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Marathon and Riverfest Huge Successes! Columbus Day Parade Coming Back Oct 2

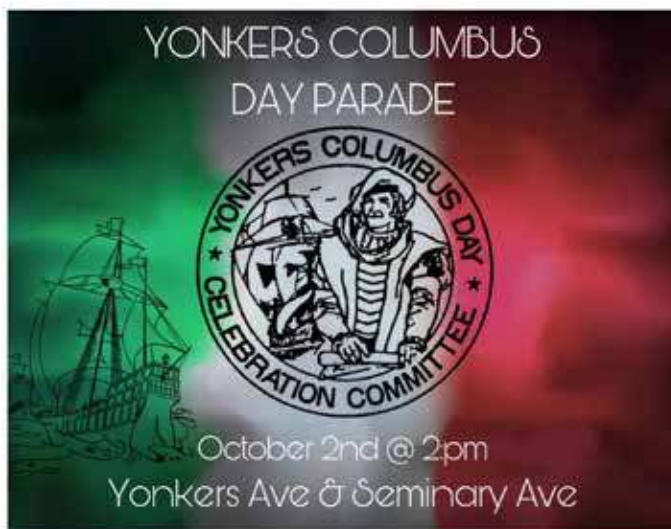


Riverfest photo by Donna Davis

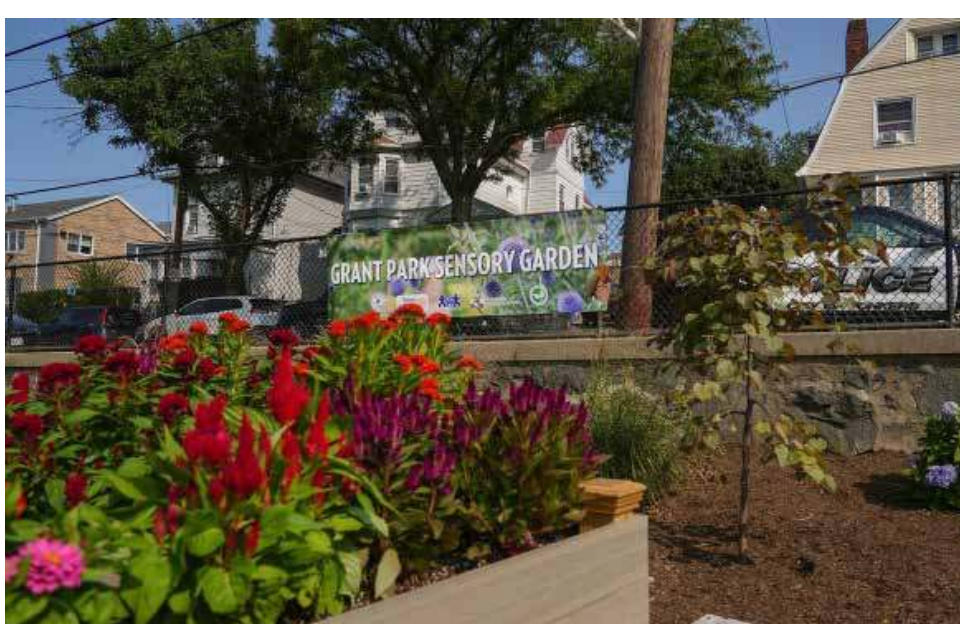
Congratulations to Juan Fernandez, pictured above, the winner of the 2022 Yonkers Marathon. Fernandez, 33, from Flushing, finished the 26.2 miles with a time of 2 hours 48 minutes.

Yonkers Riverfest was also held last weekend and did not disappoint. Large crowds, pictured above, enjoyed great entertainment, food and fun.

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Sensory Garden Opens at Grant Park



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Pressure Mounting on Mayor Spano to Run for a Fourth Term



Mayor Mike Spano, with Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, at the first day of school

By Dan Murphy

For six months, the people of Yonkers have pondered who should serve as their next Mayor. For most of those six months, the largest speculation has fallen on the person currently holding the job; Mayor Mike Spano, and whether he should be allowed to run for a fourth term.

That discussion continues, in part because a recent rally against changing term-limits, which Spano would need in order to run, backfired, drawing only 5 people, 4 of whom supported the change to allow a Spano fourth term.

The rally was viewed as a sign that the people of Yonkers are at least open to the idea of Mayor Spano continuing, and the biggest reason we hear again and again from a diverse group of residents, is that they want to see the progress made under Mayor Spano continue.

"I urge the City Council to pass a law to allow Mayor Spano to run for another term. As someone who has owned a business in Yonkers for many decades, I can say confidently that this City is heading in the right direction-because of Mayor Spano. While the country may be divided, Mayor Spano has made sure all communities throughout Yonkers are united. We need Mayor Spano to continue the great work he had done for our city," said Antone Daoud.

After 11 years, the people of Yonkers don't seem tired with Mayor Spano's leadership. It's just the opposite, they want to see him continue. And nobody has stepped forward to challenge Mayor Spano if he decides to run next year. Some candidates don't want to challenge Spano and are waiting to see what he does.

