The City of Yonkers has begun to celebrate the holidays with tree and menorah lightings around the community. Mayor Mike Spano and Santa have been busy kicking off this season. The Cross County Shopping Center held its tree lighting Nov. 22, with Santa, the Grinch and other friends joining the Spano family to light the tree and opening up Santa’s workshop at the mall.

Empire Casino at Yonkers Raceway also celebrated the season with its true lighting Nov. 29, featuring Victorian carolers, complimentary hot chocolate, cookies and candy canes for all, and a gift for kids. The Casino-Raceway and the Rooney family also kicked off their annual toy and coat drive to benefit area families and children who need it most, with costs being distributed through Catholic Charities.

Consider making a donation of new and unwrapped toys, and/or new or gently worn coats, and join Empire Casino CEO Tim Rooney in his quest to show “there are no greater deeds than charity and service.” Spano and City Council President Liam McLaughlin and family joined in lighting the tree at City Hall on Dec. 1, when Yonkers’ Dخش Tiffany Scan and Anna Borke Valiente entertained the crowd with holiday songs and the Yonkers Fire Department helped Santa make his way into the building.

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Operation Santa Claus Awards
$20K; Hosting Holiday Brunch

By Dan Murphy
Operation Santa Claus, which raises funds to assist children and adults with developmental disabilities, awarded $50,000 in grants last week to Richmond Community Services in Yonkers.

Several area organizations that serve those with developmental disabilities were awarded $20,000 in grants last week to Richmond Community Services in Yonkers. The City of Yonkers, Special Children, Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and Westchester ARC. Special Children, Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center and Westchester ARC.

The City of Yonkers’ efforts to secure additional education aid from the state will continue in the courts, after a Supreme Court judge ruled that the city is now a plaintiff in the landmark case, New York for Students’ Educational Rights v. State of New York.

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Legendary basketball Hall of Famer Nick “Tiny” Archibald came to the Yonkers PAL Wellness Center on North Broadway recently to talk about basketball and making the right decisions in a young person’s life. He was joined by Dr. Jim Bostic, executive director of the Appalachian Community Center, and Tony DeMatteo, former football coach at Roosevelt High School.

Note: “Tiny” Archibald, left, with Yonkers PAL’s Willis Faulkner. Photo by Ed Whitman

Students Prove What the Holidays Are All About

By Dan Murphy

former State Sen. Nick Spano, with Operation Santa Claus honoree Edie Shumansky and daughter, left, Operation Santa Chairman Ann Hendle, third from right, and Richmond Community Services CEO Paco Lipovac with a Richmond resident.

The holiday season in Yonkers is an opportunity for all of us who have the resources and capabilities to step forward and help those who need it. And sometimes, the true spirit of this season comes from our young Westchester residents.

Approximately 20 seniors from Coyne Park Senior Center Group Three were invited to have a Thanksgiving feast with more than 70 third-graders from Yonkers Public School 22. The parents and teachers volunteered their time to cook and serve the feast for the seniors, as part of the popular intergenerational “Senior Buddies” program between School 22 and Coyne Park.

Each week the third-grade class walks to Coyne Park to learn invaluable life lessons from the seniors—lessons that can be taught by one with so much wisdom. The seniors made the trip to School 21 for the feast and had a great time and a great meal.

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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.
These, Too, Were ‘Quiet Giants’ of Yonkers

By Eric W. Schoen

These are people whose names you might not know, but you have contributed to make Yonkers, Westchester and the world a better place.

Pat was also the financial secretary at the Italian Migration Center Auxiliary and the Ladies Guild of her parish, St. John’s. She was very active in the Italian Migration Center Auxiliary and the Ladies Guild.

She also served on the Advisory Board of the Westchester Division of the Committee of Italian Migration, which presented her in its “Mother of the Year” Award in 1980. Pat was honored for her volunteer work by organizations to numerous to mention. A true “quiet giant,” she was mother to six sons and husband to “Meyer Angela,” who so many years after his service as mayor of Yonkers still plays a vital role in the pulse of the city.

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Children, teens, adults and families are encouraged to make “Crafts for a Cause” at the Yonkers Riverfront Library on Friday, Dec. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. in community rooms A and B. (Children ages 8 and under must be accompanied by an adult.)

Participants are invited to “make two and take one,” meaning for every set of earrings made, a second pair will go to a bereaved woman’s check. All materials are provided by jewelry maker Joan Lloyd, who will be on hand to share her expertise.

Earrings make great gifts for the holidays, and knowing that you can make a difference in someone’s life is empowering. “It’s a great way for the community to come out, have fun and celebrate the power of giving, caring, sharing, helping and giving,” said Michelle Halpern, Riverfront Library, children’s librarian. Be sure to bring your library card to the program so you can check out craft books from the library display.

