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Notre Dame Catholic Academy Welcomes Councilman Robert Holden As Special Guest Teacher



The third-grade students at Notre Dame Catholic Academy last week welcomed City Councilman Robert Holden (D-30th District), to their class as a special guest teacher, who presented a civics lesson detailing the role of a City Councilmember and the branches of government. Prior to his election to the City Council, Councilman Holden was a college professor.

Councilman Holden and the students also discussed a number of issues in the neighborhood, including loud music and noise emanating from cars, and a re-

quest from one student for a speed bump to help calm traffic on a street in the community. The class presented Councilman Holden with artwork at the conclusion of his visit.

It was a pleasure hosting Councilman Holden at Notre Dame Catholic academy. The students were so engaged and loved learning from him as well as speaking to him. This was a great way to make government real and attainable in the eyes of third graders," said Principal Jennifer DiLorenzo.

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Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America & NYPD Annual Petrosino Memorial Ceremony



At Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino grave site, Calvary Cemetery in Queens, NY, the Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America members, family and dignitaries are standing next to the Petrosino Monument where a wreath was placed by NYPD in memory of him. Pictured (l to r) are the Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America members Stefano Santoro, Josephine Maietta, Chairman James Lisa, representing NYS Gov Kathy Hochul the Director of Italian Affairs Thomas Scarangelo, Deputy Consul General of Italy Cesare Bieller, Joseph and Peggy Petrosino and their son Det. Joseph Petrosino, Vinny LeVien, President Robert Fonti, Jerry D'Amato and Cav Uff. Dr. Joseph Scelsa. Photo by Walter Karling. See other photo on page 6.

Relief Sent to Poland For Ukrainian Refugees



Councilmen Jim Gennaro, left, and Bob Holden have been spearheading a massive collection effort by city lawmakers. Tony Di Piazza, President of the Federazione Italo-Americana di Brooklyn and Queens, is at the podium detailing the relief effort that has collected food, clothing and personal care items for Ukrainian refugees who have fled to Poland. Photo by Michael Shain. See story on page 2.

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Announcing Queens Rising

Multi-disciplinary arts celebration highlighting the borough's culture and creative diversity scheduled for June 2022

Northwell Health signs on as Inaugural Lead Sponsor

Queens Rising is a month-long, multi-disciplinary arts celebration created to highlight the borough's culture and creative diversity. Scheduled throughout June of 2022, Queens Rising will partner with the many arts organizations, multi-purpose venues and galleries in Queens to present dozens of performances, exhibitions and cultural events that showcase the borough's artistic and cultural communities.

This initiative arose from an Arts Advisory Board meeting of the Kupferberg Center for the Arts, where leading individuals representing various Queens-based arts and culture organizations gathered to form a Planning Committee. The larger Queens artistic and cultural community were invited to join various Working Groups to help with Queens Rising's programming, operations, marketing, and fundraising.

Queens Rising has mobilized the borough's artistic community to collaborate and create an opportunity to highlight and promote all the incredible people who contribute to the vibrant culture and essence of Queens neighborhoods.

Participating organizations will present work that highlights the immense variety of traditions and cultural expressions that make Queens one of the most diverse regions in the world, a borough whose resiliency and strength will overcome any present—or future—challenges. While Queens Rising's core programming will take place within Queens, the celebration will be extended throughout New York City, with arts and cultural institutions in other boroughs showcasing Queens-based artists and organizations.

"As the most diverse place on

the planet, Queens is rich with an arts and culture community that reflects that diversity and its unmatched beauty. I'm thrilled Queens Rising will kick-off in the summertime to welcome visitors to the World's Borough," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "Now more than ever, it's important to showcase the resilience and creativity of our artists and cultural

Institutions — because even in the darkest days of the pandemic, culture never closed — as we work to rebuild our economy and come back stronger."

"As a community hospital that not only serves the health care needs of Queens but also draws the majority of our staff from within the diverse neighborhoods that make up our borough, LIJ Forest Hills is Queens," said Lorraine Chambers Lewis, PA, Executive Director of Long Island Jewish Forest Hills, part of Northwell Health. "We were at the epicenter of COVID, and came through it with the help of our community more resilient than ever. That's why we're so thrilled to be part of Queens Rising NYC to celebrate the rich tapestry of arts, culinary and creative communities that make our borough so unique."

Karesia Batan of the Queensboro Dance Festival added, "We're excited to be part of this multidisciplinary initiative to celebrate all of Queens together. We envision this to be an unprecedented way that large and small arts groups in our borough work together, and that Queens Rising will be wonderful visibility for the many unsung cultures and stories of our artists here will be accessible for everyone to experience."

Leonard Jacobs of Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning quotes, "Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning was honored to be among the organizations involved in the Queens Rising initiative from the moment of its inception—and we couldn't be prouder of what it represents to the arts, entertainment and cul-

ture sector. Because it is a fact: Queens is rising. Collectively and individually, we're giving the long-overdue recognition that our borough, dynamic and diverse, absolutely deserves."

Current collaborators include: A Better Jamaica | Allure Art Studio | APAC | Art House Astoria | Astoria Park Alliance | Bowne House Historical Society | Center for the Women of New York | The Chocolate Factory | The Church-in-the-Gardens | Culture Lab LIC | Dance Entropy/Green Space | Dancing Classrooms | Fitzgerald-Art | Flushing Town Hall | Forest Hills Choir | Glow Community Center | The Godwin-Ternbach Museum | Greater Astoria Historical Society | Indo-American Arts and Cultural Forum | Jamaica Center for Arts and Learning | King Manor Museum | Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York, Inc.

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Relief Sent to Poland For Ukrainian Refugees

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According to Councilmen Bob Holden (D-Middle Village) and Jim Gennaro (D-Kew Gardens Hills) several Queens Council members over the last two weeks used their district offices as Ukrainian donation centers. Those Council member included Francisco Moya (D-Corona), Vickie Paladino (R-Whitestone), Selvena Brooks-Powers (D-Laurelton), Linda Lee (D-Oakland Gardens), Nantasha Williams

(D-St. Albans) and Sandra Ung (D-Flushing).

In addition to the Council members Tony Di Piazza, owner of Fosdick Realty in Ridgewood, a longtime community leader and president of Federazione Italo-Americana di Brooklyn and Queens, in addition to leaders of other groups had pledged \$100,000 to relieve what has become the worst refugee crisis in Europe since the end of World War II.

On Fresh Pond Road two

U-Haul trucks filled up quickly with food, bags of donated clothing, tents, bedding, dog food and toiletries. The goods are bound for Poland to help the hundreds of thousands of mostly women and children who are pouring over the border rapidly from war torn Ukraine. The supplies will be flown to Finland this week, then trucked to Warsaw for distribution to the border areas, Di Piazza said. If all goes according to plan, "they should be there by the end of next week".

AG James Applauds New Laws to Combat Sexual Harassment

New York Attorney General Letitia James released the following statement applauding new laws signed today to combat sexual harassment in New York:

"Sexual harassment is pervasive, corrosive, and has been a silent barrier for women in the workplace for far too long.

Today is an important day in our collective efforts to combat sexual harassment, and I am grateful to Governor Hochul and the legislative sponsors for their work on these issues. Most importantly, I am grateful to the advocates who shined a light in the dark corners of our society

and fought tirelessly to make these critical protections a reality. Every workplace should be safe from harassment or abuse, and these new laws will go a long way towards ensuring we have the proper tools to protect people from harassment and retaliation."

Attorney General James Secures Over \$2 Million For Consumers Deceived by Energy Service Company

Consumers Deceived by Energy Service Company Family Energy Overcharged New Yorkers and Switched Consumers' Energy Service Provider Without Their Consent

New York Attorney General Letitia James secured \$2.15 million in restitution from an energy services company, Family Energy, for deceiving and misleading thousands of New Yorkers across the state. An investigation by the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) found that Family Energy's dishonest business practices resulted in New York consumers paying more for their gas and electric services — sometimes hundreds of dollars more per year — than they would have paid to their utilities. As a result of Attorney General James' agreement, Family Energy is required to stop its deceptive practices.

"Family Energy used deception to fool countless New Yorkers," said Attorney General James. "My office has zero tolerance for deceptive and unlawful practices by energy service companies that hurt New Yorkers. Utility companies have a duty to be honest and accurate and we are committed to holding them to that standard. Today's actions should send a clear message to all energy service companies: if you don't follow the law, expect to hear from my office."

Family Energy is an energy services company that offers electric and gas products throughout the state. An OAG investigation found that it lured consumers with false promises of savings, and then charged them significant early termination fees when they tried to get out of their contracts. Many consumers did not even realize they had been enrolled with Family Energy, since sales representatives falsely claimed to represent the consumers' utility and even enrolled consumers without their consent. Hundreds of consumers complained about Family Energy's practices to the New York Public Service Commission (PSC). In fact, Family Energy had the highest volume of PSC complaints in both 2020 and 2021.

As a result of OAG's agreement with Family Energy, the company

is required to pay \$2,150,000 in restitution to impacted consumers. In addition, Family Energy is required to take measures to prevent deceptive practices in the future, including adequate training of customer service representatives, recording telephone communications between customers and sales representatives that result in a sale, refraining from misleading marketing and advertising that implies savings, regularly monitoring sales calls, and implementing appropriate disciplinary procedures for violations of the law.

New Yorkers who bought electricity from Family Energy may be eligible for a refund if they were subject to certain deceptive practices. New Yorkers can submit a complaint online or call (800) 771-7755 to receive a complaint form by mail and return it to the Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau at 28 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10005.

