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Mike Breen for Assembly: Enough is Enough It's Time for Change -Send Me to Albany



Former City Councilman and Yonkers GOP Chair John Larkin, right, with Councilman and Assembly candidate Mike Breen

By Dan Murphy

During his eight years on the Yonkers City Council, Minority Leader Mike Breen has been known as someone who will seek compromise and solutions to solve the issues facing New York's third largest city.

Now Breen sees dysfunction in Albany and wants to serve the people of Yonkers as the Assemblyman in the 90th District, which includes 90% of Yonkers. But in order to accomplish that, Breen must defeat the incumbent Assemblyman Nader Sayegh on November 8.

"There needs to be change in Albany, and if Albany isn't going to change, then we need to change the people in Albany," said Breen.

A look at Breen's Facebook page Breen4NY, focuses on the issues of concern to him and the reasons for his campaign. "Bail reform, raise the age, clean the slate, and now a parole system for those who killed cops. It is all part of a pro-criminal agenda that is destroying our state."

Breen is hoping for a Red Wave to come out and vote in November, and is receiving a positive message when he is out knocking on doors. "I plan on visiting with every voter we can and win this race. This was once a republican assembly seat, and we need to send someone to Albany who isn't afraid to say something about the problems facing our state."

"The crime that we see in other communities is what we all see on TV, but in Yonkers, we have a great Police Department that is doing a great job in keeping us safe, but we have had two smash and grabs in Yonkers, and police officers have been stabbed and shot. I'm not afraid to call this out, my opponent is not saying a word about the problems we face."

Breen's campaign will answer the question, can a republican still be elected citywide in Yonkers? And can the republican candidate for Governor, Lee Zeldin, pull up an upset in November, and how will Zeldin fare in Yonkers?

When asked that question, Breen explained that if Zeldin is elected, he needs 8 more republicans in the Assembly to prevent the democrats from overriding any veot that may come from the Governor.

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Beware of Facebook Marketplace Auto Scams

Two Arrests Made in Yonkers for Kidnapping, Carjacking and Robbery



Two Kidnappings, Carjackings and Robberies in Yonkers

On Oct 2, Damian Williams, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that DIANTE FERNANDES and MARK FRANCIS, both of the Bronx, were arrested in connection with a series of recent carjackings in the Bronx and Yonkers, New York. FERNANDES and FRANCIS had their initial appearance today before United States Magistrate Judge Judith C. McCarthy and were ordered detained.

According to the allegations in the Complaint, and statements made in court: Between September 26 and 27, 2022, DIANTE FERNANDES and MARK FRANCIS, the defendants, carjacked, robbed, and kidnapped multiple victims, in the Bronx and Yonkers, New York. Once on September 26 and again on September 27, the defendants lured victims to a location in Yonkers using an ad for a used car posted on Facebook Marketplace. When the victims arrived, hoping to buy the car, FERNANDES and FRANCIS forced the victims, at gunpoint, into the car they were considering buying. FERNANDES and FRANCIS then drove around the New York City area, forcing the victims to withdraw money from bank accounts and threatening to kill them if they did not comply. FERNANDES and FRANCIS stole the victims' money, wallets, and phones. On at least one occasion, FERNANDES and FRANCIS held a victim captive in the car for several hours. FERNANDES and FRANCIS then left the victims on the street and stole the cars the victims had driven to the meeting place.

FERNANDES, 19, and FRANCIS, 18, both of the Bronx, New York, are charged with carjacking, Hobbs Act robbery, kidnapping, and conspiracy to commit these offenses, as well as possessing a firearm during the offenses. If convicted of these offenses, the defendants face a maximum sentence of life in prison.

The maximum potential sentences in this case are prescribed by Congress and are provided here for informational purposes only, as any sentencing of the defendant will be determined by a judge.

Mr. Williams praised the investigative work of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Westchester County Safe Streets Task Force and also thanked the Yonkers Police Department, Westchester County Police Department and the New York City Police Department.

Yonkers High School Football Underway: Both Teams, Force and Brave Playing Hard



The Yonkers Force, in their victory over St. Dominick's, is off to a good start

By Dan Murphy

The high school football season is under way, and both of Yonkers High School football teams, the Yonkers Brave and the Yonkers Force, have been playing hard.

The Yonkers Force won their first two games of the year, against St. Dominick's at home, 24-13, and against Ketcham by a score of 32-6.

The Force then played another top team in the state, Carmel high school, who came to Yonkers for a big game. The Force kept the score close in the first half, down 14-6 before Carmel pulled away for a 38-6 win.

The next game was against Mt. Vernon, at the newly opened Memorial Field in Mt. Vernon, before 2,500 spectators. It took the force a little while to get used to the large crowd with Mount Vernon scoring four touchdowns in the first half. The Force didn't allow a TD in the second half but lost and mounted a comeback but lost 34-24.

The force played another top team in the state, North Rockland, losing 32-12, giving them a 2-3 record through a tough schedule.

This weekend they play Suffern, This year a record number of players came out for tryouts, with 144 seeking to join the team.

The Yonkers Brave is off to a slow start, with an 0-5 record, including a recent loss to Mamaroneck, 36-6, and losses to Sleepy Hollow and Ossining. The Brave play White Plains this weekend.

