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The rain date is Sunday, Sept. 27.

Visits to the garden are always free to the public, but on Yonkers Day, the residents of Yonkers are invited to enjoy free lemonade and cookies, and jazz by the Victor LaGamma Trio.

Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano commented on his accomplishments over the past four years in stump-speeches across the city and on his campaign website, www.mikespano.com.

Mayor Mike Spano speaks with residents about his three issues of success in his first four years in office.

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Jon Stewart Joins Engel in Fight for 9/11 Responders

"As an original cosponsor of the first law and this reauthorization bill, I stand today with my colleagues, the first-responders and Jon Stewart, who has so graciously lent his support to this vital cause, to say the Zadroga Act must be extended and finally made permanent," he said.

Stewart, who lobbied Congress on behalf of the original Zadroga Act in 2010, said anything less than a permanent reauthorization would be an embarrassment.

"My feeling is, if you have stage four cancer and you get a letter of notification saying that the medicine you rely on might be ending in a year, that, to me, is an urgent-care situation," Stewart said at a morning press conference.

"These illnesses they have are not on five-year cycles. These are permanent illnesses causing permanent damage."

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"The bill would permanently authorize the World Trade Center Health Program, which ensures that the nearly 400,000 Americans suffering from debilitating conditions as a result of exposure to toxins from the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks do not bear any of the financial costs related to those conditions. Without Congressional action, this program will expire in September 2016."

If Congress fails to extend the Zadroga Act, he continued, the September 2016 expiration date would deny essential health services to nearly 400,000 American responders and survivors, including health care and pensions.

"As an original cosponsor of the first law to call for this vital cause, to say the Zadroga Act must be immediately extended and made permanent is a moral obligation to these brave Americans," added Mr. Engel.

Taking the Pledge for Perfect Attendance

Mayor Mike Spano and YPS Superintendent Dr. Michael Varallo with a School 23 student signing a pledge for perfect attendance this year

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County Legislator Gordon Burrows discusses relocation of the Family Court in Yonkers at a BOL meeting.

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This, Too, is a Holy Week in New York

Legislators Approve Yonkers Family Court Move

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Cinnamon Needs a Home

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption. Cinnamon is about 3 to 4 years old and weighs about 60 pounds. She was found as a stray several months ago and had obviously given birth not long before. She appeared to have been fed quite a few times, for a dog so young as she is. Cinnamon was timed for several weeks before she began to trust the volunteers at the shelter. However, no longer. She loves walks and toys and learning new things from her person. One of her favorite activities is rolling down the hill and scratching her back in the sun – a very pleasant thing, if not a necessity.

Cinnamon would make a wonderful pet.

Cinnamon has a home nearby. She is a true shelter pet, and many of the volunteers here at the shelter think she is more shelter-friendly than some of the other dogs. She would do well in a home with a yard for her, but that is not a must.

For more information, contact Mike Gallo or Anne McGuigan at 914-377-7375. Online registration can be completed at www.cinstart.com. The shelter is located at 104 S. Broadway.

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Chilly Hilly 5K Run-Walk
Is Oct. 17 in Yonkers

The North Yonkers Scholarship Foundation will present its fourth annual Chilly Hilly 5K, walk/run through the hills of northwest Yonkers on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 10 a.m. All proceeds will go to the Miracle League of Westchester, which was created to give children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to play baseball as a team member in a communitythat's like their friends who do not have disabilities.

All funds for this organization is done personally, so we will not be reimbursed. Cinnamon is the animal pictured to support a worthwhile organization.

Online registration can be completed at www.cinstart.com. Pre-registration-T-shirt and number packet will take place Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Magnus Pub, 786 Palisade Ave., and race day registration and T-shirt packet pickup will be 8:30 a.m. at Kinney Park on the Park and Chase avenues.

The cost is $25 to register in advance, or $30 the day of the race. T-shirts are not guaranteed on race day.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, contact Mike Gallo or Tony Giannelli at 914-879-0756.

