QUEENS TIMES
Published for the Borough of Queens
VOLUME 23, NO. 3 THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018 25 CENTS

TV/Radio Host

Support Our Troops Wear Blue Every Friday

Point of View

Winter Storm Warning for Frozen Pipes

Queens Times tip, when weather is very cold you must keep the heat in the house at a higher temperature all day, it will protect the pipes in the house. When you have heat go off at a certain time when you leave and come back on when you return does not save you heating cost because you have to kick the heat up higher and when you are out of the house with heat off pipes could freeze and with the frigid cold local homeowners worry about frozen, busted pipes, flooding their homes.

Water damage from busted, frozen pipes can be devastating in more ways than just the flooding. There can be structural damage, plus an immediate potential for deadly mold; a crack in a pipe no longer than the cuticle on your ring finger can dump hundreds of gallons of water into a home, creating more than one disaster.

TIPS TO PROTECT PIPES:

Remove hoses from outside faucets- if you leave hoses connected, with water still in them, there's no place for water from

(Continued on page 2)

Chairman Crowley Congratulates Recipients of Fulbright Award

On Friday, House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) congratulated Queens residents Alexandria Garcia, Jennifer Spindler, and Chelsea Raymond on the successful completion of the prestigious Fulbright Program.

Continued on page 2.

Chairman Crowley Introduces 'A Better Deal for Queens and the Bronx'

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) introduced A Better Deal for Queens and the Bronx - a collection of concrete legislative and advocacy efforts to improve life for New Yorkers.

The Better Deal for Queens and the Bronx includes real and tangible improvements to make it easier for students to learn in modern classrooms and for parents to make the best choices for their families about child care and

(Continued on page 7)

Pheffer Amato, Addabbo, Stringer, Shareholders Call Out HPD

HPD's Lack Of Oversight In Wake Of Deadly Mitchell-Lama Co-Op Fire

In a press conference, State Elected Officials, the NYC Comptroller, and Shareholders called out the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) for lack of oversight in ensuring annual apartment inspections within NYC Mitchell-Lama Co-op building in Rockaway Beach, Queens and are requesting that HPD conduct a full review of the mismanagement of the board of directors and the Management Company. See story on page 2.

One Edition for ALL of Queens!
Visit our website at www.queenstimes.com

Mama's Backyard Café
46-10 104th Street • Corona, NY 11368
Cakes for all Occasions
Specializing in Napoleon Cakes
Full Line of Italian Pastries and Cookies
Bakery Tel: 718-565-9104
Deli Tel: 718-898-6069

DMV# 7103558 108 Auto Service Inc.
宏興車行
Official NYS Inspection Station
Complete Auto Repair & Tires
All Work Guarantee
ASE CERTIFIED
• NYS Approved Auto Technician
• ASE Certified Technician
• Licensed Auto Body Estimator
• ASA Member
DEE 宏
Tel.: (718) 393-3139
Fax: (718) 271-0902
55-26 108 Street, Corona, NY. 11368

Subscribe to the
Queens Times
Your Local Newspaper-One Edition for All Of Queens

Just $28.50 per year... and have the paper delivered to your door by US Mail

Please Enter my Subscription For One Year

Name .....

Address .....

City.....**Zip**.....

Please make check payable to: Queens Times and mail to:
11-20 154th Street, Whitestone, NY 11357

QUEENS TIMES
Published for the Borough of Queens

Published every week by C.T. Publishing Corp.
Executive Office: 108-59 49th Avenue, Corona Heights, NY 11368
Operations: 11-20 154th Street, Whitestone, NY 11357
Phone (718) 592-2196 • FAX (718) 606-8202
Web Site: www.queenstimes.com
email: editor@queenstimes.com

James C. Lisa ..... **Publisher/Editor**
Lew Scala ..... **Associate Publisher/Webmaster**
Joseph V. Dorsa .....Assistant Editor/Photo Journalist
Lou Duro ..... **International Correspondent**
Merle Exit .....**Arts/Entertainment Editor**
Robert Elkin ..... **Sports Editor**
Nicole Rescigno..... **Office Manager**
Bob Grant..... **Photojournalist**

The Queens Times is published weekly by C T Publications, Inc. for an annual subscription charge of $28.50, mail subscription request to Queens Times:
11-20 154th Street, Whitestone, NY 11357

Point of View

(Continued from page 1)

the faucet, or water line to drain. The trapped water freezes and expands creating a crack in the line INSIDE the wall of your, spewing water everywhere. For the faucets, you can buy an insulated cover, or just wrap a towel, foam, or even newspaper around the faucet, cover in plastic, then tape to hold in place.

Insulate exposed water lines - you can buy insulated sleeves from the hardware store which slip easily around exposed pipes in the garage, attic, basement, or outside. These areas are more susceptible to freezing.

Seal leaks or cracks around pipes in the bathroom or kitchen- cold air can flood through the tiniest crevices. Insulate, or caulk around pipes to keep them from freezing.

Leave bathroom/kitchen cabinet doors open- this will allow warm room air to circulate around the pipes when icy weather invades. Also, let faucets drip to reduce pressure.

Keep thermostat at same temperature day and night-the heating bill may be a bit higher, but nothing like paying for water damage.

IF YOUR PIPES FREEZE:

Turn on all faucets to find out which ones are working- a small trickle of water from one faucet, while others are gushing, is a good indicator of a frozen line

Work from the faucet, back, to check for ice blockage- run a hair dryer, or heat gun back and forth along the pipe, warming it gradually. Never put a heat source directly on the pipe, especially if it's PVC. It could rupture the pipe. DO NOT USE ANY OPEN FLAME.

Add salt to drains-Pour a tablespoon down the drain, but DON'T ADD WATER. The sudden temperature change could crack the pipe.

Check for leaks-if you see any leaks, in any pipes, shut off the main water valve to the house, and close all faucets.

Pheffer Amato, Addabbo, Stringer, Shareholders Call Out HPD

(Continued from page 1)

In response to a deadly fire this past Friday, January 12th, 2018, within 8800 Shore Front Parkway in Rockaway Beach, NYS Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-Rockaway Beach), NYS Senator Joseph P. Addabbo (D-Howard Beach), NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer and Shareholders today called out the Housing Preservation Department (HPD) in a press conference for lack of oversight in providing annual apartment inspections within the Dayton Beach Park #1 Corp. (DBP), a Mitchell-Lama Housing Development Co-op responsible for overseeing 8100, 8200, 8400, 8600, 8800 Shore Front Parkway Rockaway Beach, Queens.

"As a shareholder I am terrified, as an Elected Official, I am disgusted. Something is not right." said Pheffer Amato. "Since being elected in 2016, I have expressed concerns regarding the absence of annual apartment inspections within DBP, as well as management and board of director issues. Apartment inspections are not only necessary, but required in order to ensure the safety and quality of life for all shareholders. This fire was an incident waiting to happen."

"There is nothing worse than a loss of human life that could have been avoided." Addabbo said. "With the recent fire in Rockaway, if the collective voices of the buildings' tenants were heard, a person would be alive today. The city needs to do a better job with inspections and working with management companies."

NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer said, "Months ago, the Housing and Preservation Department said that inspections of this building would happen. They haven't — and now, tragedy has struck. Had it not been for the bravery of the FDNY and NYPD, this situation could have been far worse. That inspections didn't take place is deeply, deeply alarming. The agency must step up and ensure that all regulations are enforced, both in the Rockaways and across the city. This is about the safety of New Yorkers, and it's about right and wrong."

This past August, Pheffer Amato sent a letter, at the request of hundreds of constituents and shareholders, to both HPD and First Service Residential (who formerly managed the buildings until 12/31/17) expressing concerns of the absence of annual apartment inspections. In the letter Pheffer Amato stated: "According to the contract between First Service Residential and the NYC HPD, management is required to conduct and prepare the annual apartment inspections and reports. Additionally, this is a requirement by HPD as stated in the Mitchell-Lama rules." HPD responded in a letter on August 30th, 2017 by Assistant Commissioner Julie Walpert who stated: "Please be advised that inspections will be conducted by management the third week of September". According to residents, inspections have not commenced to date.

"I was in the lobby going back upstairs when I saw the fire trucks, firefighters were on their way up to 11P, my next door neighbor's apartment." said Helen Lee (Fanning) a 24 year resident of 8800 Shore Front Parkway. "My apartment is destroyed from the fire. For years, I filed complaints to management about my neighbors' hoarding. A few years back- when called for a gas leak- FDNY couldn't even open his door because of all the debris. I can barely remember the last time my apartment was inspected, I think it was a few years after Hurricane Sandy. This all could have been prevented if the proper precautions were taken earlier."

As of 1/13/2018, FDNY Fire Marshals have confirmed: The cause of the fire was accidental, there was a halogen lamp in close proximity to combustibles. A 91 year old female is deceased as a result of her injuries and smoke alarms were not present.

Chairman Crowley Congratulates Recipients of Fulbright Award

(Continued from page 1)

Additionally, Congressman Crowley presented the Fulbright Scholars with certificates of Congressional recognition.

"I commend these Fulbrighters for their devotion to public service," said Congressman Crowley. "It was a great pleasure to recognize the achievements of my fellow Queens residents, who devoted their time to improving the lives of others. The Fulbright program is an American treasure, one that builds international bonds between our future leaders and their counterparts abroad. Alexandria, Jennifer, and Chelsea, thank you for representing New York so well through your dedication and hard work."

The Fulbright program, founded in 1946, is a flagship international educational program sponsored by the U.S. government. It's designed to increase mutual understanding between Americans and the people of other countries.

Garcia, an Astoria resident, spent her time teaching English, international civics, and personal finance in Spain; Spindler, also from Astoria, worked with a child development nonprofit in Chile; and Raymond, from Sunnyside, studied sport psychology in Scotland, with a focus on self-efficacy amongst underserved youth.

Fulbright Board member Melda Yildiz, a former President of New Jersey Fulbright and Chair of the Instructional Technology program at the New York Institute of Technology, also attended the meeting.

The merit-based grants are awarded annually in most academic disciplines and fields of study.

Schumer, Gillibrand And 34 Senate Colleagues Push Back On Trump Administration's Offshore Drilling Reversal

U.S. Senate Minority Leader Charles E. Schumer, U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, and 34 Senate colleagues sharply criticized the Trump administration's decision to reopen offshore drilling leases three years ahead of schedule. This decision puts vast stretches of coastline along the Pacific and Atlantic coasts and in the Arctic at risk.

"This draft proposal is an ill-advised effort to circumvent public and scientific input, and we object to sacrificing public trust, community safety, and economic security for the interests of the oil industry," the Senators wrote. "We urge you to abandon this effort and maintain the protections outlined in the current 2017-2022 plan."

This decision by the Trump administration to rewrite the existing 2017-2022 offshore drilling plan will result in a waste of valuable taxpayer resources and ignores extensive community input to the original plan. In many communities across the country, public input has urged the government to make strong protections against drilling, as coastal communities that rely on commercial fishing and tourism for their economies fear the consequences that drilling and spills could have on their ecosystems, businesses, and jobs.

In addition to Schumer and Gillibrand, the letter was signed by Senators Jeff Merkley, Bob Menendez (D-NJ), Bill Nelson (D-FL), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Edward J. Markey (D-MA), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Brian Schatz (D-HI), Chris Van Hollen (D-MD), Patty Murray (D-WA), Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Mazie K. Hirono (D-HI), Jack Reed (D-RI), Patrick Leahy (D-VT), Dick Durbin (D-IL), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Tom Carper (D-DE), Chris Coons (D-DE), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Elizabeth Warren (D-MA), Ben Cardin (D-MD), Kamala Harris (D-CA), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), Bernie Sanders (I-VT), Chris Murphy (D-CT), Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Tina Smith (D-MN), Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Gary Peters (D-MI), Tim Kaine (D-VA), and Bob Casey (D-PA).