"Under Mayor Mike Spano's leadership, every facet of city government has become inclusive to all religions and cultures. In addition to recognizing the Muslim Holidays and adding it to the school calendar, Mayor Spano swore-in the first Muslim Police Officers in our city. As the head of the Muslim Democratic Caucus and Vice Chair of the Yonkers Democratic Party, I fully support the extension of term limits to allow Mayor Mike Spano for another term," said Hussein Rababah.

Some lifelong residents of Yonkers want to see the progress continue. "I'm very open to another term for Mayor Spano. I have been a Yonkers resident since

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Mayor Spano Launches Paint Recycling Initiative



The Yonkers Recycling Center will now accept paint cans for recycling
Photo by Maurice Mercado

Mayor Spano Announces Partnership with PaintCare.org

Do You have several half used or quarter gallons of old paint stores up in your garage? On Sept. 20, Mayor Mike Spano announced a partnership with PaintCare, which operates New York's Postconsumer Paint Stewardship Program, to allow households and businesses to dispose of leftover paint for recycling with no additional cost. Starting September 21, residents can drop off wet paint at the Yonkers Recycling Center, the designated Postconsumer Paint Collection Site for paint drop-off. The City of Yonkers is now New York State's largest municipality to participate in the program.

"Thanks to our partnership with PaintCare, Yonkers can continue to do its part in reducing our carbon footprint and be leaders in creating a cleaner, more sustainable New York," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Paint recycling saves us resources and taxpayers dollars, reduces landfill sizes and prevents harmful substances from entering our environment with no extra cost to our residents."

The Yonkers Recycling Center operates from Monday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. at 735 Saw Mill River Road.

Guidelines to participate include: You must be a Yonkers resident; your license and car registration address must match. One visit per day, two per week. Limit

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Chuck E Cheese Opens First Westchester location in Yonkers



Mayor Spano welcomes Chuck E. Cheese to Yonkers

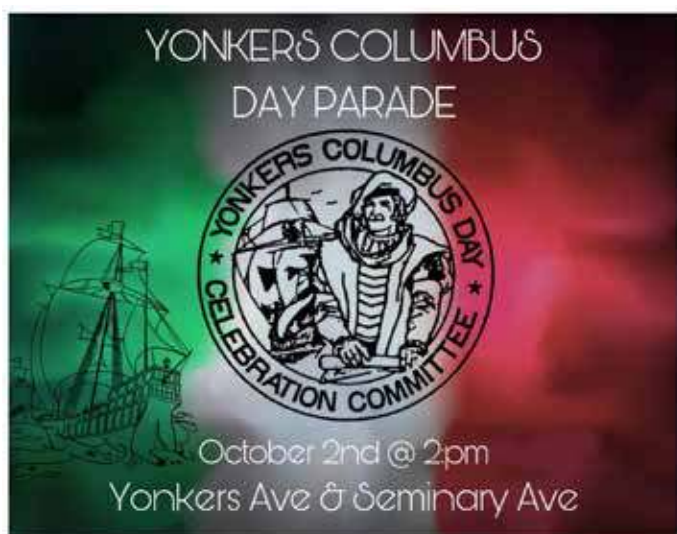
Chuck E. Cheese, the nation’s No. 1 family entertainment Fun Center, opened its new Yonkers location on Sept. 15, at 1703-A Central Park Ave. Coming to Westchester County for the first time, children and families will get to experience a brand-new Chuck E. Cheese that offers the latest technology including new games with varying skill levels for players of all ages, an interactive dance floor and a 200-inch LED video wall.

The location also features updated seating to accommodate larger groups, complete with charging stations for guest devices, to make it even more comfortable for families to enjoy their favorite menu items – fresh baked pizza, wings, salad bar and desserts.

As a brand committed to giving back to the communities it serves, Chuck E. Cheese donates over 1.5 million dollars each year to local schools and non-profits across the U.S. and Canada and is excited to bring the same support to the Yonkers community.

“We’re so excited to welcome a new fun center for families to make lifetime memories in the heart of Yonkers,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “Chuck E. Cheese represents the ultimate place Where A Kid Can Be A Kid® and to be able to spur economic development by bringing over 50 new jobs to the community is so impactful.”

The Yonkers location will create 55 new job opportunities to the area, including manager, cast member, kitchen and party host positions.



Greyston Gala Oct 6 to Feature Jeff Bridges



Jeff Bridges with his friend, Greyston Founder Bernie Glassman

Gala Emceed by CBS2 News Anchor Mary Calvi October 6

Greyston Foundation will be holding their 40th Anniversary Gala in celebration of their mission on Thursday, October 6, 2022, from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm at the Hampshire Country Club located at 1025 Cove Road, Mamaroneck, NY 10543. This year’s gala will be emceed by CBS2 News Anchor Mary Calvi and will be honoring The Body Shop with the 2022 Bernie Glassman Trailblazer Award and Academy Award winning actor Jeff Bridges as this year’s Honorary Chair.