When purchasing gas and electricity, consumers have two choices: 1) buy directly from a utility company or 2) contract the purchase through an energy services company (ESCO) that purchases energy on the open market and then sells that energy to consumers. Because ESCOs buy the electricity and gas they supply to their customers from the same sources as the utility companies, there is no qualitative difference between the electricity and gas supplied by ESCOs and utilities. The PSC has recognized problems with the ESCO industry and has adopted regulations that restrict the kinds of plans ESCOs can offer to residential and small business consumers. In addition to guaranteed savings products, ESCOs can offer green products or fixed rate products that do not provide savings over utility rates.

The agreement with Family Energy is part of OAG's long-standing, ongoing investigation of ESCOs. Investigations into this industry have resulted in ESCOs paying millions of dollars in restitution and penalties. Over the last five years, OAG has recovered nearly \$7 million in settlements from five ESCOs.

Consumers can protect themselves from unscrupulous ESCOs by remembering the following

tips:

- If you receive an offer for energy services, make sure you understand whether the offer is from your utility or an ESCO.
- You do not have to choose an ESCO to supply your gas or electricity. You may choose to use your utility as your direct supplier.
- Make sure you understand whether an ESCO contract involves an early termination fee and, if so, the fee amount and the length of your contract commitment.
- Before accepting any offer, ask the ESCO to show you how its rates have compared with your utility's rates during each month in the past year. This can help you judge how competitive the ESCO's rates may be in the future.
- Remember that you have the right to cancel an ESCO contract with no obligation within three days if you change your mind.
- If you are uncomfortable with how a marketer behaves, end the conversation with a request to look over their offer in writing so you can get back to them when you have made a decision free of any pressure.
- If you receive a notice that your service is being switched to an ESCO and you did not authorize the switch, contact the utility and the ESCO immediately to tell them to halt the switch. If you are unable to get an ESCO switch cancelled, contact PSC at 1-888-697-7728.

The Family Energy investigation was handled by Assistant Attorneys General Kate Matuschak and Stewart Dearing of the Bureau of Consumer Frauds and Protection, all under the supervision of Deputy Bureau Chief Laura J. Levine and Bureau Chief Jane M. Azia, with assistance from Data Analyst Anushua Choudhury in the Research and Analytics Department. The Research and Analytics Department is led by Deputy Director Megan Thorsfeldt and Director Jonathan Werberg. The Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau is part of the Division of Economic Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Chris D'Angelo and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Meng & Ocasio-Cortez Help Secure Visa For Son of Asian Woman Who Died After Being Attacked With a Rock in Queens

GuiYing Ma passed away last month from the assault; visa will allow her son to travel to NYC to attend her funeral

U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (D-Queens) and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-Queens/Bronx) announced today that they helped secure a visa for the son of GuiYing Ma, the Queens resident who died last month after she was attacked in November while sweeping the sidewalk next to her home.

The two lawmakers helped obtain the visa for Yang Gao so that he can come to the U.S. from China to attend his mother's funeral later this month. The exact date is still to be confirmed.

Ma, 62, died on February 22. She was struck in the head with a rock on November 26 while

she was sweeping and had been at Elmhurst Hospital since the assault took place. She died just weeks after waking up from a coma. The suspect was arrested and indicted for the crime.

Meng joined Ma's husband, Zhanxin Gao, and the family's pro bono attorneys on March 1 to announce her death, and also called for continued efforts to combat the rise in anti-Asian hate and violence.

"We continue to be devastated over the passing of GuiYing Ma and our thoughts remain with her loved ones as they mourn her loss," said Meng. "We thank the

U.S. State Department for working with us and facilitating her son's visa so that he can be with his father at this difficult time, and provide the emotional and physical support that is needed. Unfortunately, there are no words that can ease the pain they are experiencing. But we will continue to be here for them, and assist with any other needs that may arise."

The son's visa application, which was for a non-immigrant visa, was approved today after Meng and Ocasio-Cortez recently intervened with the State Department.

Notre Dame Catholic Academy Welcomes Councilman Robert Holden As Special Guest Teacher

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"I was happy to visit the third-grade class at Notre Dame Catholic Academy of Ridgewood. We discussed local government, including the checks and balances of City Hall.]These young students were very impressive and asked smart questions. Some even gave advice on how to deal with loud music and noise. Their teachers and parents are clearly doing a great job," said Councilman Robert Holden.

"There is no better way to learn about our local government than from our Councilman Bob Holden. He spoke about his role and how students could make a difference in our community. They could come up with laws that could potentially get somewhere and make a difference," said Adriana Livreri, the third-grade teacher.

Notre Dame Catholic Academy is located at 62-22 61st Street in the Ridgewood section of Queens.

Senator John Liu Statement on D)E's Announcement on High School Admissions

State Senator John C. Liu, chairperson of the Senate Committee on NYC Education, stated the following about this afternoon's Department of Education announcement about High School admissions.

"Chancellor Banks rightly notes that the admissions process this year is rife with uncertainty, confusion and anxiety. Unfor-

tunately, he wrongly decides to uphold that system, only adding to the frustration and disappointment of parents and students who were hoping to apply to their high school of choice based on their pursuit of excellence. Instead, the Chancellor has taken the easy way out without making these schools better for anyone."

AG James Recovers \$130,000 in Stolen Wages For Unpaid Building Superintendents in Queens

Sanford Apt. Corp Failed to Provide Live-In Superintendents with Any Wages

New York Attorney General Letitia James has continued her efforts to crack down on wage theft by securing an agreement with Sanford Apt. Corp (Sanford), a cooperative residential apartment building in Flushing, Queens that refused to pay its superintendents for their work. Attorney General James' investigation revealed that Sanford knowingly and intentionally failed to pay two consecutive superintendents who worked in the building. Instead of fair compensation, Sanford offered the superintendents a rent-free apartment to live in for the duration of their employment. The agreement requires Sanford to pay the \$130,000 in cheated wages plus interest that is owed to the two employees.

"Fair pay is both a legal and a moral obligation — it is not a suggestion," said Attorney General James. "By refusing to provide its employees with wages, Sanford violated the law and took advantage of hard-working New Yorkers. These individuals are finally receiving the money and the justice they've long been due. Every single worker has a right to be compensated fairly for their labor, and any employer that attempts to deny the rights of their workers will be met with the full force of my office and the law."

Attorney General James first launched an investigation into Sanford following a complaint to the Office of the Attorney General's (OAG) hotline in November 2020. The investigation revealed that Sanford had explicitly refused to provide wages to its superintendents that had been employed with the company for less than two years. Instead, Sanford established that the rent-free apartment

granted to all superintendents would be the only compensation they would receive. Sanford's actions violated the Minimum Wage Order and New York labor laws, which require all employers to pay covered employees the applicable minimum wage.

The agreement negotiated by Attorney General James ensures the two superintendents are repaid every dollar they are owed for their work at Sanford. Based on the minimum wage laid out in the Wage Order, Sanford owes one worker \$39,944.57 in wages plus \$9,613.68 in interest and owes the second worker \$38,602.29 in wages plus \$15,660.40 in interest. Sanford must also provide \$26,179.06 in liquidated damages to the two superintendents impacted by the underpayment. \$75,000 is being distributed to the workers in the coming days, with the remaining \$58,300.02 to be paid in six equal installments every two months starting in June of 2022, and the final payment in April 2023.

As part of the agreement, Sanford must also adhere to all federal, state, and local laws and submit biannual compliance reports to OAG. If Sanford fails to comply with the terms of the agreement or fails to provide the superintendents the compensation required, OAG reserves the right to bring civil action against Sanford.

"Every worker should know they are entitled to fair and just wages under New York's labor laws, and today's recovery is well-deserved justice for these superintendents," said State Senator John Liu. "Many thanks to Attorney General Letitia James for her steadfast commitment to fighting for our most vulnerable, and we encourage anyone who believes they may have suffered wage theft

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Lawmakers Call For Hurricane Ida Relief Fund to be Included in The State Budget

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D-WF-Fresh Meadows), Assemblywoman Gina L. Sillitti (D-Great Neck) and Assemblywoman Jessica González-Rojas (D-Jackson Heights) are announcing that the New York State Assembly will include \$50 million in funding in its Budget Resolution for homeowners impacted by catastrophic Hurricane Ida in September 2021. The lawmakers are calling for this funding to be allocated in the New York State Budget set to pass in April.

"The aftermath of Hurricane Ida caused severe damage to our city including parts of my district. Many of our most vulnerable communities were disproportionately impacted and continue to suffer as a result. I'm urging the Governor and my colleagues in the Assembly and Senate to include Ida relief funding in this year's budget to fill the resource gap left by other recovery efforts. New Yorkers want to rebuild what they've lost due to the storm and have exhausted whatever help was available to them. This aid will allow families to do just that," said Assemblymember González-Rojas.

"The damage caused by Hurricane Ida to Queens homeowners has been devastating," said Assemblywoman Rozic. "Families lost thousands of dollars worth in appliances, furniture, and damage to their property. We must provide critical relief for homeowners and immediate support for our small businesses as they

rebuild and recover from this season's devastating flooding."

"Many New Yorkers are still feeling the effects of Hurricane Ida all these months later, and a huge reason why is that they have not fully received the help they need to recover," said Assemblywoman Sillitti. "The state needs to include funding for these residents' recovery in the upcoming budget. Our neighbors need their government's assistance and I am determined to make sure that they receive the resources they need to bounce back from this substantial hardship. I will do everything I can to advocate for them in Albany."

