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The last event that Yonkers Rising wishes all of our readers a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover season. This is “crunch time” for the Easter Bunny, who will be out all weekend in Yonkers this weekend. Last weekend he made an appearance at the Downtown BI Easter Egg Hunt, along the Saw Mill River at Van der Donck Park. The bunny will be hopping around this weekend’s Grand Marshal Ambassador Anne Anderson and Mackenzie Forsberg.

Mayor Honors Yonkers Women

For Contributions to City

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Happy Easter and Happy Passover, Yonkers!

The Easter Bunny with kids at the Downtown BI egg hunt. Photo by Pamela Alvarez.

By Dan Murphy
City Council President Mike Khader has proposed a package of transparency-related bills and resolutions that have been introduced and submitted for council review. Two pieces of Khader’s open government and transparency initiatives are to force all vacant positions in city government posted and available for public review, and to post the salaries of every Yonkers City employee. The information has been widely available, accessed by journalists to find out job positions, titles and salaries. There is a need to make the information readily available in one document or online.

“Among the items scheduled for consideration are bills requiring the disclosure of municipal employees’ salaries, release of demographic statistics pertaining to the city workforce, and an examination of currently vacant positions of employment within the City of Yonkers municipal workforce. The City Council recently held committee meetings on the proposal resolutions, and discussions with Human Resources Director Carlos Moran and Corporation Counsel Michael Curt. Moran stated that much of the information requested by Khader must be obtained through the Finance Department. The fiscal impact on Khader’s requests is minimal; they are already compiled somewhere in City Hall and must just be complied and made available to the public, either online or in a document form.

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Locals Compete in Special Olympics Bowling Tournament

Mayor Mike Spano, YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada, Board Trustee Trustees, Council Majority Leader Michael Salamone, educators and students from Scholastic Academy.

Scholastic Academy is a deserving recipient of Mayor Spano’s School of the Month Award,” said Quetada. “This school is an example of what students are capable of achieving when both par- ents and teachers are focused together on provid- ing the support and encouragement not only in the classroom, but in creative extracurricular endeav- ors.

Mayor Mike Spano joined members of Yonkers City Council, members of Yonkers Fed- eration of Teachers, Yonkers Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin Quezada and Yonkers Public Schools Board of Trustees Nader Sayegh to present the School of the Month Award for February to the deserving administration, faculty, staff, parents and students at Scholastic Academy for Academic Excellence.

Under the leadership of Principal Dr. Valen- cia Brown-Wyatt, Scholastic Academy is being recognized for its consistent academic success and its curriculum outside of the classroom.

Scholastic Academy’s commitment to peri- odic-based learning through “Thinking Maps” has led to the 577 students of Scholastic Academy making strides in all subject areas. Scholastic Academy has also been at the forefront of Yonkers Public Schools’ participation in former President Barack Obama’s “My Brother’s Keeper” initia- tive. Spano and Quetada accepted Obama’s chal- lenge prior to the 2016-17 school year.

“I was very impressed by the caliber of tal- ent, especially the students who presented to us today at Scholastic Academy,” said Spano. “It was a wonderful example of what our Yonkers students are capable of when given the resources and op- portunity to shine.”

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Satellite Tax Offices Open at Three Locations in Yonkers

Nikko Needs a Home

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption. Nikko is a 1-year-old, 55 lbs. purebred German Shepherd. He arrived at the shelter some time ago, as a stray. While Nikko might be a little skittish, he loves to be hugged and get attention. Although he has had several previous homes, he is still hopeful that there is a happy family out there for him. There is a $200 adoption fee for him, which covers his spaying, rabies, and heartworm tests. Visitors can also sign up to help him, and if possible, to foster him. For more information, visit www.yonkersanimalshelter.org.

Luterin Welcome

Consider adopting Nikko.

By Mary Heas
President Emerita, Yonkers Historical Society

Monday, April 2

1796: The freeholders and inhabitants of Yonkers met to choose a site for a city hall. The site chosen was located on the northwest corner of the town. It is now known as City Hall Park.

1924: Yonkers became a city in 1924, with a population of 35,000. The city was incorporated as a city government, and the mayor became the chief executive officer of the city. The first mayor of Yonkers was William J. Gilmore, who served from 1924 to 1931.