One Year After Launch, Underground Wireless & Cellular Connectivity

Since its completion one year ago, the popularity of seamless cellular coverage in subway stations and platforms, along with the public access Transit Wireless WiFi™ network, has continued to grow. During 2017, more than 280 million cellular calls originated within the underground subway stations, and 120 million Wi-Fi log-ins were made to the public Wi-Fi network. The network has also handled countless text messages, app usage, and all of the many ways consumers use their smartphones.

In addition to supporting public services, the network also delivers dedicated bands for emergency and operational services. Transit Wireless has worked hand-in-hand with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to deliver and support improvements like Help Point Kiosks and system-wide countdown clocks.

"With hundreds of millions of calls and Wi-Fi log-ins tallied during the course of 2017, our customers have sent a clear message that they want to stay connected during their commute," commented Joseph J. Lhota, Chairman, MTA. "Even more importantly, heightened connectivity has provided us with additional capacity for emergency communications, as well as new digital platforms that help us share information with our customers."

"Wi-Fi and cell connectivity are great tools to help our customers stay in touch with their families, friends and work, access books and entertainment, and so much more. We're thrilled that so many New Yorkers and visitors have made use of these services during the first full year of operation," commented Veronique Hakim, Managing Director, MTA.

Transit Wireless was created to execute on the MTA's vision to develop a shared wireless infrastructure within the underground stations of the New York City subway, including connectivity services for AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless customers. Since its inception, this cellular and Transit Wireless WiFi network has been connecting customers to the digital world as they make their daily commutes. Transit Wireless financed, designed, constructed, and now operates the cellular and Wi-Fi subway station networks. The company is also one of four finalists in the Governor's public MTA Genius Challenge, which aims to deliver additional network expansions to support the subway system.

William A. Bayne, Jr., CEO of Transit Wireless, stated, "The adoption of the network among subway riders has been incredible. It's being put to the test every day by customers streaming videos or music, downloading a book or podcast; the demand is strong and the network is fulfilling a great need."

He continued, "Our network infrastructure goes way beyond public cellular and Wi-Fi— it is helping to revolutionize how the MTA communicates with riders underground. Whether it's through enhancing public safety communications, or the system-wide Wi-Fi train arrival displays, we are augmenting the future of transit technological applications."

Transit Wireless' 27-year partnership agreement with the MTA to design, build, operate and maintain cellular and public Wi-Fi connectivity in the underground subway stations comes at no cost to taxpayers. The company has invested more than $350 million into this complex transit communications infrastructure that, in addition to cellular and Wi-Fi connectivity, incorporates public safety communications through new Help Point Kiosks; a 150-mile fiber optic backbone; and five highly secure base station data centers.

Bringing Cellular Service Underground

The fully operational network provides a great benefit to cellular carriers, as customers now have a seamless transition from aboveground to belowground cellular connections.

Marissa Shorenstein, President, Northeast Region, AT&T said: "Just a few years ago, underground wireless service was a novelty. Today it's an essential part of riding the subways. Network use among AT&T customers underground is up 111 percent over 2016, further evidence New Yorkers want the ability to connect no matter where they are in their daily commutes. We look forward to continuing our work with Transit Wireless and the MTA to provide fast and reliable service wherever our customers demand it."

"Since we started the installation of Wi-Fi and cellular service in the subway system a year ago, we've witnessed a real desire among New Yorkers to be able to use their mobile devices to stream video, music and use apps while traveling underground," said Mark Walker, Sprint's Network Vice President. "With increases of more than 200 percent in data usage and more than 400 percent in text message usage across our NYC subway sites over the last year, Sprint customers are doing more with their devices while in transit. This project has really driven data, voice and text usage way up with our customers."

Tom Ellefson, SVP Engineering, T-Mobile: "We love to see that T-Mobile customers who live, play, and work in New York City have taken advantage of the added connectivity in the subway stations as they go about their busy lives. Whether they're exploring the city streets above ground or taking the train, T-Mobile customers can count on America's best unlimited network to keep them connected. We're very excited to be celebrating this one-year milestone and look forward to many more!"

Leecia Eve, Verizon Wireless, Vice President, State Government Affairs said, "Our customers depend on our reliable wireless service wherever they are. Extending our industry-leading connectivity onto subway platforms has improved travel for millions of commuters and visitors. Subway riders can now get that important call or text and enjoy social media."

Wi-Fi Network Favorites

The public network has proven a hit with residents, commuters and tourists alike. Transit Wireless WiFi customers now consume

(Continued on page 9)

Prepare to E-file: Tax Season Begins JANUARY 29

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance today announced that the income tax filing season officially kicks off on Monday, January 29. If you haven't already joined the 9.5 million New York taxpayers who e-filed in 2017, please consider the many benefits of e-filing before you decide to file on paper. E-filing is safe, easy, and fast—and free for eligible taxpayers.

"All returns undergo the same systematic review, but e-filers typically receive any refunds due two weeks sooner than paper filers," said New York State Acting Commissioner of Taxation and Finance Nonie Manion. "The tax preparation software used also helps filers avoid careless errors that can cause significant delays."

Tips to follow:

1. File and pay electronically. E-filed returns are more accurate than paper-filed returns. Most e-filers receive their refunds two weeks sooner than paper filers.
2. File for free. Taxpayers with incomes of $66,000 or less are eligible to electronically prepare and file both their federal and NYS returns under the Free File program. To prevent any unexpected charges for filing the state return, taxpayers should only access free options directly from the Tax Department's website at http://www.tax.ny.gov/.
3. Use direct deposit. Receive your refund up to a week faster by having it directly deposited into your bank account. Be sure to double check the routing and account numbers for your account.
4. Use free tax assistance sites. Taxpayers with household incomes of $66,000 or less in 2017 can also e-file their state and federal income tax returns for free at any of the Free Tax Assistance Sites statewide. Check here for updates on location and times. Also, if your income is $54,000 or less, you're eligible for free federal and state tax preparation by trained IRS and AARP volunteers. Visit IRS: free tax preparation to find a site near you.
5. Always file on time. To avoid penalties and interest, file on time—even if you can't pay in full; the penalties are much higher for late filing than for late payment. 2017 tax returns are due by Tuesday, April 17, 2018.
6. Declare all income. All income for full, part-time, temporary, or supplemental employment—whether received in cash or reported on a Form W-2 or Form 1099—is subject to income tax.
7. Get the credits you deserve. Income tax credits can increase your refund or reduce the taxes you owe. One of the most valuable is the Earned Income Tax Credit. Visit the Tax Department website at www.tax.ny.gov/eitc to review eligibility requirements and determine if you qualify.
8. Sign and date the paper return. If you do choose to file a paper return you, and your spouse if you file jointly, must sign your return. If you hire a tax preparer to file your return, the preparer must sign it as well.
9. Check your refund status online or sign up for email alerts. These are the fastest ways to get updates on your refund.
10. Thoroughly review your tax return before you submit it to avoid common mistakes. Errors increase processing time and delay any refund due.

Avoid common filing errors by following this advice:

1. enter whole dollar amounts;
2. don't use (brackets) to show a loss;
3. enter withholding and estimated tax on the correct lines;
4. double check Social Security or identification numbers after entering them;
5. make sure to use the correct postage on your envelope (or e-file instead!);
6. indicate if you maintained living quarters in New York City;
7. include the total amount of tax withheld during the year;
8. include New York City and Yonkers tax, if applicable; and
9. enter the correct mailing address.

For more information or Questions? Call us at 518-457-5181

State Department of Taxation and Finance Releases Report Outlining Options to Reform State Tax Law

At the direction of Governor Cuomo, the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance today released a preliminary report to outline options for state tax reform in response to federal tax legislation. The report outlines a series of proposals for consideration and comment, including the potential to create additional opportunities for charitable contributions to New York State that would be deductible from federal adjusted gross income. The report also outlines potential proposals for maintaining deductibility by adopting an employer compensation expense tax, including the possibility of a voluntary employer opt-in system. Finally, the report discusses the option of add tax deductibility through a new statewide unincorporated business tax, among other options.

As New York launches this massive and complicated undertaking, the state will engage tax experts, both houses of the legislature, employers, and other stakeholders in a thorough and collaborative process to produce a proposal that promotes fairness for New York's taxpayers and safeguards the competitiveness of New York's economy.

To view the report go to: https://www.tax.ny.gov/research/stats/stat_pit/preliminary-report-tcja-2017.htm

Whirl With Merle

EATING HEALTHY KNOWING ALERTS FOR SHOPPING

by Merle Exit

The flu season is certainly upon us with ways to cut down or even avoid the virus by shopping in a healthy manner. How safe are the supermarkets where germs can spread?

Let's begin with the deli counter and look at the worker's apron. If it is dirty that means their hands may be contaminating everything that is touched as they could be wiping their hands on the apron or getting juices from deli meat on it. Perhaps ready-to-eat food is handled with gloves, but are they changed between customers having also touched door handles, equipment or other surfaces?Be careful when it comes to deli-sliced meats.

Most problematic is the produce section, just ripe for bacteria. Even when plastic bags and utensils are placed for items such as salad greens, mushrooms…you get the gist…people will still grab with their hands touching abutting produce. Then there are most of us who pick up the produce to look, feel, and smell…and then put it back. Regardless of whether there is no skin, soft skin, or even a hard skin such as a banana, you should always wash it. Say, for instance, you are cutting into it. The blade may pull bacteria from the outside into the fruit.

If you see fruit flies, it means that food is leaking and breaking down. Employees need to pull that section apart, clean and restock. This leads me to the salad bar where utensils should not be sitting inside the item, whether hot or cold. Remember that someone's hand will be touching the handle of the utensil.

As in any type of buffet, check to see that the item looks fresh and changed. There is a tendency for workers to restock by mixing the older item with the fresh item into it. How long has any of the first set of food been there and first exposed?

If there is a sushi bar where you can see workers making it, that may be fine. However, steer away from exposed sushi. I also would not trust raw oysters that have been shucked. If you are into eating raw oysters I suggest that you buy them atCrossbay Seashell Fish Market where you can get a dozen for $9 and for the extra buck they will shuck them for you.

If possible, check the thermometers in food cases. Refrigerated cases should be 40 degrees or below. Freezers should be zero or below. Now let's get to the meat. When meat is starting to turn, a lot of stores selling it brush in teriyaki sauce or seasonings. Play it safe and season your own. Take a second to put packaged meat in a plastic bag to separate from other bought items as well as crossing between the types of meat. Plastic bags should be available. If not, ask.

Getting back to fish…fish markets have a good turnover and are able to concentrate on just the seafood. Supermarkets that display whole fish on ice are not the best if they are not buried in the ice. Exposure may lead to rapid bacterial growth without proper temperature control. Remember that if you buy fish that is previously thawed, you cannot refreeze unless you cook it. That especially goes for shrimp unless you buy a two-pound frozen bag, for instance. I asked the owners of Crossbay re keeping seafood fresh. Vinnie said, "You will always notice that seafood is kept on ice in the store. Keeping fish on ice isn't necessary at home but it doesn't hurt to put some on it. If the fish is really fresh when you buy it, it can stay around 4-5 days in the refrigerator. It is important not to tie the plastic bag that it is packed with, as it will start to smell quicker. The fish needs to breathe. Mussels and clams can be placed in the fridge for 3-4 days. Mussels especially stay fresher when kept on ice."

Take notice if the supermarket dispenses a hand sanitizer as you enter or near food areas. First things first would be to clean your shopping cart as well as your hands. Most important is the handle.

Can't resist those free samples? Perhaps you should avoid if people are taking with their bare hands, there is no staff person…How long has it been there?...and check out the preparation.

Another thing. According to the FDA, the "sell-by" date tells the store how long to display a product, the "best if used by" date tells the consumer when the flavor is best, and the "use-by" date is the last date recommended to use the product while it's at peak quality.

