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Dear Neighbor,

I would like to wish everyone a safe and fun filled summer! Please take advantage of all the fun tourist attractions and outdoor activities that our beautiful County offers. Make sure to visit the newly renovated Sprain Ridge Pool in Yonkers, scheduled to open in July. To learn more about what is happening in our County please contact the Westchester County Tourism office at (914) 995-8500 or go to their website, [westchestertourism.com](http://westchestertourism.com).

One of the most important things to me as your County Legislator is hearing from you. I continuously strive to make things better and improve the quality of life of the residents of the 15th district and Westchester County. Please feel free to contact me at (914) 995-2830 or by email at [gab6@westchestergov.com](mailto:gab6@westchestergov.com) with any issues, questions, concerns or ideas you may have.

Also, if you would like to receive e-news from me please send me your name and email address or sign up at [westchesterlegislators.com/subscribe-to-updates.html](http://westchesterlegislators.com/subscribe-to-updates.html). Through enews you will obtain periodic information such as pending weather threats, possible road closures and issues in the District. I strongly urge that you avail yourself to this method of communication.

Again, have a safe and happy summer!

Best,

## Boyce Thompson Center



After more than 40 years, the once abandoned six-acre site located at North Broadway and Executive Boulevard in Yonkers, has finally been transformed by Simone Development Companies into the Boyce Thompson Center, an innovative mixed-use center featuring office/medical space, retail stores, restaurants and banking.

Its roster of tenants will include St. John's Riverside Healthcare, Family Wellness Pharmacy, Ultimate Spectacle, The Taco Project, PLUSHBLOW, Tompkins Mahopac Bank, Westchester Gastroenterology, and Juvanni Med Spa. Fortina, one of its anchor restaurants is scheduled to open in June, and shortly a series of additional tenant occupancies will be announced. ■

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District 15 ~ Yonkers



## New Development in Westchester North 60 Project

I am very excited to report, the approval for the development of the Westchester County Bioscience and Technology Center. This is an historic and unprecedented agreement that joins private and government sectors together to strengthen the economic future of Westchester. We, the Board of Legislators have unanimously passed a 99-year lease agreement with Fareri Associates to build the center. The center will be built on 80 vacant acres of land, 60 of which are owned by the County and 20 that are owned by Fareri Associates. Approximately 43 acres of land will be preserved as open green space.

The development comprises three major, multi-phase components: West Research

Village, Central Village and East Research Village. Fully built out, the new center will include 2,252,600 square feet of biotech/research space; 400,000 square feet of medical offices; a 100,000-square-foot hotel with 100 rooms; 114,000 square feet of ground-level retail space, and a 34,000-square-foot Children's Living Science Center, a unique complex designed to promote the improvement of the health of children in the region through dynamic and interactive educational programming.

The first phase of the project will include 220,000 square feet of biotech/research space, 100,000 square feet of medical space, 80,000 square feet of shopping/ground-level retail space, and a 100,000-square-foot hotel for a total of 500,000 square feet

This project is the largest of its kind ever approved in Westchester County. I am honored to have worked with my colleagues and County Executive Rob Astorino on this innovative agreement. We will continue to work together to further secure the future of Westchester County. ■

### PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:

- \$9 million in estimated new real estate taxes annually to Westchester County, the Town of Mount Pleasant and the Mount Pleasant School District (there is no residential component, so the complex will not have any impact on the class sizes of local schools);
- \$7 million in estimated new annual rent to Westchester County;
- Approximately 4,000 new construction jobs;
- More than 8,000 new permanent jobs from entry-level through the professional ranks;
- Forging relationships between the Westchester Medical Center and providers and inventors of cutting-edge medical technologies and innovations;
- Creating job opportunities for students in the emerging bioscience field by forming partnerships with nearby Westchester Community College, Pace University and New York Medical College;
- Creating a new Children's Living Science Center that will provide children with a personal awareness of health issues.



This year the General Election will be held on November 7, 2017 – It is extremely important to be a part of the electoral process. If you are 18 years of age or older and have not registered to vote you can download the form at the NYS board of election [www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html#VoteRegForm](http://www.elections.ny.gov/VotingRegister.html#VoteRegForm) or the Westchester County Board of Elections - <http://citizenparticipation.westchestergov.com/voting/register-to-vote>. You may also obtain a voter registration form at various county offices including; Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Transportation, Information Technology, Human Rights Commission, Taxi and Limousine Commission, Youth Bureau, Veterans Services Agency and The Office for People with disabilities. ■



## Summer Fun in Westchester County



Sprain Ridge Pool has very special memories to me. When I was a young boy I worked there and spent time with my friends and family. It was the place to go in the summer for families. I advocated very strongly to have the pool reopened and I am very happy to announce that Sprain Ridge Pool is scheduled to be open this July once again for families to enjoy and build memories.

A parking pass is required for all of Westchester County's beautiful Parks, beaches and golf courses.

The parks are open all year. The \$75 county Park Pass is valid for three years. Only Westchester County residents 12 years and older are eligible. If you are a senior citizen (age 60 or older) or disabled resident, your Pass is valid for six years.