“We look forward to celebrating 40 years at our gala as we continue our mission of transforming lives and communities onto a path of personal and professional success through our job opportunities and services,” said Joseph D. Kenner, President and CEO of Greyston. “Achieving this milestone would not be possible without the hard work of our staff and the continued support of our donors, and we look forward to what the next 40 years will bring as we continue to drive societal change in our communities.”

The Body Shop is a global beauty brand with products that contain ethically sourced and natural origin ingredients to help make bodies feel enriched and loved. Founded in 1976, The Body Shop has a 40 year history of activism, seeking social and environmental justice in the countries in which it operates. The Body Shop challenges the beauty industry standards through its exemplary model of business as a force for good, with a commitment to creating a work environment that is open, inclusive, and progressive. The Body Shop will be receiving the Bernie Glassman Trailblazer Award for the successful implementation of Open Hiring in their distribution and retail centers around the world.

Jeff Bridges is an Academy Award winning actor, musician, photographer, painter, sculptor, and philanthropist. Bridges, along with other industry leaders, founded the End Hunger Network aimed at encouraging, stimulating, and supporting action to end childhood hunger. In addition, Bridges supported President Obama’s initiative to end childhood hunger and also became a spokesperson for the No Kid Hungry campaign for the Share our Strength organization. A long-time supporter of Greyston, Bridges was a close friend to the late Bernie Glassman, the founder of Greyston.

Mary Calvi is an Emmy Award winning journalist and anchor for CBS2 News This Morning and CBS2 News at Noon. Prior to joining CBS News, Calvi served as an anchor and assistant news director for News 12 Westchester, worked with News 12 Long Island, and also served as a national correspondent for USA Networks. In addition to her Emmy Awards, Calvi has been honored for her writing at the New York Festival’s World Media Awards.

Attendees will enjoy an evening that will include a special 40th Anniversary Tribute, an awards presentation, and an engaging fireside chat between President and CEO Joseph Kenner and David Boynton, CEO of The Body Shop, on the ripple effect of its social impact mission. To purchase a ticket or sponsor, visit www.greyston.org/gala/.

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Westchester BOL Honor Latina Community Leader From Yonkers

My Wish to You: A Healthy, Happy New Year

By Eric Wolf Schoen



Above Maj. Whip. Jose Alvarado w/Martha Mercedes

On Sept. 12, the Westchester County Board of Legislators commemorated their annual Hispanic Heritage Month celebration with a virtual ceremony lauding the efforts of two Latina powerhouses: Martha Mercedes of Yonkers and Carola Otero Bracco of Mount Kisco.

Majority Whip Jose Alvarado (D – Yonkers) presented the first proclamation saying, “I am so pleased to recognize Martha Mercedes as an inspiration for the Hispanic community and to present her with this proclamation ... Even with her busy career in the hotel industry, Martha still finds time to volunteer and work with the Park Hill community that she so loves. She has contributed and distributed toys and meals for needy families during the holidays, and in the midst of the pandemic, she volunteered giving out COVID tests at St. Bartholomew Church and donated 100 lunches cooked by her, and her husband, Martin, to Saint John’s Hospital. Martha has served for 15 years on the Park Hill Residents Association as Treasurer. Between her professional accomplishments and her generous spirit, she is truly a mentor for the community.”

Ms. Mercedes thanked Legislator Alvarado for the honor saying, “When deciding to move to Westchester 20 years ago, I chose the Park Hill area of Yonkers. Logistically, it was a great choice for my commute to work, but the diversity of the different cultures is what most attracted me to the community ... Service to the Hispanic and other minority communities has always been something I have believed in”.

Paint recycling plan, continued from pg 1-

drop-off is five gallons per visit. Paint cans must be in sealed, original containers with original manufacturer labels

Acceptable paint products include:

- House paint and primers (latex and oil-based)
- Deck coatings, floor paint (including elastomeric) and concrete sealers
- Clear finish (e.g., varnish, shellac)
- Interior and exterior architectural paint (Latex and Oil-based)
- Field and lawn paints
- Metal coatings, rust preventatives
- Waterproofing concrete/masonry/wood sealers and repellents (no tar or bitumen-based allowed)

The following materials are not accepted:

- Leaking, unlabeled or empty containers
- Aerosol spray paints
- Drums or containers larger than 5 gallons
- Hazardous waste or chemicals such as paint thinner, solvents, motor oil, spackle, glue, caulk, adhesive, roofing tar, pesticides, cleaning chemicals, etc.
- Traffic and road marking paints
- Auto and marine paints
- Art and craft paints
- Deck cleaners
- Industrial Maintenance (IM) coating
- Paint additives, colorants, tints and resins
- Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) paints and finishes
- 2-component coatings
- Wood preservative (containing pesticides)
- Roof patch and repair
- Asphalt, tar, and bitumen-based products

For those seeking additional drop-off sites or to recycle 100 gallons or more of paint, visit www.paintcare.org for more details or to request a free large volume pickup.

PaintCare Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that represents paint manufacturers (paint producers) to plan and operate paint stewardship programs in U.S. states and jurisdictions that pass paint stewardship laws. PaintCare is a program of the American Coating Association (ACA) a membership-based trade association of the paint manufacturing industry.