Check out: www.youtube.com/user/whirlwithmerle
my blog on www.merleswhirls.blogspot.com

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic Statement on Governor Cuomo's 2019 Executive Budget Addres

In response to the Governor's FY 2019 Executive Budget Address, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D,WF-Fresh Meadows) issued the following statement:

"As my colleagues and I enter this year's budget negotiations, we are faced with an unprecedented challenge of achieving radical economic change. I am glad that in his budget address today, Governor Cuomo drew attention to the mounting burden of property taxes on New York's homeowners and the need for reform, as well as the need to invest in the MTA. Governor Cuomo highlighted again the problem of sexual harassment and the need for New York to take the lead in setting stronger standards to identify and combat this issue. As I assume a new role as Chair of the Task Force on Women's Issues, I look forward to working with the Governor and my colleagues in Albany to end sexual harassment once and for all."

In his budget address, Governor Cuomo proposed a $168.1 billion spending plan to close a $4.4 billion budget deficit. His proposal mentioned several wide-reaching reforms including restructuring the income tax code, raising revenues in healthcare and education, and increasing funding for the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE) to increase the commission's capacity to investigate and enforce sexual harassment claims.

Last Fall, Rozic authored and introduced legislation in the Assembly (A8752) to protect models in the fashion industry for sexual and other forms of harassment. The bill followed months of research coordinated with the Model Alliance, a research and policy organization that advocates for labor rights for models and other workers in the fashion industry. She has also introduced legislation (A8765/S6382A) with State Senator Brad Hoylman (D-Manhattan) that would prohibit employers from utilizing non-disclosure agreements to conceal incidents of sexual harassment.

Italian American Journal
GIA
To read GIA online
Visit www.giamondo.com
Call 718-592-2196

Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato to Host Mobile Breast Cancer Screening Clinic

On Saturday April 14th, 2018 from 9:00AM to 4:30 PM, Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato will host a free, mobile breast cancer screening. The screening is being held outside of the Lindenwood Village Shopping Center: 82-29 153rd Avenue Howard Beach, NY 11414.

"My hope is that, by providing a means for women to detect breast cancer early, we can prevent as many tragedies as possible. Dedicating this screening is my own small way of helping honor the legacy of a selfless, beloved member of our community, who was taken way too soon. This is a disease that can usually be detected early, and when it's detected, the outcomes are better," said Pheffer Amato. "I encourage as many women as possible to come out on April 14th to get screened. It's free, and it's a great way to ensure your health!"

The mobile screening day, which is being provided free of charge by the American Italian Cancer Foundation (www.americanitaliancancer.org).

The qualifications are:

- Women aged 40 and over with health insurance
- Women aged 50 and over, with or without health insurance
- Currently living in New York City
- No mammograms over the past 12 months

There are no copays or deductibles for use of the clinic.

To sign up, participants should call:
718-945-9550, Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato's office, or
877-628-9090, the American Italian Cancer Foundation.

Chairman Crowley Statement on Governor Cuomo's Budget Proposal

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) issued the following statement on Governor Cuomo's budget proposal:

"The Republican-devised tax law will devastate New York. It will leave our families and middle-class workers deprived of the resources they need to start a business, buy a home, and save for their future. I welcome Governor Cuomo's full-throated offensive against this Republican attack on our state. His commonsense plan to seek out reforms for state revenues will help ensure that New York can keep its promise to her citizens and that our state will continue to be a leader in business, education, and innovation.

"And, at a time when Republicans and President Trump are advancing a divisive agenda attempted to divide us, the 'Tax Fairness for All' campaign is just the kind of leadership we need. We have a great responsibility to fight for everyday Americans, and Governor Cuomo's budget does just that."

Queens' Finest Italian Restaurant

Park Side Restaurant

About Park Side Restaurant - An Italian Landmark in the heart of Corona, Queens, Park Side Restaurant is truly a destination that is worth the trip. After one visit, you will be sure to be back again and again for one the city's Best Italian restaurants. Bring your appetite and enjoy authentic and always delicious dishes using the freshest ingredients and attention to detail served by our professional staff. Park Side is also happy to host your next function with our private dining area and flexible banquet packages.

107-01 Corona Ave. Corona Heights, NY
(718) 271-9274 • (718) 271-9871
- Reservations Suggested -

Queens Times Weekly ...

HOROSCOPE

For the Week of ... 1/18/18 - 1/24/18

For Entertainment Purposes Only

ARIES
(Mar. 21- April 20)
Don't expect too much from others. Avoid getting involved with married individuals. Fitness programs will help your self esteem. Your lucky numbers are: 3,9,5

TAURUS
(Apr. 21- May 21)
Don't jump too quickly regarding an investment that appears to be good, it may be too good to be true. Be careful if a friend asks you for advice. Your lucky numbers are: 3,7,2

GEMINI
(May 22 - June 21)
If it can make you extra cash, it will be even better, avoid risky ventures. Empty promises are evident; therefore, get it in writing, to be safe. Your lucky numbers are: 4,7,9

CANCER
(June 22 - July 22)
Make those phone calls and pay your bills. Do things for your friends, but don't allow them to make unreasonable requests. Your lucky numbers are: 4,5,6

LEO
(July 23 - Aug. 22)
Try not to lend or borrow money from relatives this week. Do not overspend on entertainment. You could find that children will be a handful. Your lucky numbers are: 3,4,9

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
You may find yourself changing crowds, avoid this if possible. You could be emotional if you didn't take care of problems with loved ones. Your lucky numbers are: 4,3,6

LIBRA
(Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Visitors are likely to drop by and chances are, they may even stay a little longer than you want them to. Your lucky numbers are: 5,7,8

SCORPIO
(Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You may want to make changes that will turn your entertainment room into a real family affair. Try to be tolerant of the moods of those around you. Your lucky numbers are 4,6,8

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)
Take a break; you can finally mend any disputes on the home front. You are best to back away from commitments or promises this week. Your lucky numbers are: 4,8,6

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
Prepare to encounter new friendships that will provide you with valuable information. Don't allow someone to do a job that was designated for you. Your lucky numbers are: 3,5,9

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
Spend some quality time with the one you love. Your talents will shine at work. Children will keep you busy. Your lucky numbers are: 4,7,5

PISCES
(Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
Don't let individuals with wild schemes talk you into a financial deal that is not likely to be successful. Calm down and take a step back. Your lucky numbers are: 4,7,9

TRY AND FIND

DANCING

U	L	H	S	P	K	P	A	D	I	P	A	L	K
X	V	K	B	S	D	W	O	R	C	A	D	C	F
I	A	O	H	P	A	R	G	O	E	R	O	H	C
B	W	V	C	O	L	R	F	C	R	U	S	H	U
O	N	P	O	H	Y	N	N	U	B	N	D	I	X
O	N	Y	D	B	O	C	S	I	D	O	G	J	H
G	T	A	R	W	U	N	X	L	F	T	D	B	B
I	S	S	C	T	I	M	P	O	B	S	B	E	G
E	L	A	E	N	N	Q	P	S	M	E	R	R	N
A	P	P	H	T	A	U	J	O	P	L	E	C	A
U	S	O	H	C	N	C	O	V	S	R	A	O	G
I	E	S	L	O	A	O	F	C	Z	A	K	X	N
Q	Y	E	O	K	P	H	C	C	L	H	H	L	O
B	K	D	Y	B	A	H	C	Y	R	C	V	B	C

Boogie
Bop
Bossa
Bow
Break
Bump
Bunnyhop
Cancan
Chacha
Charleston
Choreograph
Conga
Contest
Country
Crowds
Crush
Hop
Dip
Disco
Polka

Chairman Crowley Statement on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) issued the following statement on Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day:

"Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. transformed our country through his non-violent campaign for greater justice and equality for all. Dr. King encouraged us to love one another, to treat all humans with compassion and empathy, and to resist hate and discrimination. These lessons are as important today as when we first learned them decades ago.

"In a moment when hate and discrimination are too commonplace in our nation's discourse, we must all remember the teachings and legacy of Dr. King."

QUEENS TIMES

Did You Know?

Maine is the only state in the United States whose name is just one syllable

Increasing herbicide use has created a jungle of at least 48 "super-weeds" that are resistant to chemicals.

Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Try & Find"

S	U	Q	A	H	O	L	Y	C	D	D	R	L	R
O	U	I	D	O	P	Y	L	D	O	G	E	E	E
Z	S	O	Z	P	R	A	Y	E	R	S	T	N	P
C	W	S	I	P	A	O	M	Q	S	S	I	A	Y
Q	O	X	O	G	G	D	W	O	I	V	S	Y	R
J	A	M	S	R	I	Q	N	N	I	T	N	J	E
T	B	D	M	C	C	L	I	D	O	H	B	R	S
O	S	S	T	U	H	M	E	R	N	P	D	Z	R
N	L	L	S	L	N	O	Q	R	O	E	E	K	U
A	F	A	E	K	E	I	E	C	W	V	H	N	
G	N	N	I	K	D	E	O	R	A	Y	O	J	Z
R	S	M	R	W	Q	T	N	N	E	F	U	S	S
O	V	Y	P	W	T	M	H	K	D	J	T	M	Y
F	H	H	R	N	E	Y	F	A	I	T	H	D	K

"Crossword Puzzle"

F	L	O	P	S	■	S	P	A	S	■	I	R	E	S
L	Y	R	I	C	■	H	E	L	M	■	N	O	A	H
A	R	E	N	A	■	A	R	E	A	■	C	U	T	E
G	E	O	G	R	A	P	H	E	R	■	O	G	E	E
■	■	■	■	F	L	E	A	■	M	O	M	E	N	T
E	Y	R	A	■	A	L	P	■	Y	I	P	■	■	■
D	U	A	L	■	R	I	S	E	■	L	L	A	M	A
D	A	Y	T	I	M	E	■	A	R	S	E	N	I	C
O	N	S	E	T	■	R	A	G	A	■	T	E	T	E
■	■	■	R	E	B	■	N	E	T	■	E	W	E	S
A	F	L	A	M	E	■	T	R	I	O	■	■	■	■
P	L	A	T	■	E	C	O	N	O	M	I	C	A	L
S	A	R	I	■	T	O	N	E	■	E	L	O	P	E
E	R	G	O	■	L	A	Y	S	■	G	L	O	S	S
S	E	E	N	■	E	L	M	S	■	A	S	S	E	T

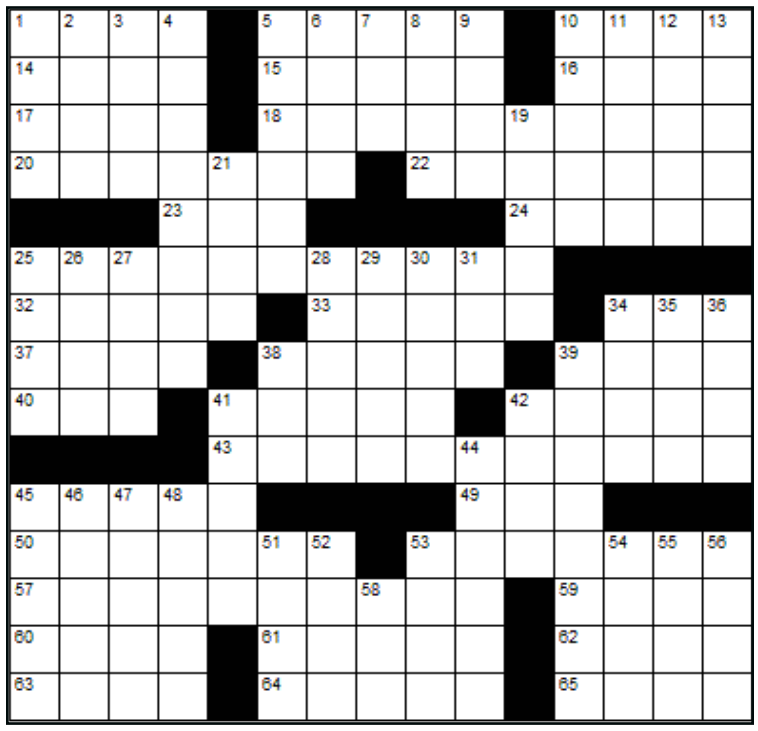
"Sudoku"

