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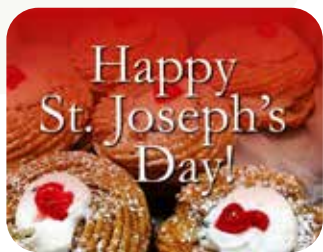
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Saint Joseph's Day celebrates the life of the foster father of Jesus Christ. When is Saint Joseph's Day? How Is the Date of Saint Joseph's Day Determined? Like the feasts of all saints, Saint Joseph's Day is normally celebrated on the same date each year—in this case, March 19. That means that it falls on a different day of the week each year.

Congressman Tom Suozzi Campaign Hosted Thank You/Victory Party

Congressman Suozzi was joined by the Queens County Democratic Committee Chair, Congressman Gregory Meeks, and New York State and Nassau County Democratic Chair, Jay Jacobs, both of whom appointed Suozzi last December to run as the Democrat in the special election Suozzi that he won with 54% of the vote on February 13, 2024. After remarks from Nassau Democratic Chairman Jay Jacobs Congresswoman Grace Meng introduced Congressman Tom Suozzi who then went on to welcomed and thank a packed house of supporters for their tremendous support which lead to his outstanding success in winning the NY-3 Congressional seat.



Congressman Tom Suozzi and his campaign hosted a Thank You/Victory Party at Leonard's Palazzo in Great Neck, New York, thanking all the volunteers and supporters for their help in Suozzi's decisive victory in the special election for NY-3 in February.

Former Congressman Joe Crowley Visits The White House



Former Congressman Joe Crowley had the great honor of celebrating St. Patrick's Day with Kasey and Cullen at the White House. Thank you and Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Meng, Meeks, And Velázquez Announce Over \$117 Million In Federal Funding For Queensway Project

U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (NY-06), Gregory Meeks (NY-05), and Nydia M. Velázquez (NY-07) announced today a federal grant totaling \$117,696,000 for the QueensWay project in Queens.

Funded by the Inflation Reduction Act and awarded through the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods program, this Neighborhood and Access and Equity grant supports the design and construction of the Forest Park Pass section of the project.

The Forest Park Pass includes over 9 acres and extends about 0.65 miles from Union Turnpike, through Forest Park, to Park Lane South. The full QueensWay project will be a 3.5-mile, 47-acre linear park that transforms a stretch of abandoned railway to into green space, as well as a transportation corridor featuring pedestrian and bike-friendly paths that connect six



Congresswoman Meng recently touring the QueensWay Project

neighborhoods from Forest Hills to Ozone Park. The project will provide safe alternative routes to twelve schools, seven subway lines, one commuter line (LIRR), along

with local businesses. "I am excited to help announce this crucial federal money for

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the QueensWay project, which I advocated for in helping to pass the Inflation Reduction Act," said Congresswoman Meng. "QueensWay will provide more needed greenspace in our borough and ensure many benefits to the public including upgraded infrastructure, additional transportation options, and connecting neighborhoods. In communities like Queens, greenspace is limited and transportation projects, have historically disconnected diverse neighborhoods and discouraged walkability, and QueensWay stands to help change this. As New York's Representative on the Regional Leadership Council, I look forward to continuing to help move this project forward."

"Investing in the heart of our communities is essential for growth and the success of Queens," said Congressman Meeks. "With the assistance of this federal grant, we're connecting neighborhoods and providing historically disadvantaged neighborhoods with healthy open spaces and low-emitting transportation options. This initiative will strengthen our local economy and allow our communities to enjoy the many benefits stemming from this project." "Every New Yorker deserves equitable access to high-quality park space and transportation options. This \$117 million in federal funding for QueensWay will help bring much-needed greenspace to these Queens communities, reconnect neighborhoods, and

transform an abandoned railway into a state-of-the-art urban trail," said Congresswoman Velázquez. "This investment was made possible by The Inflation Reduction Act, which I was proud to help pass in Congress, and I'm confident this project will have a positive impact on the health and wellness of many New Yorkers."

Last year, Rep. Meng wrote a letter to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation advocating to include funding for the Forest Park Pass section of the QueensWay project in the Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Program. This program was established through the Inflation Reduction Act and includes

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Adams Administration Launches New E-Bike Public Education Campaign

"Get Smart Before You Start" campaign promotes the safe use of e-bikes

City implementing multi-pronged approach to traffic safety through better street design, public education, and increased enforcement

As traditional bike fatalities reach historic lows, DOT data shows rising e-bike fatalities, including a growing number of deadly 'solo collisions' not involving another vehicle

lion Vision Zero expense budget for the next fiscal year and the agency's \$7.7 billion 10-year capital plan for Vision Zero-related projects.

"Our streets must be safe for everyone — pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers alike," said Mayor Adams. "E-bikes are a great way for New Yorkers to get around, but we must ensure that people riding them can do so safely. That's why we're launching this campaign as a part of our broader efforts to make our streets safer and adapt to the new ways our streets are being used. We're using all the tools in our toolbox to keep New Yorkers safe, whether they're on two feet, two wheels, or four."

"With bicycle ridership reaching historic levels, we must use every tool available to give new and experienced cyclists the resources they need to bike safely, whether its building new protected bike lanes or educating New Yorkers so they gain these crucial skills on-the-ground," said NYC DOT Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez. "Our data-driven process shows that this new campaign is a timely and necessary response to the rise in fatalities that involve e-bike riders. E-bikes are an efficient and environmentally friendly way to get around and we hope that this campaign will encourage their safe operation."

"The NYPD fully backs the city's efforts to educate riders on how e-bikes actually function, and to share best practices that will make bicyclists and everyone else on our roadways more safe," said Police Commissioner Edward A. Caban. "We understand that traffic safety is public safety, and we must support and equip New Yorkers at every turn, on every street, in every borough."

"As more and more of our city's delivery workers transition to using electric micromobility devices, it's crucial that we do all we can to support them and make sure all e-bike riders know the rules of the road," said Department of Consumer and Worker Protection Commissioner Vilda Vera Mayuga. "Thank you to the Mayor, Commissioner Rodriguez, and to the entire DOT team for helping educate our city's e-bike

riders on how best to stay safe on their journeys around our city and to all of the Vision Zero partners for working to make our city as safe as possible."

Building on the success of past Vision Zero campaigns, this is the first campaign in Vision Zero history to focus solely on e-bikes, which have seen a surge in popularity in recent years. The "Get Smart Before You Start" campaign follows a data-driven approach, with a creative concept based on comprehensive market research and guided by NYC DOT crash data showing the vast majority — 76 percent — of cycling fatalities in 2023 involved e-bikes, even as traditional bike fatalities reached an all-time low and protected bike lane miles reached an all-time high. Last year also saw a record number of "single-bike" fatal crashes involving e-bikes where no other moving vehicle, pedestrian, or cyclist was involved.

By targeting newer or less experienced riders, the ads aim to shift the culture around biking and promote safe practices. The campaign will be multi-lingual — English, Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, Bangla, and Creole — and will be targeted to zip codes with the highest number of e-bike injuries and crashes.

IMPROVING E-BIKE INFRASTRUCTURE

The event announcing the campaign was held along 10th Avenue in Hell's Kitchen, where DOT last year installed a new "double-wide" protected bicycle lane designed to accommodate the growth in cycling and e-mobility. NYC DOT is working to improve bike lane designs and charging availability to better accommodate e-bikes and promote safe behavior. The agency has implemented wider bike lane designs on Manhattan's Third, Ninth and Tenth avenues, with plans to widen the Second Avenue bike lane this year. Wider bike lanes can better accommodate cyclists of different speeds and provide reliable and predictable space for e-bike users on the street. They also can create a high comfort

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AM Kim, Rep. Meng & AM Rozic Highlight Recent Scams Targeting Older Adults And Give Advice to Constituents on Ways to Protect Themselves

Assemblymember Ron Kim, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, Congressmember Grace Meng and Assemblymember Nily Rozic, and the 109th Precinct held a press conference at the Rosenthal Selfhelp Senior Center on fraudulent schemes targeting older adults. The prevalence of such scams in recent times has become a source of alarm for certain communities. Their warnings on this issue come on the heels of a recent arrest of a man in Flushing who had defrauded older adults across the country out of more than \$600,000.

The elected officials emphasized that financial scams affected everyone, but older adults are often more vulnerable based on age and financial status. Assemblymember Kim spoke to the community about some of the most common scams perpetrated onto older adults, including government impersonation scams, sweepstakes or lottery scams, robocalls or phone scams, computer tech support scams, or grandparent scams ("your grandchild is in jail"). Officer Vlaovich, from the 109th Police Precinct's Crime Prevention Unit, then gave helpful advice to the public about best practices to avoid these kinds of schemes. He discussed cases he and his col-

leagues had encountered in the past, and common mistakes that victims often make when falling for such scams.

The representatives also spoke briefly about a new state bill Assemblymember Kim introduced called the "Enhanced Public Payment System Act", which would better protect potential victims from such schemes. The legislation would enact a system of individual digital wallets or payment accounts, linked to a single master account, that enables payments to move between individual wallets or payment accounts. The Assemblyman stated that this would provide additional safeguard and help crack down on the exploitation and fraud currently taking place in the benefits system.

