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**Something's Brewing in Yonkers: Yonkers Lager Returns to City**

By Dan Murphy

A 155-year-old tradition of brewing beer in Yonkers will return to the city Saturday, when the Yonkers Brewing Company opens its doors at 92 Main St., in the downtown waterfront area. The original Yonkers Brewery first opened in 1856, and the latest version in the brainchild of two Yonkers natives — John Rubbo and Nick Califano.

Rubbo and Califano began to toy with the idea of brewing their own beer five years ago, and assistance from friends in the brewing industry helped the two men to develop a recipe using a special strain of yeast.

The beer is being bottled in three varieties: "Yonkers Pale Ale," "Yonkers IPA," and "Yonkers Amber." The brewery will open at 10 a.m. on Saturday, and both are expected to be available at local stores.

**Yonkers Fire Department**

**Yonkers Police Department**

**Commemorate MLK Day by Participating in Volunteer Projects**

Volunteer New York! has teamed up with United Ways in Westchester, Putnam and Rockland to offer more than 30 service opportunities in honor of the 2015 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service.

"Volunteering is such a great way to honor Dr. King’s legacy," said Alana Sweeny, United Way of Westchester and Putnam president and CEO. "We are delighted to join with Volunteer New York and the City of Yonkers to provide opportunities that will take place from Jan. 17 to 18 to impact and support local causes, such as arts and culture, children and youth education, civic and community, environment, family services, health and wellness, hunger and homelessness, and senior services.

"Yonkers Police Officers Leslie Hand of the Traffic Division/motorcycle Unit and Stuart Barksdale of the Fourth Precinct were working a traffic post in the area of McLean Avenue last week when they were joined by their friends and family for the 24 New Firefighters probationary firefighters graduation ceremony at the Yonkers Riverfront Library, where Mayor Mike Spano and Fire Commission John Baldwin, whose Big Indie Pictures is located in the Downtown Waterfront District. The film was co-produced by Yonkers’ own Declan Baldwin, whose Big Indie Pictures is located in the Downtown Waterfront District. The film was co-produced by Yonkers’ own Declan Baldwin, whose Big Indie Pictures is located in the Downtown Waterfront District.

"Thank you to all 2015 MLK Day volunteers," said Alana Sweeny, United Way of Westchester and Putnam president and CEO. "You are setting these children up for future success."
Yonkers Montessori Academy recently held its Coaches vs. Cancer Tournament, in which eight high school girls’ teams participated, with Hamilton winning its game before a home crowd. The scores were: Palisade Prep 45, Green Meadow 25, Lincoln 44, Riverside 23, Henry Van Arsdell 49, Early College 36; and Yonkers Montessori 38, Rye Brook 14.

On Jan. 9, Palisade Preparatory School beat Yonkers Montessori Academy 56-32. Palisade Prep was led by senior Mikel Hodge’s 19 points and seven rebounds; Justin Daoud and Terrance Meadow 25; Lincoln 44, Riverside 23; Harry The Yonkers Montessori Academy girls’ varsity basketball team with Coach Charles Martinez.

On Jan. 13, Palisade Prep lost to Alexander Hamilton 50-47. Hamilton’s 3-D was won by Hamilton, who got 19 points from senior Eli Sierra. The Phoenix were led by Mikel Hodge’s 14 points and Dwight Allen’s 13 points.

The home team, Palisade Prep, held two early leads of 9 points, but both times the Hamilton boys battled back. The Phoenix were up 5 at halftime, but tied after the third quarter: Palisade Prep had a chance opportunity to tie the game in the last minute and at the buzzer, but was unsuccessful.

The YMA boys varsity basketball team defeated Somerston Schottler 50-40. A close game throughout, Brandon Morgan came off the bench in the fourth quarter and scored 13 points. Morgan had a game-high and career-best 17 points to lead the YMA Eagles to the Upper State victory.

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Yonkers Store, Alumnus, Succeeds With ‘Made in USA’ Clothing

By Dan Murphy
While walking along Main Street in downtown Yonkers, I noticed a store with a “Made in the USA” sign. Alumnus, located at 37 Main St., sells casual clothing to its young and hip clientele.

I visited the store with Yonkers resident and “Bring Our Jobs Home” founder Frank Spotorno.

Alumnus has all its clothing – T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts and sweatpants – made in a Pennsylvania factory, with all cotton coming from the USA. The cost of clothing at Alumnus ranges from $75 for high-quality sweatshirts, to $150 for a top-and-bottom matching set. The quality excels any of their cheaper competition, and here’s the greatest part: Younger buyers are willing to spend more for Alumnus products, with sales so far exceeding their expectations.

“This is exactly the type of business we need to support and promote, and that’s why I created the ‘Bring Our Jobs Home’ website and campaigns,” said Spotorno. “Many people from this hometown of Yonkers told me the issue of bringing our jobs home is not a local issue, and cannot be changed by running for mayor or City Council member, or any resident of Yonkers, can and should highlight our local businesses that are supporting efforts to employ Americans, like Alumnus,” he continued. “It also shows us that the American dream of businesses, innovation and entrepreneurship is still alive.”