Two big Yonkers high school sporting events coming up. The City Volleyball Championships will be played at Yonkers High school at 10am Oct. 8. All 8 Yonkers volleyball high school teams will be playing. And on Oct. 16 the finals for the Boys & Girls high school soccer teams. Gorton and Lincoln are at the top of the boys teams, with any team possible to win for the girls.

Reading Opens Up the World Comes to Yonkers PAL, Gives Away 40,000 Books!



YFT President Samantha Rosado-Ciriello, with Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Coucins, Senator Shelley Mayer, Councilwoman Tasha Diaz, Assemblyman Gary Pretlow

By Dennis Richmond, Jr.

The Reading Opens the World Event was a huge success. On Saturday, October 1st, from 12:00 PM EST to 5:00 PM EST, the Yonkers PAL saw everyone from Mayor Mike Spano to Legislator Christopher Johnson come out to support the function. Thousands of books were readily available to families from across the Yonkers area. Children were smiling, and children and caregivers were holding bags full of books.

I was excited to see two of my teacher mentors. Mr. Bryan Boyd and Mr. Gavin Curtis, both 4th-grade teachers, were at the event. Mr. Boyd assisted me with everything I needed and put a smile on my face. Mr. Curtis was signing copies of one of his books. I was able to receive a signed copy. The music was perfect, children were running around, and caregivers had a chance to promote literacy. I was glad that my mother and I attended the event.

More on this event: American Federation of Teachers President Randi Weingarten, and New York State United Teachers President Andy Pallotta, and the Yonkers Federation of Teachers President Samantha Rosado-Ciriello partnered to give away more than 40,000 free children's books to educators and families in the Yonkers community during the Reading Opens the World Back to School Celebration & Book Giveaway event.

During the event, they were joined by State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart Cousins, NY State Senate Education Chair Shelley Mayer, and Yonkers City Mayor Mike Spano.

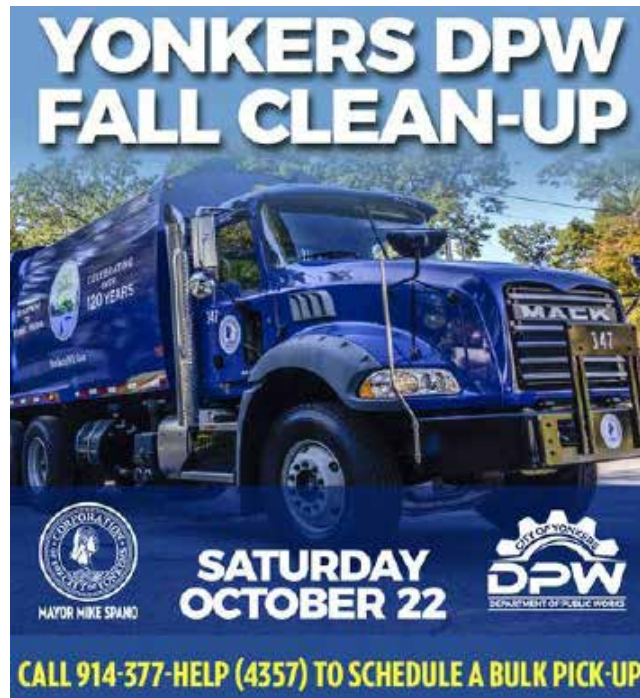
Parents and guardians were able to choose up to 5 free books per child for their home library. Educators and other school staff were able to choose up to 30 free books for their classrooms or educational programs.

The book distribution is part of AFT's "Reading Opens the World" literacy initiative, which is a 12-month cross-country tour to distribute one million books. Also in attendance were Assemblyman Nader Sayegh, Tasha Diaz, Yonkers City Council Majority Leader and Education Chair. Rev. Steve Lopez, president of Yonkers Public Schools Board Trustee and Frank Coleman, president of NAACP.

School 18 Renamed the Ella Fitzgerald Academy



Mayor Mike Spano and Yonkers DPW Announce Fall Clean-Up Day October 22



Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and Yonkers Department of Public Works Commissioner Thomas G. Meier announced that the Department of Public Works (DPW) will conduct a city-wide Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, October 22, from 6:00AM – 12:00PM. The clean-up is aimed at cleaning neglected vacant properties, city streets and community gardens throughout Yonkers.

“This fall we are taking direct action to restore the health and vibrancy of our neighborhoods,” said Mayor Spano. “This clean-up is about teamwork and community commitment. I encourage our residents, local businesses and community associations to support our efforts as we continue to improve our city and its quality of life.”

Alongside the scheduled city-wide Fall Clean-Up, sanitation trucks will collect additional bulk items from six-family dwellings or less. To schedule a bulk pick-up, residents are encouraged to call the Mayor’s Help Line at 914-377-HELP (4357).

“The Department of Public Works will deploy its entire workforce to get Yonkers as clean as possible before Winter kicks in,” said DPW Commissioner Meier.

To ensure Yonkers remains clean following the clean-up, Mayor Spano also is reminding residents to report any instances of illegal dumping to the City’s anti-dumping hotline by calling 914-377-DUMP. A reward of up to \$1,000 is offered for anyone who reports a case of illegal dumping that leads to an arrest and conviction.

