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## Montessori Academy Hosts Coaches vs. Cancer Tourney



Members of the Yonkers Montessori Academy girls' basketball team.

The Yonkers Montessori Academy high school will host a "Coaches vs. Cancer" girls' basketball showcase this Saturday beginning at 10:30 a.m., with the tip-off for the first of four games taking place at 11 a.m.

Eight basketball teams are participating,

with Yonkers Montessori Academy playing in the last game at 5 p.m.

As a result of the game, a donation will be given to the American Cancer Society for \$1,000, which was raised by YMA and other

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## Yonkers PAL Holding Super Bowl Raffle



The Yonkers Police Athletic League is once again raffling off two tickets to the Super Bowl XLIX, which will be held Feb. 1 in Glendale, Ariz. Tickets are \$100 each, with only 400 tickets being issued.

The winner will receive the two Super Bowl tickets, round-trip air fare, four nights in a hotel, car rental, transportation to and from the airport and free entree into the Yonkers PAL playoff

party (all-you-can-eat-and-drink all day) Jan. 18.

Win a chance to see the Super Bowl live and help a great community organization at the same time. The Super Bowl tickets were made available by PAL board member Willie Faulkner, who played for the New York Giants.

Purchase tickets by calling the PAL at 914-377-7297 or by calling Vic Federico at 914-830-0811.

## New Point of View at YOHO Artist Studios



YOHO Artist Donald Silverman

YOHO Artist Studios welcomes painter Donald Silverman, a self-proclaimed "rookie artist" that joined the community in early November. Now retired from 32 years as a direc-

tor of commercials and corporate marketing films, he is exploring his recently discovered talent of painting still-life, landscapes and a

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## Inauguration Day in Yonkers; Inlaw Takes Oath as City Judge



City Court Judge Evan Inlaw takes the oath of office from Justice Bruce Tolbert, with the Inlaw family looking on. Photo by Donna Davis.

Yonkers City Court Judge Evan Inlaw was sworn in before a standing-room-only audience of family, friends and colleagues inside the Yonkers City Hall ceremonial courtroom as the first African-American Democrat elect-

ed to Yonkers City Court.

Chuck Lesnick presided over the program with Mayor Mike Spano, Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Yonkers City Court

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## Yonkers Remembers Gov. Mario Cuomo



Former Go. Mario Cuomo advising former Yonkers Democratic Chairwoman Ann Muro on her future, with Nick DeSantis looking on.

By Dan Murphy

As New York State remembers the life of former Gov. Mario Cuomo, who passed away New Year's Day at the age of 82, memories from Westchester point to his lasting legacy as one of the Empire State's great leaders.

It seems that everyone who lived through his 12 years as governor, and those who met

and interacted with Mario Cuomo, have vivid memories of that time, which point to what an important political figure and leader he was — more than 30 years after his last year as governor.

Congresswoman Nita Lowey recalled her years working with Mario Cuomo, dating back

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## Mayor Spano Reflects on Yonkers' Success in 2014 Sets Stage for 2015 Re-Election Bid



Mayor Mike Spano recently touted continued improvements in the city.

By Dan Murphy

In an op-ed sent to an online news forum, which was also linked through an email blast to city residents, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano outlined the city's accomplishments under his leadership for 2014. The column, which points to improvements

in education, development and controlling taxes, can also be viewed as the opening act in Spano's yet-to-be-announced re-election campaign:

"Yonkers met benchmarks for success in three key areas in 2014: Controlling the cost of govern-

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# Yonkers Raceway Begins 2015 Season on Jan. 9



Defending champion and leading driver Jason Bartlett.

Yonkers Raceway will begin its 238th program of live harness racing Friday night, Jan. 9, as it rings in its new year on the historic half-mile oval at Empire City Casino.

Leading driver Jason Bartlett will commence on defending his crown, while top trainer Ron Burke looks to make it three straight conditioning titles.

Bartlett, 33, won his fourth Westchester driving title going away, with 485 wins from a meet-high 2,440 wins (19.9 percent). His \$7.5 million in purses also led the contingent. Brian Sears (402 wins), George Brennan (401), Eric Carlson (213) and Dan Dube (213) completed the leading five.

Burke, 45, successfully defended his Yonkers title, sending out 144 winners from 704

starters (20.5 percent), more than any other local trainer. Among his record-breaking total earnings season was a local-leading \$4.6 million in purses. PJ Fraley (118 wins), Gilberto Garcia-Herrera (112), Rene Allard (111) and Tracy Brainard (106) finished off the first quintet.

The post times for the upcoming season are as follows:

Mondays/Thursdays/Fridays/Saturdays – first post 7:10 p.m.; Tuesdays – first post 1 p.m.; Sundays – first post 11:25 a.m. (only Jan. 11).

Aside from the six-card first full week, Yonkers will offer a five-program-per-week schedule. Included in that is a proposed 31 days (174 races) simulcast to a French-hubbed audience.

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# Haiti Inspires Blue Door & Greyston Center Mural Project



## Spun In The Sand An Exhibition of Haitian Art

The Blue Door Gallery's exhibit on Haitian art opens Jan. 10.



A mural at the Greystone Childcare Center created by Blue Door.

Blue Door Art Center is starting 2015 with “Spun in the Sand,” as it joins forces with Indy Convergence, an internationally-acclaimed arts organization in direct support of artists in Jacmel, Haiti and the construction of the world’s first “Earthship” amphitheater and community arts center in the nearby Village of Oban.

“Spun in the Sand: An Exhibition of Haitian Art” will be showing at Blue Door Gallery from Jan. 10 to Feb. 7, as a way to help the Haitian Community, as well as bringing original and unique art to the community. The continuation

of the construction will be happening simultaneously, as the duration of the exhibition – and all proceeds from these one-of-a-kind paintings sent here from Haiti – contributes to the progress of this project.

The opening reception for “Spun in the Sand” will be Saturday, Jan. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m., sharing the date with the annual Blue Door members’ juried exhibition. This event will be followed by a special night of Haitian drum and dance, art and culture, during an open mic night Friday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. The night will feature the traditional Haitian dance company “La Troupe Zetwal” from Brooklyn, and DJ Oja Soundtwista, who will soon be in Haiti filming the “Build” project, and will also be turning part of the Haitian community center into a school for media arts.

Celebrate the richness of Haitian culture, beautiful artwork and a presentation of the Indy Convergence and Sa-k-la-ka-wel (Haitian Creole for “those who are here can see”) at the community arts center in Haiti. Enjoy the experience while it’s presented here in Yonkers.

Blue Door is happy to be part of this innovative project. Its latest effort for this coming year is expanding upon a children’s arts program, at its gallery, and in local organizations and schools in need of a developed on-site arts program. The goal of Blue Door Kids is to create a workshop for children and their parents that allow the local community to feel connected to the gallery, as well as to have a reliable, fun and artistic learning experience.

The next BDK workshop, “Earth Friendly Art,” will be held Jan. 24 from 2 to 5 p.m., and will teach children the beauty of recycling, as well as turning recyclables into art work. Everyone is welcome.

Blue Door completed 2014 with the grand unveiling of a mural project, which marked the completion of a collaborative effort between the Blue Door Art Center and Greyston Childcare Center. With contributions from the Greyston Foundation and the Community Development and Governance Council of Downtown Yonkers, Blue Door was able to execute the painting of a children-inspired mural, led by local artist Emilio Barrios, on a wall in the entrance way of the childcare center.

Everyone who participated witnessed this artistic transformation of the Greyston facility and the impact it had on the children. All look forward to a continued art program with the after-school kids of Greyston, an example of how art contributes to the long-term elevation of the Yonkers community.

Are you an artist who wants to show art, attend or teach a workshop? Want to contribute to or volunteer at the Blue Door Art Center and Gallery? Visit Blue Door Gallery in downtown Yonkers at 13 Riverdale Ave., between Hudson Street and Main Street, or go to [www.blue-doorartcenter.org](http://www.blue-doorartcenter.org).

For more information, contact Blue Door Art Center at 914-375-5100 or [info@blue-doorartcenter.org](mailto:info@blue-doorartcenter.org).

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# Engel Votes Against ‘Broken Promises’ in Appropriations Bill

Congressman Eliot Engel, who represents most of Westchester County in the U.S. House of Representatives from the 16th District, penned the following email-newsletter last month:

Dear Friends,

Congress recently finished work for the 113th Congress after a prolonged fight over the fiscal year 2015 appropriations bill. There is no such thing as a perfect bill, but the so-called cromnibus was deeply flawed. I weighed the good against the bad, and in the end I voted against it.

The cromnibus breaks promise after promise that we have made to the American people. It leaves taxpayers vulnerable to another bank bailout, guts campaign finance reform, reduces promised pension benefits for retirees, and cuts Pell Grants for students.

Taxpayers were badly burned by the 2008 financial meltdown. Gambling in the derivatives market was a major contributor to the crisis that wrecked the job market and drove the global economy to the brink of collapse. Big banks invested money from government-insured bank accounts in risky derivatives, and when they could not afford to cover their bad bets, we had to bail them out.

I voted for the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act in 2010 to protect us from this sort of reckless behavior on Wall Street. One of its most important provisions stopped banks from gambling with depositors’ money. By rolling back that firewall, the cromnibus leaves taxpayers liable for another potential bailout.

Additionally, our democracy should not



Rep. Eliot Engel

be at the mercy of special interests that have the means to promote their narrow political agenda. I have long advocated for a constitutional amendment that would overturn Citizens United and restore federal limits for campaign contributions. The cromnibus further erodes the trust that the public has placed in our electoral system by loosening restrictions on campaign donations to the national parties.

Individual donors can now contribute up to \$324,000 a year – a ten-fold increase. We need sensible limits so that the

voices of the majority are not silenced by voices of a select few.

The appropriations bill also contains too many cuts that hurt the middle class. Pension benefits for current retirees 74 years old and younger will be cut – a first in 40 years. We should not balance the budget on backs retirees who have worked and contributed to their retirement years, only to have their promised benefits cut.

Nor should we break our promise to students by scaling back our investment in higher education. The cromnibus cuts \$303 million in funding for the Pell Grants, thereby raising the cost of college for millions of students.

My priority is with the hard-working Americans and their families whose contributions have enabled our nation to grow and prosper. That is my promise to you, and one that has not been broken in the 26 years that I have had the privilege to serve you in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rep. Engel is serving in his 27th year, and 14th term in the House of Representatives.