State Senator John C. Liu said, "Unfortunately, too many Hurricane Ida victims are still trying to get back on their feet after suffering from significant property damage, often jumping through hoops with FEMA and insurance companies only to get nothing, nada, zip. A state fund could finally provide some measure of relief while we look to address systemic climate change and shortfalls in our infrastructure. The tragic deaths and destruction that occurred here in Flushing and around our city demand nothing less than our full attention, and we now look to the state to step up and provide this desperately needed relief that will help victims on their pathway toward recovery."

"The devastation left by Hurricane Ida is immeasurable. The loss of lives and damage to homes

has left community members without answers, especially in immigrant communities whom are most likely to be living in basements. We want to acknowledge that the majority of community members who lost their lives are from the AAPI community. We stand with AM Rozic to advocate for funding for our neighbors hardest hit by Hurricane Ida," said Wayne Ho, President and CEO of the Chinese-American Planning Council.

The new funding in the Assembly One-House Budget Resolution follows a letter from lawmakers requesting the inclusion of a fund to provide financial relief in the State Budget for those impacted by Hurricane Ida. The Assembly is expected to vote on the resolution early next week, but the measure will have to be passed in the state's final budget in April. The full letter is below.

Shortly after Hurricane Ida, Governor Kathy Hochul and the Mayor's announced funding for undocumented community members who were impacted by Hurricane Ida but not eligible for FEMA assistance. These grants, distributed by eight community-based organizations including Chinese-American Planning Council and the Minkwon Center, are still available. Families are encouraged to apply by April 29th.

In 2017, a similar fund for disaster relief was created for Lake Ontario homeowners impacted by flooding.

Joint Statement by City Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams And Finance Committee Chair Justin L. Brannan

"The one-house budgets from the Senate and Assembly move us closer to a final state budget that invests in strengthening New York's communities to make them healthier and safer. We thank Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Heastie, and members in both houses for their leadership, providing critical attention to New York City as part of their efforts to advance investments for our entire state.

We are particularly grateful for the attention to long-standing and significant cuts that New York City has faced in the state budget, including for the Close to Home program, Raise the Age, and preventive services, between their respective resolutions. The elimination of the sales tax intercept that has reduced City tax revenue without providing aid to our city's hospital is critical, and would provide \$1 billion for assistance to financially distressed

or safety net hospitals.

The recognition that we need to grow universal child care, invest in our schools and a New Deal for CUNY, while expanding mental health care, violence prevention, and housing stability, demonstrates a shared vision by New York's leaders. We look forward to continuing our work with the Senate, Assembly and Governor to ensure the state budget meets the needs of our residents in New York City."

Queens Theatre to Present Queens Zoo-Like Children's Plays

Queens Theatre is open for business and ready to present family-friendly programs for the next months.

Lightwire Theatre will perform *The Adventures of Tortoise and Hare: The Next Gen* there on Sunday, March 27, at 1 pm and again at 4 pm.

The play begins 10 years after the classic Aesop fairy tale. The Tortoise and the Hare have children of their own now, and they're dealing with modern day distractions such as smart phones and video games. Tortoise Junior and Lil' Hare get involved in a new kind of race that leads them into unexpected territory. Old Man Tortoise and Big Daddy Hare must come together to find and save their children despite their differences.

Next up is *The Pout Pout Fish* on Sunday, April 3, at 1 pm and



again at 3 pm.

TheaterWorks USA offers this musical adaptation of Deborah Diesen's book with live performers and the puppeteers of Acheson Walsh Studios, whose work was

featured in Broadway's "The King And I" and Radio City Music Hall's "New York Spectacular."

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to contact the authorities."

"I have personally spoken to the attorney general about the need to crack down on wage theft and I am thankful she continues to take these cases seriously," said State Assemblymember Ron Kim. "This is a great win for the superintendents, and I look forward to continuing our collective work to enforce our state's laws to protect workers."

"Sanford Apt. Corp likely took advantage of a tight housing market and high rents in Downtown Flushing to convince these two superintendents they should be satisfied with a rent-free apartment in exchange for their labor. Ultimately, these two workers were cheated out of the fair compensation they were entitled to

under state labor laws," said New York City Council Member Sandra Ung. "I want to thank Attorney General Letitia James and her office for securing back wages for these two employees. This should send a message to other building operators in Flushing that if they try to cheat their workers out of fair wages, there will be consequences."

This matter is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Nina Sas, Criminal Enforcement Section Chief Richard Balletta, and Deputy Bureau Chief Julie Ulmet of the Labor Bureau. The Labor Bureau is led by Bureau Chief Karen Cacace, and is a part of the Division for Social Justice, which is led by Chief Deputy Attorney General Meghan Faux and overseen by First Deputy Attorney General Jennifer Levy.

Gillibrand Announces Unanimous Senate Passage of The Sunshine Protection Act to Make Daylight Saving Time Permanent

Gillibrand: "The Senate Has Passed This Commonsense Bill. Now It's Time For The House To Spring Forward So We No Longer Fall Back on This Tired Tradition."

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is announcing the Senate's unanimous passage of the Sunshine Protection Act. This bill would make daylight saving time permanent and is now headed for a vote in the House of Representatives. While Congress is following several states' lead – over the past four years, 18 states have enacted legislation or passed resolutions

to provide for permanent daylight saving time – it must act before the states can adopt the change.

"Americans changed their clocks at 2 AM this Sunday, and hopefully the sun is setting on this dated practice. There should be no daylight between the House and Senate on this issue," said Senator Gillibrand. "Times have changed, and this commonsense legislation will end a disorienting and tired tradition. Making daylight saving time permanent could help reduce energy costs and seasonal depression, and I encourage the House to pass this bill before the clock runs out."

Assemblyman William Colton Celebrates International Women's Day With a Local Womens' Award Event

Assemblyman William Colton (D – Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) reminds us that International Women's Month is a worldwide celebration that recognizes women today around the world. It has been observed since the early 1900s and now is recognized each year during the month of March.

"Women play an inspiring role in our society, and we must recognize the ones that are going above and beyond to create a better and brighter future for the next

generation. Many women these days raise a family and have a job, which is not easy. Our children must learn how important the role of a woman is," Colton stated.

"For many years my office has been recognizing a number of distinguished women in our neighborhood. It has become a tradition and this year once again we will be honoring many great women for their achievements on Sunday, March 27th, 2022, at 1:00 pm, at 29 Bay 25th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11214," Colton said.



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For Entertainment Purposes Only

ARIES
 (March 21 - April 20)
 Your ideas can be put into action. Don't divulge secret information. You may find that purchases or entertainment could be expensive. Your lucky numbers are: 4,5,6

LIBRA
 (September 24 - October 23)
 You like to stay busy and now is your chance to do just that. In sincere gestures of friendliness are likely to occur. Your lucky numbers are: 3,7,9

TAURUS
 (April 21 - May 21)
 Be discreet about your personal life or whereabouts. Be mysterious. You will be in the mood for entertainment. Try not to be too lavish with your lover. Your lucky numbers are: 3,5,7

SCORPIO
 (October 24 - November 22)
 Travel opportunities must be taken advantage of. You may find that purchases or entertainment could be expensive. Your lucky numbers are: 3,6,8

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Get busy trying to make more money. Your ability to be a self-starter will help get things done and motivate others. Your lucky numbers are: 3,7,8

SAGITTARIUS
 (November 23 - December 21)
 You'll be dropping friends for no apparent reason. You need to make changes that will raise your self-esteem, such as a new hairstyle or a new image. Your lucky numbers are: 4,3,8

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Travel will lead you in new directions. Romance is likely if you participate in unusual forms of entertainment. Your lucky numbers are: 3,5,4

CAPRICORN
 (December 22 - January 20)
 Do not borrow or lend money or belongings to friends or relatives if you wish to avoid any hassles. Your lucky numbers are: 3,5,9

LEO
 (July 23 - August 22)
 You are best to avoid such unsavory circumstances, especially if you're in a group situation. Don't trust a deal that looks too good. Your lucky numbers are: 3,5,6

AQUARIUS
 (January 21 - February 19)
 Travel will turn out to be far more exciting than you imagined. Creative pursuits should payoff. You can make new connections through friends or relatives. Your lucky numbers are: 1,2,3

VIRGO
 (August 23 - September 23)
 Concentrate on yourself or your work. A trip to visit relatives should be rewarding. You may need the space, but you need the extra cash more. Your lucky numbers are: 8,1,9

PISCES
 (February 20 - March 20)
 Your sensitive, affectionate nature will capture the heart of anyone you are attracted to. Your boss won't be too thrilled if you leave things unfinished. Your lucky numbers are: 2,5,9

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- Magic
- Muggles
- Quidditch
- Rowling
- Secret
- Snap
- Sorting Hat
- Spell
- Voldemort
- Wand
- Witch
- Wizard

Did You Know?