Assemblyman Ron Kim, Chair of the Assembly Committee on Aging, said, "I want to urge the public that if someone contacts you and tries to scare or intimidate you, or asks you to trust them with your finances, you are likely being scammed. There are very common techniques that certain criminals use to get you to lower your filters and make hasty decisions which you may later regret. Never give out your personal information or allow a stranger access to your devices, instead, contact your local

authorities or our offices. With this new bill, I look forward to working with the Governor on ways we can digitize public payments. I believe it has the real potential to reduce the ongoing fraud and theft in the current system, which is costing millions to taxpayers, and better safeguard older adults from such schemes.

Congressmember Grace Meng said, "Fighting for our seniors has always been a top priority of mine and that includes protecting them from scams. Whether it's spoofing, stealing SNAP benefits, mail theft or other schemes, these unconscionable crimes make it essential for older adults to do all they can to protect themselves from thieves seeking to steal their money or personal information. To avoid becoming a victim, seniors cannot let their guard down, and need to always be on the alert for these despicable fraudsters. I thank Assembly Members Kim and Rozic for partnering with me to shine a light on this problem."

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic said, "Seniors are being targeted by scammers seeking to exploit their trust and vulnerability. We must equip our seniors with the knowledge and resources to safeguard themselves against these predatory actions."

Gillibrand Announces Legislation To Boost Social Security Benefits For Seniors

Legislation Would Help Ensure that Social Security Benefits Keep Pace With The Rising Cost Of Health Care

Under This Bill, Social Security Cost-Of-Living Adjustment For 2024 Would Have Been 25% Higher

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand held a virtual press conference to announce the Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors Act, legislation to expand Social Security benefits for seniors. Social Security benefits are adjusted for inflation each year, but adjustments in recent years have not adequately taken into account the rising cost of health care - a major expense for older Americans. Gillibrand's legislation would correct this issue with the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) calculation, resulting in higher benefits that better reflect older

adults' true cost of living.

"Social Security is a lifeline for older adults. For many, it's their main source of income," said Senator Gillibrand. "But benefits aren't keeping pace with rising costs, leaving many older Americans struggling to afford the basics - particularly health care. The Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors Act would factor the high cost of health care into Social Security benefit calculations and help make sure recipients aren't forced to choose between paying for their medication and buying other necessities. Older adults have already spent a lifetime working, saving, and contributing to Social Security. They deserve to retire comfortably, and I'm determined to pass this bill to help ensure they get to."

The Social Security COLA is currently calculated using the Consumer Price Index for Urban

Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). The Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors Act would calculate COLAs using a modified consumer price index, the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E), instead. The CPI-E weighs the cost of health care more highly in its measure of inflation, and is thus generally more reflective of the actual costs incurred by older adults. For example, in January 2024, the CPI-W increased Social Security benefits by 3.2%. The same COLA using the CPI-E formula would have increased benefits by 4%, putting an extra \$180 a year in the average Social Security recipient's pocket.

The Boosting Benefits and COLAs for Seniors Act is co-sponsored by Senators Bob Casey (D-PA), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Peter Welch (D-VT), John Fetterman (D-PA), and Bernie Sanders (I-VT).

One Month Until Tax Day: File Your Tax Return Simply and Quickly

The NYS Tax Department website has free resources available to help ensure timely and accurate returns before the April 15 deadline

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance today reminded taxpayers that information available on its website, www.tax.ny.gov, can help make filing personal income tax returns simple, fast, and free for qualifying New Yorkers.

Federal and state income tax returns must be filed by Monday,

April 15.

"We want to provide the most convenient tax filing experience possible," said Acting Tax Commissioner Amanda Hiller. "The resources available at www.tax.ny.gov can help taxpayers quickly and easily meet their filing obligations and receive any refunds they're owed."

Visit the Tax Department's Income tax filing season resource center webpage for helpful information about how to prepare and file your federal and state income tax returns.

Make it simple

To get started, gather the information and documents needed to file a New York State income tax return:

- an active email account (enables you to file electronically and keep track of the status of your return)
- a copy of last year's federal income tax return or your prior-year federal adjusted gross income (FAGI)
- a driver license or state-issued nondriver ID (for you and your

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cycling experience for riders of all abilities.

NYC DOT also recently launched a six-month pilot program to test public e-bike charging infrastructure among delivery workers. Part of the Adams Administration's "Charge Safe, Ride Safe" initiative, the pilot includes five locations and more than 100 charging points. The pilot will inform NYC DOT and sister agencies' efforts to expand safe and affordable e-battery charging to all New Yorkers.

BETTER ENFORCEMENT

NYC DOT has consistently advocated at the state level for the authority to expand its automated enforcement programs. In 2022, NYC DOT successfully worked with Albany legislators to expand its speed camera program to operate 24-hours a day, seven days a week. The expansion led to a drop in injuries crashes, and an average of 30% reduction in speeding during the hours when the cameras previously were not allowed to operate: on nights and weekends.

This session, the agency is working with state lawmakers to both renew and expand its red light camera program and crack down on the few, incredibly reckless drivers who are repeatedly caught running red lights.

NYC DOT is also working with its partners at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to expand bus-mounted camera enforcement to combat double parking and blocked bike lanes.

"E-bikes are an increasingly integral part of NYC's transportation landscape, so it's critical that all riders know how to operate these bikes and ride safely on New York City streets," said Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine. "Safety education like this combined with the expanding cycling infrastructure we're seeing across the city are vital to achieving Vision Zero."

"With e-bikes becoming an increasingly popular mode of transportation in Queens and throughout the city, it makes sense to help educate newer riders on how to ride e-bikes safely," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "Anyone who operates any kind of vehicle in our city needs to know the rules of the road for operating their vehicles properly. The safety of our streets depends on those who use them being conscientious, cautious, and careful."

"As we strive to make our city streets safer for all, it is crucial that we equip e-bike riders with the knowledge and awareness to operate their vehicles responsibly," said Councilmember Erik Bottcher. The goal of the "Get Smart Before You Start" campaign is to promote safe practices and empower riders to navigate our streets with care and consideration. By pairing this initiative with direct education and outreach efforts, we are committed to fostering a culture of safety and responsibility among e-bike users across our city."

"Too many bike fatalities involve e-bikes, and that's why it's imperative that bikers learn how

to use them," said Councilmember Gale A. Brewer. "That's why it's good that the DOT is offering 'Get Smart Before You Start' to instruct riders on how to accelerate, brake, and travel safely using these new 'micromobility' devices."

"As we continue to advance the goals of Vision Zero and expand complete streets, it is important that all the users of the road know and follow the rules - regardless of the type of vehicle they're using," said Councilmember Keith Powers. "Today's launch of the 'Get Smart Before You Start' campaign will increase awareness of this basic fact as well as provide additional safety information for ebike users. I look forward to seeing the ads throughout the city."

"E-bikes are revolutionizing cycling, by making longer trips easier and by making biking more accessible, but the crash data makes it clear that rider education is critical," said Eric McClure, executive director, StreetsPAC. "We applaud Mayor Adams and NYC DOT for undertaking the 'Get Smart Before You Start' campaign to help New Yorkers learn how to ride e-bikes safely and responsibly, and we look forward to helping support this effort however we can."

"As e-bike usage continues to surge in the city, it's crucial to empower new and less experienced riders with the proper safety and handling skills," said Ken Podziba, CEO, Bike New York. "We commend Mayor Adams, Commissioner Rodriguez, and the Department of Transportation for developing 'Get Smart Before You Start,' an innovative campaign designed to reduce injuries and fatalities by providing e-bike users with the essential tools to ride safely and confidently, which will ultimately lead to more New Yorkers riding for transport and recreation."

"E-bikes and e-scooters help New Yorkers of all ages and abilities get around the city with ease; the best way to support these riders, and everyone using New York's streets, is through infrastructure and smart policy," said Sara Lind, co-executive director, Open Plans. "Double-wide protected bike lanes provide adequate, reliable space, which is especially important for newer riders. Prioritizing these lanes across the city will build the consistent bike network they need to ride safely and confidently. Meanwhile, expanding our red light enforcement helps ensure we're not asking New Yorkers to share the street with reckless, violent drivers. We look forward to DOT continuing these efforts to support e-bikes as a fun, convenient, and climate-friendly way to get around."

ABOUT VISION ZERO - With eight of the 10 safest years on New York City streets occurring during the Vision Zero era, this life-saving progress is thanks to the city's holistic approach to safety. In 2023, NYC DOT installed a record number of protected bike lane miles—the first time the agency surpassed 30 miles in a calendar year. As part of the

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IT'S IN QUEENS

It's In Queens! (March 22 to March 28)

The weather is slowly getting warmer this week, but the activities list is red hot with dining bargains, an egg hunt, a career expo, Disco dancing, comedy, sneakers, and activism.

- March 20, Sunnyside Restaurant Week, April 4. More than 50 restaurants offer three-course dinners for \$35, while some also offer a special lunch menu. Expect cuisine from Colombia, El Salvador, India, Italy, Japan, Mexican, Nepal, Peru, Philippines, Romania, Turkey, and Venezuela.