The Riverfront Library, located at One Lar- kins Center, is handicapped accessible, and parking is available at the nearby Biance Vista and Riverfront Parking Garages. For more information, contact Ethel Petryczka, head of children’s services at 914-375-7966 or z@ypl.org, or Laura Sirianni at 914-375-7966 or alp@ypl.org.
Flu Shots Available
In Your Community

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano announced last week a new partnership between the City of Yonkers and Saint Joseph’s Medical Center to provide free flu vaccinations to the city’s indigent communities.

Under the partnership, the Yonkers Police Medical Evacuation Transportation Unit has been stationed at designated locations throughout the city through Dec. 19, where St. Joseph’s nursing staff will administer the shots. The METU bus can accommodate up to 20 patients and line nurses at a time, where residents will sign a consent form, be administered the shot and exit for a short observation period.

“By partnering with our community organizations, like St. Joseph’s, the city can make a greater impact on our most vulnerable populations who are in need of a service that they otherwise would not have access to, such as flu shots,” said Spano. “Statistics show that the flu affects thousands of people each year. A simple flu shot can potentially prevent an individual from contracting the virus and keep them healthy. We are thankful to St. Joseph’s for making these important services available to our residents and encourage those who can to spread the flu vaccine at home, at work and at school.”

“St. Joseph’s Medical Center is proud to partner with Mayor Mike Spano and the City of Yonkers to provide flu shots for our neighbors,” said Michael Spurlock, Saint Joseph’s president and CEO. “We are committed to doing everything we can to keep our communities healthy and prevent unnecessary visits to the emergency room and hospital.

The City of Yonkers and St. Joseph’s designed the following dates and locations (subject to change) for the free vaccinations:

- Friday, Dec. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Kris Kringle Senior Housing, 45 Seymour St.
- Monday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. to noon at Flynn Manila, 134 Riverside Ave.
- Friday, Dec. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Saratoga Avenue and Lawrence St.
- Monday, Dec. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon at LePort Club, 10-80 Western Ave.
- Friday, Dec. 19 from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church, 141 Ashburton Ave.

The free vaccinations will be available to the public; those under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Flu can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Some people, such as older people, young children and those with certain health conditions, are at high risk for serious flu complications. On average more than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications and more than 23,000 people die from flu each year.

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Boys & Girls Clubs Join Ridge Hill for Toy Drive

In recognition of “Giving Tuesday,” Westchester’s Ridge Hill asked shoppers and visitors to DreamWorks Animation’s The North Pole Adventure to participate in the seasonal toy drive to benefit three regional Boys and Girls Clubs. – of northern Westchester, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle.

“This is a time of year that brings great joy to families, but there are still many in our area who struggle at this time of year to provide the extras that every family deserves,” said Kathy Welsh, executive vice president of Fanwood Carter Company, owners of Westchester’s Ridge Hill. “This toy drive provides an opportunity for all of us to help fulfill the wishes of local children and bring some joy to families in need.”

The toy drive is being coordinated with the Boys & Girls Club of Northern Westchester, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year and serves approximately 1,260 children annually. The club offers nationally acclaimed mentoring and tutoring programs that increase literacy rates, school attendance and academic success of at-risk youth.

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Donations may be dropped off at the holiday tree in the lobby of the WestMed building at Ridge Hill, 73 Market St., Yonkers. Toys will be distributed to the Boys and Girls Clubs of northern Westchester, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle.

The Yankees Toilet Society presents
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To join the Exchange Club of Yonkers contact Vice-President David Tubiolo at 646-596-3375.
Holiday Craft Fair

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Fort will be sold out at Christmas fair. Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at The School at Mamaroneck's Office of Education, 101 Palmer Road, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fair is an opportunity for those administrators and staff from all of the Yonkers March 2012, as well as the for the 2012 presidential election, is now the current New York city hall. The cost to send each child is roughly $3,000, and a major year-end fundraising ef-

Three Sworn Into Mayor’s Youth Advisory Board

Yonkers School Selection

For Sept. 2015 Begins

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New York City Council member Corazon Pineda said Yon-

LGBTQ Meet & Greet Is Dec. 11 at SoYo's

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Yonkers School Choice

New students for September 2015 must register by June 30, 2015. The registration process will begin on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. and will end on Friday, July 31, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.

The Yonkers Council of Parent-Teacher-Student Associations will be available at the fair to assist parents.

