

# Neighborhood UPDATE



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## THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF YONKERS

### A Letter from Wilson Kimball



Happy Summer!

Summertime is when many of us spend the most time outdoors. You may like to sit with your friends, play dominoes, soak up

the sun or enjoy the flowers. These are all fun things for you to do that don't negatively impact your neighbors.

We live together in a community. We all have different schedules, different habits, and different cultural sensitivities. These differences are most often complimentary, they make us a distinct part of the richly diverse tapestry of the Yonkers Housing Authority. However, in the summer, when so many of us are outside, some of our habits can create issues for others. Smoking near a building can result in your smoke traveling up the building into your neighbor or friend's window. You may not even be thinking about it, but your neighbor may be on oxygen, allergic to smoke or have a pre-existing condition which makes exposure to your smoke deadly for them. Another habit that some tenants have is feeding birds and squirrels. Again, this may seem like

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### Construction Now Underway at La Mora Senior Housing

Construction is now underway at the YHA's La Mora Senior Housing project and modular units have begun to be installed. Located in the Hollow neighborhood of South Yonkers, the four-story building will have 57 one-bedroom apartments and three two-bedroom apartments. All 60 apartments will be affordable to residents aged 62 and older with incomes at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income.

La Mora is a passive house project, meaning that it is energy efficient and hardened against weather related emergencies.

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a kind gesture to the animals, but it attracts rats and other pests. When birds come to windowsills sprinkled with seeds they leave bird droppings on the windowsill, on the air conditioner below them and sometimes even on the people below them. Lastly, music is fun to listen to but not everyone shares your taste in music or wants it to be loud or late at night outside their window. Be thoughtful of others. Treat your neighbors with the respect and care you would like them to show you. July is the time to get out and about! Enjoy the good weather but bring your good manners with you!

### Wilson Kimball

*President & CEO*

Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers



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Since many seniors are dependent on reliable energy sources for health-related reasons ie dialysis, oxygen, etc., it was critical to provide a stable housing, safe housing environment so it made sense to develop sustainable housing.

“Our seniors must be protected from the ravages of climate change such as flooding in areas that are still suffering from past redlining practices that have impacted urban neighborhoods. Design features like passive house and on-site emergency power generation are important for the environment as well as the safety of our senior residents,” said YHA President and CEO Wilson Kimball after the October 12 groundbreaking attended by Mayor Mike Spano and state, county, and local dignitaries.

Residents will have access to services provided by the Yonkers Office for the Aging, including case management, home-delivered meals, assistance with entitlement programs, transportation, health awareness programs, access to nutrition centers, recreation and exercise programs, and supermarket and pharmacy delivery coordination. Services will be funded by the Office for the Aging and the Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services.



## Bee Line Buses Are Free: July 1 – September 4

Did you hear all the buzz going on? Westchester County Executive George Latimer announced that from July 1 to September 4, ALL Bee-line buses will be offering FREE fares. Take advantage of these free rides to get out and explore Westchester County this summer!



## International Day Celebrated at Kris Kristensen

Tenants at Kris Kristensen Homes celebrated International Day with a buffet of foods from around the world following their tenant council meeting on June 26.

Many countries were represented including foods from the Caribbean, Dominican Republic, and Puerto Rico. Yucca, potato salad, fried and baked chicken, pernil, rice and beans, Jamaican beef patties and empanadas were among some of the foods.

“Sarah Haughton worked really hard to organize the event,” said Shanese Gray, Service Coordinator for Kris Kristensen. “With help from her community, they decorated the room on the Sunday before so that the room was ready for their Monday meeting. Residents volunteered their time cooking dishes from their countries, it was a good time for all.”

## You Must Now Renew Medicaid, Child Health Plus and Essential Plan! Act Now!

Health insurance rules have changed. Medicaid, Child Health Plus, and the Essential Plan DO NOT RENEW AUTOMATICALLY! Don't lose your health insurance.

Avoid the red tape and the hassle of recertifying. Westchester Disabled on the Move, Inc. (WDOMI) will assist you in staying ahead of the chaos. We help with the entire application and follow-up.

Call 914-968-4717 x109 (English and Spanish)



## YMCA Summer Camp Is Here; July and August Sessions Still Open

The YMCA of Yonkers is offering a quality, licensed summer camp program where children participate in a balanced program of play & learning. Nutritious meals and snacks for the children according to C.A.C.F.P guidelines

### Activities

S.T.E.A.M. (Science Technology Engineering Arts Math) Open Play  
Summer Learning  
Structured Recreational Activities  
Field Trips  
BBQs  
Organized Sports  
Arts & Crafts  
Dance  
Drumming / Music  
Team Building

### Sessions

Session #1 | July 3rd – July 14th  
Session #2 | July 17th – July 28th  
Session #3 | July 31st – August 11th  
Session #4 | August 14th – August 18th (1 week)

### Age Groups

Red Group | Kindergarten & 1st Grade  
Green Group | 2nd & 3rd Grade  
Yellow Group | 4th & 5th Grade  
Blue Group | 6th & 7th Grade

### Hours

Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm

### Extended Hours

7:30AM – 8:30AM and 4:30PM – 6:00PM (extra cost of \$75 a week)

### Cost

Early Bird Cost | \$540 per session  
Regular Session Cost | \$580 per session  
Extended Care | \$730 per session  
Session 4 | Early Bird \$270 / Standard \$290 / Extended Days \$365

If you need assistance or are applying through DSS, please contact Sylvia Alvarez at [sylviaa@yoymca.org](mailto:sylviaa@yoymca.org) or call 914-963-0183 x20. Camp applications can be found online at <https://yoymca.org/>.

## Yonkers July 4 Celebration



Red, White and Blue fun with the  
Yonkers BID

