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No Surprises on Election Night 2023 in Yonkers: Nolan's Victory Avoids Democratic Sweep



Legislator James Nolan, above was reelected Deana Robinson, above won her election as City Councilmember -1st D

By Dan Murphy

Election night in Yonkers on Nov. 7 resulted in no surprises. The most competitive race for the County Legislator in the 15th District, with republican Legislator James Nolan defeating former Legislator Ruth Walter by a 53%-47% margin.

All of the other elections in Yonkers in 2023 featured democratic victories. Deana Robinson won election as the new Councilmember in the first district by defeating Shatika Parker, 83%-17%.

Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz won reelection in the third district by defeating Hector Santiago 81%-19%.

And Council Minority Leader Mike Breen won reelection in the 5th District, running unopposed.

City Councilmember Shanae Williams won election to the County Board in the 16th District, defeating republican Debbie Kozak, 57%-37%, with former Legislator Christopher Johnson getting 6% on the WFP line.

County Legislator Jose Alvarado easily defeated his republican opponent Jose Diaz, 76%-24%, in the 17th district, while County Legislator David Tubiolo won reelection unopposed in the 14th district.

In the race for two seats on the Yonkers City Court, incumbent Judges Karen Beltran and Judge Arthur Doran III won reelection, defeating republican Nick Sperenza. Beltran and Doran got 37% of the vote, with Sperenza at 26%. Interesting to note in this race that both Beltran and Doran had the conservative party line, and on that line both received 2,200 votes. If Sperenza has also run on the conservative line, the margin of victory would have been less than 50 votes.

In the race for State Supreme Court, former Yonkers resident and Supreme Court Judge Charley Wood won reelection, as did Judge Fran Connolly.

Yonkers Police Crack Down on Illegal Mopeds, Motorcycles and RV's



By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers Police Department stated that the number one citizen complaint continues to be the reckless operation of unregistered mopeds, scooters, dirtbikes, motorcycles, and recreational vehicles. We are always on the lookout for these vehicles that pose a danger to our motorists and pedestrians who are following the laws- but sometimes we pay EXTRA attention.

Recently under the direction of Mayor Spano and Police Commissioner Sapienza, plainclothes members of the Field Investigations Division, Anti-Crime Units, and Patrol Force went on an 8-hour overhaul, scouring the city for those that think that all of the Vehicle and Traffic Laws don't apply to them because they only have two wheels. In just an 8-hour period, we impounded 30 of these vehicles. In the past four weeks, the Yonkers Police Department has impounded over 100 mopeds, scooters, dirtbikes, and motorcycles, in our ongoing commitment to keeping our roadways safe.

City of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano said, "Our Yonkers Police Officers go out there every day to protect our City and improve the quality of life for our neighbors. This ongoing initiative is part of the proactive policing that we need to deter illegal and unregistered use of these vehicles from becoming a gateway for other crimes. What I observed yesterday was conscientious and skillful policing while connecting with our community and educating some of these drivers about the law of the roadways."

Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza stated, "The notion that the laws on the books do not apply to those utilizing recreational vehicles is a misconception that may be acceptable in other places, but one that we will not allow here in Yonkers. Our Officers will continue to address this top complaint of our residents- we will not allow the reckless operation of these vehicles to put those in Yonkers at risk."

In another related matter, the City recently adopted a law that gives the City the right to seize and seek the forfeiture of vehicles used in the attempt to flee/ evade police officers to reduce and eliminate the occurrences of high-speed chases or dangers involving police chases within the City of Yonkers

Mayor Spano Reelected to a Historic 4th Term



Mayor Mike Spano, with family, on election night after his victory

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano made history on Election night Nov. 7 when he became the first Mayor to have been elected to 4 four-year terms. Spano defeated republican Anthony Merante, by a 61%-36% margin.

The Mayor touted his accomplishments and vowed to continue the progress, urging other governments to be "more like Yonkers."

So Westchester, your going to be like Yonkers. New York State your going to be like Yonkers, America should be like Yonkers. That's what we want."

On election night, Merante issued the following statement. "I called Mayor Mike Spano this morning to congratulate him on his re-election. I look forward to working together with him and my colleagues on the City Council for the betterment of our City. I'd like to thank all my enthusiastic supporters who

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St. John's Riverside Hospital & Dr. Nidhi Sahgal Discuss the Fight Against Breast Cancer



Dr. Nidhi Sahgal

By Dan Murphy

St. John's Riverside Hospital recently held a webinar during October, which is Breast Cancer Awareness month. The webinar, Fight Against Breast Cancer: The Progress We've Made, featured a discussion with Dr. Nidhi Sahgal, a breast surgeon for 22 years. Dr. Sahgal has dedicated her practice to breast diseases and breast surgery.

Is an impact being made fighting breast cancer and early detection rates? "Every month when October comes around, everyone wears pink and has been touched by this disease in some form. My hope is that in October, women go for their mammograms and discuss their risk and family history with their doctors. We know one thing about Breast Cancer for a fact: The earlier we find it, the better we can cure it and save more lives."

Dr. Sahgal said that 1 in 8 women present with Breast Cancer, a number that has held steady for a while, but "our detection rate has increased every year because more women are getting Mammograms."

"Your biggest risk of breast cancer is being a woman, and aging is the second highest risk. Early detection is key in the treatment of breast cancer. Women should get an annual mammography at age 40 to help with early detection. If the breast tissue is not dense, that should be the only test you need."