- New York was once called New Amsterdam
- There is 200 times more gold in the world's oceans than has been mined
- Brazil got its name from the Brazilian nut (not the other way around)
- The moon orbits the Earth every 27.32 days
- More than 75% of all countries are north of the equator
- 2 million hydrogen atoms would be required to cover a full stop (.)
- Hawaii officially became apart of the US in 1900
- The D.C. in Washington D.C. stands for District of Columbia
- New York contains 920km (571miles) of shoreline
- The Dead Sea is actually an inland lake
- There are no rivers in Saudi Arabia
- The largest exporter of sugar is Cuba
- Dirty snow melts quicker than clean snow
- Icelandic phone books are listed by first names (not surnames)
- 1 gigayear = 1,000,000,000,000 years
- The water in the Dead Sea is so salty that its easier to float than sink

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Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

5	7	2	6	1	3	9	8	4
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"Crossword Puzzle"

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"Try And Find"

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 C, A, T, C, H, K, I, S, S, E, G, X, R, G, O, S, Z, G, H, E
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- ACROSS**
- Diminish
 - Frosts, as a cake
 - Shoestring
 - Breakfast strip
 - Brood
 - "Smallest" particle
 - Mistake
 - Request
 - Threesome
 - Abstainer from alcohol
 - Hue
 - Not early
 - Fold
 - Snakes
 - Large
 - Not him
 - The rear part of a ship
 - Dregs
 - Electronic letter
 - Sugarcoat
 - A perfumed liquid
 - Go in
 - Mountain pool
 - Stars
 - Director's cry
 - Seven in Roman numerals
 - Exam
 - He shoots arrows
 - Affirm
 - Chime
 - Epinephrine
 - Balm ingredient
 - Conceited
 - Rubber wheels
 - Back talk
 - Behold, in old Rome
 - Tender and brittle
 - X X X X
 - Lascivious look
 - Hurried
- DOWN**
- Assist illegally
 - Naked
 - Unit of land
 - Sound a horn
 - Enlist
 - Restive
 - Place of higher learning
 - Type of sword
 - Seek
 - Most recent
 - Skylit lobbies
 - Metal money
 - Overact
 - A piece of flat furniture
 - Bobbin
 - Abbey area
 - Scattered seed
 - He writes in stanzas
 - Too shocked for words
 - Scribe
 - Chills and fever
 - Hotels
 - For fear that
 - Not false
 - An aromatic flavorful vegetable
 - Greed
 - Going on as trip
 - Degrade
 - Become calm
 - Intimate
 - Timepiece
 - Minnow-like fish
 - Former Italian currency
 - Colored part of the eye
 - Bird home
 - Glimpse

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Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino Association in America and NYPD Annual Petrosino Memorial Ceremony



At the annual wreath laying ceremony in memory of Lt. Det. Joseph Petrosino the Petrosino Association Members of the Board Peggy and Joseph Petrosino presented Deputy Chief Chaplain Msgr. Robert Romano with an American Flag, that was flown over the US Capital at the request of US Rep. Grace Meng, in memory of Petrosino and all those fallen NYPD heroes as NYPD Chief Joseph Gulotta and NYPD Columbia Association President Anthony C. Burgio look on. Photo by Walter Karling.

Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas' Bill Prohibiting Retaliation For Complaints About Human Rights Violations is Signed Into Law

A bill that would strengthen legal protections for New Yorkers who face employer retaliation, sponsored by Assemblymember Jessica González in the Assembly, was signed into law by Governor Hochul today. A7101/S5870, which clarifies that the release of personnel records as an act of retaliation against employees who report workplace discrimination violates New York State Human Rights Law was signed at a Women's History Month Breakfast Reception at the Javits Center this morning. A7101/S5870 also allows the State Attorney General to initiate an investigation when the State Attorney General believes an employer has violated or intends to violate the provisions of the bill.

The legislation was drafted following the release of personnel records of Lindsey Boylan after she came forward with an account of sexual harassment by then Governor Cuomo. Employers in many sectors have been able to wield the power of their offices to intimidate, defame, and sometimes further harass employees who report workplace mistreatment; in some highly publicized cases in recent years, New Yorkers have seen just how far some power holders will go to retaliate against their most vulnerable employees,



particularly in cases of sexual violence and harassment. According to the National Women's Law Center "in every industry, Black women are disproportionately represented among women who filed sexual harassment charges and more than 1 in 3 women who filed sexual harassment charges also reported retaliation."

Assembly Member Jessica González-Rojas introduced A7101 to empower New Yorkers to report any form of workplace harm without fear of employer retaliation and to deter employers from using personnel records to retaliate against employees who speak out.

"No New Yorker, no woman should ever fear being retaliated against because they have come forward about being harmed by

someone in the workplace. With the signing of my bill today, we are sending a strong message to victims and survivors across New York State that they are not alone and will be heard, and we will protect them," said Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas. "Doing this during Women's Herstory Month is particularly meaningful because we know that Black women are disproportionately represented among women who file sexual harassment charges and 1 in 3 women who file these complaints also report retaliatory action taken against them. I'm very grateful to have worked with Senator Gounardes on this bill, to Speaker Hastie and the advocates for helping us advance it, and to Governor Hochul for her leadership in signing it into law today."

Statement From Mayor Eric Adams And on Restoring Our Asylum System by Ending Title 42



"At a time when people are fleeing armed conflict in Ukraine and seeking safety and refuge in the U.S., we join the national call to action to restore our asylum system by ending the Title 42 policy, a Trump-era policy that used the pandemic as a pretext to turn away asylum seekers. Asylum is a human right and asylum seekers deserve to be welcomed with dignity."

JUST PAY RALLY



On March 10, staff from Sunnyside Community Services joined human services workers, elected officials, and community members at City Hall Park in Manhattan to advocate for an end to poverty wages for the human services workforce.

The rally was hosted by the Human Services Council and is part of their Just Pay campaign,

which seeks to raise pay among human services workers through an automatic annual cost-of-living adjustment, a \$21/hour wage for all City and State-funded human services workers, and a comprehensive wage and benefit schedule for government contracted human services workers. Photo courtesy of Sunnyside Community Services.

Velázquez Introduces Bill Amend The Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to Increase The Educator Expense Deduction



Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) has announced the Expand Education Deduction for Teachers Act, which is a bill that would amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to increase the Educator Expense Deduction to \$2,000 and allow early childhood educators to take advantage of the tax benefit.

"Our country's teachers are tasked with the crucial job of educating the future generation of the United States, said Velázquez. "It's no surprise that teachers often take on the financial bur-

den of using their paychecks to purchase necessary supplies for their students and classrooms every school year. That's why I'm proud to introduce this bill and put money back into the pockets of our educators and ensure they feel supported in the classroom."

The average starting salary for teachers in the United States during the 2019-2020 school year was \$41,163, a modest 2.5% increase from the previous school year. Teacher salaries vary state by state; however, nearly all teachers use portions of their salary to purchase supplies for their classrooms.

A June 2021 survey of 5,400 PreK-12 teachers found that educators spend more money on school supplies for students, classrooms, and their homes than in any previous school year. The average amount spent was \$750, with 30% of teachers spending \$1,000 or more each year. Despite the 25% increase in teacher spending on supplies, the Educator Expense Deduction has remained stagnant at \$250 and \$500 if married filing jointly and both spouses are eligible.

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CM James F. Gennaro, The CHAZAQ Organization & Chaverim of Queens Host Successful Drive For Ukrainian Refugees

Recently, Council Member James F. Gennaro, the CHAZAQ Organization and Chaverim of Queens hosted a successful donation drive for Ukrainian refugees in Poland. Dozens of people came out to CHAZAQ's food pantry in Kew Gardens Hills to donate items ranging from food to clothes to children's toys. The drive is part of a Borough-wide initiative spearheaded by Gennaro and Council Member Robert Holden.

The Associazione Culturale Italiana Di New York will cover the cost of shipment to Rzeszow - a city in Poland located near the border of Ukraine. The Polish Consulate and President of Rzeszow, Konrad Fijołek, are helping to coordinate the final drop-off in Poland, ensuring donations will go directly to Ukrainian refugees.

"I was deeply moved when I saw the atrocities taking place in Ukraine, and was compelled to help. It is an honor and a privilege to help organize this drive, which I hope will yield many useful do-



nations for the people who have been displaced by this needless bloodshed," said Council Member James F. Gennaro. "This is a large-scale, joint effort that could not happen without the help of our many community partners. I'd like to thank Council Member Holden for helping us coordinate the drive, the Queens Delegation for jumping on board to help col-

lect donations across the Borough, as well as the several groups and individuals who have turned this vision into a reality. I'd also like to thank the CHAZAQ Organization for providing our office with a drop-off site, and Chaverim of Queens for assisting with transport to our donation headquarters, as well as all those who donated to this worthy cause."

Senator James Sanders Jr. Fights For Community Needs as New York Senate Passes "Best Budget Proposal Ever" One-House Budget Resolution

On March 14 State Senator James Sanders Jr. along with the Democratic Majority of the New York State Senate passed the one-house budget resolution which Sanders called the "best ever" and outlines the priorities the conference will set forth during budget negotiations with the Governor with hopes that they be included in the final state budget that must be passed by the April 1, 2022 deadline.

Senator Sanders continues to work diligently to fight for the needs of his district and spearheaded numerous measures, which he believes are of major importance to the community. They include funding to support



education as well as housing assistance.

Just some of the provisions that directly impact the 10th Senate District include:

- The budget proposal provides up to \$1 billion for the Emergency Rental Assistance Program

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Meng Secures Nearly \$10 Million For Local Projects in Queens



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens), New York's senior appropriator of the House Appropriations Committee, announced that she secured nearly \$10 million in federal funds for ten crucial projects throughout Queens.

This Community Project Funding is money that was included in the new government spending package which passed the House late last night. The legislation is now expected to pass the Senate and be signed into law by President Biden soon.

Meng obtained a total of \$9,579,000, and the ten projects will directly benefit Queens residents. They include:

- \$3,000,000: New York City Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst for the renovation of its delivery unit to provide a comfortable family-centered environment, one which meets current privacy standards.
- \$1,850,000: Queens College for a Wastewater Epidemiology Training Laboratory (WETLAB) project to develop strategies to detect dangerous pathogens in wastewater including coronaviruses.
- \$1,000,000: Flushing and Ridgewood YMCA for enhancing youth and community development programs.
- \$1,000,000: New York City Health + Hospitals/Queens to build an outpatient dialysis center.
- \$800,000: New York City Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst for a Transcranial

ial Magnetic Therapy suite which will provide a new service for mental health treatment to patients.

