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Yonkers Student Excellence: Valedictorian-Salutatorian, Gorton High School



Gorton High School Valedictorian Malik Hylton, left and Salutatorian Mariel Camagay

By Dan Murphy

Congratulations to Gorton High School Valedictorian Malik Hylton and Salutatorian Mariel Camagay for continuing their academic excellence through COVID.

Malik Hylton will graduate with a 4.0 GPA. His favorite subject is History, and "Truthfully, I love all my teachers the same and they are all awesome role models."

Malik has taken four AP and honors courses and his primary extra-curricular activities are participation in YPIE, Yonkers Partners in Education, and Church. "YPIE helped me a lot in making connections and gave me help with my college essays."

Malik was accepted to four colleges and will be attending Lehman College in their prestigious Macaulay Scholars program. "It is a great program and financially, it was best for my family."

Hylton said that at Lehman, he hopes to be the Valedictorian again. "When I do something I always strive to be the best."

At Lehman, Malik will prepare for Medical school after graduation. His father is a doctor, and the medical field has always been an interest. He hopes to become a Cardiologist.

Malik thanked God and his family, for helping him get to this point of success. "My mom, dad, uncle and aunt really continued to push me and give me incentives, starting when I was young."

Through his four years at Gorton, Malik has always been ranked #1 or 2 in his class. He was able to continue his academic excellence through COVID, without much of a problem "I have a brother and sister and I can

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Kayne West Raises \$1 Million + for Yonkers DMX's Family Through Sold Out \$200 T-Shirt



Rapper Busta Rhymes with sold out \$200 DMX T-Shirt

The children and family of Yonkers rapper DMX will receive more than \$1 Million, thanks to Kanye West, and a \$200 t-shirt that quickly sold out. DMX, aka Earl Simmons, died at the age of 50 on April 9.

Kayne and DMX were friends, and Yeezy brand, Kayne's fashion brand, commissioner Balenciaga to design the shirt, with the proceeds going to DMX's family and 5 children.

A funeral was held on April 25 at a private service at Brooklyn's Christian Cultural Center, with a memorial service held shortly after at Brooklyn Barclays Center. Kayne West's Sunday Service Choir performed at the memorial, along with hip hop artists Jadakiss, Nas, Yeezy and Eve telling their fondest memories of DMX.

The shirts are sold on the website, DMX-tribute.com. The long sleeves shirt features a graphic of DMX on the front with RIP printed on it. The website continues to say -Sold Out, and no word on whether another printing will be coming. The website also says that the shirts are "ethically made in the USA."

Two of DMX's children sang and spoke at his memorial. DMX's 12-year-old daughter Sonovah rapped a version of her father's song Slip-pin, while his oldest son, Xavier Simmons said, "Our father is a king, our father is an icon. I am so honored to have a father like we have. This man deepened my ability to love."

But the selling out of the shirts are a testament to DMX fans and those who wanted to help secure the future of his family. And peace and love to Kayne West, who has used his own fame and fortune to help other rappers and hip hop performers during their time of need, and this time for DMX. Kayne and DMX shared a love for Jesus later in both of their lives.

JFK Marina Parking Lot Plan Pulled Due to Massive Community Opposition



Interpretive rendering based upon the developer's "Plan A" © Friends of Trevor Park 2021

A plan to build a parking lot on top of a part of JFK Marina and park have been withdrawn, with a revised proposal coming soon. The idea, rendering above, has been opposed by large parts of the Yonkers community who live in the neighborhood, and that opposition has forced the developer, The Loren Group to come up with a revised plan or another location to put the parking lot.

The Loren Group has submitted plans to redevelop the Glenwood Powerplant, one of the remaining unused, parcels along with Hudson Riverfront in northwest Yonkers. Their plan, called "The Plant" would

Purchased in 2013, the historic building will be reimagined as a co-working, incubator, maker space, and grand convening space, for events, workshops, public art and gatherings that engage entrepreneurs, innovators, scientists, artists, youth and governments engaged with climate solutions.

The concept is an attractive concept that has the support of most in City Hall, except for the lack of parking. The development plan would have to be scaled back to include parking on site, which is one reason why the developer wants to find parking off site but as close as possible to "The Plant."

But the idea of building a parking lot on the site of the JFK Marina, which also lies directly on the Hudson Riverfront, began to take on a massive opposition. The Hudson River Community Association (HRCA), the River Communities Coalition of Yonkers (RCCY), The Friends of Trevor Park (FoTP), and Yonkers Committee for Smart Development (YCSD) joined together in opposing the parking lot.

An online petition, collected more than 2,000 signatures, and another group, the Stop Goren Group Save JFK Marina, joined the opposition. City Councilmember Shanae Williams held zoom meetings and also led the effort on the city council in opposition to the parking lot.

City Council candidate (District 4) Stella Schwuchow said, "The JFK Marina serves as a space for community building, not only to the residents that live in the immediate vicinity,

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Yonkers Police Arrest Three Teen Suspects in Shooting of 6-year-old boy



Yonkers Police close off Ash Street after shooting

On April 29th, 2021, at approximately 6:06 PM, members of the Yonkers Police Department responded to 69 Ash Street on a report of a young child having been struck by gunfire. Upon arrival officers located a 6-year-old boy with an apparent gunshot wound to his chest; police officers and members of the nearby Yonkers Fire Department station immediately rendered medical aid to the child. The victim was transported to a local area trauma center where he is currently listed in stable condition. At the same time, officers were developing suspect information and canvassing for the perpetrators.

The area was cordoned-off and a criminal investigation was initiated. Within fifteen minutes of the shooting, due to the combined efforts of police officers, investigators, and dispatch personnel, information was developed as to suspect descriptions and three juvenile subjects were located and detained by police, one of which was subsequent to a foot pursuit. The three juvenile subjects were transported to the Community Affairs Division pending further investigation.

Detectives from the Major Case Squad, Crime Scene Unit, and Digital Forensics Unit responded to the scene to interview subjects and witnesses, process forensic and ballistic evidence, and recover surveillance video. Investigation has yielded that the victim was inside 69 Ash Street and opening the front door to welcome a family member. Two suspects, accompanied by a third, were in front of 62 Ash Street when allegedly the two each displayed handguns and began firing multiple shots in the direction of two intended targets who had just exited a livery cab between 62 and 69 Ash Street; the intended targets were apparently not struck, however a bullet hit the child victim.