- March 23, Sole-ful Spring, 2 pm. Those who donate a pair of sneakers (new or gently worn) receive coupons from participating tenants along with complimentary drinks. The event includes a party with artist Jason H. Lee, a deejay, raffles, and giveaways. The Shops at Skyview, Level 4, 40-24 College Point Blvd., Flushing.

- March 23, Brass Queens, 3 pm. This group has a signature sound that combines jazz from New York and New Orleans. The result is a nonstop party with the audience singing along to classic pop hits, dancing, and feeling like they've been transported to Frenchman Street. Louis Armstrong Center Jazz Room, 34-47 107th St., Corona.

- March 23, Barnyard Egg Hunt, March 30. Collect colorful, prize-filled eggs in the orchard with Whiskers the Bunny on March 23 and March 30 from 11 am to 4 pm. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- March 23, Lewis Latimer Science & Career Expo, 9 am. A day of scientific exploration featuring panel discussions, guest speakers, interactive workshops, and a nonprofit showcase. It's geared for students in fifth-to-eleventh grade. York College, 94-20 Guy Brewer Blvd., Jamaica.

- March 23, RAM Concert, 5 pm. Random Access Music members -- Lish Lindsey (flute and ryuteki), Thomas Piercy (clarinet and hichiriki), Sabina Torosjan (violin and viola), Daniel Hass (cello), Marina Iwao (piano) -- perform. The Secret Theatre, 38-02 61st St., Woodside.

- March 23, WFUV Garden Party, noon. Host Benham Jones and friends from the WFUV radio station hang out with music, nature, and altruism. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- March 23, Roni, 8 pm. The weekly Sounds From the Gallery series presents Roni who promises to elevate the ambiance of the gallery space, transforming it into an enchanting musical haven. CultureLab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave.

- March 23, Piano Concert, 4 pm. Forest Hills composer and pianist Margin Alexander is world renowned for his solo performances and collaborations with ensembles, music societies and solo artists in a wide range of musical genres. Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- March 24, The Rainbow Fish,



- 1 pm + 4 pm. Mermaid Theatre of Nova Scotia's stage adaptation of several Marcus Pfister stories features innovative puppetry, striking scenic effects, and evocative original music. The 4 pm show has ALS interpretation. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- March 24, Vietnam Era Dance, 3:30 pm. Paul Capo and a DJ provide instructions and then facilitate a 1970s dance party. Maple Gove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- March 24, Family Day: Commemorating Women's History Month, 1 pm. An afternoon of captivating stories that highlight the resilience, creativity, and brilliance of women from diverse backgrounds through drop-in workshops and story-telling by Queens-based poet Tara Jayakar, who founded Raptor Press. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- March 27, Riddim Section Presents: Chardavoine, 8 pm. Chardavoine has covered the gambit of musical styles through the waves of his guitar. Born in Haiti, he represents the best of modern music and the future of jazz. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

- March 27, Letters from Anne and Martin, 2:30 pm. This two-person short play highlights the lives of Anne Frank and Martin Luther King Jr., featuring the direct words from Anne's diary and Rev. Dr. King's "Letter from

- Birmingham Jail." Following the performance, the actors and an educator from the Anne Frank Center engage with the audience. Queensborough Performing Arts Center, 222-05 56th Ave., Bayside.

- March 27, Jest Kidding, 7:30 pm. Hosted by Rich Kiamco (Howard Stern, ABC), the lineup for this stand up show includes John Luna (Netflix is a Joke Radio, Roast Battle Champion: The Comedy Store), Sabeen Sadiq (opened for Hasan Minhaj), Carlos Garcia (MTV, Taxi Cab Comedy on FOX Nation, Beavis and Butthead Show), Christiana Jackson (Cash Cab, NY Comedy Festival), and Barak Ziv (World Series of Comedy). QED Astoria, 27-16 23rd Ave.,

- March 27, Artist Meet-Up, 6 pm. A monthly meet up for artists of all disciplines to gather, connect, and talk. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- March 28, Marvels of Media Festival, March 30. This third annual promotion invites audiences to discover a diverse selection of 17 new films and one virtual reality project. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- March 28, Literary Thursdays, 6 pm. Sonia Hu discusses her first biographical literature collection, Reminiscence of Fleeting Times, which includes 19 articles that she has written in recent years, 14 of which were published in the Taiwanese magazine Biographical Literature. She presents via a zoom with Queens Public Library.

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Governor Hochul Launches Effort To Protect New Yorkers Ahead Of Total Solar Eclipse On April 8

New York State Will Distribute Limited Edition I LOVE NY Eclipse Glasses at 30 Locations Throughout the State – Including New York State Welcome Centers and Select Service Areas Along NYS Thruway

Governor Kathy Hochul today launched a statewide effort to protect New Yorkers ahead of the Total Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8. The effort includes statewide distribution of limited-edition I LOVE NY eclipse glasses at 30 locations throughout the state – including New York State Welcome Centers and select service areas along the NYS Thruway – as well as a reminder for stargazers to be wary of scams, fake merchandise and phony accommodation listings. In addition, the Governor expanded an I LOVE NY campaign to urge New Yorkers to take proper safety precautions during the eclipse. Today's announcement builds on previous actions to prepare the state, as well as New York stargazers, for the once-in-a-generation celestial event.

"The total solar eclipse will be a once-in-a-generation experience for our state, and it's critical that New Yorkers have the tools and information to enjoy it safely," Governor Hochul said. "From heightening awareness of scams to providing thousands of New Yorkers with eclipse glasses, I'm focused on giving everyone the resources they need to safely experience this extraordinary event."

On April 8, a total solar eclipse will encompass the western and northern parts of New York State with the roughly 100-mile wide path of totality entering in the southwestern part of the state at just after 3:15 p.m. and departing northern New York just before 3:30 p.m. Cities and towns within this path include Jamestown, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Watertown, Old Forge, Lake Placid and Plattsburgh. The entire event will last for up to 2 ½ hours, marking the time the sun is first obstructed to the last moments when the moon's shadow is cast.

I LOVE NY Eclipse Glasses
During the eclipse, it is especially unsafe to look directly at the sun without specialized eye protection and can result in serious injury. The partial phases of the solar eclipse can only be safely observed directly with specialized eclipse glasses or a handheld solar viewer – regular sunglasses are not a safe replacement.

A limited quantity of I LOVE NY eclipse glasses will be available beginning today at locations throughout the state, including New York State Welcome Centers and select service areas along the New York State Thruway (at the Applegreen C-Stores). A full list of locations distributing I LOVE NY glasses, as well as other sources for eclipse glasses, are available here. Glasses will be limited to two pairs per person, while supplies last, with a limited amount distributed daily. The

glasses were approved by the New York State Department of Health and carry an ISO certification.

A digital marketing campaign was launched in January to promote general awareness of the eclipse and viewing options across New York State. Messaging of the campaign has expanded to include safety and preparedness information as well as information on eclipse glasses distribution. The campaign will continue to run up until the eclipse on April 8.

Protecting Stargazers From Scams

The New York Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection is providing tips for the hundreds of thousands of consumers planning to travel to New York State to witness the solar eclipse over New York. Consumers need to be informed of their rights, shop smartly to safeguard their hard-earned money and stay vigilant to protect themselves from scams.

According to the Better Business Bureau, scams associated with the 2024 solar eclipse may include:

- Travel Scams: Scammers may advertise discounted travel packages or transportation services for viewing the eclipse, only to disappear with customers' money or provide subpar services.

- Fake Merchandise: Unscrupulous vendors might sell counterfeit or overpriced eclipse-themed merchandise.

- Phony Accommodation Listings: Scammers could create false hotel or rental listings claiming to have optimal views of the eclipse while these listings may not exist or properties may not be as described, or the lister is not really the owner.

To safeguard against these scams, consumer should:

- Try to pay with a credit card. Credit cards often offer more protection than paying by cash, check or debit card. Some credit card companies also offer perks like trip insurance or concierge service while traveling and may offer additional protections if the trip is cancelled. Check with your credit card company on the conditions of travel expenditure reimbursement.

- Purchasing Merchandise. Purchase eclipse viewing glasses and other related products only from reputable vendors or verified sources. Look to see if the glasses include the ISO stamp and message When seeking eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers, your best bet is to start with the AAS list of suppliers so you can be sure your viewers are safe.

- Personal Information. Exercise caution when providing personal or financial information online. This advice is good all year round, not just for the eclipse.

- Do Your Research. Verify the legitimacy of accommodation listings by researching the property and reading reviews from trusted sources.

Any consumer who encounters a marketplace problem while enjoying the eclipse in New York can

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LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 You will be popular and will attract members of the opposite sex. Do not lend money to friends. If you don't trust someone, question him or her. Your lucky numbers are 4,7,9.