1989: Yonkers hosted the annual Gypsy Festival, which celebrates the Gypsy culture.

April 5, 1909: Public Safety Commissioner Samuel D. Foster was appointed by the city council to be the first police chief of Yonkers. Foster had served as the city's police chief from 1909 to 1912.

April 6, 1904: The Yonkers Free Press was founded by J. H. H. Jones and was the first daily newspaper in Yonkers.

April 7, 1914: The Yonkers High School was opened.

April 8, 1906: The Yonkers Hospital was founded.

April 9, 1914: The Yonkers Post Office was established.

April 10, 1920: The Yonkers Public Library was dedicated.

April 11, 1929: The Yonkers School Board was established.

April 12, 1934: The Yonkers Art Center was founded.

April 13, 1945: The Yonkers Police Department was established.

April 14, 1950: The Yonkers Housing Authority was established.

April 15, 1956: The Yonkers Chamber of Commerce was established.

April 16, 1961: The Yonkers Junior Chamber of Commerce was established.

April 17, 1966: The Yonkers Historical Society was founded.

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April 19, 1981: The Yonkers Waterfront Park was dedicated.

April 20, 1990: The Yonkers Board of Education was established.

April 21, 1991: The Yonkers Department of Public Works was established.

April 22, 1992: The Yonkers Department of Parks and Recreation was established.

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May 21, 2021: The Yonkers Department of Environmental Protection was established.

May 22, 2022: The Yonkers Department of Human Resources was established.

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May 24, 2024: The Yonkers Department of Planning and Zoning was established.
Can Nixon Beat Cuomo for Governor?

By Dan Murphy

As Republican Julie Killian and Democrat Cynthia Nixon continue their campaign to see who will become the next governor of New York, the race has become more exciting as more New Yorkers turn out to vote. Both candidates have received the backing of New York’s top Democrats, including Mayor Bill de Blasio, who ran for governor, but currently supports Nixon.

The most recent poll from Siena College shows that Nixon is in the lead with 46 percent of the vote, while Cuomo has 41 percent. This is a significant shift from just a week ago, when the New York Times reported that Cuomo was in the lead by 10 points. The poll was conducted from March 24 to March 28, with a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points.

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**State Senate candidates**

Shelley Mayer, left, and Julie Killian.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES:

Shelley Mayer, a Yonkers Democrat who is running for state Senate District 34, has been quiet on Nixon’s campaign, but some residents and business owners in Yonkers are concerned about the impact of a potential Nixon victory on the city. Mayer, who has represented Yonkers in the state Assembly since 2012, has been a strong advocate for Yonkers and has supported issues such as education reform and affordable housing.

However, Mayer has been quiet on the issue of charter schools, which are a hot topic in the state legislature. There is concern that a Nixon victory could lead to increased charter school expansion, which could be harmful to Yonkers and other public school districts.

Mayer has also been criticized for her handling of the city’s budget, which she has overseen since 2012. Some residents have expressed concern about Mayer’s ability to balance the city’s budget and make tough decisions, while others have praised her for her leadership.

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**Legal Notices**

**Notice of Real Estate Auction**

By Order of the City of Yonkers

Notice is hereby given by the City of Yonkers (the "City") of the public auction of the following real property located within the City of Yonkers, New York.

The public auction will take place Friday April 6, 2018 beginning at 10am in the Yonkers Riverfront Library, Community Room AB, located on the 2nd Floor, 2nd Floor, Yonkers, New York.

The auction will be conducted in accordance with the law, and all bidders agree to be bound to the terms and conditions of the auction and sale.

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Food Bank for West. Changes Name to Feeding Westchester

Food Bank for Westchester recently announced that it has changed its name to Feeding Westchester due to a successful $1.5 million capital campaign that raised money to support a peer-to-peer individual fundraising effort. The campaign is a joint effort with the county’s Department of Health, the town of Westchester, and the city of New Rochelle. The funds raised will support the organization’s efforts to meet the needs of the community.

