Last week, the City of Yonkers, under the leadership of Mayor Mike Spano, continued the city’s successful efforts to open, or daylight, the Saw Mill River — which has been covered by Mckayden for decades — and see it as a tool to redevelop and transform its downtown.

The first step began Nov. 15, 2011, when a parking lot at Larkin Plaza was removed and regraded from the Saw Mill River began to flow aboveground for the first time in 90 years. The underground stretch accounted 15,778 square feet of aquatic habitat, including a tidal pool and two freshwater pools.

Larkin Plaza was transformed into Van der Donk Park, which opened in 2012, and a parking lot became a river park, which residents and visitors have enjoyed — with the river becoming an ecological and environmental destination.

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The City of Yonkers celebrated the 59th annual Saint Patrick’s Day Parade on McLean Avenue last Saturday, with 20,000 marchers and watchers lined along Yonkers’ “Irish Mile” to enjoy the sounds of bagpipes, the tapping of Irish dancers, and the combination of two Saint Patrick’s Day parades in Yonkers.

The Yonkers Family YMCA, will be writing about the rich history of Yonkers in the weeks to come. Each week the young writers will re-search 19th and 20th century events printed in the Herald Statesman and other newspapers.

The Holocaust Remembrance Program is coordinated by JCC-Westchester Community Partners in partnership with YPS and is sponsored by Lincoln Park Jewish Center and The Holocaust and Human Rights Education Center. The event gives students the opportunity to appreciate the state of the Holocaust and the Human Rights Education Center.

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Go Cyclones!

Yonkers Native Moves On in March Madness

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But to do that, they need to raise a significant amount of money.

To raise these much-needed funds, the Rotary Club has organized a Comedy Night Gala at Empire City Casino that will take place Saturday, March 29 from 6:30 to 11:30 p.m. The event will kick off with a cocktail hour, and be followed by a buffet dinner, music, dancing, a rock ‘n’ roll memorabilia silent auction, and more.

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Melvin George will be the featured comedian of the evening and comedian John “22” Jarram will emcee the event. John was Bronx born before becoming a Westchester resident and has been a successful stand-up comedian for more than a decade, with regular appearances at The Big Apple Comedy Club in Times Square. The Rotary Club applied for and won a grant through AskMIS, a national non-profit that helps create play spaces through community participation. Also, Morgan Stanley has generously pledged nearly $100,000 toward the effort.

The Yonkers Board of Education and the Yonkers Public Schools are also on board with efforts to rebuild the decrepit elementary school playground, located at 53 Fairview St.

For nearly 120 years, School 9 has tirelessly educated Yonkers’ children, serving many of the same families for generations in a facility that has received few upgrades over the years. A new playground with up-to-date equipment and a safe play surface will inspire the much-needed building modernizations at School 9, as well as provide a recreation space for the entire community.

Empire City Casino is located at 810 Yonkers Ave., and the Comedy Night Gala will be held in the Good Time Room on the third floor. Tickets are $95 online or $100 at the door, and can be purchased at westchesternyrotary.org, by contacting Steve Castallano at 914-447-7163 or scastellano07@gmail.com. All proceeds will go toward the playground and the reconstruction of the play surfaces, which has a projected cost of $30,000.

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Save your Life

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Teen Talent Show Auditions
At Yonkers Riverfront Library

Yonkers Riverfront Library is gearing up to host its 12th annual teen talent show, Yonkers Rising. To audition, teens must live in Yonkers and have a program for Yonkers Rising, a CMWL program, 150 original participants continued care for 12 months and visited physician in 12th month of care. In 2011, for the first time in the storied history of the Golden Gloves boxing tournament, which will be hosted on the fourth floor of the casino. General admission tickets are $25; police and audience members alike. Yonkers residents, community partners and families are encouraged to take advantage of this free musical celebration to remember for both the performers and the All-City Choir was created to provide an enriching concert experience for the choirs. Adults, seniors, students, who are recommended for the choir based on their voices.

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Novelist To Discuss Palestinian Exile

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The Front Lines: In The Park

By Rachel McCain

State Sen. George Latimer

State Sen. George Latimer announced last week that he would be hosting a series of forums for the residents of Yonkers, where the State Senator, along with other local officials, will be discussing the current financial restraints that the city is facing due to budget cuts. The series of forums will be held at various locations throughout the city and will be open to the public.

In the first forum, which was held at the Grinton Will Library, the Senator discussed the city's financial situation and the steps that are being taken to address the budget cuts. He also spoke about the importance of community input in the decision-making process and the need for transparency and accountability in the city's financial affairs.

In the second forum, which was held at the Public Library, the Senator continued the discussion on the city's financial situation and the steps being taken to address the budget cuts. He also spoke about the importance of community input in the decision-making process and the need for transparency and accountability in the city's financial affairs.

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The Senator also expressed his gratitude to the residents of Yonkers for their support and encouragement during these difficult times and vowed to continue working tirelessly to address the city's financial challenges and improve the quality of life for all residents.
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The diabetes drug, ACTOS®, has been linked to an increased risk of bladder cancer. If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with bladder cancer after taking ACTOS®, ACTOplus

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The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption.

patrons. Yonkers Mayor Luke Ludens has been at the shelter; he has worn the hearts of everyone. He is a mixed-breed dog, he is 10 years old, with white fur and a very gray head; he is both kind and friendly and needs someone to talk to.

