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## QBP Richards Announces “Borough Hall On Your Block: Western Queens”

**Weeklong series of community events begins  
Tuesday, February 21**

Continuing his commitment to bring the programs and services of his office directly to families where they live, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. today announced the second iteration of “Borough Hall on Your Block” will be held in Western Queens from Tuesday, February 21 to Saturday, February 25.

The weeklong initiative will bring a litany of public programming to Long Island City, Astoria, Sunnyside and Woodside, including a town hall tailored specifically for NYCHA residents, a wider community town hall for all Western Queens families, employment and resource fairs, a senior services day, youth events, critical funding announcements and more.

“We’re all about building bridges and empowering families here in the Queens Borough President’s Office, and doing just that is at the heart of ‘Borough Hall on Your Block,’” said Borough President RICHARDS. “I’m thrilled to bring this important initiative to Western Queens next week as my office continues its mission to ensure that all our residents feel seen and heard, regardless of their background, ZIP code or socioeconomic status.”

Borough President Richards first announced the Borough

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## NYS Sen. Addabbo Proposes Plan to Move Jets to New Stadium in Queens



New York State Senator Joseph Addabbo says he wants to bring the Jets back to Queens. See story on page 2.

## Pheffer Amato Joins NY State Education Committee



Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato participated in Middle School 137’s Career Day. Pheffer Amato spoke to an eight-grade classroom about her work both in the district and Albany along with the importance of civic engagement. See story on page 3.

## Assemblyman Braunstein Donates Hundreds of Gifts to Queens Veterans Through “Valentines for Vets” Drive



Assemblyman Edward Braunstein is pictured with veterans and Deirdre Samuel, Coordinator of Volunteer Services at the NYS Veterans Home at St. Albans. See story on page 6.

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# QBP Richards Announces "Borough Hall On Your Block: Western Queens"

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Hall on Your Block initiative during his June 2022 State of the Borough address and successfully hosted the inaugural iteration of Borough Hall on Your Block in Southeast Queens in August 2022.

As with last year's program, the goal of "Borough Hall on Your Block: Western Queens" is to directly connect area families with not only the government services they need, but the individualized attention they deserve from Borough President Richards and his staff.

The calendar of public events scheduled for "Borough Hall on Your Block: Western Queens," subject to change, includes:

- Tuesday, February 21
  - Press conference announcing a combined \$5 million in funding for capital improvements at the Noguchi Museum in Astoria and the Chocolate Factory Theater in Long Island City.
  - Time: 12pm
  - Location: Noguchi Museum, Isamu Noguchi Way (33rd Road) between Vernon Boulevard and 10th Street in Astoria.
  - Self-Defense and Bystander Training Workshop, providing residents with the tools they need to keep themselves and those around them safe.
  - Time: 5:30pm to 8:30pm
  - Location: Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Avenue in Long Island City.
- Wednesday, February 22
  - Western Queens Jobs Recruitment Fair, connecting area job seekers with organizations looking to hire Queens residents.

- Time: 1pm to 3pm
- Location: LaGuardia Community College, 45-50 Van Dam Street in Long Island City
- Co-sponsored by LaGuardia Community College and the Long Island City Partnership
- Older Adult Mental Health Awareness Day, providing seniors with important wellness information, physical and mental health services and more.
- Time: 1pm to 4pm
- Location: Sunnyside Community Services, 43-31 39th Street in Sunnyside
- Western Queens NYCHA Town Hall for residents of the Queensbridge, Ravenswood, Woodside and Astoria houses, creating an open dialogue with city agencies on issues impacting public housing families.
- Time: 6pm to 8pm
- Location: Variety Boys and Girls Club of Queens, 21-12 30th Road in Astoria.
- Thursday, February 23
  - Community Story Hour with the Borough President, featuring Borough President Richards reading to participating children, with QBPO staff on hand to share information about the office's available services and resources.
  - Time: 12pm to 1pm.
  - Location: Long Island City branch of the Queens Public Library, 37-44 21st Street in Long Island City.
  - Co-sponsored by the Queens Public Library.
  - Western Queens Regional Town Hall, featuring a wide variety of city agencies for a community conversation about local

- quality-of-life issues.
  - Time: 6pm to 8pm.
  - Location: Long Island City YMCA, 32-23 Queens Boulevard in Long Island City.
  - Friday, February 24
    - Press conference announcing \$1.5 million in funding from Borough President Richards toward the construction of a new, 22-bed Intensive Care Unit at Mount Sinai Queens. Time: 10am, Location: Mount Sinai Queens, Pavilion Lobby, 25-20 30th Avenue in Astoria.
    - Queens Youth Opportunity Fair, connecting Western Queens youth and young adults to resources around summer employment, educational programs, internship opportunities and more.
    - Time: 11am to 1pm
    - Location: Variety Boys and Girls Club of Queens, 21-12 30th Road in Astoria.
  - Saturday, February 25
    - Immigrant Resource Fair, connecting area residents with information on healthcare, legal services, financial assistance, job placement resources and more.
    - Time: 11am to 1:30pm
    - Location: Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement, 10-25 41st Avenue in Long Island City.
- Members of the public interested in attending one or more of the events outlined above can register by visiting [www.queensbp.org/rsvp](http://www.queensbp.org/rsvp).
- Members of the media who wish to attend either of the press conferences or any other public-facing event are asked to RSVP by emailing [press@queensbp.org](mailto:press@queensbp.org) or calling 718-286-2640.

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# NYS Sen. Addabbo Proposes Plan to Move Jets to New Stadium in Queens

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NYS Senator Joseph Addabbo says he wants to bring the Jets back to Queens where they originally started winning in 1968 AFL Championship game against the Oakland Raiders at Shea Stadium, Corona, Queens NY and went on to win the Super Bowl which was 40 years ago.

"They're the New York Jets. They should be here," said Queens Sen. Joseph Addabbo, who outlined his plan during an appearance on CBS2's political talk show "The Point with Marcia Kramer."

It's what Addabbo might call the perfect alignment of the stars.

There are already plans to build a soccer stadium in Willets Point, in Corona and Gang Green could opt out of their contract at MetLife Stadium next year.

Addabbo proposes that the upping planned 25,000-seat soccer stadium near Citi Field, Corona to roughly 80,000 seats to accommodate the Jets.

"The land is there. You need initiative," said Addabbo.

Addabbo, who chairs the senate's Racing, Wagering and Gaming Committee, said bringing the Jets back to New York makes sense on a lot of levels.

"If you really are interested about, not only revenue, but again

thousands and thousands of jobs, good jobs, I think this is an opportunity that really we should take advantage of," said Addabbo.

Senator Addabbo said, "It not only makes good economic sense to move the team, because Jets owner Woody Johnson knows New Yorkers live for football".

"I think their fan base is still in New York. I think their fan base grows exponentially if they come back to New York," said Addabbo, a Jets fan himself. "There are so many Jet fans out there who want to see them come home. Bring the Jets home. Make that NY on the side of the helmet really mean New York."

# New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection Provides Tips to Save on Transportation Costs

Secretary Robert J. Rodriguez: "Whether commuting to work, running errands or planning a long road trip, following these tips can help New Yorkers lower their transportation costs so they can hold onto more of their hard-earned money and beat back inflation."

For this week's "Tuesday's Tips," the Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection (DCP) is providing tips to help consumers reduce spending on transportation costs. These tips

are part two of DCP's five-part consumer alert series to help New Yorkers save money amidst inflation and rising costs. Follow the New York Department of State on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and check in every Tuesday for more practical tips that educate and empower New York consumers on a variety of topics.

"Saving money can be difficult when prices remain high across the board, but there are easy ways to cut costs in every

aspect of our daily lives," said Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez, who oversees the Division of Consumer Protection. "Whether commuting to work, running errands or planning a long road trip, following these tips can help New Yorkers lower their transportation costs so they can hold onto more of their hard-earned money and beat back inflation."

Plan your drives ahead of

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## Queens Enthusiast Writes Book on Famous People From The Borough of Queens

John Bowne came from England in the 1660s and fought tirelessly for religious freedom and an end to slavery. Fast forward to the 1800s, and German immigrant Conrad Poppenhusen is building a successful business and using his wealth to establish a town for his workers. Enter the modern world, and John Wang is operating the Queens Night Market, an open-air bazaar that averages more than 15,000 weekly visitors.

What do they all have in common? In a word: Queens!

Plus, all three are mentioned in Rob MacKay's new book, *Famous People From Queens*, which Arcadia Publishing printed on Feb. 6, 2023. With a \$23.99 price tag, it's currently available for order on Arcadia's website.

Featuring 219 images and lengthy, informative captions, this 128-page paperback informs on Queens overachievers in such fields as acting, business, music, politics, science, sports, and religion with a special chapter dedicated to fallen war heroes and justice advocates.

"I truly believe that the best thing about Queens is its people. We're diverse, talented, friendly, awe-inspiring, and even a little bit crazy ... in a good way," MacKay stated. "I spent countless weekends writing this book, but it was worth it. It's an honor and a pleasure to share these stories with readers, and I hope they enjoy them as much as I do. ¡Que viva Queens!"

