A Great McLean Avenue St. Patrick’s Day Parade

By Dan Murphy

Robertson Out of the Running For City Council President Both Parties Scramble for Candidates

By Brian Murphy

A bit of frigid weather didn’t stop more than 20,000 spectators who hailed the “Emerald Mile” of Yonkers along McLean Avenue last Saturday to enjoy the second annual McLean Avenue St. Patrick’s Day parade.

The event was organized and went off without a hitch thanks to the hard work of the McLean Avenue Merchants Association, which came up with the idea for the parade and after only two years has turned it into what the “Irish Voice” (which knows a thing or two about St. Patrick’s Day parades) calls “a huge success.”

The parade serves two needs: It helps celebrate the huge Irish-American community on McLean Avenue and surrounding neighborhoods, and it provides an economic boost to all of the pubs, restaurants and stores.

Irish music and Yonkers’ resident Joanie Madden was the grand marshal for the parade and was a great choice, with many of her fans turning out and enjoying the day. A full slate of floats and drill teams, Yonkers’ bravest and finest, schools, and community organizations marched from Bronx River Road to Coyne Park.

"You have to have time for the job of council president, which is the most powerful job in the city besides the mayor, and after a lot of consideration, my family and business commitments are too much for me. I had breakfast with the mayor last week and advised him of my decision. I had to be honest with myself and the people of Yonkers, and not take on too much. This was completely my decision and plan on staying involved and continuing to serve in other ways.”

Mayor Mike Spano’s Second State of City Address

By Don Murphy

City Mayor Mike Spano recently delivered a speech to the people of Yonkers that outlined his administration’s accomplishments and pointed to an optimistic future for the city. Mayor Spano’s Second State of the City address took place before a packed audience at City Hall, and was broadcast to residents on News 12.

Spano used the speech to point to the efforts his administration has made in controlling the budget and future deficits, to spur economic development, and make reductions in crime. The mayor also mentioned that full-day pre-kindergarten will be opened to the Yonkers Public Schools.

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Members of AMVETS Raise Post 40 in Yonkers and the Yonkers Lions Club recently joined forces to send gifts and essentials to American troops in Afghanistan.

Allan Stolzer of the Lions Club collected donations of supplies totaling 83 cartons, he contacted Post Commander Sam Riti, who made sure the supplies would get to the troops. Riti met with Yonkers Postmaster Jerry Shapiro, who sent a truck to the Yonkers Armory to pick up the supplies and sent them to the 101st Army unit in Afghanistan.

AMVETS picked up the $1,300 cost of postage.

First Precinct Community Council Meets

The next meeting of the First Precinct Community Council is scheduled for Wednesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. at 710 E. Luxury Street. The scheduled guest is Commissioner Chuck Gardner.

If there is one – will be the next member of the County Board representing Yonkers.

We will highlight this race and the candidates next week in Yonkers Rising.
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Yonkers Public Schools has been awarded $13.5 million in Federal SIG (Strategic Innovation and Grant) funds, dedicated to turning around some of New York State's lowest performing schools. It is the largest award for a single school district in New York State. The Caudill Group, from White Plains, has been named as the lead consultant to oversee the conversion, along with its subsidiary, The Performance Arts, Martin Luther King Jr. School, and School 13, which awarded grant funds."
The past four years is an absolute joy. That is when discussions will consequently be held with the central government.

On Development

"When a company talks about development and growth, they often mean that by utilizing economic development as a revenue source. Yes, we need economic development that is right and the mark of the city. For too long, our development has been filled with speculators," said Larkin. "Our mayor and members of the City Council have diffused and bucked the path of the companies that were not interested in the structuring of a development."

"We are the leader of the Republican City Council and the people know we are not to play our role in ensuring that our Mayors' Superintendents 2013's State of the City," Larkin said to res. "As City Council members, we recognize that the people have a place in us. That responsibility is to do is in the best interests of our community, our neighbors, and taxpayers. For too long we have allowed partisan politics and personal agendas to put the mark of our citizens. We need to make sure that our government is efficient and run efficiently."

By Eric W. Schoen

This, Too, is Passover and Easter!

The traditional thick, super sweet Passover wine or "malaga" is a must. From ex- perience, I have found that the malaga is not only the most popular wine during Passover, it is also sold out for Passover in the<br>next two weeks.

As the Republican members of the Council, said the mayor and his colleagues are committed to doing what is in the best interests of the city, re- member, and yes, it is a "for all Yonkers' sake." Larkin said to res. "Our first priority must be to address a serious budget gap in Yonkers, and it's not<br>just in our city, it's an "all for Yonkers' sake." Larkin said to res. "Our first priority must be to address a serious budget gap in Yonkers, and it's not just in our city, it's an "all for Yonkers' sake." Larkin said to res. "Currently, it is essential that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimburses us 100 percent. This is the reason our children. It is imperative that we continue to have a stable home for our residents. "The state reimber
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Frida and Angie Horovitz, and will appear at Maimonides in Westchester for the benefit of

Dr. Ruth E. Assaf, who returned to Yonkers after 17 years of service, will join the
evening’s festivities. Wilson is the founder of the

For more information, please call 914-374-0373.