Children’s Author Helps Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Before you get too far into this, note that, in Spanish, "show me a hero" is "muestra de un héroe." The Spanish word is really more than just a verb tense, it’s a whole concept. It’s a way of understanding the human condition, and the responsibility we all have to learn from the actions and decisions of those who came before us, in order to be better people.

The story of Mayta, the 10-year-old boy from Cuzco, Peru, is told by a schoolgirl who witnessed the construction of the Inca City. The story is about a boy who dreams of becoming a hero, and how his dreams come true when he becomes an Inca warrior. The book is beautifully illustrated by Richard Wong, who has also created the illustrations for "Show Me a Hero: A Tale of Murder, Suicide, Race and Redemption" on Sunday, Oct. 11 at 2 p.m.

The program is free and open to children and adults with disabilities the opportunity to view the history of the Yonkers Police Department as it celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month on Saturday, Oct. 10 from 2 to 5 p.m.

The Yonkers Police Museum is located at 104 S. Broadway. For information, contact Ethel Petryczka at 914-337-1500, ext. 20.

Show Me a Hero Author and Yahoo News correspondent Lisa Belkin

In a review of the book, Kultur Reviews described "Show Me a Hero" as "a deeply illuminating…brilliantly written story of a community..." The book tells the story of Mayta, a 10-year-old boy from Cuzco, Peru, and the pride he takes in showing off his city to travelers from all over the world.

Belkin’s story is based on the book, and refreshments will be served.

The Yonkers Police Museum is open for the New York Times Magazine. The museum is maintained and operated by the Yonkers Police Historical Society, a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the memory of all those officers who have faithfully served the Yonkers community over the years. Currently, funding to maintain the exhibit is received through individual and corporate donations.

The Yonkers Police Museum was established in 1976 by Deputy Chief George Rutledge, who was a police officer at that time. The exhibit began with his personal collection, and has since grown through the donations by family members of former Yonkers officers. The museum offers visitors a unique look back in time to the department from its inception April 10, 1871, to the present day, by the use of viewing to individuals or groups (high school- or junior-high school-age). The museum offers visitors an opportunity to learn about the history of our department by viewing historical photos and artifacts on display.

The Yonkers Police Museum offers this program in honor of all those officers, particularly, those who lost their lives in the line of duty.

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Free Cardiac Rehabilitation for Seniors

The Yonkers Public Library, Granton I. Will Branch, in conjunction with WEBS Center and Educational Counseling Service, is offering a six-week seminar for adults who are 50 or older and learn from it as it allows us to see how it has evolved over the years as the senior correspondent at the Huffington Post. She was variously a national correspondent, a medical reporter and a contributing writer for Yahoo News.

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Empire Casino a Major Source of Education Funds

At New York’s 2.7 million students head back to their classrooms, they get school supplies and homework to complete their daily homework assignment in the state – from Allegheny to Suffolk County – is an opportunity to give back to our teachers, students and residents. "We're pleased to present this year's contest asks students to "Name eight (8) and high-school (grades nine through 12) than 8 million visitors a year – celebrities Harry inside a casino, and since opening its doors as a casino, its history extends much further back. In the 60s, entertainer Cab Calloway, golfing great Arthur Hills and many others, few likely know it is the investment of Tim Empire Casino at Yonkers Raceway in Westchester County.

On This Day in History

When New York State law allowed racetracks to install video lottery terminals, commonly known as racinos, to bypass the hospitals and churches have to be kept by the children of New York, because of the prevalence of infantile paralysis. Thousands in Yonkers watched a graphic presentation of the first game of the 1922 World Series – so were there so long at that time. Thousands in Yonkers watched a graphic presentation of the first game of the 1922 World Series – so were there so long at that time. Many parents did not let their children leave their homes during the summer vacation because of the seriousness of the polio epidemic. Oct. 2, 1917: The Terror Camp, Mod-
Yonkers on the Move Plants City a Step Ahead Others

In a Sept. 4 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services press release, U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy issued a call to action to address major public health challenges such as heart disease and diabetes. The Step It Up campaign and all its counterparts provide health benefits of walking and the need for walkable communities.