The three suspects and two intended targets fled the scene on foot as police in the area started responding towards gunfire. One of the suspects attempted to conceal his handgun on the property of the Enrico Fermi School on Poplar Street; the other attempted to conceal his handgun on the property of Castle Royale on Waverly Street - both illegal handguns were recovered after article searches: a .380 caliber Bryco Arms semi-automatic pistol, and a 9mm caliber Ruger semi-automatic pistol. Shortly thereafter the three suspects were apprehended by police. Investigators believe that the motive for this incident is a continuation and escalation of disputes and group violence involving juveniles and young adults.

Mayor Mike Spano stated, "Thanks to the swift action of our Yonkers Police and Fire Departments, a child's life was spared from senseless violence.

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Yonkers Police Department Gets a Tesla



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined Police Deputy Chief Chris Sapienza and other members of the Department at Yonkers City Hall to unveil the city's first fully electric vehicle. The latest addition to the city's fleet is a new marked police Tesla Model 3 and is part of the city's ongoing commitment to its ongoing sustainability efforts.

"Our city has become a progressive leader in sustainability, and today we have taken yet another step to provide for a cleaner, greener Yonkers," said Mayor Mike Spano. "The unveiling of the city's first fully electric vehicle strengthens our resolve in reducing vehicle emissions and fossil fuel dependence both good for the environment and our bottom line."

The purchase of the fully electric vehicle comes soon after the signing of Mayor Spano's Executive Order No. 1 of 2020, which makes alternative fuel vehicles the standard for light-duty city vehicles, which will further reduce fuel use and carbon emissions. Yonkers Police's Tesla Model 3 will be assigned to the Department's Traffic Unit, used for speed details, vehicle and traffic enforcement, and various other functions within the unit. The electric vehicle joins the city's growing green fleet which already includes 33 hybrid police vehicles.

Yonkers Police Deputy Chief Chris Sapienza noted, "The Yonkers Police Department is enthusiastic at the prospect of deploying our first fully electric car in keeping with Mayor Spano's Green Initiative. Under the direction of Commissioner Mueller, we have appropriated our first Tesla Model 3, which will be assigned to our Traffic Unit. Aside from being ecologically sensible, this vehicle offers advantages over conventional police vehicles. They are faster, require less maintenance, and their onboard computer systems are more compatible with current police systems. They are all-wheel drive and use a safer and more efficient mechanical braking system. We are simultaneously building out our infrastructure to accommodate more of these vehicles."

The Tesla costs approximately \$46,290 and has expected fuel cost projected savings between 15%-25% as compared to the traditional combustion engine patrol vehicles. Yonkers' current city fleet consists of over 1,000 vehicles, including over 550 light-duty vehicles such as sedans, vans, and SUVs.

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Northeast Jewish Center Celebrates Lag BaOmer With Outdoor BBQ



One of Northeast Jewish Center's youngest members, Aaron Dov Glasser, brings a roasted marshmallow to their oldest member, 100 year old Alex Strohmeier, a World War II pilot.

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Robert Kalfus



Pey Dalid's music brought people to their feet dancing and singing, exulting and enjoying life

By Robert Kalfus

Alex Strohmeier, a member of Northeast Jewish Center, was especially eager to meet and greet others after a year of quarantining to guard his health and the health of others. The 100 year old veteran World War II pilot and Yonkers resident, sat outside Thursday night April 29th under the stars, eating and listening to the great music provided by Pey Dalid, enjoying the Northeast Jewish Center's Lag BaOmer festivities.

Mr. Strohmeier served in the US Army Air Corp's 381st Bomb Group of the 8th Airforce in Ridgewell, England, piloting a B17G for 9 months during his European Theater service from 1943 to 1945. Mr. Strohmeier, a member of the priestly Levite tribe, has been a dedicated member of the NEJC for more than 40 years, and is proud to serve on Shabbat as the designated opener of the Ark containing the Torah.

Mr. Strohmeier shares his knowledge, experiences and history in school lectures, and with children during Veterans Day. He has been interviewed on TV and by filmmakers, and his story is recorded with the Library of Congress' Living History.

Lag BaOmer is the minor Jewish holiday held on the 33rd night and day of counting from the second night of Passover, marking the progression of the Hebrews leaving their Exodus of slavery in Egypt, to seven weeks later, when on the 50th day, they received the Torah at the foot of Mount Sinai, celebrated with the festival of Shavuot (weeks) which will occur this year on Sunday night, May 16th.


With the help of his wife Rebbetzin Luba Glasser, Northeast's Rabbi David Glasser manned the industrial size grills located outside, and cooked all the hamburgers, frankfurters, delicious roast chicken, and also served French fries, potato salad, pickles, potato chips and the usual BBQ foods, with options for vegan eaters. Kosher marshmallows cooked over a safe bonfire were served for dessert. The weather cooperated, with the light rain not falling until the evening's festivities were ending.

Almost 100 people enjoyed sitting outdoors on a not chilly evening, seeing the stars in the sky and the musical stars of Pey Dalid's non-stop musical performance bringing "the fire of HaShem to the world" which moved some to dance, and almost everyone to sing and clap to their favorite musical numbers.

Shlomo Walker explained the band's name, saying "In Hebrew the letter, Pey represents the number 8, the spiritual and infinite, and Dalid represents the number 4, the physical and finite. Our music bridges the core of those dualities, connecting not only with our Jewish brothers and sisters but with all people throughout the world."

Based in Yonkers, Pey Dalid has performed as a band for more than 20 years, is available for all types of events, has three studio albums, and will soon be releasing their first official live album. The Northeast Jewish Center Lag BaOmer event on April 29th was the first live concert they have done since the Covid-19 pandemic started more than a year ago, though they have continued to perform weddings, and performed at several "virtual" concerts for different organizations and causes over the last year.

Learn about the Yonkers synagogue's events and services at (914) 337-0268 or <https://www.NortheastJewishCenter.org>.