MacKay is a former newspaper and magazine editor who also drafted Arcadia Publishing's 2021 book *Historic Houses of Queens* and the *Queens In Your Pocket*



**Jason "Jam Master Jay" Mizell rocks a Kangol hat at the far left in this 1984 photo that British artist Janette Beckman took near his childhood home on 205th Street in Hollis. Joseph "DJ Run" Simmons is to the immediate right, while Darryl "D.M.C." McDaniels is at the far right among those standing. They formed Run-DMC, a pioneering rap trio whose three-decade career included induction in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and a Lifetime Achievement Grammy.**

guidebook, which has been updated several times since its 2012 launch. The Sunnyside resident currently works for the Queens Economic Development Corporation, where he runs the It's In Queens social media channels that promote the borough's hotels, restaurants, shops, and tourism attractions. His interest in writing about his home county grew organically—and intensely—after

he became a trustee of the Queens Historical Society in 2018.

Established in 1993, Arcadia Publishing specializes in books that offer inside views of regional history and forgotten aspects of American life. The company's ever-increasing catalog has more than 12,000 titles, including several other paperbacks on Queens neighborhoods, landmarks, and ethnic communities.

## NYS Office of General Services Commissioner Moy Announces The Relaunching of Online Auctions For State Government Surplus

**Online Auctions have Begun. Interested Buyers Can Register at <https://www.govdeals.com/register/> to Begin Bidding**

New York State Office of General Services (OGS) Commissioner Jeanette Moy has announced the relaunch of the State's popular online surplus property auctions on a new platform operated by GovDeals.

"We are excited to announce that New York State has contracted with GovDeals' online marketplace and that OGS will once again be able to provide the public with a convenient and easy way to bid on and buy a wide variety of State surplus items," Commissioner Moy said. "From the usual office furniture, computer equipment, and tools to the less typical collectible sneakers, sports memorabilia, and lost-and-found jewelry, online auctions have proven to be an effective and popular way for OGS to sell New York State government's surplus property."

The online auctioning of State

surplus items will be held at the new State of New York Auction Site on GovDeals beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, February 13. Visitors to the new OGS online auction marketplace are required to preregister here before they can start bidding on surplus items. Registration is free.

Inventory on the site will change daily and feature a wide range of State surplus items, including office supplies and furniture, lockers, storage cabinets, electronics, tools, power equipment, and plumbing and electrical supplies.

Most items will be listed on the auction site for seven days, and GovDeals will accept payment from successful bidders by credit card, debit card, and PayPal. State surplus property is sold from locations throughout the State, and pickup and removal are the buyer's responsibility.

Auction terms and conditions, including terms for inspections, payment, and removal, are found on the GovDeals website. For additional information on New York

State's government surplus programs, including surplus property, vehicle, and real estate auctions, visit [ogs.ny.gov/nysstore](https://ogs.ny.gov/nysstore).

About GovDeals

GovDeals is the world's leading marketplace for surplus government and educational assets, ranging from heavy equipment and transportation to industrial machinery and real estate. The platform specializes in surplus disposition technology, partnering with government agencies and related entities to sell "as is, where is" surplus equipment and materials in a transparent fashion. Sellers can directly launch and manage their listings in just days with more control and lower fees than traditional auction solutions. Buyers have direct access to all the surplus assets across Liquidity Services' network of marketplaces in one centralized location. GovDeals is powered by Liquidity Services (NASDAQ: LQDT), one of the most experienced and trusted companies supporting millions of customers in the circular economy across the globe.

## Pheffer Amato Joins NY State Education Committee

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Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) was appointed to the New York State Assembly Committee on Education and is known for being a firm advocate for parents in for public and non-public schools and has often spoken out on the importance of school choice.

Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato is a mother of two public school graduates and served as the Parent Association President at her children's school. In addition, the Assemblywoman worked for the NYC Board of Education as a paraprofessional for several years. During her time as a legislator she has led the charge to stand up for non-public schools on all fronts. Last year she successfully negotiated funding to non-public schools throughout the State of New York that granted a historic \$58 million for STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) curriculum.

With the start of the new legislative session, Speaker Carl Heastie announced the appointment of Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato to the New York State Assembly Committee on Education. "I'm honored by this appointment and graciously thank the Speaker. Through this Committee I will

bring the voice of my constituents forward and will only further work to ensure that public and non-public schools have an ally. I will stand up for our schools, public and non-public, and work to create the best educational opportunities for the children of our State," said Pheffer Amato.

The New York State Catholic Conference was thrilled by the news of Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato being appointed to the important committee. "Our Catholic School Superintendents congratulate Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato on being appointed to the Assembly Education Committee. Having a record of commitment and support to all families of school-age children, regardless of where they go to schools, her work on the committee will no doubt benefit the schools and families of southern Queens, and indeed across the state," said James Cultrara, Executive Secretary, NYS Council of Catholic School Superintendents.

Rabbi Yeruchim Silber of Agudath Israel said, "Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato has proven to be one of the best friends of the Yeshiva community in Albany. We are confident she will be a powerful voice on the Education Committee advocating for all students including yeshiva students"

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time. Combine errands into one trip to save time and money. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a longer multipurpose trip covering the same distance when the engine is warm. Trip planning ensures that traveling is done when the engine is warmed up and efficient, and it can reduce the distance you travel saving fuel and wear/tear on your vehicle.

Adjust your driving habits. Always accelerate gently and maintain a steady speed. Avoid aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration and sudden braking), which wastes fuel. It can lower your fuel mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by 5 percent around town. Your brakes will appreciate it, too.

Keep your vehicle tuned up. Check the air filter, tire pressure and coolant. Check your vehicle's manual for the manufacturer's recommended timeline for oil changes. A poorly maintained car uses more gas and may lead to costly repairs.

Shop around for car insurance. Take time to analyze your insurance premiums and comparison shop for less expensive plans. Consumers can lower insurance premiums by 5% to 20% by bundling services, increasing deductibles and paying up front.

Use public transportation or carpool. It benefits everyone – the community, the environment and your wallet.

Save with pre-tax commuter

benefits. Enroll in commuter benefits to pay commuting costs with pre-tax dollars. If your employer offers this benefit, you can set aside a certain portion of pre-tax wages (up to \$300 per month), which can be used for mass transit and qualified paid parking while reducing your federal taxable income each year. That means you save by not paying federal income tax on that portion of your salary.

Reserve parking. There are several parking apps in the market that let you reserve parking spaces in advance in large metro areas. This helps you save time, money and gas – no need to circle the block looking for parking. You may be able to score significant savings off the drive-up rate if you reserve a parking space in advance.

About the New York State Division of Consumer Protection

The New York State Division of Consumer Protection provides resources and education materials to consumers on product safety, as well as voluntary mediation services between consumers and businesses. The Consumer Assistance Helpline 1-800-697-1220 is available Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm, excluding State Holidays, and consumer complaints can be filed at any time at [www.dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection](http://www.dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection).

For more consumer protection tips, follow the Division on social media at Twitter: @NYSConsumer and Facebook: [www.facebook.com/nysconsumer](http://www.facebook.com/nysconsumer).



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## Meng And Gillibrand Lead Their Colleagues In Urging FCC To Examine Expansion Of Languages Supported For Wireless Emergency Alerts

*In New York City, the Majority of the Victims Who Lost Their Lives from Hurricane Ida's Floodwaters Were Those of Asian Descent Not Proficient in English*

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) led 45 of their colleagues in writing a bicameral letter to Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Chair Jessica Rosenworcel urging her to examine an expansion of the languages that wireless carriers must support for Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs), in order to help close gaps in critical information delivery for non-English and non-Spanish speaking communities.

WEAs are issued by federal, state, tribal, territorial, and local public alerting authorities to notify the public about severe weather events, AMBER Alerts and other emergencies. In 2016, the FCC published a rule requiring wireless carriers who participate in transmitting WEAs to support Spanish-language alert messages but fell short of mandating other languages. During extreme weather, the ability to receive warnings can save lives. However, for many non-English or non-Spanish speakers, the lack of access to alerts in a language they can understand may lead to missed evacuations, injuries, or even loss of life.

"In times of emergencies, people need to be able to receive alerts in the language that is most accessible to them," said Congresswoman Meng. "Currently, the Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEAs) system does not support alerts in languages other than English or Spanish. That is why I am leading an effort, alongside Senator Gillibrand, to expand the number of languages for WEAs. Queens is the world's borough with many different languages spoken here. In many homes, English is not the primary language, and having WEAs accessible in more languages would help keep people better protected

and informed of severe weather warnings, missing persons alerts, shelter in place orders and other emergency announcements."

"Language barriers should not be the difference between life and death during an emergency," said Senator Gillibrand. "Lives are put on the line when you're not able to communicate crucial information about impending inclement weather events, stay-at-home orders, AMBER alerts, and other emergencies, and I look forward to working with the FCC on this important matter."

"The Asian American community has always been an integral part of this country, and the 2020 census confirms that we are a community that will only continue to grow. It is imperative for our government to take action now to reduce the barriers of access our community has historically faced," said Jo-Ann Yoo, Executive Director of the Asian American Federation. "I am grateful to Governor Hochul, who met with the victims of Hurricane Ida who first raised this issue, and to Attorney General James who amplified the language gap problems, and to Senator Gillibrand and Congresswoman Meng who are leading the charge in Washington, D.C. for this critical change. On behalf of our community, we thank all the members of Congress who have signed onto this letter recognizing the need for language accessibility, especially in lifesaving services such as Wireless Emergency Alerts. This is not just a much-needed matter of representation, but vital one that will save the lives of Asian Americans."

