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City Council Opposes NYC Congestion Pricing Plan; Threatens Legal Action



By Dan Murphy

At their meeting on September 12, the Yonkers City Council unanimously approved a resolution opposing the creation of Congestion Pricing in New York City. A plan by New York State and the Metropolitan Transit Authority, MTA, to charge all vehicles a toll to travel in Manhattan south of 60th street.

The resolution reads, Janno Liber, CEO of the MTA, has recently suggested that New Jersey residents might get a break from the Congestion Pricing Plan, if the people of Yonkers are not accorded with the same benefit as New Jersey residents, the City Council is prepared to take legal action.

The resolution was introduced by City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz. "I have constituents that will be impacted, some who work for Federal Express in New York City and will not be reimbursed by their employers. I'm a fighter for Yonkers and if the Governor of New Jersey says he will fight to lower the cost for his people, I think Yonkers rates should also be lowered. This was introduced in the summer and pushed through quickly, with not enough study. More cities, like Mt. Vernon and New Rochelle, need to step up.

Minority Leader Mike Breen said, "We are a border city, and a lot of Yonkers residents will be affected. We don't know how much it will cost; I've heard \$23."

Councilman John Rubbo said, "This will have a negative impact on the Yonkers residents, and the small businesses from Yonkers that have to travel to New York City."

Councilwoman Shanae Williams said, "Yonkers has a lot of people who work in New York City, and congestion pricing will have an impact on Yonkers families, who are already struggling with higher costs.

The City Council also approved a contract with the Yonkers Federation of

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YPS-Obama School Student Honored for Invite to Harvard Future Medical Leaders Congress



L-R-City Council Majority Leader Tasha Diaz, Council President Laki-sha Collins-Bellamy, Marcus Knight, Mayor Mike Spano, Marcus Knight Jr., YPS Superintendent Dr. Luis Rodriguez

By Dan Murphy

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano, YPS Superintendent Dr. Luis Rodriguez and members of the City Council, honored 15 year old Marcus Knight Jr, a shining star from the Barack Obama School for Social Justice.

Marcus has been selected as a delegate to the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, taking place at Harvard University in summer 2024. His father, Marcus Knight, is a military veteran and 9/11 responder. He was later diagnosed with cancer. He says it was his illness that forced him to pour his heart and soul into his then 2 year-old son, Marcus Jr.

At four, he was reading Harry Potter novels and was interested in chemistry and calculus.

Mayor Spano presented Marcus Knight Jr. with a proclamation at City Hall, which reads:

WHEREAS: Currently a high school sophomore attending the Barack Obama School for Social Justice, MARCUS KNIGHT, JR. has been nominated for multiple scholarships and has been given the unique opportunity to represent his school in the Harvard Congress of Future Medical Leaders in 2024; he has won numerous local and statewide competitions, including the Educational Super bowl, SMARTS Spelling Bee, as well as graduating at the top of his class, achieving High Honor Roll, and

WHEREAS: MARCUS KNIGHT, JR. also excels in athletics and has been a member of the 2022 Intramural Basketball Team at this school, as well as a member of the Yonkers Brave Football Team, and

WHEREAS: MARCUS KNIGHT, JR. is an avid supporter of his father's non-profit organization, Hands Up Paid Forward (HUPF), where they surprise individuals with random acts of kindness, in addition to supporting families during times of tragedies, including school tragedies as well as food relief during the pandemic, and

WHEREAS: In addition to a rigorous academic schedule, MARCUS KNIGHT, JR. is also the part-time manager for the online business Knight Wear; he aspires to attend medical school and become a surgeon, so he can save and change lives, following in the footsteps of his parents, who have dedicated their lives to helping others, and

WHEREAS: The City of Yonkers raises its voice in tribute to MARCUS KNIGHT, JR. who serves as a role model to many and has made a difference and an impact on the lives of so many, who look to him with admiration.

NOW, THEREFORE I, MIKE SPANO, Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, do hereby proclaim this day, the 13th day of September 2023 to be: MARCUS KNIGHT, JR. DAY

Merante and Spano Debate Bail Reform; the Race for Yonkers Mayor Has Begun



Councilman Anthony Merante, left, is challenging Mayor Mike Spano

By Dan Murphy

With early voting beginning in 36 days, we begin our coverage of the biggest race in Yonkers-the race for Yonkers Mayor. Incumbent democrat Mayor Mike Spano is seeking an unprecedented fourth term. His opponent is republican councilman Anthony Merante.

Mayor Spano defeated Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac in the democratic primary in June. He enters the fall campaign as a popular Mayor presiding over a City that has made progress on many levels; in education, crime and development. And when you look at the way other cities are operating, and struggling, Yonkers looks even better.

This is the challenge that Merante has before him. He needs to find a way to criticize Mayor Spano without overlooking the successes, many of which he has supported as a councilman.

Merante's campaign recently released a video on Social Media criticizing Spano for the problems of bail reform. The recent release of a man who assaulted a Yonkers cop, and breaking his nose, without bail is one example of the failures that some see with cashless bail.