"If the breast tissue is dense, we also recommend an ultrasound for a better assessment. If a woman is at high risk, they should start screening ten years earlier than their youngest relative with a positive finding on mammogram," said Dr. Sahgal.

A woman can be high risk based on their genetics or their family background. Dr. Sahgal divided the two categories into genetic breast cancer and hereditary breast cancer.

"Genetic breast cancer is less common, but it's important to do the risk assessment because there are specific genes that elevate one's risk for breast cancer.

"Conversely, if I have a patient whose mother and grandmother have had breast cancer but no genetic mutation is found, I put that into the hereditary category. There is something there that we may not be able to classify genetically."

Dr. Sahgal explained, "Our detection rate has increased every year because more patients are getting mammograms. In stage 1-which is very early, the survival rate over 20 years is 90%. In stages 2,3 and 4, the survival rates go down. So we do know that survival is improved the earlier we find it."

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Aerosmith Founding Member to Hold Benefit Show for Disabled Veterans



Ray Tabano, 2nd left, with Disabled Vets

Rock N' Roll Hall of Fame Aerosmith's founding member Ray Tabano will host a benefit show with three band's including his 3rd Step Band . Show proceeds will benefit Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 23. <https://www.dav.org/>

The concert will be held on Sunday Nov. 12th from 2-5pm. (Doors Open at Noon) at Pete's Saloon, 8 W Main St, Elmsford, NY 10523.

DAV vets from chapter 23 VA Hospital will present opening ceremony. A Rolling Thunder (Vietnam era) display will be set up for viewing. Raffles 50 / 50 raffles and a donation booth.

Some of our readers may not know that two members of perhaps the greatest American Rock band EVER, Aerosmith, came from Yonkers.

53 years ago, Aerosmith played their first ever show in Massachusetts. Raymond Tabano was the band's rhythm guitarist. Ray and his childhood friend Aerosmith front man Steven Tyler grew up in northeast Yonkers and attended Roosevelt High School. Later both moved to Boston and formed Aerosmith with Ray as the bands' original rhythm guitarist. Ray Tabano has been featured internationally in books, documentary films, tv and radio shows.

This concert has become a yearly event for a great cause.

Hudson River Patriots, NDAR, Honor Yonkers Resident Del Vecchio with Good Citizen Award



Honoree Michael Del Vecchio with Philomena Dunn, Regent of the Hudson River Patriots Chapter, DAR.

By Mary Hoar, City of Yonkers Historian

On Sunday, October 15th, the Hudson River Patriots Chapter NDAR honored Yonkers resident Michael Del Vecchio with its prestigious Good Citizen Award for 2023! The award was presented at a very appropriate location, the Yonkers Historical Society's Sherwood House Museum on Tuckahoe Road, one of the few restored pre-Revolutionary tenant farmhouses remaining in the metropolitan area.

On learning of Michael's Eagle Scouts projects to honor the forgotten Revolutionary War Patriots buried in St. John's Cemetery, the Hudson River Patriots Chapter decided he was more than worthy of this esteemed award. He investigated each patriot buried in St. John's, determined the exact location of each grave and marked every soldier's resting place with both a flag and a Revolutionary War Medallion.

As part of the award ceremony, Michael read the names of all the Revolutionary War soldiers buried in St. John's cemetery.

When asked why he selected this undertaking for his Eagle Scout project, he told those gathered he wanted to do something significant, that was important to our American history. The soldiers buried at St. John's are so important to our history, although laying in unmarked graves, some with stones coved by time; he wanted to rectify the ravages of time and give our patriot soldiers the acknowledgment and appreciation they deserved.

He received both a certificate and a pin commemorating this important recognition, one of the most significant the chapter awards.

Michael's parents are Cindy Pramann and Michael Del Vecchio, Sr.; he is a recent graduate of Archbishop Stepinac High School.

The Hudson River Patriots Chapter was formed in 2001 by merging three Rivertown chapters, Yonkers' Keskeskick Chapter, Tarrytown Chapter and the Hastings' General Jacob Odell Chapter.