- \$750,000: Flushing Hospital Medical Center in Flushing for a Women's Imaging Suite to help promote early cancer detection and other diagnostic services.
- \$531,000: Waterfront Alliance's Flushing Meadows Corona Park: A Hub for Climate Resilience project to support the development of community-based resiliency projects related to climate change.
- \$400,000: Make the Road New York for adult education services, like civics courses and other critical wraparound services, for local immigrants.
- \$233,000: Ohel Kissena Boulevard Residence Rehabilitation Project in Kew Gardens Hills for upgrading facilities at Ohel's residence for the developmentally disabled.
- \$15,000: Selfhelp Community Services - which has locations in Flushing, Bayside, Maspeth and Forest Hills - for nutrition and emotional wellness activities for local seniors.

"I am incredibly pleased to have fought for and obtained this important funding for my district," said Congresswoman Meng, New York's senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. "This money will go a long way toward making Queens healthier, safer, stronger, and even more resilient. As we continue recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic, we must build back stronger and ensure we have the resources that our communities need and deserve. I look forward to the government spending package being enacted into law."

The government spending package includes twelve separate bills that provide funding for projects and programs in many different areas helping middle class families with the cost of living, creating American jobs, supporting the vulnerable and working to help small businesses that are key to our economic future.






And the Associazione Culturale Italiana Di New York

DONATION DRIVE FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Collecting canned food, clothing, children's toys, pet food and toiletries for Ukrainian refugees in Poland

High demand items include non-perishable food, clothes and footwear, thermal underwear, hygiene products, blankets, bedding, disposable table wear, first aid kits, tents, mattresses, sleeping bags, standalone lamps, candles

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IT'S IN QUEENS

(March 17 to March 23)

Wake up early to enjoy some upcoming Queens programs. Stay up late for others! This week features sunrise walks and direct sun worship, Motown parties, Crazy Talented Asians, an art opening, and of course, a St. Patrick's Day-inspired pub crawl.

- March 17, Science on Screen: Bunker, 8 pm. Director Jenny Perlin and producer A.S. Hamrah discuss and watch "Bunker" with never-before-seen excerpts. Set in abandoned missile silos and custom-made bunkers, this documentary looks at the lives of men who self-isolate in preparation for disaster. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.
- March 17, Queens Storytellers, 7 pm. Queens Theatre streams this virtual program with great raconteurs that might talk about crazy characters, wacky ideas, romances, and dysfunctional families. The host is David Lawson, who founded the Astoria Bookshop Storytelling Show. The March 17 episode features Michele Carlo, Tracey Starin, Gastor Almonte, and Collin Knopp-Schwyn. Free, but advanced reservation is required.
- March 17, Science on Screen: Constant, 7 pm. Directors Sasha Litvintseva and Beny Wagner discuss and watch "Constant," an essay film with documentary footage, live action, and diagrams on the search for a universal standard of measurement. They study the science of measurement from its basis in the body, through the Metric Revolution to a valuation that can be cast in platinum. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.
- March 18, Crazy Talented Asians & Friends: How to be a Successful Musician, 7 pm. The comedy troupe Crazy Talented Asians & Friends presents a night of music and exploration with pianist Sean Chen, violinist Siwoo Kim, and violist Andy Lin. They share what makes them unique and what drives them to create art. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.
- March 18, King of the World, 8 pm. This Steely Dan-heavy band performs a mixture of Rock and Jazz full of pristine recordings. Resorts World New York City, Bar 360, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.
- March 19, A Tribute to Nina Simone & Mirian Makebas, 8 pm. Akua Allrich, a vocalist who draws from the Blues, Soul, Jazz, and Pan-African music, brings soulful homages with bandmates Sam Prather (keys), Kris Funn (upright bass), Tyler Leak (drums), and Gabrielle Murphy (saxophone

and flute). Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- March 19, Early Spring Bulbs & Ephemerals, 11 am. Part of a monthly walk program, staffers lead this exploration of early bulb flowers, blossoms, and other seasonal highlights. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.
- March 19, St. Paddy's Pub Crawl, 2 pm. Five Astoria watering holes team up for this five-hour event. Each establishment offers specials. The big group spends an hour at each lovely spot. Here's the schedule: Shillelagh Tavern at 2 pm; The Local at 3 pm; The Wolfhound at 4 pm; The Irish Rover at 5 pm; and Sissy McGinty's at 6 pm.
- March 19, The Future is Female, 7 pm. Pianist Sarah Cahill, whom Time Out New York described as "a brilliant and charismatic advocate for modern and contemporary composers," offers a lecture/recital on such composers as Regina Harris Baiocchi, Tania León, and Mary Watkins. The Box Factory, 1519 Decatur St., Ridgewood.
- March 19, Welcome Spring Forest Bathing Walk, 1 pm. The day before the Vernal Equinox, certified guide Linda Lombardo leads a 90-minute Forest Bathing Walk based on the Japanese Shinrin-Yoku tradition. The unique walk inspires connections with nature for a range of healthful benefits. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.
- March 19, Opening Reception for Egg, 4 pm. Dong Hee Lee's "Egg" exhibition illuminates female identity with installations, sculptures, and printed works that explore the origin of human beings and their relationship with the environment. The Garage Art Center, 26-01 Corporal Kennedy St., Bayside.
- March 19, Supreme Dreamgirls, 8 pm. Between the amazing vocals, exciting dance routines, and glamour of 1960s girl groups, Supreme Dreamgirls takes audiences through the Golden Era of Motown with such hits as "Baby Love," "Stop In the Name of Love," and "Heatwave." Resorts World New York City, Bar 360, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.
- March 19, Everyone Deserves to be Heard, 7:30 pm. The Queens World Film Festival hosts a free gathering to celebrate messages of Hope and Resilience at a public screening of QWWF's latest project, "The Listening Tour." The Local, 13-02 44th Ave., Long Island City.
- March 20, A Tribute to Aretha Franklin, 3 pm. The Queen of Soul has 18 Grammys and 112 chartered singles on Billboard.

Manhattan School of Music faculty member Damien Sneed, who used to tour with Aretha, performs a tribute to the icon with an accomplished band, R&B legend Valerie Simpson, and four-time Grammy winner Karen Clark Sheard. Colden Auditorium, Queens College, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.

- March 20, Pawkar Raymi, 1 pm. Celebrate the Andean New Year (number 5530) with music, dance, food, crafts, and shopping. Corona Plaza, 103rd Street and Roosevelt Avenue.
- March 20, Spring Equinox Sunrise Stroll, 6:15 am. Celebrate Spring with a sunrise stroll along the trails led by Jocelyn Perez from Herbalists Without Borders. Watch the sun rise on the season, talk about the vernal equinox, and learn about local flora. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.
- March 20, Fantasy Terrarium Workshop, 1 pm. Learn about the water cycle and terrarium care while creating a miniature indoor garden. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.
- March 20, Spring Weather Instrument Ensemble, 11 am. Celebrate the sun's energy on the first day of Spring with Heidi Neilson's new sound-sculpture work. Instruments on the NOAA weather satellite GOES-16 monitor the sun's energy as it touches the spacecraft. Here on Earth, replicas of a suite of these energy-monitoring satellite instruments comprises "Space Weather Instrument Ensemble," a sound sculpture which plays the data collected by the original instruments in space in near-real time. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.
- March 20, Historic Black Brooklyn, 2:30 pm. Historian Brian Merlis discusses his 312-page photo book which covers the struggle and accomplishments of African Americans in Brooklyn and Queens over the last 400 years with a Q&A. In person and online. Queens Historical Society, Kingsland Homestead, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing.
- March 20, A Legacy of Textures and Sun, 3 pm. Performance artist Ayana Evans does her creative thing as part of the closing ceremony for the Sanctuary exhibition. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.
- March 23, JCAL Talks Presents Dr. Donald Garner, 7 pm. Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning Executive Director Leonard Jacobs converses with Donald Garner, the CEO of Clark & Garner, an educational consulting and solutions firm that specializes in curriculum and program design, research, leadership, and staff development. JCAL, 161-4 Jamaica Ave.

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DOT Announces Innovative New Bike Parking Pilot

Starting on March 11th, Oonee's curbside parking "Mini" will be tested at a series of locations in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens

Department of Transportation Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez have announced that DOT would pilot a new bike parking model this spring. At a new six-bike protected curbside corral located along West 14th Street in the Meatpacking District, DOT and Brooklyn-based Oonee announced that the company's "Mini" would be tested through an innovative concession agreement at five separate high-profile locations over the coming months in Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Queens. The pilot will inform a larger effort to expand secure bike parking Citywide.

"DOT is proud to support a minority-owned business based right here in New York City, with an idea that has met its time," said Commissioner Rodriguez. "As cycling has grown more popular during the pandemic, we know that finding safe bike parking is among the obstacles riders face – and Oonee expertly meets that need. We want to send a clear message to cyclists this spring: try out a "Mini" so that we can better learn what cyclists need, as we work to bring more bike parking spaces around the City."

"Speaking on behalf of the entire Oonee team, we are excited and humbled to work with the Department of Transportation and these incredible community based groups to introduce this much needed cycling infrastructure to our streets," said Shabazz Stuart, Oonee Founder and CEO. "Personally speaking, as a kid who grew up in Brooklyn, this is just a dream come true. Together with the DOT and the Adams Administration we are creating new, green public transit options that are going to enhance quality of life for all New Yorkers. It's simply a dream come true."