# Mayor Spano Kicks Off Annual MLK Essay Contest

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano will again sponsor the Martin Luther King Jr. Day essay contest to celebrate the holiday and commemorate the 51st anniversary of Dr. King’s historic March on Washington. Yonkers students will be asked to reflect on King’s famous words: “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?”

“Martin Luther King was one of the greatest activists for social change our world has ever known,” said Spano. “I’m excited to hear how our youth plan to channel Dr. King’s legacy and contribute their own ideas for social change in our world.”

The mayor will select one winner from the elementary, middle and high school grade levels. Winning essays will be displayed at City Hall and online for Yonkers residents to read. Winners will also be asked to recite their work at the city’s Black History Month Celebration on Feb. 5.

“Dr. King’s contributions in shaping the

American Civil Rights Movement are as powerful today as they were in 1955-68,” said Dr. Michael Yazurlo, superintendent of Yonkers Public Schools. “As an advocate for equality, Dr. King embraced the power of words, acts of nonviolent resistance and grassroots organization to achieve incredible goals. Dr. King’s work inspires our teaching and provides tangible examples for our students to apply these lessons to their own lives. Motivated by Dr. King’s words and work, I look forward to reading our students’ perspectives in their essays.”

The Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest is open to all primary and secondary Yonkers students; only one essay may be submitted per student. Essays should be between 250 and 500 words and submitted by Jan. 20 either by email to ali.mudano@yonkersny.gov or by mail or in person to the Mayor’s Office, City Hall, second floor, 40 S. Broadway, Yonkers, NY 10701. Winners will be notified Jan. 27.

# He, Too, Was a Man of Principle

By Eric W. Schoen

There was a time in our great country, not too long ago, when being a Democratic, Republican, Conservative or Liberal meant something. Compare that to today where the political spectrum seems like nothing more than a hodgepodge of misplaced ideas and expediency.

Mario Cuomo once called politics “an ugly business.” One need only witness the trials and tribulations of the state government in Albany in 2015 to realize how Cuomo’s words ring true, even to this day.

Regardless of whether you agreed with his politics, Mario Cuomo governed New York State as a man of principle. He might have had to compromise a bit to get the job done, but he never compromised his classic Democratic principles.

Our country lost a great New Yorker on New Year’s Day, with the passing of Gov. Mario Cuomo, moments after his son Andrew took the oath of office for his second term following in his father’s footsteps.

So much has been written over the last week by those who knew him through his service to our state. Praise has come from all corners of the political spectrum, including Republicans like former Gov. George Pataki who sparred with Cuomo in Pataki’s successful bid to become governor of New York; to former Sen. Al D’Amato, who got elected to office on a platform whose elements were not in the Cuomo playbook.

We have learned of so many current and former elected officials, from Congresswoman Nita Lowey on the national level to Attorney General Eric Schneiderman on the state level, to former Yonkers City Council President Chuck Lesnick on the local level, who got inspiration for their careers in public service from Mario Cuomo. He challenged them to make our state a better place for all of its residents – whether they be rich or poor, white or black or Hispanic, and whether they agreed with his political philosophies or did not.

As a journalist, I particularly respect what Mario Cuomo did to save the New York Post. Although the newspaper was not in his ideological corner, he saw a newsroom in uproar and characters who had no place being in the newspaper business attempting to take ownership of the paper, and intervened to keep the spirit of its founder, Alexander Hamilton, alive.

Close to home, Mario Cuomo was an important part in stabilizing the finances of the City of Yonkers when the city was on the brink of bankruptcy in the 1970s and 1980s. In order to run city government, the finances of Yonkers during great portions of those time periods were overseen by state-sanctioned emergency



Eric W. Schoen

financial control boards. The state had to step in because local leaders refused or were simply not capable of doing the jobs they were elected to do.

In 1984 the city was at risk of closing its schools, when New York State was forced to intervene.

Mario Cuomo was also in large part responsible for the removal of the tolls on the Saw Mill and Hutchinson River parkways. The removal of

these nuisance tolls put smiles on the faces of the residents of Westchester and made traffic flow much more smoothly on the respective roadways.

The largest expansion of the state’s prison system in New York State history occurred under Cuomo’s watch. Staying true to his principles, he vetoed bills that would have revived the death penalty as crime soared in New York, along with public support for capital punishment. He was also an unwavering protector of abortion rights.

On a lighter note, the expansion and improvement of the rest areas along the New York State Thruway was spearheaded by Mario Cuomo – something to think about next time you are traveling and need to use the facilities or are hungry and need nourishment or simply tired and have to take a break.

The law requiring New Yorkers to wear seat belts while driving was passed under Mario Cuomo. From New York, seat belt laws expanded throughout the country.

The law placing deposits on cans and bottles to make the Earth a better place for all of us was also a Mario Cuomo initiative.

Mario Cuomo never became president and turned down a seat on the United States Supreme Court. We will never know why; we can only wonder what his influence would have been on the country or the court.

Mario Cuomo lived a remarkable life – not just because he was fortunate to serve three terms as the leader of New York State. His words stirred Americans to a degree unseen among Democrats since the days of John F. Kennedy.

He was the son of an Italian immigrant father who struggled to make ends meet, and he never forgot his background.

We can only hope and pray that current Gov. Andrew Cuomos continues his father distinguished legacy. In our changing and complex world, that is what Mario Cuomo would have wanted.

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# McGoey Re-Elected President Of Firefighter Local 628

Barry McGoey was once again elected by acclamation as president of Yonkers Firefighter's Union Local 628 of the International Association of Fire Fighters. His name was put into nomination and seconded unanimously by all in attendance at the Nov. 5 general membership meeting. No other members of Local 628 nominated themselves or anyone else to challenge McGoey.

He will serve another three-year term of office commencing, from Jan. 1, 2015 to Dec. 31, 2017.

McGoey had also been similarly elected by acclamation in 2010 and again in 2012. Prior to being elected president of Local 628, he served as vice president for approximately five years, which included two stints as acting president.

"I am extremely grateful and proud to repre-



Yonkers Firefighters' Union Local 628 President Barry McGoey

sent the men and women of the Yonkers Fire Department and thank them for the trust they have bestowed upon me," said McGoey. "I look forward to continuing to do my best to represent each of the Yonkers firefighters and I remain mindful that I not only represent individual members, but also their families and loved ones who rely upon them. The Yonkers Fire Department is a family and Local 628 is a family of many families."

In 2012, McGoey was named one of the Top 50 Irish Labor Leaders in the United States by the Irish Echo newspaper, and in 2013 he was honored by the Yonkers Exchange Club for his leadership and public service. In 2014, McGoey was the honored guest at the Yonkers Police Athletic League's annual luncheon and at the Aishling Irish Community Center's annual dinner-dance.

## Stepinac's Winter Open House is Upcoming

Archbishop Stepinac High School, one of the nation's top 50 Catholic high schools, will hold its winter open house Sunday, Jan. 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. at 950 Mamaroneck Ave., White Plains.

The open house will provide parents and future high school students with information about the school, along with its academic, sports and extra-curricular programs.

Visitors will be able to tour the facilities and grounds, which have undergone significant improvements. Highlights include the state-of-the-art Mastronardi Technology Center, the new

physics lab, athletic fields equipped with state-of-the-art artificial turf and the Major Bowes Theater, among others.

Visitors will also have an opportunity to learn about the school's all-digital textbook library, which has become a model for the nation and the world, as well as the personalized, hybrid-learning environment that includes innovative digital coursework and allows teachers more time to provide individualized instruction.

Tours and presentations are scheduled for 1, 2 and 3 p.m. For more information, visit [www.Stepinac.org](http://www.Stepinac.org).

## Hello, Dolly!

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption.

Meet Dolly, a 3-year-old American Staffordshire terrier who is cute, petite and weighs only about 35 to 40 pounds. Dolly loves people and everyone loves her back. She is easy to walk and is always ready to get up and go. She likes to play and walk – and cuddle!

Dolly came to the shelter as a stray last month and volunteers doubt she will be there very long. She would do well in the city or the suburbs. Dolly isn't fond of kitties, however, she does like some dogs; calm male dogs seem to be her first choice.

Visit Dolly at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, at 1000 Ridge Hill Blvd., between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays and noon and 4 p.m. weekends. For more information, call 914-377-6730 during business hours or 201-981-3215 at any time, or email [lesliem147@gmail.com](mailto:lesliem147@gmail.com)



Bring Dolly home today.

## Yonkers High School Hoops Roundup

By Phil Foley

Following are some recaps of boys' and girls' basketball games in the Yonkers Public Schools. Send us a picture the next time you are at a game!

\* Jan. 5 – Yonkers Montessori Academy at

Schechter in Hartsdale (boys' varsity):

YMA lost to Solomon Schechter 51-43 in a league game. Both teams got off to poor starts, with Schechter leading at the end of the first quarter 5-4. Schechter started playing well as YMA continued to struggle at both ends of the court. Schechter led at half-time, 20-6, and that lead was increased in the third quarter as Schechter led 38-16 starting the final quarter.

Finally, YMA woke up scoring 27 points in the fourth quarter – but a little too late as Schechter held on to win the game by eight points. The leading scorer for YMA was Philip Ladson with 14 points.

YMA heads into North Salem on Thursday to play the first round of the North Salem Tournament at 7 p.m.

Philip Ladson led YMA with a 22-point effort in the loss.

\* Dec. 19 – Yonkers Montessori Academy at Lincoln High School (boys' varsity):

In the third round of the Yonkers City Tournament, LHS defeated YMA 69-42, with YMA dropping its third straight game. Lead scorer for YMA was Philip Ladson with 24 points.

\* Dec. 16 – Roosevelt vs. Gorton (girls)

Number 8 Roosevelt defeated number 1 seed Gorton in the first round of the tourney, 60-48. Up 20 points with 2 minutes left, the coach even swapped out starters. Lyrell Walker scored 25 points and Ashia Lee scored 12.