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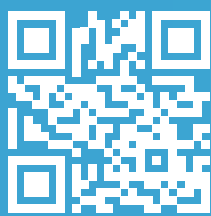
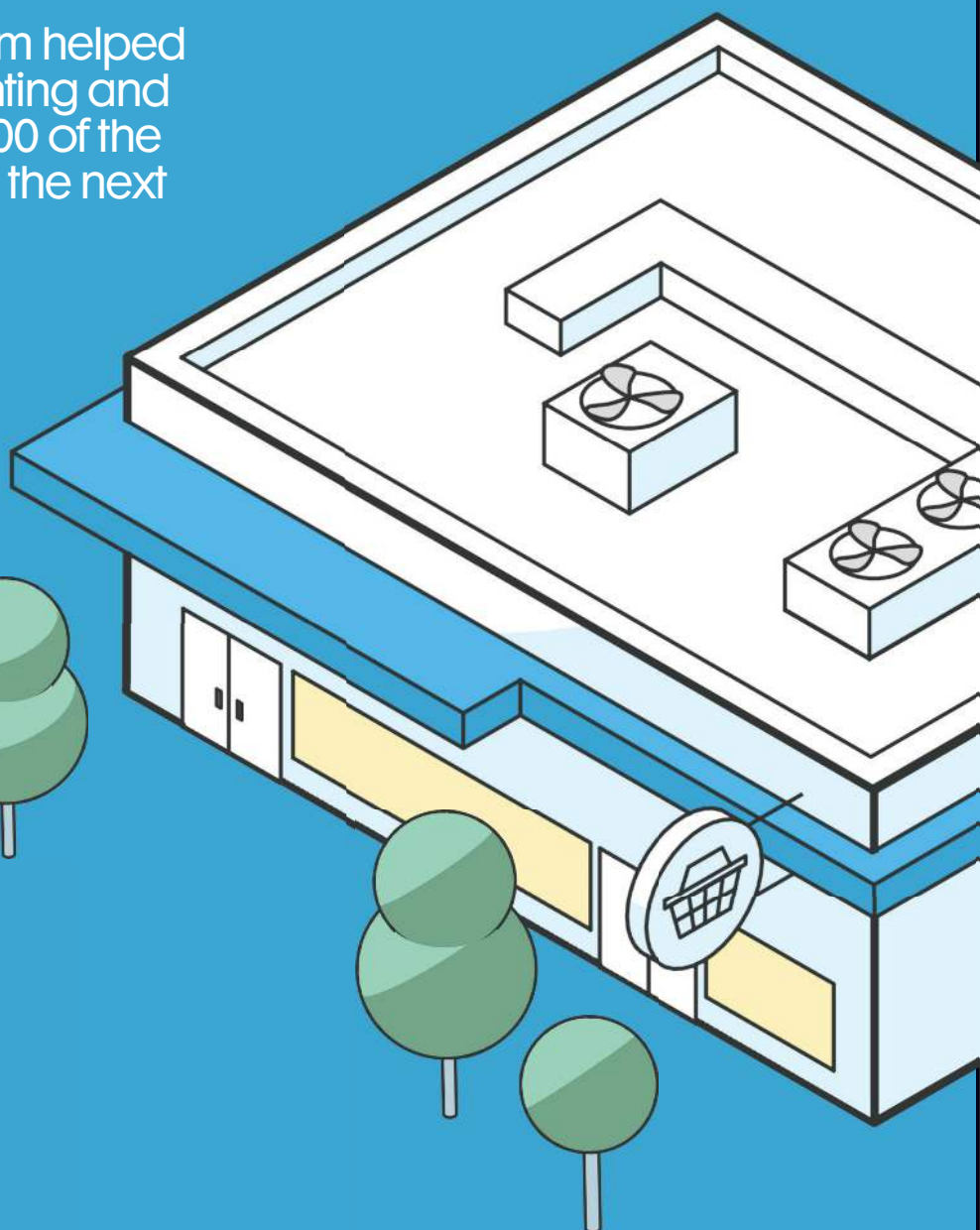
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Making the Case to Welcome, Embrace and Support Immigrants to the Hudson Valley



L-R Joe Torres, Dr. Belinda Miles, Sec'y Rodriguez, Carola Otero Bracco, and Robert Weisz

Leaders in education, non-profit, business and government, appeared on stage together at SUNY Westchester Community College to participate in a panel discussion to illustrate the many benefits and dispel the many myths surrounding the settling of migrants in neighboring communities. The event was co-hosted by the college and Neighbors Link.

The theater in the Hankin Academic Arts building on WCC's campus was almost full to capacity. The audience heard the immigrant stories of all the panelists. New York Secretary of State, Robert Rodriguez, whose family came to New York from Puerto Rico, said, "But for a war in 1898, my family would have come as immigrants, but as a result of that war, we are citizens!"

Moderator, Joe Torres, news anchor for WABC Eyewitness News and host of the public affairs show, Tiempo!, opened the discussion by having each panelist share their origin story as a way to honor the idea that so many of us are immigrants. He then teased out their perspective of current trends in immigration through their respective expert lens.

This was done with the backdrop of 4,000 migrants arriving each week from the southern border to the New York City area over several months. This has spurred concerns about the ability to process and house the newly arrived residents. The strain on services has revealed and laid bare issues such as a lack of affordable housing that plagued the city prior to the arrival of the migrants.

Compounding the housing issue is the lethargic process of obtaining work authorizations, which would allow the migrants – many of whom have extraordinary marketable skills that are needed in the workforce – from being able to earn income to provide for themselves and their families.

Carola Otero Bracco, Executive Director of Neighbors Link said, "We have immigrants coming in who are playing a key role in our economy and in our culture. And it's important to understand the value they bring."

Secretary Rodriguez said, "The governor's focus has been on expediting the legal process to allow immigrants work authorization. Neighbors Link is a vital partner to making sure we provide the legal support to help folks navigate their asylum and work authorization applications. In the case of Venezuelans we've been able to expedite their work authorizations to where it is now 30-60 days as opposed to 180 days from when the application was submitted."

Belinda Miles, President of SUNY Westchester Community College, said, "Having doors of higher education open— and having a commitment to open access to institutions that provide a pathway and shine the light for people to see what opportunities exist is critical and we do that here at WCC."

Robert Weisz Chairman and CEO of RPW Group, who was born and raised in Montevideo, Uruguay, offered these comments, "People are coming here to rebuild their lives and work. Companies are desperately trying to find employees from the restaurants to the landscapers to doctors and nurses and researchers. One area that requires creative thinking is how to bridge the language gap and create incentives for the employer and opportunities for the worker to close that gap."

