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By Dan Murphy  
Congressman Eliot Engel, who for the past two years has represented most of Westchester County in the House of Representatives, is running unopposed this November as he seeks a 14th term in Washington, D.C.

Engel sat down with Rising newspapers to discuss his last two years in office and his desire to continue his 40 years of public service. While Engel’s 14th Congressional District has always represented portions of Westchester and the Bronx, after the re-districting of 2010, Engel now represents more than 50 percent of the county and all of lower and middle Westchester, including Yonkers, Mt. Vernon, New Rochelle, Pelham, Harrison, Hastings, Scarsdale, Easton, Manhasset and parts of Rye.

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Pledge 182 Campaign Launched at School 17

School 17 students raising their hands to take Pledge 182 to attend school every day, on time and ready to learn.

Did you know that starting as early as kindergarten, chronic absenteeism can cause a student to fall behind in school? In fact, chronic absenteeism—missing 18 days or more—can make it more difficult for children to learn and develop fundamental math skills, especially if the problems persist.

Last week, Mayor Mike Spano launched the Pledge 182 campaign at School 17, asking Yonkers students to commit to attending school every day and on time, and for Yonkers parents to help their child attend school every day.

School 17 students, and their parents, can sign the pledge, available online at www.yonkersny.gov/182, which states for students: “I believe that every day counts. I pledge to attend school and class, every day and on time.” And for parents and guardians: “I believe that every day counts. I pledge to talk to my child about the importance of maintaining a strong attendance record and to help my child attend school and class, every day and on time.” Pledge 182 is named after the number of school days in the year.

St. John’s Episcopal Church Celebrates 321st Anniversary

Father John Hamilton giving visitors a tour of the oldest church in Westchester. Photos by Donna Davis.

Congratulations to the oldest church in Westchester, St. John’s Episcopal Church, located at 1 Hudson St., in downtown Yonkers. St. John’s, under the leadership of Father John Hamilton, continues to do good work in the community, serving and helping those who need it most.

The church’s website, http://stjohnsgs.blogspot.com/, lays out its rich history.

“When the English gained control of the colony of New Amsterdam, they found the need to found some churches in the vicinity of the city,” it reads. “In 1693 they founded a parish in Westchester County and we are part of that founding. We did not originally have a building until the Philipse family built us a church 1754. Part of that original structure forms some of the present edifice. George Washington worshipped in our church, and it was used as a hospital during the American Revolution treating both patriot and British troops. In the 1800s it was a center of local philanthropy and part of the legacy of that time is the Eva Smith Cochran Fountain. It was built to provide cool drinking water to the people of the city. Giving water is a symbol of the work of God in Christ. Jesus gives us living water that springs up in us to eternal life, not just life without end, but a depth of life that brings peace and joy. May God give us this water always!”

If you haven’t paid a visit, or taken a tour, call the church at 914-963-3033 for more information.

Send your story ideas, photos, announcements and upcoming events to us at dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com

The most important part of Homecoming is making sure your teen comes home to you.

Homecoming is an annual celebration. But each year on Homecoming, teens can be exposed to drinking, pre-gaming, parties and pep rallies – and the pressure to fit in. Learn how to talk to your teen about growing up safely at www.PowerToTheParent.org.
Becoming a part of NewYork-Presbyterian means more than hanging our new red signs. In the months to come, you will see a hospital transformed. A new cardiac cath lab. A new cancer center. An influx of skills, ideas and technology. And seamless access to our doctors and services. In the meantime, please excuse the cranes and jackhammers. Amazing things are happening here.
May the Force Be with You at Riverfront Library

Children, teens, adults and families are encouraged to participate in events and reading challenges by attending the third annual Star Wars Reads Day on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the second floor of the Yonkers Riverfront Library. The program is part of an international event that encourages reading and celebrates the hundreds of books that have been published about Star Wars.

“Star Wars” fans and Jedi artists have become a major event for the library,” said "Z," the teen librarian. “It’s a great way for the community to come out, have fun and celebrate all things Star Wars.”

Community members are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite Star Wars characters and participate in the activities.

Some of the library’s activities during this free all-day event encourage participants to test their Star Wars knowledge by taking trivia quizzes, doing crosswords puzzles and Mad Libs, and completing word searches. Star Wars-themed craft activities include making brackets and creating a folded paper origami Yoda, Darth Vader or Wookiee.

Starting at 10 a.m. in Community Room A and B, the library will be screening the original “Star Wars” trilogy back to back. Be sure to bring your library card so you can check out books from the Star Wars library display.

Light refreshments will be served on a first-come, first-served basis.

Children 8 years and younger need to be accompanied by an adult.

The Riverfront Library, located at One Lar- klin Center, is handicapped accessible, and parking is available at the nearby Buena Vista Garage and Warburton Parking Garages.

For more information, contact Beth Py- riz, head of children’s services, at 914-357-1500, ext. 428 or bpyriz@ypl.org, or visit the library’s website at www.ypl.org.

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The last time I checked the calendar, there were 365 days in the year. If there has been any change in that, no one has told me.

Rosh Hashanah always last two days, Yom Kippur fall on consecutive days, and there never seems to be any need to always start at sundown the day before. It is a major concern to many senior citizens who live on a fixed income when they receive their next bill. It is a deceleration in the days of the year, why is it that every year the holidays are interrupted by a rosh call from government?