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 Emotional confusion will cause you to make wrong decisions. There might be a problem with a will or with an insurance policy. Your lucky numbers are 3,9,2.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 You will be subject to pushy individuals if you get involved in dubious organizations. You have the ability to motivate others. Your lucky numbers are 5,4,2.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Avoid any intimate involvement with coworkers or employers. Don't accept empty promises. It may be a disappointing week emotionally. Your lucky numbers are 5,2,7.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 You find some acquaintancesceptive. Try to communicate with others this week. Discuss your objectives with partners or peers. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,1.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Emotional relationships will be plentiful. Your outgoing, aggressive nature will attract someone you've been anxious to meet. Your lucky numbers are 7,8,1.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 Look out for those wanting to push you into a disagreement. You should sign up for creative courses. Concentrate on your work. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,2.

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)
 Social gatherings will be conducive to meeting new potential mates. Someone you live with will be quite unreasonable this week. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,1.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Be sure not to reveal private information to the wrong individuals. Investment decisions look positive. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,4.

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 Take care of any pressing medical problems. Get involved in creative projects that will enhance your earning power. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,1.

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Someone in a higher position is watching to see how busy you are. Refuse to get involved in idle chatter. Your lucky numbers are 1,2,9.

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- Christmas trees originated from Germany
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- the original design of Monopoly was circular
- the Earth is struck by lightning over 100 times every second
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- the lifespan of a squirrel is 9 years
- the stomach acids found in a snakes stomach can digest bones and teeth but not fur or hair
- the word racecar can be spelled the same way backwards
- a giraffe can go longer without water than a camel
- you burn more calories sleeping than watching television
- the word 'underground' is the only word that begins and ends with the letters 'und'
- 56% of typing is completed by your left hand
- there are more chickens than people
- for every human there are 200 million insects
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Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

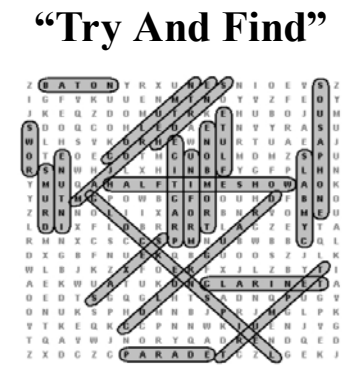
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- ACROSS**
- Phase
 - Resorts
 - Abbey area
 - Monetary units of Serbia
 - Rear end
 - Aspersion
 - Strain
 - Hard work
 - Anagram of "Rent"
 - Fiendish
 - Anger
 - A heavy open wagon
 - Wears away
 - Ancient
 - Life story
 - Hurry on foot
 - Memorization method
 - Beige
 - Expensive fur
 - Luminous intensity unit
 - Not artificial
 - Sedate
 - Tosses
 - Small parasitic arachnid
 - US spy agency
 - Animal doctor
 - Notices
 - Perspires
 - Ends a prayer
 - Pitching to one side
 - Infuse completely
 - African sheep
 - Nile bird
 - Honorable
 - Quash
 - Blackthorn
 - Run off to wed
 - Biblical garden
 - Be inclined
 - Perception
- DOWN**
- Didn't dillydally
 - Cab
 - Environs
 - Clothes
 - Medieval sword
 - Sarcastic
 - Exam monitor
 - Largest continent
 - Vendor
 - Space travellers
 - Beg
 - Upwell
 - Anagram of "Sneer"
 - Record company
 - Corrode
 - Circle fragments
 - Caprine animal
 - Europe's highest volcano
 - Allegiance
 - Not bewildered
 - French cheese
 - Shoestring
 - Large northern deer
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Jamie Dimon, Chairman And CEO Of JPMorgan Chase And Executive Chair Of The New York Jobs CEO Council Speaks At Queens College

Jamie Dimon, visited his native borough on March 11 to address over 200 Queens College students and faculty. CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez and Executive Director of the New York Jobs CEO Council (Jobs Council), Kiersten Barnet joined the stage to kick off the event before Queens College President Frank H. Wu sat down for a fireside chat with Jamie Dimon. The two discussed leadership, talent development, and the collaboration needed between the public and private sectors to drive job creation.



Queens native, Jamie Dimon joins Queens College President Frank H. Wu for a fireside chat as part of the New York Jobs CEO Council's CEO Speaker Series

"Opportunities are not always granted to those who really need them," said Chairman and CEO of JPMorgan Chase, Jamie Dimon. "We have the responsibility to ensure that students, especially from under-resourced communities, have the access to learn the in-demand skills needed to land them a job after graduation."

Launched in 2020, Jobs Council represents the commitment of CEOs of the largest employers in New York to support jobseekers access family-sustaining jobs. These leaders collectively pledged to hire 100,000 low-income New Yorkers, with a focus on, including 25,000 from the City University of New York (CUNY). Since 2022, the Jobs Council has hired nearly 30,000 jobseekers within the target group, with nearly 6,000 of those from CUNY. The CEO Speaker Series supports this mission, connecting influential business leaders with students and faculty at the City's public education institution.

"By connecting our students with opportunities that help them launch the careers of their dreams, the New York Jobs CEO Council and its partners have proven to be

committed supporters of CUNY and our efforts to drive economic and social mobility for people of all backgrounds," said CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez. "Together, we are strengthening and diversifying the city's workforce to lift New York."

The Jobs Council and Queens College have been working together to better understand what students need to be successful in their job search. With most Fortune 500 companies recruiting their early career talent from internship programs, it has become crucial for students to become better prepared for the workforce early on in their college experience.

"Queens College is a launchpad for extraordinary success stories—a place where we take enormous pride in the fact that many of our students are the first in their families to earn a college degree," said Queens College President Frank H. Wu. "We are deeply fortunate to partner with the innovative Jobs Council to cre-

ate opportunities for our students to establish their own bright futures, much like world-renowned financier and Queens native Jamie Dimon."

"We are collaborating with Queens to increase career focus and industry engagement across the campus through a variety of career awareness efforts and curriculum alignment, with the goal of improving career outcomes for students," said Executive Director of the New York Jobs CEO Council, Kiersten Barnet. "This partnership will equip Queens College students with the skills and resources that they need to be successful in their career journeys."

About the New York Jobs CEO Council - The New York Jobs CEO Council is a nonprofit membership intermediary that works to scale sustainable, market-driven workforce development solutions that benefit both jobseekers and

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Senator John Liu Celebrates 6th Annual Civics Week In Northeast Queens Schools

In recognition of NYC's 6th Annual Civics Week, Senator John Liu, Chair of the NYC Education Committee, visited schools in northeast Queens to speak with students about the importance of being engaged in their communities.

Throughout Civics Week, elected officials visit public school students in K-12 throughout the city where they participate in classroom activities and events aimed at empowering students to become proactive contributors to their community. Civics Week takes place during March 11 to 15, 2024. Activities include Student Voter Registration Drives, Civics for All Poster Contests and more.

During Civics Week, Senator Liu visited the following northeast Queens schools:

- Adrien Block IS 25 in Flushing. Senator Liu spoke to students about civic engagement and the democratic process.
- PS 188Q in Bayside. Senator Liu joined Council Member Linda Lee and Queens Supreme Court Judge Karen Lin to swear in the Student Council.
- MS 216Q in Fresh Mead-



ows. Senator Liu joined Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Councilwoman Christine Liu, and Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado. During the school's Meet Your Civic Leaders Day, students learned about the election process, policy creation, local and state government.

State Senator John Liu stated, "The youth of today are more active and engaged in the issues

than ever before, so it is essential they learn to think critically and empathetically about their politics and engage in healthy civic debate. Clearly, their interest in the issues affecting their community and the world extends far beyond just Civics Week, and we are fortunate here in Queens to have such eager and thoughtful participation by our students of all ages."

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Sunnyside Community Services to Address Elder Abuse

Queens-based Organization adds Elder Justice Program to its full range of services for older adults

Sunnyside Community Services (SCS) has added a new Elder Justice Program to its wide array of services for older adults. The Elder Justice Program will address the important issue of elder abuse, providing support and assistance for older adults experiencing abuse in Queens, along with measures to prevent abuse and empower older adults with the information and tools they need to recognize abusive situations. The program is funded by NYC Aging.



Elder abuse refers to neglect, financial exploitation, emotional or verbal abuse, and physical abuse of older adults, often by a trusted caretaker or relative. A 2021 study followed 628 adults in New York State over a 10-year period and found that more than 1 in 10 experienced elder mistreatment.1

"During the pandemic, many older adults found themselves more isolated, increasing the risk of elder abuse," said Erika Gilliard, Program Director of the Elder Justice Program at SCS. "Our new Elder Justice Program uses a three-pronged approach of awareness, prevention, and support to help older adults recognize and prevent elder abuse, while assisting those who are experiencing abusive situations."

Through this program, SCS social workers and professional staff will assist individuals aged 60 and older living in Western Queens neighborhoods (Community Districts 1-7 and 11) including Long Island City, Sunnyside, Astoria, Jackson Heights, Corona, Flushing, Rego Park, and many others. Services will include case assistance, counseling, support groups, and help with safety measures such as changing locks and installing hidden cameras. SCS will also train professionals from community groups so that they can recognize elder abuse and offer assistance and referrals.

