Yonkers’ Bravest Saves Historic St. John’s Church

By Dan Murphy

On Friday, Oct. 23 at 11 p.m., the Yonkers Fire Department responded to an alarm at 5 South Broadway in Gates Chapel. First arriving units found heavy fire in the building, which included the McDonald’s Restaurant and a 99 cent store, and initiated suppression efforts immediately.

As the blaze raged on into the night, firefighters were unable to knock down the large body of fire, and it eventually went to four alarms. The incident commander ordered all members out of the building because it was becoming “structurally unsound,” and ordered member streams to set up for a defensive attack. At 4 a.m., the fire was not under control, and it became a five-alarm fire, with mutual aid on the scene and in the city for additional fire protection.

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Mayor Mike Spano Deserves Four More Years

Mayor Mike Spano recently received the endorsement of the Yonkers Federation of Teachers at Roosevelt High School, with YPTF President Pat Police pictured to the left of Spano.

Yonkers Rising endorses Mayor Mike Spano for re-election Nov. 3. In our view, Spano has steered the city through difficult times, while at the same time moving the city forward on development, transportation, while controlling property taxes and spending.

There is political unity in the City of Yonkers, but many residents and voters, do it in an unusual occurrence. Some point to a non-aggression pact, or political patronage as the reason for the silence in opposition to Spano and the City Council.

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Annual Yonkers Film Fest Garners Applause

By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers Film Festival celebrated its third annual festival of independent and short films from both within and outside the tri-state area. Thousands of attendees enjoyed a weekend of films, programs and works from the area arts community.

Directors and producers joined with movie buffs and critics to enjoy a weekend of information, good food and great movies.

Yol Font is the creation of Executive Director Dave Backs, who in only three years, has turned the festival into an anticipated part of Yonkers, and in proving artistic community. “We’ve always worked hard to make this a world-class festival, but we’re especially proud of this year’s lineup and think it’s going to be the best one yet,” said Backs.

Mayor Mike Spano added: “Yol Font is a wonderful opportunity to support new artists and explore creative ideas by providing a stage for talented filmmakers to showcase their work.

In the wards to come, Yonkers Rising will highlight some of the local Yonkers talent that showed their films to great applause.

Visit www.yofifest.com for more information.

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Illegals Living in My Dead Mom’s House, Collecting Rent

By Dan Murphy

Imagine if your parents had recently passed away, leaving you the home you grew up in. As you begin the process of selling the house, it becomes all without your knowledge.

Dear Yonkers Rising Journalists:

I am an attorney living in Yonkers and represent many of the residents. I am aware of the case you are writing on, and I can assure you that my client has been through the same occurrence. Some point to a non-aggression pact, or political patronage as the reason for the silence in opposition to Spano and the City Council.

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Ghosts & Legends of Yonkers

By Dan Murphy

Halloween, Yonkers! Among the oldest buildings in Yonkers and in Westchester are a few locales with stories of ghosts and hauntings. “Ghosts and Legends of Yonkers” is the latest addition to the History Press Haunted America series. The book is by local author Jason Medina and was released earlier this year.

The quiet New York suburb of Yonkers hides its share of apparitions. Among them, Old School 13 is the site of strange apparitions that may be ghosts of former schoolteachers and students who died in a fire. The Neva Thompson Laboratory’s logo of solving world hunger was never met, and unfulfilled spirits are said to be at work.

Wealthy colonial landowners still watch over stately historic homes like Philipse Manor Hall. Even the iconic Untermyer Park is a playground for the otherworldly. Local ghost investigators call Yonkers home. Together with his cousins, he formed the Yonkers Ghost Investigators. They began going to the festival into an anticipated part of Yonkers, and for many residents and voters, this is an unusual occurrence. Some point to a non-aggression pact, or political patronage as the reason for the silence in opposition to Spano and the City Council.

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In the second game at Saunders, the home team defeated Riverdale 36-6. QB Richie Kirwin did well this past week by running two matches. On Oct. 22 it was reported that Yonkers defeated Lincoln in all three sets, 25-15, 25-13 and 25-13. The stars of the games were Leanna Bello with three aces and one kill; Patrick Thompson. Romarch had three aces and 11 kills; and Stephanie Held had three kills.

On Oct. 23 it was reported that Yonkers defeated Saunders in all three sets, 25-15, 25-13 and 25-14. The stars of the games were Leanna Bello with four aces, one kill and 27 assists; Frascati with four aces, 11 kills and one assist; Amanda Marji with nine aces and seven kills; and Stephanie Held with nine kills.

