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We Endorse: Mayor Mike Spano for Reelection

The Joy of Target -Yonkers is Here: CVS & Starbucks Included at Cross County Store



Mayor Mike Spano, with Target employees, at the retailers opening at Cross County Center, Yonkers

By Dan Murphy

Target opened its Yonkers location in the Cross County Center on Oct. 22. The 132,000-square-foot store is one of the retail giant's largest locations, complete with a Starbuck, CVS, and drive-up window.

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Jose Diaz, Candidate for County Legislator -17th District-In His Own Words



Jose Diaz, center, with Mayor candidate Anthony Merante, and BOL candidate Debbie Kozak, 16th D.

By Dan Murphy

One of the contested races in Yonkers on November 7 will be for Westchester Legislator in District 17, which includes most of Southwest Yonkers. Democrat Legislator Jose Alvarado is being challenged by republican Jose Diaz.

This heavily democratic district usually does not have a republican opponent, but Diaz is running an active campaign. We asked Diaz to write about his campaign and why he is running.

"I am an American of Dominican origin, having become a United States citizen in 1996. I attended Mercy College for a period of almost four years, studying Computer science and programming languages. I also attended Westchester Community College, taking electronics and robotics classes. I made the decision to leave college to help my family financially.

"I have lived in Yonkers most of my life and I love the city I made my home for so many years. My decision to run for the office of Westchester County Legislator was due to my concerns with so many serious worsening problems in the 17th District.

"The 17th District has been inundated with illegal weapons and more control and interception of these illegal weapons are desperately needed. On April 20, 2022 a Yonkers police detective was shot, an incident that took place in the vicinity of Elm and Linden Streets. This detective suffered extensive internal injuries and almost died.

"The months of July and August of this year have seen an increase in shootings, stabbings and residential break-ins and burglaries. The problem of drug dealing has also increased significantly. We have a crisis with the selling and use of fentanyl, a very addictive and dangerous drug; we see drug addicts committing crimes to support their addiction, with many resorting to prostitution, becoming increasingly visible in the community. Many of those addicted can also be seen injecting their drugs openly in public places. It is demoralizing to the community overall and a significant public health issue.

"Yonkers has its own problem with active gangs, made worst by gang members from other municipalities and other areas. These gang members come to our city to start their initiation rituals and killings.

"There is an increase in homelessness in certain neighborhoods in this district, creating a health problem. There are often individuals blocking sidewalks, consuming alcohol in public areas, and defecating and urinating in public places.

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Mayor Spano, with girl scouts at City Hall

At a time when we see instability in the world, and dysfunction in Washington DC and in Albany, it's clear that in Yonkers, Mayor Mike Spano has been able to work with all Yonkers residents to move New York's 3rd largest City forward.

Based on Spano's ability to control crime, improve education, and bring smart development that also provides affordable housing, we endorse Mayor Mike for reelection. Early voting starts on Oct. 28, and Election Day is Nov. 7.

When necessary to protect the people of Yonkers, Spano has stood up to people in his own party, like he did when he expressed his opinions on the need to change bail reform and change raise the age legislation, or when the City recently sued NYC and Mayor

Adams for housing migrants in a Yonkers hotel without paying occupancy tax to the City.

Stability and trust on critical issues like crime, education, taxes and development are the reasons why the people of Yonkers trust Spano to continue to serve.

Yonkers is the safest large City in New York and the 8th Safest in the United States. Graduation rates continue to climb in the Yonkers Public Schools. And with development has come affordable housing required with each project.