6	1	3	2	7	9	5	8	4
5	7	2	8	3	4	1	9	6
9	4	8	5	6	1	2	7	3
7	8	6	9	5	3	4	1	2
4	9	5	6	1	2	7	3	8
3	2	1	4	8	7	6	5	9
8	3	4	1	2	5	9	6	7
1	6	9	7	4	8	3	2	5
2	5	7	3	9	6	8	4	1

SUDOKU

1				3	9	7		8
		2		1		5		3
		4				6	1	
		3	7			4		
				6	1		3	
	5		9					7
4				9			5	
5				2		1		9

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS
1. Sweater eater
5. Sacred song
10. Not in danger
14. River of Spain
15. Angry
16. Not amateurs
17. Essence
18. A type of biologist
20. Attentive
22. Stalemate
23. Cry of disgust
24. Drive
25. Grouch
32. Overweight
33. Shield
34. A farewell remark
37. Weight loss plan
38. Inhabited
39. Litigates
40. S
41. A bleaching vat
42. Chimes
43. Unwanted
45. Requested
49. Short sleep
50. Cigar
53. Lowborn
57. Outer region of the atmosphere
59. A chess piece
60. Fathers
61. Anagram of "Coast"
62. Prong
63. Blackthorn
64. An attention-getting feat
65. Sleigh

DOWN
1. Netting
2. Double-reed woodwind
3. Not false
4. Stick to firmly
5. Ballroom dance
6. By mouth
7. Make lace
8. Decorative case
9. School session
10. Water balloon sound
11. Appear
12. Moat
13. A chemical compound
19. Church recesses
21. Satisfactory
25. Style
26. Nile bird
27. Views
28. Hemmed and ____
29. Late actor Christopher
30. Leers
31. A sizeable hole
34. Electric light
35. Scream
36. Anagram of "Sees"
38. Lair
39. Harbors
41. Praise
42. Fiber source
44. Swallow
45. Corrosives
46. Sand bar
47. Japanese stick fighting
48. Jagged
51. Chooses
52. Not this
53. Press
54. Be agitated
55. Solitary
56. Barely managed
58. Euro forerunner

Play these Puzzles online. Visit www.queenstimes.com

Chairman Crowley Introduces 'A Better Deal for Queens and the Bronx'

(Continued from page 1)

their careers. It will help commuters get to work on time and grow in their jobs. It also includes legislative and advocacy efforts to create a more just criminal justice system, improve New York City's infrastructure, and help seniors retire with dignity.

"It's always been my belief that Americans do best when their communities are secure, strong, and filled with opportunity. When families feel as if they have the chance to get ahead through hard work and a level playing field," said Congressman Crowley. "Democrats are fighting for true progress for the men and women who built this country and contribute most to our economy and communities – and that's what my Better Deal for Queens and the Bronx will help accomplish."

"Congressman Crowley has a strong history of supporting education because he understands that it has the power to change lives," said Dr. Sharon DeVivo, President of Vaughn College. "His vision for helping low-income families afford college, assisting veterans in securing housing while attending school, and inspiring the next generation to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math is the leadership we need to be successful as a district, a city, and a nation. We are proud to partner with him, as a Hispanic-Serving Institution, serving predominantly low-income, first-generation college students and offering in-demand degrees in STEM, to respond to the needs of this community and a rapidly changing world."

"Simply put, the Better Deal agenda for the Bronx is a common-sense approach to many of our concerns at Bronx Community Board #10," said Matthew Cruz, District Manager, Bronx Community Board #10. "Investments such as bringing the Metro North to areas in the East Bronx goes a long way toward improving the quality-of-life our constituents deserve. We thank Congressman Crowley for once again leading the way."

"More jobs! Better jobs! Quality Jobs! Higher Salaries! Who wouldn't support this? Congressman Crowley hit the nail on the head. I fully support this plan. It will secure good-paying jobs and help individuals acquire the skills necessary to thrive in this ever-changing economy and provide a better way of life for the local communities," said Angel Pineiro Jr., Senior Vice President, Agilant Solutions, Inc.

The plan details actions in ten categories that will improve the long-term and day-to-day lives of Queens and Bronx residents. These categories include jobs, education, housing, homelessness, immigration, the justice system, seniors, veterans, infrastructure, and transportation.

Rozic Meets with KAAGNY in Albany

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic met with leaders of the Korean-American Association of Greater New York (KAAGNY) in Albany. The meeting occurred following a full day during which KAAGNY was introduced in the State Legislature, met with various legislators, and showcased a Taekwondo Demo. Rozic has previously partnered with KAAGNY in her district to honor their president, Minsun Kim, and to support Korean-American rights.

Chairman Crowley Statement on the Rise of Uninsured Americans During the Trump Administration

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) issued the following statement on reports that 3.2 million more Americans were uninsured at the end of 2017 than when President Trump took office last January:

"The constant attempts to destabilize our health care markets by President Trump and congressional Republicans have reversed the progress made under the Affordable Care Act, which produced the lowest levels of uninsured Americans in our country's history.

"The GOP's fear-mongering about the survival of the ACA pushed insurers and consumers out of the market, leaving our most vulnerable to fend for themselves. With the passage of their latest tax scam, which includes the eradication of the individual mandate, we can only expect to see the number of uninsured continue to rise.

"It's my hope that these troubling figures will finally force President Trump and Republicans to do what's right for the health of our country and work with Democrats to ensure that all Americans have access to affordable and quality health care."

Queens Museum Spooktacular Family Fundraiser

Tickets for Queens Museum's Spooktacular Family Fundraiser are selling fast! This year, the Museum's second floor will be transformed into a monster playground with furry creatures on skateboards, jellyfish on Coney Island roller coasters, and skyscrapers full of grumpy gremlins! Of course, spine chilling spirits for parents and shocking snacks

(Continued on page 9)

Koo to Chair NYC Council Committee On Technology

City Council Member Peter Koo stated the following regarding his appointment to the NYC Council Committee on Technology.

"I see endless potential in the Committee on Technology, and I look forward to maximizing this important resource to bring fresh ideas and innovation to the City Council. There are many challenges facing New York City that can be addressed through technology, including a lack of high speed internet in our schools, expanding access to Wi-Fi, and ensuring a more open and transparent government. Many thanks to Speaker Johnson for committing to work with me on these important efforts."

In addition to his chairmanship on Technology, CM Koo will also serve as a member on the following committees:

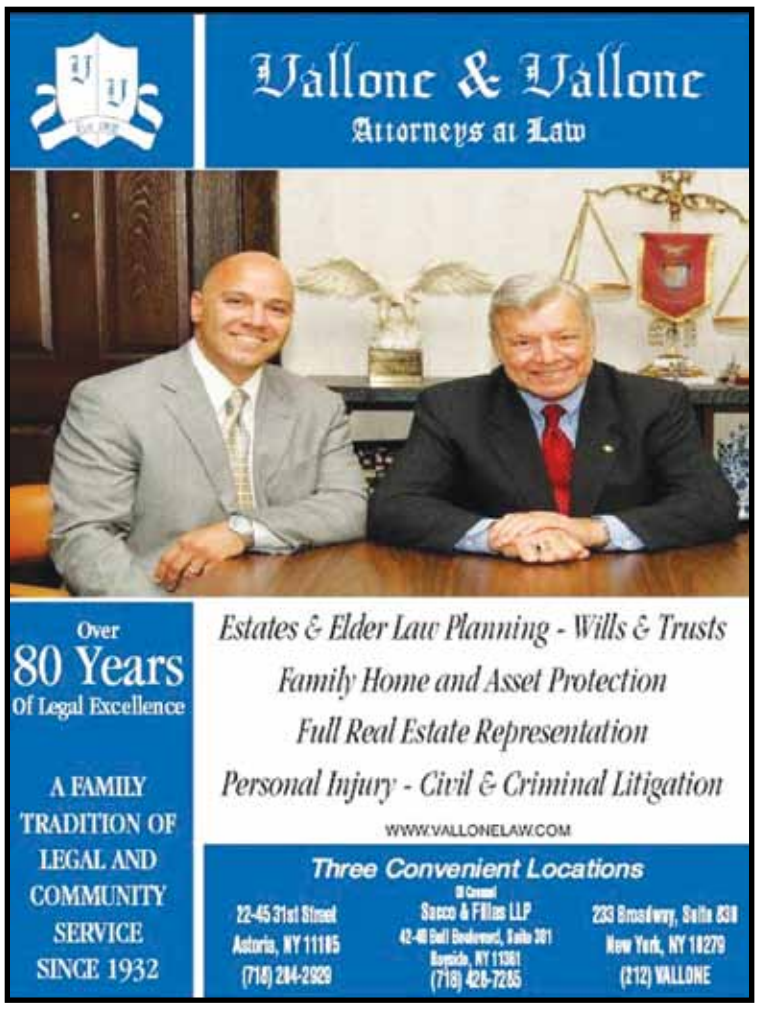
- Transportation
- Parks and Recreation
- Consumer Affairs
- Land Use
- Economic Development
- Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses.

Suozzi Statement on President Trump's Remarks on Immigrants

Congressman Tom Suozzi (D – Long Island, Queens) made the following statement regarding the remarks President Trump made yesterday about immigrants from El Salvador, Haiti and some African nations.

"The president's comments yesterday were awful, inappropriate, unpresidential, irresponsible and demoralizing to so many people.

"The countries the president referenced are impoverished and suffering from a host of problems. Human beings occupy those countries and the United States of America has always been a beacon of hope to them and so many others around the world. The president's comments diminished our status as that beacon of hope."



Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan Attended the Astoria/LIC NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Luncheon

Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan recently attended the Astoria/LIC NAACP Annual Freedom Fund Luncheon to commemorate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday.

"Thank you to Marion Jeffries and the Astoria/LIC NAACP for organizing this wonderful annual banquet that commemorates the important contributions of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." said Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan. "Congratulations to honoree April Simpson for her great contributions to our community."

Pictured: Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan, Edwin Cadiz, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan's Office and member of Queens Community Board 1, Dr. Sharon Cadiz, NYC Councilman Jimmy Van Bramer, Aiysha Mayfield, Assemblywoman Catherine Nolan's Office, Keisha Johnson, State Senator Michael Gianaris Office, Bishop Mitchell Taylor, Urban Upbound & Pastor of Center of Hope Church and several members of the LIC/Astoria NAACP.

Assemblyman David Weprin Statement on Proposed Congestion Zone

Assemblyman David Weprin issued the following statement on Governor Andrew Cuomo's proposed plan to create a congestion zone in New York City:

"I am pleased to hear that the Governor did not include tolls on the East River bridge crossings, which have been free since 1911, as part of his 2018 Executive Budget Proposal. As I've expressed before, tolls impose an unfair burden on the middle class, small businesses, and those who cannot access public transportation. Although I look forward to hearing the complete details of the proposal from the 'Fix NYC' advisory panel and support efforts to reduce congestion citywide; I'd like to ensure that any congestion zone will keep the needs of all New Yorkers, including the many the working New Yorkers who often commute from the outer boroughs and who do not have easily available access to public transportation, in mind."

Weprin Led Assembly Coalition Calls for End to Inmate Package Program

Assembly Correction Committee Chair David I. Weprin joined Assembly Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic & Asian Legislative Caucus Chair N. Nick Perry, Assembly Codes Committee Chair Joseph Lentol, Assembly Health Committee Chair Richard N. Gottfried, former Assembly Correction Chair Daniel. O'Donnell and other Assembly colleagues in authoring a letter calling for the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision to reinstate commissary at all affected facilities and end the inmate package program established by DOCCS Directive #4911A.

(Continued on page 10)

Councilman Ulrich, Queens Delegation Fund Senior Transportation Program

The dust may still be settling from the holiday season, but our office has hit the ground running. I am humbled to have been given the opportunity to serve this community for another four years, and as I begin my final term, I am committed to making this year our most productive yet. There are a number of exciting initiatives in the pipeline for 2018 - and among the first I'd like to share with you is a new, no-cost transportation service for seniors.