This week's game scheduled includes Roosevelt Prep at Rye Neck on Saturday, Oct. 31 at noon. Kickoff is 7 p.m. at the Roosevelt H.S. field, located on Central Av- enue at Tuckahoe Road in Yonkers. Game time is 1:30 p.m.

By Phil Foley

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LET’S CONTINUE THE PROGRESS

MICHAEL SABATINO

Yonkers City Council

LOW TAXES

Councilman Sabatino fought to keep property tax increases under the state cap for the past four years, and knows that we need to keep taxes low so Yonkers is affordable for everyday families and senior citizens.

STRONG SCHOOLS

Strong communities start with strong schools. That's why as Chair of the Education Committee, Councilman Sabatino increased funding for education every year - making it possible for our more good teachers and provide universal pre-kindergarten to give our children a head start to a great education.

SAFE STREETS

In the past four years, crime in Yonkers has decreased by nearly 25%. Councilman Sabatino wants to continue the progress made by providing our police with the tools they need to keep crime down, and this year voted to add 10 more new officers and add foot patrols in our neighborhoods on Lake Avenue and off officers and add foot patrols in our neighborhoods. This will help reduce crime. We have been making a great difference in the city.

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FACE OFF in Yonkers Bowl

Yonkers Montessori Academy football players Reggie Rivera (6) and K’Shyne Shipmon (7) with Coach Steve Yurek.

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This, Too, is an Educational Shanda!

By Eric W. Schoen

Yonkers, the Syrian word for “high or new,” is a city of many faces. It is a bustling metropolis and a quiet suburban retreat, all within its borders. The city is home to a diverse population, with a rich history and a vibrant culture. In this issue, we explore various aspects of life in Yonkers, from education and governance to community events and local businesses. We hope you enjoy reading this edition of Yonkers Rising.

Op-Ed: The Time is Now

Yonkers Public Schools

Evelyn Schenck

Yonkers, New York - October 30, 2015

I am an educator with over 15 years of experience in the field of education. I am a mother of three children who attend Yonkers Public Schools, and I have seen firsthand the challenges faced by our students and families. In this issue, I will discuss some of the issues that are facing our schools and community, and I will offer some ideas for how we can work together to improve the education experience for all students.

In order to provide for a safe and enjoyable holiday, Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano last week announced that in the event of a win of at least 10 p.m. for children 16 years of age and younger, all trick or treating will be cancelled.

"Halloween is a fun holiday meant to be enjoyed by all, which is why we are taking a proactive approach to ensure the safety and well-being of our community," said the mayor.

In this article, we will discuss the impact of these events on our community, and how we can work together to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all who participate.

Halloween is a special time of year, and we want to make sure that all residents have a safe and enjoyable experience. However, we also want to ensure that we do not create a situation where our residents feel threatened or unsafe. For this reason, we have decided to cancel all trick or treating events.

The decision to cancel trick or treating was not an easy one, but we believe it is necessary to ensure the safety of our residents. We have worked closely with the Yonkers Fire Department, the Yonkers Police Department, and the Yonkers School District to ensure that our residents have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Yonkers has a diverse population, and we want to ensure that all residents feel included and welcome. We believe that trick or treating is a fun and safe activity, and we want to ensure that all residents have a chance to participate.

As we prepare for Halloween, we want to make sure that all residents are aware of the safety guidelines and rules that will be in place. We encourage all residents to follow these guidelines, so that we can all have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

In conclusion, we believe that the decision to cancel trick or treating was necessary to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all residents. We encourage all residents to follow the safety guidelines and rules that will be in place, so that we can all have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

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Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano recently released the final report on the municipal agreement with the Yonkers Board of Education, outlining the results of the effort to combine and merge administrative operations between a New York State–designated school district and its host municipality.

Resulting in greater operational efficiencies, the 2014 IMA led to the successful merger of five non-academic administrative departments over the course of a year. As a touch, the consolidation of the services between the city and school Board of Education provided more than $39 million in administrative savings, according to the report.

“As a city, we devised a multi-faceted solution to address a devastating blow to the Yonkers Public Schools in 2014 -- an overstatement of $37 million in savings,” said Spano. “The potential threat to cut educational programs for our 27,000 students and their families jeopardized not only the Yonkers School District, but the city itself. Together, working with the state, our Board of Trade, school union leaders, city officials and our school leadership, we have incorporated one of the best cost savings programs in city history and now have become a model for other municipalities to follow. We have developed a strategy that will be reviewed and approved/denied by management.

Human resources

The deputy commissioner and manager were assigned additional duties to fill supervision and support gaps in the BOE-certified, non-core and benefits units, all work is now reviewed and approved/assigned by management.