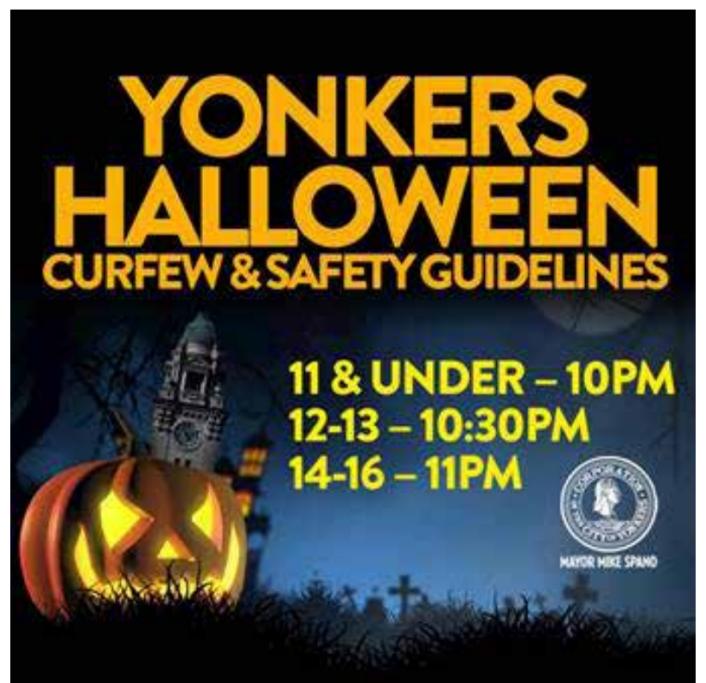
Mayor Spano has also kept his budgets under the tax cap for 11 of 12 years. The financial condition of the City is the best it has been in many years.

The issue of term limits is also a part of this election. Spano is seeking a fourth, four-year term after the council made the change last year. When we speak to people in our travels around Yonkers delivering Yonkers Rising, very few put Term Limits at the top of their list. Crime, education and taxes are the three issues we hear most about.

Overall, the people are satisfied with Spano's performance and results as Mayor. They trust his judgement, his demeanor, and his management of the city

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Halloween Curfew for Yonkers -10-11PM



To provide for a safe and enjoyable holiday, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano today announced that the Yonkers Police Department will issue a citywide curfew for children 16 years of age and younger on Halloween night – Tuesday, October 31.

"Every year I look forward to everyone having a good time on Halloween, a holiday that celebrates the spooky and the scary. That's why we are taking steps to ensure a safe and enjoyable night for our communities," said Mayor Spano. "The City will enforce its usual curfew for minors, and I urge residents to be careful – Halloween is a holiday that is meant to be fun, but you can do so while being safe. Make wise decisions for yourself and others."

Police Commissioner Christopher Sapienza stated, "We want all of our residents and visitors to be safe and have fun this Halloween. We ask the public to adhere to our guidelines for curfews and general Halloween safety. Additional units will be on the road to ensure the safety of everyone enjoying the holiday. If

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CSEE Artisans' Fair Commemorates Hispanic Heritage Month



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, center, with officials from the Charter School of Educational Excellence and participants in the school's annual Artisans Fair.

Local artists celebrated the creativity of the Puerto Rican community at the Charter School of Educational Excellence's fall Artisans' Fair.

Thirteen artisans from the Puerto Rican Institute for the Development of the Arts (PRIDA) displayed their creations at the school on Oct. 7 and they shared stories about their inspiration with the public.

"We asked PRIDA's members to participate in an artisan's fair because their mission is to promote and preserve folkloric traditions. One of the Charter School of Educational Excellence's goals is developing the whole child. That means giving our students exposure to traditions and expressions that are relevant to their cultures so that they feel inspired to learn and create," said Carmen Goldberg, the CSEE's director of government, parents and external relations.

The Artisans' Fair included performances by Puerto Rican Cuatro Player Luisito Rodriguez and his Cuatro Band along with dance presentations from Additude Cultural Arts Center, the Mexican Cultural Committee, and the Dominican Cultural Association of Yonkers.

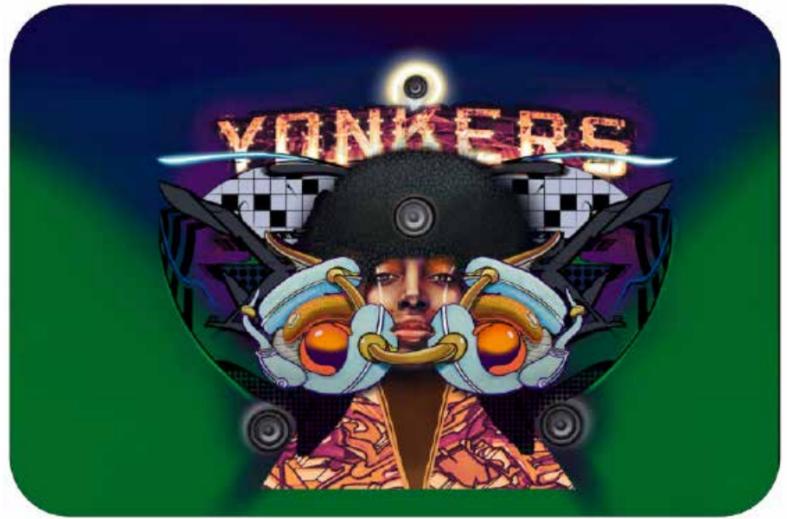
The event was part of the Charter School of Educational Excellence's continuing investment in the arts.