For more information visit www.neighborslink.org.

Congratulations Mayor Spano



By Eric Wolf Schoen

As I walked into my polling place at Yonkers Middle High School on Tuesday I felt proud, happy and sad. Proud that with all that is going on in the world today I was able to cast my ballot freely without any interference or soldiers carrying guns making sure no one would prevent me from doing my civic duty. Happy to see in this off year election without the Presidential candidates that several of my neighbors were casting their ballots too!

Sad? The poll workers who traditionally were senior citizens working this very long day were not there. They have been replaced by very competent younger people, but there was something about their absence. Many stopped working with the advent of Covid afraid of exposure. But many of them have gone to the voting booth in the sky and are no longer with us.

The seniors and their 'kibitzing' with the voters many of who were their neighbors made for a lively scene at the polls. There was my neighbor Ethel Samuelson who was so proud to see me cast my first vote on Election Day 2 days after my father had died. Ethel, loud unique voice and all ran things like a General in the Army making sure everything ran perfectly at the polls.

Sad that my mom is not alive to accompany me to the polls and cast her ballot together with me. Sad that the old lever voting machines are no longer with us and that everything is computerized. And sad that voters in 2023 don't have the unique pleasure and ability to cast their ballots on the lever machines. They worked so well for so many year. Memories!

Congratulations Mike Spano on your reelection as Mayor. With voter approved term limits he should have served a maximum 2 four year terms. After Tuesdays election and the completion of the term he was elected to he will have served 16 years! As I have said before he swore to me that he would not go beyond 2 terms, and you can't call it anything but a lie when he and the City Council twice changed the City Charter which now allows him to serve 4 four year terms.

A tidbit of information. Charter changes use to be done by a Charter Revision Commission that would pose changes to the electorate for vote on Election Day. We never had the City Council and the Mayor make changes even though they have every right to. This City Council Charter change method is new and has only taken place over the last 10 years or so. For something like term limits a vote by the public should occur.

It is time that the Mayor or the City Council who both have the ability to appoint Charter Revision Commissions do so. With a Commission the change is clear and it gives the public another opportunity to participate in their government. I have served on 3 Charter Revision Commissions appointed by 2 Mayors each of whom put a question on the ballot. The Commission has the right to propose any changes it wants to the electorate and takes the politics out of the process.

Mayor Mike Spano has done a good job in office during his first 3 four year terms. We have been witness to big changes to the character of our city. First and foremost is the Waterfront. How many years has there been talk of change on the waterfront and now it is a reality. Problem is what one must go through to get from the highway and parkways to the waterfront. Main Street and New Main Street both need a 'cleaning up' for lack of a better term. Basically, the whole area that we refer to as 'the Square' requires attention.

Our schools are rated among the top in New York State and in the nation. Mayor Spano has made some excellent choices for the Board of Education. The President of the School Board has had a long tenure in that role. It's only fair to him that another Trustee step up to the plate and serve as School Board President. I still oppose the \$15,000 compensation he receives which is unnecessary for a volunteer position.

Mike has done a good job of putting fresh faces on our city boards and commissions. If you are interested in serving contact his office and I am sure you will receive proper consideration. City unions have contracts and seem pleased with working conditions. For the ethnic and religious groups concerned with diversity in the workplace, my suggestion is to bring forth to the Mayor candidates for appointment.

Our Parks and the services they offer give citizens plenty to do. Crime is down thanks to the hard work of our police officers and leadership. One hopes that there will be no fires in Yonkers but our Fire Department is top notch. Department of Public Works employees keep our city clean. Now if only the public will help out! Our libraries? State of the art!

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Third Precinct Police Community Council

The Third Precinct Police Community Council will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:30 PM at the Chema Community Center, 435 Riverdale Avenue. Usual quality of life issues and concerns will be discussed. A special recognition tribute will be given to Douglas Horsting who was the organized retail crime law enforcement liaison officer. Residents and merchants of southwest Yonkers area are strongly urged to attend this important community meeting. For further information please contact either Bob Stauff, President at 914 476-2284 or Captain Mike Mulvey of the Third Precinct at 914 377-7427.

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26 Rabbis Want Latimer to Challenge Bowman: Yes It Could Happen



County Executive George Latimer

Rep. Jamaal Bowman

By Dan Murphy

Last month, 26 Rabbis asked Westchester County Executive George Latimer to challenge Congressman Jamaal Bowman in a democratic primary next year. “Since being elected, Bowman has led the effort to erode support for Israel on Capitol Hill and within the Democratic Party. That’s why we’re turning to you, in the hope that you will announce your candidacy for Congress and restore our values to this important seat in Washington,” wrote the Rabbis, see the letter below.

In the several media stories written about a possible Bowman-Latimer face off, Latimer has not ruled out a run, which leaves the door open. Several pros and cons to a Latimer run for Congress against Bowman next year:

Pro-Latimer:

- Latimer is still the most popular democrat in Westchester County. If he runs, he will be well funded not only from his base of support in Westchester, but from those who are not thrilled with Congressman Bowman’s first four years and want change. Currently, Westchester makes up 65% of the district, with the other 35% in the Bronx. Most believe that in Westchester Latimer can best Bowman.
- Latimer is politically savvy enough to walk the political tightrope that he would face, running against an incumbent member of Congress.
- The rationale for a Latimer for Congress campaign would focus on turning down the rhetoric and returning to electing a calmer representative.
- Latimer’s path to victory would come from high turnout in mid Westchester and winning in Mt. Vernon and Yonkers, not an easy task. The 16th District also includes a large part of the Bronx, where Bowman got more than 80% of the vote when he faced a challenge two years ago from two County Legislators: Vedat Gashi and Catherine Parker.
- Israel: While Bowman continues to try and mend fences in the Jewish community, he was one of only five House members to vote against a resolution supporting the state of Israel to exist. Latimer will certainly be able to use Bowman’s votes against Israel to his benefit, but will that translate into enough votes to win? And can Latimer win on this issue alone?

