Yonkers MBK Celebrates First Year, Looks to Future

By Eric W. Schoen

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano recently called on New York City to relocate its Metropolitan Transportation Authority bus garage, which is located at Alexander Street and Babcock Place and occupies nearly four acres of prime real estate on the Yonkers waterfront. As a press conference held last May by the MTA bus garage, Spano said, “My message is clear to New York City: Stop taking Yonkers for granted.”

City Council Election, Sixth District

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Yonkers Sues NYC to Move Buses Off Waterfront

David vs Goliath

Seven elite European trotters representing five countries landed safely Oct. 4 at John F. Kennedy International Airport, ready to compete in the $1 million Yonkers International Trot taking place Saturday, Oct. 14 at Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway.

Building Construction Unions Back Astorino for Re-Election

Ed Doyle, left, president of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Westchester and Putnam Counties, gathers with other unions leaders and Teamsters to endorse County Executive Robert Astorino.

International Trot Saturday

At Yonkers Raceway

Reserve, last year’s winner, will defend his International Trot title Sat.
Martin Luther King Jr. Academy is School of Month

By Phil Foley

The Saunders Blue Devils kept up their winning ways when the team defeated Roosevelt High School at the 2900 and finished off the 2017 season with a 5-1 record.

For Saunders, the stars of the game were trimming the bar with community engagement,” said the leadership of Principal Natalie Davy, is set to celebrate the significant academic success, extracurricular achievements, and community volunteerism of Yonkers’ students, teachers, staff and community organizations, along with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin Quezada. “Principal Davy fosters relationships among the entire learning community and the beneficiaries are the students.”

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The Columbus statue, restored to its beauty, in Yonkers.

Yonkers Parks and Recreation personnel have returned the vandalized statue of Christopher Columbus back to its glory. The gold bust of Columbus, which was vandalized last month, is now back on its perch in Columbus Park on Park Hill Avenue.

The vandalism of the statue drew national attention because it came at the same time that protesters were calling for the removal of Confederate soldier statues across the country, and included a discussion about removing Columbus statues. But Yonkers police quickly arrested Emanuel Santiago Rutina, 27, of Yonkers, who was charged with felony criminal mischief, and determined that there was no political motivation behind the bileveling of Columbus, and that it was just an act of vandalism.

This same statue had been vandalized two times before, and was stolen in 2001. The monument has been in Columbus Park on Park Hill Avenue for 90 years, according to local historians. The statue’s return marks the start of a new chapter in Yonkers’ history and the lessons we’ve learned from our past.

As an Italian-American who watched his own immigrant grandparents work hard and find success in Yonkers, I feel tremendous pride when celebrating this day,” he continued. “Please join me in recognizing the history, success and many achievements of Italian-Americans. From my family to yours, happy Columbus Day!”

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Mayor Spano is Special Guest for Yonkers Rotary Club

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano was the special guest at the Sept. 27 meeting of the Rotary Club of Yonkers at the Hilton Restaurant. Club members and many others from local community organizations were present to listen to the mayor outline the programs the city has undertaken over the last six years.

The perception of Yonkers — the fourth-largest city in New York State — has changed because good things have been repeated over and over again in the media, as the media tends to nitpick to get good news, said Spano.

The mayor pointed out that according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Yonkers has been ranked among the top 10 safest cities in all of the United States for the last 20 years. Crime is down 30 percent in Yonkers overall, which is important and people need to be told about this good news, he said. The mayor added that he is trying to tell the story that Yonkers is building on this success.

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Maeve Scott Calls Out John Rubbo Over Debate Refusal

Maeve Scott, the Democratic candidate for Yonkers City Council in the Fourth District, is calling out her opponent’s apparent inability to partici- pate in open debates.