The lawmakers also wrote that as the United States becomes more diverse and cities and regions such as New York City experience growing populations of Asian immigrants, "linguistic barriers faced by this community demonstrate a need for accessible emergency notifications so that non-English and non-Spanish speaking communities can be

prepared for extreme weather events."

In New York City, most all of the 13 victims who lost their lives from Hurricane Ida's 2021 floodwaters were immigrants from Asia. Census data indicates that between 26% and 78% of households in the communities where these people perished speak languages other than English or Spanish at home. There are an estimated 1.3 million New Yorkers who have limited English proficiency and are not Spanish-language speakers.

In addition to Senator Gillibrand and Representative Meng, the bicameral letter was also signed by Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA), Bob Casey (D-PA), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Bob Menendez (D-NJ), and Jon Ossoff (D-GA), and Representatives Raúl Grijalva (D-AZ-7th), Salud Carbajal (D-CA-24th), Gregory Meeks (D-NY-5th), Jasmine Crockett (D-TX-30th), Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), Yvette Clarke (D-NY-9th), Nydia Velázquez (D-NY-12th), Katie Porter (D-CA-47th), Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR-1st), Adriano Espaillat (D-NY-13th), Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-7th), Josh Harder (D-CA-9th), Juan Vargas (D-CA-52nd), Doris Matsui (D-CA-7th), Ed Case (D-HI-1st), Jamaal Bowman, Ed.D. (D-NY-16th), Nanette Diaz Barragan (D-CA-44th), Marilyn Strickland (D-WA-10th), Jill Tokuda (D-HI-2nd), Suzan DelBene (D-WA-1st), Dan Goldman (D-NY-10th), Sara Jacobs (D-CA-51st), Jim Costa (D-CA-21st), Jan Schakowsky (D-IL-9th), Marc Veasey (D-TX-33rd), Mark Takano (D-CA-39th), Kevin Mullin (D-CA-15th), Grace Napolitano (D-CA-31st), Jesús "Chuy" García (D-IL-4th), Jimmy Gomez (D-CA-34th), Susie Lee (D-NV-3rd), Andy Kim (D-NJ-3rd), Judy Chu (D-CA-28th), Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-7th), Gerry Connolly (D-VA-11th), and Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA-5th).

## Queens Centers For Progress Presents The 27th Annual "Evening of Fine Food"

*Featuring "Chefs of the Year" Frank Wu, Brett Swanson, and Stop & Shop*

*In-Person at Terrace on the Park on February 28, 2023*

On Tuesday, February 28 – hundreds of people will come together to dine and dish at one of the borough's most dynamic wintertime events: Queens Centers for Progress' 27th annual "Evening of Fine Food" at Terrace on the Park in Flushing Meadows-Corona Park, Queens.

The in-person benefit will raise funds to support the longtime organization's programs and services, assisting more than 1,200 individuals with developmental disabilities to lead more independent lives.

QCP has announced the emcee of the event: Greg Mocker. A multiple Emmy Award winner for his

coverage of transportation issues in New York City, Greg has been with PIX11 since April 2010. He previously worked as a Reporter/Bureau Chief at KTEN in Ardmore, OK, and as a Report and Anchor at WJBF in Augusta, GA and KOB in Albuquerque, NM, and later at KPHO in Phoenix, AZ until 2007. Immediately prior to PIX11, he produced and created video content for TurnHere and StudioNow.

Additionally, QCP today revealed the full roster of participating venues: Aigner Chocolates, Althea's Tropical Delights LLC, Austin's Ale House, Bevo's Kitchen, LLC, Blueberry's Bakery, Bourbon Street, Café Renis, Citizen Cider, Co Co La Reve, Filipiniana Restaurant & Catering, Havana Central, Kaieteur Restaurant, Kuku Chicken, Made-Fresh Organic, Marbella Restaurant & Catering, MumsKitchens

NYC, My Kitchen Events, One Station Plaza, PaNash EuroSoul, Papazzio Restaurant & Catering, Philly Pretzel Factory – Forest Hills, QB Lobster House, Remy's Italian Restaurant, Ricas Pupusas, Schmidt's Candy, Southern Glazers Wine & Spirits, Stop & Shop, Taste of Nepal, The Wine Room of Forest Hills, and Zaab Zaab (as well as returning chefs Frank Macchio of the Flushing Rotary Club and Dan Leone of QPTV).

QCP will honor three "Chefs of the Year", people who have made an impact and a difference in the community: Frank Wu, President, Queens College; Brett Swanson, Community Affairs & Social Impact, Grubhub; and will recognize the leadership team at Stop & Shop. In addition to being honored, the "Chefs" will serve their community in a dif-

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## Con Edison Helps Customers Manage Energy Costs

*Customers Can Take Advantage of Individual Payment Plans, Energy Efficiency Programs & Savings Tips*

Con Edison offers customers relief from the volatility of energy prices with its Level Payment Plan option, energy saving tips and more.

"Helping customers manage their energy costs is one of the most important things we do," said Michele O'Connell, senior vice president of Customer Operations. "We are here to help customers take advantage of the right payment options and the energy efficiency upgrades that are right for them."

**Level Payment Plan** - To avoid seasonal price spikes, customers can sign up for the level payment plan to spread energy payments out evenly across the year.

**Payment Extensions** - Con Edison offers extensions of up to 10 days for customers who need extra time to make a payment.

**Flexible Payment Agreements** - For customers who have fallen behind on their bills, Con Edison offers flexible payment plans.

**Check Your Benefits** - Customers enrolled in assistance programs may be eligible for discounts on their energy bills through our Energy Affordability Program. Also, see if you're eligible for the state's Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps New Yorkers heat and cool their homes.

**Bill Assistance Credits** - Con Edison is also currently helping eligible residential and small com-

mercial customers secure one-time bill credits for past-due bills through May 1, 2022, authorized under New York State's Electric and Gas Bill Relief Program. In addition, Con Edison is coordinating with government agencies to provide utility bill relief credits to qualified renters under the New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

Last year, Con Edison issued \$360 million in bill credits to more than 200,000 low-income customers through these programs.

**Help for Seniors and People with Disabilities**

Con Edison offers special protections and payment options for eligible customers who are 62 or older, blind or permanently disabled, or live with someone in one of these categories.

**Energy Saving Tips** - One of the best ways for customers to lower their energy bills is by reducing energy use. Customers can use less energy and save more money with simple, small changes around their home or business.

**Rebates and Incentives** - Con Edison also offers a range of rebates and incentives for efficient equipment which saves money and helps maintain comfort all-year-round.

Business customers can visit the Con Edison website to find savings that are right for them.

**For More Help** - Customers who need help signing up for My Account, using self-service, or getting payment assistance, can speak to a customer service specialist by calling 212-358-4565 or visit [coned.com/billhelp](http://coned.com/billhelp).

## CEC 20 Approves Resolution Supporting State Assembly Bill A01275 Naming The Lunar New Year a State Holiday

Assemblyman William Colton (D - Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) is pleased that the Community Education Council for District 20 at their monthly calendar meeting on February 8th, 2023 had approved a resolution supporting State Assembly bill A01275 which he introduced, to name the Lunar New Year as a state holiday.

"I have introduced bill A 01275, which was sponsored by Assemblywoman Grace Lee, to declare Asian Lunar New Year a public holiday in New York State. There are about 44% of students in the CEC 20 district are Asians. The population of the State of New York is approximately 9.3% Asian. This holiday is one of the most important traditional holidays amongst the Asian community and is widely celebrated

in the U.S.," Colton stated.

"People who are celebrating Asian Lunar New Year should not feel that they are pushed to make the decision either to send their children to school or to celebrate with family and friends. The families who celebrate the Asian Lunar New Year should not be faced with making such a decision," Colton continued.

"There are several State holidays in the State of New York as Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Columbus Day, Juneteenth, Martin Luther King's Birthday, etc. They all celebrate culture or history and Asian Lunar New Year is similarly important. The public holiday such as Lunar New Year will promote and increase awareness of Asian history and tradition not just in our community but nationwide," Colton added.



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**ARIES**  
 (Mar. 21- April 20)  
 Question any details that you feel could leave you in a strange position. Travel could be profitable. Changes in your domestic scene are apparent. Your lucky numbers are 2,4,9.

**TAURUS**  
 (Apr. 21- may 21)  
 Put your energy into work. Your colorful conversation may attract new mates. Your investments are looking better. Your lucky numbers are 3,8,4.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22-June 21)  
 Anger might lead to carelessness and injuries. You can expect changes at your work place. Moneymaking opportunities will surface. Your lucky numbers are 5,9,1.

**CANCER**  
 (June 22-July 22)  
 You will meet someone special on your travel. Avoid disputes with family; their complaints can't change anything anyway. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,1.

