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## NYS Assembly Passes Pheffer Amato's Aesthetic Flat Closure Bill

### Gives Women the Option on How Their Body Will Look Post-Mastectomy

A groundbreaking bill introduced by Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) passed the New York State Assembly with a unanimous vote. The bill, A.8537, is set to amend the insurance law. It will provide coverage and information on chest wall reconstruction surgery after a mastectomy or partial mastectomy, commonly known as "aesthetic flat closure."

Currently, breast reconstruction is covered by insurance and while many women pursue reconstructive surgeries women also choose to "stay flat" and pursue aesthetic flat closure. Women who forgo breast reconstruction are most often done in one surgery, but about one in four will require revision to produce an acceptable aesthetic result (an aesthetic flat closure). Too often, these women are told that their revision surgery is "cosmetic" and therefore will not be covered by insurance. With this new bill, not only would breast reconstruction be covered by insurance, but so would flat closure. This change in the law gives women a choice in how they want their post-mastectomy body to look.

"Roughly 1 in 8 women will be diagnosed with invasive breast cancer and the effects are life altering, to say the least.

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## Pheffer Amato Leads Broad Channel Memorial Day Parade



Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) took to the streets Memorial Day weekend to march with the veterans and families

of service men and women of the 23rd Assembly District. The Assemblywoman marched and cheered in several parades, and even led the

Broad Channel delegation up Cross Bay Boulevard in the midday sun.

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## Bocce Tournament Returns to Corona Heights



Pictured above in Pfc. William F Moore USMC Park in Corona Heights are the players from the Roman Empire and Parkside teams in Tuesdays Bocce Tournament and they greeted by the Commander of Flanders Field VFW Post #150 Michael Liquori and a member of PFC. William F. Moore Marine Corps Association Joe Bellacicco.

Bocce Ball Tournament re-started in Pfc. William F. Moore USMC Park, located at Joseph Lisa Memorial Place, 108th Street, Corona Avenue and

51st Avenue in Corona Heights. The Bocce Tournament will take place every Tuesday night between 5:30 pm to 8 pm until the end of the summer. Make

your reservations at the Parkside Restaurant, visit the Lemon Ice King then sit in the park and enjoy the Bocce Tournament every Tuesday night.

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There are too many cases where women have been forced into a decision that they may not have wanted – but no more. Our State is standing up and saying a woman can choose how her body will look after a mastectomy," said Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato.

The Assemblywoman went on

to say that "the brave women who came forward and brought this to my attention and my heroes. I have seen their scars, heard their stories and it is through their experiences, not only through surviving breast cancer but dealing with the aftermath that I am pushing this bill. After a mastectomy, every woman deserves to have a body that they are happy with and we

are on the way to ensuring that this will happen."

The bill passed the Assembly and is now in the Senate and being carried by Senator Toby Ann Stavisky.

The Queens Times ask its readers who are in favor of the bill, A.8537, call their NYS Senator and ask them to pass their bill unanimously too.

# Pheffer Amato Leads Broad Channel Memorial Day Parade

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Parades throughout the 23rd Assembly District ranged from Howard Beach, to Broad Channel and down to the Rockaway Peninsula. Each parade had its own flare, with Broad Channel having a special flag salute, Howard Beach having the route stop at several churches to honor those from the community lost at different wars, and the Rockaway Peninsula which commemorated the 100th

Anniversary of its parade. "This is a community that respects its veterans, who honors those who lost their lives protecting this country and ensures that their memories are not forgotten. Of course, the great work of the local American Legion, VFW, the members of the volunteer fire departments, the Kiwanis groups, Women's Auxiliary and all those who helped organize these parades deserve praise and a big thanks," said Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato.

The hot weather and a grateful community ensured all of the parades were a great success with people coming out and honoring our fallen heroes and veterans. "We can never repay the debt of gratitude we owe our veterans, and we must honor the lives lost who fought for our freedom. This is one way we can pay tribute to their memories, but also show their families that we will never forget their sacrifices, we thank them and are forever grateful," said the Assemblywoman.

# BP Richards: "Building A Stronger, Fairer Queens"

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Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. delivered his 2022 State of the Borough Address this morning, highlighting his accomplishments during his first 19 months in office and his plans for building an even better and fairer Queens as the borough emerges from the damage wrought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The text of Borough President Richards' address, as prepared for delivery, can be found here.

"From the ashes, Queens is rising faster and flying higher than anyone thought was possible just a few years ago," said Borough President RICHARDS. "Because that is what Queens does — Queens leads. Queens takes a back seat to no one. From Flushing to Forest Hills, Jamaica to Jackson Heights, Ridgewood to Rockaway, Corona to College Point and Queensbridge to Queens Village, we're building a stronger, fairer Queens for all our families. And there is no limit to what we can achieve if we work together."

Delivered at the LaGuardia Performing Arts Center within LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, Borough President Richards' State of the Borough address highlighted his administration's historic investments made in health care, public safety, economic development, civic engagement, affordable housing, sustainability and transportation over the past 19 months. The Borough President also outlined a wide array of critical initiatives his office is launching in the

coming weeks and months to build a stronger, fairer Queens rooted in equity and inclusivity.

Some of the major initiatives and announcements unveiled by Borough President Richards include:

- "Queens Forward": A holistic, wide-ranging collection of capital investments to be made across Queens in partnership with Governor Hochul.
  - "Borough Hall on Your Block": The week-long relocation of the Queens Borough President's Office, along with all the programs and services it offers, to different regions of the borough to focus on the unique needs of families in those specific neighborhoods.
  - A commitment from NYC Health + Hospitals to establish a NYC Health + Hospitals Gotham Health facility in Far Rockaway to address longstanding health care inequities on the peninsula.
  - The establishment of a Hate Crimes Task Force, featuring law enforcement, anti-hate activists and community leaders to develop inclusive solutions to the recent rise in bias crimes.
  - A plan to host a Queens Tech Fair and a Queens Tech Challenge to ensure Queens is a global leader in the emerging technology industry, while addressing inequities in current tech industry employment opportunities.
  - A call on NYC Small Business Services to create a Veteran-Owned Business Certification program to create further economic and contracting opportunities for our veteran entrepreneurs.
- Borough President Richards' State of the Borough address was

preceded by remarks from New York State Attorney General Letitia James, Mayor Eric Adams, City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and New York State Secretary of State Robert Rodriguez.

LaGuardia Community College President Kenneth Adams and Deputy Queens Borough President Ebony Young offered welcoming remarks, which were followed by soprano Mari-Yan Pringle singing the National Anthem and "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

An interfaith innovation was then offered by Jatinder S. Boparai, President of the Sikh Cultural Society; Rabbi Mark Kleinman of the Reform Temple of Forest Hills; Dr. Uma Mysorekar, President of the Hindu Temple of North America, Al Ihsan Academy Principal Dr. Rafeek Mohammed and the Rev. Eli Wilson III, Senior Minister at St. Albans Congregational Church.

The program also featured diverse array of musical and dance performances, courtesy of the Frank Sinatra School of the Arts Concert Choir + Dance, the Korean Traditional Music and Dance Center, Jonathan Gomez and Gregorio Uribe, the DeVore Dance Company and The Bartlett Contemporaries.

Long Island City-based Jet-Blue Airways and Resorts World New York City, located in South Ozone Park, were the sponsors of Borough President Richards' 2022 State of the Borough Address. Their participation in the event was facilitated by the Queens Economic Development Corporation (QEDC).

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## Maloney Calls on Federal Government to Make it Easier For Transgender And Nonbinary People to Update Federal Identification Documents

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (D-NY) has sent a letter to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director, Shalanda Young, requesting that the OMB issue guidance to federal agencies to establish standard procedures for processing federal identification documents in an inclusive manner. This guidance would make it easier for transgender and nonbinary individuals to update their name and gender marker on their federal identification documents.