Christmas falls on Dec. 25. The days of the year Easter, Good Friday and Ash Wednesday fall on change from year to year, but Good Friday is always on a Friday and Ash Wednesday is always on a Wednesday.

So I will ask it in this print newspaper once again the shift from when Easter falls. Christine R. Flowers, Friday, Sept. 19.

I have the new meters have been installed, when can homeworkers and businesses expect updated, accurate water bills?

In my home, one water meter money because the employees lose their jobs in the first place? If the new meters fall on different days and not be disturbed?

We should do the same in Yonkers; this is humanity activist and president of the Yonkers Historical Society. Louis Navarre, director of Yonkers Veterans Affairs.

The Yonkers community is the front door with a safety officer and leaving.

Once again – watch out, folks!

Recently on Facebook I received information that stopped me cold. It was a meeting scheduled for Valentine's Day. I brought this to the attention of the powers that be and was told to go ahead with the meeting. There was plenty of love to go around before and after that day and I don't really care if my meters show up.

Mayor Mike Spano's office to ask her about the new meters installed?

The Salvation Army Yonkers Citadel Corp will sponsor its annual dinner Thursday, Oct. 9 at the Fairways at Dunwoodie, 5 Wasylenko Lane, beginning at 6:30 p.m. and honoring the following:

By Eric W. Schoen

The Salvation Army Yonkers Citadel

Is Oct. 9 at Dunwoodie

Citizens of Yonkers, Beware!

By Bill Foley

Last week I read a Christin Gilmartin of Mayor Mike Spano's office to ask her about the new water meters installed in every business and residence in Yonkers. So far, I have not heard back.

I want to relax, enjoy our holidays and be accounted for all those who bought.

You would have thought that all school are the calendar of meetings and the calendar of events we call "bad." The problem is we are

Luther King Elementary School who went to the ceremony at Ground Zero.

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Call 914-965-4000 to advertise on our radio! Hear us on WVOX 1460 on the A.M. dial.

A Special Friend

By Ann Muro
I’m glad I have a best friend
Someone I’ve known for years
She’s with me when I’m happy
Or if I’m feeling sad
We both enjoy our hobbies
The things we like to do
We are both the same size
And the same shoe size

Nursing School Info. Session

St. John’s Riverside Hospital’s Cochran School of Nursing will be having an information session for health care professionals on Wednesday, October 8th at 10 a.m. Level of the school, at the Andrus Pavilion, 967 North Broadway, Yonkers.

The session is designed to inform attendees about the school’s mission, as well as to review the mission, mission, and mission.

For more information, contact Kathy Vitola at 914-948-4069 or kenith@westchestergov.org.

At the age of 26, the baby was born with a heart defect and spent over two years of her life in the hospital. While she was there, she learned how to take pictures from her staff, and then she and the other nurses at the hospital started to take pictures of the baby and her family. The pictures were then shared on social media, and the baby became a celebrity. She was later featured in a series of videos and articles, and her story went viral. She died at the age of 30, but her legacy lives on through the memories she left behind.

The most recent video she recorded was a tribute to her mother, who had been a nurse for over 30 years. She dedicated the video to her mother, saying that she was the reason she was able to pursue her dream of becoming a nurse. She also thanked her family and friends for their support, and she ended the video by saying that she loved them all very much.

The baby’s story has inspired many people, and it has shown that even in the darkest of times, there is always hope. Her story is a reminder that we should never give up on our dreams, no matter what obstacles we may face. She was a true inspiration, and she will be missed by all who knew her.
Saw Mill Lane Closures

Motors are advised that they will be required to change their driving habits during the Saw Mill River Parkway in the City of Yonkers, between the New York City Expressway and the Hutchinson River Parkway, for maintenance activities through Friday, Oct. 31, between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. each night. Yonkers Motorists may encounter flaggers and experience delays, and are reminded that there are multiple exit/entrance ramps, so please be prepared for a change in the flow of traffic with the Work Zone Safety Act of 2005, corrections of two or more speeding violations in a work zone must forfeit their individual driver's license.

For up-to-date information, call 511 or visit www.511NY.org.

Photos by Donna Davis

Bring Lacey Home Today

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption.

Lacey, the cat, came to the shelter about six months ago, when she was found as a stray in Yonkers. She is a beautiful, mixed-breed, female, about two years old and weighs 45 pounds. She loves people and toys -- especially plush toys that she will sit in and throw down on them. She throws them in the air and catches them as they fall. She is friendly and sweet and we want her to go to a home that is patient and caring.

Lacey would love to have a home with a yard and children to play with, but she has long legs and loves to run. Maybe you need a jogging buddy!

Lacey is descriptive, so if you are considering her as a second cat, a one-cat home and a yard would be essential.

Visit Lacey at the Yonkers Animal Shelter at 1400 Ridge Hill Blvd., between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. weekdays and noon to 5 p.m. weekends, or call 914-377-6730 during business hours or 201-381-0125 at any time. Emails may be sent to kontakt127@gmail.com.
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Gorton High School students Samantha Robinson, Anderson De Als and Josh De Los Santos.

Richard Fitzgerald and Shannon Shannon Daugherty

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GWHV Gala attendees enjoying the evening, including former Council President Chuck Lesnick.

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