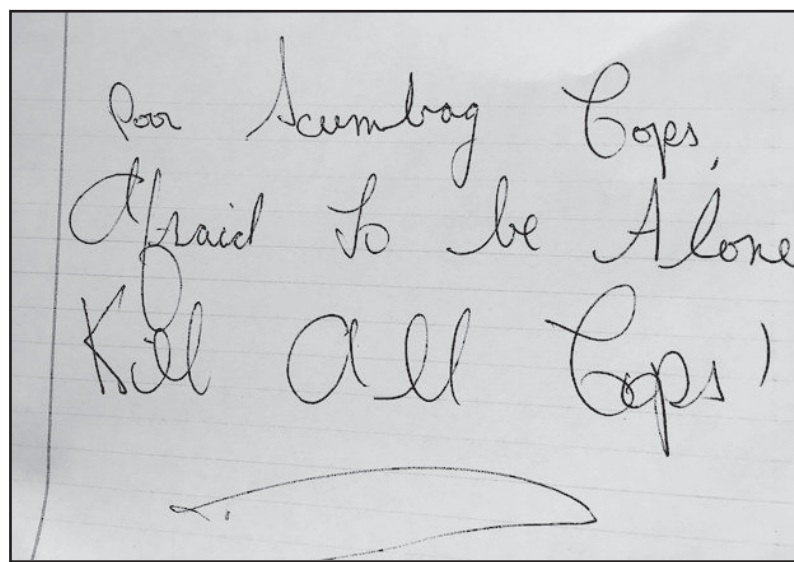
\* Dec. 12 – Yonkers Montessori Academy at Hamilton, Elmsford (boys' varsity):

In a league game, YMA lost to Hamilton 69-47. What was a one-point game at the end of the first quarter turned into a double-digit lead for Hamilton at half-time – a lead they never relinquished. The game featured two good perimeter shooters, as Eli Sierra led Hamilton to the win, scorching YMA for 33 points.

\* Dec. 10 –Roosevelt Early College High School vs. Tuckahoe (girls):

Roosevelt defeated Tuckahoe with a final score of 38-22. Lyrell Walker led with 15 points, followed by Ashia Lee with 13 points and contributions by everyone on both sides of the court. Last year the team went 0-21, so it was nice to start the season 1-0.

## YPD Investigates Threatening Letter



A copy of the threatening letter that was sent to Harrisburg Police Department. While the Yonkers P.D. received a similar letter, it would not release the document to the media, pending an investigation.

By Dan Murphy

A website called Pennlive.com recently posted the following story, titled "Threatening letter sent to Harrisburg, Yonkers police departments: 'Kill all cops.'"

Pennlive.com reporter Christine Vendel writes: "Harrisburg police are trying to identify the writer of a threatening letter sent to the department the day after Christmas that said, in part, 'Kill all cops.' A similar letter also postmarked from Harrisburg was sent to police in Yonkers, New York, Harrisburg Police Chief Tom Carter told PennLive Monday.

"'Poor Scumbag Cops,' the writer penned, using little punctuation and capitalizing each word. 'Afraid To Be Alone Kill All Cops.'"

"The letter arrived at police headquarters at 123 Walnut St., in downtown Harrisburg in a plain white envelope. It was addressed to 'Harrisburg police,' with a Liberty Bell stamp and no return address. Police are treating the letter as a criminal act. Detectives are checking for fingerprints and other evidence that can be recovered from the letter.

"Carter also talked with area police chiefs, including leaders from Swatara Township and Susquehanna Township, to alert them to the possible threat that could affect their officers. 'Regardless of the message they want to send us, we're not going to back down,' said Harrisburg police Chief Tom Carter. 'It wasn't only about Harrisburg.'"

"Officers in Harrisburg haven't been threatened directly in recent weeks, after two New York City police officers were assassinated while sitting in their patrol car. That fatal ambush came amid heightened community-police tensions across the country. Officers in Harrisburg have noticed more 'looks and smirks, but no verbal threats,' Carter

said.

"Although Harrisburg police are no longer requiring officers to ride in pairs, that doesn't mean the heightened danger for officers has passed, Carter said. He said he's aware of postings on social media that reflect hate toward police and some that use emoticons, or icons of facial expressions, wearing police hats with guns pointed at the officers' heads.

"'That's a problem,' he said. 'It weighs heavily on me and all police chiefs across the country, who are responsible for the welfare and safety of their officers. I can only imagine what (New York City Police) Commissioner Bill Bratton feels about his officers getting ambushed and killed.'"

"Carter said the person who sent the letter to Harrisburg police was likely trying to feel powerful or intimidate officers. But he said his officers won't be deterred. 'We are not going to stop doing our jobs, serving the public with dignity,' he said. 'Regardless of the message they want to send us, we're not going to back down.'"

"Carter said he has gladly met with leaders of a local protest group, This Stops Today Harrisburg, which formed after recent verdicts in high-profile fatal police encounters. They staged a 'die-in' at the state capitol and presented a list of goals to city council members designed to improve police accountability.

"'They've been great,' Carter said. 'I respect them. It's about saving our youth and improving diversity. We can work together to achieve shared goals.'"

"Yonkers Police Department Communications Director Det. Patrick McCormack said YPD is investigating the matter and that the letter sent to the Harrisburg PD was similar, but not identical to the letter sent to the YPD."

## Business Council Seeking Hall of Fame Nominations

The Business Council of Westchester, the county's premier business advocacy and membership organization, is seeking nominations for The Westchester County Business Hall of Fame.

Established in 2002, the Business Hall of Fame awards program recognizes the lifetime achievements of Westchester County businesses in five categories: small business, entrepreneurs, corporate citizens, family-owned companies and women in business. Members of the business community are encouraged to nominate a client, colleague, vendor, friend or their own business; nominees do not have to be Business Council members.

The deadline to submit nominations, which can be done online, is Jan. 23.

The Westchester County Business Hall of Fame awards dinner will be held Tuesday, April 21 at the Glen Island Harbour Club in New Rochelle.

"This is a great opportunity to recognize some of Westchester's leading businesses," said Marsha Gordon, president and CEO of The Business Council of Westchester. "Past nominees and winners represent a wide array of companies and an impressive array of businesses."

Categories include the Corporate Citizenship Award, Entrepreneurial Success Award, Small Business Success Award, Women in Business Success Award and the Family Business Success Award.

## Nursing College & Career Day

White Plains Hospital will host its ninth annual Nursing College and Career Day on Jan. 17 in the WPH Centennial Room beginning with registration at 8:30 a.m., and will run from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This free event is designed to give direction to high school and college-age students who are interested in pursuing a career in nursing, although anyone interested in a future nursing career is welcome to attend.

Attendees will have the opportunity to meet admissions counselors from various local nursing schools, learn about financial aid and scholarship opportunities, and hear firsthand

from nursing students and nurses who are passionate about what they do.

Nursing College and Career Day is coordinated through the Richard P. Biondi Nurse Apprentice Program at WPH, which works on the local level to address the nationwide nursing shortage. The program includes apprenticeships, scholarships and career exploration programs.

To attend WPH's Nursing College and Career Day, register by Jan 13 by e-mailing Program Coordinators Annie Norris at [anorris@wphospital.org](mailto:anorris@wphospital.org) or Monica Purdy at [mpurdy@wphospital.org](mailto:mpurdy@wphospital.org), or by calling 914-681-2378.

## Nature Centers Events Are January 16 to 18

On Friday, Jan. 16, a "Riverlovers' Pot Luck Supper" and program will take place at 7 p.m. at Croton Point Nature Center in Croton-on-Hudson. All are welcome to attend, and view the film "The Revenge of the Electric Car." For more information, visit [www.Riverlovers.org](http://www.Riverlovers.org) or call 914-862-5972.

On Saturday, Jan. 17, "Battle of the Bulge" will take place at a time yet to be announced, at Lasdon Park, Arboretum and Veterans Memorial on Route 35 in Katonah. Author Pat Chaisson will discuss his book on this historic World War II battle. Reservations are required by calling 914-864-7268 or 914-864-7269.

On Sunday, Jan. 18, Main Street Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Westchester County Center in White Plains. There will be local foods, artisan crafts and handmade merchandise. Admission is free, but parking fees may apply. Call 914-995-4050.

Also on Sunday, at 1 p.m., meet the animals

at the Cranberry Lake Preserve on Old Orchard Street in north White Plains. Meet and learn all about the animals while getting an up-close look. Call 914-428-1005.

Additionally, a snowshoe tour of Trailside Nature Museum at Ward Pound Ridge Reservation in Cross River will take place Sunday at 1 p.m. Don your snowshoes to tour the reservation as snow blankets the ground; weather permitting. Call 914-864-7322.

Then from 1 to 3 p.m. at Muscoot Farm on Route 100 in Somers, meet in the ice house and learn about the life's blood of every early dairy farm, followed by a hike to the ice pond.

Also on Sunday, a winter tree identification program will begin at 2 p.m. at the Marshlands Conservancy in Rye. Learn how to identify trees in winter by their buds. Call 914-835-4466

For more information on Westchester County nature centers, visit [www.westchestergov.com/parks](http://www.westchestergov.com/parks).

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## On This Day in Yonkers History...



Morton Downey Sr.

By Mary Hoar  
President, Yonkers Historical Society  
Monday, Jan. 12

Jan. 12, 1882: New York Telegraph was incorporated, and a line was scheduled to be run from New York to Yonkers.

Jan. 12, 1912: Former Yonkers five-term Assemblyman Harry Haines was elected sergeant-at-arms of the New York State Assembly. Although he had been defeated for re-election by Tracy Madden, Haines was so popular that he was selected to serve as sergeant-at-arms for 21 terms.

Jan. 12, 1929: The Rotary Club inaugurated "Better Understanding Week" at a gathering of more than 100 men representing Yonkers' "many races and creeds and prominent in varied walks of life" at the Elks Club. This meeting launched Rotary's campaign against hatred and prejudice.

Jan. 12, 1932: Radio star Morton Downey purchased the mansion at 279 N. Broadway. Edward Perot Jr. formerly occupied the home.

Jan. 12, 1942: One hundred and twenty parking meters were installed on New Main Street between Nepperhan Avenue and South Broadway. Yonkers Police Department was instructed to begin issuing summonses immediately.

### Tuesday, Jan. 13

Jan. 13, 1908: The Common Council was deadlocked in its attempt to select a candidate for city clerk, with John Geary and Joseph O'Brien each receiving five votes.

Jan. 13, 1912: Charles Rood of Saw Mill River Road claimed the distinction of becoming the youngest grandfather in New York State at the age of 35. He also was the godfather to six babies named after him.

Jan. 13, 1929: Three Yonkers detectives and one patrolman received awards for meritorious service from the Police Honor Board. Those honored were Detectives Patrick Christopher, James Tynan and James Hollis and Patrolman Leo Magratten.

Jan. 13, 1929: Corporation Counsel Harry Laragh received a permit authorizing the City of Yonkers to purchase New York City water at the rate \$100 per million gallons for Catskill water.

Jan. 13, 1936: Thomas Butler of the Bronx circulated a petition in southeast Yonkers to have that section annexed to the City of New York.



