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Private Partner Brings \$25 million Investment at Playland

In June, the BOL authorized the County Executive to enter into a 15 year Asset Management Agreement with Standard Amusements, LLC to operate Playland Amusement Park. Per the agreement, Standard will make \$22.75 million in capital investments in Playland over the next five years and pay the County a \$2.25 million upfront fee. This public-private partnership agreement is our last and best opportunity to ensure a positive future for Playland. Having expert operators who will invest in upgrades and improvements to the park will lessen the burden on county taxpayers while preserving this important county asset.



Investing In Our Kids

In June, the BOL passed legislation that authorized the County to enter into Inter-municipal agreements (IMA) with a number of municipalities including, Cortlandt, Peekskill and Yorktown to deliver more than \$1.3 million of funding for youth programs. As a former teacher, I understand the importance of youth programs that give kids, especially at-risk kids, healthy and constructive options for their time after school. I am very familiar with all the programs we are funding and the excellent work that they do. When I was a teacher, I saw first hand how the intervention of after school programs improved the lives of many of my students.

Westchester Knicks Bring Pro Basketball, Big Revenues to Westchester

Working with the County Executive, the BOL helped bring The Westchester Knicks to the County Center last fall. The Westchester Knicks offer a fantastic value for your sports entertainment dollar. One of the Westchester Knicks starters, Langston Galloway was called up to the NBA club on January 7th where he remained as a solid contributor for the rest of the season. The end of season revenue numbers show that Westchester County received \$243,000 from our partnership with the Knicks. Season tickets start at just \$250 for the 2015-2016 season.



DISTRICT PHOTO GALLERY



1. Speaking with Military Order of the Purple Heart member Eugene Lang at the Town of Cortlandt Memorial Day ceremony.
2. Participating in the City of Peekskill Memorial Day ceremony.
3. At the 3rd Annual Armed Forces Day Picnic hosted by The Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society of Verplanck.
4. With Lou Lanza and Matt Slater at the 5th Annual 5K Run/Walk for Heroes sponsored by The Oliver C. Chase Jr. American Legion Post 274.
5. At the Annual Yorktown Chamber of Commerce Dinner.
6. With former Gov. George Pataki during his visit home after announcing his Presidential run.
7. Joining Yorktown officials at the annual meeting with the representatives of Jefferson Village.
8. Handing out trophies to participants of the Yorktown Youth Soccer Club at Yorktown Community Day held this year at the Jefferson Valley Mall.
9. In January I participated in a ceremony honoring 2014 World Series and San Francisco Giant rookie star Joe Panik who grew up in Shrub Oak and started his baseball experience with the Shrub Oak Athletic Club.
10. With Peekskill St. Patrick's Parade Grand Marshal Kathy McGurty and Dr. John McGurty at the Installation Dinner for the Peekskill St. Patrick's Parade.
11. Testing out a new petal/battery powered vehicle at the Yorktown Street Festival.
12. It has always been important to me to promote and support new businesses in the area. Earlier this year I was happy to welcome Moe's Southwest Grill to the Cortlandt Town Center.
13. I was proud to MC the first ever Official Juneteenth Flag Raising Service in Westchester. Also pictured: Mt Lebanon Baptist Church Choir.
14. Participants in the Juneteenth Flag Raising Service: Pastor Gary Colter of the Mount Lebanon Baptist Church and the Mt. Lebanon Choir, Lincoln Society in Peekskill President Tristi Nichols, Pastor Stephany Graham of the Peekskill Presbyterian Church and Mayor Frank Catalina.
15. Al Collins of Peekskill turned 100!
16. I had another great time and delicious meal at the 5th Annual Fundraiser for Rotary Community Corps RCC of Keon Spaghetti Dinner.