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Yonkers Boys Swim Team Wins Back-To-Back League Championships!



members of the Yonkers High School Swim Team after winning their second straight League Championship. See story on pg 10-

Yonkers IDA Votes Final Approval of Financial Incentives for Teutonia Hall & approved Electric Transmission Line Under Hudson



The Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (YIDA) voted on February 29 for final approval of financial incentives for Teutonia Hall, a \$458 million mixed-use residential complex featuring two luxury 41-story towers. It is one of the largest developments to come before the YIDA in recent years.

The two-phase project, which is located at 4 Buena Vista Avenue, will feature a total of 906 apartments of which 91 will be affordable. The complex will include 2,900 square feet of active street-level commercial use space and 907 parking spaces. The lower six stories of the buildings would comprise a podium, which would serve as a parking facility for residents with approximately 907 parking spaces. The anticipated construction start date for Phase 1

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Mayor Spano Heads to Albany To Fight for More State Education Aid



Mayor Mike Spano, pictured above at School 17 in Yonkers, will be asking Albany for more State Education Funding

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced today he will take several trips to Albany in March to advocate for more state funding. This week, the Mayor will meet with state representatives to lobby for more money to be earmarked for Yonkers Public Schools.

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Winners of Yonkers, MLK Jr. Art-Video Contest Announced



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano presents winners of the City's Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Art/Video contest at Yonkers City Hall Left to right bottom of photo: Seventh grade art contest winner Samantha Aurelio of Martin Luther King Jr. Academy; Second grade art contest winner Atharv Maragal of Casimir Pulaski School and Eleventh grade video contest winner Jasmine Pugh of Roosevelt High School-Early College Studies. City Council President Lakisha Collins-Bellamy and Councilwoman Deana Robinson also attended. See story on pg -10 & Art on pg 9-

Congressman Bowman Invites Jonathan Alvarez, 914United Founder, as State of the Union Guest



Congressman Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D. (NY-16), officially announced he will welcome 914United founder Jonathan Alvarez of Yonkers, left, as his guest for the 2024 State of the Union address.

Jonathan Alvarez co-founded 914United with his best friend of over 28 years, John Cabrera.

In addition to the work he does with 914United to support formerly incarcerated individuals and at-risk youth, he is involved with the My Brother's Keeper Initiative as a mentor and a Case Manager for Yonkers SNUG which works to reduce gun violence.

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If You Steal Hard Lemonade, Be Prepared to Do Hard Time

6 months for Man who Grabbed A Truck Full of Mike's



Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced on Feb. 29 that a truck driver from New Rochelle was sentenced to six months of incarceration for stealing a semi-tractor trailer containing more than \$32,000 worth of alcohol from a lot off Interstate-87 in Yonkers. The defendant, Kelvin Garcia Liriano, 28, pleaded guilty on Nov. 20, 2023, to Grand Larceny in the Second Degree, a felony. The defendant was also sentenced to five years of probation and is required to pay \$42,793.76 in restitution.

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Congressional Candidate Marty Dolan: Bowman is Not a Progressive, He is a Radical

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Yonkers Mayor Spano & Hillside Food Outreach Combat Food Insecurity



L-R Kathy Purdy, CEO and Founder, Hillside Food Outreach, Mayor Mike Spano, City of Yonkers Norma Vanable, a senior-aged Yonkers resident & Hillside client, Renee Redmond, Volunteer, Hillside Food Outreach

On Feb. 28, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Hillside Food Outreach, a local non-profit that provides free and nutritious groceries to over 2,000 low-income limited mobility families, seniors, veterans, and the chronically ill, teamed up to deliver healthy food to a Yonkers-based residence experiencing food insecurity issues. The delivery was made to Norma Vanable, a senior-aged Yonkers resident whose daughter unfortunately passed away from cancer, leaving her to raise and feed five young grandchildren on her own.

According to a study by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 17 million American households currently suffer from food insecurity, representing the largest increase since the 2008 financial crisis.

As food insecurity reaches its highest point nationally since the 2008 financial crisis, Hillside Food Outreach continues to deliver high-quality, nutritious groceries free of charge to low-income limited mobility families, seniors, veterans, and the chronically ill who cannot access traditional food pantries.

The organization was founded in 1997 in Westchester, N.Y. by Kathleen Purdy, who conceived of the program in honor of her late grandmother – whose kindness and lifelong charity inspired a mission to help others. What began as a micro-endeavor to feed a few seniors in their community has grown into an essential food delivery organization, now serving more than 2,000 neighbors in need throughout Westchester, Putnam and Fairfield Counties, each and every month.

Hillside Food Outreach is headquartered in Mount Kisco, N.Y. and may be reached at 914-747-0095 or by visiting HillsideFoodOutreach.org.

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FL!P Circus Returns to Cross County for Extended Visit March 8-April 2

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The multi-talented performers of Bingo Troupe all hail from Ukraine

FL!P Circus (www.FlipCircus.com), has been winning over audiences since debuting in 2022. The intimate big top experience, created by the Vazquez family, is hitting the road again with its brand-new Tour '24 production. Hailed as one of America's best new family entertainment events, this new show was specially curated to showcase an incredible and eclectic mix of international human performers. The new production brings its national tour to the Cross Country Center in Yonkers, NY (March 8 – April 2). Tickets are on sale now.

The art form of circus has been part of America's entertainment landscape for over 200 years. Evoking this great American tradition, FL!p Circus combines the classic and the contemporary to bring families and friends together for a memorable experience. There's something for everyone in this circus adventure that takes place under a distinctive red and white striped, 800-seat, climate-controlled big top tent. For those who like to be close to the action, no seat at FL!p Circus is more than 50 feet from the ring. You might even find yourself being brought into the fun. And of course there's a generous concession stand featuring an assortment of delicious treats. At FL!p Circus, leave your cares at the door and enter a world where the laughs are plentiful and the wows only stop when the show ends.

The international flair of the show is led by Brazil's favorite clown, Gleyston "Bubi" Guiner bringing his classic comedic routines and side-splitting antics to America for the first time. If you like daring acrobatic feats, FL!p Circus is the place to be! From India, Hasan Ansari thrills audiences on the rarely seen Pole Mallakhamb performing body-bending maneuvers on a wooden pole leaving you wondering how a human body can do that. Anastasia & Misha, from Ukraine, present a stunningly synchronized and poetic presentation of dance and acrobatics.

Pavel Valla Bertini, a fifth-generation performer from the Czech Republic, keeps audiences on the edge of their seats with his unparalleled one, three and even fifteen-wheeled unicycle skills! The award-winning Bingo Troupe, direct from Ukraine, showcases their signature electrifying mix of dance and acrobatics. No circus would be complete without juggling, and FL!p Circus features one of the very best acts of its kind. From Chile, the Reyes Brothers, demonstrate the incredible, fast paced juggling skills with which they have amazed audiences all over the world. The live FL!p Circus Band provides the versatile soundtrack to all the action. If you're looking for high-energy fun that the entire family can enjoy, grab your tickets to FL!p Circus. Don't miss this exciting big top experience.

Show times are 7:30pm on weekdays and 1:00pm, 4:00pm and 7:00pm on Saturdays and Sundays. For tickets and additional information, please visit www.FlipCircus.com. Tickets start at \$30.00 (children) and \$50.00 (adults) with senior/military/handicap discounts available. A special family four pack discount is available online. Tickets can also be purchased in person at the box office during each engagement.

Note: There are no animal performances in FL!P Circus.

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**NY State Legislature Approves Congressional Maps
Slight Modifications Made of Independent Commission
in Upstate Districts, but No Change to NY-16 and NY-17**

By Dan Murphy

Westchester County finally has two finalized Congressional maps, after the NYS Legislature made minor adjustments to the maps drawn by the Independent Redistricting Commission, IRC, led by Ken Jenkins. Governor Kathy Hochul signed the new maps into law last week.

The adjustments were made to a few upstate congressional districts, but Westchester's two congressional districts, NY-16, NY-17 were kept the same as the IRC recommended.

In District 16-Congressman Jamaal Bowman's district added Co-Op City which will give Bowman slightly more black democrats in the district. And NY-17, Congressman Mike Lawler's district, had not change and remains as the IRC drew it.

But the democratic controlled State Senate and Assembly paid the price for tweaking the congressional maps, as editorial boards and good government groups criticized democrats for not taking the IRC's maps and approving them as is.

One Daily News headline read: **Redistricting's final chapter: The Dems fought a damaging and costly fight for nothing.**

The New York State League of Women Voters wrote, "The New York State Legislature has once again undermined the intent and promise of the constitutional amendment establishing the Independent Redistricting Commission by voting down a new plan for congressional districts approved 9-1 by the bipartisan IRC and drawing its own new district lines. The recent actions, including the Legislature's redrawing of maps, leads to confusion and uncertainty for voters and potential candidates."

Westchester County Executive George Latimer, who is running for Congress in NY16 stated, "As we've said before, this is the next step in a long process; the State Senate and Assembly have done their jobs to move this forward and now we will see if there is litigation. Whatever the final lines provide, we will be aggressively reaching out to all residents of this district to bring our message of electing a Congressman who can deliver real progressive results that benefit the people of our area."

Upstate Republican and former Congressman John Faso, who led the effort to file suit against a democratic plan to gerrymander the congressional lines two years ago, commented on the new plans and indicated that he will not be filing a lawsuit.

Congressman Mike Lawler said, "I was glad to see both the Senate and Assembly exhibit restraint when it came to their final map. While there were numerous attempts throughout this process to engage in a partisan gerrymander, the final map largely abides by the New York Independent Redistricting Commission's bipartisan version and ensures fair, competitive districts across the state. Today's bipartisan vote is a win for the voters and a win against partisan gerrymandering."

David Wasserman of the Cook Political Report, said NY democrats changed to the maps were "mild and not wild."

"The new NY map nets Dems perhaps half a seat vs. the current court-drawn plan. It's designed to avoid a court fight & a far cry from the 3-4 seat swing Rs engineered in NC. Big Update.

Former Congressman Mondaire Jones had previously said that he would accept the boundaries as is in NY-17.

No Animal Crackers in My Soup!



By Eric Wolf Schoen

As a kid I loved the little box of Barnum's Animal Crackers, little cookies in the shape of animals in the circus themed box. What kid didn't love to carry the little box around with the handle attached. Could the little box cost maybe a \$1 when I was young?

I go to CVS the other day and yes they had my childhood and frankly adulthood favorite little box with the animals in tow. I looked at the price \$3.59! Could not believe it so I went online. \$3.59 for the little box. Are they crazy? Looked at Walgreens website. \$3.29. My head is still spinning.