“If you see something, it pays to say something,” said Mayor Spano. “We must all take part and take pride in keeping our city clean.”

“When Ella Fitzgerald attended School 18, her life course was only just taking shape,” said New York State Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins. “I am sure she would be so proud, as we all are, that this school is now the Ella Fitzgerald Academy. The Ella Fitzgerald Academy will serve as a true testament to her legacy, as a place where students can embody her passion for the arts, her altruism, and her determination to succeed despite the challenges she faced. Here, students will be inspired to create their own futures, as Ella Fitzgerald did.”

New York State Assemblyman Nader Sayegh said, “As a former student and graduate of school 18 and former School Board President, it was personally touching to me that the school was renamed in honor of Ella Fitzgerald. That she walked the halls and sang in the classrooms at the Ella Fitzgerald Academy will serve to inspire students there for years to come.”

Yonkers Board of Education Trustees voted unanimously to rename Scholastic Academy for Academic Excellence, formerly School 18, the Ella Fitzgerald Academy, honoring the significant and far-reaching contributions of “The First Lady of Song.” At a dedication ceremony on September 29, 2022, a plaque was unveiled commemorating the June 2022 Board of Education resolution renaming the school.

Rev. Steve Lopez, President, Yonkers Board of Education said, “The goal of the Trustees in renaming schools is to foster an inclusive climate that embraces diversity, promotes equity and social justice. We celebrate the lives and accomplishments of Yonkers residents past and present. Generations of students will learn about Ella Fitzgerald whose legacy will inspire their love for the Arts, learning and courage.”

The dedication ceremony was attended by Board of Education President Rev. Steve Lopez and Trustees Sheila Greenwald and Rosemarie P. Linton, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, City of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, NYS Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, NYS Assembly Member Nader Sayegh, and City of Yonkers Council Members Tasha Diaz, John Rubbo, Corazon Pineda-Isaac and Shanae Williams.

Ray Brown, Jr., Ella Fitzgerald’s son sent a message to students, family and staff that was read by Rev. Steve Lopez. Ray Brown, Jr. quoted his mother saying “It isn’t where you came from, it’s where you’re going that counts.”

Ella Fitzgerald lived and went to Yonkers Schools 10 and 18 currently known as the Scholastic Academy for Academic Excellence. The tenets of Ella Fitzgerald Academy will build on Dr. Howard Gardner’s theory of Multiple Intelligences: Linguistic, Logical/Mathematical, Spatial, Bodily-Kinesthetic, Musical, Interpersonal, Intrapersonal, and Naturalist, to maximize the potential of every student who enters the school.

“Our Yonkers learning community celebrates and embraces the magnificent diversity of the students and families we serve,” noted Dr. Edwin M. Quezada, Superintendent of Schools. “It’s energizing to work with Trustees and a Mayor who appreciate the value in renaming schools after outstanding individuals who will serve as tangible role models for our students. Ella Fitzgerald attended this school; she looks like our students and came from the same struggles many of our children and families face today. The school’s educational programs will guide our students as they uncover their talents, their potential contributions to society and understand their self-worth.”

City of Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano added, “Ella Fitzgerald’s life and career inspired so many, and now, will inspire a new generation of young people who come from similar beginnings here in Yonkers. Renaming this school in honor of Ella reflects our City’s commitment to celebrating our own and encouraging all to rise up in academics, the arts and beyond.”---continued right --

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On This Day in Yonkers History...

So Many Questions.....



President Gerald Ford, at Yonkers City Hall, 1976



By Eric Wolf Schoen

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

Monday, October 10th
 October 10, 1699: Merchant Frederick Felipse of New York City sold Jacobus van Cortlandt fifty acres of land called Georges Point, 1.5 acres of meadow and 25 acres of upland from his Yonckers plantation in Westchester. Jacobus married Felipe/Philipse's adopted stepdaughter, Eva de Vries, daughter of his first wife, wealthy widow Margaret Hardenbroek.

October 10, 1943: The US Army Opened a two-day "Action Overhead" Aerial show at the Empire City Race Track. Structures especially built for the demonstration were bombed and ignited by missiles from the Army planes.

Tuesday, October 11th
 October 11, 1927: Three Yonkers men participated in the second Metropolitan PGA Championship in Garden City, Long Island. Tommy Harmon represented the Hudson River Country Club; George McLean of the Grassy Sprain Club; and Fred Novak represented St. Andrew's.

October 11, 1945: After a ten-year association, Louis Budenz of Lincoln Circle announced his resignation as Managing Editor of the Daily Worker, the Communist daily newspaper. Budenz, his wife and three daughters rejoined the Catholic Faith after numerous discussions with Monsignor Fulton Sheen; they had been baptized and confirmed by Sheen the previous day at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Budenz moved to Indiana to teach Economics at Notre Dame, later teaching at Fordham University.

Wednesday, October 12th
 October 12, 1775: Units of the American army lay entrenched in camps on Valentine Hill, now the site of St. Joseph's Seminary and College.