The Elder Justice Program will complement SCS' existing service continuum for older

adults. As the largest community service organization for older adults in western Queens, SCS provides a number of services for older adults including the Center for Active Older Adults, home care, a social adult day program, benefits counseling, case management, support for caregivers, and a program where volunteers visit individuals who are homebound to prevent social isolation.

The Elder Justice program is part of an initiative by NYC Aging to tackle elder abuse in New York City. The city has partnered with community organizations in each of the five boroughs to provide crisis intervention and safety planning to victims.

"We are proud that NYC Aging has entrusted us to be a partner in their important city-wide program to address elder abuse," said Judy Zangwill, Executive Director of SCS. Sunnyside Community Services. "We are committed to helping those in Queens who are suffering from neglect and mistreatment and are eager to begin this vital work." Individuals who are experiencing elder abuse or mistreatment can contact SCS at 718-392-0836 or via email at elderjustice@scsny.org.

About Sunnyside Community Services - Sunnyside Community Services (SCS) is a community-

based nonprofit centered on the belief that every person deserves meaningful support to achieve their aspirations - especially struggling families and individuals. SCS serves a diverse community of over 16,000 people of all ethnicities and income levels throughout Queens with programs that range from pre-K to college and career readiness, home care and home health aide training, Beacon and Cornerstone community centers for children and families, legal assistance for immigrants, ESOL classes for community members to improve their English language skills, a vibrant senior center and full range of services for at-risk older adults including social adult day care for individuals with Alzheimer's, a city-wide program of supportive services for caregivers, and an elder justice program to provide assistance for those experiencing elder abuse and measures to prevent abuse and empower older adults. With programs designed to enrich lives and strengthen communities through services and engagement for individuals of all ages, beginning with those most in need, SCS has been lighting up lives with programs as diverse as the people they serve since 1974. For more information, visit www.scsny.org or email info@scsny.org.

CM Vickie Paladino Meets With The Department of Environmental Protection

Recently CM Paladino met with DEP to discuss flooding concerns across District 19 and the work we've done to mitigate the effects.

CM Paladino said "Since being elected, I've fought for and got regular inspections and cleaning of catch basins across the district. I've also been collaborating with the Commissioners to map out potential project areas for a capital project. I'm looking forward to our continued work together to further prevent flooding and address infrastructure concerns."



Meng Seeks Green And Gold Congressional Aide



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) announced that she is seeking a local veteran, Gold Star Family member, or active-duty spouse for a two-year paid position in her Northeast Queens office.

This Green and Gold Congressional Aide will work closely with military and veteran constituents

in Queens to provide assistance with federal agencies, serve as liaison to local Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs), attend local meetings and events on behalf of the Congresswoman, and more.

"As a nation, we have a commitment to caring for our veter-

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Council Member James F. Gennaro Statement re: Schumer's Israel Remarks

"Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer read straight from the Hamas playbook today from the floor of the Senate, proclaiming that he sees Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as an 'obstacle to peace' in the country's war with Hamas, and said it was time for the country to hold new elections. How dare he? Further, he stated 'Prime Minister Netanyahu has lost his way by allowing his political survival to take precedence over the best interests of Israel.' He also said 'were Netanyahu to remain in power, it would jeopardize global support for Israel at a critical juncture,' 'Israel cannot survive if it becomes a pariah,' Israel needs to make 'some serious course corrections,' blah, blah, blah. You get the idea..."

Newsflash, Sen. Schumer – 'jeopardize global support for Israel?' What global support?

Most countries are led by outright Israel-haters or those who fear the political consequences of standing up to their largely Hamas-brainwashed populace. Two attacks occurred on October 7th – the attack on Israel and the launch of the worldwide pro-Hamas propaganda apparatus. And, now – when the war is not going how you want it to go (wars rarely go how you want them to go, Mr. Majority Leader), rather than being the leader and that ally to Israel that Israel and the world needs, you stand on the floor of the Senate and say exactly what Hamas would want you to say, while also making perfunctory and meaningless denunciations of Hamas.

The objective of Israel's real allies is to liberate the people of Israel and the people of Gaza, and the people of the world from

the death machine of Hamas once and for all. Hamas has prosecuted this war in such a way as to ensure maximum civilian casualties despite the IDF's efforts at its own peril to minimize such casualties. Hamas has done all this deliberately to elicit the exact statement that you delivered today in the Senate. So now the most powerful Jewish leader in U.S. history has betrayed Israel and played right into Hamas' hands, to the delight of Hamas, because leaders around the world who were trying to hold back the tide of pro-Hamas sentiment in their countries will now have your statement thrown in their faces by their pro-Hamas zombie constituents. This is not being an ally to Israel; this is a betrayal. I stand with your Senate colleagues and Israel supporters and foes of Hamas who have denounced your statement."

Wildkale Online Farmers Market Brings Farm-Fresh Proteins To New Yorkers' Doorsteps

Wildkale Online Farmers Market, an online farmers market that connects farms directly with customers, has launched a new hyper-local New York state small farm collective at wildkale.market. Offering grass-fed grass-finished beef, pastured chicken and pork raised on organic micro family farms, Wildkale brings the highest quality protein directly shipped by the farmers to customer's home doorsteps anywhere in New York state within one business day.

"Coming from North Macedonia, I grew up on healthy flavorful homemade food that my grandmother would cook from scratch daily with local ingredients from small farms," says Wildkale Online Farmers Market founder Ana Jakimovska. "Now, as a New Yorker and a mom of two children, I've strived to offer

my children the same nutrition and rich flavors of my childhood. When I finally found the wholesome, organic ingredients it takes to replicate those flavors at a handful of small Central New York farms, I realized more New Yorkers needed better access to these quality products. I started Wildkale to help to bring these farm-fresh proteins and ingredients directly to the doorsteps of New Yorkers in the city and all over the state."

Jakimovska has visited hundreds of farms across New York state in search of the highest quality beef, pork, and chicken available. She found the fresh, flavorful proteins she was seeking in Central New York, an area of fertile volcanic fields where small family farms raise their animals in a respectful and humane manner. Now, with the help of Wild-

kale technology, these Central New York farmers can deliver to customers anywhere in New York State nutritious, high-quality proteins raised on their farms, package them with dry ice, and within one business day. Shipping is free.

About Wildkale Farmers Market - Wildkale Farmers Market is an online market allowing New Yorkers to order their food directly from local farmers, without any middlemen. Wildkale.market selects New York State-based farming partners committed to growing food the right way on their small family farms. Wildkale enables direct connection in the true sense since there are no middlemen, and the food is packaged on the farms by the people who took care of the animals and delivered at the customer's door overnight. For more information, please visit wildkale.market.

Adams Administration Launches New E-Bike Public Education Campaign

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administration's commitment to equity, 2023's totals also included a record number of protected bike lanes in the Bronx. The agency finished the year with more than

10 miles of new protected bike lanes in the borough—a 66 percent increase over the city's next highest annual mileage in the Bronx. Through public events across the five boroughs, the agency also distributed nearly

22,000 bicycle helmets and nearly 9,000 bicycle lights. Additionally, the Adams Administration fulfilled its commitment to harden a total of 20 miles of existing protected bike lanes in 2022 and 2023.

Meng Seeks Green And Gold Congressional Aide

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ans, servicemembers, and their families. A significant part of that is ensuring that they have access to the agencies that maintain their benefits, resources, and records," said Congresswoman Meng. "I am proud to partner with the Green and Gold Aide Program to hire a veteran, Gold Star Family member, or an active-duty spouse to provide support for more than 10,000 veterans living in Queens. I encourage all eligible members of our community to apply for this unique opportunity to serve Queens at the federal level."

The Green and Gold Congressional Aide Program was established by the House of Representatives to provide employment opportunities for veterans, Gold Star Families, and active-duty spouses within congressional offices.

The program is limited to veterans who meet all of the following requirements:

- Honorably discharged
- Released from active duty within the last six years
- Terminal pay grades at or below E-5, O-3, or W-2
- Veterans promoted to the pay grades of E-6, O-4, or W-3 within

six months of separation from active duty may be eligible if they meet all other requirements

• Veterans who are in receipt of a 20-year or Temporary Early Retirement Authorization (TERA) retirement are not eligible for the program.

Gold Star applicants must be the spouse, parent, sibling, child or stepchild of a service member who died in the line of duty or died from a service-connected disability. Active-duty spouses must be a spouse of a service member serving on active duty in a regular component of the armed forces.

Governor Hochul Launches Effort To Protect New Yorkers Ahead Of Total Solar Eclipse On April 8

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file a complaint with the Division of Consumer Protection at <https://dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection>.

Additional Preparations for Total Solar Eclipse

New York State is committed to providing a safe and fun eclipse experience, recognizing the convergence of public safety and tourism promotion. Travelers are encouraged to plan an extended getaway for a more enjoyable event, including avoiding post-eclipse traffic like the massive backups following the Great Eclipse of 2017, which bisected the United States from Oregon to South Carolina.