Pro-Bowman:

- It is almost impossible to defeat a sitting member of Congress in a primary. But candidate Jamaal Bowman did just that, beating longtime Westchester Congressman Eliot Engel. Now with four years serving the people of Westchester, Bowman has the power of incumbency on his side.
- Bowman lives in Yonkers. If he can win his home city, then a victory over Latimer is almost certain. Add to that Bowman’s strength in Mt. Vernon and the Bronx and the numbers make it difficult for Latimer to overtake Rep. Bowman.
- Any redistricting changes in the district will help Bowman. This complicated issue is now in the NY courts. But if the court rules that the state legislature and the governor can try again to draw “fair” lines, the democratic controlled senate and assembly may try to tweak both of Westchester’s congressional districts.
- One theory has NY Dems adding some democratic portions of Westchester to the 17th District, currently represented by republican Congressman Mike Lawler. Lawler won by only 1,800 votes in 2022. The rumored shift would place White Plains and Scarsdale in CD 17.
- This change would help a democratic candidate next year against Lawler. Right now, all indications are that former Congressman Mondaire Jones will be the democratic candidate.

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Mayor Spano Expands Yonkers Recycling Initiative with New Backyard Composters Available for Residents at Recycling Center



(L-R): William Serratore, Yonkers Office of Sustainability; Deanna Robinson, representing Yonkers Councilmember Shanae Williams; Jason Baker, Yonkers Department of Public Works; Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano; Tasha Diaz, Yonkers City Council Majority Leader; Thomas Meier, Yonkers Department of Public Works Commissioner. Photo by Maurice Mercado

Mayor Mike Spano joined Yonkers Department of Public Works (DPW) Commissioner Thomas Meier to launch the City’s expanding recycling initiative that now includes backyard composting bins for residents. Starting today, backyard composters are available to residents at the Yonkers Recycling Center, located at 735 Saw Mill River Road.

“Expanding our recycling program to include residential backyard composters is an important measure that will enable Yonkers household members to directly participate in further reducing waste and greenhouse gas emissions,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “My family composts in our yard, and I encourage other households to do the same in our efforts to reduce our carbon footprint. Let’s continue to be leaders in creating a cleaner, greener, more sustainable Yonkers.”

Yonkers backyard composting bins can be used for cardboard, leaves, grass clippings, annual plants, wood ashes, and other organic yard waste, as well as for vegetable and fruit peelings, and coffee grounds. Compost from backyard composting typically is ready in two to six months. Compost can be used as a soil amendment or as mulch and provides essential nutrients that promote healthy plant growth.

The City of Yonkers launched its successful home food scrap recycling program in 2022, offering residents household food scrap recycling kits for use in storing and dropping off food scraps at the Yonkers Recycling Center. The City also recently piloted a curbside food scrap collection program for up to 200 households. Nearly 8 tons of food scraps have been diverted from the solid waste stream through the City’s food scrap program since May of this year. The new Backyard Composting program provides residents another convenient option for composting organic waste. According to the US EPA, food waste and yard trimmings represent approximately 33% of total municipal solid waste.

“Through our composting program, we are removing food and yard waste from the solid waste stream and reducing the amount of waste that would otherwise be disposed of through trash incineration,” said Yonkers Public Works Commissioner Tom Meier. “I encourage residents to take part in food scrap recycling and backyard composting to help protect our environment, save taxpayer dollars and receive the benefit of free, high quality compost that builds healthy soil and resiliency.”

Food Scrap Collection Kits (\$20) and Backyard Compost Bins (\$15) are available for purchase by Yonkers residents at the Yonkers Recycling Center, at 735 Saw Mill River Road, Mondays - Saturdays, 7:30am-4:15pm. As part of the kick-off of the new Backyard Composting program, a limited supply of Backyard Composters will be offered at no cost.

For more information on Yonkers Backyard Composting program, including instructions for setting up a Backyard Compost container, compostable items, and tips for successful backyard composting, visit www.yonkersny.gov/backyardcompost. For information on the City’s Food Scrap Recycling program, visit www.yonkersny.gov/foodscraps.

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Remembering the Bomb Threat at Midchester Jewish Center

On This Day in Yonkers History...



Midchester Jewish Center, Yonkers



British General William Tryon let an attack on Phillipse Manor and Yonkers during the Revolutionary War, burning homes and stripping women and children of their clothes

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

Monday, November 13th:

1893: The Westchester County Board of Supervisions finally allowed Yonkers' five Supervisors to take their seats in accordance with the decision of the Court of Appeals.