**LEO**  
 (July 23-Aug 22)  
 You should spend more time with friends and family. Be aware that you don't get anything for nothing. Problems with colleagues are likely. Your lucky numbers are 8,1,7.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)  
 Speak your mind. Show your intentions, and commitments. Try to spend some time alone. Don't settle for less than the best. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,1.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)  
 You may be having sleepless nights due to bad dreams. Curb your jealous fits if your partner has been flirting with someone else. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,9.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 You may be moody and react poorly to issues concerning your co-workers. Avoid friends or acquaintances that drink too much. Your lucky numbers are 1,3,4.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)  
 Your charm will mesmerize members of the opposite sex. You can make financial gains through your unique investments. Your lucky numbers are 3,9,8.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec 22- Jan. 20)  
 Personal alterations will be in your best interest. Avoid lending money or belongings to friends. Watch your investments. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,8.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)  
 Travel and entertaining conversation will be informative and uplifting. Don't look for short cuts, take your time and do it correctly. Your lucky numbers are 1,6,9.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)  
 Your personal problems may be coming to an end. Your personal life will still be experiencing difficulties. Read more and stay in touch with friends. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,7.

**Did You Know?**

- the word 'Strengths' is the longest word in the English language with just one vowel
- the movie 'Wayne's World' was filmed in two weeks
- the Amazon rainforest produces half the world's oxygen supply
- a group of frogs is called an army
- a group of rhinos is called a crash
- a group of kangaroos is called a mob
- a group of whales is called a pod
- a group of geese is called a gaggle
- a group of owls is called a parliament
- the first sailing boats were built in Egypt
- Brazil is named after a tree
- Brazil covers 50% of the South American continent
- Brazil borders every country in South America except Chile and Ecuador
- Hilton was the first international hotel chain
- the brand Nokia is named after a place in Southern Finland
- Monopoly is the most played board game in the world
- 96% of candles sold are purchased by women
- 42% of men and women 25% don't wash their hands after using a public toilet
- if you filled a matchbox with gold it could be flattened into a sheet the size of a tennis court



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**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**NO ANSWERS FOR LAST WEEKS SUDOKU "Crossword Puzzle"**

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  - Worn away
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  - African sheep
  - Where the sun rises
  - Brisling
  - Gym weight
  - Ecstasy
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  - Biblical garden
  - 18-wheeler
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  - Not alive
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- DOWN**
- Chew on
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  - Depressed urban area
  - Stuns
  - Banishment
  - What a book is called
  - Prison-related
  - French for "Black"
  - Lack of difficulty
  - Ready
  - Always
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# Assemblyman Braunstein Donates Hundreds of Gifts to Queens Veterans Through “Valentines for Vets” Drive

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Recently, Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein (D-Bay-side) delivered hundreds of items generously donated through his office’s “Valentines for Vets” gift drive to hospitalized and disabled veterans at the New York State Veterans’ Home at St. Albans.

“This February, Northeast Queens residents, schools and organizations showed their immense respect and appreciation to local veterans by participating in my office’s ‘Valentines for Vets’ gift drive,” said Assemblyman Braunstein. “This important tradition gives the local community the opportunity to thank our veterans for their sacrifices. I want to thank each and every person who helped put a smile on a local veteran’s face and make this year’s drive a great success.”



**Girl Scout Troop #4279 Bayside makes cards and collects gifts for local veterans.**

The gifts included greeting cards, candy, playing cards, puzzles, activity books and new clothing items (including shirts, pants, socks, shoes and robes).

The New York State Veterans’ Home at St. Albans provides resi-

dential, nursing and rehabilitative care to elderly and chronically-ill veterans and eligible family members.

Several local schools and organizations participated in this year’s gift drive.

## Meng Renews Effort to Reopen LIRR Station in Elmhurst

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), New York’s Senior Member of the House Appropriations Committee which funds federal programs, announced today that she has renewed her effort to reopen the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) station in Elmhurst, Queens.

In a new letter to LIRR Interim President Catherine Rinaldi, which was also signed by local city and state elected officials, the Congresswoman urged the MTA to consider reopening and rebuilding the shuttered station.

The facility first began providing railroad service in 1927. It served the Elmhurst and surrounding communities for nearly 60 years until it was shut down and demolished in 1985 due to low ridership. However, the population of Elmhurst has grown significantly since the station was closed and reopening it would provide a faster commute to Manhattan for local residents, while also lessening the burden put on the subway and buses.

“Queens has steadily outpaced New York City’s population growth for decades and one of the ways we must adapt to accommodate such growth is providing residents with additional modes of accessible public transportation,” said Congresswoman Meng. “The Elmhurst stop on the LIRR has been closed for too long, and there is a reason the effort to get it reopened is reinvigorated so often; it would provide those in Elmhurst and nearby neighborhoods with a closer, faster, and a more direct commute to help them go about their daily lives. It would also serve as a huge economic boon for the Elmhurst community. I am proud to renew the effort to reopen the Elmhurst stop on the Port Washington line, and to be supported by many of my government colleagues in the area.”

“At a time where New Yorkers are being asked to restore their trust in mass transit, we should place much more emphasis on providing equitable transporta-



tion access for all communities,” said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. “We can take a big step in that direction by reopening the Elmhurst LIRR station. I greatly thank Congresswoman Meng for drawing the MTA’s attention to the need to reopen this station and to continue to address persistent inequities in public transportation.”

“Elmhurst is a historic transit desert, and an out-of-use station is a painful reminder of how much there is to do to connect my neighbors to reliable, accessible public transit,” said State Senator Jessica Ramos. “Opening this station is going to relieve some of the pressure off our crowded streets and the 7 train. I’m grateful that Congresswoman Meng is taking this on and look forward to working with her and the MTA on getting this station operational.”

“Western Queens is among the fastest-growing areas of the country and desperately needs more, and better, transit options. Re-opening this Long Island Rail Road station will improve mobility

for those commuting and increase ease of access for people who want to explore all Elmhurst has to offer,” said Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris. “I’m glad to be working with Rep. Grace Meng to urge the MTA to make this important enhancement.”

“As the population in Queens continues to grow, it is extremely important that we provide these people with accessible modes of public transportation,” said New York State Senator Joe Addabbo. “I join my colleagues in government in calling on the MTA to consider reopening the Elmhurst LIRR station, which would service thousands of residents each day, and provide them with fast and reliable transit options to and from Manhattan and other areas of Queens.”

“Elmhurst has seen a steady increase in population growth, outpacing the rest of New York City. Our state must provide and accommodate the transportation needs that our neighbors deserve.”

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## 23 Reputed Gang Members Charged With Conspiracy to Commit Murder, Attempted Murder, Reckless Endangerment and Gun Possession



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, joined by Mayor Eric Adams and NYPD Commissioner Keechant L. Sewell, announced that a two-year investigation into gang violence in and around two Queens public housing developments led to the indictments of 23 alleged members of warring subsets of the Crips street gang, one based in the Astoria Houses, the other in the Woodside Houses. The defendants were variously charged with conspiracy, attempted murder, reckless endangerment and gun possession in connection with a number of violent incidents, including shootouts in broad daylight on busy streets.

District Attorney Katz said: “Warring gangs are not just a threat to themselves, but to all of us. The reckless criminality we saw during the course of this investigation is the kind of lawlessness that has killed law-abiding New Yorkers caught in the cross-fire of gang gun violence. I commend the NYPD’s Gun Violence Suppression Unit and my Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau for

their outstanding work over the course of this long investigation, and I thank them for the important work they do.”

New York City Mayor Adams said: “Since day one, public safety has been our administration’s top priority, and that’s why we have been working around the clock to stop gun violence and to keep guns and repeat offenders off our streets. This case is another victory in our work to remove New York’s most dangerous individuals from our communities. I applaud District Attorney Katz and the brave members of the NYPD for their tireless work bringing these 23 individuals to justice for carrying out these heinous acts that put the lives of New Yorkers, including children, at risk.”

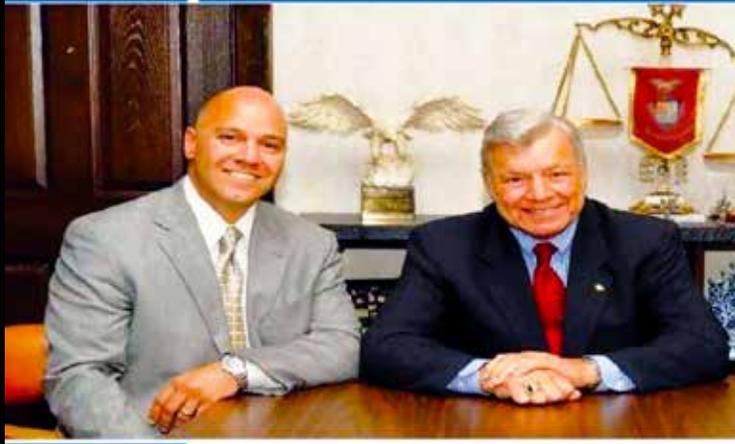
Police Commissioner Sewell said: “Today’s indictments mark the next phase of a nearly two-year long investigation – a case that took dozens of violent gang members off our streets. Their particular reign of retaliatory violence is over. But our work – the

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### NYC Health + Hospitals Announces New Initiative To Increase Physician Diversity

*MOSAIC, Medical Opportunities for Students and Aspiring Inclusive Clinicians, will work with students from middle school to graduate medical education, as well as attending physicians, to increase diversity in medicine*

NYC Health + Hospitals today announced a new initiative to encourage students, trainees and physicians from groups under-represented in medicine to join the system's medical workforce. The new physician diversity initiative, Medical Opportunities for Students and Aspiring Inclusive Clinicians (MOSAIC), will work with students ranging from middle school through graduate medical education, as well as attending physicians, to increase diversity in medicine. MOSAIC received \$500,000 from the health system's unrestricted philanthropic funds to support the initiative. MOSAIC just launched its Visiting Scholars Program, placing medical students from backgrounds under-represented in medicine in



**MOSAIC Visiting Scholar Rose Gedeon (middle row, right) and the team on her gastroenterology rotation at NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem, led by Chief of Gastroenterology Dr. Joan Culpepper-Morgan (front row, seated).**

clinical rotations at NYC Health + Hospitals facilities where they will gain experience in specialties ranging from emergency medicine to plastic surgery. The program will fund up to 10 scholars in its

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### NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst Acquires New Pharmacy Robot

NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst announced today that it has acquired the Parata Max 2 High-Speed, Vial Filling Robot to replace an outdated pharmacy system that had met the end of its useful life. The new robot, which costs \$175,500 and will fill approximately 266,000 prescriptions per year, is designed to improve safety, accuracy, and efficiency in disbursing medications through the use of better technology and automation.

"NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst is truly excited to acquire the Parata system and more efficient methods of filling prescriptions in our busy Outpatient Pharmacy," said NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst CEO Helen Arteaga Landaverde, MPH. "Acquiring this new pharmacy robot emphasizes our commitment to providing the highest quality care to our patients as well as our continuing efforts to embrace advanced technology so that our community has the care it needs and deserves."

"The Parata system uses state of the art technology that allows



**New state of the art machine will fill over 266,000 prescriptions per year and improve pharmacy workflow**

us to fill patient prescriptions using enhanced security measures as well as a more streamlined system for labeling, counting, dispensing, capping, and sorting medications," said NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst Director of Pharmacy Peter Barber, Pharm.D., R.Ph. "In addition, the new machine takes up half the space of

our old pharmacy robot, which will enhance the workflow experience for our Pharmacy Department team members."

For more information on programs and services at NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, please call 718 334-4000 or visit us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/ElmhurstHosp](http://www.facebook.com/ElmhurstHosp).

### CM Vickie Paladino Gets a Visit From WWII Veteran



Our Veteran Resource Center has brought so many amazing Veterans to Council Member Paladino's office. Last week, we welcomed



Alfred Driano, a World War II veteran who is 101 years old! He left us with an autographed photo

and a promise to come back next Wednesday for our next Veteran Resource Center day.

### City Mourns Fallen Hero



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

NYPD Police Officer Adeed Fayaz was laid to rest last week, as the city mourned the senseless loss of the 26-year-old hero who leaves behind a wife and two young children.

Once again, we must confront the connection between the easy availability of firearms and the inevitable tragedy that follows. As I recently pointed out, studies clearly show that where there are more guns, there are more gun deaths.

Our nation's gun plague be-

comes easier to understand when you consider there are now more guns in the United States than people. Statistics show there are 121 firearms in circulation for every 100 residents.

With there already having been nearly 60 mass shootings in the United States so far in 2023, we have to address this problem directly.

My top priority will always be keeping you and your loved ones safe.

In Friendship,

Melinda Katz,

Queens District Attorney

### New Year Celebration in Elmhurst With Congresswoman Grace Meng



The annual Lunar New Year celebration in Elmhurst with Congresswoman Grace Meng was a huge success! Thank you to our colleagues in government, Parks Commissioner, community organizations, and everyone who came out to celebrate the Year of the Rabbit. We're proud to bring our community together to celebrate this special holiday in our neighborhood park.

### Statement From Speaker Adams on NYC's Record-High Rents in January

"With rents now reaching record highs, the time to act with urgency to address this housing crisis through comprehensive solutions is now. We must prioritize the production and preservation of affordable housing, while addressing the backlogs in housing development caused by agency understaffing and underinvestment. These were all priorities outlined in my housing agenda released last December. The Council will continue to contribute to solving this crisis through the Land Use process,

legislative oversight, and my Fair Housing Framework that will establish local housing production targets for every district. There must be a focus on developing more housing in a responsible and equitable way, while deepening affordability, preserving and expanding homeownership, and protecting tenants. New Yorkers cannot afford inaction on these critical solutions, as the recent report that nearly 200,000 Black New Yorkers departed our city over the past two decades illustrated."

# IT'S IN QUEENS

## It's In Queens! (Feb. 17 to Feb. 23)

How do you have fun after the Super Bowl and Valentine's Day? Queens keeps up the pace with traditional Irish music, Himalayan festivals, theater competitions, aviation heroes, community theater, and Winter camp.

- Feb. 17, Love, Loss and What I Wore, Feb. 26. Douglaston Community Theatre presents monologues by five women who discuss accessories, clothes, shoes, and the ups and downs of their lives. Written by sisters Nora and Delia Ephron, topics include cancer, crime, divorce, losing a child, rape, and Madonna (naturally). Shows are at 8 pm on Feb. 17, Feb. 18, Feb. 24, and Feb. 25; and 2 pm on Feb. 18 and Feb. 26. Zion Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 243-20 Church St., Douglaston.

- Feb. 17, The Blarney Star Trad Series, 7 pm. Traditional Irish music with Dublin-born button accordionist James Keane, fiddler Sean Quinn, and pianist Brendan Dolan. Expect many stories about the Irish music scene on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- Feb. 18, Supreme Black History, 1 pm. Design a gavel and learn about Thurgood Marshall, the first Black Supreme Court Justice, and Ketanji Brown Jackson, the first Black woman Supreme Court Justice. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- Feb. 18, Hi-Def, 8 pm. This group combines dynamic singing, top-notch musicianship, and years of experience to provide a unique, interactive party experience. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.
- Feb. 18, Losar Fest, 10 am. This seven-hour celebration of Himalayan New Year includes circle dances, food, performances, and vendors. St. James Episcopal Parish House, 84-13 Broadway, Elmhurst.

- Feb. 19, Day of Remembrance, 3 pm. To remember the World War II Internment of Japanese Americans, artist Maya Jeffereis and other members of the Japanese American community lead a reading of Isamu Noguchi's essay I Become a Nisei, followed by a conversation. Admission is free all day. The Noguchi Museum, 09-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.

- Feb. 19, The Wrong Man, 2:30 pm. Queens Historical Society screens the 1956 Alfred Hitchcock classic The Wrong Man starring Henry Fonda, followed by a conversation. Fonda plays real life Jackson Heights resident Manny Balestrero, who was wrongfully arrested for robberies he never committed. Kingsland Homestead, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing.

- Feb. 19, Plant Press + Story Time, 11 am. Celebrate Black History Month with botanically themed crafts and story time. Learn about African American Botanist Percy H. Gentle and participate in a plant-pressing activ-



JCAL Bessie Coleman



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ity inspired by his work. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- Feb. 20, Ponyo, Feb. 26. This 2008 Japanese animation depicts Sosuke who lives in a cliffside house overlooking the sea. One morning, the five year old rescues Ponyo, a half-fish, half-human who later decides to become human. Wild storms flood the land, ancient fish appear in the sea, and magic overtakes the ordinary. Screenings are at 1 pm daily. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- Feb. 21, Queens Short Play Festival, March 25. Roughly 50 plays compete in a festival with prizes in various categories (i.e. best actor, best actress, best director). The audience helps select the winners. The Secret Theatre, 38-02 61th St., Woodside.

- Feb. 21, For the Birds, 1:30 pm. A family-friendly, hands-on workshop on birding and bird care with the Queens Bird Club. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- Feb. 21, Pickleball Round Robin, 9 am. Bring a partner and play five matches for a chance to win a prize. Levels run from advanced beginner through intermediate. Commonpoint Queens Tennis and Athletic Center, 79-20 Winchester Blvd., Queens Village.

- Feb. 22, Winter Camp, Feb. 24. Three days of art-making for children (ages 7-11) celebrating the artistic approaches of two currently exhibiting artists, Charisse Pearlina Weston and Xaviera Simmons. Noon to 3 pm on each day. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Feb. 23, Queen Bess: The Bessie Coleman Story, March 4. This production celebrates the life and career of Bessie Coleman, who was the first African American (and the first Native American)

to earn an international pilot's license. Shows are at 8 pm. Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, 161-04 Jamaica Ave.

- Feb. 23, Greeicy & Mike Bahía, 8 pm. Two of the world's most beloved Colombian stars bring their Amantes Tour to Queens. Expect such hits as "Att.: Amor," "Amantes," and "Te Creí." Colden Auditorium, Queens College, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.

- Feb. 23, Famous People From Queens, 7 pm. Author Rob MacKay presents on his new book Famous People From Queens. Historian Carl Ballenas joins the conversation. Kew and Willow Books, 81-63 Lefferts Blvd., Kew Gardens.
- Feb. 23, Mid-Winter Children's Festival, Feb. 24. This third annual festival offers two days of Irish dance, music, art, and fun. Children can take eight group workshops in various art forms. Both days run from 10 am to 4 pm. New York Irish Center, 10-40 Jackson Ave., Long Island City.