In May the school inaugurated a new stage at its high school designed to help students learn theatrical rigging and other skills that will help them land jobs at Lionsgate Studios and other media stages opening in Yonkers. The new stage includes state-of-the-art audio-visual capacities and a large projection screen.

PRIDA grew out of an annual Puerto Rican Artisan Fair in New York City that is the largest such fair outside of Puerto Rico. The group's goals include opening new markets for Puerto Rican artists, promoting culture and advocating for arts funding.

Yonkers Public Library Releases Limited Edition Library Card, Celebrates 50 Years of Hip Hop

Available Oct. 26



On Thurs., Oct. 26, Yonkers Public Library (YPL) will release a limited edition library card in recognition of the 50th anniversary of hip hop. The card features art by Yonkers native and acclaimed street artist Daniel Hopkins (AKA Maxx Moses or Pose2) and will be available at all library locations.

The unveiling will be followed by a panel discussion with hip hop legends, including Ruff Ryder Founder Joaquin "Waah" Dean, Yonkers hip hop artist Large Amount, and Jerome "RawRome" Enders, author of Yonkers: The Lost City of Hip Hop.

"YPL recognizes hip hop to be a vital artform and an essential part of Yonkers culture and history. We're excited to celebrate its 50th anniversary with a fresh new library card designed by one of Yonkers' own and that reflects its energy and creativity," said Jesse Montero, library director.

The special edition card is titled The Sound of Light and features imagery that is both futuristic yet grounded in the soulful roots in which hip-hop was founded upon. The patterns in the background and on the clothing are all derived from graffiti.

All Yonkers residents can request the special edition card when they apply for one at YPL.org while supplies last. All current cardholders can trade in their current card for a new card by visiting any of YPL's three locations.

"As an artist, I'm always desiring to create imagery that shows Black Culture thriving in the future while staying connected to art, science and nature, with style," said Moses. "This design for the library celebrates the next 50 years of hip hop, with an energy that's rooted in a culture Boombastic by nature and guided by the divine mind."

In partnership with Enders and Harold McKoy, CEO of Executive Branch Entertainment Group, the limited edition card is part of a larger series that highlights the role Yonkers played in helping to develop the culture and music of hip hop. Enders will moderate the panel discussion while intermittently reading excerpts from his book Yonkers: The Lost City of Hip Hop. Copies will be available to check out at the library and available for purchase at the event.

"The role of Yonkers hip-hop is intrinsically tied to its roots, as the early pioneers of Yonkers ventured back and forth to the Bronx, disseminating the culture within our city. Furthermore, our venues became a hub not only for local talent but also for practitioners from various places, who came to Yonkers to

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Mayor Spano Asks Students at School 9 to Sign Pledge 182



Mayor Mike Spano watches School 9 students in signing Pledge 182. (Photo Credit: Maurice Mercado/City of Yonkers)

In an effort to improve academic readiness, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Yonkers Public Schools held an assembly at School 9 and asked Yonkers students to participate in the Pledge 182 campaign, in which students commit to attend school every day and on time.

“Education is the cornerstone of our future, and every day missed in school is a missed opportunity for growth,” said Mayor Spano. “In Yonkers, we believe in nurturing the potential of every child. Regular school attendance is not just a legal requirement; it’s a chance for our children to learn, explore, and prepare for a prosperous future. Collectively, let’s ensure every child in Yonkers has the opportunity to succeed by prioritizing school attendance.”