At the end of September, Yonkers Voice reached out to both candidates for Yonkers City Council Fourth District, Scott and John Rubbo, with three dates for debates Oct. 12, 19 and 25. Rubbo responded that he was unavailable for all three dates. Scott then offered an entire schedule up for any date in October: Rubbo again declined, finally offering a date of Sunday, Nov. 5 — two days prior to the election.

This was unacceptable to both Yonkers Voice and Scott, as it is clearly an attempt to avoid a debate that will be in the public view before Election Day. This is Rubbo’s last chance to safely schedule to engage in a debate, then how can he be possibly claim to represent the constituents of the fourth district?

Scott’s “...This is a travesty to the democratic process, not to participate in public debate,” said Scott. “It’s very un- \nusual that the candidate, as they won’t be able to make a timely informed decision as to who the best candidate is and who can best handle the responsibilities of the Fourth District City Council.”

Rubbo previously said that he was too open to debating Scott; however, it’s been more than two weeks since Yonkers Voice reached out to both candidates to schedule a debate, and Mr. Rubbo hasn’t been cooperative. “As the constituents of the district and in the interest of a fair elec- \n\tion and proper representation of the people, we urge both parties to request that both candidates agree to a debate in October,” stated a response from Scott.

City Nominations for Youth Service Award

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Jasper Needs a Home
The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption. Jasper is a handsome, mixed-breed dog about 1 to 2 years old and weighing many pounds. He possesses many traits of both a yard dog and an active person who will possess him. He would definitely benefit from a basic obedience class to learn some manners and improve his bomb-proof skills.

Jasper is at the Yonkers Animal Shelter seven days a week (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, call 201-981-3131.

Brig Jasper home today.

Chili Hilly 5K Run/Walk Is Saturday, Oct. 14
The annual Chili Hilly 5K Run/Walk will be held this Saturday, Oct. 14, in Tuckahoe. The Chili Hilly 5K Run/Walk also will benefit the Yonkers Public Library and the Kingsbridge Library of the Yonkers Public Library System.

The race begins at 10 a.m. for runners and 11 a.m. for walkers. Race registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Kingsbridge Colonnades (2302 Main Street Park and Chase Avenue). The race registration fee is $25 for adults and $10 for active military and participants 18 years of age and under. More information is available at www.chilihillyrace.net.

LHS Class ‘67 Reunion
The Lincoln High School 50th reunion of 1967 will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. at Roy’s Deli. The event will be for the class of 1967 only.

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By Mary Hayes
President, Yonkers Historical Society

Monday, Oct. 16
Oct. 16, 1989: Popular actor Tim Robbins won an Academy Award for his performance in the music-theater setting at the Museum with the New American musical, “Shaw’s”-Warren Stilwell and Winifred Smith took place on October 16, 1910. In Memorials and beauty of Yonkers memorial, that he wrote and sculpted a tablet and its construction. Renowned sculptor Isadore Konti of Riverdale Avenue, when he delivered an address sponsored by the YMCA on Thursday, Oct. 19, 1895: An irate citizen placed an ad in the Yonkers Bee. He donated $50,000 to build the library as part of the city.

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County Executive Robert Astorino re- cently commended Westchester’s 32 employees with disabilities for their efforts in their jobs, as well as the businesses that hired them, during National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

Mr. Astorino said it is always a pleasure to recognize those individuals who have overcome obstacles and persevered at their jobs, and added: “It is also a tribute to those businesses that have done so much to support employees with disabili- ties in Westchester. Congratulations are deserved for all involved.”

The county also used the event as an opportunity to arm a new public service announcement about emer- gency preparedness for people with disabilities. Filmed as part of Emergency Preparedness Month in coordination with Westchester In- dependent Living Center, United Way 2-1-1, and various county departments, the video highlights four key points of being prepared in an emergency – make a plan, build a kit, be informed and get involved. View the video at www.westchesterlibrary.org.

This is a great step toward personal preparedness for people with disabilities,” said Joe Carpenter, executive direc- tor of Westchester Living Center. “I want to thank the county executive for his efforts in Westchester, with the disabled community in further develop- ing these types of initiatives.”