"The Meatpacking District is thrilled to partner with Oonee Pod and the Department of Transportation to bring secure bicycle parking to the neighborhood," said Jeffrey LeFrancois, Executive Director of the Meatpacking Business Improvement District. "As more New Yorkers return to their offices and explore the city, providing support for additional ways to get around town will be critical to the city's economic success. The Meatpacking District promotes its pedestrian- and cyclist-friendly streets through the BID's POD Plan and DOT Open Streets program, and we're excited to host this innovative infrastructure to give residents and visitors a space to confidently store their bikes while they work and play in Meatpacking."

Starting today, Oonee's prototype six-bike corral is going "on tour," under a concession agreement with DOT that allows the pods to be placed for 29 days in a given location. By moving from place to place, DOT will gather data about use at each location, which will be used to shape next steps for secure bike parking.

The following are the pilot loca-

tions planned for the Oonee Mini. March (starting today) – Meatpacking BID, 400 W 14th Street, Manhattan

April – Lower East Side BID, Broome /Essex near Essex Street Market, Manhattan

May – Union Square BID, SE Corner 14th Street & 5th Ave near New School, Manhattan

June – Prospect Heights NDC, Vanderbilt Ave Open Street near 577 Vanderbilt Ave, Brooklyn

July – 31st Avenue Open Street, near 34-02 31st Ave, Astoria, Queens

Parking with Oonee is free for the duration of the demonstration but will require cyclists to access Oonee through ooneepod.com. Other features of the Mini:

- Interior illumination that allows cyclists to find their bikes at all hours.
- Insurance coverage for bikes included for all bike and scooter users.
- "Oonee Care" staff that keeps parking maintained, including greenery that make the pods more attractive
- Rapid-response customer service

DOT is committed to expanding secure bike parking, with this pilot as a first step of working with the industry. Meanwhile, the agency is also currently engaged in a major effort to increase the number of bicycle corrals and racks Citywide -- with a two-year goal to install 10,000 new racks by the end of 2022 including 100 intersection bike corrals (announced by Mayor Adams in January).

"New Yorkers commute differently, and we deserve modes of transportation that meet us where we are," said NYC Council Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Chair to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. "Oonee's innovative bike parking pilot will make cycling safer and more convenient. I am committed to working with DOT and our community partners to improve New Yorkers' commutes as the program is piloted across New York."

"I've said it for a long time: if we encourage and make it easier, safer, and more enjoyable, New Yorkers will rely more on greener modes of transportation, and the bike parking model is a perfect example of this," said Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso. "Thank you, Commissioner Rodriguez, for piloting this great idea. I'm sure it'll be something we'll see expanded city-wide in no time."

"This pilot program is a great step forward toward encouraging more people to use bicycles to get around New York City," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "These mini-pods will offer an innovative way for bicyclists to park their bikes safely, creating peace-of-mind for cyclists and removing one of the barriers that deter people from biking. I look forward to seeing the results of this pilot and am so pleased with the New York City Department of Transportation's continuing efforts to promote bicycling in Queens and throughout New York City."

"I am pleased to see the City is

prioritizing the creation of bicycle infrastructure that will allow more people to safely and conscientiously cycle through our communities, and I thank Commissioner Rodriguez for his leadership," said Assembly Member Deborah Glick. "Incorporating bicycle storage is a part of that infrastructure and I welcome the inclusion of free or low-cost options to safely park a bike. We should encourage more equitable access to multi-modal transportation options and promote initiatives which encourage responsible cycling in our City."

"Secure bicycle parking is one of the missing links in our city's ability to grow cycling across New York," said Council Member Erik Bottcher. "At a time when cycling is at all-time highs, the city's infrastructure must keep up. Thanks to Commissioner Rodriguez, Shabazz Stuart, and Jeffrey LeFrancois for their work in making this exciting project happen here."

"Union Square-14th Street is a central hub of innovation, culture, jobs, and transportation accessibility, and we can think of no better location to demonstrate this exciting new bicycle parking amenity," said Ed Janoff, Deputy Director, Union Square Partnership. "Year over year, cycling in Union Square is on the rise as more and more New Yorkers are pedaling to their desired destinations, and we thank our partners at The New School for partnering with NYC DOT and the Union Square Partnership on this exciting pilot."

"On Open Streets weekends, Vanderbilt Avenue is one of the busiest bicycle corridors in Brooklyn," said Gib Veconi, Chair of the Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council, which operates the Vanderbilt Avenue Open Streets program. "Identifying innovative solutions to support and encourage cycling is an important part of our ongoing work with DOT building a new avenue that meets the community's needs and aspirations. We're delighted to be a host of this important pilot, and look forward to learning from its results."

"We are excited to partner with NYC DOT to launch Oonee at the Essex Market in the Lower East Side," said Tim Laughlin, President of the Lower East Side Partnership, he continued "Smart cycling infrastructure better coordinates the multiple users of our roadways and further enhances the usability and vibrancy of our streets, these are exactly the type of solutions we should be implementing as the public realm continues to evolve in new and exciting ways."

"We're excited to receive an Oonee Mini as part of the physical updates to the 31st Ave Open Street this Summer" said Cormac Nataro, Organizer, 31st Ave Open Streets Collective. "Creating more secure, convenient, and eco-friendly bike storage is a critical part of building out our city's cycling infrastructure, and we're proud to be one of the first Open Streets in the city to participate in the pilot."

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Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas & Legislative Colleagues Outline Bill to Supplement Cost of School Meals

Join Coalition Of Anti-Hunger, Education, Food, And Nutrition Organizations And Associations To Call For Universal Healthy School Meals For All NY Students

Last week, Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas was joined by Assemblymembers Sarah Clark and Demond Meeks and a diverse coalition of groups to urge the New York State legislature and Governor Hochul to include Healthy School Meals for All NY Kids in the FY 2023 enacted budget. This follows the introduction of legislation by Assemblymember Gonzalez-Rojas, which would supplement the cost of providing school meals not covered by the federal government, so schools are fully reimbursed for all meals they serve.

Federal school meal programs have played a central role in reducing hardship during the pandemic. Since March 2020, USDA has provided waivers to schools, allowing them to serve meals at no cost to all students. These meals have been a lifeline for struggling families, but the waivers are set to expire at the end of this school year, leaving over 2,000 schools and nearly 800,000 students in New York State without access to free school meals for all.

While many New York schools – predominantly in larger, urban school districts – offer meals at no cost for all, 270 eligible schools do not participate, in large part because they are unable to make it work financially. Many of these schools are in small school districts in rural communities.

Quotes:

"Every child in our state deserves to have access to a healthy breakfast and lunch. This is a matter of racial and economic equity and our federal government recognized this when they provided a waiver to states to provide healthy school meals for all. Unfortunately after June of this year that waiver will expire and 2,000 schools and 800,000 students will lose access to this program. This is unacceptable in one of the richest states in the nation. If Maine can do this then New York State certainly can. So I call on our legislature and Governor to fund universal school meals for all of our children in our FY 23 Enacted State Budget," said Assembly Member Jessica González-Rojas.

Assemblywoman Clark said, "As a mom of three, I know just how vital it is to have the peace of mind that our children are well-fed and safe at school. And for many students across the state, their school meals may be the only nutritious meals they can access every day. All students, regardless of zip code, deserve healthy meals to support their overall health and well-being. Our students can't succeed if they are hungry. Let's cut down on paperwork, lunch shaming, and the mental anguish that often surrounds the lunchroom. Now is the time to include Healthy School Meals for All NY Kids in the budget to help school districts statewide, especially those districts that see the population of free and reduced lunch eligible students growing every year. We must continue to invest

in our kids."

"Every school in this state should offer healthy school meals at no cost for their students – regardless of income. Our students deserve equal access to a nutritious breakfast and lunch at school to support their health and well-being. There is a direct link between academic performance and healthy school meals. The future of New York State is our children and we must do everything we can to ensure our education system is one that promotes equity in our schools. I will continue to fight for the dignity and opportunity of every student in this state," said Assemblyman Harry Bronson

"It is essential now more than ever that we support our students with every resource possible. This is why we stand with families across New York State for the inclusion of Healthy School Meals for ALL NY Kids in the budget." – Assemblymember Demond Meeks

"In every part of New York State, students rely on healthy school meals for their daily nutritional needs. We must ensure that this need continues to be fully met by investing in this lifeline for hundreds of thousands of families. I'm proud to stand with my colleagues for healthy school meals for all New York kids" said Assemblyman Fred Thiele

"Students need proper nourishment to be successful," said Brian Fessler, Director of Governmental Relations, NYS School Boards Association. "This is why the NYS School Boards Association calls on New York State to act now to launch a statewide universal school meals program to ensure all public school students are offered breakfast and lunch, free of charge. Healthy School Meals for All NY Kids is a critical investment to support students' ability to thrive academically and to bolster educational equity."

"Universal meals create equity for all regardless of income, school district size, geographic location, or specific regions throughout the state," said Donna Riviello, President of New York School Nutrition Association.

"School meals are built around nutrient-rich foods like whole grains, fruits and vegetables, proteins, and milk which provide essential vitamins and nutrients for growth and development," said Julie Raway, MPH, RDN, CDN, SNS, FAND, Past President of the New York State Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. "In addition, students who enjoy school breakfast and lunch build lifelong healthy eating habits. Healthy School Meals for All would ensure that every child has access to nourishment for a successful future."