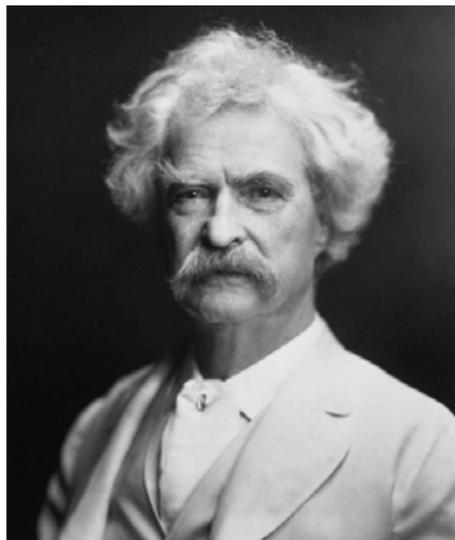
Research has shown that students who miss 10% of the school year (18 days or 2 days per month) are not as academically successful through their school years and have a more difficult time graduating. Starting as early as Kindergarten, chronic absenteeism can cause a student to fall behind in school. In fact, chronic absenteeism, missing 18 days or more, can make it more difficult for children to learn to read and develop fundamental math skills.

“The Mayor’s Pledge 182 Campaign has been a big success in the Yonkers Public Schools. For example, last year the Mayor called on the students of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy to increase their attendance rate, and they did. In just one year, the data showed that the attendance rate increased to 90%,” noted Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Luis Rodriguez. “I believe it is incredibly important for our students to make the connection between attendance, social and emotional success, and academic achievement in the classroom. I am grateful for the Mayor’s efforts on this initiative. I am looking forward to celebrating with the students of School 9 in June, when they too meet and hopefully exceed the Mayor’s challenge.”

Mayor Spano challenged the students of School 9, urging them to sign the pledge and promised to return in June and give a pizza party to the students who achieve a perfect attendance during the 2023-2024 academic school year.

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Mark Twain lived in Yonkers for a year

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, October 30th

October 30, 1919: The Knights of Columbus held a benefit dance at St. Mary’s for their proposed veterans’ home; noted song writer Victor Nurnberg introduced several of his latest hits, sung by New York City singers A. Mac Alanen and Ralph Conlon. Parishioners of Sacred Heart held a benefit at the Chippewa Club to support the effort; these two events brought the total of pledges to \$76,000.

October 30, 1943: Clifferest at 523 Riverdale Avenue, once rented by Mark Twain and his family for a year, was formally dedicated as a home for seamen of the United Nations. The new unit, run by the Manhattan unit of the American Women’s Hospitals Reserve Corps (AWHRC), was named the Gloryhole. The historic house was converted into a modern country home to provide rest and recreation for seamen on sick leave or furlough. Major Rosalind Cowen, Director of the AWHRC, officiated at the ceremony; William Ruxton, former president of the British-American Ambulance Corps, was master of ceremonies.

Tuesday, October 31st

October 31, 1912: Mrs. Corinne Knickerbocker presented a life-size bust of George Washington to Mayor Lennon for the City of Yonkers. Created by the late Wilson MacDonald, it was a replica of Houdon’s life mask of Washington, molded directly from Washington’s face in 1785. MacDonald made many castings of this bust, numbered them and wrote on the back, “This is a mathematical reduction of the original Life Mask Bust of Washington, sworn to by Wilson MacDonald, Copyright 1899, The Menry-Bonnard Bronze Co, Founders NY 1899.”

October 31, 1935: An earthquake that shook 17 states and Eastern Canada hit Yonkers. Although no real damage resulted from the quivers felt in Yonkers, thousands jumped out of bed in panic.

October 31, 1945: A bit of role playing by a victim led to a bandit incriminating

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We Endorse: Judge Karen Beltran & Judge Arthur Doran III for Yonkers City Court

Yonkers Rising and Yonkerstimes.com endorses City Court Judge Karen Beltran and City Court Judge Arthur Doran III. Both are sitting judges on the Yonkers Court and in our view, deserve to continue their service to the city.

Judge Karen Beltran was sworn in on Feb. of 2023 to the Yonkers City Court. She has served as President of the Yonkers Council of PTAs which serves the 40 PTA units within the Yonkers Public School District,

Beltran came to this country at the age of 7. She is a thoughtful and driven Judge and Yonkers resident. Beltran is true and authentic-she even challenged Mayor Mike Spano a few years ago. Hard working and intelligent, Beltran has already impressed on the City bench.

Beltran has been campaigning across the city, in a thoughtful way befitting a Judge. The interactions with the public are important, so that if they have to appear before her someday, they will know who is she.

Judge Arthur Doran III, has been Chief Judge of the Yonkers City Court, since 2021. He has served as a City Court Judge, since 2004, and as a Drug Court Judge, since 2008.