Congresswoman Maloney stated in her letter, "Recently, I heard from one of my constituents, who is a transgender woman, about difficulties that she had with updating her name and gender markers on federal documents. It is my understanding that when she went to update her TSA Global Entry card at the airport, she was persistently misgendered by the Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents. She told me that she also faced many delays in having her gender marker updated. My constituent

also shared that she experienced difficulties updating her documents with the Social Security Administration (SSA)."

She continued, "Unfortunately, this woman's experience is part of a larger issue. According to the National Center for Transgender Equality's 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey, only 11% of respondents had their correct name and gender on all their identification documents, while 68% reported that none of their identification documents had their correct name and gender. In addition, for Social Security cards, only 23% of those who had wanted to update their gender were estimated to have done so."

"The National Center for Transgender Equality applauds the new policies implemented by the Biden-Harris administration to make it easier for transgender and nonbinary people to correct their name and gender marker on their federal identification documents and records, said Olivia Hunt, Policy Director at the National Center for Transgender

Equality. In order to be effective, though, these new policies must be accompanied by proper training and accountability. Even the best policies are only as good as those people charged with carrying them out, and situations like this make it clear that there is still work to be done to create a culture of respect for trans people."

The Congresswoman further requested that the OMB include the following in future guidance:

1. Federal agencies must be required to train officers to refer to individuals with the correct pronouns and affirm individuals' gender identity.

2. Federal agencies must establish consequences for non-compliance of this policy, creating accountability for public facing agents and incentivizing individuals to learn the correct procedures and policies.

3. Federal agencies must be required to provide accurate, complete, and up-to-date information on their website for individuals seeking to change their name and gender markers.

## MTA to Begin Final Phase of Critical Track Replacement Work in Queens Next Month

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has announced that crews will begin the final phase of a multi-phase project, replacing approximately 2.4 miles of track on the and lines between the 121 St and Jamaica Center-Parsons/Archer stations in Queens. The first part, completed in December 2020, involved the reconstruction of the track between Jamaica-Van Wyck and Jamaica Center-Parsons/Archer Blvd and replaced 6,300 feet of track, 800 feet more than was originally planned in 10 weeks. The work on the and lines will replace 12,500 feet of track and third rail, about twice the length of track replaced for the track reconstruction work all within the same timeframe of 10 weeks. This work will begin Friday, July 1 at 9:45 p.m. and continue through September 2022.

The complete replacement of the 40-year-old-track, with a successfully proven updated design to increase durability, will lead to improved quality of service. It will require full access to the tracks and therefore a temporary suspension of all and train service at the Sutphin Blvd-Archer Av-JFK Airport and Jamaica Center-Parsons/Archer stations. During this time, the MTA will provide free substitute shuttle bus service between the 121 St station and the Jamaica-Van Wyck station. MetroCards will be cross-honored at Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) stations between Atlantic Terminal, Jamaica Station, and Southeast Queens. The Sutphin Blvd-Archer Av-JFK Airport and Jamaica Center-Parsons/Archer stations have multiple connecting bus lines and are served by the line.

"Track replacement work in this area of Queens will bring us

closer to our goal – delivering New Yorkers the modern subway system that they deserve," said MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber. "We appreciate our customers' patience as we make the upgrades necessary to improve the reliability and speed of service."

"Improving the customer experience is the north star," said New York City Transit President Richard Davey. "The fastest and most effective way to complete this project requires 24/7 access to the tracks. This short-term service change will provide more reliable service for years to come."

This is a replacement of direct fixation track, in which the rails are directly fixed to the concrete roadbed. Conventional tracks, which are most commonly known, have the rails installed on top of wooden or concrete ties. In order to replace 12,500 feet of direct fixation track, the concrete roadbed needs to be entirely reconstructed, with the exception of 3,000 feet of track, which would be replaced in kind. Once this final phase of track replacement is complete, the total amount of track replaced in this area of Queens will be 18,800 feet, about 3.6 miles.

Detailed Service Information Beginning Friday, July 1, the following service changes will be in effect:

- trains will run between 121 St in Queens and Broad St in Manhattan only
- No service from Sutphin Blvd-Archer Av-JFK Airport and Jamaica Center-Parsons/Archer
- skip-stop service suspended
- trains will be signed as trains and make all stops between 121 St and Myrtle Av
- On weekdays, trains will run express in peak direction between Myrtle Av and Marcy Av, towards Manhattan in the morning and

towards Queens in the afternoon

For ADA accessible options, passengers at Sutphin Blvd-Archer Av-JFK Airport and Jamaica Center-Parsons/Archer can take the train to reach accessible stations in Manhattan or can take the Q54 to Middle-Village Metropolitan Av to reach accessible and stations at Flushing Av and Marcy Av.

Additionally, customers needing ADA accessibility, can take the Q55, near the 121 St subway station, to Myrtle-Wyckoff Aves or the Long Island Rail Road from Jamaica Station to the Nostrand Avenue station to connect with the B44 Select Bus Service to the Marcy Av station, or to Atlantic Terminal, with connections to the subway lines, to reach accessible stations in Manhattan.

Customers may wish to consider the alternative service options:

- Free shuttle buses will run between the 121 St station and the Jamaica-Van Wyck station
- subway service will continue to be available at Jamaica Center-Parsons/Archer and Sutphin Blvd/Archer Av-JFK Airport
- Alternative connections to the AirTrain to John F. Kennedy (JFK) Airport:
  - Take the line to Sutphin Blvd-Archer Av - JFK Airport
  - Take the Long Island Rail Road (LIRR) to Jamaica Station
  - Take the train to Howard Beach - JFK Airport
- LIRR will cross-honor MetroCards between Atlantic Terminal and Southeast Queens at the following LIRR stations:
  - Atlantic Terminal (ADA accessible)
  - Nostrand Av (ADA accessible)
  - East New York
  - Jamaica Station, with connec-

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## Gas Tax Break Begins in Time For Busy Summer Travel

With summer travel picking up, New York drivers will see some relief at the gas pumps.

Beginning June 1, the New York State gas taxes will be suspended until the end of the year. The estimated savings will be about \$0.16 cents a gallon. Consumers will see the new discounts at midnight, officials said.

Legislators and Gov. Kathy Hochul previously agreed to the gas tax break as part of the more than \$200 billion state budget. They've also made arrangements to cover funding that would have been generated. The money funds transit and transportation projects.

Gas taxes are about \$0.33 cents in New York. There is also some state sales tax and federal tax on the price per gallon.

## Congresswoman Maloney Named a Grand Marshal for 2022 Greek Independence Day Parade



Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney (NY-12) was named a Grand Marshal at the June 5th New York Greek Independence Day Parade. Other Grand Marshals include Congressional Hellenic Caucus Co-Chair Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), caucus member Rep. Nicole Malliotakis (D-NY), Greek Olympic gold medalist Fani Chalkia, and his Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of America.

"I am honored to be selected as a Grand Marshal for this year's New York Greek Independence Day Parade," said Rep. Maloney. "Two centuries after Greece's independence, the Hellenic com-

munity continues to be an invaluable part of New York's heritage. I am so grateful to join my Greek-American friends in celebration of the historic and important role Greek-Americans play in New York and across America."

In May, Rep. Maloney met with Prime Minister of the Hellenic Republic, Kyriakos Mitsotakis, during his visit to Washington where she reaffirmed her commitment to working on areas of vital importance to both countries. Rep. Maloney had the additional honor of escorting Prime Minister Mitsotakis to his Joint Address of Congress celebrating over 200 years of Greek independence.