October 12, 1926: Thirty-five thousand Philadelphia fans marveled at the powerful pitching and hitting of the Yonkers Boys Recreation team while they defeated the Eldorado KS team 18-1, their second win in the National American Legion Junior Baseball Championship. Star pitcher Joe Fitzgerald and Center fielder John McCormick hit two home runs.

Thursday, October 13th
 October 13, 1945: A window in memory of the late John Emory Andrus was dedicated in the chapel of Wesleyan University during commencement. A former Congressman, Yonkers Mayor, financier and philanthropist, Andrus served as a Wesleyan trustee for 45 years, ten of them as treasurer. A member of Wesleyan's class of 1862, for several years he was the oldest living alumnus. Wesleyan was the family college; his father, two children and two grandchildren earned degrees from the school.

October 13, 1976: President Gerald Ford visited Mayor Angelo Martinelli at Yonkers City Hall; while there he signed the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Amendments of 1976, while hundreds of school children and adults cheered. Besides our esteemed Mayor, other dignitaries witnessing the bill signing were Yonkers own Governor Malcolm Wilson, Senators Jacob Javits and William Buckley, and several Councilmembers.

Friday, October 14th
 October 14, 1924: After raiding a Herriot Street basement, Yonkers police found a plot to hide Hip Sing gunmen in Yonkers prior to a Tong War in New York City.

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This week, I ask you to put on your thinking cap. Sometimes it's good just to sit back and think!

Do we really need pumpkin spiced garbage bags and all the other pumpkin spiced things on the market as Halloween approaches?

They are giving flight attendants more time to rest. Though necessary isn't going to screw up an already messy travel schedule for many?

Heat is required in New York City apartments from October 1 through May 1. Yonkers Only requires it October 15 through May 15. Why?

Can't we accomplish alternate side of the street parking in an hour everyday it is on versus the 2 hours that inconvenience drivers?

Parking meters on most of the planet require you to put money in and get the time you pay for. Yonkers requires you to put your license plate number in, an extra step. How many people know their license plate number? Is that really needed?

They painted such a small portion of Midland avenue for the Columbus Day Parade. Couldn't they have Painted the parade route, Midland Avenue and Seminary avenue? The little portion they painted looked so nice.

When will the baseball season be over? It's October already and it will be October 5 before the regular season ends. Add the playoffs, wild card and World Series and you are getting close to November .

What rocket scientist decided to put the tent city for those coming in over our borders in a flood zone that floods every time there is a major rain storm? Then it flooded and they moved it!

What happened to the old fashioned Halloween party people used to have. Is it just for the candy, or do we still collect money in the little orange boxes for UNICEF or those in need. Remember the scare with people putting razor blades in apples? If you get any apples are you eating them? It's terrible wasting good fruit any time particularly now when it's so expensive. Can't you just cut the apple and enjoy it?

Do people still eat candy apples and jelly apples and caramel apples, or have enough teeth been pulled out and/or damaged? Mom lost a tooth when she had a candy apple on the boardwalk in ATLANTIC City. Can't someone come up with a softer solution where you don't break your teeth. Like a chocolate apple with the brown bonnet ice cream topping so that dentists don't make a lot of money.

The poor Marist College father who was visiting his son on Parent's Weekend and ended up in the middle of a shooting shot dead by a couple of thugs. He just happened to be at the wrong place at the wrong time. Of course the thugs room at the hotel they were staying at was filled with ammunition and materials to make Explosives.

We usually spend the holidays with my dear cousin, former Yonkers Dentist Dr. Fred Meyerowitz and family. Fred passed away shortly before the holidays after a long illness. Why could he not have waited one more year so we could celebrate one last time? Fred and his wife had a deep interest in the Holocaust and Jewish studies and we would have heated discussions during the holidays. Fred enjoyed keeping up with dentistry even when he retired.

You go to the grocery store and the aisles are bare and they say the food is on a barge or a truck somewhere. Where is this barge or truck situated at? And why have prices gone up so much lately.

Return of pandemic adopted animals such as Guinea pigs, rabbit ,ducklings, chicks and birds to overloaded animal shelters. Their owners 'adopted' them when they needed them for comfort and company but don't need them anymore or realize the major upkeep these animals require.

Black Friday Holiday shopping deals in early October? Have the ships and grocery stores merchandise arrived. Or did merchants order too much ? Or since they know merchants want to get rid of some excess merchandise and they know consumers will be Halloween shopping looking for bargains as candy is so expensive and people have accumulated their holiday money why not hit them while the iron is hot.

Another booster shot has come out for Covid. Should I get it? Should my kids get the existing shots? Are we going to turn green from all these shots?

Should I get my Covid Booster at same time as I get My flu shot. Or should I wait a few weeks and not get them both together? Do I need a flu shot this year with so many shots going into my body?

Did you go to the Yonkers Will library October 1 for the wonderful musical program? Will we see you November 20 for the next one?

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Tentative Agreement on 4-Year Contract



After weeks of negotiations, on Sept. 30, The Building and Realty Institute (BRI) and 32BJ SEIU, tentatively agreed to a four-year agreement that will affect 1,400 residential building service workers in 500 co-ops, condos, and rental apartment buildings across the Mid-Hudson region.

