

Teens, Audition for the 2015 Talent Show at Riverfront Library

Yonkers Riverfront Library is gearing up to host its 13th annual teen talent show "Yonkers Future Stars" in June, and is searching for interested youth to be a part of it!

To audition, teens must live in Yonkers and must be 12 to 19 years old. All acts must be family-friendly and free of profanity, and all talents are welcome.

Auditions will be held Mondays, March 30

and April 13 from 4 to 6; and Saturdays, April 4 and 25 from 1 to 4 p.m., at the library, One Larkin Center, Yonkers.

For more information, visit www.ypl.org; or contact Arnaldo Torres, library technical assistant for adult/young adult services, at 914-337-1500, ext. 491; or Elyse Schreiber, reference and technology librarian at 914-337-1500, ext. 489.

Arts Funding Awarded To Yonkers Programs

The New York State Council on the Arts will distribute funding this month to local artists and organizations in the 35th State Senate District through ArtsWestchester, announced Senate Democratic Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins last week.

The grant money was approved in the 2014 state budget, which Stewart-Cousins voted for. ArtsWestchester accepted applications and will award 13 grants in the district, totaling \$17,125, for Arts Alive projects and individual artists, as well as Arts-in-Education programs.

"I remain a strong supporter of the arts, and these state grants are an important means of keeping and enabling vibrant culture at the grassroots

level, whether is by displaying the work of local artists, providing cultural opportunities at festivals or music at our libraries," said Stewart-Cousins. "ArtsWestchester vets local funding applications and is keeping the arts alive."

Yonkers projects that will be receiving funding include: Groundwork Hudson Valley, Street Art Youth Corp. - \$2,000; Hamm and Clov Stage Company, Inc., Hispanic Heritage Month event - \$2,625; Ukrainian Youth Center, Seniors Travel the World - \$2,000; Yonkers Downtown Business Improvement District, Outdoor Artists Showcase - \$1,000; and YOHO Artist Collective, 12th annual YOHO Artists Open Studio - \$1,000.

Golfers, Make Your Reservations Earlier this Season

Starting this season, Westchester County park pass holders can make telephone or online reservations for tee times at the county-run golf courses seven days in advance, starting at 9 a.m. instead of 7 p.m. Non-park pass holders can access the system six days in advance prior to play.

The system can be accessed seven days a week, 24 hours a day. Golfers should note that the first two hours are set aside for walk up

reservations. Any remaining times that are not booked through walk-ups will become available for on-line and telephone reservations starting at 9 a.m. each day.

The six county-owned golf courses are scheduled to open Wednesday, March 18, weather and conditions permitting. Reservations can be made at 914-995-GOLF (4653) or online at www.golf.westchestergov.com.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I was disconcerted to read in the article about the boutique clothing manufacturer moving into the Rubin Brothers Paint Store building at 65 Main St. (in the Feb. 27, 2015, Yonkers Rising) that the building is "otherwise empty," meaning there are no residential occupants in it - only the business on the first floor.

on the fourth floor; I am an artist and production designer and my wife is an art dealer and curator. A renown ceramics artist and teacher lives on the third floor and a musician and information technology engineer lives on the second floor, and he has resided here for nearly 20 years.

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