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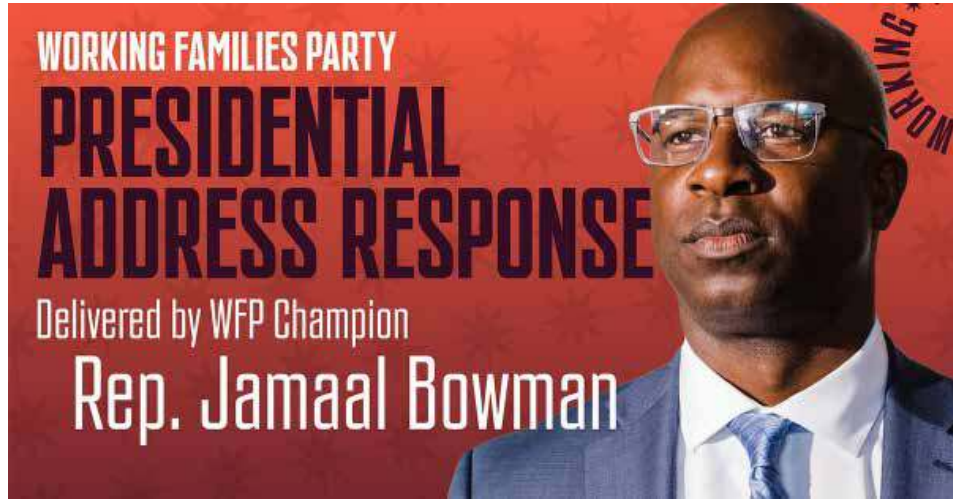
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Bowman Offers Working Families Party Response to Biden's Address



"The proposals that President Biden has put forward over the last few weeks would represent important steps — but don't go as big as we'd truly need in order to solve the crises of jobs, climate and care. We need to think bigger."

Westchester Congressman Jamaal Bowman said this during his response to President Joe Biden's address to Congress on April 28.

Bowman's response points to a progressive agenda, led by many democrats, who are seeking to make change, now.

Congressman Jamaal Bowman represents more than half of Westchester County in Congress, including Yonkers, in the 16th district.

"Perhaps what I am most proud of, is the way we've attacked education inequity. Finally, our title I schools are getting what they need to open safely, and address the issue of historic underfunding.

"All of that is good, it's powerful, and it's going to make a big difference. But the crises we're facing go well beyond the COVID-19 pandemic.

"While the richest billionaires got one trillion dollars richer during the pandemic, more than ten million families are behind on rent today, and there are eight million fewer jobs than a year ago.

"The climate crisis continues to ravage our communities, and scientists tell us we're running out of time to act. Every week, we see an unconscionable new video of police violence against Black and brown men, women, and even children. And our democracy is still under attack, with Republican legislatures across the country cracking down on our right to vote.

"We need to rebuild our nation with a new foundation. A foundation rooted in love, and care, and equality. Where justice is truly real for all of us, regardless of race, class, gender, orientation, or religion.

"I fully believe we can. And the moment is now, because this moment is historic. Not since 2009 has a newly elected Democratic President had the backing of Democratic majorities in the Senate and the House of Representatives.

"We need to seize this moment. Republicans have made themselves clear. They tried to steal the election, incited an insurrection, and they believe Derek Chauvin is innocent of murdering George Floyd.

Now, they're standing in the way of Congress trying to deliver relief to working people; last month, not a single elected Republican voted to send relief checks to struggling Americans in the middle of a pandemic.

So it's on us, as Democrats and progressives, to meet the gravity of the moment. And history will judge our actions.

That's what our movement, the progressive movement, is guided by. Our movement is Latino, we are Asian, we are Black, we are White, we are a beautiful mix of ethnicities and cultures all over the globe who are demanding justice and humanity. We are a continuation of the civil rights movement. We are led by organizers and organizations like Stacey Abrams, Zakiya Ansari, Jesse Hagopian, and the Sunrise Movement, elected leaders who have shifted the narrative like Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, AOC, Ayanna, Rashida, Ilhan, Cori and Mondaire.

And we are capable of big, powerful, transformative change. It is entirely possible to meet the climate crisis with a big, visionary investment in jobs. Jobs that begin in our most neglected and redlined communities. We must build a Civilian Climate Corps that employs millions of Americans to do the good work of transforming our energy system and our society. We can create jobs and solve the climate crisis at the same time.

We need a Green New Deal for Public Housing, as my colleague and friend

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Celebrate Mother's Day in Yonkers Downtown!

Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 9. If you haven't made plans for the moms in your life yet, it's not too late. Yonkers Downtown has the perfect weekend planned for you. Treat Mom to a fun afternoon out with a delicious brunch, lunch or dinner at one of Yonkers Downtown's restaurants and then take a stroll along the waterfront!

Xaviar's X2O, 71 Water Grant St. Yonkers, NY 10701. Make this Mother's Day extra special by thanking your Mom with a three-course pre-fix meal! Menu Price: \$85 per person

Dolphin Restaurant Bar & Lounge, 1 Van Der Donck St. Yonkers, NY 10701 Details: Dolphin Restaurant Bar and Lounge is offering a three-course menu for adults and a two-course menu for kids! Menu Price: \$52 per person including tax and gratuity ("Kidz Menu" - \$19.95)

Francey Brady's, 134 Nepperhan Ave. Yonkers, NY 10701. Francey Brady's has curated a delicious Mother's Day themed menu featuring a variety of tantalizing appetizers and entrees! Menu Price: A la carte

Yonkers Brewing Co. 92 Main St. Yonkers, NY 10701. Yonkers Brewing Co. offers 2-hour bottomless Mimosa, beermosa, Bloody Mary or Sangria for \$25 per person.

Politicians Say the Darndest Things!



By Eric W. Schoen

Congratulations Bronx Criminal Court Acting Judge Louis Nock. You probably heard over the last week of someone vandalizing synagogues in the Bronx. Judge Nock had before him a Jordan Burnette. Burnette is accused of smashing windows and doors of four Jewish houses of worship in the Riverdale section of the Bronx.

For those of you who don't know, Riverdale is right next to Yonkers and Westchester. Close to home. Driving on the Henry Hudson Parkway on Sunday, I saw Police Officers with their police cars, lights flashing outside of two Riverdale synagogues.

Burnette began his 11 day spree when he allegedly pulled the fire alarm at Riverdale Jewish Center in the Bronx on April 21. At Burnette's Sunday arraignment on 42 counts, including criminal trespass and aggravated harassment, acting Bronx Criminal Court Judge Louis Nock ordered him held on \$20,000 bail or \$30,000 bond. Nock tried to lock up Burnette even though a 2019 state law eliminated cash bail for most misdemeanors and non-violent crimes.

Nock believed that the shattering of glass at these houses of worship amounted to a violent felony saying that he had taken a 'very close look at the law.' If the accused did what he did, I don't think there is anyone out there who would think Burnette belonged out on the street without bail.

But in 2019, the New York State Legislature passed this state law that eliminated cash bail for most misdemeanors and non-violent crimes. So, Court-appointed defense lawyer Morgan Everhart appealed the ruling, and it was overturned Sunday night by acting Bronx Supreme Court Justice Tara Collins, who released Burnette without bail pending a Friday court appearance.

Collins is a former Legal Aid lawyer who was appointed by de Blasio in 2017. "Mr. Burnette was initially unlawfully held on monetary bail, despite the fact that he was not charged with any bail qualifying offenses," Everhart said in a statement. "Judge Nock acted in clear violation of the law which is why his bail determination was immediately appealed," Everhart said.