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The Importance of Social Security Cards and Numbers

By Susan Sobel

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The Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers, "PHA," will receive proposals for the following: WORK: ITEM # 2413, SHINGLE ROOFING AT SCATTERED HOUSING SITES AND AS FOLLOWS: NY2-28 Bellerose Avenue, NY2-32A Liberty Street, NY2-32B Liberty Street, NY2-33 Liberty Avenue, NY2-35B Van Cortlandt Road, NY2-35C Van Cortlandt Road, NY2-35D Van Cortlandt Road, NY2-37A O’Neil Street, NY2-37B O’Neil Street, NY2-37C O’Neil Street, NY2-37D O’Neil Street, NY2-37E O’Neil Street, NY2-38B Beverley Avenue, NY2-38C Beverley Avenue, NY2-38D Beverley Avenue, NY2-38E Beverley Avenue, NY2-39A Hallel Street, NY2-39B Hallel Street, NY2-39C Hallel Street, NY2-39D Hallel Street, NY2-39E Hallel Street, NY2-40A Windward Avenue, NY2-40B Windward Avenue, NY2-40C Windward Avenue, NY2-40D Windward Avenue, NY2-40E Windward Avenue, NY2-41A McFadden Street, NY2-41B McFadden Street, NY2-41C McFadden Street, NY2-41D McFadden Street, NY2-41E McFadden Street, NY2-42A Horace Street, NY2-42B Horace Street, NY2-42C Horace Street, NY2-42D Horace Street, NY2-42E Horace Street, NY2-43A Briton Street, NY2-43B Briton Street, NY2-43C Briton Street, NY2-43D Briton Street, NY2-43E Briton Street, AMOUNT OF BIDDING: $1,000.00.

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Proposed forms of Contract Documents including Drawings and Specifications are on file at the office of the PHA, Augustine J. Shea Building, 1511 Central Park Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y. 10710. Bid Documents may be obtained, in person, by depositing Seventy-Five Dollars ($75.00) Non-Refundable Contract Clerk, or by phone call to 914-968-6730 during business hours, or 201-981-3215 at any time. By phone call to 914-968-6730 during business hours, or 201-981-3215 at any time. Bidders, must satisfy themselves by personal examination of the proposed work and shall not, at any time after submission of Bid or Proposal, dispute or complaint nor absent there was any misunderstanding in regard to the nature or amount of the work to be done. Bids shall be accompanied with all required documents outlined in the proposal package.

Visit Ronny at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, 1415 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y. 10704, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Sunday. Ronny is a beautiful dog weighing about 50 pounds and is a happy-go-lucky puppy. Ronny loves everyone and every dog. He hasn’t met a cat yet – but will soon. Ronny loves chewing balls and going for walks, and is very smart and loves to listen to everything his·s told. He is expect·ed to make a great companion for whoever adopts him. Ronny will especially enjoy kids to play with. Visit Ronny at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, 1415 McLean Avenue, Yonkers, N. Y. 10704, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday through Saturday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Sunday.
2013 McLean Avenue St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Photos by Donna Davis

Members of the McLean Avenue St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee with parade Chairwoman Deirdre O’Mara and MAMA Chair RJ Puma.

Green clovers were the favorite face painting at the parade.

Large crowds gathered along McLean Avenue.

County Executive Rob Astorino greeting parade watchers.

A McLean Avenue St. Pat’s parade tradition: Members of the pipe and drum bands go into different pubs and restaurants and perform for the crowds after the parade.

Girl Scout troop 1776 marching.

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April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and child abuse prevention is the national project of all Exchange Clubs throughout the nation.

“There isn’t a day that goes by that we don’t hear or read of one horrific incident involving the abuse or neglect of a child,” said Ann Muro, president of the Exchange Club of Yonkers. “All we have to do is turn on the television and we see reports of beatings, abductions and even the deaths of children.”

Child abuse prevention was adopted in 1979 as the Exchange Club’s national project, and is addressed through a nationwide network of child abuse prevention centers which utilize professionally trained volunteer parent aides who work directly with abusive parents and at-risk families in their homes.

The Olde Stone Mill Restaurant, 2 Scarsdale Road, Tuckahoe, will donate 10 percent of a patron’s bill to the Exchange Club for any lunch or dinner served any Tuesday during the month of April. Please help support public awareness by joining the Olde Stone Mill and its partnering with the Exchange Club of Yonkers.

Olde Stone Mill Supporting Child Abuse Prevention Month

This unique approach has achieved impressive results, enabling children to live lives free of constant fear and pain.

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Marchers from the Miracle League of Westchester wearing the green.

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