Mayor Plants Seeds of Pride With ‘Curb Appeal’ Awards

The City of Yonkers is filled with beautiful and historic homes, which Mayor Mike Spano highlighted when he presented the city’s first Curb Appeal Awards to homeowners for their homes’ exceptional curb appeal and stunning landscaping. The winners were selected based on nominations from Yonkers residents made on the city’s website, at www.yonkersny.gov.

Mayor Mike Spano’s Curb Appeal Awards were presented at 575 N. Broadway, the home of James Trosino and Robert Alan, whose brick Mansion-City’s website, at www.yonkersny.gov.

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By Dan Murphy

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Elvis Lives on in Yonkers

Aug. 16 marked the 36th anniversary of the death of music legend Elvis Presley. To this day, Elvis’ house in Memphis is still the most famous entertainer’s house on the planet. A special “Tribute to Elvis” was held at San Martino’s Restaurant in Yonkers featuring tribute artist Tally Lauriti, who sang to a packed audience of Elvis fans. Lauriti has been an Elvis fan and singing since he was a kid.

“Elvis Presley was the first real rock-and-roll star, a southsider singing blues laced with country and country laced with gospel,” said Lauriti. “He brought together American music from both sides of the color line and performed it with a natural hip-swiveling sexual- ity that made him a teen idol and a role model for generations.”

Years ago, Lauriti was on the television show Golden Girls, impersonating Elvis for one of the weddings on the show; he appeared with Quinten Tarantino.

Another big hit and surprise for the audience was the performance by 11-year-old Elvis tribute artist Nick Davila, Tally’s protégé. Davila received thunderous applause from the audience as he sang several Presley standards while hip-swinging and working the crowd.

Register Now for Annual Tour de Yonkers Bike Event

The annual Tour de Yonkers is a great way to tour the City of Yonkers on Sunday, Sept. 22, with riders able to choose one of three routes – 12, 25 or 40 miles. The 12-mile route follows the Hudson River north and then back through our city’s old industrial center; the 25-mile route adds scenic sections of the South County Trailway; and the 40-mile route takes you through the hills and byways of northeast Yonkers.

All rides start from the Bezcak Environmental Center, 35 Alexander St., promptly at 9 a.m. There will be food stops along the way and plenty to eat following the ride.

The registration fee is $35.

Register now at www.yonkersbikeclub.org.

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Jazz and Blues Concert Series Wraps Up Aug. 23

Amanda Ruzza

After seven successful weeks, the Yonkers Downtown/Waterfront Business Improvement District is ending its summer Jazz and Blues at Dusk series this year with an exceptional per-
formance. Brazilian Blue Player Amanda Ruzza will headline the last performance Friday, Aug.
23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Yonkers Waterfront Amph-
itheater. The performance is sponsored by Luder-
site Building Design. Amanda Ruzza is an electric bass player and composer based in New York City. Born in Sao
Paulo, Brazil, to a Chickin mother who loved to-
gans and an Italian father who loved rock’n’roll,
she developed an eclectic musical ear at the age of 12 when she started playing bass. While in
Brazil, she worked with distinguished Brazili-
an producers and arrangers, including Grammy
Award-winner Moogie Canazio, Maestro Jobam
and Sony Music Japan’s Only Mills.
For more information, visit www.Yonkers
Downtown.com.

The Future of Bee Line Busing in Westchester

By Dan Murphy

With 100,000 riders every day, and most liv-
ing in Westchester, the Bee Line Bus Busing system provides an essential service to those who
cannot afford the ever-increasing cost of owning

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Fall product menu available on our website. Ask about our "Jumbo" mortgage loans or "Interest-Only" offerings. Inquire about our additional Adjustable and Fixed Rate programs not shown above, as well as our discounted programs for Sustainable income borrowers. For eligible "Interest-Only" loan products, add 0.75% to applicable amortizing rate.
Yonkers will receive $3.673 million from Empire City, the Casino at Yonkers Raceway as part of the overall payment, but by specifically
accepting adult students to audit its courses at a discount. The 19-hour seminar consists of an orientation session, eight group sessions and
an assessment and plan development session. Those who wish to attend the program must register by calling WBEZ at 773-784-6166 or
visit www.urbanh2o.org. Milton and his Quar
The March of the Million on Washington

The March of the Million was a 1909 rally and march that was organized to draw attention to issues related to the working class and labor. The event was a significant moment in American labor history and is remembered as a key event in the labor movement.

The march was organized by the American Federation of Labor (AFL) and included participants from across the United States. The event was led by labor leaders such as John L. Lewis and Ignatius Lukas, who were particularly concerned about the plight of the poor since this event and the plight of children in the factories. The rally was held on September 21st, 1909, at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

The event was a major public relations event for the labor movement and helped to bring attention to the need for better working conditions and wages. It also helped to galvanize support for the labor movement and paved the way for future labor victories, such as the abolition of child labor and the establishment of the eight-hour workday.

In addition to the march, there were also a number of other events and activities related to the March of the Million. For example, there were musical performances by Milton Hershey and his band, as well as speeches by prominent labor leaders and politicians.