The agreement, which takes the place of the previous four-year contract which expires at midnight on September 30, is pending a ratification vote by the members of 32BJ. Once ratified, the contract will extend to September 30, 2026.

The new contract calls for a 15.71% wage increase over four years, and continues to provide full employer-funded health benefits covering medical, dental, optical and prescription drug coverage. The agreement extends full employer-funded pensions and access to the union's legal services and training funds, as well as retaining the generous holiday and leave policies from past contracts.

"Hudson Valley workers exercised their power and have now won a phenomenal agreement," said 32BJ President Kyle Bragg. "Not only have they won excellent wage and pension increases to keep up with the rising cost of living, but this tentative agreement crucially protects their great employer-paid healthcare while maintaining the integrity of their bargaining unit. I want to express my congratulations to these essential Hudson Valley workers!"

"The property owners, managing agents, co-op shareholders, and condo residents who make up the BRI appreciate the essential and hard-working men and women who staff residential buildings throughout the Hudson Valley," said Tim Foley, CEO of the BRI. "We are very glad to have reached an agreement that maintains their benefits and delivers the highest annual wage increases since our contract began, but structured in such a way as to make it affordable and sustainable for middle-class residents being squeezed by higher energy, utilities, insurance, and building supplies costs. We respect our workers for their exceptional performance during the difficult circumstances caused by the pandemic and the effort they put in every day to keep the residents who rely on them safe, and look forward to continuing our partnership to keep New Yorkers in housing that is secure, dignified, and affordable."

"We have gone through so much and given so much to keep our residents and buildings safe during the pandemic – before the vaccines and before real PPE," said building superintendent Tony Castiglione. "This agreement feels like we're getting some recognition for all that we've sacrificed."

"I guess we won't be going on strike. I have been working as a doorman for 35 years, and the last two years have been like nothing I've ever seen," said doorman Felix Cano. "When the pandemic hit, we got inundated with packages. It feels good to get a tentative agreement that honors all that we've done."

Lisa DeRosa, president of the BRI and DeRosa Builders, agreed that the tentative agreement was fair to all sides. "We take great pride in our ability to be a source of solid, middle-class jobs, and to provide excellent services to the residents of our buildings. Despite massive economic headwinds from the effects of the Housing Stability and Tenant Protection Act, the eviction moratorium, the extra costs to keep residents and workers safe during the pandemic, and the rise of inflation, we believe we have an agreement that is both respectful for these essential workers and sustainable for our residents. We are grateful for the performance and commitment of our residential building service workers during these challenging times and looking forward to further partnership during the challenges ahead."

Westchester Woman Recalls Mom's Dementia: "A Disease No One Wanted to Speak About"



Cindy Shmerler of Pleasantville says public awareness and acceptance of Alzheimer's disease has come a long way since her mother, Paula Shmerler, suffered with it in the 2000s. Now a board member with the Alzheimer's Association Hudson Valley Chapter, Cindy Shmerler said the disease was rarely discussed when her family was living with it.

"I learned so much by havin

g gone through this, and especially having gone through it when it was a quiet, subtle epidemic that nobody talked about. We suffered in silence a lot. I hope people aren't suffering in silence now — and if they are, they shouldn't be, because the only way we're going to solve this crisis is by more people talking about it. No one prepared us for what we were going to go through."

Cindy Shmerler describes her mother as a talented and accomplished woman. "She was the first female graduate in interior design from the architecture school at Washington University in St. Louis, and she flew on some of the first prop planes. She was a champion golfer, she was a bridge player, she knitted. She did all those things that they tell you ward off Alzheimer's," she said. "When we looked back, we realized that my mother's mother and my mother's grandmother both had Alzheimer's, too. My grandmother was a society woman in New York, and nobody talked about it. Everyone said she was senile, and no one knew what that meant."

She said things have changed dramatically since then. "People want it out there, they want people to know. First of all, it explains a lot, so you don't have to hide somebody in the back closet of your house. We used to take my mother out all the time," she said. "And, yes, people would look. It's very easy to spot someone with Alzheimer's if you've been around it before. You see it in everybody's face."

Shmerler said her family's denial was shattered when her mother fell down the stairs and had to be hospitalized. "She was standing at the top of the stairs and didn't know where to go, took a step and fell down the stairs, shattering her femur. At White Plains Hospital, they said she was sundowning," she recalled. Sundowning is what happens when someone has dementia and becomes restless, agitated or confused as the evening approaches.

"It was probably five years from the time we accepted it. We knew what was happening. You know when you don't want to admit something, and you don't want to deal with it."

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The Weather was yucky for Yom Kippur. Why was the weather crappy. Isn't it supposed to be nice for the Jewish holidays?

Oh, so many questions. Will we ever find the answers? I'll leave you with this short prayer, Gmar Hatimah Tova:

For those I may have wronged, I ask forgiveness.
To those I may have helped, I wish I had done more.
To those I neglected to help, I ask for understanding.
To those who helped me, I thank you with all of my heart.

I thank my cousin Sharon for sharing that with me from her Yiddish group on Facebook. And I wish you friends, Jew and non-Jew a happy, a healthy New Year in a world of Peace.