Merante said that Spano "lacks the political courage" to standup and ask Governor Hochul to do something about bail reform "It's obvious that Mike Spano is conflicted since his friend Governor Hochul has endorsed him for reelection." Merante added,

"I'm not a fan of NYC Democratic Mayor Eric Adams, but I have to say, he's a "ballsy guy" and a strong leader. The NY Times had reported, Adams stated in a press conference before a meeting with Hochul calling the law "insane, broken system" because it allowed repeat offenders to keep getting arrested and then released without bail," said Merante.

But Mayor Spano recently made comments against the release of Johnny Cray by County Court Judge Maurice Williams. "This situation involving the assault on one of our Yonkers Police Officers is the very definition of insanity. The justice system is consistently bailing out criminal offenders. This Officer is now out on leave and not able to do his job, while this offender is able to continue to make a living. How can any reasonable person expect that we can protect the public if we can't even protect our Police Officers? We need to step up and re-commit to keep those proven to hurt and plague the community in jail where they belong. Period," said Spano.

What will the turnout be on November 7, in a non-presidential, non-gubernatorial year? Can Merante get out his supporters while hoping that democratic turnout is low?

"Spano will also get cross over support from republicans and independent voters, who are satisfied

will national issues, like the migrant crisis, have an impact on the Yonkers election? most people we spoke to said no. "Merante needs to tie Spano to the far left wing of the democratic party. But that is not easy to do, especially with Mayor Spano, who governs like a moderate democrat and -a majority of voters like the way that Yonkers is going and are tired of national politics -

Merante needs to ride the wave of anger over problems with crime and the migrant crisis in order to win. but will the voters focus on those issues or how is my quality of life in Yonkers?

Yonkers Riverfest: Something for Everyone! Free Events, Concerts-Saturday Sept. 23



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After Aaron Rodgers Injury, Dr. Kelly, Mt. Sinai Doctors, Offers Advice to “Weekend Warriors”



Dr. Meghan Kelly

By Dan Murphy

NY Jets QB Aaron Rodgers suffered a season ending injury after just four plays in the first game of the year on September 11, when he ruptured his Achilles tendon. Rodgers, 39, has played in the NFL for 18 years.

We spoke to Dr. Meghan Kelly, Assistant Professor, Foot & Ankle Surgery, Mount Sinai Icahn School of Medicine, to find out more about Rodgers injury and how it affects everyday athletes, including those of us who exercise and play sports occasionally as “Weekend Warriors.”

“Achilles ruptures are terrible injuries and are common with professional athletes like Aaron Rodgers. But I see these injuries quite frequently with my patients.

“The tendon of the Achilles pops when it ruptures. It is probably the second most common sports injury that I see, with ankle fractures being the first.

“For high performance athletes like Rodgers, it is a very predictable scenario to see him go down, and the Achilles pop, without any significant contact.

“For most of the population, Achilles injuries happen in the springtime, after we hibernate for the winter and don’t exercise a lot. Our bodies are not used to a high energy workout and patients come in with Achilles injuries.

“Rodgers injury came in the fall because the NFL conditioning schedule is different from the rest of us; NFL players work out and prepare their bodies for the regular season over the summer.

“But this injury can occur in professional athletes when their bodies are not quite ready yet, or they are having persistent issues with their calves.

“The patients that I see that come in with a ruptured Achilles feel like they got shot in the leg. And it happens in all types of professional and recreational sports including soccer, basketball and surfing –and we are now seeing this type of injury from Pickleball,” said Dr. Kelly

Is it common for a person of Rodgers age to sustain a torn Achilles? “The typical age is late 30’s -40’s, and it’s very typical for a weekend warrior, who exercises heavily.”

“But we also see a ruptured Achilles in younger athletes at an elite level. The explosive motion that is required for professional sports lends itself to this type of injury.

The Achilles tendon is a strong fibrous cord that connects the muscles in the back of your calf to your heel bone. “It’s like when you curl weights with your bicep and lift it up and bring the weight down. The blood flow comes to the Achilles from the heel and calf muscle -and a lack of blood flow in the middle of the tendon is when the rupture occurs.”

Rodgers sustained his injury at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey, which has an astro turf field. Does this type of injury occur more on turf than grass?

“Studies do show an increase in injuries overall on turf, including turf toe, which many athletes have. A lot of athletes also like low profile shoes that don’t have a lot of protection but allow them to push off better. The World Cup recently announced that their games will be played on natural grass moving forward.

Is this type of injury avoidable?

“Stretching is important and specifically Achilles strengthening exercises. You can find examples on YouTube. These types of exercises, rehab strengthening exercises, can help prevent your Achilles from popping.

“Warming up properly, especially if you are occasionally exercising is also important. But it is not 100% preventable. The #1 question about Achilles injuries that I get from patients is how can I make sure this won’t happen to the other side—other leg.

“I think what happened to Rodgers is that his level of physical activity was so great, and he was exerting so much force on his calf, that it ruptured.

“New York Nets basketball star Kevin Durant had a similar injury, and he came down on it and boom. A lot of times it’s just the wrong place at the wrong time.

What is the average rehabilitation time for your patients?