It’s hard to believe that the summer is over and the Jewish Holidays are here. The holidays are late this year but they are never really on time. Schools close and students don’t know the reason why. Just like Christmas and Easter, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the year for Jews should be explained by classroom teachers so students have an idea why they have days off.

This year public school students have a bonanza of days off for the Jewish Holidays. They have a four day weekend with 2 days off for Rosh Hashanah and one day off for Yom Kippur. For non-Jewish teachers and students the four day weekend is a perfect time to get away, right after the opening of school.

In my house if you were off for the Jewish holidays you were expected to be praying at Temple or praying at home. This was for the major Jewish holidays and minor ones when you took the day off and public schools were open.

We were not rich but my mom and dad always made sure I had a jacket, slacks and a tie for the holidays. Several years ago for those who would not afford it we had a clothing store close by that would help out with dress. Being in the sanctuary is a special moment, just like being in church. One time a child went up to the bima or stage in the Temple to open the doors to take the Torah out of it’s case, an honor given to a lucky few and the child was in shorts and a T-shirt. This was truly disrespectful! To make it worse the child’s mother was a School Principal.

My philosophy regarding clothing is that the parents should buy 2 less bottles of wine or two less 6 packs of beer or 2 less cartons of cigarettes and buy clothes for their kids. There are plenty of organizations that give away children’s clothes, and plenty of people with perfectly good hand me downs. There is no reason a child should go to temple, Synagogue or Church dressed improperly.

On Rosh Hashanah we celebrate the New Year and everything we have to look forward to. On Yom Kippur we ask for forgiveness for our sins. I always thought it should be the other way around, ask forgiveness than celebrate what we look forward to in the New Year.

We ask for good health during the holiday period. This year I have to ask you a favor. I was recently diagnosed with early stages of Parkinson’s. I am blessed to have the best doctors, medications and health care available. Sadly many in my shoes are not. I will be fine, but I just ask for your prayers and prayers for other people in the world who are not as fortunate as I am. Healing comes through prayers, and whether it be in a Jewish synagogue or a Catholic Church we need all we can get. Cover all your bases as my mom would say.

But prayers go both ways. Pray for those you know are ill or have something sad going on in their lives. Call that person who you haven’t spoken to in years to see how they are. Check

In with your elderly neighbors to make sure they have everything they need. Make sure they are safe and sound. My philosophy is to do something good every day. Hold the door for someone who has their hands filled with grocery bags or shopping bags. Call 911 when you see an accident or someone in need.

We can’t ask God to just do something for us. So many people are retired and looking for something to do. Call the Yonkers Partners in Education and help a child get ready for college. Call the reading buddies at Family Service Society to help kids read and write. Call the library or your local school to see if they need help. You have so many talents and skills. Make use of them to help others.

Volunteering will bring satisfaction to you. Call the Volunteer Center of WESTCHESTER and they will partner you up with someone in need. Volunteer an hour to Ring the Salvation Army bell during the holidays. Clean out your closets and give clothes you will not wear to organizations that need them. Help families from the Ukraine who have settled here.

There’s so much you can do to help those in need. Do it today.

As for me I ask for your positive thoughts and prayers. It’s hard for me to type and answer emails, so your personal thoughts and prayers are what counts. I’m blessed to have the best team on my side. Pray that others with Parkinson’s are so fortunate.

I may have to miss a column here and there. Please forgive me but know that I’m thinking about what’s going on in this crazy world we live in. WESTCHESTER and Yonkers included.

And most importantly, a Healthy, Happy New year to Jews and non Jews alike in a world of Shalom, Peace!

BE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE STREET

A new school year has begun and it’s starting off like previous years. There was no free school bus when I went to school, nor free busing for my sister and parents. Busing in Yonkers was done to integrate the schools.

Yonkers has a system of choice when it comes to schools. You can have your child attend a school around the corner or a school with a specialized program on

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Tour de Yonkers is Back for 2022-October 2



Yonkers Bike Club is excited to host the Annual Tour de Yonkers on Sunday, October 2, 2022.

The Tour offers 12, 25 and 50-mile routes that explore the largest of the Hudson Valley cities and the one with the most breathtaking views of the Palisades and the majestic Hudson. The ride begins and ends on the rivers edge at the Beczak Environmental Education Center. The routes wind along the river passing some of the city's historic old carpet mills and parts of the newly re-developed downtown area including the day-lighted Saw Mill River. The longer routes wind through east and northeast Yonkers, along the Bronx River Parkway, through tree lined neighborhoods, the Sarah Lawrence College campus, and includes sections of the Old Putnam rail line that connected NYC with Northern Westchester, now a Rail-Trail bike path. The ride culminates with food and drinks on the Hudson shoreline.

Tour de Yonkers is great for riders of all ages, abilities and riding styles. Scroll to the bottom of the registration page for the latest route maps.

The Tour de Yonkers will take place on Sunday, October 2, 2022 - Rain or Shine. Registration begins at 7 am Ride starts at 8:30 am, starting at 35 Alexander St, Yonkers.

