By Dan Murphy

Hundreds of Yonkers residents showed up Monday night to voice their support and opposition to a plan to extend term limits from the current eight years to 12 years for the mayor and members of the City Council. As the City Hall clock tower struck midnight, the council was still debating the issue, in the end voting 5-2 in favor of modifying the existing term limits in the law. The law was sponsored by Mayor Martinelli, Majority Leader Michael Sabatino and Minority Leader Mike Brison, and had bipartisan support. Councilmembers John Rubbo, Anthony Mancini and Shaneke Williams joined Sabatino and Brison in voting “yes.”

Council President Mike Klauer and Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Rivera voted “no.”

The bill now goes to the desk of Mayor Mike Spano, who is expected to sign the measure.

The new law allows Spano to run for a third term next year, should he decide to do so. It is widely expected that Spano will announce his intentions for a third term and run again in 2019.

A special meeting of the City Council was called Oct. 29 in an attempt to pass the law before Election Day, Nov. 6. Some legal opinions said that the law must be passed by Nov. 6 so that candidates and the mayor who are term-limited could now run for a third term next year.

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Corazon's 3-on-3 Hoops
Tourney a Slam Dunk

Councilwoman Corazon Pineda-Isaac sponsored her fifth annual CP2 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament on Oct. 27 at Yonkers Middle/High School. This event has become a well-attended and much-anticipated occasion that kids look forward to every year.

Despite the predicted nor’easter, which resulted in a lower turnout than usual, more than 70 kids showed up in the bad weather to enjoy an afternoon filled with basketball, music, pizza and more. All the kids went home with a free basketball and tournament T-shirt, and winners took home trophies and Modell’s gift cards.

This event was made possible by the collaboration and sponsorship of the Captains, Lieutenants and Sergeants Association; Police Benevolent Association; Uniformed Fire Officers Association; Yonkers Firefighters Local 626; Yonkers Federation of Teachers; Service Employees International Union Local 704; the YMCA; Shoprite of Greenway Plaza; CityMed; City Councilmember Michael Santoro; Council President Mike Khader; Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano; State Senators Andrea Stewart-Cousin and Shelley Mayer; Dr. Jim Bostic and the Nepperhan Community Center; as well as the Yonkers Department of Parks and Recreation.

For the past 12 years, Judge Judy Sheindlin and her step-daughter Nicole Sheindlin have been bringing Her Honor Mentoring to Westchester County. Funded by Judge Sheindlin, the presiding judge on the number-one daytime syndicated television program “Judge Judy,” and developed by her daughter Nicole Sheindlin, Her Honor Mentoring is administered by the Westchester County Office for Women in partnership with the Eileen Fisher Community Foundation.

The mission of Her Honor Mentoring provides a platform for young women to reach their full potential, and practical skills to realize a life full of promise, attained through a structured framework for learning and growth.

The program reinforces the importance of a college education and, ultimately, a meaningful profession, and has touched the lives of hundreds of young Westchester women in a positive way to boost their self-confidence at the workplace.

Judge Judy Mentors More Young Yonkers Women

From left to right: Judge Judy Sheindlin; Nicole Sheindlin, CEO of Her Honor Mentoring; Ken Jenkins, Westchester deputy county executive; Ruth Schuff, director of the Westchester County Office for Women. Photo by Margaret Fox Photography.

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Throughout the City of Yonkers, there are certain people that make their neighborhood or community organizations work, and through their own hard work, talent, and efforts, have been able to do so, the same time, lift their community and their organization.

Orla Kelleher, executive director of the Aisling Irish Community Center, is one of those angels in Yonkers, who for more than a decade has shown care and concern for all who enter the center’s doors. Orla came to Aisling 14 years ago from Kerry, Ireland, after benefiting in Yonkers and has been the executive director of the center for the past 12 years. Orla will be leaving the Aisling Center this week to begin a new journey, but has left a legacy at the center and in the neighborhood.

During Kelleher’s tenure, the center has grown in many ways – doubling its size in the neighborhood turned to the center and within five, and expand and offering many programs “Young at Heart” to two and a half employees to five, and expand its senior program “Young at Heart” to two and a half employees to five, and expand its senior program “Young at Heart” to five employees.

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The Feeding the Homeless Program has been a focal point of the center. Initiated by a group of volunteers after the Aisling Center began, the center hosted this program right from its inception 22 years ago, and fully took over the program’s planning and coordination in 2005. This continues to be a vital program both by the volunteers and the center and valued by those seniors who are served every Monday evening.

