The increase in the transfer tax would raise more than $8 million in additional revenue. If the council continues to be the most revenue-generating city in New York State, it has continued to be the most significant economic driver for the borough of Manhattan and the greater New York City metropolitan area.

Celebrating 100 Years of Landmarks Preservation

The City of Yonkers, along with the Landmarks Preservation Board, received a Landmark of Distinction Award from the New York Landmarks Conservancy for its contribution to the city’s cultural heritage.

City to Override Tax Cap & Remove Doubling of Exit Tax

By Dan Murphy

The Yonkers City Council will consider a law that would give members permission to override the state’s tax cap and remove the doubling of the exit tax. This is to allow for a more equitable distribution of property tax revenues.

Mayoral Signs Landmarking of Proposed Mosque Site

Landmarks Board Wields Power in Debate

This has been a long time coming, the mayor's office commented on the landmarking order. "My recommendation is that instead of ignoring the academic year that students are in, we should incorporate them with their own students. And so, this June 2016, Scared Heart High School and Good Counsel High School will continue on page 8.

Morris County has been attempting to develop the Austin Avenue property since 1995, when an agreement was originally made with the city. The mayor is trying to build a store, but the plans have fallen victims to a variety of factors, including negotiations between county and city governments as to the division of the purchase price. Title to the property is held by the Westchester Industrial Development Agency, which represents the Austin Avenue community, spent the last few years working with housewives in the area, as well as developers and the city.
At only 32 years of age, Zach Serafin already has eight years as a working set designer and builder in the fast-paced world of New York theater under his belt. Since a lot of his work comes by word of mouth, these days he is working on almost more work than he can handle.

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Zach has collaborated with area theater groups to keep himself busy for the next several months. Samples of the colorful sets that Zach has expertly designed and fabricated can be found at www.zachserafindesigns.com, and include such productions as “Romeo and Juliet,” “Laughter on the 13th Floor” and “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.”

“My proud parents,” he joked.

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Parks Boss Throws Public Out of Park

By Eric Schoen

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption. Chip is a young and fairly small mixed-breed dog. Shelter-foster fosters David Murphy and Eric Schoen on Thursdays at 10 a.m. on WVOX 1440 on the AM dial or on the Internet at wvox.com and click on "Listen Live."
Get Fresh Yonkers Farmers’ Market Opens for Summer

Grasslands Hudson Valley spirit kicks off this year’s Get Fresh Yonkers Farmers’ Market season June 6 to the 18th at 29 North Mill, and at the Depot from the Metro-North Yonkers station. It will run from noon to 5 p.m. weekly through October.

This season, the market will feature hyper-local, locally grown produce and traditional fare from its own farmers and farmers from throughout the region. Features include fresh produce like Pease and Carron Farm of Mamaroneck, Ben’s Farm in North, N.Y., and Alex’s Farm of Ossining.

Additionally, the Market will feature fresh bakery products from Jersey Pickles and various baked goods from the youth of Mount Carmel Baptist Church. Pure Essential homemade soaps and candles, alternative healing workshops from the Wellness Center and handmade Mexican jewelry and goods from Sololita.

Attendees will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of events, field trips, and family-friendly events. The market will also feature local and national artists, members of the Green Team, summer youth employment programs.

Monthly performances and entertainment from local and national artists will be showcased. For more information on upcoming events, contact greystongrounds@ny.com or http://philipsunmiseys.blogspot.com.

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June Blood Drive

Blood donors are needed for the Riverfront Library hosted by The Blood Donor Council of Westchester on June 25, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., for adults and 16 years and older. (Teens who are 16 years old and weigh at least 120 pounds may donate.)

If you’ve never donated blood before, or you’re thinking about doing so, here are a few reasons why it is a worthwhile endeavor:

1. You can help save lives:
   - Blood is a crucial resource for emergency situations, such as accidents, surgeries, and natural disasters.
   - Blood donations can help ensure that those in need have access to life-saving treatment.
   - Your donation can save up to three lives.

2. You can help support medical research:
   - Blood donations can be used in medical research to advance our understanding of diseases and develop new treatments.
   - Your donation can contribute to ongoing research and development efforts.

