Inlay and Borrelli Seek New Seat on City Court

By Dan Murphy

On Nov. 4, Yonkers voters will be asked to select another judge on the Yonkers City Court— the only citywide election this year. Last year, New York State created a seventh seat on the Yonkers City Court, in an attempt to relieve the court and help the current judges with a backlog of cases.

Running for the new city court seat are Democrat Evan Inlay and Republican Ed Borrelli.

Inlay is a Yonkers attorney with 21 years of experience in the Yonkers City Court. He has run for city court judge twice before, in 2007 and 2010, and has lived in Yonkers for 31 years.

"I’d like to serve a greater part of the Yonkers community than I presently do," he said. "I think I’m qualified to serve and I can be an asset to the people. I have tried cases in all parts of the Yonkers City Court, including landlord-tenant, small claims, criminal and traffic. My trial experience and hands-on work in every part of the court make me qualified to make decisions and handle cases from day one.”

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H.S. Football Rivalries In Yonkers are Back!

The Saunders and Early College high school football teams prepare for kickoff at Roosevelt Field. Photo by Phil Foley.

Football programs from Yonkers’ seven high schools are playing a schedule of games this year against one another, and Pequotkill High School. The eight teams formed their own conference this year in an effort to create a competitive rivalry, and embrace some of the legendary Yonkers football programs of the past.

Yonkers reporter and photographer Phil Foley recently attended the Saunders-Early College H.S. game played at the Yonkers Early College H.S. Saunders won the game with a seven-to-five victory, with the Saunders team excelling on offense, defense and special teams.

Look for upcoming game highlights and schedules of some upcoming rivalries from Gorton, Lincoln, Saunders, Early College, Yonkers, Palisade Prep and Riverdale High schools — and support your local team! If you attend a game, send us a scoop or a picture for print in Yonkers Rising: email risingmediagroup.com.

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Chinese Delegation Visits Yonkers

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City Councilman Consuelo Pineda and the City of Yonkers held their first three-on-three basketball tournament Oct. 31 at the Yonkers Middle-High School gymnasium. The free event, open to kids age 13 to 18, featured instruction from Jim De Bois, director of the Napper-Tan Community Center and former NBA player, and from middle school basketball coach Robert Richardson.

Winners of the three-on-three competition in each age level, boys and girls games, received a trophy and a new basketball, congratulations from Pineda, who said she hopes the first tournament will be the first of many, and will help the children of Yonkers stay physically fit and active.

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City and AFSCME Employees Union Agree to 11-Year Contract

Mayor Mike Spano recently announced that one of the city’s six unions that have been working without a contract for almost six years has come to an agreement with the City of Yonkers on a new deal. He said the contract was fair to the workers and the taxpayers, and hopes that the contract, which includes givebacks and contributions to health insurance, will lead to other agreements with the remaining unions.

The City of Yonkers and Local 1057 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Union have agreed to a new 11-year contract for white-collar city employees. The new contract, approved by more than 95 percent of AFSCME’s membership in a vote last week, is retroactive to 2009 and will expire in 2020.

This is a contract that works for workers and Yonkers taxpayers, and I am proud to say that we got it done," said Mayor Mike Spano.

“I applied the AFSCME leadership for negotiating in good faith and agreeing to a contract that is fair to our workforce but also reflects the reality of our economic times.”

Local 1057 President Danny Magner said: “I am proud that we were able to reach an agreement with the city through the negotiating process that benefits our membership and the city as a whole. With contract negotiations now behind us, we can put our full energy into keeping Yonkers running and maintaining our city’s great quality of life.”

The new contract calls for an 18 percent salary increase over 11 years, with all retroactive payments being paid forward over a five-year period. Under the new agreement, Local 1057 members will also contribute more to the costs of their employee health care. Effective next year, current AFSCME members will contribute 10 percent of the cost of a family plan and 20 percent for an individual plan, while new employees will contribute 15 percent and 25 percent, respectively.

Contract reforms also include salary adjustments for all new hires, reducing the salary scale for new AFSCME members by 15 percent across the board. The union also agreed to a reduction in the number of personal days and an increase in the pre-retirement period for new employees — reforms that will save taxpayers money.


Mayor Mike Spano Announced Mayer Guzhia Zhang of the City of Nanjing, China, at Congress Park offices in Yonkers.

By Dan Murphy

A Chinese delegation of leaders paid a visit to Yonkers last week, when Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano welcomed Mayer Guzhia Zhang of the City of Nanjing, China, and the two-voted Contract Corp, a Yonkers-based Biotechnology Company.

Both leaders delivered speeches on the role biotechnology companies can play in creating jobs, improving local economies and achieving advancements in health care. Mayor Mike Spano also presented Zhang with the commemorative "Key to the City," and Zhang presented the Yonkers mayor with a Chinese work of art.

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Welcome to Fidelis Care’s New Community Office in Yonkers!
419B South Broadway

Join us for Grand Opening Week Festivities
October 22-24!