## Assemblyman Colton is Calling on The City Administration to Fund The NYPD And MTPD to Bring Back Safety For All

Assemblyman William Colton (D - Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) is calling on the City Administration to fund the NYPD and bring the city to a safer place to live in.

"NYC's subway crimes became straight nightmares to many commuters. Placing transit police to walk subway trains in the evenings and overnight is a very good start, but it's not enough. Looking back at all occurrences that happened within the past five months of 2022, most of them took place during the morning rush hours. This is not the answer to the problem," Colton stated.

"We need to give control back to the NYPD and MTPD so every individual would feel safe and protected as it always has been. Therefore, I am calling on the city administration to fund the police and bring New York City back to normal. People must be safe and

fearless to use any public transportation or simply just walk the streets of our great New York City. We need a police presence around the clock," Colton said.

"Putting gun detector scanners on the NYC subway stations without a designated police officer will not do any good. Spending millions of taxpayer's monies on something that most likely will not solve the existing problem is useless and uneconomical during the inflation all of us are facing due to the COVID-19 crisis. We need a real solution, which is to fund the NYPD," Colton continued.

I have been a public servant for many years. Less talk and less blame are needed. Meaningless words mean nothing, actions do. I was elected into office to be the people's voice, and I will continue to do so. I will continue to fight not just for my constituents, but for all New Yorkers," Colton added.

## Attorney General James Warns New Yorkers About Cryptocurrency Investment Risks

**Investors Lost Hundreds of Billions in Cryptocurrency**

**Investments as the Market Reached Record Lows**

New York Attorney General Letitia James today issued an alert to New Yorkers to remind them of the dangerous risks of investing in cryptocurrencies after the market reached record lows last month and investors lost hundreds of billions. Cryptocurrencies are subject to extreme and unpredictably high price swings that make them among the most high-risk investments on the market. Last month, some of those risks materialized as the price of multiple virtual currencies — from the newest coins to the most well-established coins — plunged deeply and wiped away hundreds of billions in investments. This is not the first time the market has plunged. To protect New Yorkers from this extreme volatility, Attorney General James offers New Yorkers guidance on the various risks associated with cryptocurrencies.

“Over and over again, investors are losing billions because of risky cryptocurrency investments,” said Attorney General James. “Even well-known virtual currencies from reputable trading platforms can still crash and investors can lose billions in the blink of an eye. Too often, cryptocurrency investments create more pain than gain for investors. I urge New Yorkers to be cautious before putting their hard-earned money in risky cryptocurrency investments that can yield more anxiety than fortune.”

The virtual currency market exposes investors to dangerous risks, such as wild price swings and potential losses due to hacking, fraud, or theft. Even “legitimate” investments in virtual assets are subject to speculative bubbles and security issues. Investors in virtual assets should beware of the many significant risks of investing in these products including:

- **Highly Speculative and Unpredictable Value:** Virtual currencies are easy to create and spread in the market quickly. Their underlying value is highly subjective and un-

predictable. As a result, prices can swing wildly and crash without warning and without regard to any changes in the real economy. At times, price fluctuations are driven by market hype on various social media platforms.

- **Difficulty Cashing Out Investments:** There is no guarantee that you will be able to liquidate your investments when you want — such as when the crypto markets begin to crash. During times of crisis, trading platforms may halt trading or purport to experience technical difficulties, preventing you from accessing your assets.

- **Higher Transaction Costs:** Some trading platforms charge fees on transactions such as transferring funds and withdrawing money. These fees can vary depending on the size of the transaction and overall trading volume. Therefore, it may also cost you more to access your assets when you need them the most.

- **Unstable “Stablecoins”:** Despite their misleading name, there is no guarantee that your stablecoin investment is protected from decreasing value. The nature and quality of the assets backing stablecoins — if there are any assets backing the stablecoin — can vary greatly and along with that so can the risks associated with holding such coins.

- **Hidden Trading Costs:** Value in cryptocurrencies and other virtual assets may be propped up by automated trading, or bots, that are, for example, programmed to spot when another trader is trying to make a purchase and then buy ahead of the trade. This practice can push up the price and cost you more to purchase the same virtual asset.

- **Conflicts of Interest:** Many operators of virtual currency trading platforms are themselves heavily invested in virtual currencies, and trade on their own platforms without oversight. The financial interests of these operators may conflict with your interests. There have also been recent reports of large investors receiving favorable treatment, such as private cash-outs away from the market.

- **Limited Oversight:** There are no federally regulated exchanges,

like the New York Stock Exchange or Nasdaq, for virtual currencies. Virtual currency trading platforms operate from various places around the world, many of which are not easily accessible to American law enforcement. Many platforms are subject to little or no oversight. If you are the victim of fraud on one of these exchanges, you will likely have no recourse in the United States. Further, many issuers of virtual currencies are not regulated and therefore are not subject to net capital requirements or examinations. Thus, people who lose money trading a certain virtual currency may have no recourse with respect to the issue of the currency.

This investor alert continues Attorney General’s James efforts to regulate the cryptocurrency industry and protect New York investors. Earlier this year, Attorney General James issued a taxpayer notice to virtual currency investors and their tax advisors to accurately declare and pay taxes on their virtual investments. In October 2021, Attorney General James directed unregistered crypto lending platforms to cease operations for not fulfilling their legal obligations. In March 2021, Attorney General James warned New Yorkers of the risks of cryptocurrency investments and reminded investment platforms of their legal obligations.

Additionally, in 2018, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) released its “Virtual Markets Integrity Initiative” report, a more detailed overview of the virtual currency markets in New York and around the world. The report gives basic, but important information about how virtual currencies trade, and the risks investors face when they buy and sell, even on “legitimate” trading platforms.

If you are worried that you or someone you love has been a victim of investment fraud, contact OAG’s Investor Protection Bureau immediately. If you have worked in the virtual assets industry and believe you may have knowledge of wrongdoing, contact OAG’s Investor Protection Bureau immediately or the online whistleblower portal.

## Senator James Sanders Jr. Gets Record Number of Bills Passed, Improving the Lives of His Constituents and All New Yorkers

Senator James Sanders Jr. has had numerous pieces of legislation signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul and other bills that have passed both houses and are on their way to being signed into law. They cover all aspects of life including health, economic development, criminal justice, military affairs, the environment

and much more.

“This is what happens when government works and works well,” Senator Sanders said. “I am proud of how productive my Democratic colleagues and I were during this session. It is because of that team work that I was able to get many bills passed that will help my district and the

entire state.”

This was an especially productive session with Senator Sanders getting more of his legislation passed than any other prior session. Despite the challenges of the pandemic and increase in gun violence, his great legislation was able to be passed.

## Statement From MTA Chief Safety & Security Officer Patrick Warren on the Arrest of an Assault Suspect by the NYPD

“NYPD Transit officers again demonstrated their professionalism and commitment to protecting subway riders when they apprehended a violent criminal on a northbound #6 train after recognizing him from a wanted flyer related to a stabbing

the day before. This arrest removed another weapon from the transit system. We have repeatedly said that it is a priority to stop bad actors before they can commit crimes against other New Yorkers.”

On Background:

The original stabbing incident happened on Wednesday, June 1 at the 149th Street/3rd Avenue station.

Arrest was made at 7:49 p.m. on June 2 on a Northbound #6 train at Brooklyn Bridge Station.

## MTA to Begin Final Phase of Critical Track Replacement Work in Queens. . .

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tion to the JFK AirTrain (ADA accessible)

- Hollis
- Queens Village
- St. Albans
- Locust Manor
- Laurelton
- Rosedale

Please be advised MetroCards will not be cross-honored for travel at Penn Station, Jamaica, Kew Gardens, Forest Hills or Woodside LIRR stations.

