A Great Week for Untermyer Gardens

By Dan Murphy

We read our headline from last week: “The devil is in the details” is what many in Yonkers are calling the budget agreement deal reached between Mayor Mike Spa- no, the Yonkers City Council, Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the State Legislature that calls for the City of Yonkers to increase its sales tax by half a percentage (from 8.375 percent to 8.875 percent). In return, they will receive two $14 million payments in additional revenue from the state to be used exclusively for Yonkers Public Schools.

Two weeks ago, Cuomo came to Yonkers and said there would be no teacher layoffs. That promise was critical to members of the City Council who want to see a special meeting to approve an increase in the sales tax.

This sales tax increase was 9.5 with Council President Liam McLaughlin and Councilman Michael Broin voting “no.” The budget deadlock is as follows (as we assume that the State Legislature will at some point approve the additional funding for the VPS and the sales tax increase).

The VPS had a $20 million shortfall in revenue to have the same programs and staff for the next school year, 2015-16, but it did for this school year, 2014-15. The governor’s visit to Yonkers resulted in the following offer: the state would fund the VPS additionally for this year at $13 million, and next year at $13 million, if the city increased its sales tax by a half point and if the revenue from the increase in sales tax was to VPS.

Every member of the City Council dis- cessed their vote at the special meeting held June 18 at midnight. “The governor came to Yonkers and said there would be no teacher layoffs, but there were no definitive numbers,” said McLaughlin.

“This money also has to be earmarked for edu- cation, which is having the state tell us how to spend our money and is problematic, and hav- ing all of these strings attached is a problem.”

McLaughlin voted “no” on the Home Rule message, requesting that Albany approve that the sales tax increase.

“I want everyone to understand that this increase in the sales tax will provide nothing new for the schools,” said Majority Leader John Larkin. “What we have now is a partnership where the sales tax will give us $13 million for this year and the state will give us $13 million, but we remain at the status quo and not additional support for the schools and I have a problem with that. The state should have given us the $28 million they gave us last year. I don’t want anyone putting themselves on the back for this deal.”

Minority Leader Michael Sabatino added:

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Cuomo & Sales Tax Hike Save Yonkers Schools

City Council Spotlight: Christopher Johnson

Seeking public office was an opportunity to expand the influence.

The last three years have given me the opportunity to serve the people of Yonkers. To me, politics is not just about the outcome, but the process. I have always believed in the importance of collaboration and compromise. By working together, we can achieve better results for our community.

As a member of the City Council, I have had the privilege of representing the people of Yonkers. My goal is to make Yonkers a place where everyone has the opportunity to succeed and thrive. I have worked hard to ensure that the budget for the upcoming fiscal year provides funding for essential services and programs that benefit our community.

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School 17 Celebrates Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the 21 students at School 17 who successfully completed their pledge to attend school every day and on time for the entire 2014-15 School year. Last year during Attendance Awareness Month, Mayor Mike Spano visited School 17 and unveiled Pledge 182, the pledge named after the number of school days in Yonkers Public Schools’ aca- demic year.

He delivered on his pledge, as well, treat- ing the students to a pizza party to celebrate their achievement.

The 21 perfect attendance students includ- ed Tamara Lovin-Amos, Minabe Atan, Lycia Batuta, Jared Blaloom, Maria Calisto, Leya Carro, Kasee Chan, Keryn Deale, Aleskiva Finsae, Emily Tamika Gaskin, Justin Gonzalez, Tina Alberton Hernandez, Lynne Hofstra, Julie Lopez Rodriguez, Jose Pro讵ures, Adrienne Simonite, Cordelia Speal, Ronny Vasquez Coronel, Brazil Villagomez, Derek Vomy and Sema- li Yakubu.

Yonkers Rising appreciates the effort and dedication required to complete this feat, and why because in the school setting having perfect attendance is essential for the opportunity to get up and go to school, on days when you just don’t feel like going, will help you in your future endeavors in college and work.
Scenic Hudson will present a $250,000 grant to the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy, enabling restoration of its signature water feature in the walled garden at the historic landscape in Yonkers, in memory of Kathryn Wasserman Davis (1907-2013), the visionary philanthropist, environmentalist and advocate for world peace who lived in Tarrytown. Davis was a generous supporter of Scenic Hudson and its work in Westchester County.