- Feb. 23, The Gift: Queens College Connects, May 25. Marvel at works from the Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Queens College Fashion and Textile Collection, Queens College Art Department, Louis Armstrong House Museum, Queens College Library, and Daghlian Collection of Chinese Art. Public reception on Feb. 23 from 6 to 8 pm. Godwin-Ternbach Museum, Queens College, 65-30 Kissena Blvd., 405 Klapper, Flushing.

- Feb. 23, A YA Novel for Black History Month, 6 pm. Amina Luqman-Dawson discusses Freewater, her Young Adult novel about two enslaved children who escape from a plantation and discover a clandestine maroon community. The online presentation is part of Queens Public Library's ongoing Literary Thursdays program.

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## NYC Health + Hospitals Announces New Initiative To Increase Physician Diversity

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first year and up to 30 scholars per year in subsequent years. The application to the Visiting Scholars Program is available online, and the deadline to apply is April 28.

“Health care is not only one of the largest and fastest growing industries in New York City, but an opportunity to support our future generations,” said New York City Mayor Eric Adams. “NYC Health + Hospitals’ new MOSAIC initiative will expose more young New Yorkers of color to working in health care and provide them access to mentorship from leaders in the field — paving the way for good, stable jobs and a bright future, while simultaneously giving New Yorkers access to doctors that have experienced many of the same issues they have had in the past.”

MOSAIC includes programs to train and hire future and existing doctors:

- Visiting Scholars Program: Medical students and residents will spend four to six weeks in clinical rotations, simulation and experiential training to refine their professional development skills, gain clinical exposure, and strengthen their commitment to serving vulnerable populations. Visiting Scholars will receive either a \$2,000 or \$3,000 stipend

(for a four- or six-week rotation) and a \$2,000 housing allowance for scholars visiting from outside the NYC metro area. MOSAIC will fund up to 10 scholars in the first year of the program and up to 30 scholars per year in subsequent years. Medical students and residents can apply here.

- Youth training: MOSAIC will partner with Mentoring in Medicine to provide underserved middle and high school students with training, mentorship, and Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) preparation to help expand the pool of students interested in going into careers in medicine.

- MOSAIC will partner with East Side House to help at-risk 16- to 24-year-old students train for careers in healthcare, including as a pharmacy technician, phlebotomist, home health aide, or nursing assistant.

- Recruitment: MOSAIC will create targeted recruitment and retention programs for attendings from groups under-represented in medicine to grow the diversity of NYC Health + Hospitals’ physician workforce.

Increasing the diversity of NYC Health + Hospitals’ physician workforce will likely have a significant impact on the System’s patients, the majority of whom are Black, Hispanic, and from other

historically marginalized groups. It has been consistently shown that when there is greater racial and ethnic provider diversity, patient compliance and satisfaction improve and clinical uncertainty and healthcare disparities are reduced. For example, a Stanford study found that Black men are almost 20% more likely to take preventive health measures recommended by Black physicians compared to white physicians. Leading medical groups, such as the National Academy of Medicine, have similarly concluded that increasing racial and ethnic diversity among physicians would markedly improve care, access, and life expectancy for minority populations.

MOSAIC defines groups under-represented in medicine as Black/African-American, Hispanic/Latinx, Native American/Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian. Individuals interested in applying to the Visiting Scholars Program must belong to one of these groups. In addition, medical students must be attending a U.S. accredited allopathic medical schools (a program that grants a Medical Degree) or osteopathic medical schools (a program that grants a Doctor of Osteopathy degree), and residents must be attending a residency program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.

## Queens Centers For Progress Presents The 27th Annual “Evening of Fine Food”

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ferent way — by cooking a family specialty!

QCP also will present the Claire Shulman Spirit of Community Award to Detective Tanya Duhaney, Community Affairs Bureau, NYPD South. Other special guests include writer and host Rick Bedrosian (I Could Eat), food writer, author and culinary tour guide Joe DiStefano (111 Places in Queens That You Must Not Miss), and Msgr. Jamie Gigantello (Breaking Bread).

The festivities will include an exceptional and engaging dining experience featuring culinary delicacies from the finest restaurants and beverage purveyors in the area. As guests mingle, they can sample gourmet foods, and enjoy the variety of beverages offered. They also can enjoy the smooth sounds of Jim Altamore, play Blackjack and Roulette at the Casino, plus guests can participate in the silent auction and take “selfies” in a Le Selfie photo booth.

“We are so excited to come together in person for an exciting ‘Evening of Fine Food!’” said QCP Director of Development Wendy Gennaro. “We are looking to outdo ourselves again this year and break another fundraising record! We are extremely grateful to our extraordinary Board of Directors, our many generous restaurants, our sponsors, and everyone who is ready to get out and have a good time for a great cause!”

Honoree and “Chef of the Year” Brett Swanson said, “I am so grateful to be chosen as a Chef of the Year and to support the mission of Queens Centers for Progress! Your work has changed

the lives of so many, and I am incredibly proud to be aligned with such an amazing group! Cheers to many more years to come. Bon appetit!”

Added honoree and “Chef of the Year” Frank Wu, “I am as excited to be as chef for the QCP Evening of Fine Food as I am to live in the world’s borough where every culture is represented by its cuisine.”

“Stop & Shop is thrilled to be recognized by Queens Centers for Progress and proud to employ hundreds of their clients,” said Maura O’Brien, External Communications & Community Relations Manager for Stop & Shop. “Since we serve the larger Queens community every day at our ten area stores, serving the QCP community the Evening of Fine Foods is right up our alley.”

Sponsors are: Veronica Tsang (Diamond Sponsor), as well as: Long Island Employee Benefits Services and Mutual of America (Golden Delight Sponsors); Gerald J. Caliendo Architects, Grubhub, Merritt Engineering Consulting, New York Community Bancorp, Inc., Queens College, Resorts World NYC, and Stop & Shop (Silver Spatula Sponsors); Champion Elevator, Corp., D & F Development Group, Maspeth Federal Savings, Mr. T Carting, QPTV, and TotalCareRX (Bronze Grill Sponsors); The Rotary Club of Flushing (Casino Sponsor); Ray-Block Stationary, TD Bank, and Zara Realty (Entertainment Sponsor); and, BDO, Koepfel Auto Group, Law Office of Donna Furey, and Raymond Chan Architects (Selfie Booth Sponsors).

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## Velázquez, Booker Introduce Bicameral Bills to Support Music Education For Underserved Students

Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) and Senator Cory Booker (D-NJ) introduced two pieces of legislation that aim to support and provide students with more access to music and arts in our schools. The first bill, the Music In Our Schools Month Resolution, would support music in schools by affirming the importance of music education, the benefits students receive from its instruction, and recognizing the hard work of music educators across the country. The second bill, the Guarantee Access to Arts and Music Education Act of 2023 (GAAME ACT), would further incentivize federal funds to be used to improve access to music and the arts for disadvantaged and low-income students, taught by certified arts and music educators.

“The role of music is crucial in providing students with a well-rounded education and should not be forgotten. We must ensure that students across the nation have equitable access to the arts,” said Congresswoman Velázquez. “I’m proud to have worked with Senator Booker to introduce these two pieces of legislation that would open doors for enriching music education in our nation’s schools and help to ensure that all children are exposed to the joy and benefits of learning music.”

“It is critical that every student across the US receive an inclusive and well-rounded education, including in arts and music,” said Senator Booker. “That is why I am proud to introduce this legislation with Representative Velázquez that will not only recognize the positive benefits music and arts have on children and also invest

in a comprehensive education for students from every background.”

The GAAME Act will amend the Elementary and Secondary School Act (ESEA) to encourage the use of Title I funds to:

1. Bolster the number of certified music and arts educators available.
2. Purchase equipment for music and arts courses (sheet music, instruments, etc.)
3. Provide further professional development for certified music and arts educators.
4. Improve access to sequential, standards-based arts and music education taught by certified educators.

“Music education is a crucial part of a well-rounded education that gives kids a strong foundation in many disciplines, shows them what is possible, and sparks joy. That is why the AFT recently launched a partnership to provide musical instruments to kids and school programs in need, and why we support Rep. Velázquez’s Guarantee Access to Arts and Music Education Act and the resolution designating March 2023 as Music in Our Schools Month. Providing our kids with access to a comprehensive education that lets them discover their strengths and explore the breadth of the world they live in helps to create a safe, welcoming environment. We would be remiss if we did not include music as part of a curriculum that encourages our kids to thrive.”

-Randi Weingarten, President, American Federation of Teachers  
“Education Through Music is a proud supporter of Congresswoman Velázquez’s resolution recognizing Music In Our Schools

Month. Music is a critical component of every student’s educational journey, and this resolution will highlight the incredible impact of music programs in our schools. ETM also fully supports the GAAME Act, which would further ETM’s mission of providing low-income students with a comprehensive music education experience.”

-Dr. Janice Weinman, Executive Director, Education Through Music

“Music in Our Schools Month is an important reminder for all of us that music isn’t an enrichment—it’s a critical brain nutrient to support whole-child development for all children and it should start at a birth. If we want stronger readers: we need more music education. If we want better mathematicians: we need more music education. If we want to build community to support inclusive social-emotional development (which we need now more than ever): we need more music education. Kindermusik is a proud NAFME partner, Music in Our Schools Month advocate, and endorser of Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez’s Guarantee Access to Arts and Music Education (GAAME) Act. Music in all schools, not some, should always be the goal.”