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Latimer Returns Westchester County Finances Back to Solid Fiscal Ground

Westchester County's Fiscal Stress Score Raised to "No Designation," the Highest Designation Attainable by NYS Comptroller DiNapoli

Village of Pelham Only West. Local Government Designated Stressful

When County Executive George Latimer first took office in 2018, one of his top priorities was restoring the County's finances to solid, fiscal ground. According to the New York State Comptroller, Westchester's finances have improved dramatically for fiscal year 2021, with the County's fiscal stress score raised to "no designation" – the highest category achievable. Coupled with the County's bond ratings now standing at "stable" by all three major rating agencies, Latimer has put the County's finances on the path to fiscal success.

Latimer said: "This designation is the result of more than four full years of smart, prudent fiscal management, no matter what variables were thrown our way. We have always had a plan in place to improve the County's finances, and that plan has been successfully executed as proven by the New York State Comptroller's Office. Our fiscal stress score dropped significantly from 56.7 to 14.6 in just one year, a direct result of exceptional 2021 financial results."

Westchester County Commissioner of Finance Karin Hablow said: "This is great news for Westchester County taxpayers. This administration has worked extremely hard to increase our reserves, cut taxes and implement fiscally responsible budgets. This score represents an independent validation that tax dollars are being managed responsibly under the leadership of County Executive Latimer."

With the County's fiscal stress score at "no designation," and all three major bond rating agencies listing the County in "stable" condition, Latimer looks forward to further improving the County's fiscal outlook throughout his second term as County Executive.

DiNapoli's report found only the Village of Pelham on his financial stress list, and the Village of Pelham and the City of Albany were the only two local governments in NY State that were on the list in both 2020 and 2021.

Several local governments in Westchester did not file their financial information with the Comptroller's office, so a review could not be made. DiNapoli said that it was concerning that local governments in Westchester, including Irvington, Mt. Kisco, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, Pound Ridge, and Sleepy Hollow, did not file because it showed, "An inability to file basic financials in a timely manner often indicates a lack of proper financial management; a lack of timely financial data may prevent local officials from taking necessary steps to avoid a fiscal crisis; and a failure to provide reports indicates a lack of financial transparency."

The number of local governments designated in fiscal stress decreased substantially in FYE 2021, due largely to the infusion of one-time federal aid and an increase in sales tax revenues for calendar year entities. Most non-calendar year entities did not receive these increases in federal aid and sales tax revenue during FYE 2021, but instead will see the effect of them during their FYE 2022.

Breen for Assembly, continued from pg 1-

"We need 51 republicans in the assembly to help Zeldin if he is elected, and I think that Zeldin can win and I can help him."

Breen added that if elected, he would oppose any plans to override local zoning laws, "I don't want out zoning dictated by Albany," and he also opposes a bill that enforces "Comprehensive Sexual Education for grades K-12" which he says is currently in Albany awaiting a vote from the NYS Legislature.

"I am against comprehensive sex education in early grades, it's inappropriate. I am also opposed to boys playing on the girls softball team."

Breen would also oppose any efforts to force homeowners to change to electric heat. "We can't afford it and we are not ready for it."

Finally, Breen re-iterated the cry against Albany underfunding Yonkers. He called it the Big Lie. "Whenever its budget season, the bean counters in Albany say that Yonkers comes begging for money, but its our money."

"But since 2019, we have sent \$450 more to Albany than comes back to Yonkers. We are a cash cow for the state-wait and the money flows one way."

Breen says that the response "has been positive. People want change and are fed up and have had enough. Here in Yonkers we have seen catalytic converters stolen and car break ins. It's not on the scale of NYC, thank God our police department is on top of things."

"I would ask the people of Yonkers if they want change in Albany. If the answer is yes, then I say, if we Albany won't change, let's change Albany by sending someone else to represent us."

Something has to change, if we don't vote for change on the ballot, then alot of people will vote with their feet, and get out of Yonkers and NY State. I'm running to make sure that doesn't happen."

Latimer to Westchester: Get Your Flu Shot and A COVID Booster



Flu season is officially upon us, and to encourage Westchester County's residents to stay healthy and safe, County Executive George Latimer rolled up his sleeves and got a flu shot and the bivalent COVID booster at the Health Department Clinic in White Plains on Oct. 4.

The Westchester County Health Department will offer both the flu vaccine and COVID-19 bivalent booster by appointment, every Monday and Friday in October from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at 134 Court Street in White Plains.

Latimer said: "As we have seen over the past two years,

COVID-19 infection rates tend to rise during the fall and winter months, and the same goes for transmission of the flu. We should all be taking careful precautions to prevent the spread of COVID and the flu, and getting your vaccines will help us do that. It is strongly recommended to get both the bivalent COVID booster and the flu shot at the same time, to better protect yourself from both illnesses."

Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "Combining vaccines is safe, and it is much more convenient to schedule both at the same time. Children often receive multiple shots at once, and you are much less likely to skip a vaccine if both are given together. Vaccines for flu and COVID-19 offer the best protection we have to fight these diseases, so the sooner you get vaccinated, the better."