I am pleased to announce that, in collaboration with the Queens Delegation, $25,000 has been allocated for Selfhelp Community Services. The funding we have secured for this program provides a dedicated transportation service and a Virtual Senior Center program to seniors - all at no-cost.

The Selfhelp Community Services program, which began taking calls on January 2, 2018, provides transportation to any senior living in Queens for medical appointments up to two long distance trips, or four local trips per month. Rides are scheduled the day before the appointment, between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m.

To schedule a ride, simply call the Selfhelp Clearview Senior Center at (718) 224-7888.

Please note that seniors eligible for alternative medical transport programs, such as HANC or JSPOA, are encouraged to utilize those programs first, as Selfhelp Community Services was meant to supplement existing services.

In addition to transportation, Selfhelp Community Services provides access to a Virtual Senior Center (VSC). Eligible participants from around the Borough will be able to join this platform. The VSC engages home-bound seniors into the larger community by using technology to connect them with other participants in a range of activities.

A cornerstone activity of the program is its interactive, real-time classes where participants can hear, see and talk with each other in an interactive session. Over 40 classes are typically offered each week, ranging from art history to current events, to museum tours to weight training, and other exercise programming. Classes are offered in English, Mandarin, Korean, and Russian, and a Spanish platform will be offered in the near future.

To learn more and see if you or someone you know is eligible, call (718) 559-4460.

As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to call my District Office at (718) 738-1083.

Council Member Paul A. Vallone Appointed as Chair of Committee on Economic Development

On Thursday, Council Member Vallone was appointed as Chair of the New York City Council's Committee on Economic Development. This committee is responsible for overseeing New York City's Department of Small Business Services and the Economic Development Corporation. As Chair, Council Member Vallone will lead twelve other committee members in working to attract, retain and create jobs, encourage investment and develop economic growth strategies in New York City. Their work crafting legislation and determining the city's budget will be critical in ensuring that new developments and infrastructure upgrades, capital improvements in neighborhood shopping districts and public spaces, and the revitalization of businesses are made for the benefit of all New Yorkers.

Council Member Paul A. Vallone was also appointed to serve on the following New York City Council Committees:

- Committee on Aging
- Committee on For-Hire Vehicles
- Committee on Public Safety
- Committee on Sanitation and Solid Waste Management
- Committee on Veterans

"I am excited to begin this legislative session as Chair of the Committee on Economic Development. It is a great honor to oversee a committee that has played a substantial and integral role in the New York City budget," said Council Member Paul Vallone. "I look forward to working with our new Speaker and my fellow colleagues to sculpt NYCEDC's vision to drive growth in our city and improve our quality of life. I'm also proud that the Queens Delegation is once again united and strongly represented in our Speaker's vision for the upcoming legislative session. This will be a wonderful new opportunity for District 19 to finally have a seat at the table on true economic development for the City of New York."

Crowley Statement on Suggestion that Queens Upbringing Led to President Trump's Racist Views

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) issued the following statement on comments made by Sen. Rand Paul:

"I am incredibly disappointed that Sen. Paul would correlate President Trump's racially insensitive commentary to his upbringing in Queens.

"Queens is one of the most diverse places on earth, comprised of some of hardest working, most self-sacrificing people you'll find. Donald Trump and the Republican Party are the ones to blame here. Donald Trump for being racist and the GOP for enabling him."

QUEENS TOURISM COUNCIL

IT'S IN QUEENS

(Jan. 18 to Jan. 25)

Let's stay inside this week. After bitter cold and heavy rains, the borough offers poetry, film, art, dance, sand stories, Muppet music, essential oils, cooking lessons, and wacky performances in climate-controlled venues this week. One event starts within four walls, but then ventures outside.

- Jan. 18, Open Mic Tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., 6 pm. A special MLK celebration with the poetry of Charles "Smooth" Williams Jr., Harriet White, and anyone else who wishes to join them. Queens Library Douglaston/Little Neck Branch, 249-01 Northern Blvd., http://bit.ly/2mop8S9.
- Jan. 19, Lady Bird, Jan. 21. Four screenings of Greta Gerwig's semi-autobiographical directorial debut that portrays the humor and pathos in the turbulent bond between a mother and her teenage daughter. Schedule: Jan. 19, 7 pm; Jan. 20, 3 pm; Jan. 21, 3 pm; and Jan. 21, 6 pm. $15. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District, http://bit.ly/2Fv5yfQ.
- Jan. 19, Exposure, Feb. 16. The LIC Arts Open presents a show with more than 20 photographers. Opening reception is on Jan. 19, 6 pm. Gallery hours: 9 am to 9 pm daily. The Factory LIC, 30-30 47th Ave., LIC. More info at tessa@licartsopen.org.
- Jan. 19, Essential Oils Exploration Workshop, 7 pm. Learn simple ways to bring essential oils into everyday life with Yuko Kudo, a Certified Chakra Yoga Teacher and Certified Aroma-Touch Practitioner. $12. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston, http://bit.ly/2qYt5CV.
- Jan. 19, Dance at Green Space, Jan. 21. Julian Barnett presents Subject to Change twice (Jan. 19-20, 8 pm). Part opera, part confessional, the performance acts as an ontological study of connection, commitment, and resilience. Fertile Ground (Jan. 21, 7 pm) presents new works by emerging artists. Green Space Studios, 37-24 24th St., LIC, http://bit.ly/2kuPDrC.
- Jan. 20, Dreams of Sand, 2:15 pm. With a little bit of sand and his hands, Spanish artist Borja González tells the story of two people's lives. This nonverbal tale is accompanied by live music. Workshop at 1 pm. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd., http://bit.ly/2D7yYSY.
- Jan. 20, Muppet Music Moments, 11 am (same time on Jan. 21). Music was always an integral part of The Muppet Show. This compilation features a wide range of musical genres, including performances by Harry Belafonte, Elton John, and Linda Ronstadt. $15. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th St., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District, http://bit.ly/2mp0Wzh.
- Jan. 20, Stories through Music & Song, 11 am. An interactive concert for children and their families with teaching artist pianists Beata Moon and Barbara Podgurski and special guest singer Ashley Renee Watkins. Free. The Church-in-the-Gardens, 50 Ascan Ave., Forest Hills, http://bit.ly/2EBfQtA.
- Jan. 20, Jack Hogan: Possession, 7 pm. Opening reception and performance by Jack Hogan, an Irish artist and lapsed architect based in New York. Everything takes place somewhere between the Petrified Forest in Arizona, a graveyard, a land-mined boot camp, and a childhood living room where the floor is lava. Possession is about the everyday sadism, masochism, and barely perceptible codes and aggressions that turn boys into adolescents for life. Free. Flux Factory, 39-31 29th St., LIC, http://bit.ly/2FvoP0G.
- Jan. 20, Stargazing Wonders, 7 pm. Professor/astronomer Mark Freilich offers an indoor Q&A on basic astronomy, followed by outdoor gazing with a professional telescope. The constellation Orion rules the January night skies with the giant stars Betelgeuse and Rigel. $16. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston, http://bit.ly/2mpO1gu.
- Jan. 20, State of the Union, 1 pm. A screening of the 1948 Frank Capra movie starring Spencer Tracy, Katharine Hepburn, and Angela Lansbury. A tycoon is goaded into running for president by his politically ambitious girlfriend. His campaign manager makes him reunite with his long-estranged wife for the sake of appearances. Hilarity ensues. Free. Greater Astoria Historical Society, 35-20 Broadway, LIC, http://bit.ly/2qZ2jdx.
- Jan. 21, Great Sushi & Chinese Cookout, 5:30 pm. Meyer Wakneen, a former executive chef at the Essex House Hotel in Manhattan, offers a short demonstration on knife skills and a hands-on lesson on making kosher California rolls and Chinese chicken. Women only. $10. MJO Shaar HaShamayim Synagogue, 112-21 72nd Ave., Forest Hills. To reserve a seat, call 718.263.8102.
- Jan. 21, El Paquete Download, 2 pm. American artist Julia Weist and Cuban artist Nestor Siré explore and intervene in El Paquete Semanal or "the weekly package," a cultural and economic phenomenon that developed in Cuba in place of internet connectivity. A 1-terabyte digital media collection is aggregated weekly and circulated across the country via in-person file sharing. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park, http://bit.ly/2mnE2s6.
- Jan. 21, Resisting Paradise, 4 pm. Director Barbara Hammer is on hand to watch and discuss her movie which examines Henri Matisse and Pierre Bonnard's artistic work in the south of France during World War II, while also examining Matisse's family and others in the French Resistance Movement. The piece includes interviews with former Resistance workers and Matisse's grandchildren. $15. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District, http://bit.ly/2AVXrFC.
- Jan. 21, Molding/Mark-Making: Ceramic Artists and Their Drawings, March 25. Opening reception is Jan. 21, 2 pm. Free. Dorsky Gallery, 11-03 45th Ave., LIC, http://bit.ly/2CX2JTa.
- Jan. 24, Lao Cuisine with Chef Penn Hongthong, 7 pm. Learn how to make vegetable soup with pork neck bones, fish soup with lemongrass and tomatoes, and Asian squash soup. Penn is the author of Simple Laotian Cooking and Healthy Lao Cuisine. $24. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 228-06 Northern Blvd., Douglaston, http://bit.ly/2D5v1ON.

The "It's In Queens" column is produced by the Queens Tourism Council with the hope that readers will enjoy the borough's wonderful attractions. More info at www.itsinqueens.com.

111 Places in Queens That You Must Not Miss

Come and celebrate the World's Borough with the launch of the new guidebook, 111 Places in Queens That You Must Not Miss, written by Joe DiStefano and photography by Clay Williams.

From Anthony Bourdain: "Queens is arguably the most fascinating and under-appreciated borough of New York, an impossibly complex matrix that reflects the culture and cuisine of the entire world. Joe DiStefano does a tremendous service to visitors and New Yorkers alike, highlighting some of the tastiest, funkiest, weirdest and most spectacular places."

When: Monday, January 22, 8pm-10pm
Where: QED: A Place to Show &Tell, 27-16 23rd Avenue, Astoria, NY 11105
Admission: Free

Enjoy some snacks, and pick up a autographed copies for yourself and all your friends! Local treats provided by Astoria Bier and Cheese Broadway.

Order your review copy here! Attached is the press release and here you can download high resolution images from the book, the cover as well as a headshot of our author Joe DiStefano.

Visit Our Website: www.queenstimes.com

CONCORD PEST CONTROL, LLC.
RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL
LICENSED & INSURED

FOR ALL YOUR PEST PROBLEMS;
COCKROACHES
BEDBUGS
RODENTS
ANTS
WASPS
TERMITES

CALL FOR QUALITY ELIMINATION: 516-334-1794

Gino A. Orrino
Principal License Representative

Multiple Markets with Competitive Rates

Orrino Capital Services, LLC

46-13 104th St.,Orrino Plaza
Corona Heights, NY 11368
718-606-0293 or 718-606-0294
Fax: 718-606-0295

All Forms of Insurance

INCOME TAXES PREPARED
COMPUTERIZED . . . *Fast Service*
Electronic Filing - "Quick Refunds"

For appointment call (718) 606-0293
or (718) 606-0294
or stop in.
Open: Monday-Friday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
Saturday: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

A & F Auto Repairs, Inc.

General Auto Repairs
(Foreign and Domestic)
Accessories
• Tires • Batteries
• Electronic Tune-ups
• Inspection Station
• Towing

ARIS & FRANK
43-05 111th Street • Corona Heights, NY
Greek, Spanish and Italian Spoken
(718) 592-7470 (718) 699-2499

Queens Sports

Mets Sign Jay Bruce to Three-Year Contract

The New York Mets announced today that they have signed three-time All-Star outfielder Jay Bruce to a three-year contract.

Bruce, 30, hit a career-best 36 home runs and drove in over 100 RBI (101) for the second time in his career last season in 146 combined games between the Mets and Cleveland Indians. Bruce hit .256 (104-406) with 29 of his 36 home runs while driving in a team-high 75 runs with the Mets. In five games during American League Division Series with Cleveland, Bruce went 5-18 (.278) with one double, two home runs and four RBI. In 15 career postseason games, Bruce has four home runs and 10 RBI.