-Scott Kinsey, CEO, Kindermusik  
“Young Audiences Arts for Learning is proud to express its support for Music In Our Schools Month. In addition to being part of a well-rounded education, music in schools inspires learning across subject areas and expands students’ potential to see and make

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## Meng Renews Effort to Reopen LIRR Station in Elmhurst

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said Assemblyman Steven Raga. “I stand alongside my city, state, and federal government colleagues to call upon the MTA to consider re-opening the Long Island Rail Road station in Elmhurst, and to provide access and further mobility to thousands of commuters in our community.”

“Elmhurst is an historic, vibrant community of working-class immigrant families. This neighborhood continues to attract new New Yorkers from all over the world,

and re-opening the Long Island Rail Road station there will provide sorely-needed transit to serve them,” said Councilman Shekar Krishnan. “It is long overdue, and I urge the MTA to work with Congresswoman Meng and me to make this a reality.”

In 2013, the MTA/ Long Island Rail Road commissioned a survey on the potential reopening the station. The survey found that the station would generate roughly 1,700 peak period morning passengers and would average nearly 3,800 trips per day.



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meaningful connections in their classrooms and communities.”

- David A. Dik, National Executive Director, Young Audiences Arts for Learning

“State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education’s (SEADAE) vision is that all students gain artistic literacy and fluency through equitable access to quality, sequential, standards-based opportunities for arts learning. We are pleased to support the Guarantee Access to Arts and Music Education (GAAME) Act of 2023 as this legislation would strengthen the quality of arts education as included in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act by emphasizing sequential, standards-based arts learning and the importance of certified arts educators and community arts providers. Additionally, this legislation prioritizes the importance of school-wide access to music and arts learning aligned to challenging state standards. Additionally, SEADAE appreciates the emphasis on targeted assistance for arts education through providing programmatic assistance for students and certified arts educators, including investing in arts educator professional development as well as supplies and expenses which will undoubtedly improve equitable access to arts learning and strengthen the quality of arts programming for all students. SEADAE urges the 118th Congress to consider and pass this legislation without delay. State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education (SEADAE) is pleased to endorse the resolution expressing support for designation of March 2023 as Music in Our Schools Month. We believe all students should gain artistic literacy and fluency through equitable access to quality, sequential, standards-based opportunities for learning in the arts. Research consistently documents that participation in arts instruction in school promotes student engagement, as well as cognitive, social, and emotional development. Through participating in the arts, students also develop valuable skills that will help prepare them for career or post-secondary. Music in Our Schools Month helps states, districts, and schools recognize and showcase the incredible learning,

works, and talents of students and teachers. Additionally, this recognition strengthens positive community engagement with schools. SEADAE urges the 118th Congress to consider and adopt this resolution without delay.”

-Todd Shipley, President, State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education (SEADAE)

“The National Association for Music Education is proud to endorse the Guarantee Access to Arts and Music Education Act and the Music in Our Schools Month Resolution, introduced by Congresswoman Nydia Velazquez (NY-07) and Senator Corey Booker (NJ). As an association, we work towards a future where every child has the opportunity to achieve their creative and musical potential. The GAAME Act brings us closer to that future, by encouraging the use of Title-I funding by school districts for the improvement of access to, and quality of, sequential standards-based music education taught by certified educators. Additionally, we are proud to be working with these offices to introduce a Music In Our Schools Month Resolution. MIOSM is a wonderful opportunity for music educators to put a spotlight on their program and increase awareness around the benefits of music education. I can’t think of a better way to kick off the 38th annual MIOSM, than to federally recognize March as ‘Music In Our Schools Month!’”

-Scott Sheehan, President, National Association for Music Education

The GAAME Act is Cosponsored by: Brian Higgins, Paul Tonko, Sanford Bishop, Stephen F. Lynch, Bonnie Watson Coleman, James P. Coleman, Jerrold Nadler, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Deborah Ross, Jahana Hayes, David Scott, Jamaal Bowman, and Raúl Grijalva.

The Music In Our Schools Month Resolution is cosponsored by: Brian Higgins, Paul Tonko, Sanford Bishop, Stephen F. Lynch, Bonnie Watson Coleman, James P. Coleman, Jerrold Nadler, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Deborah Ross, Jahana Hayes, Dwight Evans, Jamaal Bowman, and Raúl Grijalva.

The following organizations support the GAAME Act: American Federation of Teachers, The American Orff-Schulwerk

Association, American String Teachers Association, Association for Popular Music Education, College Band Directors National Association, CMA Foundation, Drum Corps International, Education Through Music, Educational Theatre Association, Kindermusik International, Music Publishers Association of the United States, Music Teachers National Association, Music Travel Consultants, National Art Education Association, National Association for Music Education, National Association of Elementary School Principals, National Association of Music Merchants, National Association of Secondary School Principals, National Concerts, National Dance Education Organization, National Education Association, National Federation of State High School Associations, National Music Council, Nuvo Instrumental, Quadrant Research, Recording Academy, Rock and Soul Forever Foundation, Save the Music Foundation, State Education Agency Directors of Arts Education, Wurrly, LLC, Young Audiences Arts for Learning

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## CM Paladino Visits Creedmoor Site With the Transitional Services of New York

CM Paladino tours the supportive housing sites with Transitional Services for New York on the grounds of the Creedmoor Campus. We were joined by Sister Ruth who runs the College Point Street Outreach Program. My office connected Sister Ruth with TSINY as another resource she can use to help the homeless in our community. The possibilities to revitalize Creedmoor are endless. TSINY serves as a model of how to take existing buildings and turn them into beautiful, welcoming homes for those in need. We have a mental health and homeless crisis here in NYC. We need supportive services for people now!



## District Attorney Melinda Katz Receives Endorsements From RWDSU/UFCW Unions

*Katz’s support from the hard-working members of RWDSU & UFCW continues to showcase her diverse labor support*

Adding onto her already strong start toward reelection, District Attorney Melinda Katz today announced that she has received endorsements from RWDSU, Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW, RWDSU Local 1102, and UFCW Local 1500. Boasting over one hundred thousand members, these unions are comprised of diverse and hardworking individuals - who are endorsing District Attorney Katz because they know she will keep fighting to keep our working class safe.

“It is an honor to be endorsed by the hardworking men and women of RWDSU, Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW, RWDSU Local 1102, and UFCW Local 1500. These workers keep our stores, supermarkets, and everyday industries moving - especially during the difficult times brought on by the pandemic,” said District Attorney Melinda Katz. “Every day I work to keep them safe at home and at work - and with their partnership, I know we can keep doing that in Queens, together.”

“The hardworking men and women of the RWDSU demand qualified and responsible elected officials, and that is what District Attorney Melinda Katz has always been,” said RWDSU President Stuart Appelbaum. “During her tenure, DA Katz has been a consummate leader, striving to keep our members safe at home and when at work. We look forward to working with her for four more years.”

“The office of the District Attorney is more than a leader in law enforcement, but a voice for policies their community is seeking, and District Attorney Katz is that voice for those living and working in Queens,” said John Durso, President of Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW. “During her career in public service, Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW has had a

long working relationship with the District Attorney and over the years have seen first-hand how hard and how often she’s championed the cause of working people. Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW is proud to endorse DA Katz for re-election.”

“District Attorney Katz has served diligently over the last three years, keeping our communities safe and giving our stores the safety they need to thrive,” said RWDSU Local 1102 President Alvin Ramnarain. “Our members look forward to benefiting from District Attorney Katz’s leadership for four more years.”

United Food & Commercial Workers Local 1500 Executive Vice President and Recorder Joseph D. Waddy said, “We live in a critical moment where essential workers in Queens are standing up for their rights. We deserve a District Attorney who will protect these rights, and we have that in DA Melinda Katz.” The union’s Secretary-Treasurer, Aly Y. Waddy continued, “Queens County has turned a corner and become an example in public safety for essential workers - in no small part due to District Attorney Katz’s leadership.” UFCW Local 1500 President, Robert W. Newell, Jr. concluded, “UFCW Local 1500 endorses DA Katz for the work she does in the DA’s office and on the streets, and we look forward to working with her for another four years.”

Melinda Katz was elected District Attorney in 2019 and inaugurated in 2020. Despite taking office in the most turbulent of times, she’s provided a steady hand as she’s worked to keep Queens families safe and taken on crime head on. She’s led the effort to take illegal and ghost guns off the streets and held human traffickers and domestic abusers accountable. DA Katz launched Queens’ first-ever Conviction Integrity Unit to ensure justice for those wrongfully convicted. And she’s taken a community-first approach to public safety.

## 23 Reputed Gang Members Charged

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work of keeping people safe and free from fear in every New York City neighborhood - goes on. I thank and commend the members of the NYPD’s Gun Violence Suppression Unit and the Queens District Attorney’s Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau, as well as everyone else who worked on this critical case, for their remarkable dedication to our public safety.”

The joint investigation, called Operation AQtively Movin, was conducted by the Queens County District Attorney’s Office along with Detectives Gregory Perpall and Darren McFadzean, Sergeant Sandy Rodriguez and Lieutenant Jonathon Zocchia of the New York Police Department’s Violence

Reduction Task Force, under the supervision of Captain Ryan Gillis and Deputy Chief Jason Savino, Commanding Officer of the NYPD’s Gun Violence Suppression Division and under the overall supervision of Chief of Detectives James W. Essig.