The city’s HR labor specialist was assigned the function of reviewing all unemployment insurance benefit claims and challeged them when necessary. To date, the city has won 91 percent of all challenged claims, relieving the BOE of an unnecessary financial burden.

As a new, teacher absence/subject placement program, was implemented for the 2015-16 budget, which is expected to generate additional savings in staff time and resources administration.

IT network support and data processing have been incorporated into the city’s management in special education services and beyond. All new school staff for the 2014-15 school year are managed by the BOE.

Specifically, the city’s and the BOE’s public relations departments were reorganized, allowing for the expensed space at Yonkers City Hall, while this personnel in the city’s finance, HR and communication departments were released and expedited space at the BOE headquarters.

Additionally, the city identified the need to support the BOE’s print and records center in an effort to free up space on property at the Lake Center and use meaningful paper reduction, results depicting protocol, both resulting in a new single-leased space to house all city/BOE records and printing.

Function-specific accomplishments from the consolidation of the departments include:

A director of accounting was hired to improve better oversight, assistance and accountability for the city’s finances, and two school accountants with dedicated functions in city and BOE finances have led to greater transparency and better cash flow monitoring that produces less borrowing and cost savings on the debt service burden.

Also, a New Medicaid Finance Unit was established, allowing for improved efficiencies on staffing and cost savings for special education.

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These modifications were made to enhance the productivity of staff and to improve the financial management and supervision of contracts, as YPS contracts are now also reviewed and reviewed and formally approved by the city’s Board of Contract and Supply -- thus providing additional savings in the BOE’s processes, funding availability and budget lines.

The mandated financial computer system that serves both the city and YPS was replaced with New World, which is utilized in municipi- alities around the country, which will generate longer-range savings in excess of $10 million.

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The Board of Education and city administration did not want to impress the school system with a new financial system, but the city decided the best thing is to lead healthy, productive lives,” said Ingel, a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee. “I am certainly conformed to learn that thanks to these grants, medical care assistance to some of our community’s most vulnerable will not fall through the cracks or be threatened by budget cuts.

“VAPS is a treatment option very impor- tant part of the American public health policy because it not only improves the lives of patients, it also lowers transmission rates of a disease that infects thousands of New Yorkers every year,” he continued. “I know this federal funding will make a huge difference for many people living in Yonkers.”
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Notice of formation of Westchester Consulting LLC. Linda M. Giguere, agent for service of过程 Abdel-Khalek, LLC as agent for service of process on 9/10/15. Office location: 300 Post Road, Suite 200, Rye, NY 10580.

Notice of formation of Woodbury Construction, LLC. Robert A. MacDonald, agent for service of process, served, and shall mail process on any lawful act, transaction or thing in court to him at 401 N. Broadway, Suite 300, Garden City, NY 11530.

Notice of formation of Glorvane Avenue Arts, LLC. Of record, George Huling, agent for service of process on 9/15/15. Office location: 1509 Newfield Avenue, Yonkers, NY 10704.


County to Receive $1.5M From Tobacco Settlement

Winchester County will receive $1.5 million as part of the $550 million agreement that settled a decade-long dispute between New York State and major tobacco manufacturing companies.

The county’s share was spent years ago," said County Executive Rob Astorino. “Every dollar is welcome, but most likely would prefer not to live with another dog.

We can’t get rid of people 65 and older with limited income and resources to apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSA) eligibility. We’ve been at the shelter a few months. She was a stray dog who had recently given birth. She’s a compact, low-rider that weighs about 45 pounds. Clover’s very smart and is always learning new commands.

Whether your children are married, live outside of the United States; or visit your local Social Security office.

According to Governmental Accounting Standards, the $1.5 million must be applied to the county’s 2015 operating budget. McCormack said the money would be used to close the $29 million budget gap the county is forecasting for this year, roughly $25 million of which is the result of lower sales tax revenues caused by lower gas and energy prices and more retail sales being transacted online.

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Attend a hearing from time to time to make sure the individual continues to get them. The review also determines whether individuals are receiving the correct amounts.

Social Security disability benefits. How do I appeal?

A: A disability application is a claim for Social Security disability benefits. A disability report provides information about your current physical or mental condition that we need to process your disability application. To establish a claim for disability benefits, you need to file a disability application, submit a disability report and provide an authorization to release medical records.

Q: I’ve been turned down for disability benefits. How do I appeal?

A: A: When we make a decision on your application, we will send you a letter explaining our decision. If you do not agree with our decision, you can appeal. Appealing means you can ask us to look at your case again. You must appeal within 60 days from the date you get our decision letter.