Judge Doran brings a lifetime of service to Yonkers. His father served as a Yonkers Judge for decades. Judge Doran reminds us that the City Court, "is a place where members of our community first become acquainted with the judicial system, and where they come seeking respect, consideration, and justice regardless of their race, religion or socio-economic status. I am proud to have served on the court for over twenty years"

There is no reason to look for another candidate for City Court Judge. Both Judge Beltran and Judge Doran bring integrity to their positions and are wisely and fairly presiding over the City Court.

Nick Speranza is the republican candidate for City Court. We were recently sent information about Speranza concerning an election lawsuit filed against him when he was collecting signatures attempting to get on the democratic party line for Judge this year, The court transcript reads that both Judge Doran and Judge Beltran, "my clients (Doran and Beltran) were very concerned about making a fraud allegation against a person who's running for Judge and who's an attorney. And for all of the consequences that could happen and they were hesitant to do that, except that the evidence was so compelling. There's the video evidence.

Tanika Smith submitted an affidavit, "she was asked by Nick Speranza if she was a Democrat and if she would sign the petition and she knew Karen Beltran. Karen Beltran came to her wedding. They have family friends. They have children the same age and they know each other. And she'll testify that she told Mr. Speranza, well, I know Karen and she's running for Judge, some kind of Judge, and she will testify and it's in her affidavit that Mr. Speranza said to her, oh, well I'm running with Karen Beltran and you can vote for us both. And he also said that he was a democrat in that conversation."

Speranza testified that he was a democrat for the last three elections and then changed registration to a republican this year.

We endorse Judge Karen Beltran and Judge Arthur Doran for Yonkers City Court. Early voting starts on Oct. 28 and Election Day in Nov. 7.

PUBLIC NOTICE

A Local Law amending Chapter 85 entitled, "Forfeiture of Vehicles in Connection With Criminal Acts" in relation to forfeiture of vehicles attempting to evade police officers.

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Yonkers has adopted the abovementioned legislation that provides a means for the City to seize and subsequently 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.

The penalties for offenses pursuant to this ordinance are as follows:

A civil action seeking forfeiture brought pursuant to this section shall be commenced in the County of Westchester within sixty (60) days after such person has been convicted of any offense arising out of his or her arrest or summons under section eleven hundred eighty-two of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, if brought pursuant to subsection A. of this section, or within sixty (60) days after such person has been convicted of any offense arising out of his or her arrest or summons under sections 270.25, 270.30, or 270.35 of the Penal Law, if brought pursuant to subsection B. of this section. The Yonkers Police Department shall make a timely notification to the Office of the Corporation Counsel regarding such conviction, or other disposition of the applicable criminal action or proceeding regarding such person.

The complete text of the ordinance is on file and may be examined at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Dated: October 25, 2023
Vincent Spano
City Clerk

Letters to the Editor:

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Once again, I am asking for your vote!

I served on the Westchester County Board from 2020 to 2022, during the worst global pandemic in a century. Westchester elected officials worked collaboratively with businesses and local municipalities to keep residents safe and businesses open. As we rebuild, it's a good time to consider why your vote in local elections truly matters.

My record is strong on the climate, public health (including reproductive health), and gun violence prevention, three priorities that closely align with the majority of voters in this district as well as with our youngest generation of voters.

Working with other legislators and County Executive George Latimer's great team, I was able to advocate for funding for important Yonkers community benefit organizations doing work in youth employment, flood mitigation, pollinator pathways and Black maternal health. Partnering with our terrific state legislators, Senators Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Senator Shelley Mayer, I was able to advocate for gun safety legislation and noise mitigation legislation.

My family and I are small businessowners. Dobbs & Bishop Fine Cheese (in Bronxville and soon Scarsdale) is a local institution for 14 years. I am the mom of two amazing young scientists and I've been married to a newly sworn-in American, Kevin McNeill, for 29 years.

I'm a hard worker and my record of service to the residents of Bronxville and Yonkers is strong. I served on 6 committees during my term, and I continue to serve on several important boards, notably the Westchester County Cybersecurity Task Force (as Chair), the Bronx River Parkway Reservation Conservancy, and the Foundation for Yonkers Public Library. I'm past Board member of Groundwork Hudson Valley as well as former Court Clerk in the Bronxville Justice Court, former President of the Bronxville Library Board of Trustees and former PTA member.