What is going on with the price of everything but especially food in this world? . A meal at 5 Guys (they cook in peanut oil so do not go into the store or eat food from there if you are allergic to peanuts) is \$24 for one person. We are talking about a burger, fries, a beverage and maybe a little dessert. A family of 4 close to \$100 for burgers? Incredible!

While we are talking burgers, Wendy's the hamburger chain floated the idea of surge pricing meaning that the prices would be higher when they were busy and lower when they were not. This brilliant idea was shot down by their customers and now is a distant memory. But to think that a restaurant chain would change their prices based on how busy they are? Kind of almost as stupid as the Congestion pricing planned for New York City!

Have you tried to find old fashion Tide detergent in the box at CVS or Walgreens or other stores. Many don't carry it anymore. I bought the formerly 66 ounce box which is now 56 ounces through Amazon at a price higher than what the 66 ounce box use to cost. And the stores that have detergent have it under lock and key. It's sad that we as a society have come to this.

Kleenex are at a higher price with fewer tissues in the box. The price of Pet food if you can find it boggles the mind. You have to take out a second mortgage to go out for dinner. All of these price increases are post pandemic.

And to screw us all, such as those who enjoy a night in New York City the city will impose congestion pricing after a series of sham hearings after the cameras have already gone up. There is still time to offer your comments on what will certainly increase prices of everything that travels through the New York area.

Go to new.mta.info by March 11. There you will find several ways to submit comments: via an online form, via email, by calling the Central Business District Tolling Program at 646-252-7440 or mailing your comments to Central Business District Tolling Program, 2 Broadway, 23rd Floor

New York, NY 10004. Again, all Comments must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on March 11, 2024. Comments received after that date and time will not be considered.

Remember: money from Congestion Pricing will go to mass transportation improvements, not road improvements. The pothole you see today is the pothole you will see TOMMORROW!

Back to the animal crackers. There is nothing that you can tell me costs so much to charge \$3.59 for that little box. Manufacturers of these products saw an opening and they must be stopped. Don't buy that little box. Buy a big bag of animal crackers if you must. Order over \$35 worth of things from Walmart and you get free 2 day shipping. Open a Target card and shipping on most items is free. You know about Amazon Prime that costs you some money but many times can save you in the long run.

The next President of these great United States will have to have a plan in place to drive down these crazy prices. By the way, I went to Acme, a chain all around WESTCHESTER and their prices are often \$1 more than competitors

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“Drugstore Cowboys” Break Into Westchester Pharmacies, Steal Narcotic Pills & Drugs



Taconic Pharmacy in Jefferson Valley had a break in on March 3

By Dan Murphy

The movie “Drugstore Cowboy” with Matt Dillon and Kelly Lynch, portrayed a drug addicted couple who would break into small pharmacies and steal their narcotic prescription drugs. A modern-day group of drugstore cowboys are on the loose and have broken into three Westchester pharmacies and several more in Putnam County and the Hudson Valley in recent weeks.

In the Jefferson Valley part of Yorktown, two small pharmacies were broken into and robbed of their pain pills. Jefferson Valley Pharmacy was broken into two weeks ago, and this week Taconic Pharmacy had their front door shattered and their meds gone. The two pharmacies are located less than ¼ mile apart.

The thieves were wearing masks, making it difficult to ID surveillance cameras in both Yorktown Pharmacies and in their shopping centers. Yorktown Police also have a large police presence in the Jefferson Valley neighborhood.

Putnam County Sheriff Kevin J. McConville reported an investigation into a burglary of a pharmacy in the Town of Southeast. “On February 12, 2024, at

approximately 3:45 am, Deputies were dispatched to the JNR Pharmacy for a commercial burglar alarm activation. Upon arrival it was determined that the front glass door was smashed, and that unknown suspect(s) had entered the building but fled before the deputy’s arrival. The owner was contacted and is in the process of determining the amount and type of loss. Sheriff’s Deputies and Investigators are looking into this case and working with other law enforcement agencies to determine whether it is related to other pharmacy burglaries that have occurred recently in the area.”

Another incident in Bedford occurred one hour after the Southeast break in. “On February 12, 2024, at approximately 4:18am, officers were dispatched to the Bedford Pharmacy located in Bedford Village for a commercial burglar

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Yonkers Philharmonic Presents Free Beethoven Festival This Sunday March 10



The Yonkers Philharmonic’s 9th Beethoven Festival has a little something for everyone. In honor of Woman’s History month, Music Director, Ari Rudiakov, starts with Overture No. 3 from 19th century Romantic German composer Emelie Mayer. Of course there’s Beethoven, his Fidelio Overture and his Triple Concerto for Violin, Cello and Piano with soloists Carmit Zori, Gjilberta Lucaj-Cohen and Robert Feritta. In between you’ll be dancing in your seats along with Brahms’ Hungarian Dances No. 1 and 5. These lively dance tunes based mostly on Hungarian themes, are among Brahms’s most popular works. Tucked in the middle is the WORLD PREMIERE of LvB: Variations, Extensions and Collisions written by living composer Thomas Caprino at the request of our music director. All are welcome to this free celebration. Come for the first half to experience the past and future of classical music and stay for the second half to hear Beethoven’s only concerto ever completed for more than one solo instrument.

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Westchester Teachers, Parents and Elected Officials Rally for More State Education Aid



By Dan Murphy

A rally was recently held in the Mount Vernon school district to oppose State Education Aid cuts proposed by Governor Kathy Hochul in her 2024 budget plan. New York State United Teachers President Melinda Person led the rally with local union leaders, district administration, parents, and elected officials to “call out the harsh effects” of Governor Kathy Hochul’s proposed NY State budget.

This is the first year that Hochul has proposed actual cuts in some state funding to local school districts. The executive budget proposes to stop using the current Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is 3.8 percent, and instead begin using a 10-year rolling average of 2.4 percent.

And Foundation Aid, which has been a funding vehicle used to make state education aid more equitable has been reduced for many school districts in Hochul’s plan. About half of Westchester school district will receive an increase in foundation aid and half will receive a reduction of about 5%.

The other way that State Education Aid can be reduced to local school districts is the elimination of the ‘Save Harmless provision’ which guaranteed that local school districts would receive at least the same amount of funding - The Hold Harmless provision was removed for school districts. Hold Harmless ensures that schools receive at least the same amount of state aid as the previous year. As a result, school districts with factors such as declining enrollment are

receiving less funding.

The Mount Vernon School District would lose \$3 Million in State Aid in Hochul’s budget plan, which is a 3.5% aid cut. To protest the cuts, Dr. K. Veronica Smith, Acting Superintendent; Keith McCall, president of the Mount Vernon Federation of Teachers; Warren Mitchell, Board of Education Trustee; Jamaal Bowman, congressman; Shelley Mayer, state senator; J. Gary Pretlow, assemblyman; Nader J. Sayegh, assemblyman; Michael Benedetto, state representative; Dana Levenberg, assemblyman; Matt Slater, assemblyman; Mary-Jane C. Shinsky, assemblywoman; Steven Otis, assemblyman; Chris Burdick, assemblyman; and George Latimer, county executive; all spoke and expressed disagreement with the governor’s decision.

“I just want to make it clear that these 2.9 million dollars are pivotal to our school district,” said Dr. Smith. “A budget cut of that size would be a major setback for our students and programs, as we are already in the midst of recovery from past financial struggles.”

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



The March 13, 1931, Friday the 13th Trolley crash.

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

Monday, March 11th

March 11, 1904: Yonkers resident William G. McAdoo, President of the New York & New Jersey Railroad Company, was the first person to cross from New Jersey to Manhattan Island under the Hudson River. He used the northern heading of the North River Tunnel minutes after its completion.

March 11, 1946: The NYC Planning Commission proposed the Major Deegan Boulevard be built through “Van Cortlandt Park terminating at Central Park Avenue at the Yonkers City Line,” with an exit from the boulevard throwing “traffic into South Broadway at the city line.”

Jacob Williamson, Yonkers Planning Board Chairman, sent a letter to the Common Council recommending opposition to New York State’s widening Central Park Avenue. The Planning Board believed widening the road would be “detrimental to the City (Yonkers) as a whole,” would “deter development of Central Park Avenue into a commercial artery,” and would “retard development of the east side of Yonkers” because too much property would be taken off Yonkers tax rolls.

Tuesday March 12th

March 12, 1916: The annual report of the Yonkers Women’s Christian Temperance Union made it clear there was strong evidence of drinking and dancing in Yonkers; because of this, Yonkers was termed a “center of worldly pleasure.”

March 12, 1930: Gray Place’s Robert Snody wrote and directed the just completed film “Kiss Me!” at RCA Gramercy Studios. The film, later named “The Love Kiss,” starring Forrest Stanley, Joan Bourdelle and Alice Hagemon, was the story of teens betting who would be the first to kiss a handsome teacher.

Wednesday, March 13th

March 13, 1913: Samson Palmer’s family made national news! Yonkers’ Health Officer Coons was sent to investigate the family living quarters; Palmer, accused of forcing his children to live in “inhuman conditions” laughed and stated his six children were the healthiest in the world. He showed Coons his “bubbling, chattering, rollicking youngsters,” all the picture of health, and claimed his children never had a cold. What were the inhuman conditions? The family lived in a tent along the Nepperhan Speedway (Saw Mill River Parkway). Palmer recommended tent life for everyone!

March 13, 1931: One person was killed and 36 injured when a runaway one-man trolley car plunged down Palisade Avenue and crashed into a building

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"We've come to the limit of what our City and our residents can afford," said Mayor Spano. "Now, we are faced with a situation where the money is running out. I don't want our taxpayers to shoulder the entire burden for this. We are respectfully requesting New York State help fill the void left behind by the elimination of aid from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Local government cannot fill these inadequacies, and as a result, we will have many difficult decisions to make."

Mayor Spano says the City of Yonkers' growing population over the last 10 years has meant the need for more equitable and inclusive funding to support new families. He says jobs were put in place to navigate student learning during the COVID-19 pandemic and as a result, there has been a staggering increase in services including mental health and transportation. Mayor Spano also says there has been a 14% increase in special education enrollment over the last two years. However, much of that federal funding to support these services has dried up and the State could help supplement it.

Mayor Spano is encouraging parents, teachers, PTA members, and Labor Unions to focus their attention on rallying for the necessary funding. "I know together we are Yonkers Strong," said Mayor Spano. "The clock is ticking. Yonkers isn't alone here, all Big 5 Cities are feeling the pinch, especially in urban centers. Let us all rally behind our State Representatives to get Yonkers the support it needs." The New York State budget must be approved by April 1. Mayor Spano will present his Executive Budget to the Yonkers City Council by April 15.