Educational Information and Viewing

Earlier this month, Governor Hochul announced the eclipse events and activities scheduled at New York's State Parks, in coordination with NASA. ILOVENY has launched the multi-platform "Come for the Eclipse, Stay for New York" campaign to present New York as THE place to be to witness this event. The campaign and a special eclipse website highlight viewing location information in the five regions that will experience the path of totality, a variety of attractions and special eclipse-related events happening across the state across its digital platforms including Instagram, Facebook, TikTok and Twitter/X. A downloadable special edition eclipse poster is also available, created through I LOVE NY's partnership with acclaimed artist and professional astronomer Dr. Tyler Nordgren. Visit iloveny.com/eclipse for viewing locations and additional safety tips.

Secretary of State Robert J. Rodriguez said, "The excitement is building for this extraordinary celestial event happening for the first time in 99 years. As hundreds of thousands of solar eclipse enthusiasts visit and travel throughout our state, we urge New Yorkers and tourists alike to be vigilant and follow our tips so they can enjoy the eclipse without becoming prey to fraudulent schemes."

Empire State Development President, CEO and Commissioner Hope Knight said, "New York's prime location in the path of totality for this rare total solar eclipse has generated substantial interest from residents and visitors alike. Under Governor Hochul's leadership, we're working to ensure viewer safety through multi-agency public safety coordination and the distribution of complementary I LOVE NY eclipse glasses. This once-in-a-lifetime event will further support our vital tourism industry, benefiting hotels, restaurants and businesses, as eclipse enthusiasts explore viewing locations throughout the state."

New York State Department of Transportation Commissioner Marie Therese Dominguez said, "As part of New York State's multi-agency coordination effort, state agencies under Governor Hochul's direction are work-

ing in unison to make sure that the upcoming solar eclipse is as enjoyable and safe as possible. New York State will be one of the primary destinations for people hoping to catch a rare glimpse of this natural wonder, which will provide new opportunities for the economy and tourism, along with unique traffic challenges. If you are coming to New York to enjoy this event, please come prepared with food and water; please be patient, as you may encounter traffic and please do not park on the side of the roads - so emergency vehicles can safely access the roadways. The team at NYSDOT is planning to ensure that everyone not only enjoys the eclipse safely, but hopefully takes in some more sights while they're here."

New York State Health Commissioner Dr. James McDonald said, "The most important step to ensure New Yorkers enjoy this once-in-a-lifetime event is to protect your eyes. ISO certified eclipse glasses will shield your eyes from serious and possibly permanent damage, which can occur by looking at the eclipse with regular sunglasses or without any eye protection. I am grateful Governor Hochul is making the specialized glasses available in dozens of locations around the State to ensure this experience is a safe and enjoyable one."

New York State Thruway Authority Acting Executive Director Frank G. Hoare said, "Thousands of additional motorists are expected to use the New York State Thruway to travel to their destination to view the eclipse on April 8. Motorists stopping at select service areas on the Thruway will be able to pick up a free pair of eclipse glasses to safely view this once in a lifetime experience. For the safety of all travelers, there is no parking on the shoulders of the highway, and parking in Thruway service areas will be limited. We encourage travelers to arrive to their destination early, drive safely and have fun at this historic event."

Mark J.F. Schroeder, Commissioner of the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles and Chair of the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee said, "This is an exciting day for New Yorkers and our visitors to experience a rare phenomenon, and we want to make sure everyone can do so safely. If you're driving during the eclipse, be prepared to experience sudden darkness, and do not try to look at the eclipse while you're in motion. Find a place to park if you want to look, and make sure you have proper eyewear. You should also be aware that traffic in viewing areas will be heavier, so expect delays and take it slow."

Claire Rosenzweig, President & CEO of Better Business Bureau – Metropolitan New York said, "A solar eclipse is exciting but don't let your guard down to those who try to trick you and vanish with your money. Independently verify products and services and never give your personal or financial information to a stranger."

Tile, Marble, Terrazzo Workers Recruit Apprentices

The Joint Apprenticeship and Training Committee (JATC) for Tile, Marble and Terrazzo BAC, Local Union #7 of NY & NJ will conduct a recruitment from April 15, 2024 through October 25, 2024 for five Tile Setter apprentices; five Terrazzo Worker apprentices; and five Marble, Carver, Cutter and Setter apprentices, the New York State Department of Labor announced today.

Applications will be available at the International Masonry Institute, 12-07 44th Avenue, Long Island City, NY 11101 from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. on 4/15/24, 4/16/24, 4/17/24, 4/18/24, 4/19/24, 10/21/24, 10/22/24, 10/23/24, 10/24/24 and 10/25/24. Applications must be completed, and exams taken, on the day of application. Doors open at 8:00 a.m. There will be no admittance after 8:30 a.m. Processing will be until 10:00 a.m. Applications will not be accepted by mail.

The Committee requires that applicants:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must have a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (such as a TASC or GED).
- Must have reliable means of

transportation to and from various job sites and required classes at the approved school. The Union operates in New York and New Jersey states.

- Must take a Basic Assessment Skills Exam and score a minimum of 23 (out of total of 31) on the exam.

- Must take and pass a drug test, at the expense of the sponsor, after an offer of employment.

- Must sign an affidavit agreeing they are physically capable of performing the essential functions of the trade without posing a threat to the health or safety of themselves or others. The functions may include:

- Working with hand tools and power tools.
- Exposure to loud noise, hazardous machinery, hazardous voltages and respiratory irritants.
- Prolonged standing, climbing, walking, repeated squatting, stretching and bending.
- Working under extreme weather conditions in summer and winter months.
- Working at temperatures and in confined areas where movement is greatly limited.
- Lifting and moving heavy

supplies and equipment up to 100 pounds.

- Working from ladders, scaffolds, and personnel lifts, which may exceed 100 feet.

- Must provide DD-214 Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty, if applicable, after selection and prior to enrollment.

For further information, applicants should contact Tile, Marble and Terrazzo BAC, Local Union #7 of NY & NJ at (718) 706-9294. Additional job search assistance can be obtained at your local New York State Department of Labor Career Center (see: dol.ny.gov/career-centers).

Apprentice programs registered with the Department of Labor must meet standards established by the Commissioner. Under state law, sponsors of programs cannot discriminate against applicants because of race, creed, color, national origin, age, sex, disability or marital status. Women and minorities are encouraged to submit applications for apprenticeship programs. Sponsors of programs are required to adopt affirmative action plans for the recruitment of women and minorities.

Jamie Dimon, Chairman And CEO Of JPMorgan Chase And Executive Chair Of The New York Jobs CEO Council Speaks At Queens College

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businesses. Led by CEOs of large employers, the Jobs Council is committed to hiring 100,000 low-income New Yorkers, with a focus on communities of color, including 25,000 jobseekers from the City University of New York (CUNY). Jobs Council activities are rooted in the belief that stronger employment outcomes are required to drive sustainable and inclusive economic growth in

New York City. Current member companies include: Accenture, AIG, Amazon, American Express, AON, Bank of America, BlackRock, Bloomberg, Citi, ConEdison, Deloitte, EY, Google, IBM, JPMorgan Chase, KPMG, Mastercard, McKinsey & Co, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Microsoft, Mount Sinai, New York Presbyterian, Northwell Health, PwC, Ralph Lauren, TD Bank, Tishman Speyer, Verizon, Wells Fargo.

Meng, Meeks, And Velázquez Announce Over \$117 Million In Federal Funding For Queensway Project

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the Neighborhood and Access and Equity Grant Program (NAE).

The NAE Grant Program will provide up to \$3.155 billion in federal funding to connect

communities across the country. Grants awarded through the program fund projects that improve safety, walkability, and provide affordable, environmentally friendly transportation that supports neighborhood equity.

Statement From Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Chair Of Committee On Transportation And Infrastructure On A Train Shooting

"Yesterday's shooting on the A train was horrifying and my heart goes out to all who witnessed this event firsthand. New Yorkers deserve to be safe on our subways and commute without fear. As the Chair of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, public

safety on our transit system is of the utmost importance, and I will be reviewing the results of NYPD's investigation into this incident. We are reaching out to the MTA to work together to identify solutions to address the issue of violence in our transit

system and pursuing measures to strengthen security for riders and workers alike. I am committed to working with my colleagues in government to ensure that we take all necessary steps to make our transit system as safe as possible."

Joint Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams And Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala On The Settlement To Preserve Right To Shelter Protections

"For decades, New York's Right to Shelter legal protections have ensured that our city's most vulnerable have a roof over their heads, preventing them from having to sleep on the streets, subways, and in other public spaces. This settlement seems to preserve the foundation of this essential protection from

further efforts to undermine it, and encourages the continued support of families and individuals seeking asylum, while eliminating the backlog of new arrivals who are re-applying for shelter placements. As a Council, we remain focused on working with the Administration and all stakeholders on immediate

and long-term solutions that relieve pressure on the shelter system by helping New Yorkers transition into stable, permanent housing. We are examining the details of this settlement further, and will continue our oversight efforts to protect the health and safety of all New Yorkers."

