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to be built over the Hillview Reservoir in Yonkers, which is a New York City-owned property and supplies its residents with water.

Environmental officials say the $1.6 billion New York City funded project will help protect the new concrete from sun damage and soak up rainwater before it clogs sewers. It also protects the water from outdoor elements.

Construction is expected to start in 2011 and finish five years later. The project would be the largest in the world,

surpassing Chicago's 24.5-acre cover for Millen nium Park.

The public is encouraged to attend a two- part meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. at Mark Twain Junior High School's auditorium, 160 Woodlawn Ave.

First will be an informal presentation of NYCDEP's program at Hillview Reservoir, with an opportunity for question and answer. The second part will be the formal public meeting starting at 8 p.m. to receive oral and written comments on the Draft Scope of Analysis.

Written comments on the Draft Scope of Analysis will be accepted until August 8, 2008, and a Final Scope of Analysis, incorporating changes based on relevant comments received, will be issued September 12, 2008. Responses to comments given during the formal meeting and written comments received will be provided as part of the Final Scope of Analysis.

Submit written comments on the Draft Scope of Analysis to: Ruby Wells, Project Manager, Office of Water Supply Infrastructure and Watershed Assessment, New York City Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Environmental Planning and Analysis, 59-17 Junction Boulevard, 11th Floor, Flushing, NY 11373.

For more information, click here.

Editor's Clarification

In our July 10 eblast story, entitled "Seeing is Believing," the sentence below should have included the words *Alexander Street* in reference to waterfront proposals.

Here's the story again: Exciting initiatives are being planned on Alexander Street along the Hudson River between the Yonkers and Glenwood Metro-North Stations.

After reviewing the initial Draft Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DGEIS), the Community Development Agency (CDA), of which I am Vice-Chair, has requested that the Environmental Simulation Center (ESC) create a computer simulated model to show what the various *Alexander Street* proposals on the waterfront would look like.

The presentation will be unveiled at the next CDA meeting at 4 p.m. on July 23 here at City Hall on the 4th floor.

The meeting will also be televised on Channel 78 for those of you who can't make the

meeting. I encourage everyone to watch to get an accurate picture of what the downtown could look like.

Saturday in the Park

The Untermye r Performing Arts Council continues "A World of Music & Dance" with Jamie Morad & Ojubeha on Saturday, July 19th at 7:30 p.m. at Untermyer Park, 945 North Broadway, Yonkers.

Jamie Morad is an international singing star who has appeared in nightclubs, concerts and resorts all over the world. He has been touring the U.S. for the past 20 years and has sold more than 23 million records world- wide. His five-octave vocal range and incredible showmanship truly captivates the audience wherever he performs.

His band Ojubeha ("Wonders") has traveled with Jamie for the past 14 years. The group consists of brothers John and Eric Tiratsuyan and Tyko Nanian, from Armenia. The horn section consists of various musicians from South America.

All performances are admission free. Bring your own seating. In the event of rain, call after 2 PM (914) 375-3435 for rain site information and location.

Events done in cooperation with Mayor Philip A. Amicone & the City of Yonkers Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation. Programs funded in part by a NYS Parks, Restoration & Historic Preservation Grant thanks to Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins and Assemblyman Mike Spano, and the Westchester Arts Council with funds from Westchester County, the City of Yonkers, and private donations. In-kind support received from Optimum, WFAS Radio 1230 AM/103.9 FM, Emil Yedowitz & Sons Florist and Growers, and Altman Lighting.