“For most of my patients it takes a full year to get better, but some athletes are able to get back to playing again after 6-7 months. It helps if you are younger. I’ve

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Philipse Manor Hall to Host Harvest Festival Sept. 23 During Riverfeest



General George Washington (John Koopman III) is expected at Philipse Manor Hall Sept. 23

Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site, 29 Warburton Ave., Yonkers, is pleased to host its annual Harvest Festival on Saturday, September 23, 2023, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. September was wheat and apple harvest time on the Philipse Manor, where tenant farmers brought their newly harvested wheat to the Philipse grist mills to be turned into flour. Members of the public are invited to step back in time to the late 18th century for this free special program.

Visitors can meet historical people like General George Washington and his horse Nelson, portrayed by John Koopman III and his gentle horse Bear. Members of the Living History Company will portray African American soldiers from both the British and Patriot sides, including Lord Dunmore’s Regiment, the First Rhode Island Regiment, and Black Loyalists. Tom Hunt will offer 18th century broom making demonstrations, and Erik Paul will offer 18th century joinery and woodworking demonstrations. Sarah Wassberg Johnson, Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site’s programs and education manager, will portray an upper-class 18th century woman. Wassberg Johnson and Philipse Manor Hall State Historic Site manager Michael Lord will offer special hands-on history programs on the history of the spice and sugar trades, and the history of milling on the Philipse Manor. Historical games will also be available for kids (and grownups) of all ages. Visitor who will offer a cider mill demonstration will also be offered.

Yonkers Riverfest

Westchester’s Largest One-Day Festival to Feature Lulada Club, Double Vision, and Leon & The Peoples, Plus the First-Ever Bacon Egg and Cheese Cookoff

Yonkers Downtown BID, producers of the Yonkers Riverfest, announces it’s time to get ready for the most fun event of the fall with an electrifying Riverfest lineup that will rock the waterfront! This year’s festival, taking place on Saturday, September 23, from 12pm to 7pm, promises an unforgettable day of music, food, arts, and culture for both residents and visitors. This year’s exciting lineup includes 3 Stages of Live Music, a Kids Zone, Attractions, an Art Stop Area, an Environmental Area, a Wellness Area, Food Vendors, Local Vendors, and the new Bacon Egg and Cheese Cook-Off Competition.

As always, Riverfest’s musical acts will be the highlight of the day. Enjoy a diverse array of musical talents across three stages, featuring both local and national acts. From rock, salsa, and pop to jazz and blues, there’s something for every music lover to groove to.

Latin music lovers won’t want to miss Spanglish Fly and Lulada Club! Part band, part celebration, Spanglish Fly has been hailed as the premier band of the Latin boogaloo revival, bringing Latin and soul/R&B music to life. Check out Lulada Club to experience the captivating rhythms of an all-women salsa band that has set the New York City music scene ablaze.

Looking to jam to some reggae? Leon & The Peoples is NYC’s award-winning Reggae Soul band led by the multi-talented performer Leon. Their chart-topping hits will have you dancing the day away.

If a good tribute is your thing, get ready for the mind-blowing performances paying homage to music legends Elton John and Foreigner. Philadelphia Freedom features Doug Delescavage, who embodies Elton’s iconic style and energy. Double Vision is an authentic enactment of gratitude to Foreigner, performed by top NYC rock musicians.

Prepare your taste buds for the FIRST-EVER Westchester County Bacon, Egg, and Cheese Cookoff Competition! Hosted by @snacktimeny’s Fran (@francisolpe) and Nicky (@livinglikesmall), and @its_hector_the_connector, five top-notch contestants will battle head-to-head to make the ultimate breakfast sandwich. The contest will take place between 2:00 pm – 3:15 pm, and the winner will claim the title of Westchester’s Best Bacon, Egg, and Cheese.

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Two Yonkers Police Officers Thanked For Serving Above and Beyond



From the Yonkers Police Department: We got this email from a very thankful resident applauding the great work of our 4th Precinct Officers Salem and Petrucelli.

Officers Salem and Petrucelli went above and beyond to help a mother and her children- driving them to a hotel, getting the children new school supplies, and just being there for them when they were needed the most.

Great work, ladies!

I would like to start off by saying how appreciative I am for the Yonkers Police Department, Yonkers Police Officer Salem and Police Officer Petrucelli who helped me and my children when we had no where or no one else to turn to.

both officers came and showed empathy, patience and went above and beyond to help me and my children find immediate shelter and even offered further resources

Police officer Salem and Petrucelli even went out of their way to bring my children to a local hotel where we were able to have a safe nights sleep

the next day they brought all three of my children bookbags filled with school supplies from Mayor Mike Spano's office just in time for school.

I'm very thankful for this donation. These bookbags put a smile on my children's faces.

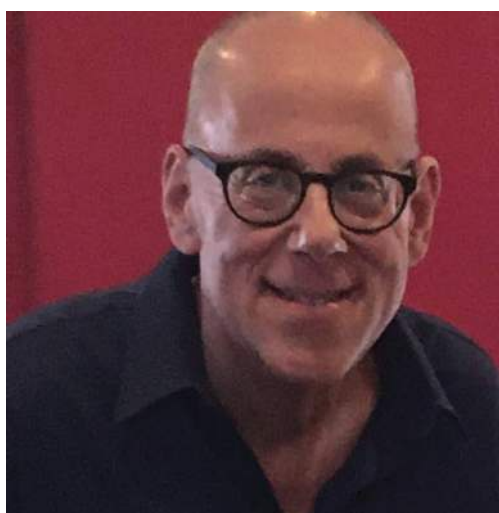
I came to this country only a few years ago and even with my situation I am thankful for being here and to have met Officers Salem and Petrucelli and to live in the city of Yonkers. Name Withheld.