This story was broadcast by most of the major New York television stations and was clearly in print in newspapers and online. During a news conference in Manhattan on Monday, Gov. Andrew Cuomo declined to discuss the case, saying, "I haven't heard about that. "I haven't read that story so let me find out the facts, and then I'll get back to you," the Governor said.

Maybe someone forgot to deliver the Governor's newspapers. Maybe the Governor's power was knocked off so he could not hear this story on radio or television. Or maybe his car radio was not working? Transistor radio batteries run down? I wonder!

On Monday Mayor Bill de Blasio praised the judge who tried to lock up the accused synagogue vandal. He said the state's controversial bail reform law should be reconsidered for hate crimes. "I really respect judges using their discretion when they see a situation, obviously within the law, of course, within the law, but where they think there's a particular threat or challenge and they make that decision within the law, I respect that," he said.

"But the important thing for us to do right now is to work within the law as intensely and effectively as possible to protect people," the mayor said during his daily briefing from City Hall on Monday. I guess he forgot that he appointed the judge that set the suspect free.

The elimination of cash bail affects almost all of those accused of hate crimes whether they be against Jews, Asians, Blacks, Hispanics, Italians or any other group. Didn't anybody think of that when the law was passed? But what galls me is when elected officials say they aren't familiar with a very public case or they twist their words like deBlasio did knowing full well the situation gave Judge Nock very little wiggle room.

Last week New York Mayor deBlasio said that New York City would open up July 1. Hours later Governor Cuomo said no, he hoped that New York would open before that. This has turned into a game of one upmanship between these two officials. In the middle of a pandemic when you are dealing with peoples lives, many people living psychologically on edge there is no need for it.

Wasn't it Rodney King who said, 'Why can't we all just get along?' But that's besides the point here.

So the Governor on Monday announced that most capacity limits will end May 19 as coronavirus infections decline and more people are getting vaccinated. People will still have to stay six feet apart which will continue

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Happy Mother's Day! A Poem by Ann Muro

*EACH YEAR THERE COMES THAT SPECIAL DAY
ALWAYS IN THE MONTH OF MAY*

*IT'S FOR THE MOTHER WE HOLD DEAR
ALTHOUGH FOR SOME IT BRINGS A TEAR*

*THOUGH SHE'S BEEN GONE NOW FOR A WHILE
WE NEVER WILL FORGET HER SMILE*

*WE MISS HER OH SO VERY MUCH
HER WARM EMBRACE AND LOVING TOUCH*

*IF SHE WERE HERE NOW SHE WOULD SAY
"PLEASE ENJOY THAT DAY IN MAY"*

*FOR NOTHING CAN KEEP US APART
MY LOVE FOR YOU LIVES IN YOUR HEART...."*

Westchester Man Arrested in Ossining for MTA Car Crash Had "Kill List"

By Dan Murphy

Nicholas Skulstad, 33, of Dobbs Ferry was taken into federal custody by the FBI on April 22, charging him with destruction of a motor vehicle employed in interstate commerce, in connection with Skulstad's alleged assault on a Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("MTA") vehicle in Ossining, New York, on April 5.

Manhattan U.S. Attorney Audrey Strauss said: "As alleged, Nicholas Skulstad used his vehicle as a weapon, repeatedly ramming it into an occupied MTA vehicle, then shattering the driver's window. When police officers responded, Skulstad allegedly charged at and threatened them, and had in car a notebook page titled "List - To Kill," with names of public figures. Thanks to the combined response of law enforcement officers and agents, Skulstad is in custody and facing a serious federal charge."

FBI Assistant Director William F. Sweeney Jr. said: "Skulstad's alleged targeting of an MTA vehicle, and the subsequent actions he took against police officers who arrived on scene, remind us of the threat our public servants face each and every day as they uphold their duty to protect the communities they serve. Thanks to the work of the FBI's JTFs and our many partners in this case, Skulstad no longer poses a threat to society or, more specifically, those he included as targets on his list."

As alleged in the Complaint unsealed in White Plains federal court, On April 5, 2021, Skulstad rammed his vehicle repeatedly into an MTA vehicle driven by an MTA employee in Ossining, New York, damaging the MTA vehicle and forcing it off the road. Skulstad subsequently exited his vehicle, approached the MTA vehicle on foot, and banged on the driver-side window until he shattered it. When Ossining Police Department officers arrived at the scene, Skulstad yelled at an officer, "I'm Jesus Christ! You are going to die today! Are you ready to die?" Skulstad then charged a police vehicle, throwing his body into the driver-side door and yelling threats at an officer inside. Skulstad resisted officers' attempts to subdue him, before ultimately being taken into custody. After taking Skulstad into custody, law enforcement found in Skulstad's vehicle, among other things, a shell casing and a notebook with a page entitled, "List - To Kill," which listed the names of various current and former public officials and other public figures. Skulstad, 33, of Dobbs Ferry, New York, is charged with destruction of a motor vehicle employed in interstate commerce, which carries a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. Still unknown is who was on Skulstad's List to Kill.



Mayor Spano Cracks Down on Graffiti

Reactivates Graffiti Hotline and Offers Monetary Award for Reporting & Conviction of Vandalism

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced the re-activation of the City's graffiti hotline to report the defacing or vandalism of any building structure located within the City of Yonkers. Residents are encouraged to call (914) 377-8077 to report any knowledge they have of graffiti vandalism. If residents see any act of graffiti vandalism in progress, they are urged to call the Yonkers Police non-emergency line at (914) 377-7900.

A reward of no more than \$500 per conviction will be awarded to any person providing information leading to the detection, arrest, and conviction of the person guilty of defacing buildings or structures, whether privately or publicly owned.

"Yonkers is a booming City on the rise, and we want to protect its beauty for all its glory, beginning with putting a stop to what reflects poorly on our City -- graffiti," said Mayor Spano. "We will not tolerate it and will make sure those found violating the law are prosecuted to the fullest extent."

Once the act of vandalism has been reported, the owner or agent of a building or structure which has been defaced by writing, painting, drawing, marking, engraving or other forms of graffiti must restore the building or structure to a graffiti-free condition after receipt of a graffiti condition notice from the Department of Housing and Buildings and the Police Department. The owner or agent will then be required to correct the condition within 48 hours. The failure of an owner to comply may subject the owner to a fine of no more than \$250 for each offense.

