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Yorktown Street Fair Celebrates 10 Years of Family Fun

The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Town of Yorktown will be hosting its 10th Annual Yorktown Festival and Street Fair on Sunday, October 7, from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. in downtown Yorktown along Commerce Street and Veterans Road, following Support Connection's Annual Support-A-Walk at FDR State Park.

Residents of Yorktown as well as the surrounding communities enjoy the Yorktown Festival and Street Fair, as Commerce Street and Veterans Road are filled with exhibitors and entertainment for all. In celebration of its 10th year, there will be a special "Yorktown Celebrates Non-Profits" section to celebrate and showcase the not for profit organizations in the Yorktown Community. Yorktown residents as well as others in the surrounding communities can make a difference for those in need by visiting the Yorktown Community Food Pantry in the nonprofit section and donate non-perishable items or purchase an item off their wish list to help a family for the upcoming holidays.

Returning again to the Festival this year is the Annual Dog Costume Contest & Parade at 2 p.m. which will include fun carnival style games. For those with a sweet tooth, there will be a



Cupcake eating contest was part of the fun last year.

cupcake eating contest at 12:30 p.m. on the main stage sponsored by Funtime Amusements, where the top winner will receive a \$100 Visa gift card and bragging rights. Donate the gift of life and visit The American Red Cross at the Albert A. Capellini Community & Cultural Center from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Bring out the seniors for a complimentary luncheon sponsored by Fidelis Care and enjoy great food from local area businesses and restaurants from Noon-1:30 p.m. at the

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Enjoy fun on the main field as Fidelis Care will be bringing face painters, a balloon artist, and the New York City Football Club interactive marketing "Striker" vehicle and inflatable kickball for people to test their soccer skills with professional staff members. Throughout the main field, Funtime Amusements will be providing a variety of amusement rides for kids of all ages to enjoy. On the main

stage, there will be live continuous entertainment provided featuring On My Toes, Dance For Joy, Street Beatz Dance Studio, The Dance Conservatory and open mic musical talents coordinated by Bob Hill, featuring Sands of Time, a classic rock band, The Prodigies, a teen jazz band, ten year old Yorktown resident and classic rock/folk singer Erisa McAuliffe, Allie Puerto playing the ukulele, Rene Carlson performing rock and bluegrass tunes on the harmonica, and Mia Zucchi singing show tunes.

"ASK is thrilled to once again join in the festivities at the 10th Annual Yorktown Festival & Street Fair," said Liz Talbert, Executive Director of Alliance for Safe Kids. "It's hard to believe that 10 years have flown by and it is amazing to see how the event has flourished over the years. This is a unique opportunity for ASK to interact with community members of all ages, non-profit organizations and businesses all in one glorious fall day. We look forward to sharing news of the upcoming annual Save-A-Life event on March 3, 2019; unique and supportive programs that will benefit the entire community and ways that absolutely everyone can get involved to help keep Yorktown a safe, healthy and vibrant

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place to live, work, play and learn."

"We have been a participant at the Yorktown Festival for all 10 years," said Jacquie Giannico, Marketing Director of Club Fit. "It's a great opportunity to get in front of our local community, as well as local vendors, to thank them for being such great partners with us. This year, we celebrate our 45th "Birthday" and we continue to thrive with bringing a health club to Yorktown that cares about the community and keeping them active and fit. It has been an event that we look forward to year after year!"

Come out to show support and celebrate the success and pride of Yorktown businesses and organizations, all while enjoying great food, company, and entertainment. The Yorktown Chamber of Commerce is so thankful to its 2018 Yorktown Festival & Street Fair Sponsors: American Arms, Camp Nabby, Club Fit, Comprehensive Computers, Events To Remember, Fidelis Care, Frankie & Augie'Z, Little Sorrento/Savannah & Co., Moonlight Marine Inc., NewYork-Presbyterian- Hudson Valley Hospital, Rainbow Bridge Pet Crematory, and TD Bank.