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar's Statement On Ruling In Tax Equity Now NY LLC V. City & State Of New York

Statement On Ruling In Tax Equity Now NY LLC V. City & State Of New York

The Court of Appeals ruling emphasizes exactly what all of us have known for decades: that New York City's property tax system is fundamentally discriminatory and incoherent. Tax rates by neighborhood vary by as much as a factor of four. Properties can be taxed based

on an assessed value that is 1/60th their market value. People in communities of color have 19% higher property tax rates.

We must fix this broken system. A slew of historical policies—caps on assessed value increases that do not come close to market value increases, assessed values based on comparing properties to ones that are not truly comparable, and tax abatements unrelated to income

level—must all go down the drain if we are to have a fair, equitable, and rational method for collection of New York City's single largest source of revenue.

I am currently working on legislation for a complete overhaul of New York City's property tax system. It will not be easy, but is necessary for us to be a City where no one bears an undue tax burden.

House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries Statement On Government Funding

House Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries released the following statement:

"House and Senate negotiators have reached an agreement in principle with respect to the six remaining fiscal year 2024 spend-

ing bills, following the completion of negotiations between the Biden administration and House Republicans related to the appropriation of Homeland Security funding. I commend Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro and the Appropriations Committee for their leadership

and hard work over the last several weeks. In the next few days, upon completion of the drafting process, Congress will review and consider the appropriations package in order to fund the government and meet the needs of hardworking American taxpayers."

POWERBALL Third-Prize-Winning Ticket Sold in ELMHURST

The New York Lottery has announced one third-prize-winning ticket was sold for the Mar 18 Powerball drawing.

The ticket was sold at:

- ELMWAY PHARMACY INC located at 82-45 BROADWAY in ELMHURST, which sold one prize-winning ticket worth \$50,000

The winning numbers for the Powerball game are drawn from a field of one to 69. The red Power

Ball is drawn from a separate field of one to 26. The Powerball drawing is televised every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday at 10:59 p.m.

About the New York Lottery

The New York Lottery continues to be North America's largest and most profitable Lottery, contributing \$3.7 billion in fiscal year 2022-2023 to help support education in New York State.

One Month Until Tax Day: File Your Tax Return Simply and Quickly

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and without the worry of a lost or undelivered check.

Taxpayers can quickly view the status of their New York State tax refund anytime by using the Check your Refund application on the Tax Department website: www.tax.ny.gov. It is the fastest and most convenient way to know when to expect your refund.

Make it free

New York State and the IRS have developed a new program that allows eligible New Yorkers to e-file their federal and state personal income tax returns for free. The Direct File pilot program is currently open to New Yorkers reporting certain types of income and claiming certain credits and adjustments.

Taxpayers may also be eligible to use Free File software to e-file their federal and state income tax returns—at no cost. Free File provides free tax preparation software options to eligible New Yorkers through the Tax Department's Free File web page at www.tax.ny.gov/pit/efile/.

To avoid fees, carefully review eligibility criteria for each software provider and access the Free File software directly from our website: www.tax.ny.gov.

If you do not qualify to use one of New York's Free File software providers, you still have choices. See Other e-file options on the Tax Department website to learn more.

spouse, if filing jointly)

- birth dates and Social Security numbers for you, your spouse, and your dependents

- proof of income and tax withheld (wages, interest, and dividend statements):

- Forms W-2, 1098, 1099

- if you received unemployment payments, your Department of Labor 1099-G Tax Form

- any other documents showing additional income

- the total of any estimated payments you made throughout the year, as well as any overpayment from last year's New York State income tax return you asked to have applied to your taxes this year (more information is available at Review your tax account balance before you file)

- Forms 1095-A, B, or C, Affordable Healthcare Statement

- information related to any Income tax credits you are claiming
- your banking information for direct deposit of your income tax refund

- NY 529 College Saving Account information (if requesting refund to be deposited)

Make it fast

E-filing is safer, faster, and more efficient than sending paper returns through the mail. Those who e-file and use direct deposit will receive any refund owed faster

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File No.: 2023-102/A
 CITATION
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
 BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT
 To:
 Ulrich Hellwig,
 Attorney General of the State of New York

The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Ingeborg Utech, 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, Lawrence Mahon, Esq. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Ingeborg Utech, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 84-20 153rd Street, Apt 5C, Howard Beach, NY 11414, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

SEND GREETING:
 Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Ingeborg Utech, 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 9th day of May, 2024 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$56,252.51 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 5.5% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee

of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship,
 Dated, Attested and Sealed 8th day of March, 2024
 HON. PETER J. KELLY
 Surrogate, Queens County
 Janet Edwards Tucker
 Chief Clerk
 GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.
 (718) 459-9000
 1981 Marcus Avenue, Ste 200
 Lake Success, New York 11042
 NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR; HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IT WILL BE ASSUMED YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY APPEAR FOR YOU, AND YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THE FULL ACCOUNT FROM THE PETITIONER OR PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY
 Accounting Citation
 Clare Warnock
 Gerard J. Sweeney, Esq.
 1981 Marcus Avenue, Ste 200
 Lake Success, New York 11042
 PH: 718 459 9000
 Direct Dial: 516 888 9433
 FAX: 718 459 3163
 3/14,21,28&4/2024

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File No.: 2022-364/A
 CITATION
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
 BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT
 To:
 Elena Maria Garcia,
 Family Guardian Services, Inc.,
 Attorney General of the State of New York
 The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of MARCOS M. GARCIA, 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, Stephanie Jill Gopen, Esq.
 Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of MARCOS M. GARCIA, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 32-20 92nd Street, Apt 208, East Elmhurst, NY 11369, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

SEND GREETING:
 Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Ingeborg Utech, 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 9th day of May, 2024 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$56,252.51 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 5.5% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee

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Administrator of the Estate of MARCOS M. GARCIA, 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 2nd day of May, 2024 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$13,732.86 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship.
 Dated, Attested and Sealed 7th day of March, 2024
 HON. PETER J. KELLY
 Surrogate, Queens County
 Janet Edwards Tucker
 Chief Clerk
 GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ.
 (718) 459-9000
 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200
 Lake Success, New York 11042
 NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR; HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IT WILL BE ASSUMED YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY APPEAR FOR YOU, AND YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THE FULL ACCOUNT FROM THE PETITIONER OR PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY
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ACCOUNTING CITATION
 SURROGATE'S COURT-
 QUEENS COUNTY
 CITATION
 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK,
 By the Grace of God Free and Independent
 File No. 2010-807/D
 TO: Roosevelt Edwards A/K/A Mustafa Edwards
 Jennifer Gordon
 Austin Edwards
 Diane Edwards
 Alan Edwards
 Rodney Edwards
 Desmond Jones
 Hannah O. Jones
 Stephen Edwards A/K/A
 Steven Edwards Whereabouts Unknown
 A petition and an account having been duly filed by Vashti Sobers, Administrator of the Estate of Laurette Carmen Francia, whose address is 134-50 232nd Street Laurelton, NY 11413.
 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd., Room, Jamaica, New York 11435, on May 9, 2024 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, why the petition and account of Vashti Sobers, a summary of which has been served herewith, as Administrator of the Estate of Laurette Carmen Francis should not be judicially settled. (State any further relief requested)
 Wherefore the balance on hand as computed in the Petition of Vashti Sobers dated November 16, 2019 In the amount of

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\$135,156.13 be paid as follows:
 To: Vashti Sobers as Administrator, in the amount of \$10,475.19 representing the Administrator's Commission.
 To: Vashti Sobers, as Distributee, in the amount of \$67,578.07 representing one-half of the total Estate minus the Administrator's Commission
 To: Austin Edwards, as Distributee, In the amount of \$7,508.67 representing one-eighteenth of the total Estate minus the Administrator's Commission
 To: Diana Edwards, as Distributee, in the amount of \$7,508.67 representing one-eighteenth of the total Estate minus the Administrator's Commission
 To: Alan Edwards, as Distributee, in the amount of \$7,508.67 representing one-eighteenth of the total Estate minus the Administrator's Commission
 To: Rodney Edwards, as Distributee, In the amount of \$7,508.67 representing one-eighteenth of the total Estate minus the Administrator's Commission
 To: Desmond Jones, as Distributee, In the amount of \$7,508.67 representing one-eighteenth of the total Estate minus the Administrator's Commission
 To: Hannah O. Jones, as Distributee, In the amount of \$7,508.67 representing one-eighteenth of the total Estate minus the Administrator's Commission
 To: Jennifer Gordon, as Distributee, in the amount of

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\$7,508.67 representing one-eighteenth of the total Estate minus the Administrator's Commission
 To: Steven Edwards, as Distributee, in the amount of \$7,508.67 representing one-eighteenth of the total Estate minus the Administrator's Commission
 To: Roosevelt Edwards A/K/A Mustafa Edwards in the amount of \$7,508.67 representing one-eighteenth of the total Estate minus the Administrator's Commission
 To: Deny Stephen Holihan's Claim of \$5,837.50
 To: Place undistributed funds In Escrow with NYC Department of Finance for Stephen Edwards a/k/a Steven Edwards, Whereabouts Unknown
 Dated, Attested and Sealed, 7th day of March 2024
 HON. PETER J. KELLY
 Surrogate, Queens County
 JANET EDWARDS TUCKER
 Chief Clerk
 Name of Attorney:
 Joel S. Charleston
 Address of Attorney:
 11 Pearl Street,
 Valley Stream, NY 11581
 Tel. No.: 516-791-9111
 (Note: This citation is served upon you as required by law. You are not required to appear; however, if you fail to appear It will be assumed you do not object to the relief requested. You have a right to have an attorney appear for you, and you or your attorney may request a copy of the full account from the petitioner or petitioner's attorney.)
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Notice of Formation of 47 Diamond St 1C LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State (SSNY) on 1/30/24. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 110-50 69th Ave, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activity. 2/15,22,29,3/7,14&21/2024

