Burrows Says Sprain Ridge Pool to Open July 4
We Hope We Are Wrong

By Dan Murphy

There is hope once again for summer fun at the Sprain Ridge Pool, thanks to the work and effort of County Legislator Gordon Burrows – one of Yonkers’ four county legislators. Burrows, recently contacted Yonkers Rising regarding a story we wrote last week that the pool, closed now for six years, will not be open in time for the upcoming July 4 holiday weekend. “After your story, I immediately went out to see for myself,” Burrows said.

Over the Rainbow In Yonkers

Thanks to Angie Piwinski for sending us her photo of a rainbow over St. John’s Church in Getty Square on June 19. Because of the heavy rainfall in Yonkers recently, there’s the opportunity for many rainbows, so keep your cameras or phones close and send us your photo submissions to risingmediagroup@gmail.com. Angie said this beautiful pic with her iPhone.

Yonkers Juneteenth Honors African-American Heritage

The Yonkers African-American Heritage Committee held its annual Juneteenth African-American Heritage Festival and parade June 11. The day of events is a symbol of hope and unity in Yonkers, and shines a light and brings positivity to a negative world for the black community and beyond. It features a flag-raising ceremony, worship service, live entertainment featuring the African Healing Circle opening session with libation, drumming and dancing featuring the African Healing Circle. The Pan African Flag was raised above the Yonkers City Hall Unity fountain.

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Burons Celebrates Flag Day

One hundred and one years ago, President Woodrow Wilson declared June 14 to be Flag Day in the U.S., as a time to “rededicate ourselves to the nation.” The City of Yonkers and the Yonkers Industrial Development Agency held its annual celebration of Flag Day, when the police department, veterans, elected officials and local residents paid tribute to the red, white and blue. The photo, and the incident, show how good Samaritans can come from anywhere, and kindness can still have more than two and a half years to serve.
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Smiddy also continues to serve her country in the Naval Reserves. In 2005, she was deployed to Iraq, and in 2010-11, she was deployed to Afghanistan. Her 30-year career serving and protecting our country has included numerous commendations, and she continues to serve and protect the people of Yonkers.

The city’s Flag Day Committee could not have chosen a more suitable speaker for Flag Day, and what the day represents, than Officer Smiddy. Yonkers thanks you for your service.
By Eric W. Schoen

Summer is officially here, but if your child is fortunate enough to be graduating from Yonkers Public Schools, summer commencement ceremonies began this Sunday. Why are Yonkers graduation ceremonies always so late? As Tzvila said in “Fiddler on the Roof,” “tradition.”

Graduations... Let’s just say I have experienced some exciting moments in my lifetime. My sister graduated from New York University when the school moved to Washington Square Park right outside of the walls of the university. The park, a place where back then folks hung out, play music, dance and maybe smoke something a little stronger than a cigarette was transformed into this gorgeous graduation venue.

It was a really hot day in New York City and in Washington Square Park and my sister got me a seat right up by the stage where everything was happening. As a little boy, oh boy was I impressed! The graduates promenading in their purple – oops, lavender gowns – made me feel like I was in a once-in-a-lifetime, “Camelot”-like ceremony in the vastness of NYC. To this day, my sister still swears that they didn’t call the graduates’ names, but there were so many lavender gowns that if they called mine everyone would still think it was mine.

Several years later when I was deciding on colleges, I took the tour with my parents to visit NYU and speak with admissions professionals. It was hot and hazy on that subway ride. That was the ride I would have to take from Yonkers for four, or possibly six years in the future. It was hot and humid on that subway ride, and so many lavender gowns that if they called mine everyone would still think it was mine.

Several years after my NYU trip I drove my way to University of Marynell. I drove into my air-conditioned car, there were ducks and geese in a big pond in the middle of the campus, and lots of fresh air. I checked out the campus where I was checking out the horseback riding elective and surfing by a firehall carrying what looked like a shark, I decided I wanted a suburban, rather than the urban education NYU would provide, and broke the family tradition by attending Pace University.

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The Westchester Black Women's Political Caucus-Yonkers Chapter recently announced new officers for the 2017-18 fiscal year. The new administration was installed during a swearing-in ceremony conducted by Yonkers City Court Judge Evan Inlaw. The officers include President Tai Johnson, Vice President Kathy Skipper, Immediate Past President and Secretary Cynthia Miller, Treasurer Barry Weyant and Executive Director Mae Williams.

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For example, the Robotics Club demonstrated their skills in each area of study. Classes are also available in drama, cooking, knitting and other sive after-school STEAM classes in areas such as robotics and 3D printing. Classes are also available in drama, cooking, knitting and other areas such as music, art, and creative writing. The Cross Hill Academy students show off what they learned in the Generating STEAM program.