The State Legislature had passed a law giving Yonkers one Supervisor for each ward as Yonkers had one-third of the county population and paid one-third of the county tax. The Supervisors attacked the legislation as unconstitutional and refused to seat the Yonkers men; instead, they took the dispute to the courts. Ruling after ruling was in favor of Yonkers. Eighteen months after the original election, the Court of Appeals affirmed the law's constitutionality. Alanson Prime, T. J. Percival, P. J. Cunniff, Jeremiah Clancey and William McPherson finally were seated in their rightful seats.

Tuesday, November 14th:

1934: Alderman Edward Winn was the first Common Council member to introduce the resolution opposing the latest attempt to annex Yonkers to New York City.

1938: Bill Schlobohm, National Long Distance Running Committee member, visited the National Press Club in Washington. He wanted to find out what publicity was given to his favorite event, the Yonkers Marathon. Run by the Chippewa Club, our marathon was a highly regarded national championship event! He was disappointed to discover, although stories about our race were printed in most major daily newspapers, not one paper in Boston printed the story. Schlobohm figured Boston did not want the competition to their Boston Marathon from the race run here in the Terrace City!

Wednesday, November 15th:

1933: St. Louis Baseball Team manager Frank Frisch addressed the Yonkers Baseball League dinner, held in honor of championship Irwin Post team. The Post received the coveted Spaulding Trophy; each team member received a small silver baseball. The Kalkhof trophy for the league's leading batter was presented to the Irwins' Babe Young.

1945: Riverdale Avenue's Brigadier General Frederick M. Hopkins, Jr., Commander of Iwo Jima, shared some Yonkers memories with The Yonkers Herald Statesman from his time studying at School Three and Yonkers High School to growing up in Yonkers. He had spent a good deal of time at both the Park Hill Inn and Shanley's with a close friend, "Hap" Haviland. He was pleasantly surprised to meet Hap when he arrived in Iwo; Hap was there with the Red Cross. The pair hadn't seen each other in years, so renewed their boyhood friendship. Hopkins also reported he oversaw 30,000 servicemen, all homesick, lonely, and anxious to get home.

Thursday, November 16th:

1919: Six maple trees were planted around St. Denis' Church yard and dedicated to the six men of the parish killed in the World War: James Pryor, Charles Gahan, Harold Flood, Corporal Gerald McMurray, John McBride and Lieutenant Thomas Brogan. After pastor Reverend Richard Hughes blessed and dedicated the trees, those gathered were addressed by 107th Regiment 27th Division Chaplain Father Peter Hoey, Reverend Owen Hill of Fordham College, and City Judge William Bleakley. Music was provided by the War Camp Community Service Singers.

1953: Yonkers resident Ambrose Salmi, waging a private war on Communism, announced the winner of his competition for West Germans to create a symbol of hope for all the "people enslaved by Communists. The artists' task was to convert the hammer and sickle into a cross. Twenty per cent of the entrants came from the Soviet zone of Germany but used a West German return address; they also asked their name not be used. Winner HJS received \$1800 from Salmi.

Friday, November 17th:

1918: Civil War veterans Orlando Nichols and George Anderson told members of McClellan Camp, USWV (United Spanish War Veterans), the World War was no worse than the Civil War. The pair believed prisoners in the European

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By Ann Muro

The ongoing and dangerous Israeli – Hamas war is another horrific Incident in the world. It also brings to mind all the various incidents, conflicts and wars involving Israel.

One involved the Midchester Jewish Center in the Colonial Heights section of Yonkers. The Midchester Jewish Center was a very well known and popular synagogue in the Colonial Heights section of Yonkers. My parents' home was close to Midchester and we had many neighbors and friends who invited us to different functions that were held there in conjunction with the Jewish Holidays.

When I was married, my husband and I were very friendly with Rabbi Bolensky and his family. Rabbi Bolensky also got a kick out of the fact that I was a member of Hadassah and spoke Yiddish, even though I was not Jewish. My husband was also invited to join the Knights of Pythias, the Jewish men's fraternal organization.

One night we were at a dinner party at Midchester (in the late 60s) when there was a loud threatening call and bomb scare regarding the Arab-Israeli War. Everyone was told to evacuate the temple asap. Everyone ran out, myself included, but my husband did not. He had a Yamaka on and ran into the temple and grabbed the Torah and holy books that were inside. He brought them to Rabbi Bolensky's house nearby Everyone thanked Mike for saving the Torah, and for going in to saving it.

Weeks later, we received a wonderful letter from the Rabbi and the members of Midchester citing Mike, for his outstanding friendship and bravery (I still have and cherish the letter). One day, my Aunt Hannalore, who was German and lived in Germany during the Holocaust told me what happened to her family. You see, her mother was hiding Jews, and when the Nazis went to check on them, they asked her where she was hiding them. She would not say so they went and shot and killed my Aunt's three year old brother.

There isn't a day that goes by that we don't see or hear about all the horrible incidents of man's inhumanity to man, Anti-semitism, racism, hate crimes and discrimination, have not changed. I remember what Rabbi Bolensky said that the bomb threat was so frightening. He also spoke about the continuing stages of Arab-Israeli conflicts and wars. Things have not changed. Don't we often hear it said that "the only thing permanent in life is change."

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The Mayor must address affordable housing. We want to be sure the budget silence is real and that we won't wake up one day with problems like we had in the past. The Inspector General's office is awfully quiet. More auditing should be done of city departments. Yonkers has been criticized for using the same outside auditing firm for way to many years. This should have and must change.