The election is November 7th at your regular polling location. You can also vote early starting on October 28, 2023 at the Yonkers Riverfront or Yonkers Will Library on Central Park Avenue.

When we say Vote your Values and Local Elections Matter, we urge you not to sit this one out! Vote for Ruth as your next Westchester County Legislator! Ruth Walter

YONKERS MAN SENTENCED TO 9 YEARS FOR DRUG TRAFFICKING

Philadelphia to Yonkers Cocaine Route Closed; 3 Kilos and \$300k Cash Found Stashed in Yonkers Apartment

Westchester County District Attorney Miriam E. Rocah announced prison sentences for three defendants convicted of illegal narcotics possession and interstate drug trafficking, with an additional sentence for one of the defendants who investigators discovered had videos and images of children engaged in sexual acts on his cell phone.

DA Rocah said: "The successful prosecution of these cases reflect our strong commitment to removing drug traffickers from our communities and securing a sense of safety in our neighborhoods. This is a result of yet another strong partnership with our federal, state and local law enforcement on cracking down on the flow of illegal narcotics from out of state, and also the intra-office collaboration between investigations and cybercrimes to identify someone who also posed a threat to children."

A six-month multi-agency investigation that began in February 2022 focused on the illegal possession and trafficking of cocaine from Philadelphia to Yonkers between the three defendants. The High Technology Crimes Squad of the DA's Office conducted a forensic analysis of the defendants' cell phones and discovered text message photos of drug sales, including images of cash and cocaine worth more than \$1 million, which demonstrated the role of the defendants in this crime.

Christian Miranda, 34 of Yonkers, was sentenced on June 5 before Judge James McCarty to nine years in state prison, with five years of post-release supervision, after pleading guilty to Operating as a Major Trafficker and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree. The defendant was arrested on Aug. 2, 2022, along with Rivera, by the DEA's New York Drug Enforcement Task Force (DETF-13), which recovered three kilograms of cocaine and more than \$300,000 hidden in furniture at their Yonkers apartment.

Marco Rivera, 31 of Philadelphia, was sentenced on Sept. 28 before Judge Robert Neary to 12 years in state prison, with five years of post-release supervision. Following a three-week trial, a jury on May 11 found the defendant guilty of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the First Degree and Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree.

In addition to his drug conviction and sentence, the defendant was also sentenced on Oct. 19 before Judge Susan Cacace to an indeterminate term of 1 1/3 to four years in state prison for his guilty plea to three counts of Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child. This follows a 57-count indictment by a Westchester County Grand Jury in March for Possessing an Obscene Sexual Performance by a Child stemming from DA's Office forensic investigators discovering multiple videos and files of children engaged in sexual acts on the defendant's cell phone. The court decided both sentences will run concurrently.

Mark Figueroa, 61 of Brooklyn, was sentenced on June 8 before Judge McCarty to six years in state prison, with two years of post-release supervision, after pleading guilty to Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree. DETF-13 arrested the defendant and recovered an additional four kilograms of cocaine inside his car following a drug exchange with Miranda on Nepperhan Street in Yonkers.

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Early Voting Locations & Times in Yonkers

The League of Women Voters of the Rivertowns wants to remind everyone to vote! For all voting information go to Vote411.org. Here are some highlights.

Early voting is from October 28 to November 5, and Election Day is November 7. Westchester residents can go to any of 24 early voting sites in Westchester.

The three early voting sites in Yonkers are:

Grinton I. Will Library, 1500 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10710

Nodine Hill Community Center, 140 Fillmore Street, Yonkers, NY 10701

Yonkers Riverfront Library, One Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701

Early voting hours at any site in Westchester are as follows:

Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Sunday, October 29, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Monday, October 30, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Tuesday, October 31, 2023 from noon to 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, November 1, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Thursday, November 2, 2023 from noon to 8 p.m.
 Friday, November 3, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Sunday, November 5, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Voting hours on Election Day, November 7, 2023, are 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Oct. 28, 2023 is the last day voter registration forms may be received at the Westchester County Board of Elections, which is located at 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601.

Nov. 7, 2023 is the last day to postmark an absentee ballot by mail. The ballot must be received by the Board of Elections no later than Nov. 14, 2023. Just a reminder:

Vote411.org is the League of Women Voters' online voter guide, replacing the paper version.

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with no drama.