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Jill Bader counsel in 1969 as “ageism.” Ageism includes a set of stereotypes and discrimination, which undervalues people and leaves many elders feeling disrespected and unimportant.

Elderly people who are receiving payments should continue to get them. The review also determines whether individuals are receiving the correct amounts.

Q: What is the difference between the disability application and the disability report?

A: Social Security reviews every SSI case to see if the individual qualifies. People over age 65 and the blind are eligible for SSI. I plan to apply to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to SSI, to
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aging individuals as everything from cantankerous to hoary, to hippocrene to leper, to diogenes to cantankerous old age, to trendy young seniors, etc.,” said Louisa J. Green, speaking at a meeting of the "Gerontologists of the Westchester Maximalist Society.

"I don’t think of myself as elderly, or young, or old, or anything like that,” she said. "I think of myself as an individual, and I think that as we all get older, we need to change our perceptions of what age means.

Our culture seems dumbed down to un- or mis-or under-educated, and this is a problem that we need to address. We need to change the way we talk about aging, and we need to change the way we think about aging.

For example, instead of saying that someone is "old," we could say that they are "wise," or "experienced," or "knowledgeable." We could say that they are "young," instead of saying that they are "new." We could say that they are "smart," instead of saying that they are "bright.

The important thing is to change the way we think about aging, and to change the way we talk about aging. We need to make sure that we are not stereotyping people on the basis of their age, and we need to make sure that we are not judging people on the basis of their age.

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**Halloween Event Attracts Crowd to Shopping Center**

To add to its year-round lineup of family-friendly activities, Cross County Shopping Center in Yonkers hosted its annual Halloween Spooktacular event Oct. 23, which attracted nearly 4,000 people from throughout Westchester County, the Bronx and surrounding areas. A magic show, costume contest, trick-or-treating parade and more — such as live music and strolling characters — were enjoyed by families at the event. Also, visitors were invited to take a picture with Binx the Cat, a 20-foot-tall inflatable black cat, and share their photo on Cross County Shopping Center’s social media pages.

The Halloween Spooktacular took place on The Green in the center of the mall.

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**On This Day in Yonkers History...**

- **Nov. 3, 1915**: The Yonkers Red Cross set up a war relief station in the home of Charlotte Meyer on Park Hill to aid people of non-German birth held as prisoners in Germany. Money and clothing was sent to Europe to assist the war victims.

- **Nov. 3, 1924**: Thousands of people turned Getty Square into a pandemonium of joy.

- **Nov. 4, 1908**: More than 10,000 people mill around Getty Square as election returns are flashed on a white screen in front of the Getty House. William Howard Talmadge is elected president of the United States, defeating Democrat William Jennings Bryan.

- **Nov. 6, 1911**: George Wilmore was appointed janitor at School 13 at a salary of $125 per month.

- **Nov. 6, 1906**: More than 4,000 people at.attended the automobile races held at Empire City Track. C. G. Embleton won the featured 100-miler, averaging 26.2 miles an hour.

- **Nov. 7, 1924**: Lu Chow was arraigned before Judge J. H. Spence on a charge of illegal gun possession; this charge was suspended pending the outcome of more serious charges. Yonkers Homicalc Squad detectives then took Chow to New York City to face a charge of murdering the owner of a Corona teashop using a hatchet.

- **Nov. 7, 1930**: Yonkers Police Department Chief Edward Quirk announced that all future applicants for revolver permits would be required to be fingerprinted and photographed, enabling police to have a complete record of their identities.

- **Nov. 8, 1918**: News that peace had been reached in the World War spread like wildfire in Yonkers. Factory whistles, church bells, auto horns, trolley bells, sirens and the shouting of thousands of people greeted Getty Square into a pandemonium of joy.

- **Nov. 8, 1920**: Yonkers Police Department Chief Edward Quirk announced that all future applicants for revolver permits would be required to be fingerprinted and photographed, enabling police to have a complete record of their identities.

- **Nov. 8, 1922**: This day was declared to be "Forget-Me-Not Day" to benefit the Yonkers bottles, vases and the keeping of thousands of people at Getty Square into a pandemonium of joy.

- **Nov. 8, 1950**: Mayor John Fogarty announced that all future applicants for revolver permits would be required to be fingerprinted and photographed, enabling police to have a complete record of their identities.
City Celebrates Yonkers Film Festival 2015

Photos by Donna Davis

A large crowd enjoys YoFi Fest “red carpet night.”

The Yonkers Riverfront Library’s Susan Thaler with a filmmaker.

Marice Mercado, right, with a filmmaker.

Kids work on a YoFi workshop at the Jacob Burns Film Center.

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