Spotorno’s visit to Alumnus can be seen at www.bringourjobs.com.

The owners of Alumnus are still in the process of preparing for a grand opening, in which the city will join in celebrating, but we wanted to highlight their quick success as an other positive story for Yonkers – and proof that you can make it in the USA and still be profitable.

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Yonkers Rising Visits Kiwanis Club of East Yonkers

Yonkers Rising Editor Dan Murphy had the pleasure of representing the newspaper at the guest speaker for the East Yonkers Kiwanis Club at its recent meeting at Lucano’s Restaurant on Central Park Avenue.

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By Dennis Richmond Jr.

Dennis Richmond Jr. is a 19-year-old African diaspora studies major with a minor in mass communications matriculating at South Carolina State University. Richmond, a native of Yonkers, has been a tennis player since the age of four. He has competed at the national and international levels, having won numerous titles and championships. Richmond is a member of the Yonkers Tennis Center (YTC) and has been selected as the first "Youth Tennis Provider of the Year." As one of his mentors, Professor Patricia Kohler of South Carolina State University, says: "Richmond is a driven individual with a strong passion for tennis and education. He is an inspiration to many in our community." Richmond hopes to continue his tennis career and pursue an education in business or law. He plans to use his platform to inspire others to pursue their dreams and to give back to the community that has supported him along the way.
Progressive Computing CEO: Data Recovery in Times of Crisis

From left are Stephen Bedosky, CPCU, vice president of the executive liability department at Mahopac Bank, and Robert Cioffi, CEO of Progressive Computing, Inc., at the recent “When Disaster Strikes is Your Business Ready” breakfast held by The Business Council of Westchester. Bedosky moderated the panel discussion, which focused on crisis management in a digital age. The seminar was part of the Business Council’s ongoing series to educate members and the business community of Westchester and was sponsored by the Mahopac Bank.

In the center of the room, a table was held at the Corner Plaza in White Plains, invited guests to be a part of a discussion on how to anticipate potential crises and what business owners should be prepared to do in an unexpected crisis should occur. Some discussion topics included budgeting for the unexpected, managing recovery plans and the importance of data security.

The expert panel was moderated by John Rivetti of The Business Council of Westchester and consisted of Robert Cioffi of Progressive Computing, Spencer Barback of Citrin Cooperman, Stephen Bedosky of York International Agency LLC, John McKeon of Data Recovery in Times of Crisis and Andi Stewart, executive director of the Westchester County Bar Association’s Legal Aid Society.

The event, which was held at the Crown Plaza in White Plains, attracted nearly 120 attendees. “We are pleased with the attendance and we saw a variety of industries represented,” Rivetti said.

Rivetti said that the goal of the event was to bring together business owners and professionals in the area to help them understand the types of crises they could face and what they should be prepared to do if an unexpected crisis should occur.

There are plenty of pets available for adoption at Yonkers Animal Shelter. Buddy is a volunteer favorite. He’s about 2 ½ years old and weighs 55 to 60 pounds. He’s a beautiful shade of light brown brindle with a white chest. He doesn’t need to be hyper, but he is active and would do well in a home that has a yard for exercise…and some adult supervision.

Buddy loves to run and chase a ball, and he also loves some basic commands. He already knows “sit” and “high five.” He has been recently neutered, so Buddy can pack his bags and leave. Visit Buddy at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, 1000 Ridge Hill Blvd., between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, call 914-949-6730 during business hours or 914-275-1215 at any time, or email kslasik47@gmail.com.

With the arrival of cold winter weather, Westchester residents can expect to see cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and snowboarding.

The Long Path, which runs from Bear Mountain to South Mountain, is one of the most popular trails in the region. It is open to the public year-round, and there are numerous access points along the way. The trail is about 74 miles long and offers beautiful views of the Hudson Valley.

Sen. Steward-Cousins Outlines Priorities for 2015 Session

State Sen. Andrea Stewart-Cousins took the oath of office Wednesday with her children by her side, continuing her historic leadership role in New York’s first female state Senate minority leader.

In her opening remarks delivered on the Senate Floor, Stewart-Cousins thanked her colleagues for re-electing her and her Democratic colleagues for continuing their support. She said that it was an honor to serve as Senate minority leader.

Stewart-Cousins outlined her legislative priorities in 2015, including criminal justice reforms and police protections, increasing the minimum wage and passing the Women’s Equality Act to provide equal pay and personal protections including reproductive health care.

“Finally, let’s make sure we use the success of Westchester County to bring other states to our level,” she said. “Because I believe that it’s the right thing to do and it’s the right thing for New York.”

Community Council Meets

The Third Precinct Community Council will meet Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Chemu Community Center, 435 Riverdale Ave.

Typical-quality-of-life concerns will be discussed, and merchants and residents of southwest Yonkers are urged to attend this important meeting.

For more information, contact Council President Bob Stauf at 914-476-2284 or Capt. Butler of the Third Precinct at 914-377-7427.

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The comprehensive “Rebuild NY Now” campaign to raise public awareness about New York State’s infrastructure needs includes a five-year, state-wide tour stop in Westchester County last week, with a press conference with Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano and other local elected officials, members of organized labor, the New York State Department of Transportation, and businesses.