Those individuals found guilty of graffiti will be charged with a Class II offense. Graffiti violations are classified as either criminal or civil penalties, resulting in fines up to \$5000 and even imprisonment for up to 15 days. The graffiti stipulations are part of Section 72 of the Yonkers City Code.

City Council Considers Plan to Give Yonkers High School Grads Civil Service Credit Sacred Heart HS in Yonkers Not Included

The Yonkers City Council reviewed a resolution at their Rules Committee meeting on May 4, which would give high school graduates of Yonkers High Schools four points of credit on their Civil Service exam for positions of employment with the City.

The resolution was changed and as a result high school graduates of Sacred Heart High School in Yonkers would not be included in the credits if the resolution passes and is adopted by the state legislature.

The original resolution read that credit would be given to "candidates for the positions of Police Officer and Firefighter that have graduated from the high schools located in the City of Yonkers."

The new resolution reads, "by new candidates for the positions of Police Officer and Firefighter that have graduated from the public schools of the City of Yonkers."

City Council Minority Leader Mike Breen said, "Under the new resolution students who graduate from Sacred Heart High School who live in Yonkers would not be given the civil service credit. Who changed the resolution to exclude Sacred Heart? We are we punishing a Yonkers High School? Is it Catholics need not apply?"

The resolution will be considered at the next Council meeting.

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City Council President Khader Organizes Food Distribution Drive with Feeding Westchester



Council President Mike Khader handing out bags of food in Yonkers

Yonkers City Council President Mike Khader, in partnership with Feeding Westchester, organized a food distribution event to help those families who have been struggling due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With the help of nearly 300 community partners and programs, Feeding Westchester has been providing food and other much needed resources to those who are in need in Westchester County for more than 30 years. In the past year, the organization has launched an additional 40 emergency programs throughout the county to help meet the increased need for food due to the pandemic.

"I would like to thank Feeding Westchester for supporting Yonkers residents and for providing much relief for those families struggling to provide for their families" said City Council President Khader. "These two food distributions were successful because of Feeding Westchester and because of the strong community that exists in the City of Yonkers. I look forward to working with Feeding Westchester and other community organizations to support the City of Yonkers and its residents"

"We have been partnering with pantries, schools, soup kitchens, and other feeding programs in Yonkers to support our seniors, children, and families struggling with hunger for more than 30 years, and we will continue to do so," said Karen C. Erren, President and CEO of Feeding Westchester. "We are so grateful to our community partners and local government for their support in our mission to provide food to our Westchester neighbors in need, especially during this prolonged hard time that impacts so many."

Council President Candidate Peter Spano: I'm Giving the People of Yonkers A Choice



Peter Spano

Press release and statement from Peter Spano, democratic candidate for Yonkers City Council President. "Peter Spano is running for City Council President of Yonkers. The opportunity to lead the Yonkers City Council arrives every 4 years. Peter provides hope for the city, the people and our community. He has already given Yonkers so much and now he gives the voters of Yonkers something else- a choice in this year's City Council President's election. A choice between the old way and hope for new leadership. The old way wasn't working and it's on us to make a change. Gone are the days of elections being an ultimatum. It is replaced by robust challenges up and down the ballot. It's replaced by passionate people who are willing to put themselves out in the public for praise and scrutiny. It has replaced complacent voting with voters actually having options. It's replaced by opportunity and hope.

"Peter Spano's community involvement is selfless and proven. Long before he chose to run, you can see Peter and his friends giving back to the city he loves so much. Volunteering is a passion for him and through his participation with nonprofit organizations including Feeding Westchester, Knights of Columbus, Rotary, Kiwanis, Yonkers Community Action Program, Volunteers of America, Yonkers Family YMCA, Police Athletic League of Yonkers, Yonkers C.E.R.T. and the Office of Emergency Management he has given to Yonkers.

"I am so excited to participate in this year's election process." Says Peter. "I understand the process for running for political office which means I fully understand what the people want from the empty promises of what they get from elected officials. This year feels different, it feels like it's my year to show the city what I have to offer."

On This Day in Yonkers History ...



The Old Saunders High School

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

Monday, May 10th

May 10, 1869: A "slight smash-up" caused by a runaway freight car, not only caused the train to run through the carhouse into the creek, it knocked over the iron water tank into the water! Besides scaring the fish, it crushed several small boats. The freight? Dried peas for Messrs. Peck & Company.

May 10, 1946: Hundreds of St. Joseph's Seminary students gathered on the lawn to witness Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York and Bernard Cardinal Griffin of Westminster, England, plant oak trees to memorialize their visit.

May 10, 1956: The Kiwanis sponsored Saunders Key Club donated a movie projector to the school for educational purposes. While making the presentation, James Cranston said the club was organized to be a "junior civic organization working in the bests interest of the student body and the school."

Tuesday, May 11th

May 11, 1914: After a suggestion by Congressman W. R. Oglesby, the Post Office inaugurated electric car mail service between Yonkers and Mount Vernon.

May 11, 1920: Alderman Oscar Barker ordered the Forestry Bureau to plant 14 maple trees in Glen Park. Barker bought the trees himself to pay tribute to the men in the Second Ward who lost their lives in the World War.

May 11, 1940: School Superintendent Ankenbrand announced Yonkers had spent \$160, 727.46 to convert former School Twenty into the new Longfellow Junior High School.

Wednesday, May 12th

May 12, 1943: Almost 7,000 people marched in the Yonkers "I Am An American Day" parade; the parade ended at Larkin Plaza, where Yonkers officials held a united nationalities program with keynote speakers City Manager William Walsh and Mayor Benjamin Barnes.

May 12, 1949: The American Labor (ALP) party's attempt to hold an early morning shogate rally near the Otis Elevator plant was sabotaged by company employees! ALP had a permit to hold a rally between 6:30 and 7:00 am; its speakers arrived in a jeep and parked near the Otis Guard Office on Wells Avenue, half a block from Police Headquarters. Each time a speaker tried to talk using their PA system, Otis workers blew their car horns so loudly it was impossible to hear anyone.

Thursday, May 13th:

May 13, 1917: Employees of the Yonkers Health Bureau formed a Garden Community Club! Led by President James Hanrahan, the club found property on Central Avenue to use for their war gardens.

May 13, 1945: Yonkers' air raid sirens were sounded at 1 pm to summon the people of our city to a 3:00 pm veterans' observance in Larkin Plaza. Although celebrated on Mother's Day, thousands of Yonkers residents came to witness ceremonies giving thanks for the victory in Europe and tribute to the servicemen overseas and on the home front. Chairman of the Central Committee of War Veteran Organizations William Scott opened the program; other speakers were Mayor Curtiss Frank, Chairman of the Yonkers War Council Kristen Kristensen, Major Andrew McLean and Assemblyman Malcolm Wilson. One of Pershing's buglers, WI veteran Thomas Pyne, sounded taps, and all prayed for an early end to the hostilities in the Pacific.