For more information, including registration and volunteer opportunities, visit, www.yonkersbikeclub.org.

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I was 14. I remember what Yonkers used to be and I see what it is now. I'm really proud of the progress we have made as a City under Mayor Spano. We have come a long way, and it's the leadership that we are where we are. I think he sees it more of a duty now, for the future of the city," said Jeni Wallace, Executive Director at The Matthew Wallace Foundation.

At this point, Mayor Spano is still making up his mind. He wanted to see if the people wanted a fourth term, but the pressure is mounting for Spano to accept.

We leave you with a letter written to us from Kimberly Germano, a nurse at a hospital in Yonkers. "You don't know me, but I have lived and worked in Yonkers for most of my life. I work at a nurse in Yonkers, and just moved back to Yonkers. I lived in the Bronx for a period of time, but when it was time for my kids to go to school, I wanted to come back to Yonkers. I read your paper which is dropped off where I work, and I wanted to say that I am Ok with Mayor Spano continuing to do the job. My experience is that he allows me to do my job and feel safe doing it, and coming home safe to my family. The Yonkers schools and its teachers have done a good job with my children. I would like to see all of this continue."

State Senator Shelley Mayer Seeks Members for Veterans Advisory Council



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State Senator Shelley B. Mayer announced she is seeking members for her newly formed Veterans Advisory Council. The first meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. at the White Plains Public Library, located at 100 Martine Avenue, White Plains.

The council will be chaired by Joshua Gaccione, a leader in the Westchester County veterans community and Senator Mayer's 2021 New York State Senate Veterans Hall of Fame honoree. Members will meet on a quarterly basis and inform Senator Mayer of the legislative and funding needs of veterans and veterans organizations in New York State Senate District 37.

Senator Shelley B. Mayer said: "I've been proud to advocate on behalf of our veterans since being elected to the state legislature. From the youngest to the oldest, I look forward to hearing their concerns directly as we explore policy decisions to ensure their needs are met."

Veterans Advisory Council Chair Joshua Gaccione said: "As a combat veteran I am grateful for the 'sea of goodwill' veterans have experienced here in Westchester County and in the towns and villages throughout District 37. There is much more work to be done, however, and I thank Senator Mayer for offering this platform to veterans and their family members to discuss the successes and opportunities concerning veterans throughout New York State. If you cannot attend in person please forward any questions or comments for consideration."

Veterans must live or work in New York State Senate District 37 to join the council. To join, visit bit.ly/SD37veterans.

Sensory Garden Opens in Yonkers

On Sept. 16, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation, the Mayor's Disability Advisory Board, the Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers and the Westchester School for Special Children to open the City's first-ever Sensory Garden at Grant Park, on High Street and Park Avenue.

Located in one of Yonkers' 70+ neighborhood parks, the Garden features an array of plants, flowers, herbs, trees and other sensory heightening amenities that are accessible for touch, sight, taste, smell and sound. The garden includes four wheelchair accessible planters, natural wind chimes, a rock garden and whimsical tree plantings.

"Each day, we strive to enhance the quality of life for our residents and this new Sensory Garden is a unique and creative way to do just that," said Mayor Spano. "Its accessibility and inclusiveness to every resident, despite disabilities or hindrances, allows all of us to appreciate the diverse beauty of nature and our parks."

Today's opening of Grant Park's Sensory Garden is the first of multiple phases planned to plant and install multi-sensory features in the park. The Garden was created in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Yonkers-East Yonkers, Westchester School for Special Children, the Mayor's Disability Advisory Board and constructed and designed by the Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation.

"Thank you to all our partners in making this incredible oasis a reality," Mayor Spano added, "Working with our city's stakeholders is essential in the vitality and success of our programs – especially within our parks, where so many of our residents spend their quality time."

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Columbus Day Parade Returns to Yonkers October 2

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano joined with members of the Yonkers Columbus Day Committee and local Italian American clubs on September 15 to announce the return of the City's Columbus Day festivities. Yonkers Columbus Day 2022 marks the return of the annual Italian American celebration after the COVID-19 pandemic suspended events.

2022 Columbus Day Events will include:

Italian Flag Raising & Italian Coffee Reception
Parade Line Painting

Tuesday, September 27
Yonkers City Hall--4:30PM
Wednesday, September 28
Midland Avenue 11AM

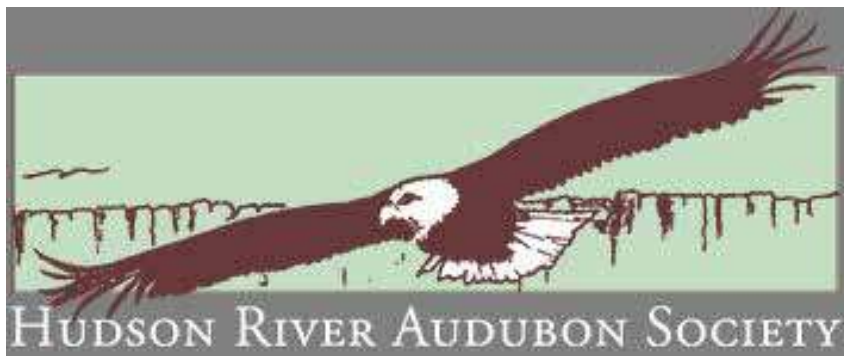
Mass at St. Ann's Church

Saturday, October 1
Midland Avenue 5PM

95th Columbus Day Parade

Sunday, October 2
Seminary Avenue to Mile Square Road
starting time 2pm.