Notice of formation of Ashlee B. Media, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/6/2023. Office: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 520 Pelhamdale Avenue, Pelham, NY 10803. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of NORTHERN WESTCHESTER KITCHEN & BATH LLC. Arts. Of Org filed with SSNY on 11/28/2023. Office location: Westchester County. Registered Agent to mail process and may be served: ZENBUSINESS INC, 41 STATE STREET SUITE 112, ALBANY, NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Formation of TARRYTOWN 44 LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/17/2023. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Benjamin Sinanaj, 4 Farm Way Dr., Ardsley, NY 10502. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of formation of Palisades Property Management LLC filed with the SSNY on 1/18/2024. 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 Mulford Corporation, 1511 Central Park Ave, Yonkers NY 10710. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

"Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Westchester County, on the 22nd day of January, 2024, bearing Index Number 50614/2023, grants the right to assume the name of Matthew Luigj Koleci. Present address: Yonkers, NY; Birth: November 2004, White Plains, NY; Present name: Matthew Louis Jankovic. An affidavit of publication shall be filed with the Westchester County Clerk's Office."

Notice of Formation of Calimero II, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 12/4/2023. Office Location: Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Marie H. Durif-O'Dowd, 1632 First Avenue, Apartment 326, New York, NY 10028. Purpose: Any lawful act or activity.

Ana Lucia Nail Lounge LLC, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/8/24.. Office: New York 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, 115 Chelsea Street Hawthorne, NY 10532. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

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Congressional Candidate Marty Dolan: Bowman is Not a Progressive -He's a Radical

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By Dan Murphy

Last week, we ran a paid advertisement from Congressional candidate Marty Dolan. Dolan, who is running for Congress in NY District 16, (the Bronx and Westchester). Dolan released a "Progressive Scorecard" for the current member of Congress in NY-16, Rep. Jamaal Bowman, and for Congresswoman Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez, (AOC).

Bowman and AOC embrace the label "progressive champions," but Dolan said, "Bowman is not a progressive, he is a radical," and says that Bowman does not represent the values and issues that are important to New York voters.

The scorecard included a failing grade for both Bowman and AOC on issues like income inequality, the National Debt, unfunded pensions, and the half million former New Yorkers who left NY last year.

"These are the critical issues that I am running on, but both Congressman Bowman and Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez are not focused on these issues at all. And the voters of New York are concerned about these issues. And that is the question that I am asking the residents of NY-16: Is this the type of leadership and representation that you want?"

"Voters I have spoken to find it very offensive when there is no discussion from our congressman about property taxes in Westchester, and the fact that we got slammed by the republicans in 2017 with SALT, (State and Local Taxes," said Dolan, referring to the \$10,000 cap on deductions for property taxes and state taxes from your federal tax return.

"Westchester homeowners pay the highest property taxes in the world, and our congressman has zero interest in any of this. He never talks about tax relief, or anything that an astute financial person would talk about. And there are negative consequences to Congressman Bowman not talking about these issues," said Dolan, the son of an immigrant, who grew up in Westchester but believes his experiences living in Europe and around the USA as a strategic advisor to start-up companies in AI and new technologies can benefit New York City and New York State' voters.

Both Rep. Bowman and Rep. Ocasio-Cortez, who is a graduate of Yorktown High School, are self-described members of "The Squad," a group of six ultra-progressive House democrats. Dolan says that AOC's stances have not only hurt her New York City district, but all of New York State.

"I don't see any difference between Bowman and AOC. Nothing that they are doing is improving the financial health of New York. Their focus is on DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion). The progressives have been a total failure on all of the issues that matter for NY, and AOC is included in my progressive survey because she has done the same amount of damage to New Yorkers that Congressman Bowman has done."

Dolan points to AOC leading the opposition to an Amazon plant and headquarters to be built in her district in Queens, NYC, in 2019. The Amazon HQ2 was to create at least 25,000 middle class jobs for New Yorkers and generate \$30 Billion in new revenue that would have justified the \$3 Billion in tax incentives asked for by Amazon. Instead, AOC called the tax incentives "a scam of public funds."

"New York City had won the competition to bring an Amazon headquarters to New York City, and to her (AOC's) district, and they said they didn't want it. It's like the Jets winning the Super Bowl and giving back the trophy. And the site is still vacant, and not creating any jobs or generating any tax revenue.

"This was a huge mistake, and points to Bowman and AOC being all about headline and more interested in national recognition and not working for the people in their districts. New York City and all of us in New York State deserve far better representation than what Bowman and AOC stand for," said Dolan, who recently confronted Bowman at a Police Community Council meeting in Yonkers regarding his placing a convicted police killer on a Wall of Heroes at a Bronx school that Bowman worked at.

"He (Bowman) takes radical positions, like placing a poster of a cop killer on a Wall of Heroes in a school in the Bronx. I don't think that is representative of our values in the district and in New York."

"And March is Women's History Month, and Congressman Bowman discussed all of the great women in our history. But he didn't mention a single white woman. How do you talk about women's history without mentioning Hillary Clinton, or Senator Gillibrand, or Nancy Pelosi?"

"Westchester is an integrated community, and voters find his behavior, and lack of sensitivity, offensive. It's not what the voters want in their representative. I think Congressman Bowman isn't a progressive-he's a radical. And voters in New York want change," said Dolan.

near New School Street. Hearing about the accident, Mayor John Fogarty announced he would seek an injunction against one-man trolley car operation in Yonkers.

It was Friday the 13th.

Thursday, March 14th

March 14, 1906: Yonkers Women's Christian Temperance Union officers reported at the County WCTU annual meeting the prevalence of drinking and dancing in Yonkers made us a "center of worldly pleasure;" WCTU claimed 4,473 Yonkers people had signed pledges to abstain from using profanity, alcohol and tobacco.

March 14, 1921: After hearing about a proposal to annex part of Yonkers to Bronxville, Mayor William Wallin came up with one of his own; he suggested Yonkers annex the entire Town of Eastchester!

Friday, March 15th

March 15, 1944: Marine Sergeant Hugh Lynch of Livingston Avenue, busy someplace in the Pacific Ocean, reported on entertainment on a South Sea Island. After being treated to a native feast, his Marine unit taught a group of children the Marine Corp Hymn. The Chief of the island overheard the children, and asked the Marines if they would enjoy some local entertainment. Island natives sat in a circle and sang. After more than an hour of wonderful singing, the Marines were asked to sing. What did they sing? "Old MacDonald Had A Farm, "and "You Are My Sunshine," to the delight of the island residents.

March 15, 1945: Former Yonkers resident Harry Stradling won the Cinematography Oscar for "The Picture of Dorian Gray!" His wife, Ann Linsenbarth Stradling, was daughter of Albert Linsenbarth, a forty-year employee in the Yonkers Herald Statesman composing room; her brother was YPD Second Precinct Sergeant Leslie Linsenbarth.

Saturday, March 16th

March 16, 1928: Ruth Elder, the first woman to attempt Transatlantic flight, was inducted as an honorary member into the Yonkers Aero Club at a ceremony held at Loew's Theater.

Club Instructor Lieutenant Jack Haywang did the honors. Elder, known as the "Miss America of Aviation," attempted the flight in 1927 with pilot George Haldeman in an airplane christened "American Girl." They ditched the plane 360 miles from land but set an over-water endurance flight record of 2,623 miles, the longest flight ever made by a woman.

March 16, 1930: Members of the Westchester County Historical Society selected a 10-ton boulder, found near a road construction site, to mark the site of the old Valentine homestead on Valentine's Hill. The property was used several times by General George Washington—and the British—as a campsite because of its commanding views from the Hudson to Long Island Sound. The property currently is the home of St. Joseph's Seminary and College.

Sunday, March 17th

March 17, 1929: Irma Schubert, member of Yonkers GEM Girls' Basketball Team, was the first woman to fly a plane over Yonkers! While piloting a biplane, she tossed out flyers advertising a coming basketball game between the GEM Five and Cleveland's Blepp Knit Company, the Woman's Western champions. After finishing her mission, she entertained Yonkers with fifteen minutes of aerial acrobatics, including a barrel roll!

Schubert was recruited for the GEMs by Team Manager Frank McCue and Coach Joseph Reagan from a NJ team. The GEMs were on their sixth year as Yonkers Champions.

Among her many talents, Pilot Schubert was a former Ziegfeld Follies show girl!

March 17, 1966: Baseball hero Jackie Robinson addressed the parents and children of School 22! Invited by Yonkers resident Reverend Wyatt Tee Walker, Special Assistant to Governor Rockefeller for Urban Affairs, Robinson not only spoke to the audience about his time in baseball, but also about his son wounded in Viet Nam. He advised parents not to push their children, but let them play ball to learn team spirit, both in sports and in the community.

Questions or comments on this column? 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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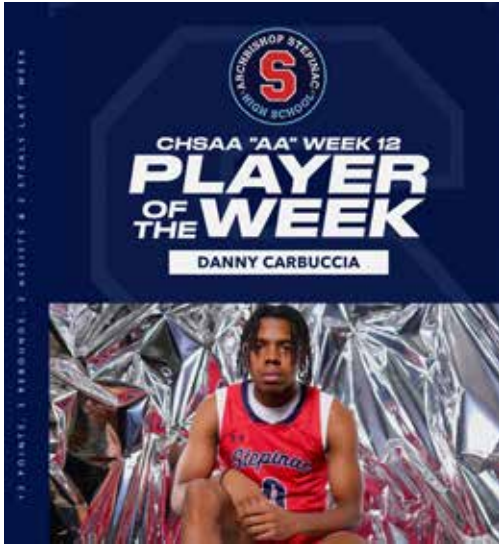
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Three Stepinac HS Basketball Stars Named to Catholic All League Team



left, Danny Carbuccia from Yonkers

Archbishop Stepinac High School is thrilled to announce that three members of its Crusaders Varsity Basketball Program have been selected to receive 2023-2024 Catholic High School Athletic Association "AA" Basketball All – League Honors along with the prestigious Coach of the Year honor.

Johnuel "Boogie" Fland has been named Most Valuable Player. Braylan Ritvo has been named 1st Team All-League.