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Iglesias opted to receive his jackpot prize in a lump sum of $183 million. "I have not won yet, but it's a great start," he said. "I worked very hard for this win."

The KRIS Wine labels visually depict the artistic horizons and exposure of students and educators. The artwork, which is unique to each wine, was signed by contemporary Italian artist Riccardo Bessi. The labels also contain a limited edition slide show for students and educators in the adult world, and interact with those students. For more information on the KRIS "Art of Education" fund, visit www.KRIS2013.com

Chefs and educators are encouraged to participate in the "Art of Education" program. "The "Art of Education" program is about the power of art to inspire and to transform," said Chef Symon. "It's about giving back to our students and our communities, and helping to create a better future for all of us."
Meal Applications are available at District schools and on www.yonkerspublicschools.org. For more Yonkers Public Schools Food Services Department today announced a free and reduced price meal FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

School officials have adopted the following family eligibility criteria to assist them in determining Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (202) 720-1631.

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This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly. “In accordance with

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**Wartburg Employee Selected For National Leadership Program**

Fellowship program.

Dorothea’s appointment into the Academy ensures the growth of our leadership team and is important for vascular health.

To register, contact Brenda Hartley at 914-696-4274 or bhartley@honorhealth.com.

- **High Blood Pressure**
  - A major risk factor for heart attack, stroke, congestive heart failure and kidney disease.
  - Oversite of all Social Security beneficiaries. The Leadership Academy will convene in November at the Leadership Academy Meeting and Expo in Dallas. Following the annual gathering, the Leadership Academy Class of 2014 will be announced. The class members will receive classroom instruction from leaders in the aging field and will work with mentors who will share their unique expertise.

- **Rheumatoid Arthritis**
  - Rheumatoid arthritis is an autoimmune disease that causes inflammation throughout the body.
  - The Sunden Family Rheumatoid Arthritis Fellowship program.

- **Inflammation**
  - The inflammation treatment plan is important for vascular health.

- **Blood Pressure**
  - High blood pressure is the major risk factor for heart attack, stroke, congestive heart failure and kidney disease.
  - Blood pressure is best controlled with lower doses of multiple antihypertensive medications.

- **Vitamins**
  - New health findings can help combat common ailments.

- **Wake up**
  - The blood pressure is best controlled with lower doses of multiple antihypertensive medications.

- **Healthy lifestyle changes**
  - Many patients are inflected in a false sense of security that they are taking care of themselves at their period doctor’s visit.

- **Stay fit and exercise**
  - A healthy body weight, a regular exercise program, and a healthy diet can help people control their blood pressure.

- **Reduce salt intake**
  - The high blood pressure can help patients achieve better control.

- **Reduce sodium intake**
  - Sodium intake can be reduced by limiting processed foods and restaurant meals.

- **Gluten-free diets**
  - Some patients with celiac disease may experience improvements in blood pressure, cholesterol, and other risk factors.

- **Kidney function**
  - In patients with chronic kidney disease, blood pressure control is important to prevent further kidney damage.

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  - Regular exercise, such as brisk walking, can help lower blood pressure and improve overall health.

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brokers, and other volunteers from within the
Board of Trustees chairperson), Gwen Hen
bers Kathy Sauders (clerk), Margie Bristow
formed a committee with other church mem
ered, but Rev Bolling knew there was more to be
come and have snacks and play games togeth
reach evenings where all were welcome to

Leake & Watts; US Marine Corps; and the
YMCA; NAACP; Youth Theatre Interactions,
Hudson River Museum; Mid-Hudson Health;
ity Healthcare; Fidelis Healthcare; NY Life;
and Empress Ambulance; as well as Affin
stituent Services, Yonkers PD, Yonkers FD,

event possible: City of Yonkers Office of Con

ances.

The Yonkers Police Department demonstra
showed off the skills
of one of its K-9 dogs, and
parents and kids eagerly
up to pet him and
walk with the officers af
ward.

The Yonkers Fire De
partment had a big hit on

children recently at the beach at Rye

builder David Howard built Lego sandcastles

and barbershop owner
Ron-Do Wiggins, who

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and Empress Ambulance; as well as Albert
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of their daily flavors and hear about other promo

utes.

To officially welcome Frannie’s, now a beloved

ery of the Smoke House, which teaches
its hands with the Smoke House, which teaches


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The church looks forward to hosting the

10 minute sets of music from the

visitors. Max Braun also
distributed ten $10 certificates;

of McDonald’s, which do-
gave away 10 haircuts.

The Yonkers Public

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For decades, CBC has held weekly out-
put events where all were welcome to
cooked on grills on loan

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The shop gets its notable heart and soul from
Frannie’s Goodie Shop store in 2011 in Mount
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Children enjoy meeting the Yonkers Police Department K-9 officer and dog.

Frannie’s Goodie Shop opened its doors at Yonkers Ridge Hill in June, and last week’s cel
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visit Frannie’s website at www.franniesridgehill.

