Sponsos Seeks $900K in Unpaid Real Estate Transfer Taxes

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Mayor Mike Spano recently announced that his administration is pursuing approximately $900,000 in unpaid real estate transfer taxes from 123 Yonkers property owners.

"It has come to the attention of the administration, that, once again, there are individuals and businesses who believe they can bypass the system and avoid paying a tax that goes directly into our funding stream," said Spano. "Time has come for this to stop. I've called directly into our funding stream," said Spano.

The collection of these unpaid taxes and the payment of transfer fees, the Yonkers City Council also authorized the City Attorney to sendmand notices to owners, sellers and title agencies to date, for a collection total of $294,333.

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The City of Yonkers is filled with great traditions and people who have stopped for-

ward to make a difference. The story of the Enrico Fermi Scholarship Foundation, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, is one of the great Yon-

ters that Yonkers Rising will highlight in the weeks to come.

Each year, the Enrico Fermi Scholar-

ship Foundation awards college scholarships to ex-

clusive high school students from Yonkers, attending public or private high school, of Italian-American heritage. The scholarships are awarded at the fund's annual Enrico Fermi Breakfast. This year's scholarship breakfast will be held in May.

To date, close to 400 scholarships, total-

ing more than $200,000, have been awarded to help Yonkers students achieve higher edu-

cation. Each year at the scholarship breakfast, the

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27th Annual MLK Breakfast

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Martin Luther King Jr.

The Nuphen Community Center (NCC) will host its 27th annual Reverend Martin Lu-

ther King Jr. Breakfast on Monday, January 21 at 8:30 a.m.

The theme of this year's breakfast is "Keep-Ing the Dream Alive by Working to Close the

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MISS TESS & THE TALKBACKS

Urban H2O is a riverfront music venue located at the Beczak Environmental Education Center, located at 35 Alexander St. For more information or tickets to these and other Urban H2O events, call 914-420-5484 or visit UrbanH2O.org.

Miss Tess & the Talkbacks

Urban H2O’s resident roots music series kicks off in the 2013 season with the eclectic and imaginative Miss Tess on Saturday, January 19 at 7 p.m. Miss Tess & the Talkbacks are at Urban H2O as part of a tour supporting their newest album, “Drown Talk.” Inspired by styles of vintage surfing, blues, country and early rock-n-roll, Miss Tess draws comparisons to artists such as Patsy Cline, Willie Nelson, Peggy Lee, and Chuck Berry, but maintains a style all of her own. Miss Tess & the Talkbacks, joined by Scott Urgola, take the stage at 7 p.m. Tickets are $10 at the door and include free beer from Westchester’s award-winning Captain Lawrence Brewing Company.

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YPS Announces School Choice Process for 2013-2014 School Year

Yonkers Public Schools (YPS) has announced its School Choice Process for the upcoming 2013-2014 school year, taking place from Saturday, March 2 to Saturday, March 16.

School Choice Applications will be mailed on the week of February 25 for:

• Students registered/renewal for 2013-2014; and
• Current, out-of-school students in transition grades, including:
  - Kindergarten students, except for those at Palisades Preparatory School and Yonkers Montessori Academy; and
  - Sixth grade students at prekindergarten through grade 6 schools, except for those at Montessori Schools (7th and 8th).

YPS is committed to a School Choice Process that is open and equitable to everyone. Parents have an opportunity to submit a School Choice Application for any grade-appropriate Yonkers public school.

To assist families in making an informed decision, district schools are holding open houses during which guests may tour the school, speak with administrators, teachers and students and witness learning taking place within the school’s classrooms. Open house information has been mailed to families and is posted on the district’s Web site, YonkersPublicSchools.org. New students for September 2013 must register now. To register, parents should call the Information Center at 914-376-8050 to schedule an appointment.

Additional information regarding the School Choice Process, including online submission instructions, will be included in the School Choice Application mailing.

Editor’s Note: Yonkers Rising will print the School Choice Applications in the week of February 25.
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Yonkers Police Schools’ APPR
Approved by NYSED Commissioner
By Eric W. Schoen

Yonkers Police Schools has received approval from New York State Education Department (NYSED) Commissioner John B. King, Jr. to continue to participate in the APPR system.

Mayor Michael P. Spano announced on Monday, the state’s relaxed standards for evaluating schools, and the Yonkers Federation of Teachers (YFT) said its APPR system is working better.

As part of the Obama administration’s efforts to reduce gun violence, and as New York State Sen. Thomas D. Libous from Yonkers, the state’s leader in gun issues, said that the states are currently considering making it a crime to buy guns for out-of-state residents.