Danny Carbuccia has been named 3rd Team All-League. Carbuccia, a junior from Yonkers, was recently chosen to represent the Dominican Republic at the 2024 Basketball Without Borders Global Camp All-Star Team during the NBA's All-Star Weekend. Throughout the regular season, he maintained impressive averages of 9.6 points, 3.2 rebounds, and a team-leading 5.9 assists per game. Head Coach Patrick Massaroni of White Plains has been named Coach of the Year. A Stepinac alumnus (Class of '06), Massaroni is in his ninth year coaching the Stepinac Varsity Basketball Team, and alongside assistant coaches Rodney Swain, Allan Shepard, and Alexis Nunez, guided the Crusaders to an impressive 21-3 overall record, including a flawless 15-0 performance in league play. Under Massaroni's leadership, Stepinac has secured two CHSAA "AA" City Championships. Currently, the team holds the 10th spot in the United States according to ESPN's High School Basketball Rankings.

Barnabas Students Complete "100 Acts of Kindness"



Saint Barnabas High School (SBHS) student representatives presented 100+ men's pairs of socks to Shawn Kingston Chief, Center for Development & Civic Engagement, at the James J. Peters Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in the Bronx. The school's February collection was spearheaded by its Student Council, promoting "100 Acts of Kindness" as part of Saint Barnabas High School's 100th Anniversary Celebration. SBHS has been educating young women since 1924 to be leaders and inspiring community service. To learn more about Saint Barnabas High School and its 100th Anniversary plans, visit www.stbarnabashigh.com

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In loving Memory of
Christopher Jack "CJ" Hackett

Christopher Jack "CJ" Hackett of Yonkers, New York passed away on August 4, 2022. He was 16 years old. Born in White Plains Hospital to Christopher and Yvonne Hackett on May 18, 2006, Christopher was the oldest of three children. He was raised in Yonkers where he attended St. Paul The Apostle Pre K School until his eighth-grade graduation. Christopher continued his education at Archbishop Stepinac High School where he was about to begin his junior year in September.

When it came to academics and good grades Christopher excelled. He was a self-starter. When his homework was complete you could find him playing basketball, pulling wheelies on his bicycle, or hanging out with his sister Lina and brother Harry. His summers were spent with his dad in the Catskill mountains shooting skeet, sitting around campfires with his family and riding his dirt bike. Christopher was also a hardworking teenager. He enjoyed working summers at Govins Irish Country Inn in East Durham. Christopher worked as a waiter where he was loved by his work colleagues and loyal customers. He had a huge circle of friends, his closest being his Nan whom he called many times during the week. Christopher will be remembered as a kind, loving and honest soul. He was a loyal friend to those who knew him. He was the best kid any parent could ask for.

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Done in cooperation with Mayor Mike Spano and the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation. Funding is received from Arts Westchester with support from Westchester County Government, The City of Yonkers, Andrea Stewart Cousins, Senator Shelley Mayer, Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, the Ira Goldman Memorial Fund, and our loyal arts patrons.

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Photographer Robert Kalufs sent us this photo with this note: I attach for our readers the welcome first sign of spring, purple and white crocuses pushes and sprouting through the earth.

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Yonkers Saint Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue-The Countdown Has Begun



The Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade is excited to return to McLean Avenue for its 67th edition on March 23, 2024, at 1 PM. In recent years, the parade has emerged as the largest outside of New York City, arguably surpassing Pearl River, according to estimates on attendance by Yonkers PD. It was estimated that over 42,000 attended the 2023 edition, which was the largest yet, and a display of continuing growth since the parade resumed after the cancellations during the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the Grand Marshal is Moira Kiernan, a lifelong Yonkers resident, and a staple in the Yonkers community. Kiernan is the chair of the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce, and a Vice President of Orange Bank & Trust. The aides to the Grand Marshal are Martin Bellew, Andrew Hayden, Marge Delaney, Andrew McLaughlin, Dawn Doherty, Jennifer Keating McSpedon, Ailish Doran, and Kiera O'Connor.

The day of festivities begins with a mass at St. Barnabas High School Chapel, located at the intersection of McLean and Hyatt Avenue, starting at 11:15 AM. The parade will then begin at 1 PM, stretching on McLean Avenue from Vireo to Coyne Park. It is expected that up to 100 groups, if not more, will be participating in this year's parade, another record to celebrate. The Yonkers Police Department will be protecting everyone on the parade route, and the bars and restaurants are expected to be filled to capacity as they have every year since the parade moved to McLean Avenue over a decade ago. Attendees are advised to park in the lower lot of Empire City – Yonkers Raceway, as free shuttle services will be provided between the Raceway and Kimball Avenue near McLean. Attendees are asked to respect the neighborhood, and park in the raceway lots and not in front of residents' homes. Illegally parked vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense. Those who cannot make the parade will be able to view the parade via livestream, provided by New Logical, on YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and Twitch.

The City of Yonkers and Mayor Mike Spano kicked off the beginning of the parade celebrations and Irish American Heritage Month with the Flag Raising at City Hall on March 5th (pictured above). The parade board, grand marshal, and aides celebrated the occasion with the Mayor and the City Council with a ceremony and a reception in the Mayor's Reception Hall, with food and Irish coffee provided by The Heritage Bar & Restaurant and Rory Dolan's. The committee will also hold a dinner dance at Castle Royale on Nepperhan Avenue on March 9th at 7 PM. During the week leading up to the parade, on Wednesday, March 20th at 10 a.m (weather permitting), the committee and the City of Yonkers will do the ceremonial line painting near the Aisling Center, at 990 McLean Avenue.

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Winners of Yonkers, MLK Jr. Art-Video Contest Announced

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Interim Assistant Superintendent of Special Education and Pupil Support Services Dr. Stephanie McCaskill, public officials, judges and various community leaders presented the winners of the Yonkers Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Art/Video contest at the Mayor's Annual Black History Month celebration. The winners were chosen from over 100 submissions received by Mayor Spano and members of his African American Advisory Board.

"As Mayor, I am delighted to witness the remarkable talent and unwavering commitment of our City's young residents, including African Americans, who actively participate in the arts," said Mayor Spano. "Their contributions to this year's contest are commendable. These budding artists and creators are not only shaping our cultural landscape but also driving positive change. Through their discussions, awareness campaigns, and motivation, they inspire others to take meaningful action."

This year's theme, African Americans and the Arts, took a look at how African Americans have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment.

Ø Second grade art contest winner Atharv Maragal of Casimir Pulaski School and seventh grade art contest winner Samantha Aurelio of Martin Luther King Jr. Academy submitted paintings and drawings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and included the words history, community and empowerment within their artwork.

Ø Eleventh grade video contest winner Jasmine Pugh of Roosevelt High School-Early College Studies submitted a three-minute video depicting how African Americans have used art to preserve history and community memory as well as for empowerment.

The winning art and video are displayed on the City's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/cityofyonkers) and the City of Yonkers website yonkersny.gov/mlk. To view the Mayor's Annual Black History Month Program visit, <https://bit.ly/3TiEOHv>.

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alarm activation. Officers quickly arrived and observed that the front glass door was smashed and that unknown suspect(s) had entered the building, stealing multiple types of medicine but fled prior to patrol officers arrival. The Bedford Police Department's Detective Bureau is investigating this case and working with other law enforcement agencies to determine whether it is related to other pharmacy burglaries that have occurred recently in the area."

Further north the Beekman Pharmacy was robbed in the same way, and the same drugs stolen.

The thieves have drawn the attention of the Drug Enforcement Agency in New York who reports that pharmacy thefts tripled since 2021. While typically, the drug store break ins are by drug addicts, the DEA said that this recent rash of break ins, and the similar way in which they have been conducted, could indicate a gang, or organized crime groups involvement.

DEA officials said the people who break in typically used to be individual drug users, but they are now seeing a transition to organized crime carried out by groups.

The Putnam County Sheriff is treating the incidents as if they are connected. Westchester law enforcement has been quiet about these incidents and are searching for suspects.

One of the pharmacies burglarized was installing a safe to place their narcotic prescriptions in for overnight safety.

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is September 2024 with completion in December of 2027. Construction of Phase 2 is anticipated to start in December 2028 with completion in December of 2031.

Project developer AMS Acquisitions was approved for \$12,924,830 in sales tax exemptions and \$4,549,646 in mortgage recording tax exemptions. The two phases of the project are estimated to create 1,100 construction jobs. According to a cost-benefit analysis, the project will create \$2.35 for every \$1.00 of incentives. The developer is also requesting a 20-year PILOT.

In other business, the YIDA voted preliminary approval of financial incentives for Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) for the underwater installation of a 1,250MW electric transmission line along 4.3 miles of the Hudson River in Yonkers. The project cost is estimated at \$22.5 million.

The CHPE cable is bringing inexpensive hydro power from Quebec to New York City over a 339-mile route of which 60% is in waterways. Installation of the cable in the Hudson River in Yonkers is currently planned during the period of August-September 2025. CHPE is requesting a sales tax exemption of \$1,996,875.

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Yonkers Boys Swim Team Wins Back-To-Back League Championships!

The Yonkers Boys Swim Team won back-to-back League Championships at the Mark Twain Pool in Yonkers on Saturday, January 27, 2024. This is the team's third league championship in the past six years. Yonkers tied Rye High School for the title, with each team scoring 355 points. The team's only loss this season was to Rye by 6 points in a dual meet. Yonkers overall record was an impressive 7-1.

This year's varsity squad was composed of 26 boys from six high schools: Roosevelt, Lincoln, Gorton, Saunders, YMA, and Yonkers High School. The captains for the season were seniors from Yonkers High; Liam McMullen and Kenan Suwan.

On February 14th, Yonkers competed at Felix Festa Pool in Clarkstown for Section 1 Championships. The team placed 24th overall. Jr Miguel Gaviria was the only member to score individual points for the team, and placed 16th in both the 200 yard I.M. (2:11.22) and 100 yard breaststroke (1:07.64). Yonkers Medley Relay finished 15th with a time of 1:54.44.

Other qualifiers for the championship were Justin Soriano (50 and 100 yard free) and Alex Lowe (200 I.M. and 100 breaststroke).

Captain McMullen competed in his final varsity competition and reflected on the season and his career for Yonkers; "This season has been the most fun by far, and I have never had a better team in any other sport. Every swimmer on the team felt like family. Competing was very exciting, and we were able to win yet another championship for Yonkers! I'm so grateful for this experience with Yonkers Swimming."