During Kelleher’s time at Aisling Irish Community Center,Hurricane Sandy hit and affected neighborhoods near so to Yonkers. Local residents would step in to charge computers and phone, but in the Rockaways, neighborhoods were flooded. Those neighborhoods turned to the center and within four hours, Kelleher had coordinated a drop-off center where damaged computers and phones would be made available.

Every day for a month, 20 people went to an about choosing a Medicare Advantage Plan or phone to ask questions. The leadership Kelleher shows to the center has been of the quality of programs the center is able to offer to everyone from infants to seniors. She has been able to engage local businesses big and small, who see the value in supporting and the needs of the center so they can better serve the community. She involves both young and old in the weekly Feeding the Homeless program, which provides a friendly, caring atmosphere for volunteers who want to serve in the community.

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Mayor Angelo R. Martinelli: He, Too, is Yonkers

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Aisling Irish Community Center Executive Director Orla Kelleher (right) with staff: Sister Christine Hennessy, Mary Kelleher, Elaine O’Reilly, Ruth Connor and Sharon Regan.
Kimmie Needs a Home

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets available for adoption.

Kimmie is a mixed-breed female dog about 3 years old. She weighs about 40 to 45 pounds and is quite petite in size. She walks up to the shelter staff as if she is a stray dog and was friendly and timid for quite a while.

Volunteers have spent a lot of time socializing Kimmie and she has really come out of her shell. She’s a sweet and affectionate and loves to be with her people. She is quite comfortable with children and other dogs.

The staff at the Shelter is very patient and understanding with Kimmie. They are working on her leash manners and she has done very well.

Kimmie would be best with older children, someone who has not had much experience with dogs or cats. She is used to being with her family and is very social and affectionate.

The Shelter is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on weekends.

For more information, visit or call the Shelter at 914-968-3180.

Burke Hosting Educational Conference for Caregivers

Burke Rehabilitation Hospital will host the Fearless Caregivers Conference to educate and provide assistance options for families and caregivers. The conference will be held on Nov. 7 from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Burke’s campus in White Plains, at 785 Mamaroneck Ave., in the Performing Arts Center, Reisinger Auditorium.

The day-long conference will consist of two sessions during which a panel of experts will answer questions on a variety of topics, including the role of patients, family caregivers, and professional caregivers. The event is open to the public and will provide a forum for caregivers to share their experiences and learn from others.

For more information, visit www.burkehospital.com or call 914-597-2279.

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The City of Yonkers will receive a more-than $7 million payment as a result of the upcoming MGM Resorts International’s acquisition of Empire Casino-Yonkers Raceway.

"This is a great introduction between the City of Yonkers and MGM Resorts," added Yonkers City Majority Leader Michael Ycks. "Their presence will certainly start an already successful competitive destin-  "qualified:" the Hon. Hal Greenwald and Philip Rooney family, which currently owns the casino of a first quarter closing between MGM and the city would receive the funds upon closing of the sale of Empire Casino-Yonkers Raceway.

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In the Matter of Foreclosure

Notice of Foreclosure of Tax Liens

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BY ACTION IN REM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 12th day of October, 2018, JOHN LISZEWSKI, Commissioner of Finance and Enforcing Officer of the City of Yonkers pursuant to law filed with the Commissioner of Westchester County, a list of parcels of property affected by unpaid tax liens for the year 2018 and sworn to by City of Yonkers on which said tax liens have not been paid for a period of at least two years after the date when the tax, assessment or other legal charge represented thereby became a lien. Said list contains as to each parcel: (a) A brief description of the property affected by such tax lien; (b) The name of the lien owner or party in interest upon which the tax lien is based; (c) the amount of the tax lien upon such parcel; (d) any person or party who may have any interest in the property mentioned in such list; (e) a statement of the amount of such tax lien upon such parcel; (f) a statement of any person or party who may have any interest in the property mentioned in such list. Said list contains the name of the lien owner or party in interest upon which the tax lien is based, the amount of the tax lien upon such parcel, a statement of any person or party who may have any interest in the property mentioned in such list, and a statement of the amount of such tax lien upon such parcel.

You are the presumptive owner or lienor of one or more of the parcels mentioned and described in the list referred to in the enclosed notice.