Hudson River Audubon Society's Upcoming Events for September -October



The Joy of Birding Here and Now. Jack Rothman will discuss the joy and the essential importance of birds and bird watching, especially during periods of migration. Wednesday, September 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Lenoir Nature Center, 19 Dudley St, Yonkers. Free. Proof of vaccination and masks required. <https://www.hras.org/> programs for more information.

Hawk Day celebration. Master falconer James Eyring will discuss the ancient art of falconry and show some of his trained raptors. Weather permitting, he will fly one of them in the meadow. All ages welcome. Saturday, October 15, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Lenoir Nature Center, 19 Dudley St, Yonkers. Free. <https://www.hras.org/> programs for more information.

Walter Chadwick Memorial Nature Walk. Michael Bochnik will lead a walk looking for birds, butterflies, dragonflies and nature on the Lenoir preserve grounds. Saturday, September 17, 8:00-10:00 a.m. Lenoir Nature Center, 19 Dudley St, Yonkers. Free.

Nature Walk. Debbi Dolan, Chair of Conservation for the Hudson River Audubon Society, will lead a walk looking for plants, trees, birds, butterflies on the Lenoir preserve grounds. Saturday, September 24 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon; rain date September 25. Lenoir Nature Center, 19 Dudley St, Yonkers. Free. Register with Debbi: turlan@optonline.net.

Nature Walk. Debbi Dolan, Chair of Conservation for the Hudson River Audubon Society, will lead a walk looking for plants, trees, birds, butterflies on the Lenoir preserve grounds. Saturday, October 8, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon; rain date October 9. Lenoir Nature Center, 19 Dudley St, Yonkers. Free. Register with Debbi: turlan@optonline.net.

Hawk watch. Michael Bochnik will lead a group observing and counting migrating hawks and other raptors. Saturdays, September 17, September 24, October 8, and October 15, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. Lenoir Nature Center, 19 Dudley St, Yonkers, behind the mansion at the south end of the meadow. Free.

BIG SIT. Bird watchers will count as many bird species as possible in one day from a fixed location. Saturday, October 8, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (join and leave anytime); rain date October 9. Lenoir Nature Center, 19 Dudley St, Yonkers, behind the mansion at the south end of the meadow. Free.

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the other side of town. As long as this is the case you will have busing.

Yonkers has busing because approximately 80% of the students live in West Yonkers and 20% of the students live in East Yonkers. So until more schools are built in West Yonkers we will have exorbitant costs and major inconvenience in the morning from 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m and 2:15 to 4:00 p.m.

Busing is a privilege. If your child is being bused and he or she is being met by a parent, the parent must be on the right side of the street where the child is getting off. In the morning the parent and child must be on the correct side of the street or corner where the child is getting picked up. Rain, sleet, snow or shine.

I get too many reports of parents running across the street to get there kids. And I see it too often. Or parents waiting inside their house until the school bus pulls up. This delays everyone involved and running across the street can be dangerous. If you are going to play the game you have to play by the rules. It's that simple!

In closing, Is the Queen's funeral over yet?

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

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On This Day in Yonkers History...



Yonkers Mayor William Walsh, served from 1926-1928. He served one, two-year term and did not run for reelection.

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

Monday, September 26th

September 26, 1906: The Yonkers Board of Police Commissioners issued an order to stop all patrolmen and roundsmen from using YPD horses and wagons for joy riding!

September 26, 1951: Bands of Gypsies in "traditional costumes" camped in their cars outside of St. Joseph's Hospital on South Broadway. Tina Sameiull, reportedly a Gypsy Princess, had given birth a few days earlier but was in critical condition. They gathered from throughout the metropolitan area and nervously watched Tina's hospital window.

Tuesday, September 27th

September 27, 1947: Yonkers was abuzz about the large white object flying high over the skies of Yonkers! Turns out it was part of an atomic energy experiment conducted by Brookhaven National Laboratory. Balloons carrying cosmic ray equipment were released from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania and spotted over Yonkers 90 minutes later; the balloons were an estimated 65,000 feet in the air.

September 27, 1951: The Yonkers Police Athletic League honored fifteen-year-old John Miksad; when he entered the PAL awards dinner, he received a rousing ovation! Miksad had been seriously injured early August when a bat slipped out of a batter's hand and hit Miksad's head, requiring him to have emergency surgery to relieve pressure on his brain. Not only did he receive a trophy that evening for pitching a no-hit, no-run game, he also received the Arthur E. Chambers III Memorial Award for Sportsmanship. Keynote speaker that night was Yonkers native Steve Ridzik, Philadelphia Phillies pitcher; during his speech, Ridzik invited Miksad to be his guest at a World Series game!