League Championship Scorers:

200 Freestyle: 8th Joshua Lopez (2:08.03), 10th Ben Soriano (2:21.47), 16th Armando Castillo (2:31.32)

200 I.M.: 3rd M. Gaviria (2:10.37), 6th A. Lowe (2:22.71), 13th Alejandro Castillo (2:39.69)

50 Freestyle: 4th Justin Soriano (24.54), 8th Liam McMullen (25.30), 10th Andrew Canale (25.42), 14th Anas Elkhia (27.03)

100 Butterfly: 10th Brian Perez (1:04.21), 11th L. McMullen (1:06.40)

100 Freestyle: 2nd J. Soriano (52.86), 5th Thomas Letona (57.06), 7th A. Canale (57.61), 9th Nick Chapins (59.73)

500 Freestyle: 9th B. Soriano (6:32.44), 10th Nick Chapins (6:35.19)

100 Backstroke: 5th J. Lopez (1:06.28), 8th T. Letona (1:08.80), 9th B. Perez (1:10.42), 13th A. Castillo (1:20.83)

100 Breaststroke: 1st M. Gaviria (1:06.41), 5th A. Lowe (1:10.28), 7th A. Castillo (1:12.75), 11th D. Gonzalez (1:15.50)

Relays: Medley 3rd (1:54.71), 200 Free 3rd (1:40.44), 400 Free 4th (3:43.97)



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He is also an Academic Outreach Coordinator in the Youth Offender Program in Westchester, providing educational support to incarcerated young people. While incarcerated, Alvarez received his GED and Bachelor of Arts in Social Studies from the Bard Prison Initiative.

“It is such an honor to announce that Jonathan Alvarez of Yonkers will be my special guest for this year’s State of the Union address,” said Congressman Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D. (NY-16). “Jonathan is a leader in our community who has committed himself to uplifting our youth, making sure that everyone has the resources they need to thrive, and prioritizing equity and justice. As a formerly incarcerated individual and founder of 914United, Jonathan has made it his mission to create and foster positive change in his community. Leaders like Jonathan make our district the vibrant, diverse, and welcoming place that we know. I am so proud to have him join me at the State of the Union.”

“I am delighted and honored to have received an invitation from Congressman Jamaal Bowman to attend President Biden’s State of the Union address,” said Jonathan Alvarez, founder of 914United. “As our nation faces a critical juncture, the leadership of President Biden and Congressman Bowman is paramount. I look forward to participating in this historic occasion, recognizing the significance of their guidance during these challenging times.”

Hard Lemonade, continued from pg 1-

On March 21, 2023, at approximately 1:15 a.m., the defendant stole a \$45,000 semi-tractor trailer containing 1,560 cases of Mike’s Hard Lemonade, a liquor-based beverage, worth \$32,793, from a lot in Yonkers located off I-87. The defendant drove the vehicle to Brooklyn where the vehicle was later found by police abandoned and empty on Atlantic Avenue.

New York State Police from the Hawthorne Barracks arrested the defendant in the Bronx on April 17, 2023, following a joint investigation with the Westchester County District Attorney’s Criminal Investigator Squad. The Yonkers Police Department and the New Rochelle Police Department assisted with the investigation.

The case was before State Supreme Court Justice James McCarty in Westchester County Court and prosecuted by Senior Assistant District Attorney Adrian Murphy, Auto Crimes Coordinator in the Trials & Investigations Division.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024 AT 6:00 PM, WILL BE HELD IN YONKERS CITY HALL, 40 SOUTH BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR (building is handicapped accessible).

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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 2024)

5810 – Use & Area Variance – David S. Steinmetz, Esq. & Jacob E. Amir, Esq., on behalf of TCP Realty LLC, owners, on premises known as 143-151 Woodworth Avenue, Block: 2102, Lots: 4, 5, 11, 39 & 41, Zone: C (B32117) (Adjourned to APRIL 2024) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1H-uwlmlnZ67PdqnXin47LX7kkvY8uwUh?usp=share_link

5836 – Use & Area Variance – Mastrogiacomo Engineering PC, on behalf of My Main Man LLC, owner, on premises known as 47 High Street aka 102 Park Avenue, Block: 2167, Lot: 1.3, Zone: MG (B32874) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KcvFoSwZw6ljqBkVUcJQsWyXq4z4Pn-x?usp=sharing>

5838 – Use Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of 222 Lake Partners LLC, owner, on premises known as 222 Lake Avenue, Block: 2179, Lot: 1, Zone: A&I (B32787) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ckpicpipRFStOnVZl18vQjNlPcnXlrs3?usp=sharing>

5843 – Area Variance - Keith P. Brown, Esq., on behalf of GettyMart, Inc., owner, and Global Montello Group Corp., lessee, on premises known as 286-290 Ashburton Avenue, Block: 2067, Lot: 1, Zone: I (B30675) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1cBV9cH4gmAG4aViVTkhhwbnMl41X4gBG?usp=sharing>

5846 – Use & Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of 166 Yonkers Ave LLC, owner, on premises known as 166 Yonkers Avenue, Block: 446, Lot: 8, Zone: BA (B32605) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1ZgbV5J1JyCicKwpgACcltpoW8eOLE8ME?usp=sharing>

NEW HEARINGS

5847 – Area Variance – Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Mark & Luljeta Lumaj, owners, on premises known as 121-125 Sterling Avenue, Block: 6266, Lots: 27 & 29, Zone: T (A249) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1omdWDKMJdfh9FJE_hY2ahKW5GH1-Au-n?usp=sharing

5848 – Area Variance - Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Montero Service Group Corp, owner, on premises known as 74 Maple Street, Block: 457, Lot: 11, Zone: M (B30091) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RvyUzj_4Ml3ENgf9aq_ZjHbiGTM8Tul1?usp=sharing

5849 – Area Variance - Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Sherena Doldron, owner, on premises known as 26 Cornell Ave, Block: 111, Lot: 22.32, Zone: A (B28235) <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QWuIINnN5i53mal6tWqHsKu5cfNX2d6B?usp=sharing>

5850 – Area Variance – Kathleen Bradshaw, Esq., on behalf of 194 Yonkers Avenue LLC, owner, on premises known as 182 Fillmore Street aka 194 Yonkers Avenue, Block: 405, Lots: 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, Zone: BA (B31340) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rndP3X61js_cy3P25c-FkrsMpUyXHf34?usp=sharing

Rally for State Education Funding, continued from pg 5-

“In our schools today, we are providing the social safety net for our communities,” said Melinda Person, President of New York State United Teachers. “We feed children, we provide mental health services, we support families. We do all of the work to take care of our students so that they get what they need. And the cost of that is part of our education budget. So, when you cut Foundation Aid, you cut our ability to provide basic needs and services to communities.”

About half of the school districts in the state are also facing potential cuts. Federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funding is also set to expire in September 2024, resulting in less federal funding on top of the state cuts.

“2.9 million in cuts is not something that you can actually think of with a clear heart and conscience knowing that we are a school district that is in significant fiscal stress,” said Trustee Mitchell. “Those cuts are coming to the people who are actually teaching, serving and protecting our children. You’re talking about our security workers, our food service, our CSEA. And we’re talking about our teachers, who are the true commodity and the true value of our District.”

A reduction of Foundation Aid also disproportionately affects Mount Vernon schools. Building Aid, which is a part of the total state aid package, is calculated based on the median income of households in the county. Mount Vernon has the lowest median income in Westchester County.”

“There is no more important investment than the investments we make in our children,” said Congressman Bowman. “When we invest in education, childcare and pre-K we see tremendous economic outcomes. We see the lowering of costs in our justice system and our healthcare system, and we give our kids the access and the opportunity to realize their full potential.”

“I am urging everyone to write to the Governor’s office and state legislators imploring them to not remove this much needed funding for our District from the state’s budget,” said Dr. Smith. “With your voices added, we can show just how important this funding is for the Mount Vernon City School District. It is truly pivotal for us.”

Hochul has argued that some wealthier school districts do not need any state aid increases, but that poorer school districts should be supported.

And the state has no longer has a legal commitment to deliver large increases in state education aid to certain school districts, which were agreed to settle a lawsuit.

Combined with Federal COVID funds ending, Hochul is trying to control education aid for the first time in 5 years.

But State legislators from Westchester are ready to fight to restore and even increase state education aid. Led by State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Senate Education Chair Shelley Mayer, their constituents of parents, staff and unions are calling for a restoration of the proposed cuts.

“I continue to be vocal about the necessity of restoring funds owed to our schools in the final New York State budget due April 1st. As Chair of the Senate Education Committee, this is my number one priority in the budget negotiations. Please join my efforts by calling the Governor at 1-518-474-8390 to express your views,” said Sen. Mayer, who called the proposed cuts “devastating” and “absolutely dramatic.”

Look for another New York State budget battle in the month of March leading up to a budget vote in April. Assemblyman Matt Slater also opposes the cuts. “Last year Gov. Hochul sent \$1 billion in education funding to the MTA and now is proposing devastating cuts in State aid to public schools across New York State. As a proud graduate from Yorktown High School and a father of two enrolled in public school,” Slater called Hochul’s proposed cuts “reckless”.

Local property tax increases from School Boards and School Districts are the only other funding option. In some cases, voters would be asked to override the 2% tax cap, when school budgets begin to be released next month.



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County Executive Latimer Kicks Off Free Tax Return Prep for Working Families

The Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board's (WPWDB) "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance" (VITA) Program is available now through April 15.

The Westchester-Putnam Workforce Development Board (WPWDB) and Westchester County Executive George Latimer hosted an IRS endorsed "Volunteer Income Tax Assistance" (VITA) Program Kickoff event to increase awareness of the free tax prep assistance available to Westchester County residents and the qualifications necessary to receive federal tax credits.

The VITA program helps low- and moderate-income individuals and families eligible for the Federal Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) file their taxes for free, including people with disabilities, senior citizens, and those for whom English is a second language. To make sure the program delivers maximum benefits, VITA relies on dedicated volunteers to act as greeters, and assist with translation and call-center operations. Tax preparation is done by IRS-certified volunteers with FREE electronic filing.

Westchester County Executive George Latimer said: "What started as a small program in 1969, to help the IRS increase taxpayer education, has evolved into a critical resource for low- and moderate-income taxpayers. Today, the VITA program ensures accurate tax returns, equitable access to the tax code, and needed tax refunds for our working families and individuals who most need them. It also serves to boost the local economy; it's estimated that about 80% of refunds are spent locally, generating sales, wages, and jobs."

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said: "We are proud to provide our hard-working residents access to free tax prep services they can trust and rely on right in their local community. We're especially pleased that VITA services will be offered for the first time at the WCC Campus at the Cross County Shopping Center. We thank all the IRS certified volunteers for their time and talent."