TO THE PARTY TO WHOM THE ENCLOSED NOTICE IS ADDRESSED

You are a presumptive owner or lienor of one or more of the parcels mentioned and described in the list referred to in the enclosed notice.

Unless the taxes and assessments and all other legal charges are paid, or an answer interposed, as provided by statute, the ownership of said property, will in due course pass to the City of Yonkers as provided by the law of the Charter of the City of Yonkers and of the State of New York.

Notice of formation of JPH Interior Remodeling LLC, a domestic LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/13/2018. Office located Westchester County. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process The following statements:

Notice of formation of An- cher Remodeling, LLC, Arts. Of Org. filed with SSNY on 03/03/2018. County West- chester. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC shall be served & shall mail pro- cess to: 44 West 14th Street, Suite 701, Yonkers, NY 10701. Purpose: any lawful purpose.

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We have become too tribal in our politics. You

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a Real Third Party?” that deserves your attention:

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Aisiling and Continued From Page 3

Kelleher is the first to say that the center will move on without her and will continue to meet the needs of the community. At the Aisiling 30th-anniversary event, she spoke of her emotional and physical well-being through counseling, education, health, culture, employment assistance, immigration referrals, and recreational activities. “The needs of those we serve are vulnerable and suffering social isolation, discrimination, mental illness, elder abuse, domestic abuse, undocumented, and those with mental health issues. The center is a vital resource in the community offering free counseling services to those in need. Aisiling provides information, visit aissling.org.

We encourage you for your service and dedications, and to others, to join us in giving back to the people we serve and the community. We will celebrate this special day and remember the education background and experience neighboring Yonkers with an invitation to come on board while on the Board of Education, in the Assembly. The problems of underfunding Yonkers schools and the need for a stable funding model is the fault of State Senators Majority and Majority Leader.”

The faith lies with the republican majority in Albany that has consistently funded Yonkers its fair share for the past six years in a very challenging environment. If we choose to change if democrats take over the Senate and Senator Steuart and Crowl are elected majority leader. We have done our best for years in the Assembly – work inside the Senate, there are democrats in the majority. The Senate has proven that a partner could Stewart and Crowl have in Albany than Nader and Rosen.”

Pain has brought youthful enthusiasm and energy to this city. We need his help in doing what many criticized our politicians today don’t do – for office. We believe that we need a government that cares about our children.

But it is important in this time for Yonkers to understand that the problems these politicians face aren’t just local, they are widespread. That is where we voters and residents are a bright spot for us.

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“AMS Acquisitions has proposed a comprehensive plan to invest $400 million in downtown Yonkers, with the goal of attracting new businesses to the city. This plan will bring 1,500 new jobs to the area, create 600 new housing units, and generate an additional $20 million in tax revenue for the city.”

“Downtowners” Ventures has the vision for a unlike the others, and they have the means and the money to make it happen. The city of Yonkers is located on the southeast corner of Westchester County, which is the most densely populated county in the state, and the 8th most populous in the United States, with a population of 965,838 at the 2010 census. The city is the historic home of Putnam County, the first county to be established in New York State, and the site of several important historical events, including the Battle of Saratoga, the Battle of New Orleans, and the Battle of Yorktown.

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have been approached to consider DiFiore-Murphy, a cum laude graduate from Vanderbilt who received her law degree in 1996. "It appears that many who are opposed are con- cerned that she is not a resident of Yonkers. This is not transparent. We are responsible to see how people feel, which makes me feel uncomfortable," said the same democratic insider. If she is actually running, then she has to leave her job."

"I won't vote on this, and I urge my colleagues to stop negotiating," said Assemblyman Anthony M. Santisi. "I will reluctantly make a vote to extend term limits, and I don't think there are enough members from our party to allow for a vote to make this right. At the same time, our members have term limits, Yonkers and the County Council cannot make this decision."

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YPIE Celebrates ‘Down on Main Street’ Gala

Friends, supporters and volunteers joined together Oct. 11 to celebrate Yonkers Partners in Education’s impact upon the city’s students at its annual “Down on Main Street” gala. The celebration, held at 3201 in downtown Yonkers, raised funds to support programs and services that will take place at the new YPIE College Zone, currently under construction at 92 Main St.

Designed to serve 500-plus students a week, the new YPIE College Zone is being transformed from an unfinished basement to a state-of-the-art learning center. This year’s gala raised more than $600,000 to support students from eight Yonkers high schools who will come to the YPIE College Zone each week to learn and grow.