Exhibitor and sponsorship applications, as well as festival updates can be found on the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce website at: www.yorktown-chamber.org. Please contact the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce at (914) 245-4599 or via email at Info@YorktownChamber.org for additional information on how to become an exhibitor and/or sponsor. For questions about the event, please contact Events To Remember at (914) 218-3968 or via email at EventsCJH@EventsRemember.com.



Pomposello Honored by Yorktown Chamber

Honoree Thomas Pomposello (left) of CCM Westchester was among those honored at the Yorktown Chamber of Commerce Annual Member Appreciation Night Dinner September 17 at Little Sorrento Restaurant. He is pictured with Yorktown Chamber of Commerce Vice President Sergio Esposito.

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Observing the Vagaries of the Seasons of the 2018 Grape Harvest

This is my favorite time of year in the grape vineyard annual cycle. Across the globe, tens of thousands of grape growers are in the midst of the annual harvest season. Some have already harvested their bounty. It is safe in the winery, having been recently crushed and is now fermenting and developing its unique characteristics as it evolves and matures into a wine that bears the signature of the winemaker.

If harvested at the height of the ripeness curve, and barring any sudden intervention from nature in the form of a sudden rainfall, this year's harvest has the potential of a stand-out vintage in many wine regions, one to cellar for the ages.

Other growers are waiting and watching for that precise moment when grape development is at its peak: full ripeness and the optimum balance of fruit, sugar and taste.

We are now experiencing the culmination of the seasons of the vineyard. The success of the 2018 grape harvest and the resulting wine production has been in the balance for much of the growing season.

Earlier this year I reported on the weather patterns and conditions across the global grape-growing regions. From the ravages of hailstorms, frost, rain deluges and smoke-taint, it has been a difficult year to predict the final results of the harvest. Would it be a lost season of low crop yield and poor fruit? A season that reversed itself, salvaged by exceptional seasonal weather patterns and yielding a bountiful, quality harvest?

These are the questions and worries that haunted farmers from the early phases of bud set, through the maturation months and culminating in the mad dash to pick crops at the peak of ripeness.

We see this uncertainty in every season of nature's bounty. In years of ideal weather conditions, fruits and vegetables are glories to behold. Tomatoes with luscious flavor and color, firm skin and sustained ripeness. Corn as bright as the sun itself, with rich sugars and starches that explode in one's mouth. Likewise, grapes redolent of aromas and taste to please the most discerning palate, with sugar and flavor levels that will sustain the life and character of wines for years of aging.

However, in years in which nature is not so generous and gentle, we must suffer through mediocre produce that makes us yearn for previous years' glory. Tomatoes characterized by flavorless juice and insipid coloring; flesh that splits open from the absorption of exces-

sive rainfall. Corn that is as limpid as the color of the moon, flavorless and difficult to bite. And grapes ravaged by fungus or invading insects; or bulging with excessive water, rendering the fruit flavorless and unworthy of aging. In extreme years farmers may resort to destroying portions of harvests rather than produce and sell inferior fruits and vegetables.

It seems nature has been teasing grape growers for a good part of the 2018 season, but has redeemed herself at harvest time. The results so far have been quite encouraging. Late season weather has

aided in salvaging the crops in many of the ravaged wine regions. Swaths of Champagne, Burgundy, Bordeaux and Spain are enjoying the bounty of an otherwise lost season, rising from seemingly certain disaster to produce wines of high quality, if low yields. California has survived the devastating wildfires in proximity to wine-growing regions; the feared smoke taint of grapes seems to have been largely avoided.

Overall, this year's harvest compares favorably to the last few years. Much of this may be attributable to weather

pattern extremes. The summer season was rainy in a number of wine regions, drought-laden in others and surprisingly ideal in a few blessed areas. As the growing season approached harvest, weather patterns were generally favorable, salvaging many questionable vineyard yields and enhancing those with favorable conditions throughout the season.

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