The program is delivered through a collaboration of partners who worked diligently to coordinate the day-to-day operations—2-1-1 Hudson Valley/United Way of Westchester and Putnam; the IRS; Westchester County Government; Westchester Community College, Valhalla and Cross County Campuses; Mercy University, Dobbs Ferry and Bronx Campuses; Ossining High School; Ossining Youth Bureau; Westchester Jewish Community Services; and the Westchester-Putnam Career Center Network.

Call 211 or 1-800-899-1479 to make an appointment at one of the nine locations listed. VITA Free Tax Prep Program Runs from February 2 through April 15

White Plains Career Center, 120 Bloomingdale Road, 2nd Floor, White Plains, NY 10605 Note: Entrance at rear of the building. To April 15 | Mondays: 4 pm–8 pm. Saturdays, beginning February 17, ending April 13: 10:00 am–4:00 pm. By appointment only.

Mercy University—Dobbs Ferry Campus. 555 Broadway, Victory Hall, Room 100, Dobbs Ferry, NY 10552. Dates/Times: Saturdays: February 3 to April 13 | 9:30 am–3:30 pm. Last Day: April 13

Mount Vernon Career Center. 130 Mount Vernon Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10550. Fridays, starting February 16 to April 12 | 10:00 am–4:00 pm Saturdays, starting February 17 to April 13: 9 am–3 pm

Ossining Youth Bureau, Joseph G. Caputo Community Center, 95 Broadway, Ossining, NY 10562. Saturdays, starting February 17 to April 13 | 10:00 am–4:00 pm Last Day: April 13

Ossining High School, 29 South Highland Avenue, Ossining, NY 1056. Mondays: 3:30 pm–8 pm |. Last Day: April 15

Westchester Community College (Gateway Center, Valhalla Campus), 75 Grasslands Road, Room G144, Valhalla, NY 10595. Mon. & Wed.: 9 am–4 pm. Last Day: April 15

Westchester Community College (Cross County Campus). 843 Kimball Avenue (Learning Commons), Yonkers, NY 10704 .Saturdays, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm. Last Day: April 13

Westchester Jewish Community Services – Hartsdale, 141 North Central Avenue, Hartsdale, NY 10530. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:00 pm–7:00 pm Last Day: April 11

Who Qualifies for EITC? The potential maximum tax credit includes federal, state and New York City credits and depends on income, marital status and number of qualifying children in the household. Qualifying children can be a son, daughter, grandchild, adopted child, step child or foster child as long as the child is under 19 years of age, under the age of 24 if a full-time student, or be permanently and totally disabled at any time during the year. The child must have the same principal residence as the taxpayer for more than half the tax year and not provide more than one-half of his/her own support for the year.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Free Tax Prep program is a national initiative sponsored by the IRS and the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to help low- and moderate-income residents qualify for federal and state earned income tax credits (EITC).

VITA Student Initiative: This year, students from Mt. Vernon High School will be volunteering for the program as part of the VITA Student Initiative, a partnership with students from Ossining HS, Westchester Community College and Mercy University. Eleven students were trained and received IRS certification to prepare returns..

The parade committee is chaired by Jim Landy, while the parade itself is co-chaired by Deirdre O'Mara and Ursula McIntyre. Anyone following the parade are encouraged to visit the Parade website and social media for updates, and you can find all of that on <https://yonkersstpatricksdayparade.org> and "Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue" on Facebook.

THE GRAND MARSHAL & AIDES

Moira Kiernan, Grand Marshal: Moira Merrigan Kiernan is a lifelong resident of Yonkers. She and her brother, Timothy Merrigan, were raised in Northwest Yonkers by their mother, Beverly Kelly Merrigan. Her family originated from Counties Down, Armagh, and Munster Province, particularly Killarney. Her Yonkers roots go back 5 generations. Her great-grandfather George T. Kelly, was a Yonkers builder who constructed Yonkers City Hall, Gorton High School and various public buildings in Westchester in the early 20th Century. Moira attended Maria Regina High School, the College of Mount of St Vincent, and received a Master's in Business Administration from Manhattan College. Moira's husband, Christopher R. Kiernan was a Deputy Chief with the Yonkers Fire Department, passing away in 2004.

Moira continues her career in local banking, presently as a Vice President of Orange Bank & Trust, and is managing their new office in Yonkers. She is a past recipient of the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce Women in Business – Business Professional Award. Strongly committed to community service, Moira serves on numerous Boards of service organizations that enhance the lives of many in Yonkers. She is currently Chairwoman of the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce and New York Creative Arts Therapy Foundation, as well as a Board member of St. Joseph's Medical Center, Finian Sullivan Corp., Sacred Heart High School's Board of Advisors, Mount Hope Cemetery Association, Westchester County Bar Foundation, Yonkers Community Planning Council and several affordable housing organizations that serve Yonkers. A parishioner of Sacred Heart, she is also a member of the Amackassin Club, and is an avid golfer and tennis player. She served as Aide to the Grand Marshal in 2010, and we are delighted that Moira is our 2024 Grand Marshal of the Yonkers St. Patrick's Day Parade on McLean Avenue.

MARTIN BELLEW, Aide: Martin is one of 3 brothers whose parents arrived in the U.S. in 1950, his mother from Co. Clare, and his father from Co. Armagh. Marty spent 3 summers working on his uncle's farm in Mullagh, Clare. His late wife, Mary, was the daughter of Irish immigrants, and their 2 children embrace their Irish roots, marching in over 100 St. Patrick's Parades. His grandchildren took part in the 2023 NYC Parade in strollers. Marty has a Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering, and is Commissioner of the Dept. of Environmental Control and President of the Resource Recovery Agency in the Town of Islip. He was Director of Bureaus of Waste Disposal, Waste Disposal Engineering, and Recycling in NYC, where he managed material generated by the 9/11 attack, operations at Fresh Kills, and planning for the closure of Fresh Kills. He served as Yonkers Deputy DPW Commissioner, and later Parks Commissioner. While in the NY Dept. of Sanitation, he joined the DSNY Emerald Society. He started golf tournaments for Cystic Fibrosis. To date, the tournaments have raised over \$250,000. Marty was a founding member of the DSNY Emerald Society Pipe and Drum Band, and has been a delegate from the DSNY Emerald Society to the Grand Council for approximately 40 years. In 2022, he was unanimously elected President of the Grand Council, which has over 20,000 members, serving as the umbrella of 27 affiliated Emerald Societies, whose members serve in front-line professions. Martin has been a resident of Yonkers for 38 years.

MARGE DELANEY, Aide: Marge (Marguerite McPhillips) was born in Yonkers, the older of two children of John B. McPhillips and M. Terry McPhillips. Her paternal Irish roots are in Cos. Monaghan and Louth. Marge attended Sacred Heart Grammar and High Schools. She graduated from Westchester Community College, pursuing her degree more than 20 years after high school, while raising 5 children. Marge is retired after more than 25 years in the auto industry, as Controller for various car dealerships. Marge is a Trustee of Yonkers Historical Society, where she serves as Co-Chair of the Archives Committee, volunteers in the Office, and takes an active role on the Fundraising Dinner Committee. She is Treasurer of the Morsemere Garden Club, and President of the Board of Directors of Tudor Woods, Inc. She serves as Administrator of the Green & Gold Fund, in support of the mission, programs, and students of Sacred Heart High School. Marge has been a member of our Parade Committee for several years, serving on the Dinner Committee, and greeting guests at the check-in table. She is a member of the American Irish Association. Marge is the proud mother of 4 sons, a daughter, and their spouses: Bill (Tara), Terry (Kevin), Kevin (Brandie), Ryan (Christina) and Megan Martinetti (Tommy). Her 5 granddaughters and 4 grandsons are her pride and joy. A Parishioner of the Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart,

DAWN DOHERTY, Aide: Dawn was born in New York and moved to Castlebar, Co. Mayo at 3. Her mother, Maryanne hails from Co. Sligo, and her father, Joe is from Castlebar. Her brother, Dean resides in London. Dawn and her husband Paul, also from Castlebar, have a 5-year-old son, Joey. Dawn attended the University of Limerick. She earned an honors BA in Irish Music & Dance, and two Master's, one in Music Therapy and one in Science and Education, Special Ed. She worked as Music Therapist at Cherry Orchard Hospital in Dublin, and in St. Angela's Primary School Castlebar, prior to moving to New York 10 years ago. She has several All-Ireland titles, competing at the Fleadh Cheoil, Readoiri, Scor and Oireachtas. She plays many instruments including the whistle, piano, guitar, bodhran, and sings in the Irish Language. She is the 2023 All-Ireland champion in Senior Tin Whistle Slow Airs, won at Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann in Mullingar. In May, Dawn will be inducted into the Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann Mid-Atlantic Region Hall of Fame, for her work in Irish Music preservation. Dawn is Director of her own Irish Music & Singing Academy. She is also Director of the Aisling Center Ballad Group and Co-Director of the Aisling Ceili band. She teaches Irish Music and Singing at Aisling and St Mark's Lutheran School, and runs classes for children with special needs. Last year, the Mayo Society of NY honored Dawn as Mayo Woman of the Year. Dawn and her family belong to Saint Pius X Parish in Scarsdale.

AILISH DORAN, Aide: Ailish Marie Cronin Doran is a lifelong Yonkers resident and proud Irish American. Ailish is the eldest daughter of Jack and Jeanie Cronin. Her father hails from Millstreet, Co. Cork and her mom was born in the Bronx, and attended high school in Sligo, close to her family's home in Ballinfad, Co. Sligo. Ailish attended St. Paul the Apostle School and Lincoln High School. She earned a Bachelor's in Accounting from Manhattan College and Master's in Teaching from Iona.

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approximately 3:45 am, Deputies were dispatched to the JNR Pharmacy for a commercial burglar alarm activation. Upon arrival it was determined that the front glass door was smashed, and that unknown suspect(s) had entered the building but fled before the deputy's arrival. The owner was contacted and is in the process of determining the amount and type of loss. Sheriff's Deputies and Investigators are looking into this case and working with other law enforcement agencies to determine whether it is related to other pharmacy burglaries that have occurred recently in the area."

Another incident in Bedford occurred one hour after the Southeast break in. "On February 12, 2024, at approximately 4:18am, officers were dispatched to the Bedford Pharmacy located in Bedford Village for a commercial burglar alarm activation. Officers quickly arrived and observed that the front glass door was smashed and that unknown suspect(s) had entered the building, stealing multiple types of medicine but fled prior to patrol officers arrival. The Bedford Police Department's Detective Bureau is investigating this case and working with other law enforcement agencies to determine whether it is related to other pharmacy burglaries that have occurred recently in the area."