Yonkers Police Officer James Tynan

### Wednesday, Jan. 14

Jan. 14, 1864: President Abraham Lincoln and Cabinet send a letter to Yonkers' Sanitary Fair to raise money for the wounded Civil War soldiers and sailors

Jan. 14, 1909: Opera stars Helen Darling, Helen Brown and G. C. del Chiaro appeared in a benefit concert at Philipsburgh Hall for the victims of an earthquake in Sicily.

### Thursday, Jan. 15

Jan. 15, 1861: E. G. Otis received a patent for his new and improved hoisting apparatus.

Jan. 15, 1923: Four Yonkers residents headed the New York-Suburban Pedigreed Bird Fanciers' Association, the group sponsoring the Madison Square Garden Canary Show held at Madison Square Garden. This included R. B. Hermans, J. C. Devlin, John Farrow and Mrs. Lester Houghtaling.

### Friday, Jan. 16

Jan. 16, 1894: The Yonkers Historical and Library Association adopted a resolution disapproving of the proposed plan to erect an administration building on Manor Hall grounds.

Jan. 16, 1913: Workers ended their two-week strike against the Yonkers Railway Company. Marching from their union hall to the trolley barn, they passed through a cheering crowd of 2,000 citizens and city officials.

Jan. 16, 1930: A telephone typewriter of the countywide police alarm system was installed at police headquarters.

### Saturday, Jan. 17

Jan. 17, 187: Halcyon Skinner of Alexander Smith Carpet Mills patented the Moquette power loom, revolutionizing the carpet manufacturing industry.

### Sunday, Jan. 18

Jan. 18, 1917: Gideon H. Peck was unanimously selected for a third term as president of the Yonkers Merchants Association, even though he had declined the nomination.

Jan. 18, 1927: Patrolman James Tynan of the Third Precinct won a two-day vacation with pay as a reward for the arrest of a burglary suspect. The patrolman overheard the burglar chatting about looting an apartment.

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, Sherwood House and upcoming events, visit [www.facebook.com/YonkersHistoricalSociety](http://www.facebook.com/YonkersHistoricalSociety), or find the society on LinkedIn and Twitter @YonkersHistoric. For information on membership in YHS, call 914-961-8940 or email [yhsociety@aol.com](mailto:yhsociety@aol.com).

## Clarinetist Daniel Spitzer to Perform at Hoff-Barthelson

The Hoff-Barthelson Music School will feature faculty clarinetist Daniel Spitzer on Sunday, Jan. 11 at 5 p.m. at the Greenville Community Church, 270 Ardsley Road, Scarsdale. He will be joined by fellow faculty artists and pianists Edmund Niemann and Tomoko Uchino.

The program will include "Vibraciones del alma Op. 45" by Migel Yuste, "Sonata in B Flat Major Op. 107, No. 3" by Max Reger, and De-

bussy's "Première Rhapsodie."

Clarinetist Daniel Spitzer has performed with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, New York City Ballet, New Jersey Symphony and American Symphony Orchestra.

Admission to the recital is \$18 general admission, \$15 for seniors and free to students younger than 18. Call 914-723-1169 for reservations and information.

## Chicken Island Dumper Arrested: Why Did He Do It?

The Yonkers Police Department quickly concluded its investigation into who dumped a pile of garbage at Chicken Island, located in the middle of downtown Yonkers.

Numerous YPD units responded to 1 Engine Place (Chicken Island) on Dec. 29 for a report of a dumping complaint, in which arriving units located a large amount of compacted garbage left in the parking lot.

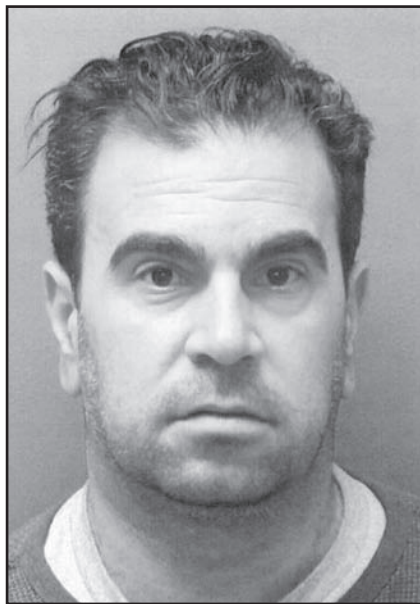
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation was contacted and also responded to the scene.

Detectives of the YPD Intelligence Unit assisted the DEC, and working collaboratively they were able to identify Steven Palmiotto, 40, of Croton-on-Hudson, as the suspect. He is the owner/operator of TMI Industries (a commercial refuse collection company) located in Croton-on-Hudson.

Investigators reviewed security cameras in the area, which depicted that Palmiotto was driving the truck in question of dumping garbage out of the Chicken Island parking lot at about 11 p.m. Dec. 28.

Palmiotto was arrested Dec. 30 at 900 Saw Mill River Road, Yonkers, by DEC personnel and YPD Intelligence Unit detectives. He was charged with a Class A misdemeanor of the Environmental Conservation Law and 71-2703.2CI (Allow Release of Release of Solid Wastes to the Environment). He was also issued several summonses from both YPD and DEC for dumping.

Palmiotto was arraigned and is scheduled to



Steven Palmiotto

appear in Yonkers Criminal Court this month.

"Last night's arrest is a message to any potential dumpers that there are consequences for your illegal actions and the City of Yonkers will not tolerate it," said Mayor Mike Spano. "Thank you to the swift investigation by the Yonkers Police, the county's Solid Waste Commission and the DEC for identifying the person who exhibited complete disregard for the residents of our city. We will continue to work hard each day to make sure the quality of life of our residents is to the standard this city deserves."

"This should be a warning to all that if you dump in our city, we will thoroughly investigate," added Police Commissioner Charles Gardner. "In this case, the suspect not only faces criminal charges, but he also is faced with the possibility of large fines and seizure of his vehicle, which we are in the process of completing at this time."

In 2012, Spano launched a hotline for residents to report any instances of illegal dumping, 914-377-DUMP (3869), with rewards of up to \$1,000 for information that leads to a conviction.

The real question that remains is: Why would anyone dump garbage in one of the more obvious locations in Yonkers? The YPD is still investigating the matter and wouldn't comment. Some believe Palmiotto was angry at another garbage carter and wanted the other carter to pick up the trash he left at Chicken Island. It could be a foolish and expensive decision.

## Mayor Spano

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ment, improving the schools, and encouraging development to improve the tax base and provide jobs. We succeeded because we governed in a bipartisan manner – putting progress over politics.

"Just three years ago when our administration took office, the unemployment rate in Yonkers stood at 9.1 percent, the city faced chilling budget deficits, our students were reeling from years of cuts to schools, and development plans were stalled. The challenges we faced – and continue to face – are real and complex, but the record of the past years shows we continue to move Yonkers forward. We've closed the deficit while controlling taxes, we've created new local jobs, and we've ended the years of political gridlock that stalled budgets and progress.

As a result, Democrats and Republicans have passed three consecutive bipartisan, balanced budgets, within the property tax cap and without cuts to services.

Today, unemployment in Yonkers stands at 6 percent, home sales and sale prices are on the rise, more people are shopping and supporting the local economy, and Yonkers is the second-fastest growing big city in New York. Thanks to our partners on the City Council, our municipal bond ratings are the highest they've been in a generation, up from near junk status only three years ago.

Yonkers is open for business. We're cutting red tape and working with our partners at the local and state levels to bring businesses here. In 2014, we broke ground on RiverTides, a \$100 million,

330-unit waterfront development that will set the standard for luxurious living in Westchester. Ridge Hill and Cross County continue to expand, opening new stores and restaurants that are creating hundreds of jobs in our city. And in every corner of Yonkers, new hotels, residential developments and small businesses are creating jobs and growing our economy.

We're proud to be a leader in sustainability. In 2014, we completed the installation of 11,300 new LED streetlights, replacing the old, inefficient lights in every neighborhood in the city – and now other cities are following our lead. Yonkers also became the first city in New York to launch a Styrofoam recycling program. And we're continuing the award-winning daylighting of the Saw Mill River, building two new river parks in Downtown Yonkers.

Working with Gov. (Andrew) Cuomo and the State Legislature, we secured millions in new state funding for our schools and Yonkers became the first city in New York to consolidate services within its school district. Now, instead of having duplicative departments, we operate under one roof. That cuts costs, increases taxpayer oversight and frees up resources for the classroom. We've begun to restore programs – like sports and art – and thanks to a new federal grant, Yonkers will expand pre-kindergarten to a full-day program.

This investment in our youth today will pave a path toward future success for years to come.

While we've accomplished a lot in 2014 and the years that preceded, we still face many challenges as we look ahead to 2015 and beyond. I look forward to continuing to work together as we keep moving Yonkers forward," wrote Mayor Spano.

## New Point

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common theme of displaying his subjects in the act of observing a scene.

This unique approach to point-of-view allows the audience direct insight into the subjects' experience and mood, despite never being able to observe their facial expressions.

After a brief search for a conveniently located space, Silverman easily settled into a routine at YOHO, Westchester's largest artist

studio building, where he dedicates about five hours every day to his work. He has received a warm welcome from the artist community and tremendous response from the public, especially during the open studio event held Nov. 23, where visitors were stunned to learn he has only been painting for a short time.

Silverman's studio is located at YOHO Artist Studios, 578 Nepperhan Ave., fifth floor, in Yonkers. For more information about his work and YOHO Artist Studios, contact George Huang at 212-317-1423, ext. 601, or visit [www.yohoartists.com](http://www.yohoartists.com).

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## TAX SALE NOTICE CITY OF YONKERS

Department of Finance and Management Services, Office of the Commissioner, City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 452, Laws of 1908, known as the Supplemental Charter of the City of Yonkers, as amended by Chapter 725, of the Laws of 1917, adding thereto a new article numbered Article V-a, as further amended by Chapter 487, Laws of 1922, and as further amended by Chapter 667, Laws of 1933, as amended by Article IX Section 1 of Local Law No. 20-1961, as amended by Section 57 of Local Law 11 of 1995, and any subsequent amendments thereto, known as the Charter of the City of Yonkers, I, the undersigned Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, do hereby give public notice:

That the respective owners of the lands and tenements in the City of Yonkers on which any taxes or assessments have been imposed and became a lien and have remained unpaid for one year since the same were due and payable are required to pay the amount of said taxes and assessments, together with all unpaid taxes and assessments affecting such lands and tenements, which became a lien and were due and payable prior to December 16, 2014 with all penalties thereon remaining unpaid, together with the interest thereon at the rate provided by law from the time the same became due and payable to the time of payment, and the charges of this notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon to the time of payment, to the Commissioner of Finance and Management Services of the City of Yonkers, at his office in the City Hall, Yonkers, New York.