The City must look at campaign financing. Candidates running for office and in particular the Mayor have their campaign coffers filled with donations from companies who do business with the city. This gives the appearance of a pay to play environment. The City Charter is specific in terms of donations to candidates allowed from city employees. This is an area that needs review.

The lack of an active daily paper that questions the affairs of the city is a problem caused by newspapers lack of local coverage. This paper, it's editor Dan Murphy and his assistant Bayan Baker do an excellent job reporting on Yonkers but the job requires more than 2 people for a city of our size. The lack of an active cable public access program is an area city residents need to get more involved with. We pay a lot of money for cable television and one of its mandates is the ability of the public to use its facilities for community purposes.

Good luck Mayor Spano as you enter term number four. It's critical that the citizenry play an active role in municipal affairs to support the Mayor. If you see a problem bring it to the attention of those in charge. If you see something commendable make sure the powers that be know about it!

Mazel Tov Mike! Happy Diwali! We Salute our Veteran's TOMMORROW, November 11!

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To compensate for the switch in Westchester, Rep. Bowman’s 16th District would get more of the Bronx, and the democratic voters in NYC.

The bigger, national picture for democrats is the hope that by beating Lawler, democrats are closer to retaking control of the House; republicans currently hold a slim, 5 seat majority.

That change could have big implications for Rep. Bowman, and whether he gets a challenge from Latimer. One Westchester democrat said, “If the district stays the same, I think George runs and he can win. But if they change it, he won’t run.”

The one unknown that cannot be measured is how strong the unhappiness with Bowman in Westchester will correlate to support and votes for Latimer. Rev. Michael Gerald from Tuckahoe had announced that he was challenging Bowman but put his campaign on hold pending a decision from Latimer.

The letter to Latimer from the Rabbis reads: “We are rabbis from across the Jewish denominational spectrum. While we represent congregations and organizations throughout New York’s 16th Congressional District, today, we are writing in our personal capacities, to urge you to announce your run for Congress.

“Three years ago, Jamaal Bowman unseated Eliot Engel and brought a deeply concerning agenda to Washington. Many of us tried to engage the Congressman early in his term, seeking constructive dialogue about the damaging positions he took – especially on matters related to America’s relationship with Israel. Regrettably, Congressman Bowman disregarded our outreach and doubled down on his anti-Israel policy positions and messaging.

“Last April, many of us signed an open letter to Bowman citing his troubling record and urging him to change course. We were once again met with silence – and then, even more damaging actions in Congress. Bowman boycotted President Herzog’s historic speech, refused to sign a resolution that rejected Israel as a racist or apartheid state, and voted against legislation supporting the Abraham Accords and celebrating Israel’s 75th anniversary of statehood.

“Last week, more than 1,300 Israelis were brutally massacred by Hamas terrorists. Thousands of others were physically, sexually, and psychologically injured, to say nothing of the nearly 200 taken hostage. Your statement of unequivocal support for our ally was immensely appreciated by our community.

“Inexplicably, but predictably, while Congressman Bowman condemned the attacks, he put the blame on Israel for its “blockade of Gaza.” He now is calling for an immediate ceasefire, effectively a position of appeasement toward Hamas’s terror regime.

“Since being elected, Bowman has led the effort to erode support for Israel on Capitol Hill and within the Democratic Party. That’s why we’re turning to you, in the hope that you will announce your candidacy for Congress and restore our values to this important seat in Washington.

Sincerely, Rabbi Jonathan E. Blake, Rabbi Jeffrey Arnowitz, Rabbi Chaim Axelrod, Rabbi Sasha Baken, Rabbi Adam Baldachin, Rabbi Lester Bronstein, Rabbi Jeffrey Brown, Rabbi Leah Citrin, Rabbi Menachem Creditor, Rabbi Reuven Fink, Rabbi Leora Frankel, Rabbi Howard Goldsmith, Rabbi Daniel Gropper, Rabbi Shmuel Hain, Rabbi Evan Hoffman, Rabbi David Holtz, Rabbi Nuriel Klinger, Rabbi Binyamin Krauss, Rabbi Chaim Marder, Rabbi Jonathan Morgenstern, Rabbi Daniel Reiser, Rabbi David Schuck, Rabbi Zach Sitkin, Rabbi Jay Stein, Rabbi Annie Tucker, Rabbi Scott Weiner

“If you add up Gashi’s votes and Parker’s votes against Bowman in 2022, you get 44%. If George (Latimer) can squeeze another 6 points, then he can win. It’s not impossible,” said one Westchester democrat.

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war received better treatment than the Confederate and Union soldiers did during the War Between the States.

1953: The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce honored Yonkers native Howard Brinton, President of Phelps Dodge Copper Products Corporation at its 60th annual dinner. Phelps Dodge was the parent company of Yonkers’ Habirshaw Cable and Wire Corporation. Toastmaster was US District Court Referee Arthur J. Doran, a board member with Brinton on the St. Joseph’s Hospital Board of Trustees.

Saturday, November 18th:

1777: British General Tryon sent Hessians troops to pillage and burn homes in Philipse Manor. They allegedly stripped women and children of clothing, then turned them out into the cold. Old men and boys were led back to the enemy lines wearing very little, but the halter the Hessians had put around their necks to lead them. Patriot newspapers condemned Tryon for making war on women and children.