Over 153 career games with the Mets after being acquired at the trade deadline on August 1, 2016 from Cincinnati, Bruce has batted .245 (141-575) with 25 doubles, 37 home runs and 94 RBI. His 37 home runs and 94 RBI in that time led the team.

"I'm excited to return to the Mets to help finish what we set out to do at the beginning of last season and return to the postseason for the best fans in baseball," Bruce said. "We have a terrific group of guys in place and I'm excited to get back to work."

In addition to his three All-Star selections (2011, 2012 and 2016) during his 10-year major league career, Bruce has won two Silver Slugger Awards (2012, 2013) and hit 263 home runs as a rightfielder, tied for the most by any rightfielder in major league baseball since 2008 with Giancarlo Stanton. His 800 RBI since 2008 lead all major league rightfielders while his 91 outfield assists are most in the majors for an outfielder since 2008.

Since 2010, Bruce has seven seasons of 25 or more home runs, tied for the most in the majors with Adam Jones.

"Jay has proven to be a leader both on and off the field while continuing to produce at a high level throughout his major league career," Mets General Manager Sandy Alderson said. "We're glad to have Jay back in the fold as we continue our pursuit to return to the postseason."

Over 10 major league seasons with the Reds, Mets and Indians, Bruce has batted .249 (1294-5205) with 272 doubles, 277 home runs and 838 RBI.

Three Local Queens Players Selected to Play in Prestigious Mcdonald's All American Games

Six area players (Three from Queens) joined the ranks of high school basketball's elite as they were selected to the 2018 McDonald's All American Team. The final team selection was announced on "The Jump" on ESPN on January 16th. Final Team rosters can be viewed at www.mcdaag.com.

Boys Roster

- Moses Brown, Archbishop Molloy High School (Briarwood, NY)
- Louis King, Hudson Catholic Regional High School (Jersey City, NJ)
- Jahvon Quinerly, Hudson Catholic Regional High School (Jersey City, NJ)
- Nazreon Reid, Roselle Catholic High School (Roselle, NJ)

Girls Roster

- Emily Engstler, St. Francis Preparatory School (Fresh Meadows, NY)
- Jordan Nixon, The Mary Louis Academy (Jamaica Estates, NY)

New York state ranks 2nd on the list of most prolific AAG states, producing 68 All American boys team players. New Jersey ranks 11th, with 37 players being named to the AAG boys team to date. New York ranks 4th in terms of girls team players.

The 41st Annual Boys Game tips off at 7:00 pm EST on Wednesday, March 28th inside Atlanta's Philips Arena and will air live on ESPN. The 17th Annual Girls Game precedes the Boys Game, beginning at 5:00 pm EST and will be televised live on ESPN2. Tickets will go on sale February 5 through Ticketmaster or the Philips Arena box office.

The players now join the ranks of an impressive list of players who have donned the McDonald's All American jersey, including: Magic Johnson, Michael Jordan, Kobe Bryant, LeBron James, Kevin Durant, Carmelo Anthony, Chris Paul, James Harden, Candace Parker, Maya Moore, Elena Delle Donne, Skylar Diggins and Breanna Stewart.

The McDonald's All American Games support and celebrate deserving local athletes as they take their first steps toward basketball greatness, while also strengthening ties and relationships with communities across the country.

Since their inception, the Games have benefitted Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) through its network of local Chapters. At RMHC, programs like the Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room provide comfort and compassion to families with sick children so they are fully supported and able to be a part of their children's care.

Queens Museum Spooktacular Family Fundraiser

(Continued from page 6)

for kids are always on the menu. This annual costume party is sure to beat the winter blues with exciting performances, live music, face-painting, art-making, scavenger hunts, raffle prizes, and more. It's so much fun, it's scary!

Only two weeks away! Purchase your tickets today!

Spooktacular Monster Metropolis is produced by Queens Museum artist and educator Gregory Corbino and features the Circus Amok Band and the Savvy Soul Line Dancers. All proceeds support the Queens Museum's Education Department.(Illustration by Aram Kim.)

CENTER FOR THE WOMEN OF NEW YORK

Saturday, January 20, 2018
11:00am - 3:00pm
Central Park West & 72nd Street
For meet up times and locations please contact CWNY at centerwny@yahoo.com or 718-793-0672
Join us for the 2018 Women's March on NYC as we march in solidarity to protect our human rights
and fight for equality for all.

To register, email us at centerwny@yahoo.com and receive information about our CWNY meeting place, time and other details.

Sanders Against Trump Changes to Community Reinvestment Act

State Senator James Sanders Jr. today condemned President Trump's proposal to revamp or rescind the Community Reinvestment Act something that would be detrimental to low-income and working class families.

The CRA is legislation, which states that banks should lend a certain amount of money to people who live in the neighborhoods where the banks are located. Prior to this legislation, redlining was a common practice. Banks literally drew a red line around neighborhoods that they did not want to lend to – minority and so-called "high risk" neighborhoods – places where people had the most need.

"I would suggest that those in need of a loan get one right away, before the protective regulations of the CRA all come crashing down," Sanders said. "Banking systems are necessary, but we must examine how much is profit and how much is greed."

The CRA has attempted to remove redlines and held banks accountable for who they were lending to by making them report how many loans went where and to whom. Complex grading systems analyze and rate how banks have addressed the borrowing needs of the surrounding community; all while maintaining practical lending standards, of course. A bad grade could hurt a bank's ability to merger and restrict other activities.

"The primary question every bank should be asking is - can you pay back the loan at a reasonable rate, in a reasonable amount of time? That should be the bank's primary question, not how to make the most profit without considering the needs of the poor and middle class."

The CRA system is not perfect and has been updated nine times between 1989 and 2008, however, it is a great improvement over the old days when banks were basically closed to poor people and people of color, except for taking their money in the form of deposits.

"Even if you are a property owner who has gotten the cold shoulder from banks before, and even if you are skeptical how different things could be under President Trump, my advice to those looking to buy a home is to borrow the money while the CRA is still around," Sanders said.

Proposed changes to the CRA could expand the types of loans that could qualify to include small business loans and infrastructure loans, thereby diluting community development loans that cover affordable housing and help the everyday folks.

The CRA gets in the way of banks making more money through interest rates and through backingg large investment firms like Blackstone, which can snatch up foreclosed properties and rent them at an inflated rate.

These possible changes to the CRA, or worse the repeal of the CRA, would be devastating to communities like Southeast Queens, which was the epicenter of the foreclosure crisis from 2008-2013. It would hinder new home ownership, a central part of building economic development.

"Communities where residents own homes and businesses are strengthened by that investment," Sanders said. "It promotes deep roots and generational growth. We want to have that pride of ownership in this district and I have several initiatives that I will be rolling out to advance that goal, but we need the solid foundation of the CRA to help us achieve our mission."

One Year After Launch, Underground Wireless & Cellular Connectivity

(Continued from page 3)

more than 500 terabytes of data monthly. To put that in perspective, that's the equivalent of 5.4 billion cat memes.

Video streaming contributes most of the traffic on the network, while social media applications have the most users. Among the social media apps, Facebook is the most popular, followed by Instagram.

"The network is already handling the incredible cellular and Wi-Fi demand, and we're prepared to scale and handle more – more logins, more data, more calls, and more services to support the public and the MTA, and to continue the progression of making New York City a Smart City," said Mr. Bayne.

Deemed the "Crossroads of the World," the Times Square subway station records the highest number of Wi-Fi network logins, followed by Union Square and 34th Street-Herald Square in Manhattan. In the outer boroughs, Atlantic Avenue–Barclays Center claims first place in Brooklyn, Roosevelt Avenue tops the list in Queens, and 149th Street-Grand Concourse leads the way in the Bronx. Data further shows that the network averages nearly 400,000 logins each weekday with the busiest hours from 4-7 p.m., when New Yorkers may be checking social media, exploring dinner options, catching up on the evening news, or planning their journey home. On September 14th, the network received the most logins of the year, possibly as a result of New Yorkers scouring for news of Hurricane Irma.

About Transit Wireless and Transit Wireless WiFi™

Transit Wireless was formed to meet the Metropolitan Transit Authority's (MTA) requirement to develop a shared wireless infrastructure within the underground stations of the New York City subway to provide commercial services for AT&T, Sprint, T-Mobile and Verizon Wireless customers. The company designed, built, financed, operates and maintains a highly resilient wireless network supporting consumer connectivity, business connectivity, transit and public safety communications needs by operating on all primary licensed cellular bands, public unlicensed bands and the 4.9GHz public safety band. Transit Wireless built the Transit Wireless WiFi™ network within the underground subway stations, an initiative that has been recognized by the Wireless Broadband Alliance as the "Best Wi-Fi Deployment to Connect the Unconnected in an Urban Environment." Transit Wireless' quality management system is ISO 9001:2008 certified by American Global Standards, LLC. Transit Wireless is a BAI Com-

(Continued on page 10)

Phagwah Parade of NY Inc. Phagwah Parade 2018

The Organizing Committee (OC) of Phagwah Parade 2018takes pleasure in announcing that plans for the 30th Annual Phagwah Parade for Richmond Hill, Queens are currently underway.

Phagwah, or Holi, will be observed on March 4, 2018, and the Parade will take place on Saturday April 14, 2018. The Parade route will be the same as in 2017, with the floats moving off at 12:00 noonfrom 133rd Street and Liberty Avenue. It will continue to the Phil Rizzuto Park(formerly Smokey Oval Park), Richmond Hill, where a cultural program will take place.

In the previous 29 years of the Phagwah Parade, the organizers have scheduled the event as close as possible to the religious observances. In years past cold weather on Parade day would cause much discomfort to the Parade participants who would either stay away, or leave the event much earlier than they would have liked.

The extremely cold weather conditions during the 2017 Parade forcibly brought the issue to the fore again. For the first time in the Phagwah Parade floats were empty, artistes were freezing on stage, die hard Parade supporters were abandoning the cultural program, organizing committee members were putting their health on the line because they were forced to remain in the Park until the bitter end of the scheduled program. There was not much to show for the huge expenditure and effort.

By our standards, the Parade cost a lot of money, and hundreds of man hours, to put together, not counting the cost borne by people who travel long distances to be in Queens on that day, or those who arrange work & personal schedules just to be in the Parade.... they do all of this and then the event is curtailed because of bad weather. The Committee felt that it should try to ensure that our people get a comfortable and enjoyable Parade with maximum participation, hence the request to our respective Organizations, the Arya Spiritual Center (ASC)and Federation of Hindu Mandirs (FOHM), to approve the delay of a few weeks after the religious observance of Holi, with the expectation that it is more likely to have a tolerable Parade friendly day in April rather than early March.

The members of the FOHM & ASC held in depth discussions on the matter and after looking at the Hindu calendar, and taking into account that a major Christian observance will also take place in March/ April, all parties agreed to have the Parade on Saturday April 14, 2018

It is well known that Richmond Hill, Queens, is home to the largest Indo-Caribbean (persons of Indian origin from Guyana, Trinidad & Suriname) community in the United States, and we areproud to be able to contribute to the cultural diversity of the greatest City in the world,by organizing and implementing a public celebratory event like this Parade.

We believe that having the Parade in April 14 will not make it less attractive. On the contrary, warmer weather will bring out more people out as the residents of Richmond Hill, and its environs, would seize the opportunity to join the celebrations. The Phagwah Parade has acquired its own identity and is the main cultural expression of our people in NYC. We should not allow poor scheduling to stifle its important contribution to the City's cultural landscape.

This year the Parade will celebrate its 30th Year as one of New York City's largest street event and the OC is planning to put 30 floats on the streets, and to stage a cultural show that will do justice to our peoples' high expectations. However, great events require higher than normal expenditure,but OC members are confident that the local business community will support the event with generous donations.