Aisling Irish Center Changes Name to Feeding Westchester

Aisling Irish Center is changing its name to Feeding Westchester. The center serves as a hub for community members to access resources and services, including food banks, soup kitchens, and other supports.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to law, that the Mayor of the City of Yonkers, New York, will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in Firehouse, Mayor’s Reception Room, 2nd Floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, to hear all interested parties and citizens regarding the adoption of the following Local Law:

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE XII OF CHAPTER 56 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF YONKERS ENITLED FLood DAMAGE PREVENTION. IN REGARD TO THE REVISED FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP

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Meet our medical team

At our wounds center, we treat all wounds. Our approach to wound care is aggressive and comprehensive, coordinating traditional and advanced wound care treatments into the healing process. Our center is staffed by a multidisciplinary team of physicians and nurses with advanced training in wound care.

For you that means faster healing times, longer-lasting results, decreased anapetization rates and increased mobility.

To learn more about our services, please call: (914) 378-7900

Public hearing

Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time as necessary. Further information, including access to a copy of said proposed local law, may be obtained at the Office of the City Clerk, Hall or by phone at 914-965-4700.

Dated March 28, 2018
The Westchester Chapter of 100 Hispanic Women was hosting its annual Latina leadership forum and scholarship luncheon event for April 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel, 1 Radisson Plaza, New Rochelle.

The Yonkers 100 Hispanic Women Coalition, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that is part of the national 100 Black Women, Inc. network. Yonkers high school seniors are awarded for scholastic criteria, community and volunteer involvement.

Olivia Powell – art historian and Senior Assistant to the Editor-in-Chief, is published weekly by Rising Media Group, Inc. of Westchester, New York. 100 Hispanic Women hosts Latina Leadership Forum.

The CITY OF YONKERS/YONKERS PUBLIC SCHOOLS, BUREAU OF PURCHASING, 1500 Railroad Ave., Yonkers, NY 10701.

The lowest bidder must submit, either with their bid or within seven business days or more during the two nor-easters that struck. The Yonkers 100 Hispanic Women is a mother of two, and on sale at www.100HWW.org.

The mission of 100 Hispanic Women, Women's Advisory Board will re- continued from Page 5

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MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATION

Alessandra Restiano is a committee coordinator of the Yonkers Schools who will be rewarded with

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation through Title 16. Bid 6202A – Opening date 4/27/2018 – Construction of Greenway Playgrounds at Smith, O’Hare, Levine Park. This project is funded in part by a grant from the W3 Center through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority. The lowest bidder will be awarded a 24-month contract to provide parts and equipment. (DNC)

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Candidates for the County Legislative District 11 seat include Terry Clemens (Democratic). Clemens is running for the seat vacated by Latimer after he left the city council in 1994.

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63rd Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade on McLean Avenue

Students from St. Ann’s School. Many Catholic schools and marching bands participated in the parade.

“The Buttonman,” a non-traditional favorite at the parade, with Grand Marshal Anderson.

Irish Dancers from the Brooker School of Irish Dance.

Many pipes and drum bands filled McLean Avenue with sweet sounds. Here are two lady members of the Rockland County Pipes and Drum Band.

Mayor Spano with Ambassador Anderson at the reviewing stand with Aide Christine Kenney O’Rourke.

The Yonkers Middle-High School Marching Band.

Two girls, with their Hurling sticks. Fr. Matthew Janeczko, leading Sacred Heart Church and School up the parade route.

The “Chieftain” of the Yonkers St. Pat’s Parade Larry McCrudden.

Mayor Mike Spano was right when he said there’s no better place to be.

The other wonderful part of the parade is that families with young children can enjoy it without incident, and coincide alongside the many pubs that line McLean Avenue. Part of the reason for this is the large presence of Yonkers police officers, and other departments, who marched in the parade and helped keep everyone safe.

In years past, News 12 used to broadcast live from the parade, with Jeanine Rose and Kathy Mayr serving as narrators. This year, the Yonkers St. Patrick’s Day Parade Committee decided to broadcast the parade live with this reporter having the honor of narrating the parade with Meyer. The parade was broadcast on Facebook Live, and the City of Yonkers television studio also filmed the parade for broadcast on City Hall TV.

Special thanks to the parade committee, Co-Chairs Larry McCrudden and Dierdre O’Marra, and the many volunteers and hard workers behind the scenes who make this special day happen every year and who watch it grow and get better every year. It’s a true local, community parade that has everything that the big parade in New York City has and more. Hoping to see you soon again on McLean!


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