And Notice is hereby given that if default be made in such payment, the lien of the City of Yonkers, upon said lands and tenements for any tax or assessment, which became a lien so as to be due and payable before December 16, 2014; will be sold at public auction in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, in the City of Yonkers, on Wednesday, May 13, 2015, at 10:00 A.M. of that date, for the lowest rate of interest, not exceeding 12 per centum per annum, at which time any person or persons shall offer to take the same in consideration of advancing the said taxes and assessments and penalties, as the case may be, the interest thereon as aforesaid to the time of sale, the charges of notice and all other costs and charges accrued thereon; and that such sale will be continued from time to time until all said liens of taxes and assessments shall be sold.

The transfer of tax liens to be executed and delivered to the purchaser thereof pursuant to the terms of said sale shall be subject to the lien for and the right of the City of Yonkers to collect and receive all taxes and assessments and penalties and interest thereon which became due and payable, of which became a lien upon said lands and tenements on and after the date mentioned in the advertisement for sale as stated herein, namely, the 16th day of December, 2014.

Each of the tax liens referred to in this advertisement will be sold subject to the provisions of the Federal Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act and amendments thereto and Section 313 and 314 of the State Military Law.

Notice is hereby further given that a particular and detailed statement of the property affected by this sale, together with the total amount of the tax lien thereon, which are to be sold will hereafter be published in the official newspaper(s) of the City of Yonkers.

| FURTHER OR ADDITIONAL, TAX SALE NOTICE   |          |            |
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| In addition to the foregoing Tax Sale Notice and Statutes therein described, the further or additional notice is given setting forth the lots and parcels of land, including the street address thereof, on which the tax lien is to be sold together with the aggregate amount of tax lien thereon, and the assessed valuation of every said lot and parcel as described in the 2013 Tax Rolls as approved by the Department of Assessment and Taxation and confirmed by the City Council.  |          |            |
| The name set forth is that of the person, corporation or legal entity appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the lot or parcel of land upon which the tax lien is to be sold.  |          |            |
| The first item is the Comptroller's Tax Lien Number; the second is that of the person appearing on the tax rolls as the owner or occupant of the property; the third is the location of the property as described on the tax rolls which includes the Section, Block and Lot Numbers as shown on the Official City Map; the fourth is the assessed valuation unimproved as shown on the tax rolls; the fifth is the total assessed valuation as shown on the tax rolls; the last group of figures is the total amount of the lien which is to be sold. |          |            |
| John Liszewski<br>Commissioner of Finance and Management Services  |          |            |
| #1332  | 12/19/14 | – 01/23/15 |

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| Notice of Formation of Northgate Partners LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/29/14. Office location: Westchester County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Kamerman, Uncyk, Soniker & Klein P.C., 156 Fifth Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10010. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.                          |       |         |
| #6603   | 12/19 | – 01/23 |
| Notice of formation of Vic-kyMac Jewelry LLC Arts. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on December 12, 2014. Office location: Westchester. The street address is: 421 8th Ave #21 New York, NY 10116. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process served to: Victoria McAllister, 421 8th Ave #21 New York, NY 10116. Purpose: any lawful act. |       |         |
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| Public comments regarding potential effects from the site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: <b>Joseph Schuchman, E2PM, 87 Hibernia Avenue, Rockaway, NJ 07866</b> , by email to: joseph.schuchman@e2pm.com, or phone: (973) 299-5200. Please refer to <b>E2PM Tracking Number P-14-02-58.</b> ” |            |  |
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| SUPREME COURT: WESTCHESTER COUNTY. HUDSON CITY SAVINGS BANK, Pltf. vs. LAWRENCE MAINIERO, et al, Defts. Index #64572/12. Pursuant to judgment of foreclosure and sale dated May 16th, 2013, I will sell at public auction in the Lobby of the Westchester County Courthouse, 111 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd., White Plains, NY, on Feb. 6th, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., prem. k/a 13 Baiton St. a/k/a 15 Baiton St., Yonkers, NY. Said property lying and being in the City of Yonkers, County of Westchester and State of New York, being shown and designated as Lot No. 6 and part of Lot No. 5 on a certain map entitled “Map of Archer Heights on Trenchard St., 2nd Ward of Yonkers, NY” made by Geo. Raynor, C.E. dated May 30, 1892 and filed in the Westchester County Clerk's Office, Division of Land Records on June 19, 1892 in Vol. 12 of Maps at page 6. Approx. amt. of judgment is \$282,093.84 plus costs and interest. Sold subject to terms and conditions of filed judgment and terms of sale. JOHN N. ROMANO, Referee. COHN & ROTH, Attys. for Pltf., 100 East Old Country Rd., Ste. 28, Mineola, NY. #85282 |       |         |
| #1335   | 01/02 | – 01/23 |

# Jan. County Board Meetings

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| <b>Board of Acquisition and Contract</b><br>Thursdays, Jan. 15, 22 and 29 at 11 a.m.<br>County Executive's Office, Conf. Room A<br>148 Martine Ave., White Plains<br><b>Women's Advisory Board</b><br>Monday, Jan. 12 at 5:30 p.m.<br>County Executive's Office, Conf. Room A<br><b>Municipal Planning Federation Board</b><br>Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 9 a.m.<br>Michaelian Office Building, fourth floor, Conf. Room 420<br>148 Martine Ave., White Plains<br><b>Solid Waste Commission</b><br>Tuesday, Jan. 15 at 3 p.m.<br>Finance Department Conf. Room, seventh Floor<br>148 Martine Ave., White Plains<br><b>Industrial Development Agency</b><br>Thursday, Jan. 15 at 8:30 a.m.<br>County Executive's Office, Conf. Room A<br><b>Board of Health</b><br>Thursday, Jan. 15 at 8:30 a.m.<br>10 County Center Road, second floor, White Plains<br><b>Parks, Recreation and Conservation Board</b><br>Thursday, Jan. 15 at 4 p.m.<br>PRC Headquarters<br>450 Saw Mill River Parkway, Ardsley<br><b>Soil and Water Conservation District Board</b><br>Friday, Jan. 16 at 9 a.m.<br>Michaelian Office Building, fourth floor, Conf. Room 420 | <b>African-American Advisory Board</b><br>Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6 p.m.<br>County Executive's Office, Conf. Room A<br><b>Police Board</b><br>Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 4 p.m.<br>Commissioner's Conf. Room, Westchester County Police Headquarters<br>1 Saw Mill River Parkway, Hawthorne<br><b>Youth Board</b><br>Wednesday, Jan. 21 at 6 p.m.<br>County Executive's Office, Conf. Room A<br><b>Transportation Board</b><br>Friday, Jan. 23 at 8:30 a.m.<br>Department of Public Works and Transportation Offices<br>100 E. First St., Mount Vernon<br><b>Department of Senior Programs and Services' Annual Legislative Speak-Out</b><br>Friday, Jan. 23 at 9 a.m.<br>Westchester County Center<br>198 Central Ave., White Plains<br><b>LGBT Advisory Board</b><br>Monday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m.<br>County Executive's Office, Conf. Room A<br><b>Airport Advisory Board</b><br>Wednesday, Jan. 28 at 7 p.m.<br>Westchester County Airport<br><b>Westchester-Putnam Workforce Investment Board</b><br>Friday, Jan. 30 at 8:30 a.m.<br>Westchester Community College, Foundation Board Room<br>75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla |
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| AGENDA FOR ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  |            |  |
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| December 31, 2014   |            |  |
| PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: A Public Hearing will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the City of Yonkers on <b>TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.</b> sharp, in the Ceremonial Courtroom, Yonkers, New York (building is accessible to the handicapped), on applications for Appeals from the Building Commissioner's decisions and applications for Variances under the provisions of G.O. # 4-2000, as amended:        |            |  |
| <b>NEW HEARINGS</b><br><b># 5426--Improvement to a Non-Conforming Use &amp; Area Variance--</b> Andrew Romano, Esq., on behalf of Claire Campisi, owner, on premises know as 202 Lockwood Avenue, Block: 2289, Lot: 5, Zone: T<br><br><b># 5427--Area Variance--</b> Farrauto, Berman & Slater, on behalf of Harold Weustenhofer, owner, on premises know as 213 aka 219 Grandview Boulevard, Block: 4637, Lot: 25, Zone: S-100 |            |  |
| JOSEPH CIANCIULLI<br>CHAIRMAN, ZBA  |            |  |
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# Montessori Academy

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schools.  
“Please come out and support a good cause and support our basketball program,” said YMA girls’ basketball coach Charles Martinez.  
Yonkers Rising has also begun to print the scores and recaps from some of the Yonkers Public Schools basketball games, and we encourage readers to send us your stories and pictures from recent fall sports.  
This week’s recap:  
**Gorton Girls Top Saunders 42-37**

**By Phil Foley**  
In a well played game the Gorton girls’ team came back from a 7-point deficit at half-time to defeat a tough Saunders squad 42-37. This was done with a strong defense, as Gorton outscored Saunders 26-14 in the second half.  
Gorton was led by Dreonna Battle with 22 points and six steals, and Julia Hohn with 12 points and six steals.  
Saunders was led by Amanda Kiriakos with 21 points.  
Gorton is 3-1 in league play, with its next game scheduled for Thursday against River-side High School.  
An additional roundup of high school sports is on page 4.



# Seniors and Health Care

## Positive Economic & Dev. News for Yonkers into 2015

By Dan Murphy

A positive economic outlook for the City of Yonkers, including rising real estate prices and \$6 million in state development grants, highlight some of the good news for the city heading into 2015.

The City of Yonkers was a big winner in New York State’s latest round of Regional Economic Development Council’s competitive funding, which concluded late last year. In total, five economic development projects in Yonkers will receive nearly \$6 million in New York State funding, making Yonkers the leading grant winner in the mid-Hudson region and among the top in the entire state.

“Yonkers is a city on the move,” said Mayor Mike Spano. “Job creation, economic development and investment are back on track in Yonkers, and thanks to the continued support of Gov. Andrew Cuomo and our state delegation, we are continuing to move our city forward and grow our economy.”

The 2014 REDC awards, announced by Cuomo, will fund five economic development projects in Yonkers, including:

- \* \$2.5 million for the Saw Mill River daylighting – Building on the success of the nationally-recognized urban redevelopment project, Phase III of the daylighting project, which is already underway, will create a new public green space in the Chicken Island area of downtown Yonkers and unearth further portions of the long-buried river.