The MTA will post both print and digital signage in stations,

along with announcements in stations and on trains ahead of the scheduled work. Customer service notifications will be made on trains, posted at affected stations and on the MTA website, the MYmta app and social media. Customers can also sign up for text and email alerts at [www.myMTAalerts.com](http://www.myMTAalerts.com).

Information on service changes and other trip planning resources are available on the project’s webpage at [ReconstructingtheArcherAvJZtrack.mta.info](http://ReconstructingtheArcherAvJZtrack.mta.info), which will be updated as necessary.

## Maloney Applauds NY State Legislation to Limit School Class Size

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12), sent a letter to New York State Governor Kathy Hochul highlighting the benefits of legislation passed by the New York State Legislature that would limit school class size. Over a phase-in period of five years, this bill caps kindergarten through third grade classes at 20 students, fourth through eighth grade classes at 23 students, and high school classes at 25 students.

Congresswoman Maloney stated in the letter, “As a former New York City public school teacher, I know firsthand the impact that class size has on student educational outcomes. Smaller classes allow teachers to individualize

instruction, which is especially important for students with learning disabilities. Research also shows that smaller class sizes have led to improved student behavior, fewer student retentions in early elementary school, and fewer high school dropouts.”

She continued, “Small class size is also beneficial for our teachers, with studies demonstrating that smaller class size leads to higher teacher morale and greater teacher retention. This is especially important in New York City, where roughly 5,000 instructors resign or retire every year, likely in part due to large New York City classes, which are currently capped at 34 students per classroom.”

## Rozic Announces Legislative Accomplishments Following the Conclusion of the 2022 Legislative Session



Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D, WF–Fresh Meadows) announced that she passed 6 pieces of legislation that now await the Governor’s approval. The bills address issues ranging from consumer protection to improving Holocaust education to modernizing government.

“While there is always more to be done, I’m proud of my many legislative accomplishments this session that will benefit so many New Yorkers – from students to

consumers,” said Assemblywoman Nily Rozic. “I look forward to returning to Albany next year to continue advocating for the legislative fixes our community and all New Yorkers need.”

Among other accomplishments, Rozic passed legislation that:

- Restricts the sale of over-the-counter diet pills and dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building to minors as they are linked to extreme increased risk of eating disorders (A431).
- Allows condo boards to hold their meetings virtually (A8185).
- Will rename a portion of the state highway system as the “Detective Anastasios Tsakos Memorial Bridge” (A9299).
- Will audit schools to ensure compliance with the State’ Holocaust education requirements (A472).
- Will increase penalties for fraud committed during a state of emergency (A9193).

Rozic also championed legislation that strengthened gun laws and increased access to abortion and reproductive health care.



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 You may have more people on your domestic work scene than needed. Don't turn down offers that include sports activities or children. Your lucky numbers are: 5,8,3.

**TAURUS**  
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)  
 You should put in some extra hours developing some creative ideas you have. You will be emotional about family matters. Your lucky numbers are: 6,9,2.

**GEMINI**  
 (May 22 - June 21)  
 Keep your ideas secret, some coworkers may try to take credit for your ideas. Do not let situations get out of proportion. Read between the lines. Your lucky numbers are: 4,7,3.

**CANCER**  
 (June 22 - July 22)  
 Your irritability will lead to family squabbles. Deception is probable if you don't use discrimination. Try to be reasonable. Your lucky numbers are: 5,9,6.

**LEO**  
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)  
 This is a great week for a family outing or just taking a drive. Someone you care about may let you down or criticize your methods. Your lucky numbers are: 3,5,4.

**VIRGO**  
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)  
 Don't make empty promises it may cause confusion. Make changes that will enhance your appearance. Hard work will bring rewards. Your lucky numbers are: 1,8,9.

**LIBRA**  
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)  
 You may meet a new romantic partner or secure the love connection you already have by going out and entertaining yourself. You need to focus on yourself. Your lucky numbers are: 7,9,8.

**SCORPIO**  
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)  
 Property deals look good. Avoid getting trapped in internal disputes. You should consider getting into self improvement endeavors. Your lucky numbers are: 5,8,6.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)  
 Make sure that new mates live up to your high standards. This may not be the time to lend or borrow. Your lucky numbers are: 3,4,7.

**CAPRICORN**  
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)  
 Opportunities to make advancements through good business sense are apparent. Sudden changes at home could affect family members. Your lucky numbers are: 9,1,7.

**AQUARIUS**  
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)  
 Dinner, theater, or a good time out may be just the right thing this week. Be sure that you lay your cards on the table. Don't get involved in joint ventures. Your lucky numbers are: 9,3,2.

**PISCES**  
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)  
 Think twice before you agree to take on any new projects. Do your chores and get on with the things you enjoy doing. Your lucky numbers are: 4,7,5.

**Did You Know?**

The typical wave height from Pacific tsunami is between 6 - 9 metres  
 Diet Coke was introduced in 1982  
 The word 'lethologica' describes the state of not being able to remember the word you want  
 Everyday, more money is printed for Monopoly sets than for the U.S. Treasury  
 Wearing headphones for just an hour will increase the bacteria in your ear by 700 times  
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 There are 2 chickens for every person  
 80% of burglaries are committed by people aged 13-21  
 Half of all crimes are committed by people under the age of 18  
 Shakespeare invented the words 'assassination' and 'bump'  
 There are a million ants for every person on Earth  
 Over 100 people choke to death on ballpoint pens each year  
 New born babies have 350 bones (by age 5 the amount of bones merges to 206)  
 There is no proof as to who built the Taj Mahal  
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 That in the 17th century the value of pi was known to 35 decimal places (today to 1.2411 trillion)  
 Tiger Woods' real first name is Eldrick

**Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**

**"Sudoku"**

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**"Crossword Puzzle"**

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**"Try And Find"**

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

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- ACROSS**
- Affaires d'honneur
  - Felines
  - Stair
  - Neighbor of Pakistan
  - Leave out
  - Cab
  - An alloy of iron
  - Dugout shelter
  - Component used as fertilizer
  - Relation
  - Erotica
  - Fill to excess
  - Depressed urban area
  - Mass of floating ice
  - Tin
  - Craving
  - Double-reed woodwind
  - Bosoms
  - Type of viper
  - Advisory group
  - Take up the cause
  - Show obeisance
  - Bogus
  - Arm bone
  - Uncooked
  - Type of primate
  - Sleigh
  - Abrasion
  - Surveyor's map
  - Not this
  - Specter
  - Hindu princess
  - Been in bed
  - Itchy canine ailment
  - Therefore
  - Tall woody plant
  - Sea eagles
  - Small songbird
  - Not his
  - Adjust again
- DOWN**
- Platter
  - "Do \_\_\_ others..."
  - Biblical paradise
  - Legal claim
  - The business of selling goods
  - Back flaps of formal jackets
  - Of the surrounding area
  - Novice
  - Tight
  - Prodigious
  - Fortuneteller's card
  - Strain
  - Keyboard instrument
  - Desert plants
  - Pile
  - Dark German beer
  - Black, in poetry
  - Debauchee
  - Production of electricity
  - Floatplanes
  - Not sharp
  - Slave
  - Anagram of "Dear"
  - Applaud
  - Besmirch
  - More content
  - Fortune
  - Scatter
  - Trout-like fish
  - Gamut
  - Timekeeper
  - Cut back
  - Empty weight
  - Hotels
  - Curved molding
  - Bird home

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# Memorial Day Observance



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz said “It was a special privilege to join the communities of Forest Hills, Laurelton, Rosedale, Little Neck &

Douglaston to pay tribute to our nation’s heroes during Memorial Day weekend.”