Wednesday, September 28th

September 28, 1936: One of the sensations of The Herald Statesman's Hostess Week was the Men's Menu Contest! Among the interesting menus submitted was one for toast and another to boil corn. Most men took the contest more seriously and entered recipes for homemade pies, roasts and spaghetti casseroles. First prize was a steam cooker, second a frying pan and the third prize was a chef's hat and apron.

September 28, 1951: The Elizabeth Seton Academy property at 335 South Broadway at Morris Street was sold to the Accad Company to build a shopping center. The school, at that location since 1902, originally was called the Seton Academic Institute when it was in Holly Lodge, the former Fitzpatrick Estate at 176 Hawthorne Avenue. No plans for its new home were revealed at the time of the announcement, but the school relocated to the Pines on Riverdale Avenue while Alder Manor was rehabbed for classrooms, living quarters for boarders and a convent for the Sisters of Charity running the school.

Thursday, September 29th

September 29, 1927: Mayor Walsh inspected the De Witt Avenue bridge over the Bronx River Parkway with Controller Ferguson and members of the Board of Estimate; they were pleased with its appearance... but not the sign on our side of the bridge reading "This is Bronxville." Ferguson contacted Jay Downer, Chief Engineer of the Park Commission, asking it immediately be removed. Not only was it misleading, Yonkers had paid a large portion of the cost of the bridge!

September 29, 1947: Eighty-three people attended the first class of the Yonkers Health Department's food handlers' course, held in the Health Center Auditorium. Part of the Health Department program to improve sanitation in local restaurants, this class topic was germs, how they behave, and how diseases can be transmitted by the handling of food.

Friday, September 30th

September 30, 1947: Commander Robert McAfee USNR announced bidding to build a waterfront Naval Academy was closed. They planned to break ground by November 1st for the new home of Yonkers US Navel Reserve Organized Surface Battalion 3-30, with more than 400 men. To be built on Alexander Street opposite the City Jail, it was the first time the Yonkers' Naval Reserve Unit would have its own Armory! The plan was to build the armory from three prefabricated Butler huts used in Pacific combat theaters, and be stocked with surplus government material. It would have radar, sonar, electrical and machine shops, a projection room, library of training films, a radio station, and medical and dental offices.

September 30, 1950: Sadly, twenty-three-year-old Gypsy Princess Tina Sameiull passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital from post partum eclampsia nine days after the birth of her daughter. When she passed, staff lit a candle in her window to notify the gypsies keeping vigil outside the hospital of Tina's death. The hospital would keep her baby for a few days while the custody dispute between Tina's parents and her seventeen-year-old husband was decided.

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Mary The Queen Senior Housing: Mary The Queen Senior Housing is an affordable senior community that will provide quality affordable housing to low-income seniors. Located at 35 Vark Street, the \$42.6 million development will feature 73 units, including 52 studio apartment units, 20 one-bedroom apartments and 1 two-bedroom superintendent's unit. The project is an adaptive reuse of the former Convent of Mary the Queen. The four-story, 66,000-square-foot building was initially constructed in 1957 and has been vacant since 2015. It is being acquired from the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. It is located adjacent to Saint Joseph's Medical Center. Saint Joseph's Medical Center will be the service provider for the project. Among the services to be provided to residents are health-monitoring, primary care and care coordination services to the frail and disabled elderly population. Developer Mary The Queen Housing Development Fund Corp. is requesting a sales tax exemption of \$1,184,813 and a 30-year PILOT. The project is expected to create 100 construction jobs. The project will be operated by Finian Sullivan Corporation, a Yonkers-based not-for-profit whose mission is to provide quality low-income senior housing.

The Plant Manor: In other business, the YIDA voted final approval of incentives to The Plant Manor LLC, a New York-based development company that is proposing to transform The Manor, private estate of a Gilded Age copper baron built in 1912, into a 70,000- square-foot, eco-chic venue for weddings and celebrations; professional events; and film, photo, and audio production. Accompanied by 25 guest rooms, The Manor will serve as the sister property to The Plant.

Plant Manor acquired the property and has worked closely with the City of Yonkers and the State Historic Preservation to achieve Historic Tax Credits. The property, which is located at 1097 North Broadway, consists of approximately 6.5 acres and contains four structures: Alder Manor will be restored. Bosch Hall, a non-historic building partially demolished in 2019, will be renovated into the Cliff House, a modern event space. The \$48.6 million project is expected to create 163 construction jobs and 55 full- time jobs The project developer received a sales tax exemption of \$1,998,809 and a mortgage recording tax exemption of \$280,633.

At the IDA's meeting held September 13, the board also voted to increase financial incentives for Yonkers Contracting for construction of a new facility at 969A Midland Avenue. The facility will be used for storage of construction equipment with a vehicle workshop and small office. Due to several factors most notably COVID-19, the project's original cost estimate of \$2.5 million increased to \$6 million. The YIDA board approved the applicant's request to increase the sales tax exemption by \$350,000 to \$514,000.

