

**CITY OF RYE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Scott D. Pickup, City Manager

SUBJECT: Enclosures - Council Packet

DATE: March 7, 2014

Enclosed with this memorandum are the following items:

- 3-1 Notice from the Bread of Life Food Pantry regarding an event entitled "A Place at the Table" to be held on Thursday, March 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Rye Free Reading Room.
- 3-2 Notice regarding a Public Meeting of the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board to be held on Monday, March 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in White Plains.
- 3-3 Legal Department Update from the Corporation Counsel dated March 7, 2014.
- 3-4 Meeting notice for the week of March 10, 2014 is available on the City website www.ryeny.gov under Calendar.



Bread of Life to host "A Place at the Table " viewing and discussion

Do you know the hungry in Westchester County?

- Over 200,000 or 21% of Westchester residents are hungry or at risk of hunger
- One-third are children under the age of 18 and more than half are seniors
- The new needy are also professionals laid off from jobs and those finding work at significantly lower salaries

Bread of Life, which was founded by the Church of the Resurrection of Christ, a non-denominational church in Rye NY, wants to stop hunger in our county and throughout the United States. Currently they feed over 500 people daily through their on-site and mobile food pantry, supplying food to families and over 17 church and government food pantries and shelters throughout southern Westchester County.

"I have a heart for helping those who do not have enough food to eat. Many people in our community do not understand the severity of the hunger problem right in our own backyard. I hope to raise awareness, so no one goes hungry on my watch" said Pastor Pasquale Falco from the Church of the Resurrection of Christ

Bread of Life would like to raise awareness and will host a viewing of the award winning documentary "A Place at the Table" which was released March 2013. The film viewing will be followed by a panel discussion and question and answer session on the topic of hunger. Expert panel members from the Westchester Coalition for the Homeless and Hungry and the Westchester Food Bank along with other keys experts will be present. This documentary examines the issue of hunger in the United States by highlighting three Americans that struggle daily with food insecurity. In the U.S. today, 50 million people and a staggering one in four children do not know where their next meal is coming from.

This program will educate our community about hunger and the lack of food security in the U.S. and in Rye and its surrounding communities . Participants will learn the facts and walk away with concrete things they can do to help alleviate the problem.
The program is free and no registration is required.

Date: Thursday March 13th at 7:00 pm

Location: Rye Free Reading Room

For questions please contact: Sue Wexler, Director, Community Outreach and Marketing @ , susan@givingtreeministries.com

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FOR INFORMATION:
MICHAEL BERRIOS
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

DATE: Monday, March 17, 2014

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: New York State Division of Housing & Community Renewal
75 South Broadway, 3rd floor, White Plains, New York 10601

AGENDA

- 1. Call to order.**
- 2. Review of the minutes of the September 25, 2013 meeting.**
- 3. Discussion of dates for 2014 meetings and public hearings.**
- 4. New business.**

Dated: February 28, 2014

Jane Morgenstern, Chair
WESTCHESTER COUNTY RENT GUIDELINES BOARD

**CITY OF RYE
MEMORANDUM**

TO: Honorable Mayor and Rye City Council
FROM: Kristen K. Wilson, Corporation Counsel
SUBJECT: Litigation Update
DATE: March 7, 2014

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CARROLL v. CITY OF RYE

This matter is fully submitted before the Second Department.

THE TOWN OF RYE AND THE RYE TOWN PARK COMMISSION v. THE ASSESSOR and Board of Assessment Review of the CITY OF RYE

The City's reply brief was served and filed on March 7th.

WESTCHESTER JOINT WATER WORKS v. CITY OF RYE

This matter is now fully submitted before the Appellate Division, Second Department and we are waiting for an oral argument date.

LITIGATION

BEAVER SWAMP BROOK – (DEC Administrative proceeding)

The mediation scheduled for February 24, 2014 was adjourned pending further discussion between Harrison and the City regarding the exchange of CAD data.

BASSETT v. CITY OF RYE

The Court denied the City's motion and reinstated the original jury verdict.

CASPI v. CITY OF RYE

Motions for summary judgment were denied without prejudice and will be refiled at the completion of briefing as part of the bundling rule. As a result, once the motion is fully briefed, all papers will be submitted to the Court for review at one time.

DELLI PAOLI V. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals reaffirmed the Board of Architectural Review's decision to deny the application at their May meeting.

PANETTA v. PLANNING COMMISSION (declaratory judgment/42 U.S.C. 1983 claim)

This trial has commenced in front of Honorable Mary Smith, J.S.C. The parties are currently discussing possible settlement options. If a settlement is not reached by March 17, 2014, the trial will recommence.

BUTLER v. PLANNING COMMISSION

A unanimous Second Department bench found that the Defendants (the Mathisson's and the Planning Commission) established their prima facie entitlement to judgment as a matter of law and that the hand drawn front yard setbacks on the filed map were NOT deed restrictions. Essentially, the Planning Commission acted within its authority to modify these setbacks as part of an amended subdivision application.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE IVES AT RYE v. CITY OF RYE

The City has served its Answer with Affirmative Defenses.

OMNI CONTRACTING V. CITY OF RYE

A motion filed by co-defendant's Calgi's attorney to be relieved as counsel has been granted. The trial is still scheduled to commence on March 3rd.

AMERICAN LEISURE ACTIVITIES OF NEW YORK CITY INC. v. CITY OF RYE

Depositions are scheduled for the beginning of March.

RVIN REYES, et al v. CITY OF RYE, RYE GOLF CLUB, RM STAFFING & EVENTS, INC., MORRIS YACHT AND BEACH CLUB, INC. and SCOTT YANDRASEVICH, Jointly and Severally

The City has received an extension until March 5th to respond to the Summons and Complaint.

RYE POLICE ASSOCIATION v. CITY OF RYE

By Order of Justice Alan D. Scheinkman this case has been transferred back from the Commercial Division to the Chief Clerk for reassignment.

CITY COURT

Routine calendar with no unusual dispositions.

Respectfully submitted,



Kristen K. Wilson
Corporation Counsel

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