She also said “We can never repay the debt to those who died

in service and those who continue to protect our freedoms. So we say thank you, honor their sacrifice, and vow to never forget.”

## Speaker Adrienne E. Adams, Community Leaders Unveil Mother Maude Ford Way

In partnership with Christ Pentecostal Temple, Inc., Speaker Adrienne E. Adams hosted a street co-naming ceremony in honor of Mother Maude Ford and unveiled Mother Maude Ford Way at the intersection of Brinkerhoff Avenue and 157th Street in Jamaica, Queens.

“Mother Maude Ford was a pioneering community and faith leader who personified unwavering tenacity and determination,” said Speaker Adrienne Adams. “Despite the odds, Mother Ford pioneered the building a permanent home for the Christ Pentecostal Temple, which has served the Jamaica community for nearly a century. Her contributions to Southeast Queens extended beyond the walls of the church. Mother Ford’s life and legacy is now recognized through ‘Mother Maude Ford Way,’ a fitting tribute for an influential, impactful, and historic leader in our community. I congratulate the Christ Pentecostal Temple church family on this outstanding accomplishment.”

Mother Ford founded the Christ Pentecostal Temple, Inc., originally named Gospel Truth Tabernacle. The church held its first open-air service in July 1925 before moving to the basement of Mother Ford’s home in Jamaica. By 1950, Mother Ford negotiated the purchase of land and completed construction of a new building that has since served as the home



of Christ Pentecostal Temple.

A native of Barbados, Mother Ford lived and worked in Harlem before moving to Jamaica, Queens, where she was a longtime community leader.

Photos from the street co-naming ceremony are available here.

“Pastor Maude Ford, affectionately known as “Mother,” founded Christ Pentecostal Temple in 1926. Through the vision given by God, she poured all into establishing a ministry that would be a soul-saving station for generations to come,” said Deacon Yolanda D. Stukes. “On behalf of Suffragan Bishop Derrick & Lady Janice Farmer, the Board of Trustees, and the Christ Pentecostal Temple church family, we extend our sincerest thanks for joining us in

celebrating our founder by co-naming 157th Street as Mother Maude Ford Way. Christ Pentecostal Temple has been a constant pillar in the community for 96 years. We are grateful for all those who have supported this ministry. With the help of the Lord, there is much more to accomplish.”

About Mother Maude Ford - Mother Maude Ford was born in Barbados on July 27, 1881. She became a dedicated member of the Salvation Army, working first in Harlem in the 1920s with young women. After becoming First Chaplain, she was called to Jamaica, Queens, where she went door to door, serving the needs of the people. Soon, she established

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## Senator John Liu on The Passage of Legislation to Finally Reduce Class Sizes in NYC Public Schools



NYS Senator John Liu, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on NYC Education and sponsor of S9460, stated the following about the passage of his bill to reduce class sizes over a five-year period in New York City public schools. The bill passed the Senate 59-4 and the Assembly 147-2. When signed into law by Governor Kathy Hochul, the class sizes in all New York City public schools would be capped at 20 students for kindergarten through third grade; 23 students for fourth through eighth grade; and 25 students for high school by 2027.

Senator Liu stated, “A generation ago, the New York courts ruled in favor of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity (CFE) and found that children throughout New York City were not getting the

funding they needed for a sound, basic education. This was, and continues to be, due in large part to excessive class sizes that are numerically larger than the rest of the state and country.

“The 2006 ruling mandated that New York State increase its education funding, which the state started to do but for over a decade provided annual budgets that fell \$4 billion short of the full amount. In 2021, the state finally began a 3-year phase-in to fully fund that \$4 billion annual shortfall of which NYC’s share is \$1.6 billion. Once fully phased-in by April 2023, NYC will receive an additional \$1.6 billion annually in school aid from the state.

“Enabling smaller class sizes is among the most significant impacts we as legislators can have on the education of our young people. Smaller class sizes allow for more individualized attention, greater student participation and one-on-one time with teachers. To be clear, this is absolutely not an unfunded mandate that requires cuts to other programs. In fact, the state is providing NYC with an additional \$1.6 billion in annual funding to do so, to comply with the letter and spirit of the CFE court decision.

“This class size bill is, in fact, a funded mandate, and it is a huge victory for NYC school kids that will finally fulfill the long-overdue constitutional duty of providing students with a sound, basic education.”

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# Pride Parade in Jackson Heights



New York City Mayor Eric Adams is pictured greeting spectators along the parade route. Photo by Walter Karling



At the Pride Parade in Jackson Heights, which went missing for the last 2 years because of the Covid virus, is David Kilmnick, President and CEO of the LGBT Network, US Senator Charles Schumer, and Daniel Dromm. Photo by Walter Karling

# Marching in The Glendale/Ridgewood Memorial Day Parade



Pictured above marching in the Glendale/Ridgewood Memorial Day Parade are (l to r) Congresswoman Grace Meng, NYS Senator Michael Gianaris Assemblyman Brian Barnwell, and Council Member Robert Holden who is the Chair of the New York City Council Committee on Veterans. They were all there to remember the men and women who gave their lives to protect our freedom.

# Gillibrand Delivers Keynote Speech at Memorial Day Naturalization Ceremony

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand delivered the keynote address at a special Memorial Day naturalization ceremony welcoming 102 new citizens. The citizenship candidates originate from 38 countries and include several current members of the U.S. military.

Senator Gillibrand's remarks as prepared for delivery below:

Congratulations and welcome! We are so blessed to have all of you joining us as citizens of the United States. Thank you to those of you who have made this momentous occasion possible, especially Laura DeMayo, Master of Ceremony & Chief of Staff for the USCIS New York District Office, and Scott Velez, Deputy District Director for the USCIS New York District Office.

And thank you to all of you for your determination and hard work, which has brought you to this transformative moment in your lives today. I think I speak for all of us here when I say we are so grateful to each of you for dedicating your many ideas, skills, and gifts in service to our country.

Through persistence and perseverance you have made the



American Dream your reality. And with tremendous courage and strength you have shown what it is to truly be an American citizen. Many of you have worked in so many different ways to serve the community that welcomed you. And as we are celebrating our service members this week, I especially want to thank all of you who have put your own lives on the line to give back to the nation you now call home.

One of you, Specialist Xilenie Faulkner Cortorreal, joined our Army Reserves to demonstrate to the world that women can be soldiers and protect America

too. Not only that, but she has a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering and plans to pursue a master's degree in business management. I am so proud of all that she has achieved and grateful for the incredible talent she is bringing to our country.

Private Second Class Harouna Sorgho joined the Army Reserves to serve and protect his country too. He has a master's degree in law from the University of Ouaga II in Burkina Faso and plans on obtaining an equivalent master's degree in the United States.

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# AM Kim's Statement on The Passage of The "Grieving Families Act"



Pictured above: Assemblyman Ron Kim standing with Assemblywoman Jen Lunsford earlier this morning during the passage of the Grieving Families Act.

*The Chair on Aging Delivers Huge Victory For Nursing Home Residents, Workers and Patients*

Wrongful Death Statute and extend the statute of limitations.

"Earlier this morning, the Senate and Assembly came to an agreement on the passage of the Grieving Families Act (A.6770/S.74-A), an act that would amend the harsh

Assemblymember Ron Kim has issued the following statement on the passage of the Grieving Families Act (A.6770/S.74-A), an act that would amend the harsh

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# U.S. Postal Service Releases Dog Attack National Rankings National Dog Bite Awareness Week Started June 5

More than 5,400 postal employees were attacked by dogs in the United States in 2021. From nips and bites to vicious attacks, aggressive dog behavior poses a serious threat to postal employees and the public. To highlight the enormity of this serious issue, the U.S. Postal Service is providing information on the do's and don'ts of responsible dog ownership as part of its annual National Dog Bite Awareness Week public service campaign.