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Teachers, and the 2,000 teachers in the Yonkers Public Schools. The new contract dates from 2022-2027. The contract was negotiated between the Trustees of the Yonkers Board of Education and the YFT.

The City Council must approve all City employee contracts but is not directly involved in the negotiations.

New Year, Same Problems



By Eric Wolf Schoen

And so, we have entered the Jewish New Year 5784 with the same problems and questions we entered 5783. Why did Rosh Hashanah fall so early this year? Our Rabbis tell us Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur fall as they are supposed to fall.

Online threats were made to Westchester synagogues but it seems these threats are made to synagogues every year. Our County Executive has his yearly press conference either before the threats are made alerting the public to the fact that extra police presence will be put in place for the Jewish holidays or after the threats are made stating the County takes the threats seriously and will beef up security around all Jewish houses of worship and religious institutions.

It's a sort of broken record when this same information is passed on year after year To the community Which takes it very seriously. The day we don't take it seriously god forbid will be the day something serious happens. All of our synagogues and their staff go through security training every year, and the cost of private security goes up and up every year. It's like car insurance. You hope you don't need it but it's there in case we do.

Again this year the President is in town during holiday week to address the United Nations. His entourage is massive consisting of motorcycles, SUV's, the Presidential cars with those beefed up, heavy doors for security a Secret Service Agent is the only person who can open and close them. Do we really need such heavy doors on the Presidential vehicles barely allowing us to open them? And so many vehicles to accompany the President. Someone will make a determination one day that this security is not needed and we don't need a city of vehicles to protect the President. These vehicles stop traffic all over New York City and cause massive traffic jams between the downtown area and our regional airports. God forbid your car gets stuck in one of these frozen zones it can be hours before you can get moving again.

Not one day goes by after the opening of schools that we don't have a situation with cars illegally passing school buses. The Journal News found this on the first day of school, cars causing danger for our school children. Simply remember WESTCHESTER is not New York City. In New York if the side signs to stop are out on the bus, you precede with caution after making a full stop at the stop signs projecting from the bus. In WESTCHESTER the signs can be out but you don't proceed until after all the pedestrians crossing have taken place and the signs are resting against the side of the bus.

The annual New York State Thruway toll calculation is another yearly event particularly given the construction of the new Tappan ZEE bridge and its massive costs. Tolls really haven't gone up too high on the Tappan Zee, but you and I are going to have to pay the bill somehow. Congestion pricing strikes it's yearly bell, but this year the Legislature has come up with a price schedule for vehicles that go south of 60th street in Manhattan that nobody likes. It's bad enough Covid has hurt traffic in Manhattan, the new Congestion pricing system will truly kill motorists ability to get around town.

New controversies to be added this year include use of an old Dorm at Manhattan College in the Bronx to house those who have crossed the border mostly illegally and the serious crime problem in New York. Crimes closes even the Dollar Tree stores caused by the bail reform laws in New York and reduced charges for shoplifting.

So the Jewish New Year 5784 is filled with the same problems and issues as we had during the year 5783. Nevertheless, for those celebrating the Jewish New Year let me wish you and your family a year filled with good health and happiness in a world of Shalom, Peace!

BRIEFS:

It's sad that Senators don't have to wear a suit, tie, or sports jackets and pants due to legislation that came out of the United States Senate. It all started when Senator John Fetterman took ill and he showed up wearing a hoodie. It's sad that our prestigious Senate has sunk so low that it's members can show up in any clothing and not take pride in their service to this country.

There is legislation the Governor is going to sign that requires all New York City school staff to know how to properly use an epipen. Governor Hochul is expanding the scope of the legislation to include school staff throughout the state in the proper use of the epipen.

First it was the writers and the actors in Hollywood who went on strike. The job action continues as we approach the start of the new season of television shows and movies. We are at the point where every new show is a game show. And some of them are horrific. Hollywood needs to get its act together and settle this strike.

Now the Auto Workers unions are on strike. We know how difficult it was to get a vehicle during the pandemic. The strike by the Auto Workers will sadly bring a repeat of this. Our elected and appointed officials must enter the picture and bring our Auto Workers back to the negotiating table. It is a severe problem when you can't go to the showroom and get the car you want as they are not being built.

Reach Eric Schoen at thistooisyonkers@aol.com, follow him on Twitter (X) @ericyonkers or friend him on Facebook Eric Schoen...just look for him in the picture with Joan Rivers!