The City of Yonkers' first mixer, said Robert Voorheis, co-chairperson of the group. "It will be a great opportunity for parents and students to interact with each other and with members of the school board, administration, and teachers. The mixer will provide a chance for people to meet and mingle, share their ideas, and discuss the future of the school system. We hope that everyone will come out and join us for this exciting event!"

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In the Matter of Foreclosure of Tax Liens

Pursuant to section 205 of the Charter of the City of Yonkers and Article 11, Title II of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, the City of Yonkers, New York—List of delinquent taxes as of November 10, 2014, consisting of one volume—X

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS BY CITY OF YONKERS, NEW YORK

BY ACTION IN REM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 11th day of November, 2014, JOHN LISZEWSKI, Corporation Counsel of the City of Yonkers pursuant to law filed in the office of the Clerk of Westchester County, a list of parcels of property affected by unpaid tax liens by the City of Yonkers for which said City of Yonkers on which such date had been unpaid for a period of at least two years after the date when the tax, assessment or other legal charge represented by such tax lien became due and payable.

List said contain as to each such parcel, (a) a brief description of the property affected by such lien, (b) the name of the last known owner of such parcel of property, (c) any lien thereon appears on the assessment roll of said City of Yonkers for the last calendar year, or a statement that the owner is unknown if such be the case, (c) a statement that the tax, assessment or other legal charge represented by such parcel including those which shall have been due for less than two years together with the date or dates from which, and the rate or rates at which interest and penalties shall be computed.

All persons having any right or claim to having an interest in the real property described in such list of delinquent tax liens are hereby notified that the filing of such list of delinquent tax liens constitutes the commencement by said City of Yonkers of an action in the Supreme Court, Westchester County, to foreclose the tax liens therein described by a foreclosure proceeding in rem and that such list constitutes a notice of pending action and complaint in the said City of Yonkers against such piece or parcel of land therein described to enforce the payment of the taxes therein described and to foreclose the tax liens described in such list.

No personal judgment shall be entered herein for such taxes, assessments or other legal charges or any part thereof and said action shall proceed to judgment.

The notice is directed to all persons having or claiming to have an interest in the real property described in such list of delinquent tax liens and such persons are hereby notified further that failure to redeem or answer within twenty days after the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption in and to the parcel described in such list of delinquent taxes and a judgment of foreclosure may be entered against them.

Every person having any right, title or interest in or lien upon any parcel described in such list of delinquent tax liens may serve a verified notice of interest or a duly verified answer at the office of the County Clerk of Westchester County, County of Westchester, State of New York, designated on the tax maps of the Westchester County Treasurer as Section 3, Block 5278, Lot 22, Zone: S-75, in the office of the County Clerk and served upon the attorney for the tax district foreclosing the said tax liens, and in addition thereto all interest and penalties which are a lien against such parcel of real property, computed to and including the date of redemption. In the event such person is the owner or lienholder or the owner of any parcel of real property, the person so serving shall be entitled to have the tax liens thereby affected theretofore to record or to receive an original or certified copy of any such judgment of foreclosure.

You are the presumptive owner or lienor of one or more of the parcels mentioned and described in the notice of judgment of foreclosure, as filed with the Clerk of the County of Westchester, State of New York, do hereby advise you that a judgment of foreclosure and sale may be entered against you.

Pursuant to XIX of the Charter of the City of Yonkers and Article 11, Title 3 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, and in accordance with the provisions of Section 205 of the Charter of the City of Yonkers and the provisions of the Local Law of the City of Yonkers, the Tax Collector of the City of Yonkers has been designated as agent of the City of Yonkers to perform any acts necessary in connection with the foreclosing of said tax liens.

You are hereby advised that you have the right to redeem the parcel or parcels of real property mentioned in the notice of judgment of foreclosure and sale, which notice is on file in the office of the Clerk of Westchester County, State of New York, described in sufficient detail to identify the parcel or parcels of real property and the date of the last day for redemption in and to the parcel(s) described in such list of delinquent taxes, and a judgment of foreclosure may be entered against you.