Further north the Beekman Pharmacy was robbed in the same way, and the same drugs stolen.

The thieves have drawn the attention of the Drug Enforcement Agency in New York who reports that pharmacy thefts tripled since 2021. While typically, the drug store break ins are by drug addicts, the DEA said that this recent rash of break ins, and the similar way in which they have been conducted, could indicate a gang, or organized crime groups involvement.

DEA officials said the people who break in typically used to be individual drug users, but they are now seeing a transition to organized crime carried out by groups.

The Putnam County Sheriff is treating the incidents as if they are connected. Westchester law enforcement has been quiet about these incidents and are searching for suspects.

One of the pharmacies burglarized was installing a safe to place their narcotic prescriptions in for overnight safety.

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.empirestatebidssystem.com/>. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

1. Bid RFB-7108 – Opening date: 3/15/2024: Purchase of 29 packs of Texas Instruments TI-84 Plus CE EZ-Spot Graphing Calculator Teacher Packs (10 calculators/pack) and 20 TI-34 Multiview EZ-Spot Scientific Calculator Teacher Packs (10 calculators/pack) (LC).

2. Bid IFB-7111 – Opening date: 3/15/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the on call rehabilitation and emergency repairs of storm, sanitary, and combined sewers using the Shotcrete method (KS).

3. Bid IFB-7112 – Opening date: 3/15/2024: Twelve-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, for the on call rehabilitation and emergency repairs of storm, sanitary, and combined sewers using the Cured-in-Place method (KS).

4. Bid RFB-7114 – Opening date: 3/15/2024: One time purchase of French Fitness, or Yonkers approved equal, gym equipment for the 3rd Police Precinct (VB).

5. Bid RFB-7115 – Opening date: 3/15/2024: Twelve-month contract for the immediate purchase of one refurbished Stryker LifePak 15 medical monitor and accessories, or Yonkers approved equal, and one Stryker LUCAS 3 CPR device and accessories, or Yonkers approved equal with option to purchase additional units (VB).

6. Bid IFB-7116 – Opening date: 4/12/2024: Part 2 of Playground & Building Upgrades" at Schools 27, 28, 29 & 15; 1 GC Contract for PS27 & PS15; 1 Electrical Contract for PS27, 28, 29 & 15 (AC).

7. Bid RFB-7117 – Opening date: 4/05/2024: Purchase of various Lane-Light Traffic Technologies, or Yonkers approved equal, In-Road Crosswalk components (120 items) (MM).

8. Bid RFB-7120 – Opening date: 3/15/2024: Purchase of one 4WD, model year 2024, Chevrolet Tahoe RST, or Yonkers approved equal, configured per City specifications (MM).

9. Bid RFB-7121 – Opening date: 3/15/2024: Purchase of five 4WD, model year 2024, Ford Expedition Limited, or Yonkers approved equal, configured per City specifications (MM).

10. Bid RFB-7122 – Opening date 4/05/2024: Furnish and install a pre-engineered, 100-foot-by-100-foot by 20-foot eave height, clear span steel building at 120 Fullerton Avenue to serve as a Police and Fire Training Center (MM).

11. Bid IFB-6936A – Opening date: 4/05/2024: High-Tech Security Upgrades at Lincoln High School, 375 Kneeland Avenue - Single Prime General Construction Contract (DC).

Weekend Events in Westchester County Parks

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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Animal Interactions, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Join us for a private experience and enter one of our enclosures where you will see, touch and learn more about an animal of the farmer's choice. Get details and pre-register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/animal-interactions-tickets-773107303757>

Marshlands Conservancy, Rye: (914) 835-4466

Climate Change, Habitat Change, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Take a walk with us through some of Marshlands' habitats while we discuss how the changes in climate might impact existing conditions and how nature might respond to such challenges. Dress warmly.

Miller House, 140 Virginia Road, White Plains: (914) 428-1005

Miller House Open House, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Drop in to visit the former home of the Ann and Elijah Miller family, an average colonial Westchester family whose lives were changed forever when Gen. George Washington and his army fought for American independence.

Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation, Cross River: (914) 864-7322 Winter Arts and Crafts, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Let's make some nature-inspired winter arts and crafts together! For all ages.

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. Exploring the Geology of the Shoreline, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. We will discover, collect and dissect some of the geological historical formations of the Sanctuary and the Long Island Shoreline. It's a nice travelogue through the formation of part of the east coast.

Lenoir Preserve, Yonkers: (914) 968-5851. Sugarhouse Chat, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Stop by between 1 and 3 to see our sugar shack in action! We will be inside using the evaporator to boil down gallons of Lenoir's very own maple sap until we have sweet maple syrup! For all ages.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Maple Munchies, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Learn about all the ways to use maple syrup in the kitchen while cooking up a maple-themed culinary treat! Also: March 30. Get details and register at <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/event-calendar.html/event/2024/03/09/1710010800/maple-munchies/463308>

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

Merestead Estate, Mount Kisco: (914) 864-7958. Merestead Bird Walk, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. We'll walk among Merestead's meadows. Hiking shoes are recommended. Register at 914-428-1005.

Alfred B. DelBello Muscote Farm, Somers: (914) 864-7282. Pancake Breakfast, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Join us to celebrate the end of our sugaring season! Enjoy some pancakes and taste our house-made syrup! Get details and register at <https://www.muscotefarm.org/programs-events/event-calendar.html/event/2024/03/10/muscote-farm-s-pancake-breakfast/463309>

Edith G. Read Wildlife Sanctuary, Rye: (914) 967-8720. The Big 10 Ants of the Northeast, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Get an overview of different species and identification, with specimens of ants in the northeast.

Lasdon Park and Arboretum, Katonah: (914) 864-7268. Sip, Nibble and Learn: Lasdon BC (Before a County Park), 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Get details and register at <https://www.lasdonpark.org/event/sip-nibble-learn-lasdon-b-c-before-a-county-park-2/>

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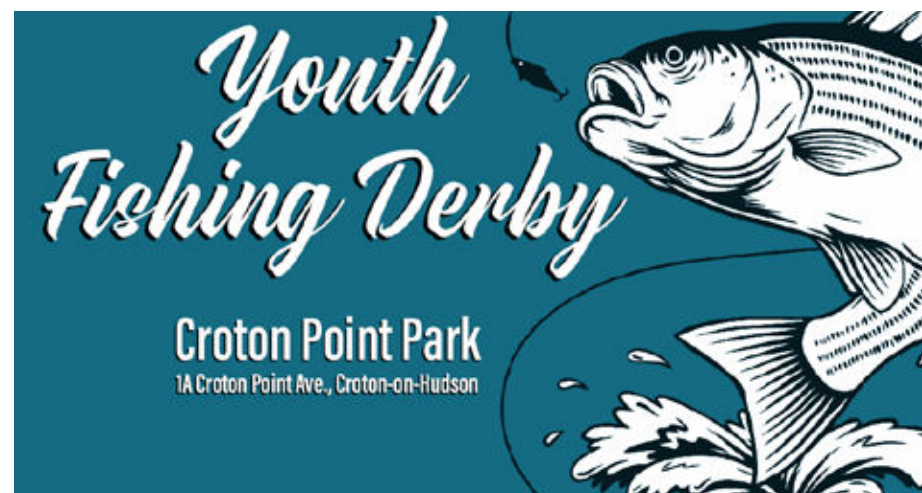
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Registration Open for Westchester Parks/Hudson River Fishermen's Association Fishing Derby



Westchester County Parks and the Hudson River Fishermen's Association will host their inaugural Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Croton Point Park in Croton on Hudson.

Westchester County Parks Commissioner, Kathy O'Connor said, "Fishing is one of the most popular outdoor activities in the United States. We are excited to partner with the Hudson River Fishermen's Association and to offer a new program for County youth to enjoy."

Children ages 8 through 16 are invited to participate. Adult/parental supervision is required. Equipment and bait will be provided, or you can bring your own. Check in is at 9:30 a.m.; derby starts at 10 a.m. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Pre-registration is required through Eventbrite for this free event. Rain date is Sunday, April 7. Deadline for registration is Friday, April 5. For more information visit the Westchester County Parks or call (914) 231-4645. Croton Point Park is located at 1A Croton Point Avenue, Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520.

Nominate a Yonkers Woman of Distinction

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced the City of Yonkers is accepting nominations for the city's annual "Women of Distinction" Award, presented each year during March to celebrate Women's History Month. The annual "Women of Distinction" Award recognizes Yonkers women who have served their local community and positively impacted the lives of Yonkers residents. Nominations for "Women of Distinction" are to be submitted at www.YonkersNY.gov/women.

"Yonkers is proud to have many women who play vital roles in shaping and advancing our community," said Mayor Mike Spano. "I urge our fellow Yonkers citizens to recognize and celebrate the heroic women they know by nominating them for our Women of Distinction."

The deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, March 15; the award ceremony will be held on Wednesday, March 27 at 5:30 pm at Yonkers City Hall (Ceremonial Courtroom, 4th Floor). In collaboration with the Mayor, winners will be selected by the Mayor's Women's Advisory Board and will be notified on Thursday, March 21st.

About Women's History Month

Women's History Month originated in 1981 when Congress passed a resolution requesting President Reagan to commemorate "Women's History Week." The President proclaimed the week beginning on March 7, 1982 as the first Women's History Week and the nation continued to designate a week in March as Women's History Week until 1987 when the month of March was officially declared "Women's History Month." Learn more at www.womenshistory-month.gov.

Wartburg Honors 500+ Volunteers for Service



L-R-Chloe Tomasso, Cristle Collins Judd, Emily Bloom, Hannah Lee, Rosabelle DuBois and Nelson Rodriguez.

Wartburg, a prominent senior residential and healthcare provider in lower Westchester County, recently honored the remarkable service of more than 500 volunteers at its Volunteer Recognition Luncheon. Over 110 attendees congregated at Wartburg's Gatz Conference Center to commemorate the dedication of these volunteers, who collectively contributed nearly 50,000 hours of service throughout 2023. Dr. David J. Gentner, Wartburg's President & CEO, expressed gratitude, acknowledging the vital role volunteers play in the organization's foundation and ongoing success, stating, "This organization was founded by volunteers, our Board of Directors, and your dedication to service will always be appreciated."