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**Casimir’s Students Compete in Junior Olympic Championships**

Nineteen St. Casimir’s students competed as Junior Olympians this summer in a variety of track and field events, in competitions that began June 23 at Icahn Stadium on Randall’s Island. The top eight athletes in each event qualified to go to the New England Regional Championships, also at Icahn Stadium, July 3 through 5, where the medal winners advanced to the National Championships in Greensboro, N.C., from July 22 to 28.

Participating as members of the Notre Dame Track Club of St. Casimir’s School, 13 athletes advanced as far as Greensboro, with the top finishers being Deja Mitchell, who won a third-place medal in the high jump; Jessica Manzueta, who won a third-place medal in the shot put; and Julia Plawiak, who won sixth-place medals in both the 800 and the 1,500.

The Greensboro competitors included second-graders Jessica Manzueta, Prizila Negrete and Julia Plawiak; fourth-graders Judith Adzemni, Emily Barrett, Veroica Carrama and Deja Mitchell; fifth-graders Antonia Davison, Miguel Negrete and Christian Rincon; sixth-grader Miguel Negrete and eighth-graders Brenda Munnari and Elyssa Thomas.

Competitors in the early rounds also included second-grader Adrian Myers, fourth-grader Elihoan Howard, sixth-graders Samantha Kelly, Ava Perez and Karina Tapia; and eighth-grader Jayson Morrison.

Top 25 finishers in Greensboro were achieved by Deja Mitchell, who placed third in the high jump; Jessica Manzueta, who placed third in the shot put and 10th in the javelin; Julia Plawiak, who placed sixth in the 800 and sixth in the 1,500; Prisila Negrete, who placed 10th in the shot put and 24th in the javelin; Miguel Negrete, who placed 11th in the high jump; Miguel Negrete, Christian Rincon, Antonio Davison and Michael Barrett, who placed 16th in the 4-by-400 relay; and Christian Rincon, who placed 25th in the 1,500.

About 8,300 athletes participated in Greensboro over a full seven-day period of events.

**Area Residents Try Out for Legendary Game Show**

Applicants had the opportunity to explain why they want to be a contestant on the game show and two lucky winners from the New York Contestant Search will be flown to Los Angeles to see the show and have a chance to be called in as a contestant on “The Price is Right.”

From left, veterans Mike Bennett, Frank Fortuna, Joe Greco, Stanley Fortune and Thomas Culligan.

From left, veterans Lou Navarro, Dan Morea, deputy director of veteran services for the City of Yonkers; Frank Fortune, Department of Public Works commissioner; Tom Meier; and Sam Reddick.

Honor a Yonkers
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Five beaches on the Normandy coast where the D-Day invasion took place.

Fortuna made more than 100 trips during the invasion, transporting supplies, equipment and men — many of whom did not survive.

Ipsos presented Fortune with sand from Gold Beach and a proclamation from the city council June 6, 2013 “Frank Fortune Day.”

“Sixty-nine years ago today, our country joined with Allied forces and stormed the beaches of Normandy. Thousands died that day, but in the end their sacrifices led to the turning point of World War II, and Frank is one of the hundreds from Yonkers who served in WWII and who laid the foundation for the United States as the leader of the free world,” said the mayor, who also remembered late Yonkers veteran Lou Apicella, who was transported to the Normandy beaches by Fortune and survived D-Day.

Fortuna also transported General George Patton’s jeep and quarters truck.

“I’m so happy – it’s something that I never expected,” said the local hero, whose actions 69 years ago say it all.

Thanks for your service, Frank!“
The Landscaping Award went to this 30 Gramatan Drive home. Photo courtesy of the City of Yonkers.

Creativity Award winner Claritza Medina in the garden of her home at 27 Landscape Ave. Photo courtesy of the City of Yonkers.

Mayor Mike Spano with Curb Appeal winners and Council President Chuck Lesnick, Majority Leader Wilson Terrero, Minority Leader John Larkin and Councilman Michael Sabatino.

Mayor Plants Seeds

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A dedication of the three recipients, but also showcasing Yonkers’ beautiful homes and neighborhoods to the region and beyond.\n
Claritza Medina received the Creativity Award for her Old Style home at 27 Landscape Ave., which was built in 1907. With its charming front porch, Medina’s home stands out on the block as a graceful, original-neighbors take on a home that’s 116 years old – the oldest of the three which received awards.

Robert and Maria Barbieri received the Landscaping Award for their home at 30 Gramatan Drive. Lush with several varieties of trees, plants and shrubbery, Spano said the Barbieris’ home stood out as the obvious choice for the Landscaping Award.

The mayor selected the winners based on appearance, maintenance and if it contributes to community appearance; if a recent effort was made to improve and enhance the appearance of the property; if the property owner demonstrates originality and creativity; and if the property stands out as an attractive property in its neighborhood.

“Since I became mayor, I’ve had a saying – Pride in Yonkers,” said Spano. “It’s about taking pride in our city, our neighborhoods and blocks. It’s about showcasing all the wonderful things Yonkers has to offer and paying tribute to the Yonkers residents that have gone above and beyond. Today’s Curb Appeal winners clearly demonstrate pride in their homes and pride in the City of Yonkers.”

Creativity Award winner Claritza Medina in the garden of her home at 27 Landscape Ave.