We have reached out to you, the media, to help us to inform the community about the plans for the Parade, the reasons for scheduling it in April, tohelp bring everyone out on Parade day, and to help solicit sponsorship to fund this much loved event. Let's all be partners in making this 30th Parade the grandest in Richmond Hill!

Chairman Crowley Statement on Pres. Trump Allowing Banks to 'Redline' Poor, Minority Neighborhoods

House Democratic Caucus Chairman Joe Crowley (D-NY) issued the following statement on reports that the Trump administration will reverse a decades-old rule that protects poor and minority neighborhoods from "redlining" - a practice where banks refused to lend money in certain neighborhoods regardless of the credit or financial status of the lendee:

"During the campaign, then-candidate Donald Trump repeatedly asked black and Hispanic voters what they had to lose by sending him to the White House. We get a new answer to that question nearly every day.

"Today, we are seeing the Trump administration advocate for the return of 'redlining,' the odious and often racist practice where financial institutions denied services and loans to entire communities. Redlining denies Americans both civil and economic justice. It should be relegated to the history books – not a modern economy.

"The Community Reinvestment Act broke down the barriers put up by financial institutions that stopped qualified borrowers from accessing capital solely due to their zip code or race. Since its passage, thousands of low- and moderate-income families in Queens, the Bronx, and across the nation have been given the opportunity create financial security, become homeowners, or build a nest egg for their retirement.

"These critical banking regulations strengthen communities and our nation. It is absolutely imperative that the Trump administration abandons this effort and instead strengthens and expands access to capital for all credit-worthy Americans."

Weprin Led Assembly Coalition Calls for End ...

(Continued from page 7)

Issued on December 4, 2017 and implemented at the start of the year, Directive #4911A establishes a policy by which inmates, their family and friends, are limited to ordering packages and articles for delivery from a restricted list of approved vendors in order to enhance the safety and security of correctional facilities. With recent reports corroborating concerns heard by the office of Assemblyman David I. Weprin and the Committee on Correction about the consequences of this program, which include a significant increase in price for many products, a restriction of fresh fruits and vegetables, affecting inmates with religious dietary restrictions, a limitation on books amounting to 98 specific books in packages, 24 of which are coloring books, and the closing of the commissary at affected facilities; Weprin issued a follow up to a May 2017 letter which expressed concerns about the package program.

LEGAL NOTICES

SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS IN TAX LIEN FORECLOSURE– SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS – NYCTL 2013-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 2013-A TRUST, Plaintiffs, against RICHARD BOVELL, if living, et. al., Defendants. Index No. 10413/14. To the above named Defendants –YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the complaint in this action within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service or within thirty days after service is completed if the summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint. Plaintiffs designate Queens County as the place of trial. Venue is based upon the county in which the property a lien upon which is being foreclosed is situated. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Hon. David Elliot, J.S.C., dated February 24, 2016. The object of this action is to foreclose a New York City Tax Lien covering the premises located at Block 10200 Lot 83 on the Tax Map of Queens County and is also known No# 111th Avenue, South Jamaica, NY a/k/a 169-13 111th Avenue, Jamaica, New York.
Dated: November 4, 2016
WINDELS MARX LANE & MITTENDORF LLP,
Attorney for Plaintiffs, NYCTL 2013-A TRUST AND THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON AS COLLATERAL AGENT AND CUSTODIAN FOR THE NYCTL 2013-A TRUST,
By: Josef F. Abt, Esq.
156 West 56th Street,
New York, NY 10019
(212) 237-1000
1/18,25,2/1&8/2018

One Year After Launch, Underground Wireless & Cellular Connectivity

(Continued from page 9)

munications company, part of a global enterprise that designs, builds and operates highly accessible communications networks for customers across Australia, Asia and North America. For further information about Transit Wireless go to: www.transitwireless.com.

QUEENS TIMES

LEGAL NOTICES

File No.: 2015-4360/B
CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT
To:
Sorelle Feldberg,
Freda Bloch,
Judy Diamond,
Attorney General of the State of New York

The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Rochelle Grossman aka Rochelle F. Grossman aka Rochelle Florence Grossman, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained.

Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Rochelle Grossman aka Rochelle F. Grossman aka Rochelle Florence Grossman, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 80-50 Baxter Avenue, #3D, Elmhurst, NY 11373, in the County of Queens, State of New York.
SEND GREETING:

Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Rochelle Grossman aka Rochelle F. Grossman aka Rochelle Florence Grossman, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 8th day of March, 2018 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of $9,147.04 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship,
Dated, Attested and Sealed
12th day of January, 2018
HON. PETER J. KELLY
Surrogate, Queens County
James Lim Becker
Clerk of the Surrogate's Court
GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.
(718) 459-9000
1981 Marcus Avenue,
Suite 200
Lake Success, New York 11042
This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not obliged to appear in person. If you fail to appear it will be assumed that you do not object to the relief requested unless you file formal legal, verified objections. You have a right to have an attorney-at-law appear for you.
Accounting Citation
1/18,25,2/1&8/2018

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on January 10, 2018, bearing Index Number NC-000858-17/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) MEIR TEDD (Middle) COMIA (Last) TALATALA. My present name is (First) MEIR (Middle) TEDD (Last) COMIA TALATALA AKA MEIR T. COMIA TALATALA (infant). My Present address is 31-38 82nd Street, 1st FL, East Elmhurst, NY 11370-1913. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is September 23, 2008. Assume the name of (First) MAXZENE CHANTELLE (Middle) COMIA (Last) TALATALA. My present name is (First) MAXZENE CHANTELL (Middle) COMIA (Last) TALATALA AKA MAXZENE CHANTELLE COMIA TALATALA (infant). My Present address is 31-38 82nd Street, 1st FL, East Elmhurst, NY 11370-1913. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is August 11, 2012. 1/18/2018

1559 61 Avenue A, LLC Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on July 7, 2107 with its office located in Queens. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against 1559 61 Avenue A, LLC to c/o Castiglia Rubinstein and Associates, 445 Broadhollow Road, Melville, NY 11747. The purpose of 1559 61 Avenue A, LLC is for any lawful purpose. 1/18,25,2/1,8,15&22/2018

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Formation of IT'S SO GOOD, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/20/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 1959 Freeman Avenue, Elmont, NY 11003. Purpose: any lawful activity. 12/21,28/2017,1/4,11,18&25/2018

Notice of Formation of STEADY GIG PRODUCTIONS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 09/25/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 7014 13TH Avenue, Suite 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: any lawful activity. 12/21,28/2017,1/4,11,18&25/2018

Ebro Group LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/26/2016. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to c/o Ramon Calvo, Jr., 157-44 20th Rd., Whitestone, NY 11357. General Purpose. 12/21,28/2017,1/4,11,18&25/2018

Hileman & Barretto-Alvir, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/20/2017. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 219-07 Hempstead Ave., Queens Village, NY 11429. General Purpose. 12/21,28/2017,1/4,11,18&25/2018

Notice of Formation of LIBERTY N.Y. HOMES LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 12/8/17. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. The name and address of the Reg. Agent is Business Filings Incorporated, 187 Wolf Rd, Ste 101, Albany, NY 12205. Purpose: any lawful activity. 12/21,28/2017,1/4,11,18&25/2018

Notice of Formation of 148 E. Broadway Associates, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/5/01. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 240-57 42nd Ave., Douglaston, NY 11363. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 12/21,28/2017,1/4,11,18&25/2018

BROADWAY 360 TOWER LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 10/20/17. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 133-10 39th Ave 1FL Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 1/11,18,25,2/1,8&15/2018

Notice of Formation of GOTHAM CITY DESSERTS LLC. Arts of Org. filed with NY Secy of State (SSNY) on 08/30/2017. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 145-46 159th Street, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: any lawful activity. 1/4,11,18,25,2/1&8/2018

175-31 Jamaica, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 8/15/2014. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 95-22 63rd Rd., Unit 311, Rego Park, NY 11374. General Purpose. 1/11,18,25,2/1,8&15/2018

RITENG GLOBAL PRINTING, LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 09/07/2017. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 132-26 Avery Ave., Apt 11D, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 12/28/2017,1/4,11,18,25&2/1/2018

Notice of formation of NYVA Restaurant Group LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/06/2011. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against LLC to the LLC at: NYVA Restaurant Group LLC,254-55 Horace Harding Exp., Little Neck, NY 11362. Any lawful activity or purpose. 12/28/2017,1/4,11,18,25&2/1/2018

ENNETBURGEN LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/07/2017. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 53-11 213th Street, Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 12/14,21,28/2017,1/4,11&18/2018

Notice of formation of NYVA Restaurant Group LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 01/06/2011. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against LLC to the LLC at: NYVA Restaurant Group LLC,254-55 Horace Harding Exp., Little Neck, NY 11362. Any lawful activity or purpose. 12/28/2017,1/4,11,18,25&2/1/2018

Notice of Formation of INNOV8T CONSULTING GROUP, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 09/19/2017. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against LLC to the LLC at: 257-43 148th Road, Rosedale, NY 11422. Any lawful activity or purpose. 1/4,11,18,25,2/1&8/2018

Northeast Exotics, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/21/2017. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 5610 Nurge Ave., Maspeth, NY 11378. General Purpose. 12/14,21,28/2017,1/4,11&18/2018

Notice of Formation of 1445 St. Marks Avenue SHINDA, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/17. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 217-02 Jamaica Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11428. Purpose: any lawful activity. 12/14,21,28/2017,1/4,11&18/2018

Notice of Formation of Bergen Street Properties BU, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/17. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 217-02 Jamaica Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11428. Purpose: any lawful activity. 12/14,21,28/2017,1/4,11&18/2018

Notice of Formation of 532 Chester Street RCBJ, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/17. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 217-02 Jamaica Avenue, Queens Village, NY 11428. Purpose: any lawful activity. 12/14,21,28/2017,1/4,11&18/2018

153 East 57 3F, LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 11/20/17. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 136-18 39th Ave, 12th Fl, Flushing, NY 11354. General Purposes. 12/14,21,28/2017,1/4,11&18/2018

F.R.M.F. Liberty Avenue 1 Family Limited Partnership, a foreign LP filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/12/2017. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall process to 95-13 120th St., Richmond Hill, NY 11419. General purpose. 12/28/2017,1/4,11,18,25&2/1/2018

Notice of Formation of SOUTH CONDUIT PROPERTY OWNER LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/17. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 30-56 Whitestone Expwy., Ste. 300, Whitestone, NY 11354. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Evan Petracca, c/o Triangle Equities, Inc. at the princ. office of the LLC. Purpose: Fee owner/borrower. 1/11,18,25,2/1,8&15/2018

NOTICE OF SALE IN FORECLOSURE STATE OF NEW YORK SUPREME COURT: COUNTY OF QUEENS WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. KAMLA INDAL, LEONARDO WILAMO, "JANE" WILAMO, Defendants PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT In pursuance of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the office of the County Clerk of Queens County on November 24, 2017, I, Helen P. Eichler, Esq., the Referee named in said Judgment, will sell in one parcel at public auction on February 9, 2018 at the Queens County Supreme Court, Courtroom 25, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, County of Queens, State of New York, at 10:00 A.M., the premises described as follows: 2516 Curtis Street East Elmhurst, NY 11369 SBL No.: Block 1654, Lot 35 ALL THAT TRACT OF PARCEL OF LAND situate in the 2nd Ward, Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York The premises are sold subject to the provisions of the filed judgment, Index No. 709550/2015 in the amount of $535,753.62 plus interest and costs. Kathryn E. Assini, Esq. Woods Oviatt Gilman LLP Plaintiff's Attorney 700 Crossroads Building, 2 State St. Rochester, New York 14614 Tel.: 855-227-5072 50582. 1/11,18,25&2/1/-2018

Notice of Formation of FAMILIA FRADE, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 10/10/2017. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against LLC to the LLC at: 227-15 147th Avenue, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. Any lawful activity or purpose. 1/11,18,25,2/1,8&15/2018