1943: Chittenden Avenue resident Lt. Colonel John Hayward was pictured in American Magazine at the controls of a Nazi Messerschmitt 109-F. Hayward, the US Army’s expert on enemy aircraft, was assigned to Wright Field in Ohio; his days were spent examining enemy parts and planes to find out how the planes work. A World War I ace, Hayward put a rebuilt Messerschmitt through tests in the air and on the ground, and then smashed it as part of the research.

Sunday, November 19th:

1942: The volunteer “Flying Corps” of the Yonkers War Saving Staff tripled its sales of the previous week by selling war bonds and stamps at the gates of the Otis Elevator Company buildings. They completely sold out everything they had!

1942: City Manager William Walsh ordered all city cars be used only for public business; he wanted to end “sending a car to call for the boss,” or “giving the girls a lift” to end city employees traveling to and from work at taxpayers’ expense.

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St. John's, Dr. Sahgal, continued from pg 1-

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If an abnormality is found, Dr. Sahgal can perform a non-invasive biopsy. "One of the biggest fears women have about testing is that they will have a scar if a biopsy is needed. This is untrue; there is no scar to make a diagnosis."

"If a diagnosis of cancer is made, the first step is to see a surgeon, who will go over your entire history and see if additional testing is needed. After that, the next step for most women is surgery," said Dr. Sahgal.

"There are several types of breast cancer surgery, including lumpectomy and mastectomy. A lumpectomy is the removal of the cancerous tissue in the breast and lymph nodes under the arm but not the entire breast. This type of surgery has been around for thirty years, but what's new is we can do less and less lymph node surgery because we can better identify which lymph nodes are the first ones cancer would go to and only remove those.

90% of breast cancer comes from the ducts in the breast, and 10% comes from the glands in the breast. Breast cancer has three biological markers that we test for that help guide treatment and also grade the cancer to assess how aggressive it is. Grades range from 1 to 3, three being the most aggressive. The grade not only tells us how aggressive the disease is, but it also helps guide treatment.

Dr. Sahgal explained that usually, women who choose a lumpectomy have radiation treatment after surgery. "A lumpectomy followed with radiation after surgery, for women under 70, is comparable to a mastectomy in reducing the chances of the cancer coming back in most women with a single breast cancer diagnosis.

The other form of breast cancer surgery is a mastectomy, which is the removal of the entire breast. Dr. Sahgal said that while fewer mastectomies are being performed today because of better outcomes from lumpectomies, "a mastectomy is always an option. Full removal of all breast tissue reduces the need for radiation therapy post-surgery, which some women want to avoid, so it's an operation that works well. Further, we always follow up with a plastic surgeon to discuss reconstruction options with women who make that choice."

The goal of any breast cancer surgery is to remove all diseased cells. After surgery, the patient is sent to the medical oncologist at St. John's to determine the next best step. Depending on the patient, it could be as simple as daily oral medication, and other times, it's chemotherapy (medicine given intravenously). Other post-surgery treatments include immunotherapy. It depends on the scenario, the stage of the cancer, the age of the patient, and the health of the patient.

One test that Dr. Sahgal and the Oncology Department of St. John's Riverside Hospital use in certain situations is an Oncotype recurrence score. "It helps to guide us as to what the chances are that this tumor will come back. This helps us determine the best medical treatment for breast cancer and is an amazing advancement in the medical oncology world."

Of the 300,000 breast cancer patients in the country every year, 1% are men. "Symptoms for most men who have breast cancer have chest irritation, which could resemble a rash that itches or is painful. Many times, it is discovered by their primary care provider. If you have those symptoms, then you should let your doctor know. Also, if your mother had breast cancer, you should be vigilant because the genes for other cancers, such as prostate and pancreatic cancer, can be connected to breast cancer," said Dr. Sahgal.

What can people do to prevent breast cancer? Dr. Sahgal says, "A high-fiber, low-fat diet helps reduce the risk of many cancers. Staying active is also key; even if it's 10 minutes of walking outside daily, the more you stay active, the less the chance of cancer. Breastfeeding has also been shown to help reduce the risk of breast cancer in women, but of course, some of us can't control this."

Dr. Sahgal said all the media attention about breast cancer awareness month has resulted in "a much higher awareness from people about the importance of testing. October begins my busiest time of year because women are going for mammograms during Breast Cancer Awareness month. While many women are still hesitant because of the fear of the unknown and other stigmas around breast cancer treatment, we must continue to fight and be proactive about our health, and you can make a difference."

To make an appointment for a mammography, call St. John's Riverside Hospital's Central Scheduling at (914) 964-4329 or for a Breast Surgeon Referral call (914) 964-4DOC (4362).

Dr. Nidhi Sahgal is a fellowship-trained, board-certified breast surgeon who specializes in the treatment of breast cancer. With over 22 years of experience both at Essen Health Care and St. John's Riverside Hospital, she has performed hundreds of successful breast surgeries and helped countless patients survive their diagnosis of breast cancer. Dr. Sahgal received her medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine and completed her General Surgery training at North Shore University Hospital and fellowship training in breast surgery at Stanford University Hospital.

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Just over 26,000 Yonkers residents cast their votes. Allison Abramson also ran for Mayor on the Working Families Party line and got 3% of the vote.

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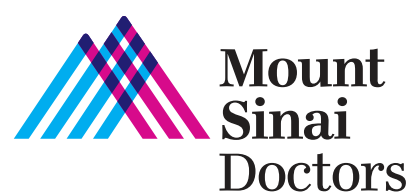
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