The overall quality of life for the people in Yonkers has improved over the past 12 years, and unlike other communities, Yonkers has not seen problems with crime or other quality of life issues.

Yes, Yonkers has its share of problems. But overall, Mike Spano has done something most elected officials can't do; Govern in a bi-partisan manner and put the interests of the people first.

Spano's opponent is republican Councilman Anthony Merante. Merante has run an active campaign and should be commended for giving the voters a choice.

Merante has had difficulty walking the fine line between criticizing the mayor for his decisions when, as a member of the City Council, Merante supported many of those initiatives and budgets.

Merante has served on the council as a fiscal watchdog, and we look forward to him continuing in that role.

During the last debate, Merante pointed to his achievements as taking down trees and filing potholes. While these are good accomplishments for a council member, we had hoped for more of a vision for the city.

We thank Merante for the opportunity to highlight his campaign.

But Mayor Spano has proven himself to the voters as an effective, reasonable leader of New York's third largest city. His overall interest is the people of Yonkers. We see the future of Yonkers in stable hands with the reelection of Mayor Mike Spano.



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 Janine Rose, Award Winning News Anchor, Journalist, and Political Analyst

Book of Golden Deeds Award
 John Epps, Senior Advisor YMOL Community Outreach Group

Special Recognition Award
 Barry McGoez, Esq., Former President, Yonkers Firefighters Local 628

For additional information contact
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you run into our Officers, say hello! Don't hesitate to approach any of our Officers in the event that you need any kind of assistance. We, as always, are here to help."

As part of the curfew, the Yonkers Police Department advises:

- Children ages 11 and younger must be home by 10PM
- Children ages 12 to 13 must be home by 10:30PM
- Children ages 14 to 16 must be home by 11PM

Exceptions include:

- Accompanied by parent or guardian.
- On an errand with parental permission, with prior notice to YPD Community Affairs Division – 914-377-7293
- ½ hour after the end of school, religious and volunteer public entertainment -- no later than 12:30AM unless police are notified by host organization 24 hours in advance
- ½ hour after work -- with proof from Employee
- All youngsters 16 and under not subject to curfew if on or immediately next to their home (and if neighbor does not object)

Violators of the curfew will be taken to the nearest Yonkers Police Precinct, and parent/guardian will be notified. For more information about the Halloween curfew, contact the Yonkers Police Department at 914-377-7293.

Following are Halloween safety tips issued by the City of Yonkers for parents, children & residents:

- Parents
- Do not leave children unattended.
 - Know the route your child will travel and give him or her curfew.
 - Be sure children can see through their masks. Costumes should be easy to see, either made from light colors or marked for nighttime with reflective tape.
 - Dispose of unwrapped candy and only keep factory-wrapped treats.
 - To help plan a safe route, you can see registered sex offenders on a Crime Map by selecting the appropriate filter in the map's menu <https://bit.ly/YPDCrimeMap>
- Children
- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Try to walk in groups.
 - Don't eat anything from a trick-or-treat bag before your parents have looked at it first.
 - Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult.
 - Walk on sidewalks when possible and face traffic to stay safe.
 - Stay away from dark streets and buildings -- only visit well-lit homes.
- Residents
- Drive slowly and be alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited about Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
 - Turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from great distances.
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Fall Hudson Valley Restaurant Week Kicks Off Oct. 30

Fall 2023 Hudson Valley Restaurant Week has arrived. A record number of Westchester restaurants are participating in this semiannual celebration of the booming culinary scene. Over 70 eateries from all corners of the County have joined in the excitement.

County Executive George Latimer said: "Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is always a fan favorite. What a great reason to get out and try a new Westchester restaurant or gather with loved ones at an old favorite. I encourage both residents and visitors to make their reservations and enjoy all Westchester has to offer this season."

Director of Westchester County Tourism and Film, Natasha Caputo said: "Hudson Valley Restaurant Week is the ticket to a very special fall culinary experience, and the convenience of the Metro-North network into Westchester County makes it easy to participate. During this season of crisp air and vibrant foliage, we encourage people to dig into the rich flavors and warm hospitality of Westchester's local restaurants – many of whom are recognized by Michelin for offering great food at an incredible value."

Catherine Rinaldi, Metro-North President and Long Island Rail Road Interim President said: "Whether you're trying a new restaurant nearby or planning a weekend getaway on one of our Leaf Peeper trains, the MTA can take you there. Metro-North provides a seamless connection for New Yorkers to experience everything the Hudson Valley and the region have to offer."