Among the recognitions, Sarah Lawrence College received the Community Partner of the Year Award for its outstanding support and collaboration with Wartburg's senior community. Noteworthy achievements included successful events, podcast series, book clubs, and intergenerational programming, all of which significantly enriched the lives of Wartburg's senior residents. Additionally, Sister Mary Elizabeth DeBoer was honored with the Claudia Brigman Volunteer of the Year Award for her unwavering commitment to providing spiritual care and comfort to Wartburg residents, dedicating over 300 hours of service in 2023 alone. Furthermore, Home Depot was recognized as the 2023 Corporate Partner of the Year for its substantial contributions to Wartburg initiatives, including renovation projects and community events that enhanced the environment and experiences of Wartburg residents and visitors.

Reflecting Wartburg's commitment to holistic care, the organization offers Spiritual Care Visitor Training, enabling volunteers to provide essential pastoral care skills and support. Over 30 graduates dedicated over 2,300 hours to bringing peace and spiritual care to residents, while Worship on Wheels volunteers donated 576 hours to transport nursing home residents to chapel services. Kerry Minto, Director of Volunteers, expressed profound gratitude for the selfless efforts of Wartburg's volunteers, emphasizing their significant contributions in fostering a welcoming and enriching environment for residents and patients alike.

For information on Wartburg's volunteer program, visit their website at Wartburg.org or call Kerry Minto at 914-513-5308 or kminto@wartburg.org.



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General information:

- This is a competition for Yonkers Residents Only - PROOF OF AGE AND ADDRESS REQUIRED.
- Winner is awarded the title for a year and participation in a variety of city-wide events and programs.
- **Audition Date: April 6, 2024 at 9am @ Roosevelt High School.**
- Final Showcase:
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- IDOL contestants must be at least 15 years of age & not having reached their 20th birthday by 1/1/24.

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She began teaching at Annunciation School in the Crestwood section of Yonkers in 1997, and became a Yonkers Public School teacher in 1999. She teaches 4th grade at Las Hermanas Mirabel Community School (# 13 on McLean). Her sister Denise is a Yonkers Police Lieutenant, and her brother Sean is a Lt. Colonel in the US Army. Ailish has been happily married for 28 years to Peter Doran, Captain in the Yonkers Fire Department. They have 2 sons – PJ, a senior at Northeastern University and Brendan, a senior at Siena College. Her sons learned traditional Irish music at the Woodlawn House, which opened the door for the family to travel to Ireland numerous times to enjoy the Fleadh Cheoil na hEireann. Ailish is involved with several Yonkers charitable groups, most proud of the work done with Yonkers Fire Department, School 13 Memorial Benches, and the Martin O'Grady School of Irish Music. Ailish & her family are parishioners of St. John the Baptist. Ailish thanks her parents for giving her such an appreciation and love for her Irish heritage.

ANDREW HAYDEN, Aide: Andy's family is from the Bronx and Yonkers. He settled in Hastings-on-Hudson with his parents, Arthur and Kathleen Hayden. Paternal Irish roots are in County Mayo. While attending Hastings High, he worked with the Hoffman's, owners of Hastings House. After graduation, Andy was an apprentice electrician for contractors before becoming an Electrical Mechanic for Westchester Dept. of Corrections. In 1988, he was accepted into Westchester IBEW Local 501, the same year he was sworn into the Hastings-on-Hudson Police Dept. Andy had several Police influences. Uncle Walter Hayden in Yonkers and Cousin Thomas Mahoney in Mamaroneck were active members of Irish societies in their departments. Cousin and Godfather, Harold Woods, a Yonkers Police Officer was tragically murdered in the line of duty in 1974. In Hastings, Andy assisted in the Youth Division and was appointed a Project D.A.R.E. Officer. In 1993, he trained in Saratoga, instituted the program and taught in Farragut Middle School and St. Matthew School. In 1998 Andy married Joan Murphy of Clontarf, Dublin. Sons Trevor and Devin, and daughter Ciara grew up spending summers in Ireland with their grandmother Molly Condon Murphy. Trevor graduated from the University at Buffalo and is a Yonkers Police Officer. Ciara and Devin are students at SUNY Oswego. While serving in Hastings, Andy attended Westchester Community College and Manhattan College. In 2014, Andy retired as Sergeant. He and Joan purchased Lynx Transport Moving Co., serving Rivertowns and Yonkers. He is proud and humbled to serve as President of the AOH Myles Scully Div. 1, Yonkers

JENNIFER KEATING MCSPEDON, Aide: Jennifer Keating McSpedon was born and raised in Yonkers. She is the 3rd of 4 children of Richard and Joyce (Read) Keating. She is proud of her Irish heritage from both sides of her family. Her paternal grandparents and great-grandparents are from Counties Limerick and Waterford. Her maternal great-grandparents are from County Galway. Jennifer attended Sacred Heart Grammar and High Schools. She is an alumna of Pace University, with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and of Mercy University, with a Master of Science in Reading. Jennifer and her husband Matt currently reside in Northwest Yonkers and are parishioners of the Monastery Church of the Sacred Heart. She has worked for the Yonkers Public Schools for over 20 years. Jennifer is currently the Reading Teacher at Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy. As a teacher and resident of Yonkers, she is a proud member of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers, in its promotion of high standards for teachers, students and the community. Jennifer is also an active member of the LAOH, Our Lady of Knock Division 19 - Yonkers. She has volunteered and taken part in many initiatives and events, which promote Irish culture, benefit charities, and enhance the life of the community. She is grateful for the support of her sisters of the LAOH.

ANDREW MCLAUGHLIN, Aide: Andrew was born and raised in Yonkers 2nd Precinct, where his father still resides. His parents were Yonkers natives, with paternal roots in Cork, and maternal in Donegal. He comes from a Police family starting with his father, Captain Roy McLaughlin, siblings, Lt Mitchell McLaughlin (retired), Lt Meredith McLaughlin, and the late Det Lt Roy McLaughlin. Andrew is a YPD Captain. His late mother Arleen was very supportive of their career choice. Andrew and his wife, Nay Wasicsko McLaughlin, who also works for the City of Yonkers, have teen-age children, Madison and Michael. Andrew attended St. John the Baptist Grammar School and Fordham Prep. He earned a Bachelor's in Civil Engineering from Manhattan College in 1995. Shortly after, he was sworn in as a YPD Officer, serving in the 4th Pct., where he continued after promotions to Sergeant, First Line Supervisor, Getty Square Supervisor, and Lieutenant. He was later named Commanding Officer in the Housing Unit. In 2015, he was promoted to Captain, named Commanding Officer in the Youth Div., and later Commanding Officer of the 2nd Pct. where he continues to serve. During his career, he attended the FBI National Academy in Quantico. He bicycled twice in the 300-mile Police Unity Ride, in honor of his brother Roy, who passed due to complications from service after 9/11. A park at Kneeland and Theresa Aves. is named for Roy. Andrew's father was Grand Marshal of the Yonkers St. Patrick's Parade on So. Broadway in 2011, and a Piper with Westchester Emerald Society. Andrew has been assisting Parade planning, and assigned as Parade Incident Commander for several years.

KIERA O'CONNOR, Aide: Kiera was born and raised in Woodlawn. Her parents are Kerri Ann O'Connor and the late Patrick Mahoney. Maternal roots are in Manorhamilton, Co. Leitrim. Paternal are in Achill Island, Co. Mayo and Ballylongford, Co. Kerry. 3 generations of her family call Woodlawn and St. Barnabas Parish home. Kiera attended St. Barnabas Grammar School, Maria Regina High School, Manhattan College, and NUI, Galway. She teaches 2nd Grade Special Education at PS 19 in Woodlawn. She is coordinator of St. Barnabas Religious Education, and works part time in Real Estate with Houlihan and O'Malley. She is Foroige Leadership Coordinator at Maria Regina, and will travel with a group of students to the Foroige Leadership Convention in Maynooth. Kiera is a member of the NY GAA, and has been a member of St. Brigid's Ladies Gaelic Football Club since its inception. Kiera proudly represented NY all over America and Ireland with the NY Ladies GAA. She serves as St. Brigid's LGFCC Vice Chair, and Secretary for NY Gaelic 4 Girls. Kiera was honored by St. Brigid's LGFCC last March as Guest of Honor. She works on social media for the NYC St. Patrick's Parade, and helping out her team in any way needed. Kiera was the 1st President of Irish American Young Leaders, and was the NY Mary from Dungloe last summer.

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petitors Stop and Shop and ShopRite. The only way this craziness is going to end is if we stop buying the \$3.59 box of animal crackers and only buy what we must eat.

That sounds crazy but who can afford the crazy prices at the grocery store anymore?

THE PRIMARIES

God love our New York State Legislature. They have created total confusion regarding the Primary dates.

The absentee ballot many of you received last week is for the Presidential Primary which is April 2. You select a candidate and a slate of electors. These people will go to the political party convention and vote for the candidate they have pledged their vote to.

At press time it looks like the decision on the Presidential Candidates has been made in Super Tuesday voting. So New York will not play a major role in Presidential candidate selection.

Two friends said to me they saw Jamaal Bowman on the Presidential ballot. No friends that is a Jamaal Bailey. I do not know this individual, he could be the greatest thing since sliced bread but he is not Congressman Jamaal Bowman. So don't think that if you don't vote for him you are voting against our fire alarm pulling Congressman.

The Primary for Congressional and State Races is June 25. This is the date you can cast your ballot for George Latimer or the current Congressman or a Marty Dolan who I spoke about last week.

Now let's say you have never voted before, just turned 18 or new to the area. You can still register as a Democrat and cast your ballot in the Democratic Primary for Congress for Mr. Bowman's seat. If a new voter registers up to 10 days prior to the Primary as a Democrat (up to the first date of early voting) you can join the many others concerned with Congressman Bowman's behavior and inability to represent the wishes of his constituents.

HEAT SEASON IS ON UNTIL MAY 31

Check your local codes but in WESTCHESTER bottom line is landowners of apartment buildings and multifamily homes have been instructed to maintain a minimum temperature of 68 degrees at all times.

If you are not receiving sufficient heat get a room thermometer and put it in the middle of your apartment to get a value. If it is 68 degrees your landlord is providing sufficient heat, if not call

Yonkers Housing at 914-377-6500.

Briefs:

RIP Flaco the Owl

Oscars this week. Watch Oppenheimer which will be the big winner.

Rita Moreno. 92 years young. Presenting at the Oscars. In a new film to hit theaters shortly

Bowman of the week: Video of him leading the charge to free Palestine with Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib.

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

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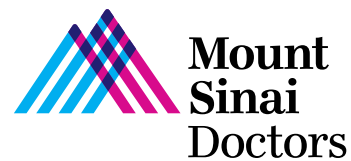
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