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Yonkers Columbus Day Schedule of Festivities

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined members of the Yonkers Columbus Day Committee and local Italian American civic clubs on September to announce the festivities planned for the 2023 Yonkers Columbus Day celebration. 2023 Columbus Day Events will include:

- Columbus Day Parade Line Painting-Tuesday, September 26
885 Midland Avenue-11AM.
- Italian Flag Raising & Italian Coffee Reception- Wednesday, September 27
Yonkers City Hall 4:30PM
- Columbus Day Dinner Dance -The Westchester Manor Friday, Sept. 29
7PM
- Columbus Day Mass-St. Ann's Church -Saturday, September 30-4pm
- 96th Annual Columbus Day Parade-Sunday October 1-Seminary Avenue to
Mile Square Road -2pm
- Columbus Day Street Festival-Midland Avenue- Sunday, October
Following Columbus Day Parade

CPAAA Hosts BBQ for Yonkers Police



The Yonkers Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association hosted a BBQ for the Yonkers Police Department on Saturday, September 16th at the First Precinct. Police Officers were acknowledged for their professionalism and keeping our city safe. Many officers stopped by during their shift to eat and socialize with everyone in attendance. The organization also acknowledged the following for their donations and participation: Phil Foley, Bobby Kitson, OEM/CERT, Stew Leonard's, Aurea Lopez and The Butcher's Fancy. A hearty thanks also goes out to our wonderful chefs for working hard at the grill. If you would like to know more about the Citizen Police Academy, a new Academy class is starting soon. Contact Captain Vincent Castelli at 914 377-7360 or send an email to Vincent.castelli@ypd.yonkers.gov Elizabeth Hemingway, President, CPAAA

Judge Says Conservative Party Chair Hugh Fox Committed Fraud at Judicial Convention



Westchester Conservative Party Chair Hugh Fox

By Dan Murphy

Last month, we reported on complaints made against Hugh Fox, Chairman of the Westchester County Conservative Party, for endorsing democratic candidates for office over republican -conservative candidates. Fox, in written documents and public comments, nonsensically blames the conservative party endorsements for democrats over republicans on former County Executive Rob Astorino. That story, Hugh Fox is Destroying the Westchester Conservative Party came from Westchester republicans complaining the Fox was endorsing democratic candidates across the county who share NONE of the beliefs of the Conservative Party, and that anyone who had even a distant history with Astorino would not receive the Conservative Party's endorsement. In 2022, Fox gave the Conservative line to Five Democratic, progressive, pro-abortion candidates for State Supreme Court. And this year, Fox did the same thing, giving the Conservative Party line to four democratic State Supreme Court Judicial candidates over the republican candidates at the Conservative Party's Judicial Convention for the 9th Judicial District, held in August. Despite the negative attention given to his decision to endorse candidates without regard for their liberal views, Fox, denied Judges with a more conservative philosophy the Conservative Party line...again. But four Conservative party members filed a lawsuit against Fox, other members of the party and all 8 candidates who sought the C line for State Supreme Court Judge. The lawsuit alleged fraud at the Conservative Party convention, and the case ended up before State Supreme Court Judge Thomas Marcelle from Albany County. Judge Marcelle interviewed witnesses at the convention and made his decision on September 11. Judge Marcelle writes, "On August 13, 2023, delegates of the Conservative Party assembled for a judicial convention for the Ninth Judicial District. Four slots for Supreme Court Justice were available. However, eight candidates contested the party's endorsement. The convention was not only contested; it was contentious. And what exactly happened at the convention is a matter of some dispute. Therefore, the court held a trial and finds the relevant facts, based upon the credible evidence and the fair inferences made therefrom, as follows:

36 delegates were present for the convention. Judge Marcelle took particular notice of one witness, Evelyn Kahlow, chair of the Lewisboro Conservative Town Committee and Presiding Officer and Secretary of the 9th Judicial District Conservative Convention. "In particular, the court finds the testimony of Evelyn Kahlow to be incredible and unreliable. Ms. Kahlow was unable to provide straightforward answers to the most basic questions; she evaded the inquiries of opposing counsel, offered contradictory testimony, and routinely provided unresponsive answers. Therefore, the court disregards her testimony. The comprehensible portion of her testimony were scripted lines that had been spoon fed to her and then regurgitated on the stand."

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Westchester Health Commish: New COVID Vaccine Recommended for All- 6 Months and Up

CDC NEW COVID VACCINE

The Westchester County Department of Health wants residents to know an updated COVID-19 vaccine that targets the variant currently circulating has been approved for use, and is recommended for everyone six months and older to protect against serious illness. Health Commissioner Sherlita Amler, MD, said: "With new variants circulating, please schedule COVID-19 vaccines for your whole family, as soon as possible. Vaccination protects you and it protects those around you who are more vulnerable to complications, such as infants too young to be vaccinated, seniors and people with chronic health conditions." Most people with health insurance can find the vaccine at pharmacies, and healthcare providers. The Westchester County Health Department will offer this booster to children eligible for the Vaccines for Children Program, and to adults who are not insured or who are underinsured. Vaccines will be available by appointment only. To learn whether you or your children are eligible and to schedule a visit, call 914-995-5800, and to find a vaccine near you, go to www.vaccines.gov.

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Community Planning Council of Yonkers Presents 2023 Affordable Housing Guide



Hudson Hill, one of two new affordable housing developments in Yonkers

CPCY is happy to share the following information about two new affordable housing developments in Yonkers that are accepting applications now and will soon be open!

They have been added to CPCY's "2023 Guide to Affordable Housing in Yonkers, which can be found at

1. Hudson Hill, 76 Locust Hill Avenue.

Westhab developed the property with financing from New York State, Westchester County, City of Yonkers, TD Bank, Enterprise Foundation and Levitcus Fund.

Westchester Residential Opportunities is leasing-up the property; Westhab will manage the property.