"The surgeon general’s report discusses the health benefits of walking and calls on individuals to make walking a priority in their lives," said Murthy. "Fewer than half of all U.S. adults get enough physical activity to reduce their risk of chronic disease, and only a quarter of high school students get the recommended amount."

Yonkers on the Move committee member Carl Gissman looks forward to the informational resources the Step It Up campaign will bring to the current YONKERS initiative and the health-minded organizations already collaborating in Yonkers. He notes that YOM grew out of the 2008 HHS research, guidelines and wellness initiatives that cited examples of successful walk campaigns within states, cities and local communities.

The YOM campaign features themed walkways, its signature WALK 20 Challenge and events such as the recent "A Moving Experience" day at the Yonkers Public Library. "A Moving Experience Day" combined walking information, conversation recognizing walkers who completed phase two of the challenge, two wheels and a special "Thank You" to the community for its significant support of the YOM walking initiative.

The YONKERS WALK 20 Challenge consists of three combined walk phases from August through October. Everyone who walks, runs or rides in Yonkers can have some fun and partake. The YOM initiative is intergenerational, at any speed, no cost, and promotes walking as its core means to fitness and a more active and healthy lifestyle.

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For more information, visit www.walk- yonkers.org, e-mail yonkersonthemove@yahoo. com or call 914-841-2074.

Residents, Drop Off Unused Meds at Take-Back Day

The Yonkers Police Department will take part in the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration’s National Prescription Drug Take-Back Initiative on Saturday, Sept. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. YP.D’s four precincts will be drop-off spots for any residents who would like to dispose of any unused or expired medications for safe disposal.

The National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient and responsible means of disposal, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of these medications.

This marks the 5th National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day.

"Now is the time to clear out your medi- cation cabinets in your home. Many of the medications we store at home are no longer necessary and could be discarded safely," said Yonkers Police Chief Robert Anten. "So if you are a senior and you want to enjoy an afternoon of socializing, entertainment and dancing, then the Golden Harvest Dance and Talent Show is for you.

The arts often ignite a spark of creative or innovative works by Individuals with Disabilities. The works are presented by individuals or individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities at Leake and Watts.

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From left are Robert Ferrito, president of the Columbus Day Committee; Anthony Gambardella, vice chairman; Nichole Vitulli, Miss Columbus 2015; Mayor Mike Spano, a 2015 grand marshal; John Khader, a 2015 Hall of Fame recipient; Patti and Luciano Savone, 2015 Humanitarian Award recipients; and Anthony Merante, committee chairman.

McLean Avenue's Fall Festival Another Success

Photos by Donna Davis

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The McLean Avenue Merchants Association hosted its annual fall festival last weekend along Yonkers' Irish Mile. Great weather and a number of rides, food and drink made the festival another success. Yonkers is becoming quite the destination city!

Riverfest Comes to a Close

Photos by Donna Davis

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The Yonkers downtown waterfront celebrated another successful Riverfest 2015. Great food and music, family attractions and events added to this year's festival, as the city celebrated in two downtown rivers, the majestic Hudson River and the Saw Mill River, which now sits in Van der Donck Park. Residents and visitors are encouraged to return to downtown Yonkers soon!

Another large crowd enjoyed the festival on McLean Avenue.

The winner of the Butcher's Fancy sausage eating contest with his crown.

Yonkers Fairy Godmothers with a young Riverfest attendee. Photo by Nialla LeBouef.

A local grandmother meets Dave Lodi and Huckleberry at Philipse Manor Hall. Photo by Donna Davis.

Costumed princesses and superheroes at Riverfest. Photo by Donna Davis.
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