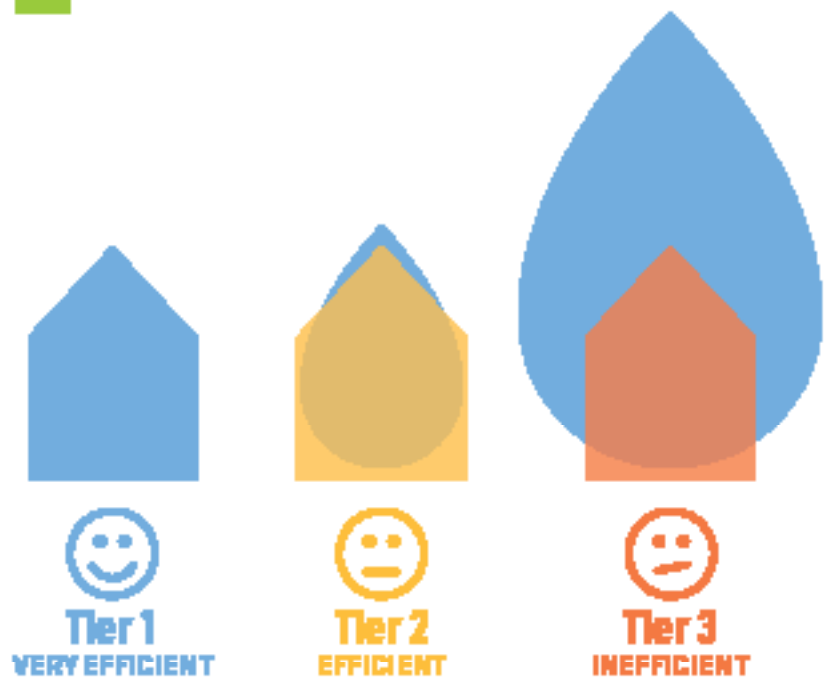
"Shortly after the shock wore off, I decided I was going to fight this thing with everything I possibly could. I needed to start somewhere so I decided to put a team together for the local ALS walk. We named our team, "Quinn for the Win." Over 100 people would show up to support my fight. This is the first time I felt like I could really do something positive. This successful first event gave me the confidence to put myself out there and publicly fight the disease. I saw the way people responded to a young man struggling with a disease that had no hope. It inspired me to do everything I could to create that hope people needed. My belief was that creating awareness for ALS will build support and that support will lead to more funding for research. The disease that was supposed to take my strength was turning me into a pit bull. I became engulfed in ALS, putting myself out there with hopes of bringing attention to the disease. I can't lie, I had selfish motives to start. I wanted to live. My fight started with a desire to grow old but it grew into a passion; not just a fight for myself but for everyone, and that passion would get stronger the more I got involved. Every time I met a new ALS patient, I became more inspired. My drive to fight this disease quickly became way bigger than a personal battle. This passion, this inspiration, this drive - it would all land me in the right place and right time to be a driving force behind something special, something that would make a difference and it led me to the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge.

"My message to you is that life isn't about getting hit and hiding in a corner. Life is a challenge -it's meant to be. The fight isn't what I want you to think about, though, I want you to think about how you fight and what you're going to do when the fight doesn't go your way. You're all going to face incredible challenges in your life; it's about having the mental strength to see it and not be afraid. I want to light your inner fuel; I want you to know you can be a game changer. Take your life head on and be prepared to fight for everything you want in life. It's in all of you, you just need to have the courage to let it out. This is an incredible part of your life. You're learning about yourselves and figuring out who you want to be. See that and seize every opportunity in life. You're not just some young college kids. The sooner you realize the time to be great is right now, the more you will accomplish along the way. You will all face difficult times but it's up to you how you will respond when these times come around. Life will challenge you, you don't win every battle thrown at you. There will always be ups and downs but you never give up on what you believe in. Who do you want to be? Find it and pursue it with everything you have in you. Greatness is waiting.

"When I look in the mirror every day I think, keep going and make a difference - because life is amazing."

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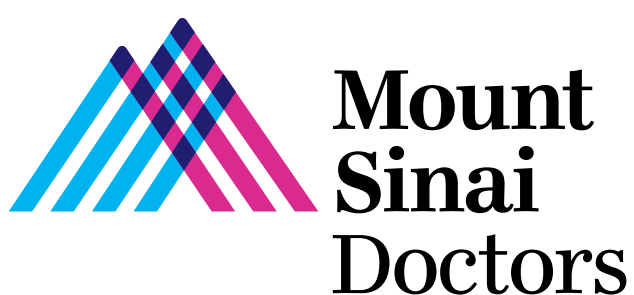
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