Friday, May 14th

May 14, 1910: Colonel John Shotts of the Grand Army of the Republic was asked to arrange an inspection of our Soldiers and Sailors Monument on the grounds of Manor Hall; it was cracking in several places.

May 14, 1932: Yonkers resident Captain George Fried of the United States liner President Roosevelt, already hero of two thrilling rescues, added another gripping rescue to his credit fifty yards off the coast of Ireland. On a transatlantic flight to Paris, pilot Lou Reichers ran into trouble. Winds had forced him off course, and he was low on fuel. He spotted the lights of the Roosevelt, and headed toward the ship. The ship's lookout spotted his monoplane fluttering to the surface of the Atlantic; Fried immediately launched a lifeboat to rescue the pilot. Forced to land his plane near the liner because of a cracked engine wing, damaged fuselage and fuel shortage, Reichers had to be pulled from the pilot's seat, and was so exhausted, the men had to carry him aboard. The sea was so turbulent, both the plane and the lifeboat were lost.

Saturday, May 15th

May 15, 1935: Without explanation or discussion, the Yonkers Board of Education replaced Board Secretary Ray Halpin, who had served in the position for nine years. Instead, they named his assistant Edward Bashford by a vote of seven to two. President of the Board was Maurice Blinken, grandfather of US Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

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

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

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May 15, 1944: Company I, 56th Regiment, New York Guard, held memorial services at the Armory for Lieutenant J. Alvin Ross of Woodworth Avenue, the first company member to lose his life in the war. Commander James Arbuckle placed a gold star next to Ross' name on the honor roll of company members in the service. After Arbuckle read Lt. Ross' record, enumerating his European combat duty accomplishments in the Army Air Corps, the company presented arms and "Taps" were sounded in his memory. Ross had served as a navigator-bombardier, and was reported killed in action in England.

Sunday, May 16th

May 16, 1925: International operatic star Hubert Wilke announced his retirement. Wilke, who performed before millions on two continents, decided to return to his home in Yonkers to "settle down!" He later taught vocal culture at his daughter Hubertine's music school, and become active in the cultural and artistic life of our city.

May 16, 1942: The Yonkers Control Room received a "blue caution" air raid signal; this signal sent 10,000 elementary school children home on dismissal orders, and an equal number of secondary students were sent to emergency centers in their schools.

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

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Legal Notices

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Virtual Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 5:00pm, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law, to wit:

A LOCAL LAW AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF CERTAIN CITY PROPERTIES FOR SOLAR ENERGY.

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

To participate in the public hearing via ZOOM please join using the following information:

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Mayor

Date: April 29, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS PUBLIC HEARINGS 2021/2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

I, Mike Khader, City Council President of the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on the proposed 2021/22 City of Yonkers Capital Budget as follows:

Thursday, May 13, 2021
City Council Chambers
City Hall
40 South Broadway – 4th Floor
Yonkers, New York

7:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to speak may sign up on the day of the hearing at the hearing site. Each speaker shall be permitted three minutes and speakers shall be called in the order in which they have signed up.

MIKE KHADER
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
Dated: May 5, 2021

City of Yonkers
Summary of FY21-22 Executive Budget

Revenues
Property Taxes: \$391,815,589
Special Taxes: \$189,251,596
State and Federal Funding: \$108,703,272
City Departments: \$44,761,427
Other Revenues: \$45,808,868
Appropriated Fund Balance (General): \$5,904,566
Appropriated Fund Balance (AIM): \$21,581,239

Total Revenues Sub-Total: \$807,826,557

Library Fund: \$727,149
Water Fund: \$46,501,939
Sewer Fund: \$10,449,321
Board of Education: \$375,062,167

Total Revenues: \$1,240,567,133

Expenditures
City Departments: \$339,879,576
Fringe Benefits: \$172,386,553
Special Items: \$26,335,876
Board of Education: \$621,392,112
Total Operating Expenditures: \$1,159,994,117
Debt Service: \$80,573,016

Total Expenditures: \$1,240,567,133

Revenues vs. Expenditures: -0-

Property Tax Levy
Board of Education Property Tax Levy: \$260,186,943
City Property Tax Levy: \$131,628,646
Total Property Tax Levy: \$391,815,589

Property Tax Rate per \$1000 of Assessed Valuation (AV)
Board of Education Tax Rate: \$567.46 per \$1,000 AV
City Tax Rate: \$287.38 per \$1,000 AV
Tax Rate: \$854.84 per \$1,000 AV

Capital Budget
City Total: \$107,535,784
Board of Education Total: \$42,000,000
Total: \$149,535,784

The FY22 Executive Budget is available for review by the public at: The Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers NY 10701

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to affect the number of people allowed in indoor settings including offices, restaurants, theaters and other indoor settings.

The six foot rule will not apply to events that require proof of vaccination or a recent negative COVID-19 test. So friends, get your vaccine cards ready! If you are not vaccinated the time is now!

Capacity restrictions still apply to large outdoor stadiums like Yankee Stadium or Citi Field. But the Governor is encouraging sports leagues, restaurants and businesses to pursue programs to get more people vaccinated such as seating and special events geared to those who have been vaccinated. 'There are benefits to getting vaccinated beyond you are safer and won't hurt anyone else' the Governor said.

35% of the population in New York have been fully vaccinated, and 47% have received at least one shot. The goal all along here has been to reach herd immunity, something our officials now say may never happen due to those refusing to get the vaccine and the anti-vaxxer movement and those who can't make up their minds or claim they don't have the time to go and schedule a vaccine appointment.

By the way, the appointment excuse just went out the window as most vaccination distribution locations have gone to no appointment needed status and are allowing walk-ins! Some for those as young as 16. Schools are now administering Covid vaccinations of course with parental approval.

So New York City and New York State is open to visitors! A trip to Manhattan Sunday saw many formerly boarded up bars and restaurants with the boards off looking like they were getting ready to open. The Subways are supposedly as clean as can be and will soon be open 24 hours a day. 80,000 New York City public employees are back to work in socially distanced offices.

Most people who work in the city and particularly those who vacation in the city ride the subways. Quick, easy convenient, inexpensive way to get around town. So on Monday, Governor Cuomo is asked if he would let his daughters ride the subway. What did he say? No!

Cuomo said he was afraid to ride the subways, most New Yorkers are afraid to ride the subways, the subways are not safe, and that he has ridden the subways only once during the pandemic.