LEGAL NOTICE: CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF YONKERS

PUBLIC HEARING: AMENDMENT TO 2022/2023 CAPITAL BUDGET

I, Lakisha Collins-Bellamy, City Council President of the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the 2022/2023 Capital Budget of the City of Yonkers as follows:

Wednesday, September 28th, 2022
City Council Chambers, City Hall
40 South Broadway – 4th Floor Yonkers, New York, 7:00 p.m.

The proposed amendment to the Capital Budget for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, increasing the estimated total authorization set forth in said Capital Budget by an amount not to exceed Forty-Three Million Two Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-One Dollars, increasing the estimated total authorization set forth in said Capital Budget from Eighty-Six Million One Hundred Sixty-One Thousand Six Hundred Thirty-Nine (\$86,161,639) Dollars, to an amount not to exceed One Hundred Twenty-Nine Million Four Hundred Fifty-Eight Thousand and Ninety (\$129,458,090) Dollars, to fund capital projects in and for the City of Yonkers.

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

LAKISHA COLLINS-BELLAMY
CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT
September 21, 2022

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Saturday, October 1st
October 1, 1929: WCOH, Yonkers' only radio station, announced its move from Riverview Gardens on Highland Avenue to the Strand Theater Building at 35 South Broadway. The station was owned and operated by the Westchester Broadcasting Corporation.

October 1, 1947: The Health Department ended its three-session food handlers' school with a demonstration of bacterial contamination of a dinner plate by Dr. Aaron Appleby, Supervising Milk and Food Sanitarian. Of the almost 100 people who attended, 72 received cards certifying they successfully completed the course!

Sunday, October 2nd
October 2, 1915: The Yonkers Health Department announced it inspected more than three hundred cows that week.

October 2, 1917: The free public evening schools of Yonkers, offering elementary, secondary and vocational courses, opened at Saunders Trades School and School Twenty on Mulberry Street.

October 2, 1927: The historic Nepperhan Creek began to flow down the new Plaza flume as workers blasted away a 30-year old retaining wall at Warburton Avenue, diverting the stream underground from a course it held for 50 years.

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.

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New Residential and Commercial Developments Projected to Create 600 Construction Jobs, 300 Units of Housing, above Plant Manor formerly Alder Manor

The Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (YIDA) voted preliminary and final approvals of financial incentives for new residential and commercial projects representing a total private investment of \$182.2 million. The developments are projected to create more than 600 construction jobs and over 300 apartments including affordable housing for low-income seniors.

“These projects will provide and preserve 300 units of affordable housing for senior citizens and families, in addition to the adaptive reuse of a historic structure as a meeting and entertainment venue. Together they are examples of the continued strong investment we are seeing in Yonkers and are signals of our commitment to provide housing and jobs in our City,” said Mayor Mike Spano.

The following projects received preliminary and final approvals at the YIDA’s September 13 meeting. Wheeler Block Lofts: Located at 15-23 North Broadway, Wheeler Block Lofts is comprised of three contiguous historic buildings that represent a significant part of the landscape of North Broadway and the Mill Street Courtyard. In creating the Wheeler Block Lofts, the developer will combine the interiors into a singular building creating corridors that will run through 15 to 23 North Broadway providing elevator access to a new residential lobby located within 23 N. Broadway. Each building will have ground floor commercial space, and three floors of residential above. The residential portion will contain 36 apartments, of which 24 will be one-bedroom apartments, and 12 will be alcove studios.

The 125-year-old building, which is named after architect Charles Wheeler, has received the State Historic Preservation Office’s approval to restore the facade of the property and combine the interior without disturbing the original integrity of the historic design. The \$11.5 million development is requesting a sales tax exemption of \$235,112, a mortgage recording tax exemption of \$114,076 and a 15-year PILOT. The project is expected to create 40-50 construction jobs.

Whitney Young Manor: Whitney Young Manor is a 195-unit multi-family development located at 354 and 358 Nepperhan Avenue. Originally constructed in 1973, the complex consists of two 12-story buildings with a total of 195 units comprised of studios, one- bedroom, two-bedroom, three-bedroom and four-bedrooms apartments and a single-story community facility/daycare. There are also commercial spaces, currently occupied by a grocery store and storage facility used by a community theater group. Whitney Young Manor, L.P., an affiliate of Omni New York LLC, acquired the property in 2006 , is now seeking to perform another rehab of the property and anticipates financing the re-syndication and rehabilitation with tax-exempt bond proceeds from the IDA. Over \$23.5 million will be spent to provide a full rehab including major upgrades to building systems. Omni is requesting \$1,263,887 sales tax exemption and \$543,825 mortgage exemption and the extension of a 13-year PILOT. The \$79.5 million project is expected to create 330 construction jobs.

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We loved this photo from Untermeyer Gardens in Yonkers of a Praying Mantis taken by John Jacono. If you have never visited the gardens its a must. We posted their upcoming events at

<https://yonkerstimes.com/upcoming-october-events-at-untermeyer-gardens-in-yonkers/>

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