3. You can help build a blood supply for future needs:
   - Blood banks rely on regular donors to maintain a steady supply of blood.
   - Your donation can help ensure that there is always a sufficient supply of blood for those who need it.

4. You can feel good about giving:
   - Giving blood is a selfless act that can make you feel good about yourself and your contribution.
   - You can feel a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction knowing that you are helping others.

To make an appointment or learn more about the blood drive, visit the Riverfront Library website or call 914-737-7966.

Classical Music Performed
At Will Library

An afternoon of Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert and Chopin opens the season at the Piano School-Piano Center June 12, 2 p.m. for adults and teens 16 years and older. (Teens who are 16 years old and weigh at least 120 pounds may donate.)

The school hosts master classes and master classes at the New York City, the school has been invited by the New York Philharmonic to perform at Carnegie Hall.

The concert will feature works by Beethoven, Mozart, Schubert, Chopin and other masters with famous composers.

For more information and directions to the library, call 914-737-7966.

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Impacts: Killing Us One Breath at a Time

By Paul Bookbinder

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U.S. health regulators have recently reported that we’re facing a new range of indoor air pollution, particularly types of laminate flooring im-

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World Elder Abuse Awareness Day
The county will mark the 10th annual “Night of the Horseshoe Crab” on Friday, June 3, a family-friendly evening of fun and education at the Marshlands Conservancy on Route 1 (Boston Post Road), Palisades, N.Y. 10524, to celebrate the ecological importance of this ancient crustacean. The program is sponsored by the county's Department of Environmental Conservation and the National Association of Manufacturers.

The program is open to the public but reservations are required. To register, call 914-965-4000.

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BY FRANK VERNOCIO JR., J.D.

Credit Rating Agencies Laugh at American People

Richard Lawless

Senior citizens and savers throughout the 50 states and Puerto Rico have taken tens of billions in losses from supposedly legitimate but in reality predatory municipal entities that rating agencies were supposed to rate. The rating agencies are laughing now.

Instead of rate agencies lowering the ratings of beleaguered municipalities, they have been raising them or leaving them where they were. When rating agencies lowered the ratings of struggling wastewater authorities in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, they increased their ability to raise bonds for the authority.

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Middle-Class Jobs Continue to Lag

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By Frank Vernocio Jr., J.D.

Summer Program At County Parks

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Alana’s application to northeastern college has been accepted, with scholarship: Temple University, and she is applying to the following on scholarship: Marist College, University of Pennsylvania, and Stony Brook University. She has been accepted into Sage Colleges, the University of Rochester, and University of Chicago. She is planning to attend Marist College in the fall of 2016.

Alana is the youth president of a charity in Yonkers, in the community for the kids of Yonkers called “Prayer 4 Alex.”” She is a White Plains Academy, a tutor for middle school children, and a volunteer with the Catholic Youth Organization, a tutor for middle school children, and a member of the Peer Ministry team. Alana was a member of the Peer Ministry team. Alana was a member of the Percussion Society, the student council, and the yearbook staff.

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Once the session is over, Latimer expects that less than a third of the Republican senators will sign onto Democratic senators’ bills. Latimer said, “I’ve never found that good ideas were good ideas regardless of where they come from.”

Latimer agrees that bipartisan efforts: co-sponsorship of legislation, is critical to progress, because “the best politics is to work hard and do what you think is right,” said Latimer. “All the rhetoric, and then there is reality,” said Latimer. “The reality of my record, of which co-sponsorship is just one point, shows my continued commitment to bipartisanship... and that’s what we need most in Albany. We will never break this stalemate if all of us are not willing to cross the aisle when the issue – and ultimately the issue – is the other side as well. Legislative gridlock is only good for power and more on people.”

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Latimer pointed to one example of his bipartisan efforts: co-sponsorship of legislation, summarized its findings and recommendations, which included a four-pronged approach that would serve to increase the growth of the heroin and opioid crisis – providing access to treatment options; enhancing access to all forms of effective treatment options (including inpatient, outpatient and Medication-Assisted Treatment); in order to help individuals return to stable and productive lives.