Come on Mr. Cuomo. We know you and Mr. deBlasio are in a pissing contest. But do you think people will return to the New York City if they hear from you, the head honcho that their major mode of transportation is not safe!

Yes, Politicians say the darnedest things!

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisonkers@aol.com. Follow him on Twitter @ericyonkers. Listen to Eric Schoen and Dan Murphy on the Westchester Rising Radio Show Thursday's from 10-11 a.m. On WVOX 1460 AM, go to WVOX.com and click the arrow to listen to the live stream or download the WVOX app from the App Store free of charge.

Bowman, WFP Response to Biden, continued from pg 1-

They tried to steal the election, incited an insurrection, and they believe Derek Chauvin is innocent of murdering George Floyd. Now, they're standing in the way of Congress trying to deliver relief to working people; last month, not a single elected Republican voted to send relief checks to struggling Americans in the middle of a pandemic.

So it's on us, as Democrats and progressives, to meet the gravity of the moment. And history will judge our actions.

That's what our movement, the progressive movement, is guided by. Our movement is Latino, we are Asian, we are Black, we are White, we are a beautiful mix of ethnicities and cultures all over the globe who are demanding justice and humanity. We are a continuation of the civil rights movement. We are led by organizers and organizations like Stacey Abrams, Zakiya Ansari, Jesse Hagopian, and the Sunrise Movement, elected leaders who have shifted the narrative like Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, AOC, Ayanna, Rashida, Ilhan, Cori and Mondaire.

And we are capable of big, powerful, transformative change. It is entirely possible to meet the climate crisis with a big, visionary investment in jobs. Jobs that begin in our most neglected and redlined communities. We must build a Civilian Climate Corps that employs millions of Americans to do the good work of transforming our energy system and our society. We can create jobs and solve the climate crisis at the same time.

We need a Green New Deal for Public Housing, as my colleague and friend Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez has proposed. We can repair and transform run-down, neglected apartments in New York and neighborhoods all across America. We can make public housing better, more healthy, and more safe while turning every public housing development into a source of clean energy.

We need a Green New Deal for Cities, as my friend Cori Bush has proposed. And we need a Green New Deal for Public Schools. Every part of our society must become part of the answer, because this crisis is urgent.

We need to invest in paid family and medical leave. We need to make childcare universal and exemplary. And we need living wages and benefits for care workers who provide the services we all need.

I call it the Care for All Agenda, as we must center care as the rebirth of our nation. Because caring is the entire point of what our economy should do. It should be about caring for each other, not just extracting profits from working people for Wall Street.

The proposals that President Biden has put forward over the last few weeks would represent important steps — but don't go as big as we'd truly need in order to solve the crises of jobs, climate and care. We need to think bigger.

Because now is the time to address the burning crisis of structural racism in our country. Every single time I have to watch a video of a Black man, or a Brown kid, die at the hands of police violence, a little piece of me dies too.

I am connected to every Black man in America. Like them my ancestors were kidnapped from Africa, robbed of their language, and stripped of their religion and culture and God, and we continue to be redlined and killed by the police. I have one message to law enforcement, stop killing us! I need for President Joe Biden to say the same thing. Black people are not for target practice. We are simply trying to survive in a world stacked against us.

This nation will never be truly free if we continue to incarcerate more people than anywhere else in the world, and as long as we invest more in war, jails, and police than we do in jobs, schools, and children.

We need to end qualified immunity for police, and we need to pass Ayanna Pressley's People's Justice Guarantee. Because all we are asking for is accountability. Whether you're a clerk, a teacher or a member of congress you should be held accountable for your actions. Police cannot be above the law.

But also, let us finally step back and have honest conversations about race and racism in this country. Because it's not just police violence — it's housing discrimination, and wage theft, and Black maternal mortality, it's environmental injustice, and all of the ways racism is built into the very fabric of America.

We are in this moment because of you. Because of organizers across the country demanding progressive change. The same organizers that put President Biden in the White House and won Georgia for Democrats. But we can't stop, and we won't stop, until we are all truly free to thrive and make the world a better place," said Rep. Bowman.

SPCA of Westchester Helps Abandoned Dog Dumped in Garbage Bag & Container

The SPCA of Westchester announced that its Humane Law Enforcement Unit is seeking information on the person(s) responsible for dumping a Chihuahua inside of a tied-up garbage bag and sealed in a closed container in Elmsford.

On April 29, 2021, at approximately 2:30 pm, employees of a local animal rescue group in Elmsford, NY, noticed a blue plastic storage container at their front entrance. When they opened the secured container, they found a small, brown, female Chihuahua inside. The dog, now named Rue, had chewed and scratched her way through the tied-up garbage bag, breaking some of her nails in the process but luckily avoiding suffocation.

A video camera captured someone leaving the container on April 28th at about 9:30 pm. The dog was trapped in the container for nearly 17 hours before being discovered and somehow survived. The SPCA's Humane Law Enforcement was called in and brought her back to the SPCA's animal care campus where she received veterinary care and will soon be placed up for adoption. They are asking the public to call confidentially at (914) 941-7797 with any tips or leads."

Teens Arrested in Shooing of 6-year old, continued from pg 1-

I commend our men in blue for apprehending the suspects, juveniles themselves, soon after the incident. The safety and well-being of our residents is paramount, and we will continue to engage the necessary policing measures to curb any further crime and violence so tragic events like this do not happen again."

Police Commissioner John Mueller stated, "No parent should ever have to experience the horror of having a young child harmed in this way, due to the unbelievably violent and reckless actions of a few. I thank God that the victim is in stable condition and hope for his full recovery; I also thank the amazing men and women of this Department for their extraordinary efforts in apprehending these perpetrators in short order and removing two more illegal handguns from our streets."

The three juvenile subjects were formerly identified and arrested: a 17-year-old male resident of Yonkers identified as a shooter; a 15-year-old male resident of Yonkers identified as the other shooter; and a 16-year-old male resident of Yonkers identified as an accomplice. The 17-year-old and 15-year-old shooters were charged with Attempted Murder 2 and Assault 1, both Violent Felonies in the New York State Penal, in addition to other charges. The 16-year-old accomplice was charged with Hindering Prosecution and Criminal Possession of a Firearm, both Felonies in the New York State Penal, in addition to other charges.

All three juvenile defendants were virtually arraigned today in the Youth Part of the Westchester County Superior Court: both the 17-year-old and 15-year-old defendants were remanded into the custody of a juvenile detention facility; the 16-year-old defendant was released into the custody of his parent / legal guardian. The case is being prosecuted by the Westchester County District Attorney's Office. The identities of the defendants and victim are being withheld due to their ages.