Go to www.westchestergov.com/health to book your vaccine visit. Flu shots are available for anyone age three and older, and high-dose flu vaccine is available for people ages 65 and older. Children may receive a COVID-19 vaccine at the same time as they get a flu shot on Friday mornings this month. Bivalent COVID-19 boosters are available for adults and children ages 12 and up who received their most recent COVID-19 vaccine at least two months ago.

The Health Department also will hold a pop-up flu and COVID-19 vaccine and bivalent booster clinic at the Yonkers Riverfront Library, 1 Larkin Center, on Thursday, October 6 from 2 to 6:30 p.m. in the Main Entrance Atrium and Second Floor Children's Library. Appointments must be reserved online at www.westchestergov.com/health.

Amler added: "We look to how flu behaves in the southern hemisphere for clues as to how our flu season will shape up. Australia just had its worst flu season in five years, and it started two months earlier than usual. Australian children and teens had the highest rates of flu among all age groups. We want to avoid a twin-demic, so please schedule both flu vaccines for everyone six months and older and COVID-19 boosters for everyone eligible as soon as possible" In the U.S. flu activity is usually highest between December and February, but can last into May.

AGENDA FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

THE CITY OF YONKERS ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2022 AT 6:00 PM, WILL BE HELD IN YONKERS CITY HALL, 40 SOUTH BROADWAY, 4TH FLOOR (building is handicapped accessible). PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION AND UPDATES WWW.YONKERSNY.GOV .

OPEN CONTINUED HEARINGS

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

5790 – Area Variance – James Veneruso, Esq., on behalf of Mehranco Limited Liability Co., owner, on premises known as 1999 Central Park Avenue, Block: 4385, Lot: 42.43, Zone: BR (B30132)

NEW HEARINGS

5797 – Area Variance – Shahin Badaly, P.E., on behalf of Marketin Hila/110 Ravine Realty LLC, owner, on premises known as 110 Ravine Avenue, Block: 2118, Lot: 39, Zone: A (B29521)

5798 – Area Variance – Ralph G. Mastromonaco, P.E., on behalf of 23 Park Avenue LP, owner, and Kearney Group, contract vendee, on premises known as 23 aka 21 Park Avenue, Block: 2090, Lot: 44, Zone: M (B30335)

5800 – Area Variance – James G. Dibbini & Assoc., P.C., on behalf of Sherwood Holding Company, owner, on premises known as 1186 Yonkers Ave Rear AKA 2 Sherwood Ter., Block: 6315, Lot: 14, Zone: BA (B29260)

WILSON KIMBALL, CHAIRPERSON, ZBA

Mother Daughter Dementia, Continued from pg 4-

And her mother also went out of her way to seem unchanged as the dementia progressed. “Somebody would come up to the table, and she would say “How are you?” and we would all chuckle because we knew she had no idea who they were.”

She said it was hard not knowing how much her mother knew. “What she did or didn’t know, I think that gnawed at me in the most profound way. It just killed me that I couldn’t get inside her brain to find out,” she said.

While for many families, the disease advances to a point when they can no longer care for their loved one and have to move them to a facility, the Shmerlers never had to make this choice. The family was assisted by professional caregivers so she could remain at home.

“She was at home until the day she died. It was rough on my father and rough on all of us. I only saw my father get upset once, when he said, ‘What do you mean, why are you asking me that again?’ I said to him, ‘She doesn’t want to be like this. It’s not a choice. That’s when we realized how precarious the situation was.’ ”

Eventually, her mother could no longer recognize her or speak. “My mother hadn’t spoken in probably a year, and certainly didn’t know who I was. She probably realized I was someone she loved or someone she liked, because I was there constantly. She would play cards by herself. She would sit and shuffle the cards all day long. When she died, we found the cards scattered under the chair.”

“Towards the end, she looked up and said, ‘It wasn’t supposed to be like this.’ That was a lot of words for her to use when she hadn’t spoken,” she recalled. “I have not a single regret knowing that I was there for my mother and my father. We did everything in our power.”

Now she said she notices more openness about Alzheimer’s in the younger **generation**. “They’re more willing to talk about it because they don’t fear. They’re more hopeful,” she said. “My mother did all the right things. She exercised, she ate right, she did the New York Times crossword in pen. In the end, we do what we can, and we hope that we leave a legacy for the next generation. I’m not a scientist; all I can do is help raise some of the funds that can help.”

To learn more about the programs and services offered locally, visit alz.org/hudsonvalley.

Formation of DRUMCOOBRADY LLC filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/10/2022. Office loc.: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The address SSNY shall mail process to Gabriel Carbin, 70 Alexander Ave., Yonkers, NY 10704. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Notice of Formation of NYA Trucking LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/25/2022. Office location: Westchester SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 87 High Street, Apt 6G, Yonkers NY 10703. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

Yonkers History, continued from pg 3-

October 14, 1926: Yonkers Wins 23 to 6! The Yonkers Recreation Team beat the Pacatello, Idaho team, for the American Legion Junior League World Series championship! Coached by Bill Grieve, Morrie O’Brien was pitcher and batting star, along with Jack McCormick, Captain of the Yonkers High School ball team. Other outstanding players were Brill, Dauterman, Figura, Goodwin, Landy, and Leahy; Al Richter kept the game score.