59 apartments are available for rent including studio, 1-, 2-, and 3-bedroom units.

6 apartments are set aside for those with mobility impairments and 3 are set aside for those with a hearing or vision impairment.

Applications are being accepted until 4pm on September 26th

Applications can be completed on-line at <https://affordablewestchester.formstack.com/forms/hudsonhill> or by contacting WRO at 914-458-4519 or affordable@wroinc.org

There will be a lottery held at 11am on October 11th to determine the order applications are reviewed. The Lottery can be watched by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84647967944>

2. Point & Ravine Apartments, 76 Point Street

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There will be a lottery held at 11am on November 2nd to determine the order applications will be reviewed.

The Lottery can be watched by Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84647967944>.

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had surfers back on the waves, or patients dancing at their wedding after 5 months. A lot of it is getting over the fear factor that it is going to rupture again," said Dr. Kelly.

For Rodgers, six months from his Sept 11 injury is March 11, and the Super Bowl is Feb. 11. So its unlikely that he will be back this season.

"Even though Rogers is 39, relatively old for professional sports, I remind my patients that Cam Akers of the NFL Rams ruptured his Achilles at the age of 23," said Dr. Kelly, who was at the game between the Jets and the Bills. "Nobody went home happy that night. Bills fans were mad that we lost, and Jets fan were mad that they lost Rogers -most likely for this year."

Dr. Meghan Kelly is an Assistant Professor of Foot and Ankle Surgery at Mount Sinai specializing in foot and ankle disorders. Prior to medical school Dr. Kelly received her PhD in physiology and biophysics from Boston University School of Medicine researching cellular metabolism and the effects of exercise. She is also involved with the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society, serving on the health policy and humanitarian committees and a member of the Ruth Jackson Orthopaedic Society.

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Republican Presidential candidate Wendell Wilkie campaigned in Yonkers in 1940

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, September 25th

September 25, 1932: Trans-Atlantic flyer Captain Lewis Yancey of Yonkers set a new world record; he reached an altitude of 21,500 feet in an autogiro, breaking the record set by Amelia Earhart (18,415 feet) the year before.

Champion Spark Plug Company purchased an autogiro in 1931 they named Miss Champion; they hired Yancey to fly it on a publicity tour around the country. Besides traveling around the US, went down to Mexico and used the unique flight characteristics of Miss Champion to aid an archaeological exploration of the Mayan pyramids. This became a publicity dream for Champion as it got international attention for its sponsorship of this research.

Tuesday, September 26th

September 26, 1932: Another truckload of Yonkers beer was stopped by police! The truck they stopped had the name of a chain store on it and contained 100 barrels of "good stuff" estimated to be worth \$1,800. The driver, an unnamed Yonkers man, was held in \$1000 bail.

September 26, 1932: An application for permission to knock down the Hollywood Inn was filed in City Hall, spelling the end of the well-known Yonkers landmark.

September 26, 1942: Yonkers Mayor Benjamin Barnes urged the American Scenic and Historic Preservation Society to give the canons on the grounds of historic Philipse Manor Hall to the nation's scrap drive; the Society maintained the Manor Hall as a state museum. He added he believed the cannons in our city's parks should be donated to the cause.

Wednesday, September 27th

September 27, 1946: Mrs. Warren Spooner, Chairman of Yonkers Women's Celebration of the Tercentennial, reported meeting with Nettie Onderdonk and Emily Onderdonk Vinal at the Caryl Avenue Apartment. The two women claimed to be direct descendants of Adriaen and Mary van der Donck, who were the first Europeans to settle in Yonkers. The two were unable to participate in the celebration because of ill health; they previously had lived in Lincoln Park until they moved to Caryl Avenue.

Thursday, September 28th

September 28, 1940: Presidential candidate Wendell Wilkie campaigned in Yonkers. Empire City Raceway was prepared for 100,000 people to attend a Republican State Convention rally for Wendell Wilkie. They provided parking facilities for 15,000 cars and 28,000 reserved seats. Additional temporary seating would be placed on the lawn. Members of the Young Women's Republican Club of Westchester assisted, acting as uniformed Wilkiettes. The State Convention took place at the County Center, and other events took place around the county.

September 28, 1950: Max Alth of Riverdale Avenue wrote an article published in the American Home Magazine; the article compared Halloween here in Yonkers before the PAL Ragamuffin Parade with the celebrations since that tradition started. He claimed the number of police calls, brush fires, false alarms and other incidents of vandalism dropped substantially and noted that the 1949 Ragamuffin Parade had 11,000 children participating, with 70,000 spectators along the parade route.

Friday, September 29th

September 29, 1942: Constance Bennett, Hollywood screen star and former Park Hill resident, returned to Yonkers in the "Stars Over America" musical show presented in Larkin Plaza. Billed as a "Homecoming Day" for Miss Bennett, the program brought several other well-known entertainers to Yonkers as part of a major bond rally. Every person who bought a \$100 bond received an autographed photo of Bennett; admission to the show was by purchase of a War Saving Stamp of any size.