Mike Martinelli, Today Media's Hudson Valley Group Publisher said: "Embrace the flavors of Westchester as we invite you to join in the culinary celebration of the upcoming Hudson Valley Restaurant Week. Discover delectable three-course menus at special discounted prices, all while supporting the thriving heartbeat of our community. These establishments not only offer a delightful array of flavors but also fuel economic prosperity, ensuring a vibrant gathering space for all."

More than 130 restaurants, spanning seven counties across the Hudson Valley are participating in this bi-annual celebration. For two delicious weeks, from October 30 through November 12, the Hudson Valley will be celebrating restaurant dining with delicious, creative dishes featuring locally sourced ingredients. Prix-fixe lunches and dinners will be offered at \$24.95, \$29.95, \$39.95 or \$44.95. (Pricing does not include tax, beverages, or gratuity.) Prix-fixe menus may be offered for both dine-in and takeout.

Make sure to check out HVRW newcomers Argonne Rose Brewing Company, Mohegan Lake; Bistro de Ville, Scarsdale; Goosefeather, Tarrytown; Our Place, Yorktown Heights; Red Horse by David Burke, White Plains; The Tav'ery, Bronxville; Wicked Wolf North, Yonkers, among others.

The complete list of restaurants and menus can be found at valleytable.com/hvrw. Reservations are suggested as space fills quickly.

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showcase their art," said Enders.

"For the Yonkers Public Library to memorialize, recognize, and celebrate our community's contributions, especially through educational programs like Yonkers The Lost City of Hip-Hop, is not just a way to honor our past but a vital means to inspire our future," said McKoy. "By acknowledging the rich tapestry of our history and culture, we empower the next generation with the KNOWLEDGE, WISDOM, UNDERSTANDING, pride, and sense of identity that fosters innovation, unity, and a brighter future for Yonkers."

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Eagle Scout Ceremony Makes Yonkers Proud



Note: We received this from Yonkers VFW Post 1066:

I had the great privilege last week to attend the Boy Scout Troop 102 Eagle Scout Court of Honor. This event, which was held in the Aisling Irish Community Center on McLean Ave, reemphasized why I love my city. The room was packed to honor four incredible young men: Keegan Farrell, Sean Flanagan, Sean McKenna and Patrick Sullivan. These four young man had met the highest achievement rank attainable in the Scouts, Eagle Scout. This is an achievement that less than 4% of any scout ever reaches.

I was there as a representative of The Veterans of Foreign Wars to present these young men with VFW Certificates of Recognition for their attainment of the rank of Eagle Scout. I am so incredibly grateful to have had that opportunity. The relationship between the VFW and the BSA goes back more than a hundred years, with both of our organizations' missions involving True Patriotism, Community Service and strong moral character.

As I looked around the crowd I was surrounded by some of the best people a person could ever know. Among the families were some people that I have known since childhood. I know their children from various groups and activities that have been held within the city. There was a man I go hunting with, and a chemist who developed pharmaceuticals for the Purdue Frederick Company, a company formerly from Yonkers. I saw a woman I know who taught my children in grammar school, and her husband who is a self-made successful business owner. I saw others who are construction workers and business owners. I saw many families I have met over the years, some whose weddings I personally attended. I saw some people who were born here, and others who had immigrated to our great nation. Also in the crowd were several Post 1666 VFW members, one being the Scoutmaster himself. All incredible people and All Great Family People.

The ceremony was well organized and conducted within the rituals of the BSA, but what amazed me was just how family and civic-orientated all of the speakers were, especially the Eagle Scouts themselves. All four of these young men, now university students, met in the Cub Scouts as young boys. They grew together in life and in scouting due to the hard work of their Scout leaders and parents. The young men were incredibly articulate and so gracious when speaking about their scout leaders, mentors, each other, and their comrades' families. Each of these young men expressed how they considered their friends' parents as close to them as their own parents.

Although they went to different High Schools and different universities, these young men are real friends, and extremely attached to their families, community and the fundamental principles of Scouting. These young men are leaders in the BSA, and more importantly, they most definitely will be the future leaders in any avenue that they pursue. These young men, their scout leaders, and their families are the best. With people like this, our futures are looking very bright.

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