Information Day about the Affordable Care Act
Thursday, October 23
9 AM - 5:30 PM

Fidelis Care in Your Community Day
Friday, October 24
9 AM - 5:30 PM

Music, Entertainment, Giveaways (while supplies last) and more!

The Aisling Irish Community Center held its Fall Fun Day at Paddy’s Field in Van Cortlandt Park on Oct. 5, including a barbecue, a demonstration from the Yonkers Police Department K-9 Unit, live music, and entertainment for children including face-painting, a magician, costume characters, bounce castles, a cotton candy machine and sand art.

Several novelty races were held, with prizes for the winners in the “Fred and Wilma” wife-carrying category, the “Drag” race for men age 21 and over, “Costume/Super Hero” race for children, a “Life in the Slow Lane” senior race, sack races, and egg and spoon race, a three-legged race for parents with children aged 5 and older, a piggy-back race for parents with children aged 5 and older, and even “Backwards” race.

A visit from Mickey Mouse topped off a great day.

Editor’s Note: In last week’s issue of Yonkers Rising, we neglected to give photo credit to Nuala Purcell for her pictures of the Aisling annual dinner on pages 1 and 9.

Aisling Community Center Hosts Fall Fun Day

Mickey Mouse made an appearance at the fall festival and was a crowd pleaser.

Photos by Nuala Purcell

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Yonkers Sukkah Party
Highlights Local Talent

By Robert Kalfus

Anne Price, left, and Rita Deutsch perform at the Lincoln Park Jewish Center's annual sukkah party. Photo by Robert Kalfus

Robert Kalfus

Yonkers native, Rita Deutsch, performing together as Hudson River Rose, sing melodic songs in traditional and contemporary formats with words written by Price including Bill Staines, Pete Seeger, Kane Wolfe, John Denver, Carole King and Gordon Bok. Her songs about love, home, dogs, unions, and weddings.

Price, a Riverdale native, met Deutsch online through Facebook and the two discovered that they both loved singing. The first time they sang together was at the Women's Music Festival of New York, a house concert annually at Manhattan, at the People's Voice Cafe in Manhattan, at open mic events at Indian Road Cafe and at The Club of the City of New York, and at local libraries. Sunday evening their sweet voices, harmonies and melodies filled the air in the sukkah in back of the Lincoln Park Jewish Center.

Deutsch, a born-and-bred Brooklyn native, has been singing since age 13, when she received her first guitar. She has also written and recorded her own music. While living in Miami, she was a member of the Broward Folk Club and made many friends among the folk community. Deutsch learned every song Baez ever recorded, including "Goin' Home" and "Figure Eight". Bill Staines, a singer-songwriter from New Hampshire, has written many songs about love, including "River Rose".

Together they enjoy performing in local venues and have made a name for themselves in the folk music scene. Deutsch has recorded several songs, including "Frankie and Johnny Were Grandmother" and "Dogs". Bill Staines' song "Old Wyoming Home" has been performed at the University of Wyoming, and at rodeos in Wyoming, specifically in Cheyenne and Casper. Deutsch has performed at rodeos in Wyoming, and has been taught the songs "Dogs" and "Old Wyoming Home" by Deutsch. They later learned and performed Bill Staines' song "Old Wyoming Home" at the University of Wyoming, and at rodeos in Wyoming, specifically in Cheyenne and Casper. Deutsch has performed at rodeos in Wyoming, and has been taught the songs "Dogs" and "Old Wyoming Home" by Deutsch.

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Police Community Council Meets

The Third Precinct Police Community Council will meet Tuesday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Chamis Community Center, 435 River- way. The featured speaker will be YTI co-founder James Hill, a celebrated jazz musician, would once again his jazz jam to celebrate his 40th anniversary and grand re-opening with a jazz jam session, Thursday, Oct. 23 from 7 to 10 p.m. at 1609 Old Orchard St., north White Plains. YTI members and guests are encouraged to attend and join us in celebrating the beginning of the 40th year run- ning for its life. The Exchange Club of Yonkers will host its long and winding road to my recovery provided training and education to get the public on board with candidates for their local dis- trict; they can also find the address of their pol- icy participation or information on the three state propositions. The League continues to publish a printed newsletter with information on local politics and public other public places. For information, contact the LVH Postmaster office at 914-669-3037 or email at btuesbeck@optonline.net.