The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, New York, designated on the tax maps of the Westchester County Treasurer as Section 3, Block 5278, Lot 22, Zone: S-75, and to all persons having the right to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, within twenty days after the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption. In the event such person is the owner or lienholder of any parcel of real property, the person so serving shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all right, title and interest and equity in and to the parcel(s) described in such list of delinquent taxes and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

Dated: November 10, 2014

JOHN LISZEWSKI, Corporation Counsel of the City of Yonkers

JOYCE V. AVINOUR, Tax Collector of the City of Yonkers

MICHAEL V. CURTIS, Esq., Corporation Counsel, and ATTORNEY for the City of Yonkers

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF Leder-Chapin Architectural Design, LLC

Notice of formation of Leder-Chapin Architectural Design, LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on 9/11/2014. Location of principal office: Westchester County. Name qualification of LLC 8/13/2014. Agents of LLC: Henry Neale, Esq., Referee. Costs. The premises will be sold subject to provisions of the aforesaid Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale, New York, designated on the tax maps of the Westchester County Treasurer as Section 3, Block 5278, Lot 22, Zone: S-75, and to all persons having the right to redeem or answer by any person having the right to redeem or answer, within twenty days after the date above mentioned as the last day for redemption. In the event such person is the owner or lienholder of any parcel of real property, the person so serving shall be forever barred and foreclosed of all right, title and interest and equity in and to the parcel(s) described in such list of delinquent taxes and a judgment in foreclosure may be taken by default.

TO THE PARTY WHO IS ENCLOSED THE NOTICE IS ADOPTED

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Unless the taxes and assessments and all other legal charges are paid, or an answer interposed, judgment of foreclosure and sale may be had in due course of law against the City of Yonkers as provided by the law of the Charter of the City of Yonkers and the State of New York,

Under the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1940 and enactments thereto, special rights and privileges are given to persons in the military service, which includes all members of the Army of the United States, the United States Navy, the Marine Corps, the Coast Guard, and all officers of the Public Health Service detailed by proper authority for duty with the Armed Forces of the United States, any active duty or active duty any one of said branches. If you are in the Military Service, or if you are any one within your knowledge or information, who is the owner or any right, title or interest in or lien upon any of such parcels, is in Military Service, we will kindly advise you of this notice.

In the event of your desire to respond to this motion or on or before the twelfth day after the mailing of this notice, a hearing will be held in the office of the Tax Collector of the City of Yonkers as provided by the law of the Charter of the City of Yonkers and the State of New York.

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Dated: November 10, 2014

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Next week in Yonkers Rising

More holiday happenings
City agrees to another union contract
Yonkers discusses “Show Me a Hero”

Editor’s Note:
The staff at Yonkers Rising was saddened by the passing of former Yonkers First Lady Carol Martellini, and Marty Rochelle. Both were properly eulogized by Eric Schoen of the Yonkers Tribune.

Marty Rochelle was a wise behind-the-scenes political strategist with V olunteer New York!, where she has volunteered for more than 15 years. She has changed the lives of numerous individuals with multiple nonprofits.

She has also done volunteer work as an art assistant at the Neuberger Museum and with vans in self-help.

The Yonkers Senior Citizens Hall of Fame, Class of 2014, also includes, from Yonkers, Gail Baier, Helen Beylan, Angela Campano, Esther “Tony” Ferraro and Richard Weiss.

Substance Abuse Counselor Exam

St. John’s Riverside Hospital’s Behavioral Health Services offers a 350-hour course that trains healthcare professionals to become Alcoholics and Substance Abuse Counselors. The two-semester program allows for student admissions in the fall and spring semesters, and all faculty members are experienced professionals in the field of chemical dependency.

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To speak to our Social Security office or schedule a time to pick up or pick up a Social Security number, 1-800-325-0778.

For more information or to register, contact Dr. Don Gigaprise, Ph.D., at dgasparini@riverside-health.org or 914-964-7972.

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No More Errands; Stay Home For The Holidays

By Juliana Javier

Social Security assistant district manager, Yonkers

Let’s face it: The last thing you’re going to want to do during this holiday season is another trip to the Social Security office. You’ve hung the lights, plugged them in, and decorated. When you realized you needed to replace one little bulb to make the entire string work…that’s a trip to the store. You opened the cranberry sauce to discover it was mislabeled and you’re holding a delicious can of pink salmon…that’s another trip to the store. And you thought this holiday season would be easy.

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At the Social Security website, you can create a “my Social Security account,” which enables you to obtain an instant, personalized estimate of your future Social Security benefits; verify the accuracy of your earnings record; change your address and phone number; if you receive monthly Social Security benefits; sign up for or change direct deposit of your Social Security income; request a replacement Medicare card; sign up for or change prescription drug plans; check the status of your application for retirement or disability benefits; or find out about the Social Security program. In-fact, there’s something for everyone to do during this holiday season.

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The Yonkers Art Gallery at the Riverfront Library will host "Quest," an exhibit of works by French-born artist Nana Deleplanque, through Dec. 31. An artist talk and reception will be held Thursday, Dec. 11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Nana, as she is known to her admirers, emigrated to the United States in 1981 and now lives and works in Brooklyn. "Quest" will feature vibrant gouache on 385 postcards and a large interactive acrylics painting, all intended to impact the viewer on emotional and physical levels.