- \* \$1.5 million for the Ashburton Avenue revitalization – This project will enhance the quality of life along the Ashburton Avenue corridor by improving pedestrian and vehicular travel, and making much-needed road, bridge and traffic-flow improvements.

- \* \$1 million for the SoYo Exalta mixed-use development project – This \$168 million, 550,000-square-foot, mixed-use, transit-oriented development near Metro-North Railroad’s Yonkers station and adjacent to Van der Donck Park includes approximately 400 residential units and 34,000 square feet of ground-floor retail and restaurants.

- \* \$630,000 for the Hudson River Museum (two projects) – The renowned Hudson River Museum will build a new west wing entrance with direct access to Yonkers’ waterfront, expanded gallery and storage space, and allow for a wider range of exhibitions.

Additionally, the City of Yonkers was awarded a \$400,000 local government efficiency grant to support the consolidation of non-academic back-office functions with the Yonkers Board of Education. The consolidation, a first of its kind in New York State, saw the city absorb \$9.1 million in BOE administrative functions, allowing the school district to focus more resources in the classroom, while increasing taxpayer oversight.

The grant will help support the implementation of a new single-payroll and human resource system to serve the entire city and BOE workforce and use software-based solutions to track performance metrics.

“I’m thrilled that projects I supported in my district will be receiving highly-competitive state economic grants through the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council,” said State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Democratic conference leader. “The state continues to make significant investment in Yonkers and this year’s \$6 million is proof of that. As a result, the Saw Mill River daylighting project will continue to revitalize and transform downtown Yonkers, with new housing opportunities, jobs and economic growth.”

Assemblywoman Shelley Mayer added: “I am extremely pleased that the New York State Regional Economic Development Council awarded these very significant grants to so many important projects in Yonkers and was glad to lend my voice in support of their applications. These public investments will strengthen the economic revitalization of Yonkers and all of the Hudson Valley. Thank you to Gov. (Andrew) Cuomo and the members and staff of the Mid-Hudson Regional Economic Development Council for their acknowledgement that substantial investment in Yonkers will translate into jobs, increased revenue and continued growth for our region.”

The new state funding comes on the heels of positive economic data released by Mayor Spano’s Office, indicating that unemployment in Yonkers is at a sixth year-to-year low, home sales and sale prices are on the rise, and sales tax revenues are increasing, meaning more area residents are shopping and supporting Yonkers’ economy.

Yonkers is the second-fastest-growing “big city” in New York State.

In other development news, the Westchester Center for Independent and Assisted Living, which is a successful assisted living facility that opened with help from the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency in 2012, would nearly double in size, according to a plan to be given initial approval by YIDA.

“There’s nothing like repeating a success story,” said Spano, who chairs YIDA. “The Westchester Center for Independent and Assisted Living provides an affordable home for so many senior citizens, yet there is still demand for more. We are glad to help it meet that demand.”

The Westchester Center currently has a 195-unit assisted living center at 75 Stratton St. South, which formerly housed the Jewish Guild for the Blind. It was Westchester’s first “upscale but affordable” assisted living facility, offering a full range of amenities, yet also staying within the

cost parameters of persons who qualify for Medicaid.

Now the Westchester Center is proposing to create an additional 158 units of affordable, assisted living housing adjacent to the existing facility, providing space for an estimated 200 persons. The new facility will be known as The Plaza at Westchester, and will be constructed by demolishing a currently empty building on the property.

The estimated construction cost is \$24 million, with a completion target date of the first quarter of 2016. The new facility would create 110 full-time-equivalent jobs, and YIDA is proposing to provide a \$1 million exemption in sales tax for materials used in construction, a \$388,800 mortgage tax exemption and temporary property tax abatement.

The project must go through the city’s planning and land use process after approval.

The Westchester Center was conceived under the state’s Assisted Living Program, which is designed to provide an alternative to more costly nursing homes. In an assisted living facility, residents live in independent units, but are able to have meals, housekeeping and other services provided by the facility.

“Typical assisted living facilities are often too expensive for the average person, and will not accept Medicaid,” said YIDA President Ken Jenkins. “This is a successful model that saves taxpayer dollars while providing a top-notch environment for the residents, including those who rely on Medicaid for their care.”

Finally, economic data from last year points to a continuously growing Yonkers economy.

According to preliminary data released last month by the New York State Department of Labor, the October 2014 unemployment rate in the City of Yonkers was 6.1 percent, down from 7.3 percent in October 2013. The October 2012 unemployment rate in Yonkers was 8.4 percent, 8.6 percent in 2011, 8.9 percent in 2010, 8.8 percent in 2009 and 6.2 percent in October 2008.

Data also shows Yonkers having the lowest unemployment rate of New York’s so-called “Big 5 Cities” – in October 2014, New York City’s unemployment rate stood at 6.4 percent, 7.4 percent in the City of Buffalo, 7 percent in Syracuse and 7.4 percent in Rochester. (For more information, visit [www.labor.state.ny.us/stats](http://www.labor.state.ny.us/stats).)

“Yonkers is a city on the move,” said Mayor Spano. “The downward trend in unemployment is another sign of the positive growth of our economy, and recent groundbreakings are further proof that Yonkers is quickly becoming the city in which to live, work and play.”

In more positives news, for the first quarter of the city’s fiscal year 2015 (July 2014 through September 2014), sales tax revenues in the City of Yonkers increased by 5 percent over the first quarter in fiscal year 2014.

Home sales and home sale prices are also on the rise in Yonkers. According to data released by the real estate broker Houlihan Lawrence, the mean home sale price in Yonkers in October 2014 increased 12.2 percent from October 2013, while the average sale price was up 4.7 percent. Through October 2014, 469 homes have sold in Yonkers, up from 464 for all of 2012, 404 in 2012, and 337 in 2011. (For more information, visit [www.houlihanlawrence.com](http://www.houlihanlawrence.com).)

Spano also pointed to the reaffirmation of Yonkers’ bond ratings by Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s as a positive economic sign for the city. And for the first time in recent memory, the city sold its bonds in a competitive market, driving rates lower and helping the city save on refinancing.

“The city has a made a lot of progress over the last three years, especially in light of the Board of Education’s budgeting error,” said Spano. “It is apparent that buyers recognize our strength, our growing economy and Yonkers’ positive fiscal outlook.”

The economic resurgence comes on the heels of several positive economic development announcements in Yonkers. In October, Spano and Ginsburg Development broke ground on a new 330-unit, \$100 million residential development known as River Tides. The luxury development, one of the largest in Yonkers in recent years, is expected to create 300 construction jobs.

The mayor pointed to recent hotel developments as another sign of positive economic growth in Yonkers. More than 500 new or renovated hotel rooms will soon be available to visitors and residents, including the Hyatt Place at Cross County, which is expected to create 100 full-time jobs; the Courtyard Marriot at Executive Boulevard, which will open near Marriott’s successful Residence Inn; and the \$20 million Hampton-Inn on Tuckahoe Road.

In addition, the Royal Regency Hotel recently completed a major multi-million renovation project, creating one of the area’s first boutique hotels.

“The City Council, working across the aisle, has been instrumental in our success in growing Yonkers’ economy, attracting businesses and jobs, and establishing Yonkers as a business-friendly city,” said = Spano. “I look forward to continuing our partnership to further improve our economy.”

Overall, the city has experienced a 2 percent increase in population growth, growing by nearly 4,000 residents from the 2010 U.S. Census to July 2013, the latest date for which population data is available. Yonkers has also grown at a faster rate than any other major city outside the City of New York. (For more information, visit [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov).)

## WP Hospital Tops Off New Cancer Care Building



A worker signs a beam on the fourth floor of White Plains Hospital's cancer care building.

White Plains Hospital last week topped off the final piece of steel on a modern new cancer care building at the corner of Longview Avenue and East Post Road.

With construction and iron workers from A.P. Construction and Local 40 Ironworks looking on, the steel beam, which was signed by hundreds of hospital staff members, patients and community leaders Dec. 17, was hoisted six stories into the air and placed atop the new structure.

When construction is finished in fall 2015, the 40,000-square-foot, six-story building will more than double the size of the hospital’s cancer program to 70,000 square feet, and will provide space for the hospital’s growing number of cancer experts, researchers and patients. Amenities in-

clude a reception area, space for a café, gift shop, complementary therapies and a patient medical library, as well as office space for the program’s rapidly expanding staff of cancer clinical specialists.

Patient volume in the hospital’s cancer program increased 15 percent in 2013.

The construction is part of the hospital’s most significant capital transformation project in its 121-year history, which includes another new, six-story patient tower at the other end of the campus, on Davis Avenue. That structure will include five new operating suites specially designed for minimally invasive surgery, three stories of private patient rooms, a new lobby and entranceway, and is also expected to be unveiled in fall 2015.

## Social Security is Unflinching In the Fight Against Fraud

By Julissa Javier

**Social Security assistant district manager, Yonkers**

If you’re like most people, you protect what’s valuable to you.

To protect your family financially, you buy health and life insurance. To protect your home, you get homeowner’s insurance, a security alarm, or perhaps a large dog. To protect your jewelry, you hide it in a safe place or buy insurance in case you need to replace it. To protect your money, you invest it, perhaps in a bank that offers FDIC coverage.

Social Security is much the same: We value the people we serve, our employees who work hard to provide world-class customer service, and the integrity of our programs. We protect these by using many tools to identify, prevent and stop fraud, and we seek the maximum punishment for those who commit it.

The tools we use help us predict where

fraud may occur, and, by monitoring cases closely, we identify fraud sooner rather than later. We also have stiff penalties that discourage people from committing fraud.

Social Security has a zero tolerance policy for fraud. While we cannot prevent every instance of fraud any more than law enforcement can prevent all crime, we aggressively investigate and pursue prosecution of those who try to cheat the system. Our message to those who would defraud Social Security is clear: We will find you, we will prosecute you, we will seek the maximum punishment allowable under the law, and we will fight to restore to the American public the money you’ve stolen.

Social Security takes fraud seriously, and so should you. If you suspect someone is committing Social Security fraud, report it online at <http://oig.ssa.gov/report> or call the Social Security Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271.

## Alcoholism & Substance Abuse Counselor Exam

The St. John’s Riverside Hospital’s Behavioral Health Services Department offers a 350-hour Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services-accredited course, which trains health care professionals to be academically eligible for the New York State Credentialed Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Counselor exam.

All faculty members are experienced pro-

fessionals in the field of chemical dependency.