The funds will allow the non-profit conservancy and the City of Yonkers – the gardens’ owner – to relieve and replant the crisscrossing waterways symbolizing the Rivers of Life in the Garden of Eden. This garden, whose design incorporates features from several cultures and spiritual beliefs, offers a physical manifestation of Davis’s goal of uniting nations and respecting diversity. The gift also advances Scenic Hudson’s decades-long effort to protect and connect people to Yonkers’ natural beauty as the basis for the city’s ongoing economic revitalization.

“Kathryn Wasserman Davis was an ardent champion of international peace,” said Scenic Hudson President Ned Sullivan. “At the same time, she was dedicated to helping people enjoy the natural splendor of the Hudson Valley – the scenic lands and vistas that enriched her life for 80 years. By allowing the Untermyer Gardens Conservancy to complete restoration of this historic treasure in Yonkers, our grant will provide Scenic Hudson and its work in Westchester County.”

To find your cardiologist, call 914-787-5000 or visit nyp.org/lawrenceheart instead.
Each year the John D. Calandra Lodge No. 2600 of the Order of Sons of Italy in America awards a scholarship to a seventh-grader at St. John the Baptist School in Yonkers. The scholarship is named in honor of Michael J. Amato, who passed in 1998. He was a World War II veteran, active in the John D. Calandra Lodge No. 2600 of the Order of Sons of Italy in America.

The presentation of the Michael J. Amato award was scheduled before the morning mass at St. John the Baptist Church on June 19. Fortunately, the lodge was还是 carrying on the tradition of honoring the important student. What better way to do it than by honoring our beloved brother, Michael J. Amato, and not be flown on the lawn of the capitol state with mental health issues is no easy task. Many times have I heard from people, even those with gold-plated health plans, that they nor should they.

The controversy over the Confederate Flag serves as a distraction to the broader issues that face Americans today: The ability to fund basic education in our public schools or to keep the American flag in our schools or church at synagogues. Many Americans have asked whether the Confederate flag is an anachronism and whether it should be retired to some museum or be allowed to fly over the White House.

Each year the John D. Calandra Lodge No. 2600, including Remo Carriero, Anthony Cella, Mike Ruggiero and Phil Santise, has asked seventh-graders to discuss: “How does Steven A. Ritz say about the issues that confront this country and our families, our children, our country, our world deserve nothing less. This is just one man's opinion. We are blessed with freedom of speech. Share your thoughts with your fellow citizens by clicking on the buttons of interest, in our nation’s classrooms? People simply going to pray and study the new reality?

Our families, our children, our community, our world, our country, our nation, our New York area are in such bad shape. Even in the New York area, we have the controversy over the Confederate Flag. We pray for those who lost their lives in Charleston, in our families and friends. Sadly, we know this won’t be the last time some cra- ny of Mayors in California to strike up the band for gun control?

We start our journey in Charleston, S.C. What’s going on in this world? Is this the new reality of life in American classrooms? Of course, Focusing so much on the flag is great for the politicians. It won’t bring back those who lost their lives in prayer.

The governor of South Carolina did a big favor for the Republican Party and its candidates who want to lead our country. This is an issue that should have been dealt with long ago. When I saw the flag of this great country at half-staff along side the Confederate Flag flying high and as proud as ever, flapping in the breeze on a sunny day, I said to myself there is something wrong with this picture. The controversy over the Confederate Flag serves as a distraction to the broader issues that face Americans today: The ability to fund basic education in our public schools or to keep the American flag in our schools or church at synagogues. Many Americans have asked whether the Confederate flag is an anachronism and whether it should be retired to some museum.
Abreu: Leg. Perez Votes Against Youth Programs

Westchester County

Several people of Yonkers consider a county legisla- tor who will address these critical programs that will be cut away and requests for information on the selections made have been denied.

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**Superhero Training Academy Comes to Yonkers Library**

Direct from the Hall of Justice Headquarters to the Yonkers Public Library, Superhero Training Academy offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for your little superhero to become a real-life hero!

On Friday, June 26, the Superhero Training Academy, kids become empowered to fight evil and harness the power of their own might. The Academy offers active, cooperative participation, non-violent plays and the adventures of your own story.

Children age 6 and older are encouraged to attend dawn as their favorite superheroes.

The Superhero Training Academy will present two Superhero Training Academy sessions on
day, June 26 from noon to 5 p.m. Celebrate the River Museum include:

**Seven Deadly Sins: Envy** by Adrien Bloom is on display at the Hudson River Museum.

**Performance, Photography & More at Hudson River Museum**

Indulge your envious side with four days of events celebrating the Hudson River Museum’s summer show “Seven Deadly Sins” and weekend events at each museum. Visit www.hrm.org for “The Westchester Museum Alliance. Each member or-

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**RE- NOTICE OF SALE**

**SUPREME COURT WESTCHESTER COUNTY**

CITY OF YONKERS, Plaintiff,

AND FINANCE and JOHN DOE (said name being

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This sale had previously been noticed for July 1, 2015.

ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFF:

BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF

SPOND TO THIS SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT BY SERVING A COPY OF THE

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**SINFUL WEEKEND** programs at the Hudson

**Children at the Library**

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To join the Rotary club, come join us at any of our weekly meetings at 12:15 pm, Wednesdays at Luciano’s 2392 Central Park Ave., Yonkers

**Notice**

You are in danger of losing your real property if you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on plaintiff’s attorney who filed this tax foreclosure proceeding. If you fail to respond to the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your real property.

TO THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT:

Philip DiNardo, a.k.a. John Doe, a/k/a William Williams, claiming an interest or lien upon said premises,

The sale will be advertised at public auction in the West- chester County Clerk’s Office, 50 S. Broadway, White Plains, New York 10601, at 10 a.m. on the 30th day of July, 2015 at 4 p.m. in the City of Yonkers, New York. The标的物 will be sold subject to the provisions of the judgment of foreclosure, estimated to be $21,000 or 10% of the bid, whichever is greater.

PAYABLE TO THE REFEREE. CASH PAYMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. BIDS of the bid, whichever is greater.

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Yonkers 4th of July Events

Stop by Philip Manor Hall State Historic Site and enjoy one of the city’s most important events – Independence Day. Attendees will experience various activities for all ages, including craft workshops, storytelling sessions, and a unique firework show set to music. The event will include live music from the Yonkers Waterfront Jazz Band and fireworks, with displays set off from the Yonkers Waterfront. The event will be held on July 4th, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at the Philip Manor Hall State Historic Site.

Yonkers is a great place to spend the 4th of July with family and friends. Whether you’re a local or visiting, there are plenty of fun activities for everyone. Plan your trip with the official Yonkers Tourism website or call 914-968-7822 for more information.

Meet Free Summer STEM & Health Professionals Fair

Free Summer STEM & Health Professionals Fair

The event will feature a variety of STEM professionals and health care providers, offering workshops, demonstrations, and hands-on activities for kids and adults. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn about health and wellness topics, science experiments, and technology projects. The fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on July 4th, at Philip Manor Hall State Historic Site.

Contact Information:
For more information, please visit www.philipmanor.org or call 914-968-7822.
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a perfect setting for people to reflect open Mr. Moreau is determined to keep the area, a destination attracting people to the city.

The Untermyer Gardens Conservancy, added: “Scenic Hudson has been a part of the forefront of preservation issues in the Hudson Valley. This early and significant funding is not only a catalyst to work to strengthen our mission to make this garden – with its significance to the Hudson valley, it is to the Abrahami religious beliefs.”

“So the city’s contribution to YPS will increase to $1 million in the following year, 2016-17, at its current level of $13 and $13 million coming from Albany has lessened our ability to raise revenue from the increase in sales tax to go to YPS, taxes, and the city’s contribution for YPS can never go from the increase in sales tax to go to YPS, taxes, and the city’s contribution for YPS can never go

Councilman Christopher Johnson added: “I’m grateful to Scenic Hudson for contributing funds for the restoration of the Untermyer Gardens. Our commitment to the beauty and quality of life of Yonkers, and make our streets safer, and support public education, while our ability to raise revenue from the increase in sales tax to go to YPS, taxes, and the city’s contribution for YPS can never go from the increase in sales tax to go to YPS, taxes, and the city’s contribution for YPS can never go

Councilman Mike Breen, who joined

The gardens were donated by the Ya-

The gardens were donated by the Yonkers families in memory of their mothers. The gardens have been recognized by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation as a significant historical landmark and designated a New York State Registers of Historic Places property. In 2011, the gardens were also awarded the “America’s Most Spectacular Garden” in the country by the American Society of Landscape Architects. The gardens were opened to the public in 2014.

The conservancy hopes to commence con-
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**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 Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 4:30pm, in the Mayor’s Reception Room, Second Floor, 40 South Broadway, Yonkers, New York, on the following Local Law:

**LOCAL LAW NO. 13-2015**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE 1 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF YONKERS IN RELATION TO REQUIRING EXPLANATORY NOTES FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION.

**MIKE SPANO**

Mayor

Dated: June 24, 2015

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