"For two and a half years NY school districts have been able to provide healthy school meals to all students at no cost. Unless NY State lawmakers act now, that

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“As our report noted last year, one of the best ways to encourage people to bike is providing access to secure, reliable bike parking,” said Elizabeth Adams, Senior Director for Advocacy and Organizing at Transportation Alternatives. “Secure bike parking will connect more people to transit, reduce car dependency, and is especially critical for working cyclists. We are excited to see the Adams Administration launching this new partnership with Oonee and encourage NYC DOT to bring permanent, secure bike parking infrastructure to neighborhoods across the five boroughs as quickly as possible.”

“Bike parking is critical to encourage biking and make it more accessible for travel and commuting, because we can’t drive our way out of climate change,” said Julie Tighe, President of the New York League of Conservation Voters. “When more people can store their bikes safely, more people bike and less people drive, which is critical to reduce pollution from cars. We’re grateful Mayor Adams and Commissioner Rodriguez have been vocal on the importance of this and are glad to see smart things get done in the City.”

“RPA proudly supports NYC DOT’s continued work enhancing bike parking throughout NYC,” said Tiffany-Ann Taylor, Vice President, Transportation,

Regional Plan Association. “Today’s pilot program partnership with Oonee provides another important opportunity to expand free, secure, bike parking for New Yorkers. Enhancing cycling infrastructure with safe and accessible uses like this will encourage more riders on our streets. We applaud NYC DOT for fostering creative solutions to traditional challenges and applaud intentional collaboration with a local, Black and Brown-led company.”

“StreetsPAC applauds the Department of Transportation for undertaking this important secure bike-parking pilot with Oonee’s innovative mini-pods,” said Eric McClure, Executive Director, StreetsPAC. “Bike theft is an enormous inhibitor to getting more people riding around the city, and Oonee’s secure, easy-to-use parking facilities will let New Yorkers rest easy that their bikes are safely stored. We’re grateful to Commissioner Rodriguez and his team for their willingness to embrace new solutions – and to Oonee, a New York City-based startup, for bringing safe, secure bike parking to their hometown.”

“It’s great news that this pilot isn’t a general test, but is designed to lead to a wider bike parking program,” said Jon Orcutt, Advocacy Director at Bike New York. “A broad secure bike parking network can be transformative for NYC cycling on the order of the Citi Bike system.”

Queens Theatre to Present Queens Zoo-Like Children’s Plays

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After Mr. Fish sets out to find Miss Clam’s missing pearl, he discovers there’s more to him than his permanently plastered pout.

The Selfish Giant is on Saturday, April 9, at 1 pm with the Spanish version, El Gigante Egoista, at 3:30 pm.

In the original tale, a giant builds a wall around his garden to keep out the town’s children only to see it plunge into endless winter. In this version, the storytellers are at a border wall.

The final show on the current schedule is Dog Man: The Musical on Sunday, May 29, at 1 pm and again at 3 pm.

TheaterWorks USA presents this gem, which is based on Dav Pilkey’s series. Dog Man has the head of a dog and a police officer’s body. He loves to fight crime and chew on the furniture. While trying to be a good boy, he must save the city from Flippy the cyborg fish and his army of Beastly Buildings. Then there’s Petey, the world’s most evil cat, who has cloned himself to exact revenge on the doggy do-gooder.

General admission for all these shows is \$15, but purchase four tickets for \$55.

Queens Theatre is located at 14 United Nations Ave. S. in Flushing Meadows Corona Park. A large public parking lot is nearby.

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will end June 30th. One of the few success stories coming out of the pandemic is how healthy school meals for all has made student success more equitable for all students without bias. NY Lawmakers need to be visionary leaders and permanently support healthy school meals for all students,” said Mark Bordeau, Executive Director, Rural Health Network of SCNY.

“Now is the time to invest in school meals,” said Sherry Tomasky, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, Hunger Solutions New York. “After federal waivers expire in June 2022, nearly 2,000 schools and 800,000 students across our state will lose access to free school meals. We cannot roll back the ability to offer this critical nutrition assistance to students when schools and

families are still working to recover from the health, economic, and academic impacts of the pandemic. We urge our state leaders to invest in providing access to free school meals for all students in New York State.”

“We know that providing healthy school meals for all students translates to better educational outcomes,” said Liz Accles, Executive Director of Community Food Advocates. “This program would support children’s well-being and ability to thrive in school. In the upcoming budget, New York State must ensure that every student – whether urban, suburban, or rural – has equal access.”

Joel Berg, CEO of Hunger Free America said, “Universal school meals reduce child hunger, boost educational outcomes, and advance gender and racial equity. They are the ultimate win-win-win.”

Senator James Sanders Jr. Fights For Community Needs as New York Senate Passes “Best Budget Proposal Ever” One-House Budget Resolution

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(ERAP) and promotes fair distribution of pending federal dollars.

- Restores \$250 million in Landlord Rental Assistance Program (LRAP) funding, and adds an additional \$250 million for LRAP.

- Provides \$250 million in new support for Universal Pre-Kindergarten with full phase-in of full day 4-year old pre-k in two years.

- Keeps New York on track to fully phase in Foundation Aid by 2023-24 -- the main source of state funding for public schools.

- Provides \$1 billion for assistance to financially distressed or safety net hospitals, like St. John’s Episcopal Hospital.

Provisions Senator Sanders spearheaded include:

- Supported and amended the \$200 million for the Small Business Seed Funding Grant Program. The Senate modifies the Executive Small Business Seed Funding Grant Program to expand the eligible businesses to include closed businesses that can show COVID-19 expenditures related to their closing.
- Adds \$2 million in additional support for the Minority and Women-Owned Business Development and Lending Program, for a total of \$2.6 million.
- Includes \$3 million for Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program.
- Provides a credit for

businesses replacing heating systems to geothermal or biofuels.

- Includes Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFI) in the Linked Deposit Program to specify that such CDFIs must also meet the requirements of the New York State Community Reinvestment Act.

“I am fully dedicated to the needs of my community and the betterment of the entirety of New York State,” Sanders said. “Now is the time that I stepped up to the plate and let the Governor know what’s important to the people of the 10th District and bring home the resources that we so desperately need, especially as we try to recover from the damage caused by the pandemic.”

Senator Sanders also strongly supported these other measures listed below to be included in the final state budget.

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To: Susan Ormstein-Nonnon,
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The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Alan M. Gross aka Alan Gross aka Alan Myron Gross, 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, Frank Gobes, Esq.

Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Alan M. Gross aka Alan Gross aka Alan Myron Gross, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 25-40 Union Street, Apt 4C, Flushing, NY, 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 Temporary Administrator of the Estate of Alan M. Gross aka Alan Gross aka Alan Myron Gross, 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 5th day of May, 2022 at 9:30 o’clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Temporary 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 \$12,617.64 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

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Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why the document dated June 14, 2016, copy attached, should not be denied probate; and why the Letters of Temporary Administration issued to the Public Administrator of Queens County on August 19, 2019 should not be revoked; and why Letters of Administration should not be issued to the Public Administrator of Queens County; 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 2nd day of March, 2022 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Janet Edwards Tucker Deputy Clerk of the Surrogate’s Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200 Lake Success, New York 11042

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF QUEENS Action to Foreclose a Mortgage INDEX #: 718044/2018 FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs JUAN R. CRESPO, VENTURA AGUILAR IF LIVING, AND IF HE/SHE BE DEAD, ANY AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, CLAIMING, OR WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN, OR GENERAL OR SPECIFIC LIEN UPON THE REAL PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS ACTION; SUCH UNKNOWN PERSONS BEING HEREIN GENERALLY DESCRIBED AND INTENDED TO BE INCLUDED IN WIFE, WIDOW, HUSBAND, WIDOWER, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNEES OF SUCH DECEASED, ANY AND ALL PERSONS DERIVING INTEREST IN OR LIEN UPON, OR TITLE TO SAID REAL PROPERTY BY, THROUGH OR UNDER THEM, OR EITHER OF THEM, AND THEIR RESPECTIVE WIVES, WIDOWS, HUSBANDS, WIDOWERS, HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN, DESCENDANTS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, DEVISEES, LEGATEES, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES, LIENORS, AND ASSIGNS, ALL OF WHOM AND WHOSE NAMES, EXCEPT AS STATED, ARE UNKNOWN TO PLAINTIFF, PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CRIMINAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF NY STATE, NEW YORK CITY PARKING VIOLATIONS BUREAU, NEW YORK CITY ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL BOARD, NEW YORK CITY TRANSIT ADJUDICATION BUREAU, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ACTING THROUGH THE IRS JOHN DOE (Those unknown tenants, occupants, persons or corporations or their heirs, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors claiming an interest in the mortgaged premises.) Defendant(s). MORTGAGED PREMISES: 218-14 99TH AVENUE QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11429 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s)

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within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental 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. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises. TO Ventura Aguilar Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Robert I. Caloras of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the First day of February, 2022 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Juan R. Crespo and Ventura Aguilar dated the February 8, 2018, to secure the sum of \$578,331.00 and recorded at CRFN 2018000063022 in the Office of the Queens County Clerk, on the February 22, 2018. The mortgage was subsequently assigned by an assignment executed September 12, 2018 and recorded on October 17, 2018, in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County at CRFN 2018000344117; The property in question is described as follows: 218-14 99TH AVENUE, QUEENS VILLAGE, NY 11429 HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS IN FORECLOSURE NEW YORK STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE SEND YOU THIS NOTICE ABOUT THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME. IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND TO THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT IN THIS FORECLOSURE ACTION, YOU MAY LOSE YOUR HOME. PLEASE READ THE SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT CAREFULLY. YOU SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONTACT AN ATTORNEY OR YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE TO OBTAIN ADVICE ON HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF. SOURCES OF INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE The state encourages you to become informed about your options in foreclosure. In addition to seeking assistance from an attorney or legal aid office, there are government agencies and non-profit organizations that you may contact for information about possible options, including trying to work with your lender during this process. To locate an entity near you, you may call the toll-free helpline maintained by the New York