The campaign runs Sunday, June 5, through Saturday, June 11. This year's theme is "The USPS Delivers for America — Deliver for Us by Restraining Your Dog." Spread the news of the campaign by using the hashtag #dogbite-awareness

"Every year, thousands of postal employees are attacked by dogs as they deliver America's mail. And while it's a dog's natural instinct to protect their family and home, we ask all customers to act responsibly by taking safety precautions



Letter carrier Latasha Thompson services mailboxes as a dog passes by.

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## CELEBRATE HISTORIC JACKSON HEIGHTS

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SATURDAY, JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup>

Raindate for Garden Tour: June 18 - all other events rain or shine

**Slide Lecture on the History of Jackson Heights**  
At 10:45am and 12:15pm at the Community Church, 81-10 35th Avenue; FREE

**Exhibition of Vintage Photos and Memorabilia**  
From 10:00am to 2:00pm at the Community Church, 81-10 35th Avenue; FREE  
Leisurely view many original photographs, maps and brochures from Jackson Heights' early days

**A Self-Guided Tour of Private Interior Gardens**  
From 12 noon to 4:00pm. These park-like private gardens, surrounded by 1920s-era garden apartments, are only open to the public once a year. Visit up to fifteen gardens at your own pace, following a map included in your ticket; Tickets can be purchased in advance or in front of the Community Church, 81-10 35th Ave, on Saturday morning; \$10

SUNDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup>

**Escorted Walking Tours of the Historic District - Rain or shine**  
At 12 noon. Tickets must be purchased or reserved in advance. The tours will meet in front of the Community Church, the southwestern corner of 82nd Street and 35th Avenue; \$10

Ticket Pricing

Tickets are \$10 for one tour  
Tickets may be purchased beginning May 25th at: Espresso 77  
For ticket information and directions leave a message at (347) 766-9129

# IT'S IN QUEENS

(June 10 to June 16)

The Great Outdoors is the Great Host this week in Queens this week with en plein air music, comic books, tours, dance, foraging, and even Disney. Stay indoors for a cow opera and Def Poetry Jam Reunion.

- June 10, Random Access Music Festival, June 12. Three days of live music and dancing in an outdoor arena with views of Midtown Manhattan in the background. Schedule: June 10 at 7 pm; June 11 at 4 pm; and June 12 at 4 pm. Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave.

- June 11, Queens Rising at the Gantries, 3 pm. A free day of music as part of the month-long Queens Rising celebration of arts and culture. This concert features acclaimed jazz vibraphonist Joel Ross, the ever-captivating Cumbia River Band, DJ Rekha, and R&B stalwarts The Gentlemen of Soul. Gantry Plaza State Park, 04-09 47th Rd., Long Island City.

- June 11, WINC x King Manor Comic Book Festival, noon. The Women in Comics Collective hosts a comic book festival with a light saber demonstration, workshops, music, vendors, and a live model drawing session. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.

- June 11, Historic Jackson Heights Weekend, June 12. The Jackson Heights Beautification Group hosts a weekend of walking tours, a slide lecture, an exhibition, and top-notch local networking. Community United Methodist Church, 81-10 35th Ave.

- June 11, Piano Man Concert, 4 pm. Singer/pianist Michael Chimenti performs such Billy Joel classics as "Just The Way You Are," "New York State Of Mind," and "Scenes From An Italian Restaurant." Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- June 11, Jamaica Dance Festival, 4 pm. Outdoor performances by Omar Edwards, Venza Dance/Quaba V. Ernest, and Jeremy McQueen's Black Iris Project. Rufus King Park, 150-29 Jamaica Ave.

- June 11, German Splendour: Renewal, Remembrance, and Rebirth, 7 pm. The Queens Consort performs works by Telemann, Handel, and Bach with a full orchestra. St. Mark's Church, 33-50 82nd St., Jackson Heights.

- June 11, FanfaireNYC, 11 am. This annual art festival celebrates creativity, entrepreneurship, and technology in the arts from cartooning and animation through architecture, fashion, graphic design, and photography. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- June 11, Deep, 10 am. Dance Matters NYC presents three performances of a show that takes audience members on a journey of courage and exploration to the depths of their inner worlds. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- June 11, Latin, Jazz, Klezmer + Swing, 4 pm. Quintet of the



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Valerie Green

Americas (bassoon, clarinet, contrabassoon, flute, horn, and oboe) performs as part of the Random Access Music Queens New Music Festival. Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave.

- June 11, Artist Talk, 3 pm. Australian animator, writer, artist, and art educator Elliot Cowan talks about his craft and practice as part of his ongoing exhibition. The Garage Art Center, 26-01 Corporal Kennedy St., Bayside.

- June 12, Cow Goes to the Opera, 1 pm + 4 pm. The world premiere of Queens College faculty member Sunny Knable's opera for children and families. A curious cow goes to the Marche at the Opera Festival in southern France and falls in love with the lights and sounds. The Church-in-the-Gardens, 50 Ascan Ave., Forest Hills.

- June 12, Mini-Global Mashup: Tibet Meets Colombia, 1 pm. Tibetan singer Yungchen Lhamo, Colombian artist Martín Vejarano, and guitarist Jorge Iván "Tito" Duarte. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- June 12, Quintet of the Americas, 3 pm. Quintet of the Americas (bassoon, clarinet, contrabassoon, flute, horn, and oboe) performs. Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Blvd.

- June 13, Dance Entropy, 10 am. Free performances that arise from Dance Entropy's residency at SU-CASA. Hanac Ravenswood Neighborhood Senior Center, 34-35A 12th St., Astoria.

- June 15, Historic Tales from Long Island City, 7 pm. Greater Astoria Historical Society Ex-

ecutive Director Bob Singleton discusses his new book "Historic Tales from Long Island City" during this virtual event.

- June 16, Def Poetry Jam Reunion Concert, 8 pm. Danny Simmons brings the talent from his HBO show "Def Poetry Jam Reunion Concert" back to the community that raised him. The lineup features several accomplished artists who have agreed to return to honor the memory of the award-winning program. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.

- June 16, Illuminating Histories: Caribbean Pride, 3:30 pm. Learn how to make swirl pendant lamps as Lewis Latimer House Museum streams a virtual celebration of National Caribbean Heritage Month and Pride Month.

- June 16, A Disney Singalong Tribute, 7 pm. The Disney Singalong Tribute Band's repertoire covers all 82 years of the Disney canon, including favorites from "The Little Mermaid," "The Lion King," "Mary Poppins," and "Frozen." Group members dress up as characters from the films. Raindate: June 17. Juniper Valley Park, 74-01 Juniper Blvd. N., Middle Village.

- June 16, Wild Edible Plant Walk, 5:30 pm. Wild foods author Marie Viljoen leads a leisurely stroll and provides info on foraging. The fun ends with a wilderness-inspired snack of deviled eggs and focaccia featuring all-organic, seasonal ingredients. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

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## Over 80 NY State Legislators Call on New York State Congressional Delegation to Support The Extension of The Child Nutrition Program Waiver to Avoid Hunger Cliff For Students

Over 80 New York State legislators signed a letter penned by Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas and State Senator Michelle Hinchey calling on New York's United States Senators and Congressional Delegation to extend the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) nationwide Child Nutrition Program waiver authority. The move would allow universal school meals through the school year 2022-23 and summer meals in the upcoming summer break.