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see the need for a connection with their teachers.

His advice for high school students? "Never let anybody tell you that you can't do something. You can do it and try your best and never give up"

A recipient of the New York State Senate Citizenship Award 2020, Malik also works as a cashier at ShopRite in downtown. If you see him, say congratulations for his hard work.

He decided to stay home and commute to college because, "What's the point of going away to college when I'm more comfortable at home with them."

Gorton HS Salutatorian Mariel Camagay will graduate with a 99.51 GPA. She is a YPIE Scholar, and has played on the Gorton Varsity Softball team, Varsity Volleyball Team, Track and Field, and has been the videographer for the Yonkers Wrestling and Yonkers Force Football Team.

Her favorite teacher is Dr. Mike, Michael Wszolek, who she also worked with videotaping the games. "He is so welcoming and open to helping us and seeing us as people. Everyone is his friend."

"YPIE has been a great help for me. They also get to know us and be by our side when we have personal hardships."

Accepted to 10 colleges, Mariel will be attending Iona college in the fall. "I visited the campus and it's beautiful. The professors are great and I can't wait to go into a new environment. I live 15 minutes away. Over the past year, I realized the importance of my family, and I have a puppy to take care of."

Mariel plans on becoming a nurse after graduation. She comes from a family of nurses, her mom, father and brother are all nurses who worked through the pandemic. "It was a huge struggle for them, they had to come home and clean up and be careful."

She thanked her grandpa, who now lives in the Philippines, for helping her achieve academic greatness. "I grew up with him and he motivated me to be the best that I can. He also passed on the knowledge that he gave his children to go into the medical field to me."

Her advice for HS students, "Take part in your community. If you are sitting in your own bubble it's hard to build a social life and find people and move on. Being involved not only helps you but others."

Congratulations!

JFK Marina Parking Lot, continued from pg 1-

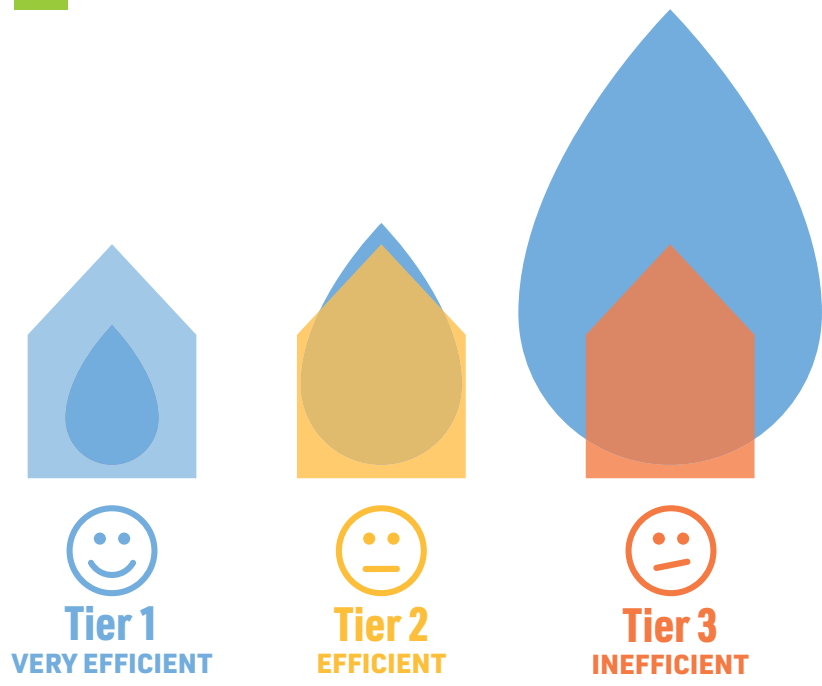
but many neighbors across Yonkers," stated Stella. "I have so many wonderful memories taking pictures and watching sunsets at the Marina. It doesn't matter that the Marina is not located in my Council District; it's important because it affects families in the 6th. My constituents who live at Riveredge on David Lane, utilize the JFK Marina daily and this is one of the only accessible waterfront areas in all of Yonkers!"

Another concern about off site parking is that nobody wants to park off site and walk to the property or take a shuttle. Simply put, many are too lazy to do so, which makes the concept of off site parking difficult. Lastly, because the parking lot plan is located on parkland, it might require approval from the state, and with overwhelming opposition from the community impacted, that approval may not come.

According to sources in City Hall, the parking lot idea, "was just a proposal that never got close to happening after the public opposition."

Options said to be under review include building the lot at another location or a revised plan at a different location at JFK.

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Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of Yonkers Announces Scholarship Recipients



Cristiana Santos



Julianna Giacoio

The Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of Yonkers will not be holding its Annual Scholarship Breakfast this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. However, as part of its ongoing commitment to financial support of deserving students in the Yonkers/Westchester County community, scholarships have been awarded and were handed out on Sunday, May 2, 2021 at Mulino's at Lake Isle in Eastchester.

Recipients and scholarship sponsors are: Thomas & Agnes Carvel Scholarship (\$10,000.00) Cristiana Santos from Maria Regina High School Daughter of Richard Santos and Paula Branca-Santos

Fermi Scholarship in Memory of John N. Romano, Esq. (\$5,000.00) Julianna Giacoio from Maria Regina High School, Daughter of Frank and Lisa Giacoio

Fermi Scholarship in Memory of Henry J. Monaco (\$5,000.00) Regina Potenza from Loyola School, Daughter of Michael and Mary Potenza

Fermi Scholarship (\$5,000.00) Rosa Taormina from The Ursuline School, Daughter of Maurizio and Anna Maria Taormina

Fermi Countywide Scholarship (\$5,000.00) Samuel Orientale from Briarcliff High School, Son of Michael and Anna Orientale

Fermi Countywide Scholarship (\$5,000.00) Alessio Paolucci from Edgemont High School, Son of Michele and Francene Paolucci

Fermi Countywide Science Scholarship (\$5,000.00) Nicholas DeSanctis from Archbishop Stepinac High School, Son of Joseph and Lenora DeSanctis

The Enrico Fermi Educational Fund of Yonkers, NY is a non-profit organization that was founded over 56 years ago. It began as a vision of several individuals, led by Mr. Michael Vitulli, to generate financial support for Italian-American students who reside in Yonkers to further their education. Each year \$40,000 in scholarships are given to students who demonstrate outstanding commitment to academics and their communities. To date, the organization has provided scholarships totaling well over \$1,000,000.

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