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The Generating Steam program at Cross Hill Academy one of our students with his STEAM project.

The Generating Steam program at Cross Hill Academy includes the following activities: computer repair, upgrade, virus removal, data recovery, and office computer setup. The program is funded by the Yonkers Public School System and the community.

Cross Hill Academy celebrates Year of Generating Steam!
Burrows Says

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LEGAL NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED WATER RENT INCREASES

1. Thomas Meier, Commissioner of the Department of Public Works in the City of Yonkers, do hereby call a public hearing on the proposed scale of water rent on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. in the Law Library, Rm. 300, City Hall, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, at 8:30 p.m.

The Proposed Scale of Water Rates is available for inspection by the public until June 22, 2017. The City welcomes and encourages participation by local and minority and women owned business enterprises.

Dated: June 19, 2017

PROPOSED SCALE OF WATER RENTS

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Benjamin Seeks
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min hope to replace the person she ran against two years ago. In a grassroots, outsider-versus-insider Democratic primary, Benjamin Seeks (+18) versus incumbent Carmen Gomez Goldberg (+13) this year could result in a very interesting election.

When she first arrived last month, she was timid and afraid, but settled in quickly and soon became a volunteer with the Young at Heart Group. "It was very rewarding to see how quickly and soon became a volunteer here," she said. "I have always been a very caring person, and I have always felt a strong desire to help others."

Many pets available for adoption

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption. If you are interested in adopting a pet, please call 914-377-6730 or 201-981-3215.

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Ten seniors in Yonkers High Schools were awarded $25,000 in college scholarships for their academic success at an annual Yonkers Industrial Development Agency (YIDA) Awards Ceremony held last week at City Hall.

YIDA, which is a division of the Westchester County Industrial Development Agency, has been awarding scholarships for 7 consecutive years. YIDA's mission is to award scholarships to deserving seniors who are working hard to attend college and assist them in the pursuit of higher education, as well as economic development.

The awardees included:
- Stephanie Quiroz, junior at St. Barnabas High School
- Daisa Jones, senior at Saunders High School
- Maya Anderson, senior at Saunders High School
- Jasmine Luquin, senior at Palisades Preparatory School
- Lisette Lantigua, senior at Riverdale High School
- Stefania Quarcoo, senior at Roosevelt High School
- Josmerlyn Santos, senior at Saunders High School
- Maya Anderson, senior at Saunders High School

The awardees were selected based on academic success and involvement in school activities. The scholarship winners were selected byYIDA's Scholarship Committee, which consists of community leaders, educators, and business professionals. The committee reviewed applications and interviews to determine the awardees.

The YIDA Awards Ceremony is an annual event that celebrates the achievements of Yonkers students. The ceremony includes a keynote address by a distinguished guest, a presentation of scholarships, and recognition of the awardees' accomplishments.

The YIDA Awards Ceremony is an important event that recognizes the hard work and dedication of Yonkers students. It provides an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the achievements of its young people.

The YIDA Awards Ceremony is a testament to the belief that education is the key to a brighter future. The scholarships awarded at the ceremony will help make higher education a reality for these deserving students.
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City Hall on June 10, led by YAAHC President Robert Winstead. Later that evening, guests gathered at the YWCA to listen to selections performed by the NCC Youth Choir, and 2017 Queen and scholarship recipient Charlie Toome-Capors received her crown and award.

The Saunders High School graduate will attend Westchester Community College to pursue an associates degree in nursing. She plans obtain her BSN and said she would like to specialize in pediatrics.

The 2017 King is Deandre Banks, who graduated from Gorton H.S. He will attend Westchester Community College and enroll in one of the medical science programs.

June 10 was devoted to a first-time youth night held at PC4 and hosted by Shatika Parker and Tom Ray. Hip-hop, R&B, spoken word and dance were performed. The night ended with a mini fashion show by local clothing and jewelry designers, including Shatika Parker with Broke and FAB, Camila Rojas with Mzcamillz, Henry Burgos with Bulb and Arrow, Daniel with French Blu, and Adriana Easterling with Annie Styles.


The Parade Committee was joined by Mayor Spano, City Council President Liam McLaughlin, City Councilman Christopher Johnson, State Sen. Andrea Stewart Cousins, Assemblywoman Shelly Mayer, County Legislator Ken Jenkins, Symes Bronden and Judge Mary Anne Scattaretico-Naber.

The Nepperhan Community Center Youth Choir performs.

Photos by Donna Davis

The Fire Drumline Marching Band.

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Designers seated, and models standing, at the PC4 music and fashion show.

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*Registration is now open for the popular Life Skills Program, with limited spaces available. Individual and Group Sessions can be scheduled upon request.

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