The two-semester program allows for student admissions in the fall and spring semesters, and enrollment for January classes is open.

Classes are held at St. John’s Riverside Hospital, ParkCare Pavilion, 2 Park Ave., Yonkers. For more information or to register, contact Dr. Don Gasparini at [dgasparini@riversidehealth.org](mailto:dgasparini@riversidehealth.org) or 914-964-7972.

## Health Dept. Expands Clinic Hours & Services

Westchester County Health Department clinics will offer new, convenient hours in the New Year, to serve more clients at popular times.

“The new schedule is an example of how Westchester County government is being more responsive to the needs of residents,” said County Executive Robert Astorino.

The health department analyzed clinic usage, tracked the time patients spend waiting and adjusted staffing and hours to better meet the needs of residents. As always, no one will be turned away from any health department clinics for inability to pay.

New in 2015, uninsured residents who need a TB skin test to start a new job or enter college or graduate school can schedule an appointment at the health department clinics in White Plains or Yonkers.

“We often receive calls from residents who need the test to begin a new career or a course of study, so we are adding this service for residents,” said Dr. Sherlita Amler, commissioner of health. “By doing so, we hope to reduce barriers to higher education and identify residents who could benefit from preventive treatment.”

Residents can walk in with no appointment for sexually-transmitted disease and HIV testing in Yonkers on Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and in White Plains on Wednesdays, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Starting in December, the clinics began offering rapid hepatitis

C testing to residents born between 1945 and 1965, because more than 75 percent of infected adults are baby boomers – as well as to those with other risk factors. People who test positive receive follow up confirmatory testing and are connected to medical providers for treatment.

The clinics also offer rapid HIV tests, and tests for chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV, syphilis and trichomoniasis.

Also starting in January, the health department will extend the hours of its by-appointment immunization clinics. At these clinics, children up to age 19 who are uninsured or who lack a primary care provider routinely receive vaccines and through the health department’s navigators, are linked to health insurance and are referred to primary care providers.

Immunization clinics also offer some immunizations for adults and college students.

By-appointment tuberculosis clinics also have new hours, based on clinic usage. In White Plains, testing and treatment will be available on the first Thursday of every month from 1 to 4 p.m., and on the second, third and fourth Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

In Yonkers, the same services will be available Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more health information, “like” the department on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/wchealthdept](http://www.facebook.com/wchealthdept), follow it on Twitter @wchealthdept or visit [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health), where the clinic schedule is posted.



# Can Can Sale Begins At ShopRite Supermarkets



ShopRite’s famous annual “Can Can Sale,” now in its 44th year, began Sunday, Jan. 4 and will run through Saturday, Jan. 24.

The sale continues to have a loyal and devoted following among ShopRite customers who eagerly await this annual event. Originally intended to focus solely on ShopRite Private Label products, today, many national brands are in-

cluded in the Can Can Sale, as well. In fact, the sale proved so popular that in 2002, ShopRite introduced an annual summer Can Can Sale.

Although there are no sales figures available from the early days of ShopRite’s Can Can Sale, the company estimates it has sold more than 3 billion cans since the sale’s introduction in 1971.

## VA Info. Fair is Jan. 10

The Department of Veterans Affairs Hudson Valley Health Care System will host an information fair Jan. 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its community-based outpatient clinic in Poughkeepsie.

Employees from VA Hudson Valley will offer services like registering for VA health care, taking pictures for the identification card for registered veterans, blood pressure checks and flu shots. In addition, representatives will be on hand from the Women’s Veterans Program, My-

HealtheVet Internet-based service, a telehealth program, medical foster home, caregiver program and other services to offer assistance.

Veterans are asked to bring a copy of Defense Department Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, with them to expedite services.

The clinic is located at 488 Freedom Plains Road, Poughkeepsie. For more information, call VA Hudson Valley Outreach Coordinator Nicole Embry at 914-737-4400, ext. 3106.

# Westchester Welcomes Baby New Year 2015



Florinda Miranda and Filadelpho Lopez with baby Jennifer Lopez.

A sweet little “J Lo” was the first baby born in Westchester County in 2015, making her New Year’s Day appearance at 12:27 a.m. at Phelps Memorial Hospital Center. Little Jennifer Lopez, weighing in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces,

and measuring 18.25 inches long, was born to Florinda Miranda and Filadelpho Lopez of Mamaroneck. The proud parents put a crown on their new princess and smiled happily for photographers!



Former Gov. Mario Cuomo in a thoughtful exchange with Congresswoman Nita Lowey.

## Yonkers Remembers

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to the 1970s when they both lived in Queens.

“Mario and Matilda Cuomo and their five children were our neighbors in Holliswood, Queens,” she said. “Mario’s parents, Andrea and Immaculata, lived around the corner. When Mario, an attorney and law professor who gained prominence by successfully mediating thorny housing disputes in Corona and Forest Hills, first ran for lieutenant governor of New York in 1974, Steve and I promptly jumped into his campaign.

“He lost. But Gov. Hugh Carey, recognizing Mario’s extraordinary talents, appointed him as secretary of state,” continued Lowey. “His parents famously asked: ‘Mario – you’re a lawyer and a teacher...how come you took a job as a secretary?’

“My first job in public service was in 1975 as an assistant to Mario Cuomo, working as a community relations officer in the New York metropolitan region,” she added. “I worked closely with Mario, as he took charge of New York’s anti-poverty programs following their devolution by the federal government through block grants to the states. He pursued housing, education, health, community development and senior citizen initiatives, among others.

“He was indefatigable and inspirational. A profound thinker and eloquent speaker, (it’s) no wonder that he was elected lieutenant governor in 1978 and then governor three times... Nobody articulated the ideals and values of public service better than Mario Cuomo. He aptly captured the essence of his brilliant career: ‘You campaign in poetry, but govern in prose.’

“During an event in 1984, when I was a New York State assistant secretary of state and Mario Cuomo was governor, Mario told me, ‘Now listen to me and you’ll be OK,’” recalled Lowey. “I listened, I learned, and I am doing OK.

“I was honored when Gov. Cuomo spoke on my behalf at a ceremony celebrating my election to Congress in 1988. As we mourn his loss, I am confident that Mario Cuomo’s legacy will continue and endure with the re-election of Gov. Andrew Cuomo.”

Congressman Sean Patrick Maloney’s comments on Mario Cuomo’s passing point to another generation of New Yorkers influenced by his message.

“With the passing of Mario Cuomo, New

York has lost one of its greatest leaders – one that I was proud to call a mentor and a friend,” said Maloney. “As a 17-year-old kid, I found myself watching the Democratic National Convention in July of 1984, when Mario Cuomo delivered his ‘Tale of Two Cities’ speech. For kids like me, whose folks were middle-class Catholics, Mario Cuomo was like a trumpet sounding for the values of faith, hard work, family and inclusion – values we believed in and depended on.

“Later, as a young lawyer at Willkie Farr and Gallagher, I had the extraordinary good luck of occupying the office next to his when he joined the firm in 1995. He spent hours with me, sitting across the desk in his corner office or over lunch. Once, after the 1996 presidential election, he asked me what I thought of it. I said, ‘We won.’ He then asked, ‘What have we won?’ It’s a follow-up question I’ve never forgotten, and one I ask myself frequently.

“The answer, he taught me: ‘We’ve won a grant of time, a short opportunity to do some good,’” recalled Maloney. “That was Mario Cuomo. His example and big-heartedness continue to inspire me, as well as countless other New Yorkers.”

Former Yonkers City Council President Chuck Lesnick also worked under former Gov. Cuomo.

“The Family of New York suffered a great loss on New Year’s Day with the passing of former Gov. Mario Cuomo,” he said. “He was a voice of compassion, reason and community spirit at a time when ‘greed was good’ in so many other places in this country.

“Serving as his regional representative for Westchester, Rockland and Putnam was my first job out of law school in 1985 and he challenged us constantly to work harder to improve the lives of the people who need government the most. He set a high ethical and intellectual bar. He actually listened to our thoughts and perspectives, challenged them with appropriate Socratic dialogue, and embraced good ideas regardless of from where in the hierarchy they came.

“He recruited a loyal team of hard workers, many of whom are my good friends to this day and some of whom still work in government,” said Lesnick. “We were attracted to government because the governor made each of us feel special and he recognized public service as a calling to something larger than all of us.

“In his 1984 speech at the Democratic Convention in San Francisco, he stated: ‘We



Mario Cuomo, right, with former Yonkers City Council President Chuck Lesnick.

believe in only the government we need, but we insist on all the government we need...a government that is characterized by fairness and reasonableness...a government strong enough to use words like ‘love’ and ‘compassion’ and smart enough to convert our noblest aspirations into practical realities.

“My last conversation with the ‘Guv’ was in August after the funeral of his friend and counsel Fabian Palamino at the same St. Ignatius Loyola Church where thousands will honor him on Tuesday, when he told me there ought to be a word stronger than ‘friend’ to express his relationship with his friend, mentor and colleague whom he had just lost. This week, many of us wish we had that word, as we feel that we have lost a great teacher and mentor.

“They don’t make many leaders like him anymore,” said Lesnick. “Our heart goes out to his family. May his name be a blessing.”

Former Yonkers Democratic Chairwoman Ann Muro fondly recalled her two meetings with Mario Cuomo.

“As former Yonkers Democratic Party chairwoman, I had the opportunity to meet many dignitaries and elected officials,” she said. “However, it was my meeting with Gov. Mario Cuomo that was most memorable.

“While attending a function at a Long Island country club, I spoke with the governor and told him I thought he was an ‘oratorical genius...a Democratic Cicero...’ He thanked me and as the conversation continued, we spoke about the ideological differences of the two major parties as well as the differences that may even occur within the same party.

“The perception was that many Yonkers Democrats were more ideologically conservative than Scarsdale or Greenburgh Democrats (a term I refer to today as ‘Republicrats’),” said Muro. “I told the governor that my brother, while teaching a class at Columbia on argumentation and debating technique, referred to the governor’s style as ‘Barrister Ballistics.’ The governor replied, ‘I like that one.’

“It was at the Rye Town Hilton that the governor asked me what I thought about being the first woman to become chairwoman of either party in a large city like Yonkers. I quickly responded, ‘What do you think of it, governor?’ He pointed his finger at me and just said, ‘commendable...’

“I also attended a program at SUNY Purchase when the governor was the guest speaker for the UJA, and spoke to the audience about the Jewish community and ‘SEDACHA’ giv-

ing charity,” said Muro. “Needless to say, the applause was nonstop.”

Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino also commented on Mario Cuomo’s passing.

“I join with all New Yorkers in mourning the loss of former Gov. Mario Cuomo,” said Astorino. “He will forever be remembered for his love of our great state, his immense talent as a gifted orator and as the proud son of Italian immigrants. He was a man of integrity and faith who worked every day to improve the lives of all New Yorkers. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Cuomo family during this difficult time.”

Mario Cuomo’s political connections to Westchester are interesting. In 1986, Cuomo ran for re-election against then-Westchester County Executive Andy O’Rourke, cruising to a huge 65-32 percent victory.

In 1994, Cuomo desired a fourth term as governor, and once again faced off against a Westchester opponent, State Sen. George Pataki. With the death penalty as one of the key issues in the race, Cuomo lost to Pataki 49-46 percent, with Pataki getting 6 percent on the Conservative Party line, and Cuomo losing Westchester County to Pataki that year.

“Gov. Mario Cuomo was a true statesman,” said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. “Like so many New Yorkers, he came from humble beginnings and rose to become one of the country’s greatest governors. He was a man of large intellect, deep conviction and an inspiration to so many...”

“As a young legislator in Albany, I learned a great deal from Mario Cuomo, and I thank him for his service to New York. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Cuomo family.”

There was way too much speculation on why Mario Cuomo didn’t run for president. I think, in his heart, he simply didn’t want to run. Nor did he want to sit on the U.S. Supreme Court, when offered.

Gov. Mario Cuomo was a New Yorker through and through. This is where he loved to live, loved to serve the people of New York, and where he died.

Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said it best: “He never swayed with the political winds – whether on the death penalty or any other issue – and he earned a spot alongside Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Evans Hughes, Al Smith and Franklin Roosevelt in the pantheon of New York’s great progressive governors.”





From left are: the Hon. Bruce Tolbert, associate justice of the Appellate Term in the Ninth and 10th Districts; the Hon. Lawrence Ecker, justice of the Supreme Court, Ninth District; the Hon. Mary Anne Scattaretico-Naber, Yonkers City Court judge and acting Westchester County Family Court judge; the Hon. Janet Malone, Westchester County Family Court judge and acting justice of the Supreme Court, Ninth District; the Hon. Evan Inlaw, Yonkers City Court judge; the Hon. Arthur Doran, Yonkers City Court judge; the Hon. Mary Smith, justice of the Supreme Court, Ninth District; the Hon. Michael Martinelli, Yonkers City Court chief judge; the Hon. Thomas Daley, Yonkers City Court judge; and the Hon. Jo Ann Friia, White Plains City Court judge and president of the New York State Association of City Court Judges.



Judge Evan Inlaw in the Yonkers Ceremonial Courtroom at City Hall. Photos by Donna Davis.

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Chief Judge Michael Martinelli giving remarks. Also in attendance were Assemblywoman Shelly Mayer, Yonkers Deputy Mayors Sue Gerry and Steve Levy, and Yonkers City Council Minority Leader Michael Saba-

tino.

Inlaw's three children – Win, Summer and William – recited the Pledge of Allegiance with their mother, Tanika. William held the Bible during the oath of office, which was administered by Judge Bruce Tolbert.

Tolbert was the last African-American judge in Yonkers and was sworn in 30 years ago last week.

## Open Registration Begins For Winter Rec. Programs

The city's Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation has opened registration for residents and non-residents of all ages to 2015 winter community recreation programs via the department's website at [www.yonkersny.gov/parks](http://www.yonkersny.gov/parks).

"There's something for everyone to do in Yonkers during each season, including winter," said Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano. "While it may be cold outside, our Parks Department has great programs to keep you and your family active all season long."

The winter line-up includes various programs and sports for children through adults. Pre-kindergarten recreation includes "Time with Me" classes for parents and children to experience together, pre-ballet for pre-kindergarten and "Little Learners Pre-K." A variety of youth and teen recreation programs include babysitting courses, theatre for kids, baton and cheerleading, and several music-related programs.

Ice skating at Yonkers' E.J. Murray Skat-

ing Center is available to all city residents. The rink, located at 348 Tuckahoe Road, offers daily public skating sessions, adult and youth hockey, speed skating and lessons for all ages. The center is also available to host birthday parties and special events.

Winter aquatic programs allow for Yonkers residents to swim year-round. Swim programs include children, teen and adult learn-to-swim classes; recreational open swim; evening lap swim; as well as aquatic exercise classes.

Senior citizen recreation this season includes access to all senior centers, and specialist programs including free recreation classes in arts and crafts, and fitness. Programs for the people with disabilities, age 5 to senior citizen, include bowling, yoga, pet and music therapy, and storytelling.

The complete brochure may be viewed on the City of Yonkers website at [www.yonkersny.gov/parks](http://www.yonkersny.gov/parks). For more information, call Yonkers Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation at 914-377-6450.

## Calabria Mia Ristorante Opens in Yonkers



Chef Michele Martelli in the kitchen. Photos by Donna Davis.

Mayor Mike Spano, City Council President Liam McLaughlin and Assembly member Shelley Mayer celebrated the opening of Calabria Mia Ristorante on Central Park Avenue in Yonkers last week with a ribbon cutting ceremony and kickoff.

Co-Owner Giuseppe Chirello came to the U.S. 22 years ago from Calabria and hails from the province of Vibo Valentia. He opened a barbershop on Yonkers Avenue that has expanded into a unisex hair salon.

Chirello is a single father raising two



Mayor Mike Spano, City Council President Liam McLaughlin and Assembly member Shelley Mayer join staff for the ribbon cutting at Calabria Mia Ristorante.

teenage boys, Martell and Alexander, who did a great job on opening night seating guests and busing tables.

Co-Owner and Chef Michele Martelli hails from the province of Reggio in Calabria, Italy, and came to the U.S. 20 years ago. He

has three children and two grandchildren.

Located at 2150 Central Park Ave., at the former Reggia Morelli Restaurant, Calabria Mia Ristorante is currently open for business. Call 914-222-9555 for reservations or for more information.

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## Yonkers On the Move Challenge Tops 9,000 Miles



Mayor Mike Spano congratulates the participants of the 2014 Yonkers on the Move WALK 20 Challenge for walking a combined 9,000 miles through the neighborhoods of Yonkers.

## ‘The Addams Family’ Musical Is Anything But Scary



Little Radical Theatrics and Executive Director Fatima Viegas is presenting the Westchester regional premiere of the hit Broadway musical “The Addams Family.” This will be the first area production of the brand-new version of this commercial and critically acclaimed new musical.

The production is led by LRT Artistic Director Michael Mirra, whose previous directorial credits include the New York regional premiere of “Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson” and the Westchester regional premieres of “Smile” and Andrew Lippa’s “The Wild Party.”

Musical direction is by Steve Loftus and choreography is by returning LRT choreographer Rosalie Burke.

The creepy and kooky Addams clan comes to devilishly delightful life in this production. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with Lucas, a young man from a respectable family and a man her parents have never met. And if that wasn’t upsetting enough, Wednesday confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother.

Now, Gomez Addams must do something he’s never done before – keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia.

Wednesday invites Lucas and his parents for dinner and pleads with her family for “one normal

night.” Meanwhile, the Addams ancestors – awakened from the dead – are unable to return to the crypt until true love triumphs.

Gomez, Morticia, Pugsley, Fester, Grandma and Lurch will entertain as only the Addams Family can, with their own kind of “normalcy.” When these two families meet, what follows is strange and, yes, sweet!

“The Addams Family” stars John Anthony Lopez as Gomez, Jennifer Silverman as Morticia, John Hartigan as Fester, Ashley Wool as Wednesday, Betsy Silverman-Hochhauser as Grandma, Drew Mollo as Lurch, Lior Shaham as Pugsley, Justin Santore as Lucas Beineke, Christopher Manatakis as Mal Beineke and Stephanie Lourenco as Alice Beineke.

The ensemble features Thomas Losito, Bryelle Burgus, Joshua Judin, Catherine Saraceno, Bobby Allan, Taylor Lane Ross, Nadav Schreiber, Jessica Schulman, Jasmin Malave and Marni O’Shea.

“The Addams Family” will be presented Jan. 16 and 17 at 8 p.m., and Jan. 18 at 2 and 7:30 p.m. (snow dates are Jan. 23 and 24) at The Grinton I Will Library, 1500 Central Ave., Yonkers.

Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$18 for students/seniors/kids, and \$15 for groups of 10 or more to one performance.

The final 2014 city-wide mileage for the Yonkers On the Move WALK 20 Challenge totaled 9,002, announced Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano last week.

He presented certificates to those who completed Challenge 2 and 3, during a Nov. 18 recognition event at City Hall, which was also attended by Yonkers Parks and Recreation Commissioner Yvette Hartsfield. The total of 9,002 miles greatly surpasses the 3,500 target set in April at the challenge kickoff, and the collective 2,600 mile total of last year.

Spano thanked and congratulated the YOM community-based leadership committee for “getting our residents outside and exercising.”

YOM Chairperson Brunilda Fernandez noted that the mission of the Yonkers On the Move initiative is to promote and provide resources to encourage regular exercise using walking as the core activity. The Yonkers WALK 20 Challenge consists of three combined walk challenges from April through Nov. 1, in which everyone who resides, works or walks in Yonkers can have some fun and take part.

The YOM initiative is intergenerational, at no cost and is designed to foster health and active lifestyle goals.

The Yonkers WALK 20 Challenge concept

is simple: The land area of Yonkers is approximately 20 square miles, and YOM asks those walking to complete a total of 20 miles or more during a challenge period, and to tell YOM about it on the YOM Mile Card or on-line at [www.walkyom.org](http://www.walkyom.org).

Challenge Two also encourages individuals to form and compile team miles. The Yonkers Will Library “Bookmasters” team contributed 1,176 miles and topped the 2014 team list.

In Challenge Three, to keep things interesting, those doing other aerobic-friendly activities like running, tennis, exercise dance, etc., can contribute their miles, as well.

YOM also creates themed events called “Discover Your Neighborhood Walks” that combine walking with a short tour highlighting historic Yonkers buildings, gardens, churches and events, such as the Yonkers Marathon.

The Yonkers On the Move Committee will soon be meeting to prepare for its 2015 walk calendar. For updated information ,visit [www.walkyom.org](http://www.walkyom.org).

YOM is sponsored by Community for All Ages, United Way of Westchester and Putnam, Saint Joseph’s Medical Center and Community Planning Council Yonkers, and 55 Plus Yonkers Connections.

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