Fire Prevention Dinner Is Oct. 23 in Tuckahoe

The Exchange Club of Yonkers will hold its annual fire prevention dinner honoring the work of the League of Women Voters on Tuesday, Oct. 23 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Olde Stone Inn, 112 Old Orchard St., Tuckahoe. The program tonight will be Dennis Manfredi, chairman of the South Broadway Business District. His talk will feature will be Dennis Manfredi, chairman of the South Broadway Business District. His talk will focus on current challenges faced by this month’s featured guest speaker this month. The annual Jimmy’s Jam Fundraiser, which also celebrates the 40th anniversary and grand re-opening with a jazz jam session, Thursday, Oct. 23 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Olde Stone Inn, 112 Old Orchard St., Tuckahoe. The featured speaker this month will be Dennis Manfredi, chairman of the South Broadway Business District. His talk will focus on current challenges faced by this month’s featured guest speaker this month. The annual Jimmy’s Jam Fundraiser, which also celebrates the 40th anniversary and grand re-opening with a jazz jam session, Thursday, Oct. 23 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Olde Stone Inn, 112 Old Orchard St., Tuckahoe.

Enjoy Fall Activities at County Nature Centers

Westchester County nature centers will host a number of fall activities for families throughout the month, making it easier than ever to get out and enjoy the many opportunities that the leafy season has to offer. Here are a few highlights:

1. Eagle Watch, Croton Point Park: Sundays at 2 p.m. at Croton Point Park on Croton Point Avenue. For ages 10 and up; call 914-822-8379. A bird-watching tour takes place at 10 a.m. at Croton Point Park on Croton Point Avenue.
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Bring Ali Home Today!

Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption. Ali is an 8-month-old black lab who wound up at the shelter when the owner had a landlord issue. Ali is a friendly, loving, playful pup that you would expect a lab to be. Ali has lots of energy and would do best in a home with a yard where he could get the proper exercise for his age and breed.

Standing more than 6 feet tall and weighing more than 100 pounds, Ali has lots of energy and would do best in a home with a yard where he could get the proper exercise for his age and breed.

Visit Ali at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, 100 Ridge Hill Blvd., between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays or noon and 2 p.m. weekends. For more information, call 914-946-7370 during hours of operation or call 914-946-2231 anytime, or email losstrail9417@gmail.com.

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In 2014, you receive one credit for each $1,200 of earnings you report to the Social Security Administration. As the amount of your earnings increases, the number of credits you receive decreases. For example, if you earn $13,200 in one year, you will receive 1.0 credits, but if you earn $15,600 in the same year, you will receive only 0.76 credits. The maximum number of credits awarded for a year is 1.0, which is equivalent to earning up to $13,200.

To be eligible for retirement benefits, you must have at least 40 credits (10 years of work) and you must have reached the retirement age. The retirement age is determined by your birth year and ranges from 62 to 67. Once you reach the retirement age, you can file for Social Security retirement benefits. The Social Security Administration will send you a notice when you reach the retirement age.

If you are self-employed or work in an occupation not covered by Social Security, you may be eligible for self-employment insurance. To qualify, you must have earned $1,180 in 2013 and you must have paid Social Security taxes on your self-employment income. If you meet these requirements, you will receive self-employment credits.

If you receive Social Security benefits, you may be eligible for Medicare, which provides hospital and medical insurance. To qualify for Medicare, you must have worked for at least 40 credits (10 years of work) and you must have reached the age of 65 or be disabled. If you are eligible for Medicare, you will be automatically enrolled.

For more information, you can visit the Social Security Administration’s website or call the Social Security Administration’s toll-free number at 1-800-772-1213. In addition, you can contact your local Social Security office.

**Contact Information**

Social Security Administration
www.ssa.gov
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1-800-772-1240 (TTY)
By Eric W. Schoen

Don’t worry, even if you are not a parent of a child or working at a school, there is some good information in this article that will help. And there are some stories that need to reach you, in an emergency contact you can call anytime to find out what’s going on in your school or district. If teachers were taken to the hospital, a search of the emergency files at the Yonkers Middle School confirmed that there were no problems entering or staying in my residence.

I posted what I was going on (instant messages, conversation, the school, emergency response) on the school Facebook page, that’s what I did one day in 2014.

A Facebook friend posted, “We’re here as the co-sponsor (Consumer Finance Protection Bureau) and appropriate prosecution if laws were broken. By Eric W. Schoen

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This is where George Washington prayed.

By Mary Borek
President, Yonkers Historical Society

Oct. 20, 1776: Chief engineer of the Continental Army, Benjamin Franklin was invited to design a monument for the first Continental Congress. This event established a precedent that continues today, as we mark the bicentennial of the American Revolution.

Oct. 22, 1776: The New York Legislature at the Manor Hall on their way to the Battle of White Plains.

Yonkers Historical Society. For information on membership in YHS, call 914-961-9814 or email yhsociety@aol.com.

For more information on the Yonkers Historical Society, visit www.ykhistory.org. For information on membership at the Manor House, call 914-961-9814 or email yhsociety@aol.com.
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Yonkers is a great fit for our business.

Great location, great convenience, a great environment with an urban feel.

For the bright minds of Mindspark, moving to Yonkers was a no-brainer. In what was once an old factory building, Mindspark is now designing today’s latest digital applications for online audiences. Mindspark’s beautifully designed office space with its spectacular Hudson River views is the ideal environment for creative thinkers. So if you’re thinking of moving your business, think Yonkers.