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on December 12, 2017, bearing Index Number NC-000741-17/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) RAHEMA (Middle) THUBA (Last) NASIRY. My present name is (First) RIHEMA (Last) KARIM AKA RAHEMA KARIM AKA RAHEMA NASIRY. My Present address is 131-10 ROCKAWAY BLVD, South Ozone Park, NY 11420. My place of birth is BROOKLYN, NY. My date of birth is December 15, 1982. 1/18/2018

Notice of Formation of E&H BAYSIDE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/08/18. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to c/o Farrell Fritz, P.C., 400 RXR Plaza, Uniondale, NY 11556. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 1/18,25,2/1,8,15&22/2018

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on December 11, 2017, bearing Index Number NC-000746-17/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) ROSE (Last) HURTADO. My present name is (First) KEVIN (Last) HURTADO MAZA AKA KEVIN J HURTADO MAZA AKA KEVIN JOSE HURTADO MAZA AKA KEVIN HURTADO. My Present address is 8412 ROCKAWAY BEACH BLVD, APT 4E, Rockaway Beach, NY 11693. My place of birth is COLOMBIA. My date of birth is June 11, 1990. 1/18/2018

170 West 74 314 LLC Arts of Org filed with NY Sec of State (SSNY) on 12/28/17. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 136-18 39th Ave, 12th Fl, Flushing, NY 11354. General Purposes. 1/18,25,2/1,8,15&22/2018

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on September 12, 2017, bearing Index Number NC-000619-17/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) AMANDA (Last) WONG. My present name is (First) AMENDA (Last) WONG AKA AMANDA WONG. My Present address is 9845 57th Avenue, Apt. #3K, Corona, NY 11368-3658. My place of birth is Manhattan, NY. My date of birth is June 06, 1999. 1/18/2018

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on November 6, 2017, bearing Index Number NC-000702-17/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) SEMAH (Middle) ABDULLAH (Last) ALDHUBAEAI. My present name is (First) SEMAH (Middle) ABDULLAH (Last) AHMED (infant). My Present address is 101-17 115th Street, South Richmond Hill, NY 11419-1857. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is January 19, 2005. Assume the name of (First) YASEEN (Middle) ABDULLAH (Last) ALDHUBAEAI. My present name is (First) YASEEN (Middle) ABDULLAH (Last) AHMED (infant). My Present address is 101-17 115th Street, South Richmond Hill, NY 11419-1857. My place of birth is BROOKLYN, N.Y. My date of birth is March 19, 2012. 1/18/2018

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on November 27, 2017, bearing Index Number NC-000720-17/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) JONATHAN (Middle) FERNANDO (Last) SEDANO. My present name is (First) JONATHAN (Middle) FERNANDEO (Last) SEDANO (infant). My Present address is 34-15 37TH AVE, APT 40, Long Island City, NY 11101. My place of birth is QUEENS, NY. My date of birth is December 29, 2008. 1/18/2018

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on January 10, 2018, bearing Index Number NC-000860-17/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) OMAR (Last) NALL. My present name is (First) WIDER (Middle) OMAR (Last) NALL My Present address is 48-20 44th Street, Apt. #1D, Woodside, NY 11377-6901. My place of birth is ECUADOR. My date of birth is June 15, 1984. 1/18/2018

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on November 6, 2017, bearing Index Number NC-000713-17/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) KIMBERLY (Last) PIERRE-LOUIS. My present name is (First) KIMBERLY (Last) PIERRE-LOUIS-ANGRAND. My Present address is 259-02 148TH AVE, Rosedale, NY 11422. My place of birth is BROOKLYN, NY. My date of birth is February 19, 1999. 1/18/2018

Notice is hereby given that an Order entered by the Civil Court, Queens County on November 27, 2017, bearing Index Number NC-000730-17/QU, a copy of which may be examined at the Office of the Clerk, located at 89-17 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, NY 11435, grants me (us) the right to: Assume the name of (First) CINDY (Middle) SAU CHUN (Last) NAGAN. My present name is (First) CINDY (Middle) SAU-CHUN (Last) LEE. My Present address is 32-49 77TH STREET, East Elmhurst, NY 11370. My place of birth is NEW YORK, NY. My date of birth is August 06, 1984. 1/18/2018

QUEENS NEW YORK

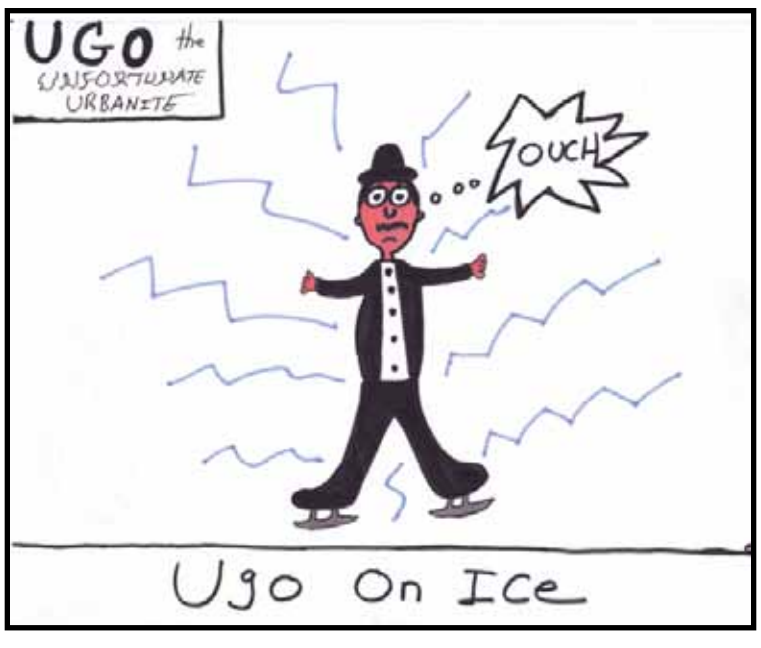
Bayside Artist Meagan J. Meehan Exhibits "Conscious Perceptions" Solo Show at Demouzy Gallery

Bayside artist Meagan J. Meehan is exhibiting over eighty pieces of her colorful, three-dimensional, abstract artwork at the Demouzy Contemporary Gallery in Rockville Center, Long Island, New York. This exhibit, titled "Conscious Perceptions," is Meehan's debut solo show at a gallery. The featured creations include mixed media paintings, found-object collages, and sculptures. Meagan's art celebrates joy, happiness, color, imagination, and other positive feelings. The display will run until Thursday, January 25, 2018, and it is free to the public. However, please call ahead to confirm visiting hours.

GALLERY INFO:
Demouzy Contemporary Gallery
45 N Village Ave, Ste 2A
Rockville Centre, NY, 11570
1-516-536-4510
http://demouzycontemporary.godaddysites.com.

Rozic Returns to Townsend Harris High School for Legislative Breakfast

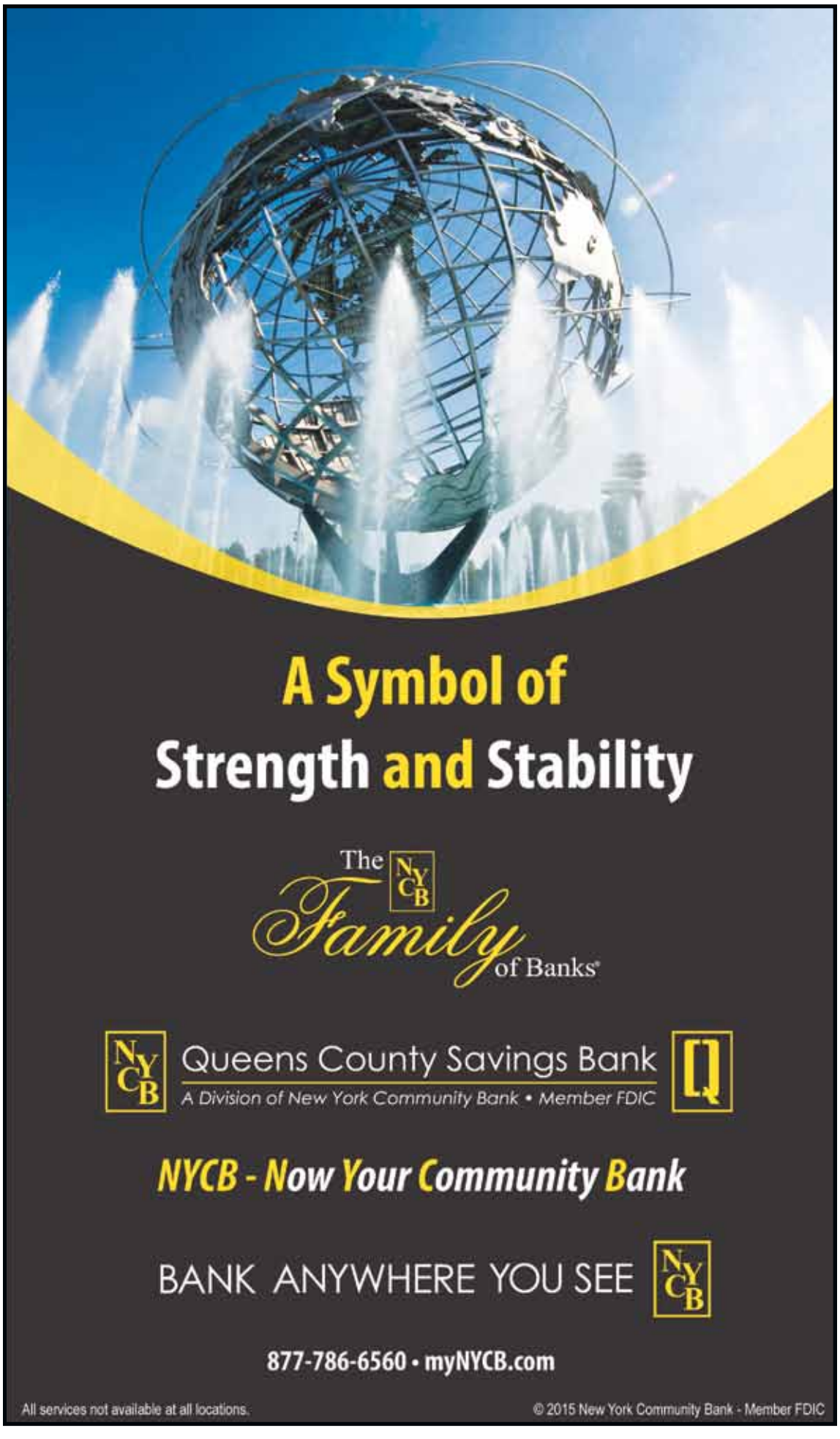
Recently, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic went back to her alma mater, Townsend Harris High School, for their legislative breakfast. The gathering was an opportunity for local elected officials to meet with Townsend Harris students, alumni, parents, and administration about the successes and challenges facing the school community. Queens College leadership attended the breakfast along with the School Leadership Team (SLT), PTA, Alumni Association, Principal Condon and the Townsend Harris Administration. Other elected officials in attendance were State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, Assembly Members Catherine Nolan, David Weprin, Alicia Hyndman, and Councilman Barry Grodenchik.



A Special Three Kings Celebration In Puerto Rico

Con Edison/Orange and Rockland Utilities Workers Collect Funds & Distribute Toys to Children of Storm-Ravaged Island

As their colleagues back home in the Northeast worked to keep gas and electric service flowing in the bitter cold New York metropolitan area, Con Edison and Orange Rockland Utilities workers involved in the Hurricane Maria power restoration efforts in Puerto Rico chipped in over $2,300 to purchase and distribute hundreds of toys today - Three Kings Day - to children in the San Juan neighborhoods where they've been stationed.

About 150 company employees packed and distributed bicycles, Frisbees, coloring books, dolls and baseball gloves to children in the areas where they've been turning lights back on for nearly two months.

"Our crews have been out restoring electric power in neighborhoods since November. They've talked with people who live there and found out how much suffering they went through," said Stephanie Rolon, a Con Edison worker on duty in Puerto Rico who helped organize the toy drive.