“Gun violence is a public health crisis, and if we don’t act now, the consequences will be dire,” Libous said.

The legislation would make it a crime to use a gun in the commission of any crime, or in the commission of a crime that results in death or serious physical injury.

As of the Vermont civil rights and human health for more than 20 years, this lawmaker has worked with bipartisan colleagues on gun control issues, including those in the New York State Senate, to ensure that laws are passed to protect the public.

In a statement released Monday, PID spokesperson Brian Farragher said, “This is a welcome step forward in our efforts to make our communities safer and to reduce gun violence.”

The statement also noted that the new legislation is a major step forward in addressing the crisis of gun violence.

The legislation, S.B. 20, is supported by a broad coalition of organizations, including the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the Law Enforcement Support Institute, and the National Rifle Association.

The bill, which passed the state Senate unanimously, was introduced by Sen. Libous and Sen. David Valesky, D-Queensbury.

Representatives of world religions and faith traditions will come together to recite universal prayers for peace and justice in the Ninth Annual Interreligious Prayer Service for Peace and Justice, to be held on Sunday, 27th at 2 p.m. at the Greek Orthodox Community Center of Yonkers.

This year’s service is being held in conjunction with the National Day of Prayer and Peace, which was established in 1990 by Congress to promote peace and nonviolence.
UNIQLO Announces New Stores at Palisades Center and Ridge Hill

UNIQLO, the global clothing retail chain, announced that it will continue in its U.S. expansion strategy by opening two new shopping center locations. The first store location is at Palisades Center, Ridgewood, New Jersey, and the second is at Ridge Hill, Yonkers, New York. Both stores are slated to open in April 2013.

"We are pleased to partner with both Palisades Center and Ridge Hill on this location," said UNIQLO USA CEO Tadashi Yanai. "After a successful launch last year at the Garden State Plaza, UNIQLO's prototype for its mall locations will roll out to shopping centers across the country. At shopping centers like the Ridge Hill and Palisades Center and Ridge Hill are the natural next step for us." UNIQLO plans to open 24,000 square foot units at UNIQLO Palisades Center and Ridge Hill. The center is the eighth largest mall in the U.S.

Money Available for Retail Businesses for New Hire Training

An Elected Committee, which manufactures and distributes the Equipment 4 Life training program to businesses across the United States, announced Wednesday March 13 that the Government and Workforce Pre-Apprenticeship/On-the-Job Training Program (OJT). The application is approved by the state and the funds are released to participating employers. This funding is for Unison Healthcare that will reimburse the company for up to $2000 in wages paid to employees.

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Democracy for Sale: A Case for Fair Elections in New York State

The Rockefeller Institute's Vote(ing) Right has announced that it will hold a symposium on campaign finance reform, "Democracy for Sale: A Case for Fair Elections in New York State." The symposium is intended to inform public policy on the issue of electoral finance reform.

Many public policy groups are energized by the recent Supreme Court decision and Yvonne Condon's interest in supporting public financing in New York State. A recent study found that 64 percent of New York residents support public financing for state elections.

The symposium will be held on Sunday, January 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Lumen Center at New York Law School, in its own words, "is a non-partisan educational and law institute". The symposium will cover a range of topics related to campaign finance reform, including litigation and advocacy to improve campaign finance disclosure. The symposium is co-hosted by the Brennan Center for Justice at New York Law School, New York Law School, and the Brennan Center for Justice.

The organizations represented at the symposium have a long history of advocating campaign finance reform. The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan organization that has advocated for campaign finance reform in several states, including Connecticut, and also at the national level.

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The symposium will feature a panel discussion on the current state of campaign finance reform, as well as a Q&A session with the panelists. The panelists will include experts from Common Cause, the Brennan Center for Justice, and the League of Women Voters.

The event will be free and open to the public. Please register in advance by visiting the event website.

Yonkers Rising Drop Locations

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Waterfront Bistro 1100 Main Street Yonkers

