

Axel is Ready for Summer



Axel is awaiting visitors at the Yonkers Animal Shelter.

The Yonkers Animal Shelter has many pets up for adoption.

Axel is a sweet and affectionate 7-month-old puppy who has been at the shelter about a week – and everyone already loves him! He is a happy-go-lucky guy who has made friends with every person and dog he has met. Axel loves walks and balls, and he really wants to climb on your lap if you let him!

Axel is a Blue Nose Terrier and weighs about 40 pounds. By the time he is full-grown he will probably be at least 45 pounds.

Visit Axel at the Yonkers Animal Shelter, 120 Fullerton Ave. Hours are 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays and noon to 3:30 p.m. weekends. Inquiries may be emailed to LeslieM147@gmail.com or by phone to 914-377-6730 during business.

Library Lecture to Focus On Black Nationalist John Edward Bruce

Yonkers Riverfront Library and the Yonkers Historical Society will present a lecture titled "John Edward Bruce: Black Nationalist: 1856-1924" by Dr. William Seraile on Saturday, July 13 at 2 p.m. in fourth-floor Yonkers Room, at One Larkin Center.

A prolific writer and major figure in African American history and politics, John Edward Bruce witnessed the last days of American slavery, the turbulence of the Civil War and reconstruction, and the rise of Jim Crow. Among many other accomplishments, he – along with Arthur Schomburg – organized the Negro Society for Historical Research in 1911 in Yonkers, where Bruce was a resident.

Seraile, author of the first intellectual biography of Bruce, also known as Bruce Grit (University of Tennessee Press, 2003), will

discuss Bruce's activism in the area of Black Nationalism, as well as his relationship to Marcus Garvey, to whom he was private secretary.

Professor Emeritus at Lehman College, Seraile is the recipient of numerous awards including the Lehman College Teacher of the Year (1991). He is the author of several books and many articles on African American history, most recently "Angels of Mercy: White Women and the History of New York's Colored Orphan Asylum" (Fordham University Press, 2011).

This event is free and open to the public. The library is handicapped accessible, and parking is available at the nearby Buena Vista and Warburton Parking Garages. For additional information, call John Favareau at 914-337-1500, ext. 486.

Community Blood Drive is July 23

Donors are urgently needed for the Riverfront Library's community blood drive Tuesday, July 23 from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for adults and teens 16 years and older. Teens must have written parental permission with them at the time of donation.

Hudson Valley Blood Services, a division

of the New York Blood Center, will be collecting donations in the first-floor atrium; register to donate at the third-floor information desk or call 914-375-7966.

Donors will receive a coupon for one additional hour of Internet access at the Riverfront Library.

City Council Candidate Borrani In Touch With the Arts



Grace Borrani, a life-long resident of the City of Yonkers and a candidate for City Council president, recently visited the satellite showroom of Studio Civalo at YOHO, 578 Nepperhan Ave. Borrani brings a solid and unique experience as a Yonkers citizen and small business owner and enjoys to see the good things that may happen when people work together. Having heard of YOHO, with 50 artists operating at the fifth floor and seven brand new ones in the fourth floor (Studio Civalo being one of them), Borrani decided to visit and touch the creative community that operates in this part of Yonkers.

'America, the Beautiful' Continues

Travel the United States in a series of free film presentations.

"America, the Beautiful" meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room on the second floor of the library. Visit New Jersey, Arizona, Kentucky,

Oklahoma and Alaska on July 9.

Riverfront Library, located at One Larkin Center, is handicapped accessible. Parking is available in the nearby Buena Vista and Warburton Parking Garages. For more information, contact Jody Maier at 914-337-1500, ext. 492.

YMCA Offers Summer Food Program to Keep Kids Healthy

To ensure that fewer kids and teens go hungry this summer, the Yonkers Family YMCA is offering a free Summer Food Program, thanks to a \$33,000 grant from the Walmart Foundation. Combining food and fun, the program will provide nutritious meals and snacks, plus activities to keep kids' minds and bodies active.

The program runs in Yonkers from July 8 to Aug. 30 and is open to kids age 18 and younger.

The Yonkers Family YMCA's Summer Food Program is part of a national partnership between YMCA of the USA and the Walmart Foundation to address child hunger in communities. While more than 30 million children in low-income communities receive free or reduced-cost meals during the school year, only 2.3 million of these same kids have access to free meals when school is out.

At more than 900 summer food program sites nationwide, the Y will strive to serve 4 million healthy meals and snacks to 100,000 kids this summer.

"In order for kids to maintain good health, they need proper nourishment as well as activities to keep their minds and bodies active," said Shawn Patterson-Howard, chief executive officer of Yonkers Family YMCA. "The YMCA's

Summer Food Program will help kids stay well-nourished, active and energized, and also provide some relief to families who need support in providing more food when school is out."

To reach more kids who may be unable to visit the Y, Yonkers Family YMCA is taking the summer food program out into the community by partnering with other community organizations to bring healthy meals and snacks and fun activities to these kids.

The Y is committed to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility and is working to ensure that all kids have access to meals, as well as healthy food options, so they can continue to be healthy and thrive when out of school. In partnership with the Walmart Foundation, the Y's Summer Food Program is part of a year-round effort to fight child hunger.

During the school year, the Yonkers Family YMCA will also serve healthy meals and snacks in its after-school program to provide kids with nourishment and academic enrichment.

To learn more about the YMCA's Summer Food Program, visit ymca.net/summerfood, or contact John Thompson at the Yonkers Family YMCA at 914-963-0183 or JohnT@YoYMCA.org.

Free Breakfast and Lunch For Youth Available This Summer

The Yonkers Public Schools Food Services Department invites community youngsters to dine for free during the Summer Food Service Program that runs Mondays through Fridays, from July 1 to Aug. 9 (closed July 4). Free breakfast and hot lunch are provided for children age 18 years and younger at five locations.

No advance notice is needed; children may simply walk in and enjoy.

For more information about the Summer Food Service Program, call Yonkers Public Schools Food Services Department at 914-376-8166, or log onto the district's website at www.yonkerspublicschools.org.

At Cedar Place School, 20 Cedar Place,

breakfast will be served from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. and lunch from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

At Eugenio Maria de Hostos Microsociety School, 75 Morris Street, breakfast will be served from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. and lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At Palisade Preparatory School, 201 Palisade Avenue, there will be no breakfast, but lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

At Westchester Hills School 29, 47 Croydon Road, breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 9 a.m. and lunch from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

At Yonkers Middle/High School, 150 Rockland Ave., breakfast will be served from 8 to 8:30 a.m. a cold, boxed lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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