More than 1,000 people watched the progress of the game on The Yonkers Statesman’s player board in front of The Yonkers Statesman building. Every play in the game was shown exactly as it happened on the field, dictated by Bill Miley, the managing editor of the paper, via phone from the Philadelphia stadium press box. More than 100 fans sat behind the Yonkers dugout, including Mayor William Walsh, Judge Boote, City Treasurer George Griot, Tommy Brogan, George Krug of Cook Post, Fennell, golf pro Bill Gonda, and family of the players. Back in Yonkers, watching the Statesman board were Morrie O’Brien’s sister Catherine and friends, excused from the Monastery School to follow the game on the Statesman’s “play-by-play” board.

Saturday, October 15th

October 15, 1926: Thousands of Yonkers baseball fans turned out to greet its world champion boys baseball team returning to our city! The team paraded on South Broadway led by the Yonkers Statesman’s decorated Welcome Home car, American Legion members, Yonkers officials and prominent citizens, to the sound of honking horns, blaring trumpets, and whatever noisemakers people standing along the street had. The official welcome home was conducted at City Hall, where people jammed the halls to hear Mayor Walsh congratulate Recreation Director James McCrudden, Coach Bill Grieve, and the boys on the team.

October 15, 1945: Edward Young, owner of a Nepperhan Avenue metal products company, sent a letter to the Mayor and Common Council advising them Hartford, Connecticut, was trying to poach Yonkers businesses. Young told them men representing the Hartford Chamber of Commerce offered him \$100,000 and a five-year tax-free factory. He pointed out when he bought his Nepperhan Avenue building, Yonkers did nothing to help him obtain a mortgage or to move into it. He reminded the Council he originally offered \$50,000 to buy the School Ten building; it ended up sold at auction for \$46,000... the buyer couldn’t finance his offer, so it went back on the rolls of Yonkers’ property.

Sunday, October 16th

October 16, 1930: Yonkers police officers and Federal prohibition agents found 1,500 more feet of heavy 3-inch hose running through a sewer near the junction of Palisade Avenue and Elm Street; they believed this hose was used to transport beer to or from a local brewery or bottling plant in the city.

October 16, 1968: Senator Edmund Muskie, Democratic candidate for Vice President, campaigned in Yonkers, greeted by an enthusiastic crowd. Muskie was confident as he sensed a surge in the polls for the Humphrey- Muskie ticket.

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

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

Sealed Bids will be publicly opened and read at the address above in the 3rd Floor Finance Conference Room.

The building is open from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM for receiving packages via courier services and in person. If delivering bids in person, individuals must see the Public Safety Officer in the library atrium, who will contact Purchasing to meet the individual at the 3rd floor elevator.

Those interested in listening to the bid opening and the reading of bids can dial Conference Call number 1-701-802-5221 and enter Access Code 1354203 when prompted.

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

1. Bid 6846A - Opening date: 10/21/2022: 12-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to provide auto body repair services as needed (DC).
2. Bid 6873 – Opening date: 10/21/2022: 24-month contract to provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner to detainees at the City Jail (AC).
3. Bid 6874 – Opening date: 10/21/2022: 12-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase mechanical joint fittings and ductile iron pipe as needed (AC).
4. Bid 6877 – Opening date: 10/21/2022: 12-month contract, with option to renew for 12-months, to purchase manhole covers, frames, and grates as needed (AC).
5. Bid 6876 – Opening date: 10/21/2022: One-time purchase of the following items, or equals: Lyons Classroom Guitar Program Kit 4/4 (2 ea.); Mitchell MU40 Soprano Ukulele Classroom 10-pack (6 ea.); Lyons Soprano Recorder Value Bundle 100-pack ivory (20 ea.); Sweet Pipers Hands-On Recorder Book (640 ea.); and Stentor 1400 Student L Series Violin Outfit 4/4 (60 ea.) (JH).
6. Bid 6872 – Opening date: 10/28/2022: Purchase of 5 Chevrolet Bolt EUV LT’s, or equal (FB).
7. Bid 6875 – Opening date: 10/28/2022: Purchase of 1, 2023 or newer Ram 1500, or equal, 4x4 with 8’ bed with cap (FB).
8. Bid 6878 – Opening date: 10/28/2022: Purchase of 2, 2023 or newer Ram 3500, or equal, with plow (FB).
9. Bid 6879 – Opening date: 10/28/2022: Purchase of 1, 2023 or newer Ram 3500, or equal, crew chassis, 4x4, gas (FB).
10. Bid 6880 – Opening date: 10/28/2022: Purchase of 1 2023 or newer Ram 3500, or equal, crew cab 4x2 (FB).
11. Bid 6788 – Opening date: 11/04/2022: 12-month contract to provide plumbing services for the City’s Lead Service Line Replacement Program (KS).

Classifieds

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Yonkers Columbus Day Parade: Oct. 2, 2022

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Congratulations to the Yonkers Bike Club, for putting on a successful Tour de Yonkers on October 2. Hundreds came out to bike around Yonkers!



above: L-R-Councilwoman Shanae Williams, Mayor Mike Spano, State Senator Shelley Mayer, Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins.
below: Some bike teams and participants wore costumes for their ride



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