In March 2020, the USDA provided waivers to schools, allowing them to serve meals at no cost to all students. These meals have been a lifeline for struggling families, but the waivers will expire at the end of this school year, leaving over 2,000 schools and nearly 800,000 students in New York State without access to free school meals for all. In New York, children qualify for free school meals if their household's income is at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

Earlier this year, California and Maine passed state legislation to avoid this hunger cliff. Assemblymember González-Rojas and State Senator Hinchey advocated for this funding allocation in the New York State Budget to cover this cost for a year. But it was not included in the Final Enacted FY 23 State Budget. The legislation they introduced that would provide free breakfast and lunch to all students in schools also did not pass this session. According to the letter, a recent USDA survey found that 90% of school food authorities are relying on waivers to operate nutrition programs this school year and one in five children in New York experience food insecurity. It also

cited rising food costs for schools and staffing shortages as issues that continue to challenge schools.

"In one of the richest nations in the world that has more billionaires than it did previously, it would be a tragedy to allow the Child Nutrition Program to expire. Hundreds of thousands of children and thousands of schools depend on this flexibility by our federal government to feed hungry students every day. We urge our Congressional leaders and delegation to advocate for the extension of this authority. Every child that goes hungry is a policy failure. While we will continue to fight at the state level to cover these costs, we ask our federal partners to intervene and do what is right for all of New York's students," said Assemblymember Jessica González-Rojas.

"Ensuring our kids have access to nutritious meals at school is the most effective thing we can do to fight the hunger in their bellies and set them on a path for success. The Child Nutrition Program has been a lifeline for working families and a silver lining in helping us create a more equitable food system that recognizes the incredible role of New York's farms in expanding food access. Letting this program expire will devastate our communities, and that's not an option we can accept. I'm proud of the coalition we've built in support of universal school meals, and I will continue to urge our Congressional leaders to act so that every student in New York is guaranteed a healthy meal," said State Senator Michelle Hinchey.

"Our national leaders cannot abandon their commitment to school students right now. If federal waivers expire in June, 800,000 students across our state will lose

access to free school meals next year. There will also be significant disruptions in the availability of free summer meals in low-income communities across our state. We cannot roll back the ability to offer this critical nutrition assistance to students when schools and families are still working to recover from the health, economic, and academic impacts of the pandemic. Letting waivers expire so abruptly while schools are still facing significant operational challenges does nothing but pull the rug out from underneath providers and kids struggling with hunger," said Sherry Tomasky, Director of Communications and Public Affairs at Hunger Solutions New York.

"Ensuring children have equal access to school meals is about as basic as it gets. Research has proven that when all students have access to free school meals their health, academics and mental health thrive. As the effects of the pandemic further stress family and school food budgets, it is critical that Congress extend the Child Nutrition Program waiver. Over 2 million students in New York State alone benefit from the waivers," said Liz Accles, Executive Director at Community Food Advocates.

"Universal school meals are the ultimate win-win-win. They reduce child hunger, improve educational performance, and cut costs and paperwork for school districts. There is an urgent need for them in every state — and ensuring all kids get nutritious meals aids the national economy and ultimately bolsters our national defense — so our very wealthy uncle named Sam should pay for them," said Joel Berg, CEO of Hunger Free America.

## Speaker Adrienne E. Adams, Community Leaders Unveil Mother Maude Ford Way

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a church that held its first open-air service in July 1925. After a fire and then winds tore down the tents, the church moved to the basement of her home at 157-01 110th Avenue in Jamaica, where she lived with her husband John. Her dynamic ministry welcomed people of all races to her church, which grew so quickly that by March 7, 1926, her garage was dedicated as Gospel Truth Tabernacle.

In April 1931, the church was incorporated, and its name was

changed to Christ Pentecostal Temple, Inc. Mother Ford, a woman of great faith who was skilled at preaching and healing, drew many followers. By 1950, she negotiated the purchase of land, completed the construction of a new building, and dedicated the current church edifice at 109-45 157th Street, Jamaica, NY.

Mother Maude Ford, the first woman and founding pastor of Christ Pentecostal Temple, was a forceful and beloved presence in the community of Jamaica, until her death on July 26, 1970.

## AM Kim's Statement on The Passage of The "Grieving Families Act"

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Wrongful Death Statute and extend the statute of limitations claims to 3.5 years.

New York's Wrongful Death Law has remained unchanged since 1847. It became law during the industrial revolution, when wealthy landowners wanted to protect their profits instead of the safety of low-wage workers. Therefore, the law strictly limits damages to pecuniary losses, which are defined as the monetary value of the financial support and services that the deceased would have provided, and not the emotional pain or suffering of grieving families left behind.

When we measure the worth of a person's life on an economic basis, we normalize negligent and abusive treatment of those deemed economically expendable. This new statute is game-changing; it will reshape the way long-term facilities and hospitals treat their

patients. It will systemically root out negligence because it mandates our courts to recognize the universal value of life.

Although nothing will bring back their loved one, the pain and suffering of New York's nursing home families will no longer be in vain. The families whom I met and spoke with asked that I make sure the state is held accountable for the loss of their loved ones — and I have. But our work is not done.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the work of our primary sponsors, Senator Hoylman and Assemblywoman Weinstein. Thank you for being champions for all grieving New Yorkers."

Bill no A.6770: The Grieving Families Act

Bill no A09100: Extended Statute of Limitations

Bill no A08480: Justice For Nursing Home Act

Bill no 9077: Wrongful Death Clause Amendment

## Gillibrand Delivers Keynote Speech at Memorial Day Naturalization Ceremony

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Justice and the rule of law are things we value very highly in the United States and I know that Private Second Class Sorgho's contributions to this field are more than welcome. There is not enough time to mention every one of our fantastic service members becoming citizens today, but I do also want to mention Specialist Eliezer Eugenio Richiez Paredes who will be reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and speaking a little more about his experience a bit later. Specialist Richiez came to the United States when he was only nine years old. As he serves in our Army National Guard he is also pursuing a bachelor's degree in Political Science. I know that he has and will continue to gain some excellent experience serving in the National Guard.

And I hope that when he returns from his future deployment he will use his political knowledge to work in public service. Perhaps someday he might even consider applying for a fellowship in my Senate office!

As you may know, I am chair of the Senate Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee, which

means it's my job to advocate for the health, safety, and morale of all our service members and their families. I fight for more funding to improve housing on military bases, expanded child care options, and to reform the military justice system. And so I have the opportunity to work with many of our service members on a daily basis. But something that has always stood out to me is just how selfless and generous our military service members truly are.

Their commitment to this country and our communities knows no bounds and their dedication to giving back is evident throughout their lives. Giving back is something that is central to what it means to be an American citizen. Which is why we value civic engagement and participation in our democracy so highly. So even for those of us who are civilians, we share a profound duty to be active in our communities, to participate in jury duty, and to vote in our elections. America is a nation that is defined not only by what we are, but also by what we can become. Which is why we need every one of you to contribute to our future and continue making America the best that it can be.

## U.S. Postal Service Releases Dog Attack National Rankings National Dog Bite Awareness Week Started June 5

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with their dogs while the mail is being delivered," said USPS Employee Safety and Health Awareness Manager Leeann Theriault. "When a carrier comes to the residence, keep the dog inside the house and away from the door — or behind a fence on a leash — to avoid an attack."

Being a Responsible Pet Owner

Dog owners with friendly dogs often expect a friendly reaction from other dogs. However, even friendly dogs will bite, depending on the circumstance. Dogs are primarily territorial in nature and protective of their owners and their owners' property. Defending its territory sometimes means attacking — and possibly biting — the letter carrier. Dog owners are responsible for controlling their dogs. The best way to keep everyone safe from dog bites is to recognize and promote responsible pet ownership.