This diverse coalition stood together on the Ludlow Street vehicular overpass bridge, which clearly needs work, to highlight the state of disrepair of New York State’s infrastructure and call for a renewed commitment to infrastructure investment and economic growth.

This latest stop on a state-wide tour comes on the heels of events in Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Albany and Rebuild NY Now’s release of its second of three regional television spots and 60-second radio spots as part of an overall major infrastructure campaign. In addition, highly targeted digital advertising plans that include social, mobile and video ads, which will run state-wide and highlight New York’s infrastructure crisis.

There is a widespread agreement that New York needs to invest in its infrastructure if we’re to remain competitive and create jobs, said Mike Elmendorf, president and CEO of Rebuild NY Now. “This is especially true in Westchester County and Yonkers, which has seen its infrastructure decline over decades. Investors in infrastructure projects right here in Yonkers will not only create jobs and save New Yorkers money, but also improve the safety and wellbeing of New York families. We believe our local and state leaders have a moral obligation to fix infrastructure that is in a state of disrepair.”

“Economic activity in Yonkers and across Westchester’s local and state elected leaders, I am still inadequate, both from a business and individual perspective,” said Mayer.

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**Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

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**MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF YONKERS**

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**SUMMARY OF THE MATTERS TO BE SOLD AT THE TAX SALE ON JANUARY 22, 2015**

**1.27.2015 – 2.6.2015**
Yonkers PAL Holding Super Bowl Raffle

The Yankees Police Athletic League is once again raffling off two tickets to the Super Bowl XLVII, which will be held Feb. 1 in Glendale, Ariz. Tickets are $100 each, with only 400 tickets being sold. The winner will receive the two Super Bowl tickets, round-trip airfare, four nights in a hotel, car rental, transportation to and from the airport and free entrance into the Yankees 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 Wallace Faber, who played for the New York Giants.

Purchase tickets by calling the PAL at 914-377-7107 or by calling Vic Federico at 914-377-0811.

Free Flu Vaccine Clinics

With flu season in full swing, the Westchester County Health Department is offering residents the opportunity to get flu shots does this month, along with vaccines to protect against other diseases at its Yonkers and White Plains clinics.

“Getting vaccinated is a great way to keep a New Year’s resolution to live healthier,” said County Executive Rob Astorino.

Clinics will be held Jan. 21 at 3 S.Broadway, on the second floor; call 914-231-2900. Jan. 16 and 30 at 134 Crest St.; call 914-995-8500. Call now for your appointment; supplies are limited.

The health department clinics will offer free flu vaccines to residents ages 15 and older and free human papillomavirus and meningococcal vaccine for college students.

Residents who are uninsured or whose insurance doesn’t cover vaccines also may receive the flu vaccine for free if they have not had a flu vaccine in the past six months through the Yonkers Department of Health.

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“I wouldn’t buy a home that had that type of dysfunction.”
Juan Faneytt Jr., Servando Rodriguez, Michael Urban, John Baldini II, Matthew Murphy and Steven Roche. Yonkers Firefighter Nikolaus Ardan was also promoted to lieutenant at the ceremony. Many members of YDF attended the graduation wearing red T-shirts, and called on the city to provide them with a new contract, as discussions continue between the city and the fire department unions. More on this story next week.

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Mobster Dutch Schultz secretly ran beer through the city’s underground pipes in the 1920s.

Since they had a beer that won the approval of friends and fellow beer drinkers, Rubbo and Califano began to learn the lucrative business of selling craft beer in the U.S. and attempted to model their business on the successes of Sam Adams and the Brooklyn Brewery. Instead of building a physical plant and brewery first, the two decided to focus on the quality of their brew, and then attempted to sell their product – and get into supermarkets and pubs in the metropolitan region.

For the past three years, Yonkers Lager – the raw affection for beer – has been brewed in a Connecticut location. Rubbo and Califano have successfully sold their brew, which is now available in more than 200 locations in Yonkers, at Stew Leonard’s and Empire City Casino, and beyond.

Over the past four months the Yonkers Brewing Co. team has been working to set up their brewery and create a gathering place for commuters, residents and beer lovers. Located in the former Yonkers Trolley Barn, this historic property harkens a historic tradition of brewing beer in Yonkers.

While most people in Yonkers, liked the concept of a Yonkers brew, and a brewery in the city, many thought it was a daunting challenge.

The reason for its success can be found in the spirit, drive and business acumen of Rubbo and Califano, who left their prior positions (Rubbo in Yonkers City Hall and Califano at General Electric) to make a go of it on their own.

They also created a detailed business plan through learning about the marketplace; analyzing sales statistics, current trends and structures of craft breweries across the United States; and speaking with local business professionals. This research and passion built the foundation for the business, and led to innovative ideas. Such as, through extensive reuse and recycling programs, they are able to divert waste to better use, and using a high-quality used grain allows for the feeding of livestock in the Hudson Valley region.

“We want the brewery environment and culture to reflect how we see our hometown, as a place where the community can come together in a lively environment to celebrate what this city has to offer – culture, entertainment, sports and now good beer,” said Rubbo.

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