The National Disability Employment Awareness Month will take place Tuesday, Oct. 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Dou- bleTree in Yonkers, centered around employ- ment law changes for people with disabilities.

The Westchester Employment Network, a group of vocational placement counselors and rehabilitation professionals, will host local employers for nominations of disab- led workers who have performed exception- ally well. Every nominated worker will receive the breakfast and presented with a certificate of achievement from Astorino. Employ- ers also receive certificates to thank them for promoting diversity in the workplace.

The National Disability Employment Awareness Month Program will be co-chaired by Steven Schurkman, Esq., a part- ner at Morgan Lewis & Bockius, and the West- cher Employment Network.

Building Construction

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helping retain and attract commercial businesses beyond out of New York.

“County Executive Astorino understands that lower taxes and good management mean new and better jobs for Westchester people,” said Big Doyle, president of the 15,000-member Building and Construction Trade Council of West- chester and Putnam Counties. “No one works harder to get us good laws for your families than your county exec and we want to see our employment West- chester to see real economic growth under Astorino’s leadership, and we need to keep going."

“New county tax revenues year after year when your friends were driving families and businesses out of West- chester. When that happened in office, it came to an end,” continued Mr. Astorino. “I continue to be amazed at how well-capitalized the county is and how well we are investing in our schools and roads.”

"I can’t be more pleased than to be honored by the 15,000 men and women of the Building and Construction Trade Councils” in Astorino’s "These men and women are identifying Westchester’s future in a rising business and resi- dential development projects going up every day."

"I am happy to announce that the 15,000 men and women of the Building and Construct- ion Trade Councils and through Astorino’s employees are receiving special certificates in particular areas of achievement from Astorino. Th eir employ- ment of the New York State Office of Court Adminis- tration. Th e program is made possible by the Ninth Judicial District, Disability Employment Services, and the Westchester Library System.

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The town-sponsored event is open to all residents, and is designed to meet and learn from experienced local lawyer attor- neys, fueled by participating law firms, plan- care managers, and long-term care insurance specialists.

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Party lines.

At 9:30 a.m. on Monday, a little more than a month since the election, the City Council held its first meeting since the primary election. The meeting began with a roll call vote on the agenda, which included an updated fiscal year budget presentation by the city manager and updates on various initiatives including the new City Hall building. The council discussed the next steps in the construction process of the building, which is expected to be completed by 2024. The discussion included updates on the estimated costs, timelines, and potential delays due to the ongoing construction projects in the city. The council members also had the chance to review the latest progress reports on sustainability initiatives, such as the installation of solar panels on the roof of the new building. The council agreed to continue regular meetings with construction managers and supervisors to ensure a smooth progress of the project. The meeting ended with a presentation on the city's budget, which highlighted the need for increased funding in areas such as education, public safety, and infrastructure improvements. The council members were encouraged to engage with their constituents to gather feedback and ideas for future budget proposals. The city manager assured the council that the department heads are working closely with the council to provide detailed analyses of the budget proposals, to ensure that the city's fiscal health is maintained in the long-term.
There are many upcoming events scheduled at the Hudson River Museum.

**October Events at the Hudson River Museum**

Enjoy the music of Carlos Paván at HRM. Join the fun at Hudson River Museum for Family Day. Enjoy “Halloweekend” on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28 and 29, from noon to 5 p.m. Celebrate the introduction to landscape collage. RSVP to the museum’s galleries and end with a hands-on residence, which will begin with a guided tour through the museum admission, unless otherwise noted.

**Bipartisan Support for Good Food at LPJC Sukkah Party**

Council president candidate Mike Khader heads a lively and engaging in the sukkah of the Lincoln Park Jewish Center in Yonkers on Oct. 8, the fourth day of the eight-day festival of Sukkot. Photos by Robert Kaluza.

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