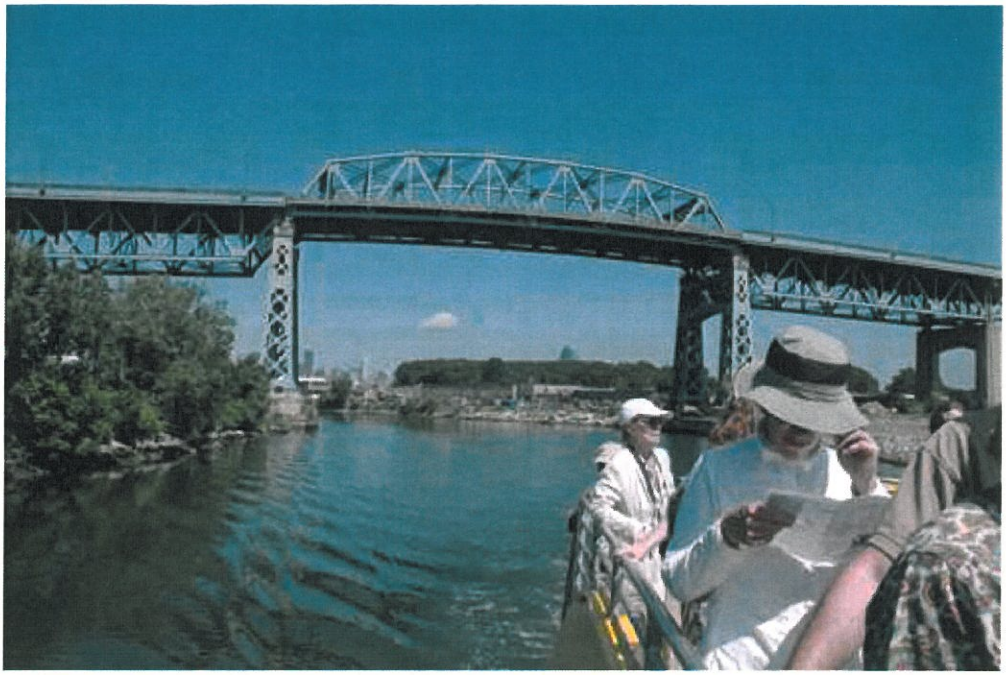
Eat Your Veggies

Don't forget the St. John's Getty Square Farmer's Market is every Thursday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. through November.

Besides all the great vendor items for sale such as soaps, clothing and jewelry, look for the farm fresh produce and baked goods for sale in the back parking lot.

I will also be holding constituent hours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the market every week so come on by to say hi.

Rolling on the River



The Hudson River Community Association of Northwest Yonkers, a group of civic-minded activists who formed a Yonkers response team 30 years ago, is doing yet another good deed by holding a high school scholarship fundraiser aboard a boat to Haverstraw on Monday, July 28.

The boat leaves the Yonkers Recreation Pier at the foot of Main Street promptly at 6 p.m. and will return around 8:30 p.m. The cost is $12 adults, $5 children under 12. Parking is available on the street or at the Buena Vista garage.

Light refreshments will be served and a cash bar will be provided. You are welcome to bring a picnic basket (NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR GLASS ALLOWED.) Reservations are mandatory.

To RSVP, email hr cayonkers03@yahoo.com or call 914- 376- 6086 or 914-572-4295.

Calling All Kayakers and Swimmers

The Hudson River Swim For Life needs kayak buddies to travel alongside and spot swimmers who are participating in the September 7 swim event.

The 3.1 mile swim is from Sleepy Hollow to Nyack. This year there will also be a 1-mile swim option along the shores of Sleepy Hollow. Swimmers will conquer the river in the shadow of the Tappan Zee Bridge, as kayakers and boaters assist them for safety.

Last year, 250 swimmers raised just over $200,000. This year they are expecting more than 450 participants and an audience of about 4,000.

The event was created to raise awareness of the Hudson River, promote swimming as a life-long form of fitness, and raise funds for the ongoing work of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, in conjunction with Friends of Claire, a non- profit raising funds for ALS.

Click here for more information or to register to help. Or call 914-949-0084, ext. 8993.

Summer in the City

Want the latest in Yonkers events and goings-on? Click here to read the Summer 2008 issue of the "Community Service Bulletin." I hope you enjoy it and please pass it on to your friends & associates.

Sad News

Abraham Cohen, known as "Mr. Yonkers" for his many contributions to education, civic and recreational associations, passed away this month at age 95.

A graduate of Roosevelt High School, he went on to NYU and became a English and Social Studies teacher here in Yonkers before becoming the Assistant Superintendent of Schools.

He was laid to rest at Mt. Hope Cemetery.

Campfire and Seining on the Hudson

Have you ever wanted to paddle a kayak or go seining in the Hudson River?

Well now you have the chance! Join Beczak Environmental Education Center and the Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday, July 19 at Beczak, 35 Alexander St., Yonkers.

Get ready to wear waders while dragging a 30-foot seine net through the river for a show and tell catch and release of aquatic life. Or you can paddle up with a kayak. Then cozy up to a campfire and enjoy a night of food and entertainment. It will be an unforgettable way to enjoy a summer night along the river!

Water as Art

One of the most anticipated outdoor art exhibitions has finally come to New York City's waterways.

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Waterfalls will be on display throughout the city until October 13. The four waterfalls are at Pier 35, the Brooklyn Bridge, between piers 4 and 5 in Brooklyn and on Governors Island. The water creations flow from 7a.m. to 10 p.m. and stay lit until after dark.

There are many ways to see the waterfalls, both from land and water. There are free and discounted boat trips from Pier 16 in Manhattan and the Staten Island and Governor Island Ferries. All allow for great viewing of the 90 to 120 foot waterfalls.

If you are a highly experienced to expert level kayaker and wish to view the waterfalls on August 2, contact Jerry Blackstone from the Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club at (914)318-4630. Interested in learning how to kayak in general? Free classes are offered at JFK Marina on Thursday, Friday and Monday nights from 6 - 8 p.m. Call Jerry to confirm times and dates.

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