Nana describes her work as "a vigorous affirmation of her own feeling of life and the exploration of the worlds in her and around her and how they relate to each other, inclining toward a monumental style."

During a career that has spanned close to three decades, Nana has exhibited extensively in New York and New Jersey, as well as in Florida and Texas. She has also exhibited in France. Her formal education was at Ecole des Beaux Arts in Provence, France and at The Art Student League in New York.

Of her works, curator Haifa Bint-Kadi of the Yonkers Art Gallery said:

"Her passion for life and nature is also manifested in her works. Nana’s technical use of gouache to create subtle yet fanciful washes creates an imaginative quality to her works. Her images of living beings, be they human or animal, seem to portray the ‘essence’ of the sacred through simple lines and great washes of illuminated colors. Engaging with Nana’s work transports one to a beautiful world where humans and nature co-exist. That in itself is a sacred quest."

Saturday, Dec. 6, marks the start of the "Family Arts Program," a series of family workshops held in the Yonkers Art Gallery on Dec. 6, 13 and 20, from noon to 1:45 p.m. Registration is preferred and a donation of $5 for participants for those older than 5 years of age is requested, but not mandatory. Register via YonkersArtGallery@gmail.com.

Don’t Miss


* Through Dec. 20, a group exhibit titled "Holiday Show 2014" is on display at the Blue Door Art Center; www.bluedoorartcenter.org.


The City of Yonkers recently joined with the Albanian community to celebrate its 102nd year of independence with a flag-raising ceremony at City Hall. Mayor Mike Spano, City Council members Dennis Shepherd, Christopher Johnson, Majority Leader John Larkin and Minority Leader Michael Sabatino, and Assemblymember Shelley Mayer helped hoist the Albanian Flag, and celebrated Albanian culture, which included a reception in the mayor’s office with Albanian food. "We are here today to recognize what the Albanian community has done to make Yonkers a great community," said Spano, who recognized Henry Destinbale for his work in promoting Albanian cultural offers in Yonkers. Photos by Donna Davis.

The works of artist Nana Deleplanque.

Donna Davis
Tiny Archibald with PAL’s Vic Federico and kids at the basketball clinic.

Please send us a letter or email about someone in Yonkers who could use a little help this holiday season. The entry that touches our heart will get a gift card, toy or gift, from Yonkers Rising. Send your requests to dmurphy@risingmediagroup.com and make sure it gets to our office by Tuesday, Dec. 16.

Tiny Archibald gives Katie a lesson in dribbling.

Nate Archibald gave a visit to the PAL boxing gym during the basketball clinic.

Coach Dave Antonelli teaches defense to kids.

Tiny Archibald paid a visit to the PAL boxing gym during the basketball clinic.

Coach Erik Dronzek talks to kids before a lay-up drill.

Photos by Ed whitman

Tiny Archibald
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School. The three told the 60 young boys and girls that picking the right friends, continuing their education, and working hard at whatever they choose for their careers are the most important life decisions they will make.

Then it was onto a four-hour basketball camp that included stretching and running, four basketball skills stations — dribbling, defense (coached by Dave Antonelli), pass and shoot (coached by the Yonkers Fire Department’s Assistant Chief Eric Dronzek) and lay-ups. After the skills stations, the four different age groups participated in a 3-on-3 tournament. Every participant got a T-shirt signed by Tiny, and a drink.

Archibald came to the Police Athletic League through his friendship with Willie Faulkner, a PAL board member and former New York Giants football player who has used his connections to professional sports and athletes to help the PAL — and the children of Yonkers.

Faulkner has also once again obtained two tickets to the Super Bowl that the PAL is raffling off as a fundraiser. Tickets are $100 each and include round-trip airfare, hotel and two tickets to Super Bowl 49 in Phoenix. To purchase tickets, call the PAL at 914-375-1080.

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Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service Unites City Residents

Father John Hamilton from St. John's Episco-
pal Church in Getty Square welcomed fellow
clergy, young adults, civil leaders, Counselman
Christopher Johnson and Minority Leader Mi-
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Congratulation to the seven newly-promoted members of the Yonkers Police Department. Starting from the fourth from left are Sgt. Gabriel Barahona, Sgt. James Diodati, Sgt. Denis Casey, Sgt. Christopher Balezentis, Mayor Mike Spano, Police Commissioner Charles Gardner, Det. Javier Lopez, Det. Robert Santabello and Det. William Celestino; with City Council members Dennis Shepherd and Majority Leader, John Larkin, left, and Christopher Johnson and Mike Brown, right.

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