Jenkins & Murphy Collaborate On Drug Abuse Prevention

By Dan Murphy

The legislation, which is sponsored in the Assembly by member Michelledreth, and would give prescribers a method to help patients manage pain with a minimal concern for diversion of prescription drugs, and offers safeguards to consumers to be able to manage pain without the concern of their medication getting into the wrong hands.

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Despite his bipartisanship, a new group called “If It’s Broken, Fix It!” has begun to run television ads against Latimer. If It’s Broken, Fix It! is a 501(c)4 organization that doesn’t have to reveal donors, but the group is led by GOP consultant Susan DelPercio, who has also worked for Democratic Andrew Cuomo. The organization’s role is to oppose public financing of campaigns, which has been debated but never reached, as Albany remains in gridlock over campaign finance reform. Latimer is the group’s first target, and states in the ad that Latimer wants “to impose a New York City-style campaign finance system on the entire state, which will cost taxpayers millions and open the system up for abuse.”

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Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club is the recipient of a $25,000 grant from the Hudson River Community Association to help increase the capacity of its free public kayaking and environmental awareness program located at the JFK Marina and Park in northern Yonkers.

YPRC’s public kayaking program enters its 10th season this summer. What began as a scraggly kayaking opportunity for downtown groups – including Nepperhan Community Garden-Earth Club and CLUSTER camps – has grown steadily; it served 1,190 youth and adults from the surrounding area last summer, with dozens of YPRC volunteers setting up, checking in, fitting personal flotation devices, giving lessons and kayaking alongside the participants.

Phil Giller, director of YPRC’s public kayaking for the past four years, said what he loves about the program is the happiness and empowerment it gives children. “The look on the young kids’ faces as they realize they are actually on the water themselves, in a single kayak, and that they are moving from point A to point B – they are beaming with joy,” he said.

On May 15, the founder of YPRC’s public kayaking program, Jerry Blackstone, will be honored by the Hudson River Community Association of Northeast Yonkers for his many contributions to Yonkers. Blackstone is a former chemistry instructor at The College of New Rochelle and a 31-year resident of the city, also being honored for his many contributions to Yonkers. In addition, he was a leader in the initiative to improve JFK Marina, helping link together YPRC and HRCA – two vital community groups. "I am very happy with the improvements we helped make at JFK Marina," he said. "The bathrooms are open, boats can launch safely, and we have running water. I am happy that I helped improve the quality of life for Yonkers residents." In celebration of a decade of free public kayaking, YPRC is renaming the community program

Robin Roberts, Elizabeth Bell LeVaca Honored by CNR

The 14-foot-high “Mayfly” by artist Lannie Hart. Photo by Tom Nycz.

Due to popular demand, Historic Hudson Valley is extending the run of Lightscapes, its multi-sensory art and light exhibition at Van Cortlandt. The event, originally scheduled to close May 30, will continue Fridays and Sundays, June 3 through 5 and 10 through 12. Ideal for all ages and created by the Great Hudson Valley members. Tickets are $20 for adults ($25 Saturdays), $16 for children younger than 3 and for Historic Hudson Valley members. Tickets are $2 more when purchased on site or over the phone. Van Cortlandt Manor is located at 525 S. Broadway Ave., Croton-on-Hudson, just off Route 9. For more information, call 914-366-6900 or visit www.hudsonvalley.org.

St. Anthony’s Relic Visits Yonkers

The Franciscan Friars invite you to join them in welcoming Saint Anthony of Padua. Saint Anthony will be visiting us in the form of a precious relic from his Basilica in Padua, Italy. The relic will be accompanied by a Star from the Messengers of Saint Anthony in Padua.

June 15
ST. ANN’S CHURCH
31 College Place
Yonkers, NY 10704 - 914.965.4333

The Chapel at the Holy Family Ave. Walk to the back of the building to enter the Church.

Veneration begins at 11 AM until after the 7:30 PM Mass.
Masses at 12 Noon and 7:30 PM.

June 19
CHURCH OF ST. ANTHONY
10 Square Avenue
Yonkers, NY 10703 - 914.965.2733

Veneration before and after each Mass.
Masses at 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 Noon.