Park Passes are a photo I.D. and are only issued in person. You must present proof of county residency with either a current New York State driver's license; or a valid photo I.D. and proof of residency such as a lease, deed or utility bill. Passes are not transferrable and cannot be used by anyone but the holder. Lost Passes will be replaced at the full fee. Other park passes available:

### FAMILY PARK PASS

For a fee of \$150, two adults and any children (ages 12 to 18) living in

the household get their own individual Park Pass. (This is only valid for families who need to purchase two or more.) All members of the family must be present at the time of purchase and provide proof of Westchester County residency that includes family mailing address such as: New York State photo I.D. or driver's license; school photo I.D. or report card. Only one address will be accepted for a family park pass. The Passes are valid for three years.

### SENIOR CITIZENS & DISABLED RESIDENTS

Issued to eligible county residents who are age 60 and over or are disabled, the Pass costs \$75, is valid for six years and entitle the holder to all county Park Pass privileges and perks. Disabled persons must present an eligibility form, which can be obtained from the Westchester County Office for People with Disabilities by calling (914) 995-2957 or (914) 995-7397 (TDD for the Hearing Impaired). The application must be signed by a physician. **Disabled Veterans (Service-Connected) Park Pass.** Available to veterans with a service-connected disability living in Westchester County. Veteran must present his or her VA Healthcare ID card that reads "Service Connected." This pass is issued free of charge and is

valid for three years. It is available only at the County Center or at the parks department's administrative office at 450 Saw Mill River Road in Ardsley.

### SEASON SWIM PASS

Season Swim Passes are available to Westchester County Park Pass holders only. The Swim Pass allows residents to pay one price and swim as often as they like all summer long, and includes parking fees. This Pass is valid at:

- Glen Island Beach in New Rochelle
- Saxon Woods Pool in White Plains
- Sprain Ridge Pool in Yonkers\* (Scheduled to open in July)
- Tibbetts Brook Pool in Yonkers
- Willson's Waves in Mount Vernon

Season Swim Passes can only be purchased at all four locations. Swim passes are not accepted at Playland beach or pool or at Croton Point beach.

For locations where Park Passes can be purchased, visit <http://parks.westchestergov.com/park-passes>. ■

## Bicycle Sundays

Bicycle Sundays on the Bronx River Parkway, one of Westchester's longest-running and popular recreational programs, began May 7 and is scheduled for May 14, and 21; June 4, 11, 18 and 25; and Sept. 10, 17 and 24. The program is held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Bicycle Sundays, a Westchester County Parks program, is sponsored by Con Edison, New York Presbyterian Hospital, the Westchester Parks Foundation, Danny's Cycles and Organic Pharmed, with support from WHUD.

Admission to the event is FREE. Parking is available at the County Center lot in White Plains for \$7. For more information, call (914) 864-PARK or visit [parks.westchestergov.com](http://parks.westchestergov.com). ■

## Bronxville Seniors



I am pleased to report; I was able to assist the Bronxville Seniors by securing a grant to extend their programming through July 2017. I truly believe these programs are crucial to the health and well-being of seniors. The programs are run by Karla Diserens who does an excellent job providing a variety of different programs that appeal to everyone. If you are a senior, over the age of 55, and are interested in joining the fun please go to their web-site at [bronxville-seniors.org](http://bronxville-seniors.org). If you do not have access to a computer, please call their office 914-793-2222 or 914-844-5120 and they will be able to help you through the application process and answer any questions you may have. ■

## New Legislation from the Legislation and Public Safety Committees

My colleagues and I are working diligently to help insure the safety of county residents.

- In March, we passed a law banning the sale and possession of synthetic drugs which have been chemically composed with the intent to evade current laws and which are known to be dangerous and addictive. The penalties for an offense will be punishable by a fine of no less than \$500 up to \$2000.
- There has become an issue with the aerial vehicles known as drones delivering contraband to inmates. They are flown over a correctional facility and items such as, drugs and weapons can be dropped from overhead. We passed a law banning any such aerial device that can be piloted remotely not to fly within 1000 feet of the Westchester County Correctional Facility. The penalty will be up to \$1000 and will be punishable as a misdemeanor. ■

## TELEPHONE SCAM KNOWN AS "CRAMMING"

Police departments throughout the Hudson Valley are warning of a telephone scam known as "cramming" that begins with a simple question: Can you hear me?

Scammers have been calling people the last couple of months, asking the easily heard question and then recording the "yes" answer, according to police.

Then, they use the recorded "yes" as a voice signature to authorize charges on the victim's utility or credit card accounts, police said.

"Cramming" is on the rise, police said, adding that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) described the phenomenon in a column last week while referring to an "explosion" in the number of robocalls made across the United States.

According to police, the FCC has recommended that those who have already fallen for the scam review their bank, credit card and utility statements for unauthorized charges.

Those who have not yet received such a call should be aware of the scam and hang up immediately if the question is posed by phone, authorities said.

According to FCC statistics, there were 29 billion robocalls made last year, or roughly 230 calls per household.

Anyone who finds unauthorized charges on any of their accounts should report the incident through the Better Business Bureau's Scam Tracker and the FCC Consumer Help Center. ■