Beats & Bub 212 Westchester Avenue Yonkers

The Palladium 200 East River Road Yonkers

The Loft Dance & Fitness 92 North Broadway Yonkers

Waterfront Cafe 25 North Broadway Yonkers

Vito's Pizza 13 East 20th Street Yonkers

Wells Fargo 157 Progress Avenue Yonkers

The Pizza Place 92 Main Street Yonkers

Contrinos  Pizza 107 Lockwood Ave Yonkers

HSBC 16 South Broadway Yonkers

Social Security Administration 20 South Broadway Yonkers

Bank of America 20 South Broadway Yonkers

City Hall 40 South Broadway Yonkers

Argonaut Diner 1084 Yonkers Ave Yonkers

Raceway Diner 883 Yonkers Ave Yonkers

PJ’s Deli 875 Midland Ave Yonkers

Mont Olympus Diner 1 Fort Hill Ave Yonkers

Pathmark 2500 Central Ave Yonkers

Pathmark 1757 Central Ave Yonkers

Shop Rite 278 Tuckahoe Road Yonkers

Yonkers Riverfront Library 1 Larkin Center Yonkers

BOL Finds Gaps in Mental Health Reporting to Gun Licensing Agents

Members of the Westchester County Board of Legislators (BOL) discussed that troubling gaps exist in mental health reporting to gun licensing agents around the county and that there is a lack of guidance for gun licensing agents as to what constitutes a mental health condition.

The BOL has announced that it will hold a symposium on recognizing the positive work we are doing in the community. Everyone is invited to attend this important event.

The symposium will be held on Saturday, January 26 from 2 to 4 p.m in the Lumen Center (Main Hall) at Manhattan College, located at 550 Broadway in Dobbs Ferry. The event is free and open to the public.

Westchester Board of Legislators, in its own words, "is a non-partisan permanent investigative body." The board has a long history of advocating for campaign finance reform. The board is co-hosted by the Brennan Center for Justice and the League of Women Voters.

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SSMC Residents Present at AM Residents' Research Symposium

SSMC Residents in Obstetrics and Gynecology presented their research during the AM Residents’ Research Symposium. Residents Rotana (Annapolis, MD) and Danny M. Kao (West Chester, OH) presented their work on cumulative fatigue in labor among women undergoing their first labor compared to women who had experienced labor previously. They found that cumulative fatigue was significantly higher among first-time laboring women, with a 26% increase in fatigue levels in the first hour of labor compared to previous laboring women.

Drs. De Jesus and Lederman are recipients of the De Jesus Endowment Fund, which is used to support postgraduate education and career development for residents.

Darrell Sokol Appointed Treasurer of the New York Society for Public Health Education

Darrell Sokol, MS, has been appointed Administrator of Port Chester Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (PCNRC). Highly regarded as a leader in the field of nursing home administration, Sokol has served in various leadership capacities throughout his career, including as administrator at Waterstone Rehabilitation Center, Valleyview Rehabilitation Center, and at Port Chester Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Northern Dutchess Hospital and Benedictine Hospital.

Sokol is an advocate of the Port Chester Nursing and Rehabilitation Center’s mission to provide the highest quality care to its residents and their families.

MHV Awarded SAMSHA Grant

Mount Vernon Hospital (MHV) is pleased to announce the award of a SAMSHA grant totaling $100,000, which will be used to support the hospital’s ongoing efforts to address the needs of individuals with alcohol and drug addictions. The grant, which is funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA), will support the hospital’s continued efforts to provide substance abuse treatment and prevention services for individuals in the Westchester County area.

The grant will be used to support the development and implementation of a comprehensive substance abuse program at Mount Vernon Hospital. The program will focus on providing comprehensive treatment services to individuals with substance abuse disorders, including medication-assisted treatment, counseling, and support groups. The program will also include community outreach and education to raise awareness about the risks and consequences of substance abuse.

The grant will support the hospital’s ongoing efforts to address the needs of individuals with alcohol and drug addictions, and will help to ensure that these individuals receive the care they need to achieve long-term recovery.

Terry Anderson Build a Better Life

Terry Anderson, a long-time resident of Mount Vernon, has been selected to receive the 2013 Terry Anderson Build a Better Life Award. The award recognizes individuals who have achieved success in overcoming personal challenges and have made a significant contribution to their community.

Terry was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2009. Despite the diagnosis, she continued to work and pursue her goals. She eventually decided to retire from her job as a legal secretary and began looking for ways to continue to contribute to her community.

In 2011, Terry began working as a volunteer at Mount Vernon Hospital, where she helped to coordinate the hospital’s Volunteer Program. She also served as a mentor to other volunteers and worked to expand the program’s capacity to serve the community.

Terry’s commitment to helping others and her positive attitude have been an inspiration to many. She is a strong advocate for people with disabilities and has worked to raise awareness about the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities.

By Susan Sobel, Social Security District Commissioner

In 2009, Terry found work as a Loan Servicing Specialist and a second job in retail, where she trains cashiers and enjoys interacting with customers.

Terry was grateful that Social Security helped her “get through the storm.” She built a better life through work. She now revalues her Social Security Disability benefits because they allow her to be financially self-sufficient. Without them, she says, she would not be able to afford to live the life she lives today.