Unfortunately, she was not able to visit her former home at 179 Park Hill Avenue. The current owner, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer executive William Orr, was out of town on business; he had purchased the home four years earlier after viewing it. Orr appreciated the "high stage and screen traditions" of the home, once the home

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Fox was elected the Chair of the 9th JD Conservative convention, which was made up of the Conservative Party’s from Westchester, Putnman, Dutchess, Rockland and Orange Counties. “In total, eight candidate names were placed before the delegation for nomination: Francesca Connolly, Larry J. Schwartz, Rolf M. Thorson, Charley Wood, (four democrats) and John Sarcone, III, Karen Ostberg, Susan M. Sullivan-Bisceglia, and John Ciampoli (four republicans).

“A vote was taken on the nominee by a show of hands. Fox counted the hands and then announced the results of the vote to the convention. Fox testified that his count of the hand vote for each candidate resulted in a majority of votes for Connolly, Schwartz, Thorson, and Wood, while Sarcone, Ostberg, Sullivan-Bisceglia, and Ciampoli fell short of a majority. This voting method left much to be desired from an accuracy standpoint,” writes Judge Marcelle.

“The disorganized, mottled way the people were flung about the room made it impossible for the rank-and-file delegates to observe and ascertain the actual vote count for any of the candidates...On at least one occasion more votes were tallied then there were eligible delegates. Delegate Phil Polizzatto requested, in front of the rest of the convention, that the votes for each nominee be taken by roll call. Fox unilaterally refused this request, stating that he did not have enough time to take a vote by roll call. The ruling of the chair went unchallenged.

However, Judge Marcelle points out in his decision, that opponents to Fox’s method of madness did not properly object to the procedure used to take the vote. “Delegates did not like the outcome, but it was clear the delegates did not challenge the process employed by Fox.”

“The lawsuit alleges that Fox did not call for nominations to the committee to fill vacancies, a NYS election law requirement. But Fox and his allies claimed otherwise. Judge Marcelle writes, “Fox claims that there was a motion, a second and a voice vote that properly established a committee to fill vacancies. The accuracy and the truthfulness of Fox’s testimony is contested.

“Before resolving the issue, the court needs to address its view of Fox’s credibility. Fox’s testimony seemed tailored, scripted, rote, and insincere—it also conflicted with his previous statements. Moreover, the testimony at trial established that Fox improperly exercised the power of the chair on multiple occasions. From this fact, the court infers Fox’s motive was to reach a desired result and not to have a fair process at the convention....Fox’s testimony comes tainted with insincerity and deception.”

Based on the testimony of two Conservative Party members, Judge Marcelle determined that “The court finds that the convention never voted on a committee to fill vacancies. Rather, Fox took it upon himself, post-convention, to insert into the minutes and the certificate of nomination a fabrication that the convention properly created a committee to fill vacancies.”

The lawsuit alleges that NYS Election Law requires a roll call but that it was not held, and therefore Judge Marcelle should void the results of the convention. But Judge Marcelle found that only the Committee to Fill Vacancies was improperly held, and that the petitioners waited too long to contest the results of the entire convention. So Fox’s Conservative Party Convention Circus stands, but without a committee to fill vacancies, which is rarely needed or used.

But Judge Marcelle understood that Fox had “unclean hands” in this whole escapade, writing “Fox’s submission of fraudulent minutes is immoral conduct. “While the court is deeply troubled and disturbed by the irregularities accompanying the convention and the filing of fraudulent documents, since the committee to fill vacancies was invalidly created, the remedy should be to invalidate only that committee.

Moreover, since a committee to fill vacancies is not required by the Election Law such invalidation should have no bearing on the validity of the nominations....Fox knowingly filed minutes and a certificate that were materially fraudulent. The court cannot quite ignore Fox’s fraud and bless his actions,” writes Marcelle.

Some Conservative Party members in Westchester, and in the 9th JD, are saying that “Fox is Finished” after Judge Marcelle’s findings. “How can he maintain chairmanship or state executive committee after these findings? What does the state committee think about all of this?” said one Conservative.

One of the hot spots in Westchester against Fox is in Eastchester, where Fox refused to give the Conservative Party endorsement to Republican Anthony Giacobbe. Instead Fox gave the endorsement to Eastchester Conservative Chair Bob Fois, who is now running for Town Board in November.

And how did Fois vote during the Conservative Party convention? He voted for all 4 democratic judicial candidates. It should be noted that just weeks after endorsing 4 pro abortion judges, Fois shamelessly attended the right to life breakfast which was held Sept 16 at the Castle Royal in Yonkers. “Is this someone who deserves to be running on the Conservative line,” asked one Westchester Conservative in attendance at the breakfast. An appeal has been filed to have Judge Marcelle’s decision, that the challenges made to the convention were not timely, overturned.

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Remembering Pearl Quarles



The people of Westchester are remembering the legacy of The Hon. Pearl C. Quarles who passed away on September 6th at the age of 92. Quarles served as the first President of the New Rochelle Board of Education and the first African American woman elected as a Westchester County legislator.

Quarles was born in Virginia in 1931. She attended New Rochelle schools, graduating from New Rochelle high school in 1949. She continued a course of study at the American Institute of banking and became the first African American woman to work in a white-collar position in the Westchester County banking industry.