Guests from throughout the county and local officials joined YPIE leaders to honor board member and Yonkers native Alison Lobhrink Blood and Regeneron for their inspiring commitment to their students.

“YPIE is incredibly lucky to have honorees year after year who are so truly deserving of the honor because they are an integral part of the DNA of the organization,” said Wendy Nadel, YPIE’s executive director. “This describes Alison Blood.”

YPIE also honored Regeneron, a leading biotechnology company that invents life-transforming medicines for people with serious diseases. YPIE’s Chief Program Officer Sam Wallis presented an award to Hala Mirza, Regeneron’s vice president for corporate communications and citizenship, celebrating the company’s six-year partnership with YPIE.

“Regeneron was founded with a deep commitment to STEM educators and fostering the next generation of scientific talent, especially among students who are historically underserved in the sciences,” said Walls. “They have certainly lived up to that commitment.”

YPIE alumna and George Washington student Joshua De Los Santos gave a heartfelt tribute to the honorees for believing in him, helping him pursue his dreams, and being there for the younger members of his family. “I’m so honored to celebrate YPIE, Regeneron and Alison Blood. Each has been an important part of my personal and academic journey for a long time, and now this organization is there for my sisters,” he said. “We feel very lucky to have YPIE, and all of you as our champions.”

Since 2007, YPIE has partnered with the Yonkers Public School District, businesses, philanthropic organizations and higher education institutions to increase the number of YPS students who are prepared for and successfully complete college. YPIE serves more than 1,000 students annually. All proceeds raised at the Down on Main Street Gala directly support the students in YPIE’s programs.

To learn how you can get involved or to make a contribution, visit www.ypie.org.

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Honoree Alison Lobhrink Blood with Mayor Mike Spano.

L-R: St. Joseph’s Medical Center CEO Michael Spicer, Chef Peter Kelly and YPIE board member James Venezia.

YPIE alumna Joshua De Los Santos of Georgetown University with sisters Alicia and Cristina Mateo.

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Yonkers Force & Brave Finish 2018 Football Season!

By Phil Foley

All we can say is that all of us at Yonkers Rising are very proud of Yonkers’ two football teams this year. Congratulations to Coaches Dan DeMatteo and Vic Chiappa for leading the way.

Last weekend, each team played one addl- on game and both played very well but lost. The weather was horrible, and the games were ruined out and played a few days later.

Last Sunday at the Saunders High School field, the Brave played North Rockland and lost 21-13 in a close game. Scoring touchdowns for the Brave were Tyric Phynn who scored on a 2-yard run, and Nuryel Benitez who caught a 39-yard TD pass from Ryan Veras.

“The kids fought hard to the end and I am very proud of them,” said Coach Chiappa.

On Monday afternoon, the Force played Mahopac at Gorton HS, and lost 38-20. Rance Hamilton had a kickoff return for a TD. Colby Fuss had a rushing TD, and Jason Garcia threw a TD pass to Josuin Broquadio.

“I am proud of what these men have accomplished in a very short amount of time,” said Coach DeMatteo. “Those players have laid the foundation for the future of the Yonkers Force. Better days are ahead… Their truly is no place like home.”

Next season, all Yonkers Force home games will be played at a brand new artificial field. Nice job, Yonkers Athletic Director Jim Rose.

The American-Irish Association of Westches-
ter held its 44th annual dinner-dance Oct. 21 at the Fairways Dunwoodie. The festivities opened with the association’s annual Mass of Remembrance and Thanksgiving, which was celebrated by the Rev. Bill Cleary, dean of seminarians at Saint Joseph’s Seminary; and the Rev. Matt Janeczko OFM, Cap. pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Yonkers.

This year’s honorees included Barry McGo-
ey of the Yonkers Firefighters Union, who received the Irish-American Achievement Award; Captain Patrick McCormack of the YPD Third Precinct, with the Irish-March of the Year Award; Maeve Scott, community activist, with the Irish Woman of the Year Award; and the Rev. Robert Boehler, pastor of Saint Mark’s Lutheran Church in Yonkers, with the Irish-American Community Service Award.

Dancing was to the Tara Gold Band and attendance enjoyed watching performances by the Deirdre O’Meara School of Irish Dancing and the New York Students of Irish Dance.

The association each year raises funds for various charities and co-sponsors an annual Heritage Day every summer.

YPS Superintendent Dr. Edwin Quezada congratulates the Yonkers Force on a great football season.
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