For more information on SSSC, call 1-866-968-7942 (TTY/TTD, 1-866-887-8837) or visit sssoil.gov.

Social Security's newest Work Incentive: 'How to Work to Talk'

How to Talk to Work Terry Anderson Build a Better Life

By Susan Sobel, Social Security District Commissioner

The year 2007 felt like a bad dream for Terry Anderson. Reeling from a recent cancer diagnosis, she was downgraded from the company’s health benefits and had to pay for her medication out of pocket. “I had no insurance,” she said. “I was really scared.”

Terry began receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits and began receiving SSDI payments. She was able to receive SSDI payments for a period of time away from work. Later, Terry learned about the Ticket to Work program, which provides employment-related support services, through Social Security’s Ticket to Work program, to people receiving Social Security benefits. She decided to see what the Woodside Workforce Development Center, her local one-stop, had to offer. There were many options, but she had to choose one. Terry chose the “showcase one-step career center across the from the worksite.”

The one-step center enrolls Social Security Disability support and benefits and is committed to achieving self-sufficiency through eventual full-time employment. Through the Ticket program, others Terry helped to coordinate her career and job training. She updated her computer skills and built confidence in her prospects for long-term employment.

She offered workshops on interview skills, said Terry. “I had no experience. I learned to talk about my work.”

While Terry was eager to move on, she was also apprehensive about finding work and losing her benefits. Terry learned about special Social Security rules, called “work incentives,” that help people to continue receiving SSDI benefits while they gain work experience.

Terry’s experience was similar to the experience of many people who receive SSDI benefits. In 2012, Social Security Disability recipients who met the work requirements of the Ticket to Work program, will be selected to present at the American Medical Association’s annual meeting.

The Social Security Administration has recognized the importance of work incentives, which help people to find and keep work. The Social Security Administration launched the “Get a Plan” program to help people to find and keep work. The program provides job training, employment assistance, and wage-loss benefits to people who receive Social Security Disability benefits.

The program is designed to help people to achieve financial self-sufficiency and to continue receiving SSDI benefits. Participants may be eligible for special Social Security rules, including the Trial Work Period. Terry was relieved to know that she could keep her SSDI benefits while gaining work experience.

For more information on “How to Work to Talk,” visit the Social Security Administration’s website at socialsecurity.gov.

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The Yonkers Firefighters have been working without a contract since 2009. Due to the failure of the previous two negotiations, the city has decided to pursue a new course of action. Mayer believes that the city’s financial obligations, including pension payments, can no longer be considered by the council. Mayer claims that the city is facing a financial crisis and that the firefighters need to make sacrifices in order to help the city. Mayer also appeals to the firefighters’ sense of patriotism and duty to serve their city.

McGoey countered the mayor’s assertions, stating that the city cannot afford to pay its current employees, including firefighters. He argues that the city is not in a position to negotiate a new contract with the firefighters, and that a new contract would only further increase the city’s financial burden.

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Interested in adopting? The Yonkers Animal Shelter is constantly in search of new homes for all our wonderful pets, both cats and dogs. These animals are asking for a chance to show you their affection and love. If you are interested in a pet, consider meeting the shelter’s beautiful animals. For a small fee, which includes neutering/spaying, license and a vet visit, you can take home the dog or cat of your choice!

This is Mason, a large mixed-breed dog about two and a half years old and 70 pounds. In the picture above, Mason is focusing on his trainer, who is teaching him a variety of basic commands — he is very smart and loves to learn. He also loves to swim in the doggie pool in the summer. Mason is already neutered and ready for his forever home.

Volunteer Adoption Coordinator Leslie is available to discuss the shelter’s adoptable animals with you. The Yonkers Animal Shelter is located at 120 Fullerton Ave. For more information, contact the shelter during business hours (Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) at 914-377-6730, or Leslie at 201-901-3213 or lesliem147@gmail.com.

The Polish Community Center, which has been a focal point in downtown Yonkers for weddings, celebrations and many political fundraisers for 90 years, is in the process of seeking out buyers for the property. Many had believed that a deal to sell the property to the Mormon Church had been completed, but not yet, according to Anna O’Lear, vice president of the Polish Center’s board.

“Some are still in negotiations with many interested parties,” O’Lear said. “There is a lot of interest.”

O’Lear told us that the reason the Polish Center is up for sale is finances: “It’s become too expensive to keep up, it is a big building with a lot of expenses. We couldn’t find another solution except to sell, we have shareholders to account for.”

While the Polish Center’s daily lunches have stopped, it is still open and will be accepting reservations for catering events in the grand ballroom until March.