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State Department of Financial Services at 1-800-342-3736 or the Foreclosure Relief Hotline 1-800-269-0990 or visit the department's website at WWW.DFS.NY.GOV. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME AT THIS TIME. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO STAY IN YOUR HOME DURING THE FORECLOSURE PROCESS. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO LEAVE YOUR HOME UNLESS AND UNTIL YOUR PROPERTY IS SOLD AT AUCTION PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE AND SALE. REGARDLESS OF WHETHER YOU CHOOSE TO REMAIN IN YOUR HOME, YOU ARE REQUIRED TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROPERTY AND PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE AND LOCAL LAW. FORECLOSURE RESCUE SCAMS Be careful of people who approach you with offers to "save" your home. There are individuals who watch for notices of foreclosure actions in order to unfairly profit from a homeowner's distress. You should be extremely careful about any such promises and any suggestions that you pay them a fee or sign over your deed. State law requires anyone offering such services for profit to enter into a contract which fully describes the services they will perform and fees they will charge, and which prohibits them from taking any money from you until they have completed all such promised services. § 1303 NOTICE NOTICE YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to your mortgage company will not stop this foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE COMPANY) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. DATED: February 11, 2022 Gross Polowy, LLC Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s) 1775 Wehrle Drive, Suite 100 Williamsville, NY 14221 The law firm of Gross Polowy, LLC and the attorneys whom it employs are debt collectors who are attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained by them will be used for that purpose. 70995. 2/24,3/3,10&17/2022



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Notice of Formation of EXCLUSIVE PIECES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/06/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 253-15 148th Drive, Rosedale, NY 11422. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/17,24,3/3,10,17&24/2022

MASPETH RE HOLDING LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/22. 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, 61-04 Grand Avenue, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/3,10,17,24,31&4/7/2022

Notice of Formation of MEGAN KELLY BEAUTY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/11/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 34-09 41st Street, #1A, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/3,10,17,24,31&4/7/2022

Notice of Formation of 3 JUST FOR ME LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/17/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 160-50 Crossbay Boulevard, Suite 140151, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/3,10,17,24,31&4/7/2022

Notice of Formation of Scientific Mechanical LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/7/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 54-59 43rd St, Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: any lawful activity. 2/24,3/3,10,17,24&31/2022

Notice of Formation of BCPC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/08/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 248-25 Northern Blvd, Ste 1J, Box 333, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/17,24,3/3,10,17&24/2022

CJ333 LLC filed w/ SSNY on 8/6/19. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 146-20 34th Ave., Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful. 3/3,10,17,24,31,&4/7/2022

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Maple Center Realty LLC, Arts of Org filed with SSNY on 02/02/22. Office Location: Queens County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of process to: The LLC, 4923 Cloverdale Blvd, Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. Purpose: to engage in any lawful act. 2/24,3/3,10,17,24&31/2022

Notice of Formation of JPKREATIONS & EVENT RENTALS, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/03/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 171-15 144th Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/17,24,3/3,10,17&24/2022

Notice of Formation of SEEK WITHIN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/14/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 134-35 160th Street, Jamaica, NY 11434. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/10,17,24,31,4/7&14/2022

Sacrifice LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/18/22. 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, 8461 248TH St. Bellerose, NY 11426. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/10,17,24,31,4/7&14/2022

ALATSI LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/29/15. 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, 249-25 Cullman Avenue, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 3/10,17,24,31,4/7&14/2022

Sino, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/17/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Amelia Simione, 67-57 78th St., Middle Village, NY 11379. General Purpose. 3/17,24,31,4/7,14&21/2022

Notice of Formation of EXCLUSIVE PIECES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/06/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 253-15 148th Drive, Rosedale, NY 11422. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/17,24,31,4/7,14&21/2022



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Ghost Guns Crackdown



Recently, Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced the largest-ever seizure of illegal ghost gun kits in New York State. For years, law enforcement has worked diligently to stop commercially manufactured firearms from entering New York illegally from down south by way of what we call the "Iron Pipeline."

Alarming, we now see ghost guns and ghost gun parts coming

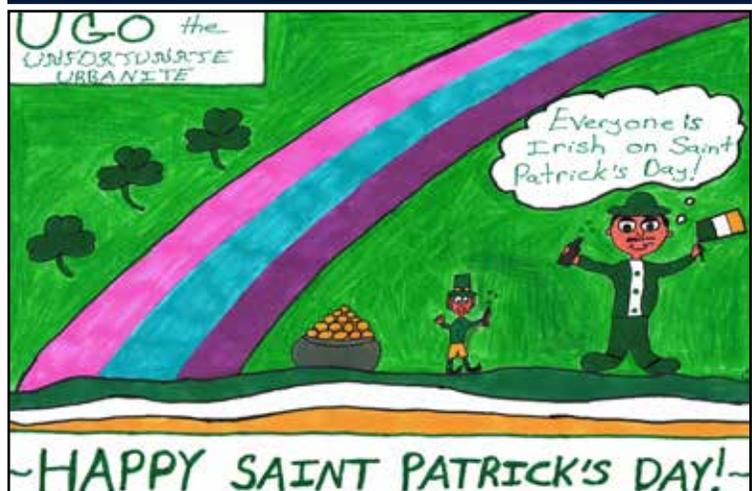
in the same way. There's no place for these illegal, deadly, and untraceable weapons on our streets and we will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to break this new "Polymer Pipeline."

Recently, QDA Katz had the opportunity to sit down with CNBC News for a conversation on ghost guns, which are increasingly being recovered at crime scenes all around the country.

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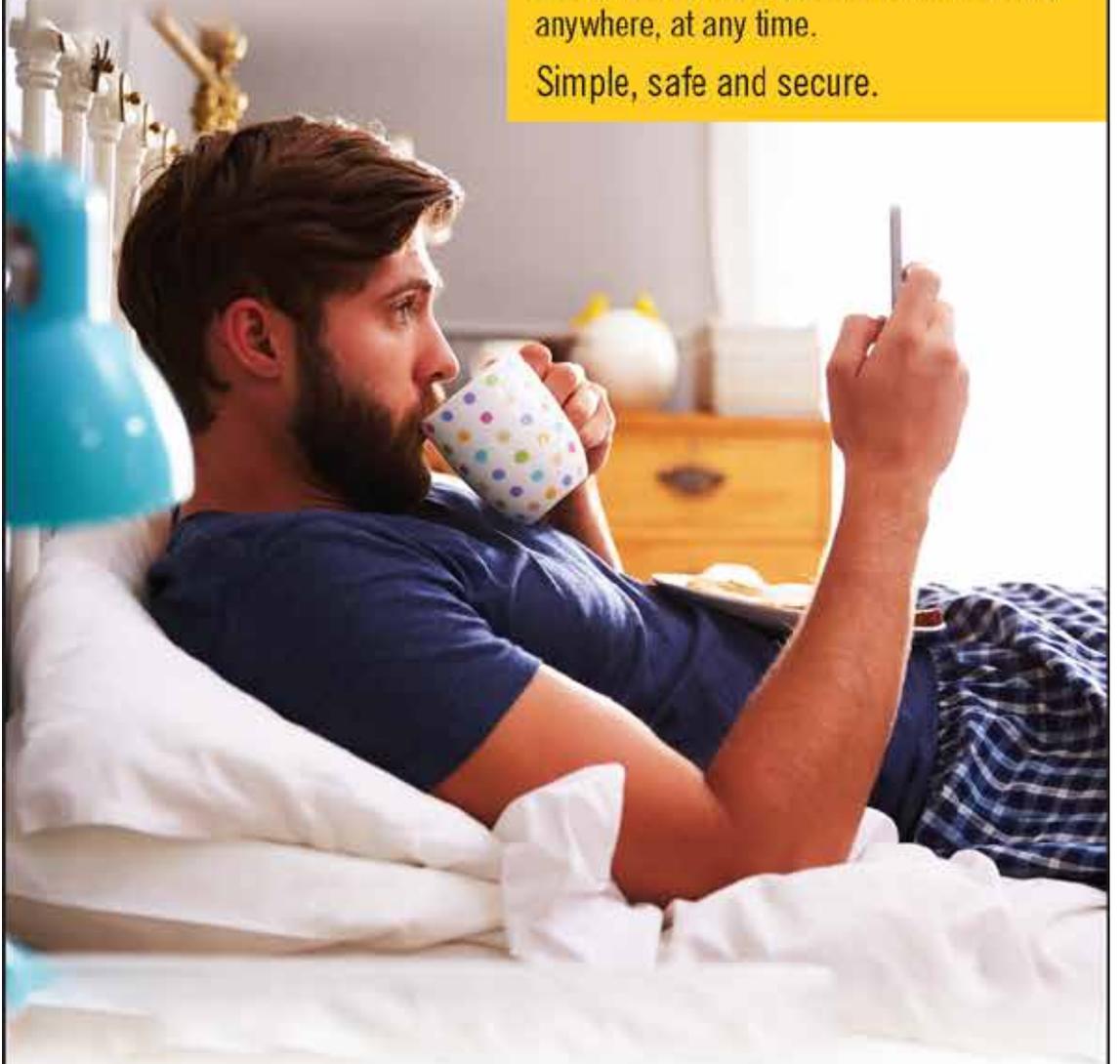
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