After spending time as a stay-at-home mother Quarles worked for the county of Westchester as a program specialist and supervisor, retiring in 2002. She then began her career as a public servant on the New Rochelle Board of Education and as a Westchester County legislator representing the 8th legislative district. Quarles became a longtime member and past president of the county wide black women's political caucus and served on the executive committee of the New Rochelle chapter of the NAACP.

Quarles was a devout Christian and lifelong member of the Shiloh Baptist Church in New Rochelle and worked with the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts in New Rochelle. Her service as a cub scout den leader in New Rochelle in the 1960s included scouts Tim Idoni and her son Ernest.

Westchester Deputy County Executive Ken Jenkins called Quarles, "A beacon of strength, resilience, and purpose, she shattered ceilings and blazed paths for so many of us. Her impact is immeasurable, from her groundbreaking roles in Westchester to her influential leadership in the New Rochelle community and throughout New York State. While we mourn her loss, we hold dear the stories, lessons, and memories she's graced us with. Here's to a phenomenal woman whose legacy will forever light our way."

Quarles is most known in Westchester political circles when she crossed party lines and endorsed republican Rob Astorino for County Executive over New Rochelle Mayor Noam Bramson in 2013. Quarles appeared in a Cable TV commercial, aired again and against, with Quarles saying "Westchester Can't Afford Noam Bramson".

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not only of Constance Bennett, but also of her sisters Joan and Barbara and their famous actor father Richard Bennett.

Saturday, September 30th

September 30, 1918: Deutchman Brothers, owners of the Yonkers Waist Company on Prospect Street, increased bonus system they had adopted. They doubled the bonus from 5% to 10% and would pay it weekly instead of quarterly. The company had recently doubled the size of their plant, and claimed their employees received wages as high as New York City workers. They had a well-lit and clean plant, started new employees at a fair wage, the "best of care would be taken of them after they went to work," and were promised advancement according to ability. They also claimed the work was light and was "in no way is it hard or unhealthy."

September 30, 1918: More than 60 soldiers contracted Spanish influenza at the new State Armory on North Broadway during the past week. Mrs. Ten Eyck, head of the Yonkers branch of the Red Cross, had to obtain nurses for the armory to care for the soldiers.

Sunday, October 1st

October 1, 1910: Officer Thomas McCaul fired two shots and caught a man attempting to enter the home of world-famous actor Jefferson DeAngelis at 69 Sunnyside Drive. Assemblyman George Rigby, Alanson Prim and Arthur Lawrence, neighbors of the noted actor, joined in the chase of the miscreant.

DeAngelis was a 19th-20th century stage actor who specialized in comedy and acrobatic clowning. He achieved fame in vaudeville and on Broadway. One of his better-known performances was in the hit 1927 Broadway play "The Royal Family" by Edna Ferber. He occasionally appeared in short silent films. De Angelis wrote his autobiography in 1931 titled A Vagabond Trouper with Alvin E. Harlow.

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 info@yonkershistoricalsociety.org

Con Edison's Scholar-Athlete of the Week Returns for 2023



By Dan Murphy

The Con Edison Scholastic Sports Award Program has returned for its 73rd season. At last year's dinner, 32 winners were celebrated and 4 were given a total of \$25,000 in scholarships.

Every week, Con Edison celebrates local students who are excelling not only in athletics, but in academics, and in all parts of community with the naming of their Con Edison's Athlete of the Week. We hope to report on this year's athlete of the week both online and in our papers, and we also hope to expand the program into Yonkers.

Meet Dominick (DJ) DeMatteo, a senior Quarterback at Mahopac High School. DJ recently led Mahopac to a 28-14 come-from-behind road victory over Harrison on Sept. 8, with 4 TD passes.

A two-way starter, DeMatteo, plays middle linebacker on defense and makes the calls on both the offensive and defensive side of the of the ball.

As a junior, DJ was an All-League football selection, and also was a significant contributor on Mahopac's Varsity Baseball Team last Spring, batting .318 with 2 HRs. He also threw out 7 base runners as the starting catcher.

DeMatteo serves as the Captain of the Varsity Football team, but leads by example off the field as well. His community service work includes participating with events affiliated with St. John's the Evangelist Church, and other organizations.

DJ has also volunteered for the last several years with the Mahopac Sports (Youth) Association as a Youth Football Coach, Youth Flag Football Official and Clock Manager. He also volunteered as a coach for the Mahopac Sports (Youth) Association as a baseball coach for many baseball clinics.

DeMatteo academic successes include membership in the Mu Alpha Theta Society (Mathematics), the Science National Honor Society, the National Honor Society. He also serves and an active participant on the Student Athletic Council.

DJ's college course work at Mahopac High School includes College English, AP Calculus, SUPA Public Pol/Part. In Gov. His GPA is an unweighted 96.33.

"DJ displays outstanding character and commitment to academic excellence and consistently challenges himself by qualifying and enrolling in honors, college and advanced placement courses," said Mahopac HS Guidance Counselor Terry Lauchman. "He always looks out for others and is someone others can count on. He is someone others look up to and is a positive role model and a team player both athletically and academically. He also believes in giving back to his community and always thinks of others in need."

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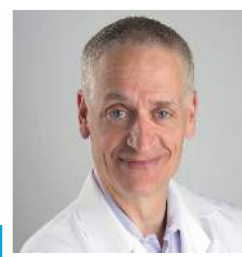
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