Ludens is very smart and looks to everything whether he is standing or sitting. He is also very friendly and he is happy to go outside to play. Ludens is the perfect pet for your family.

The Animal Shelter is located at 100 Ridge Hill Blvd, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekends and 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays. For more information, call 914-965-4000 or email info@yonkersanimalshelter.org.

Sacred Heart Presents “Anything Goes”

The Sacred Heart high school drama club, Sacred Heart Players, will soon present several performances of its musical show “Anything Goes.”

The musical, which is a classic comedy from the 30s, is set in the Deep South during the 1930s. It features a cast of characters who are all trying to escape the laws of the land, and the music ranges from jazz to gospel.

Performances will be held on March 28 at 7:30 p.m. and March 29 at 2 p.m. at Sacred Heart High School, located at 255 Warburton Ave., Yonkers. Tickets are $10 at the door.

Riverside High School

Public Schools will announce more tech companies to move to the city. Maimark, a leading developer of cell phone applications, recently moved to Riverside High School. The move is expected to bring over 100 new jobs to the area.

The company plans to invest $30 million in the city and to create 150 new positions.

Other nearby tech companies include Wricci.com, a company that creates mobile apps, and Wricci, a company that develops software for mobile devices.

In the next few years, Riverside High School will become a hub for tech companies and will provide a great opportunity for students to gain experience in the tech industry.

City Council

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A series of public hearings to continue to originate currently; some may want the mayor to have financial control – but not yet another $35 million budget error disaster.

Yonkers Federation of Teachers President Pat Puleo spoke out against mayoral control and moved forward with a policy that would reduce spending in the Yonkers budget to fill holes in the city's budget. He said, “Every school district in Westchester has a policy, every school district in Westchester has an elected Board of Education. Why don’t we allow our elected Board of Education to decide how to spend our money?”

Other speakers opposed the idea of borrowing money as a way out of the current budget crisis, while some called the debate over mayoral control a “phony debate” because the Yonkers budget was in trouble even before the current mayor took office. Those who support mayoral control have great respect for Mayor Spano, different way.

The debate over mayoral control included comments from Mayor Spano and former Council President Chuck Lesnick, and former Council President Chuck Lesnick, and extended discussion from the council on the matter.

Mayoral control has been a contentious issue in Yonkers for years, with some arguing that it allows for better decision-making and others arguing that it is a political move to divert attention from the city’s financial problems.

The debate will continue as the council meets to discuss the budget and decide on the best course of action for Yonkers.

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The club is located on the second floor of the building.

This particular topic resonates with me because I am an American, and it matters to me. As an American, I understand the importance of maintaining our traditions, our culture, and our way of life.

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Grand Marshal Father Thomas Collins walks through a bridge of Irish walking sticks, held by aides to the grand marshal.

The Maria Regina High School Marching Band.

Members of the McLean Avenue Merchants Association.

Mayor Mike Spano, Yonkers’ First Lady Mary Calvi, and family enjoy lunch at Heritage.

From left are Councilmembers Dennis Shepherd, John Larkin, Liam McLaughlin and son Ryan Patrick, and Mike Green.

Two young Irish step-dancers.

Parade Grand Marshal Father Thomas Collins.


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beyond, who came to Yonkers for the parade and a pint and a bite after. There were no accidents concerning the large crowds at the parade, and everything went off without a hitch. The new and improved and combined Yonkers Saint Patrick’s Day Parade has already vaulted into discussions about it being one of the best of the behind the New York City parade and now tied with the Pearl River parade.

See you next year on McLean!
Adjacent buildings and property. In addition to courtyard space, and the start of the rehabilitation of the Saw Mill River, close to 20,000 square feet of open public Park.

The construction on the site will soon include a pedestrian and vehicular bridge traveling over the river, a bike path, public artwork from artist Haifa Bint-Kadi, and a new pedestrian gateway at 24 Warburton Ave. The project will also have been appropriated to the Daylighting Mill Street Courtyard.

"We applaud the mayor and the City Council for continuing the progress, and excitement, in the surrounding area, including parcels owned by Rise Development, LLC, the present company of Yonkers Rising."

The three Rising properties will be redeveloped into more than 31,000 square feet of residential, commercial, and retail spaces, including 22 live-work lots and two retail units at 3 Mill St., three live-work lots and one retail unit at 27 Main St., and two storefronts and proposed 24 residential units within the tripartite Wheeler Block building.

"The rehabilitation of these several vacant buildings adjacent to the daylighted Saw Mill River at Mill Street is essential to the economic growth of downtown Yonkers, providing for increased home and business space, becoming a centerpiece to downtown Yonkers," said Spano.

"The daylighting of the Saw Mill River at Mill Street is partially funded through a Great Rivers Grant from the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation in the amount of $920,000."

"On behalf of Gov. Andrew Cuomo, New York State is proud to be supporting a project that will not only enhance water quality and improve the environment, the Saw Mill River daylighting will also create greater economic development in downtown Yonkers," said Matthew Driscoll, president and CEO of the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation.

"We applaud efforts by the city to move forward with the next phase of this project and look forward to continuing with them and other partners to restore an important natural resource, revitalize the neighborhood, and open up open recreational opportunities for residents and visitors."