Assistant District Attorneys Joanna Matusz and Andres Sanchez, of the District Attorney’s Violent Criminal Enterprises Bureau, are prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorneys Jonathan Sennett, Bureau Chief, Michelle Goldstein, Senior Deputy Bureau Chief, Philip Anderson and Barry Frankenstein, Deputy Chiefs under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney of Investigations Gerard Brave.



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Legal notice of formation of Bluejacket Strategies, LLC. Art. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 12/22/2022. Office loc: Queens County. Corporation Service Company is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served at 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 1/12,19,26,2/2,9&16/2023

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The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Diane Bell, 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

A copy of this citation and the accounting, as well as all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, Dominic Villoni, Esq.

Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Diane Bell, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of Rego Park Health Care, 112-26 Corona Avenue, Corona, NY 11368, 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 Diane Bell, 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 30th day of March, 2023 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 \$5,127.44 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.

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

\$1106(3); and why the claim of NYC Human Resources Administration in the amount of \$655,176.22 should not be partially paid to the extent of the net distributable estate

Dated, Attested and Sealed 25th day of January, 2022 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Janet Edwards Tucker Chief Clerk

GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200

Lake Success, New York 11042 NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR; HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IT WILL BE ASSUMED YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY APPEAR FOR YOU, AND YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THE FULL ACCOUNT FROM THE PETITIONER OR PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY

Accounting Citation Clare Warnock Gerard J. Sweeney, Esq. 1981 Marcus Avenue, Ste 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 PH: 718 459 9000 Direct Dial: 516 888 9433 FAX: 718 459 3163 2/2,9,16&23/2023

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TWINS 2588 LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/08/23. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 35-08 30th Avenue, 2nd Floor, Astoria, NY 11103. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 2/16,23,3/2,9,16&23/2023

AMERICAN BANGLADESHI COMMUNITY HUB LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/09/23. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Abul H Bhuiyan, 15626 95th Street, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 2/16,23,3/2,9,16&23/2023

APPLICATION TO DISPENSE WITH THE PRODUCTION OF A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE NO.: 2449777 OFFICE OF TITLES NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 81 OF THE REGISTRATION OF TITLES ACT (RTA)

WHEREAS the applicant(s) in the above stated application has/have declared that the following duplicate Certificate of Title cannot be produced for registration of a dealing and is not held as security or lien by any other person, I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I intend to dispense with the production of the duplicate Certificate of Title fourteen days after the last publication of this advertisement. Volume: 1269 Folio: 98 Lot: 119 Place: Number 3 Charlemont Drive Parish: St. Andrew Registered proprietor(s): Evon Elaine Jones

The following transactions were lodged with this application and will be registered pursuant to Section 81 of the RTA: Transfer 2449775 Mortgage 2449776 L. Dunbar Deputy Registrar of Titles 2/16/2023

Notice of Formation S Family Dream, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/7/23. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Luis Salazar, 7-28 124th St., College Point, NY 11356. Purpose: any lawful activity. 2/16,23,3/2,9,16,&23/2023

### Sikh Cultural Society



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz recently visited the Sikh Cultural Society in Richmond Hill with Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar. Community residents voiced a variety of concerns, including about the issue of domestic violence. If you are

a victim of domestic violence, or know someone who is, do not hesitate to call my office's 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline, at (718) 284-4410. You can get help on a variety of other issues from my Office of Immigrant Affairs, at (718) 286-6690.

### Sunnyside Senior Center Elder Justice Program



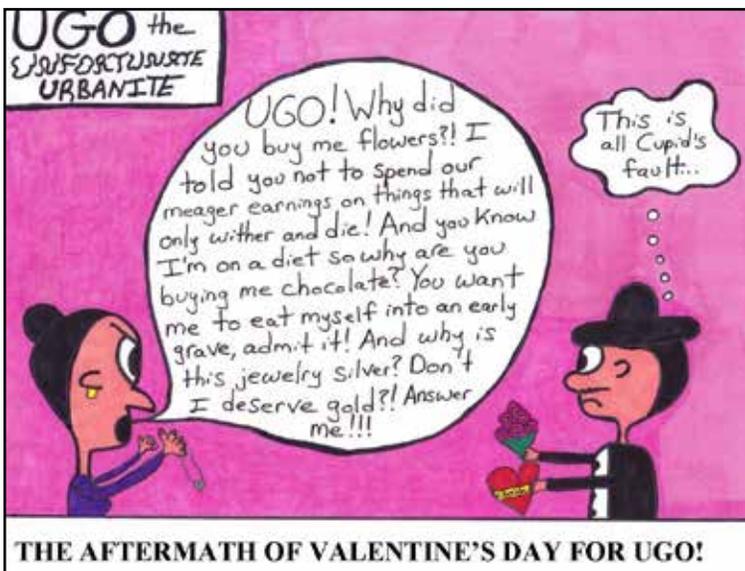
The Sunnyside Senior Center recently launched an Elder Justice Program with the help of the Queens District Attorneys Office's Elder Abuse Project. The Elder Justice Program provides

direct services, crisis intervention and counseling. If you or a senior citizen you know have been targeted by scammers, contact my Elder Fraud Unit, at (718) 286-6578.

### Rozic Visits Briarwood Branch of Queens Public Library



Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF-Fresh Meadows) met with Queens Public Library leadership at the Briarwood branch to discuss how they can work together to improve the library. Briarwood is a new addition to the 25th Assembly District which Rozic now represents following redistricting. Rozic is photographed here with Susan Paredes, Community Library Manager, and Nick Buron, Chief Librarian (left to right).



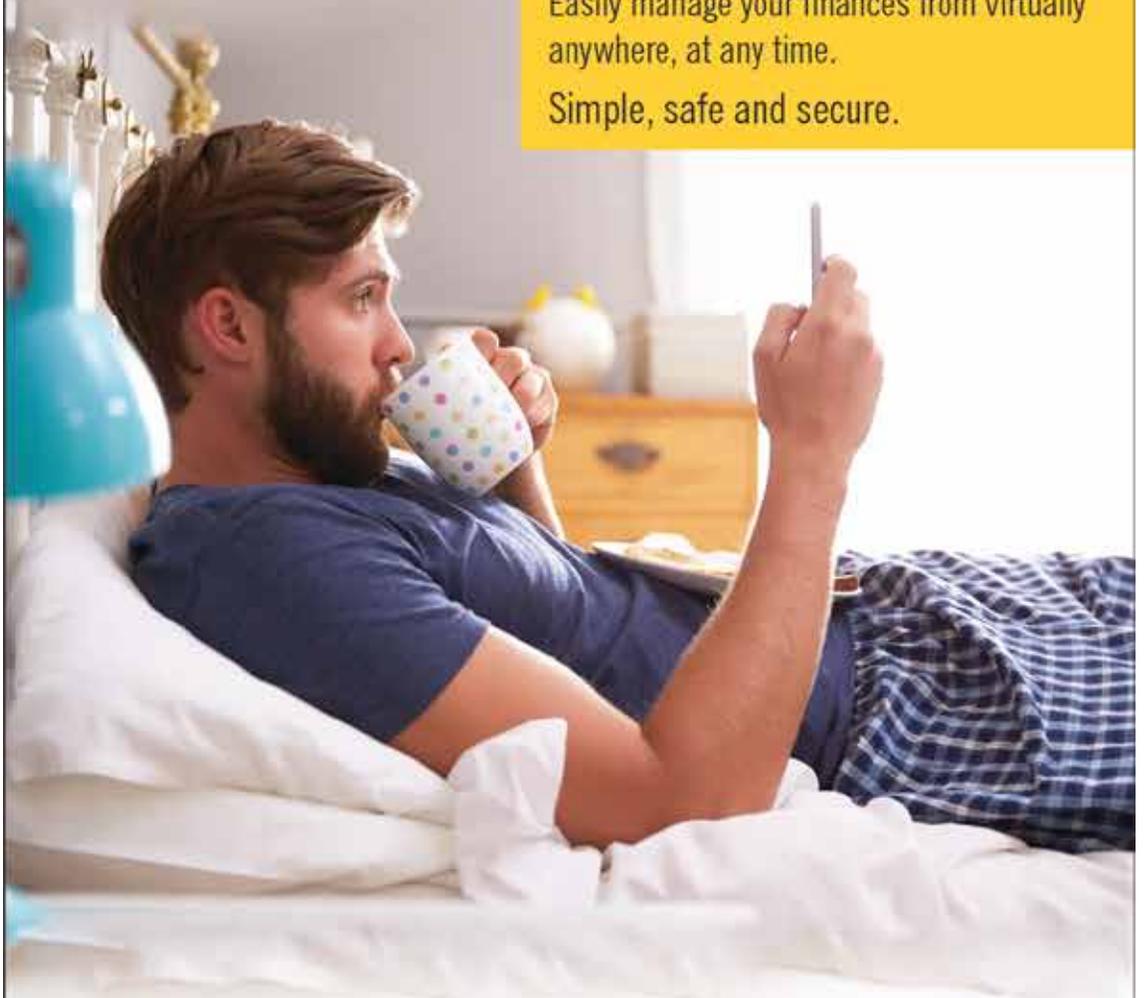
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