Notice of formation of Rao Gastroenterology PLLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 1/19/24. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 10311 68th Drive Apt 3F, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activity or purpose. 2/15,22,29,3/7,14&21/2024

Notice of formation of GRY BK LLC, a domestic LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 2/11/2024. Office location: Queens. SSNY is designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 15712 59th Ave, Flushing, NY 11355. 2/22,29,3/7,14,21&28/2024

Notice of Formation of CMT GROUP, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/19/24. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 42-14 21st St., Long Island City, NY 11101. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Corporation Service Co., 80 State St., Albany, NY 12207-2543. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 2/15,22,29,3/7,14&21/2024

Notice of Formation of QUEEN BEE CREATIONS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/07/2024. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 41-27 Corporal Kennedy Street, Bayside, NY 11361. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/14,21,28,4/4,11&18/2024

Notice of Formation of AFSHAR CONSULTING LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 10/24/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 4615 Center Blvd, Apt 3207, Long Island City, NY 11109. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/7,14,21,28,4/4&11/2024

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Notice of Formation of BENGALI HARLEM PRODUCTIONS, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 02/05/2024. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 44-02 23rd Street, #208, Long Island City, NY 11101. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/15,22,29,3/7,14&21/2024

Notice of Formation of TOP NOTCH BUILDING SERVICES NYC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/13/2024. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 37-39 104th St, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/15,22,29,3/7,14&21/2024

TAS CAPITAL LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 1/15/24. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Republic Registered Agent Services Inc., 54 State St., Ste. 804, Albany, NY 12207, which is also the registered agent upon whom process may be served. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 2/15,22,29,3/7,14&21/2024

Notice of formation of Alone Together LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Sec. of State of NY SSNY on 10/31/23. Office located in Queens. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC at 61-10 Alderton St. Apt 6G Rego Park, NY 11374. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 2/15,22,29,3/7,14&21/2024

153RD PLACE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/06/2023. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Peter Zuccarello, 148-29 Cross Island Parkway, Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 2/15,22,29,3/7,14&21/2024

Notice of Formation of BLACKROCK VENTURE PARTNERS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/18/2024. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 4615 Center Blvd, Apt 3207, Long Island City, NY 11109. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/7,14,21,28,4/4&11/2024

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INLAND PROPERTIES SE LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/14/2024. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, PO Box 610511, Bayside, NY 11361. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 2/22,29,3/7,14,21&28/2024

10910 GARDEN LLC filed Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 02/08/2024. Office: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC to 10910 97TH ST, OZONE PARK, NY 11417. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 2/29,3/7,14,21,28,4/4/2024

39-23 QUEENS REALTY, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 04/25/05. Latest date to dissolve: 12/31/2065. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Alan M. Swiedler, P.C., 60 East Eighth Street, New York, NY 10003. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 2/29,3/7,14,21,28&4/4/2024

SPEAK HUMAN STUDIOS LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 02/15/2024. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 2120 Rene Ct, #2, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 2/22,29,3/7,14,21&28/2024

Notice of Formation of LARRAZ SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/22/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3731 73rd St Apt 6F, Jackson Heights, NY 11372. Purpose: any lawful activities. 2/29,3/7,14,21,28&4/4/2024

Notice of Formation of DION MARTIN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/27/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 234-12 130TH Ave, Rosedale, NY 11422. Purpose: any lawful activities. 3/7,14,21,28,4/4&11/2024

MAGESH ALAGIRIRAJ ENGINEERING CONSULTING PLLC, a Prof. LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 01/31/2024. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 81-36 265th St., Floral Park, NY 10004. Purpose: Professional Engineering Services. 3/7,14,21,28,4/4&11/2024

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File No.: 2021-5643/A CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Michelle Barney, Karen Bernstein, Dana Glickman, Ellen Weiss, Attorney General of the State of New York

The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of Julian Adler, 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, Joseph Trotti, Esq. Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of Julian Adler, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 17-38 166th Street, Whitestone, NY 11357, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of Julian Adler, 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 16th day of May, 2024 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$37,741.50 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office

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pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship, Dated, Attested and Sealed 11th day of March, 2024 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County Janet Edwards Tucker Chief Clerk GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200

Lake Success, New York 11042 NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO APPEAR; HOWEVER, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR IT WILL BE ASSUMED YOU DO NOT OBJECT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO HAVE AN ATTORNEY APPEAR FOR YOU, AND YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MAY REQUEST A COPY OF THE FULL ACCOUNT FROM THE PETITIONER OR PETITIONER'S ATTORNEY Accounting Citation Clare Warnock Gerard J. Sweeney, Esq. 1981 Marcus Avenue, Ste 200 Lake Success, New York 11042 PH: 718 459 9000 Direct Dial: 516 888 9433 FAX: 718 459 3163 3/14,21,28&4/4/2024

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Notice is hereby given that a license, number 1344559 for Liquor License has been applied for by the undersigned to sell, beer, wine, cider and liquor at retail in a catering establishment under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law at 69-02 Garfield Ave, Queens, NY 11377 for on premises consumption. 3/14&21/2024

Young June Properties LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/18/2023. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 3925 61st St, #770794, Woodside, NY 11377. General Purpose. 3/21,28,4/4,11,18&25/2024



Powerball Second-Prize-Winning Ticket Sold In Astoria

The New York Lottery has announced one second-prize-winning ticket was sold for the Mar 13 Powerball drawing. The ticket was sold at: • AVADH CONVE-NIENCE INC located at 3714 BROADWAY in ASTORIA, which sold one prize-winning ticket worth \$1,000,000

The winning numbers for the Powerball game are drawn from a field of one to 69. The red Power Ball is drawn from a separate field of one to 26. The Powerball drawing is televised every Monday, Wednesday and

Saturday at 10:59 p.m. About the New York Lottery - The New York Lottery continues to be North America's largest and most profitable Lottery, contributing \$3.7 billion in fiscal year 2022-2023 to help support education in New York State. New Yorkers struggling with a gambling addiction, or who know someone who is, can find help at NYProblemGamblingHelp.org, by calling New York's toll-free confidential HOPEline at 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369), or texting HOPE-NY (467369). Standard text rates may apply.



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Elder Fraud Presentation



Education is key to preventing fraudulent activity, particularly among the senior population. To this end, the Queens District Attorneys office has been actively engaging with senior centers

across the borough, providing insights on the warning signs of common scams. The Queens District Attorneys Office thanked the Ridgewood Older Adult Center for hosting

our recent presentation on how to avoid becoming the victim of a scam. We will continue to make education an important part of our overall efforts to combat fraud in the community.

Giving Back to the Community Through Auxiliary Policing

Police Officer Gregory Payea has been with the police department for over 20 years. He is currently the Auxiliary Coordinator for the 111th Precinct. Officer Payea is tasked with overseeing the Auxiliary Officers that patrol the 111th Precinct on foot and in marked patrol vans. You will often see Officer Payea with his Auxiliary Officers at parades and other events in the community. Being an Auxiliary Officer is a great introduction into law enforcement, or just another way to give back to your community. To volunteer as one, call the 111th Precinct at 718-279-5279, and ask for Police Officer Gregory Payea.



Back The Blue Like We Do

A few weeks ago, CM Vickie Paladino told us of the arrest made by the 111th Precinct which took an illegal handgun off the streets in the 19th district. Police Officer Brian Jennings was awarded Officer of the Month by his Commanding Officer Captain Richard Porto for making that arrest. It was in the vicinity of Cardozo HS, but thankfully it was not during school hours. Staffers from the Office of Council Member Vickie Paladino were present when the plaque was presented. We are always proud to show support for our police force and we are very grateful for the courageous work by Officer Brian Jennings.



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This MARCH in recognition of Women's History Month we will recognize women in **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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Attention NYC Veterans and Their Families!

District Office
73-03 Bell Boulevard,
Oakland Gardens, NY 11364
Phone: (718) 468-0137

The NYC Department of Veterans' Services will have a Veterans Specialist on site at Council Member Linda Lee's office on:

Friday, April 5, 2024
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Our DVS Veteran Specialist can assist you with accessing VA Disability Claims, VA Pension Claims, VA Survivor's Benefits, state and local Veterans' benefits as well as providing referrals via VetConnectNYC for:

- Housing
- Financial Assistance
- SNAP Food Benefits
- Employment
- Legal Assistance
- Mental Health Support
- Transportation
- Utility Bills
- Funerals/Burials

Interested Veterans should RSVP at District23@council.nyc.gov

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