Most people know the approximate time their letter carrier arrives every day. Securing your

dog before the carrier approaches your property will minimize any dog-carrier interactions.

When a letter carrier comes to your home, keep dogs:

- Inside the house or behind a fence;
- Away from the door or in another room; or
- On a leash.

Pet owners also should remind their children not to take mail directly from a letter carrier as the dog may view the carrier as a threat.

Informed Delivery is a useful tool for dog-owning customers. It's a free service that gives customers a digital preview of the mail and packages that are scheduled to be delivered so that they can take precautions and secure their dog when parcels are delivered to the door. Sign up at [informedelivery.usps.com](https://informedelivery.usps.com).

"The Postal Service takes the safety of our employees as seriously as we take our commitment to delivering America's mail. Each year, nearly 6,000 employees are attacked by dogs while on their

routes," said USPS Occupational Safety and Health Senior Director Linda DeCarlo. "Please deliver for us by being responsible pet owners and make sure your dogs are secured when our carrier comes to your mailbox."

The Victims

Last year, many attacks reported by letter carriers came from dogs whose owners regularly stated, "My dog won't bite." Dog bites are entirely preventable. One bite is one too many.

Being Attentive While Delivering

Letter carriers are trained to observe an area where they know dogs may be present. They are taught to be alert for potentially dangerous conditions and to respect a dog's territory.

Letter carriers are trained to:

- Not startle a dog.
- Keep their eyes on the dog.
- Never assume a dog won't bite.
- Make some noise or rattle a fence to alert the dog if entering a yard.

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## Understanding The Symptoms & Treatments For Cataracts

### June is Cataract Awareness Month

Cataracts are a common eye condition that often affects people as they age and can cause blindness if left untreated. By age 80, most people either have cataracts or have had cataract surgery. June is Cataract Awareness Month and Lighthouse Guild is spreading the word that early diagnosis and treatment can help preserve vision. It is important for people to recognize cataract symptoms so they don't delay in getting effective treatment.

Know the symptoms and treatments

A cataract is a clouding of a lens in your eye. Leading causes are age, smoking, and diabetes, with increased risk from prolonged exposure to ultraviolet sunlight

and a family history of cataracts. Cataracts may also develop after eye surgery or an eye injury.

"Early intervention is key," says Dr. Bruce Rosenthal, Chief of Low Vision Services, Lighthouse Guild. "The best way to know if your symptoms are caused by cataracts or another eye disorder is to see an eye care professional for a vision test and comprehensive dilated eye exam."

Symptoms of cataracts include:

- Cloudy or blurry vision
- Seeing faded colors
- Glare, with headlights, lamp, or sunlight appearing too bright
- Seeing a halo around lights
- Worse vision at night
- Double vision/seeing multiple images
- Having to change your eyeglasses or contact lens prescription often

"The early symptoms of cataracts may improve with new glasses, antiglare sunglasses, magnifying lenses, or brighter lighting," Dr. Rosenthal explains. "But if you don't see enough improvement in your vision, you may need surgery to remove the cloudy lens and replace it with an artificial lens." Surgery needed on both eyes is usually done separately, about four weeks apart."

About Lighthouse Guild - Lighthouse Guild provides exceptional services that inspire people who are visually impaired to attain their goals. Our podcast series, "On Tech & Vision with Dr. Cal Roberts" offers information and insights about technological innovations that are tearing down barriers for people who are blind or visually impaired. For more information, visit [Lighthouseguild.org](http://Lighthouseguild.org).

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- Never attempt to pet or feed a dog.
- Place their foot against an outward swinging door.

If a dog attacks, carriers are also trained to stand their ground and protect their body by placing something between them and the dog — such as their mail satchel — and use dog repellent, if necessary.

Even though postal officials ask customers to control their dogs, unfortunately dog bites still happen, which may result in injuries to our carriers and costly medical expenses for dog owners. Please heed the above best practices to help stop dog bites and protect your

letter carrier.

"I was bit by a dog on my leg recently and my mail satchel helped shield me," said Francisco Juarez, a letter carrier who delivers in Houston. "The sound of a dog barking while on my route puts me on high alert and I try to be ready to protect myself."

Juarez recognizes the importance of the safety training he's received as a letter carrier to help protect himself from dog attacks while delivering the mail. Even though he diligently follows dog-bite safety protocols while on his route, he was still attacked by a dog.

Carriers do have tools to remind them about dogs on their routes.

There is a dog alert feature tool on their handheld scanners to remind them of a possible dog hazard and they use dog warning cards as reminders when they sort their mail for their routes that a dog that may interfere with delivery.

Lastly, when a carrier feels unsafe, mail service could be halted — not only for the dog owner, but for the entire neighborhood. When mail service is stopped, mail must be picked up at the Post Office. Service will not be restored until the dog is properly restrained.

The Postal Service generally receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

## 2022 State of The Borough Fact Sheet

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. delivered his State of the Borough address on Friday, June 3, at LaGuardia Community College in Long Island City, highlighting both the significant progress his administration has made to build back better as a borough over its first 19 months, as well as his bold, comprehensive vision for a stronger, fairer Queens in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Below is a detailed breakdown of the initiatives and highlights Borough President Richards outlined in his address, including some that his administration has already successfully launched.

### HEALTH CARE/COVID RECOVERY

- Championed Queens County being the first county in New York State to reach both 1 million COVID-19 vaccinations and 2 million COVID-19 vaccinations, along with his administration's tireless efforts to boost vaccination rates, especially in historically overlooked communities.
- Called for the creation of a NYC Office of COVID Recovery to streamline and improve the city's response to the ever-evolving COVID-19 pandemic.
- Celebrated an agreement to facilitate the establishment of a NYC Health + Hospitals Gotham Health location in Far Rockaway, which will help alleviate long-

standing inequities in health care on the peninsula.

- Announced construction will begin in the coming months on St. John's Episcopal Hospital's new labor and delivery unit, ensuring Rockaway mothers are able to give birth right in their own community.
- Highlighted nearly \$19 million in capital funding over his first two years in office to hospitals across Queens.

### HATE CRIMES/PUBLIC SAFETY

- Announced "Queens Forward" in partnership with Governor Kathy Hochul, a program that will direct significant sums of capital dollars to Queens to invest in the root causes of crime and build a stronger, fairer borough.
- Announced the creation of a Hate Crimes Task Force, made up of law enforcement, community-based organizations, city agencies and other stakeholders to address the recent rise in hate in a holistic, community-first manner.
- Celebrated last fall's groundbreaking on a new 116th Precinct, which will dramatically reduce response times and improve public safety in Eastern Queens.
- Highlighted the establishment of monthly safety forums hosted by Borough President Richards to connect NYPD officials with community stakeholders for in-depth discussions about the spe-

cific needs of various neighborhoods.

- Called for the expansion of Queens' growing cure violence network into every community across The World's Borough.
  - Emphasized his belief that Rikers Island must close, but not before significant reforms are made to ensure those currently incarcerated are treated with dignity and supported upon their release to prevent recidivism.
- ### SUSTAINABILITY
- Championed his establishment of Operation Urban Sustainability, a working group of environmentalists, clean energy leaders, community-based organizations, transit advocates and more tasked with taking a holistic approach toward environmental justice, flood prevention and more.
  - Called for the expansion of geothermal energy production in new developments across Queens.
  - Celebrated the Champlain Hudson Power Express, a clean energy vessel that will ship water and wind power from Canada to Queens once operational.
  - Highlighted his allocation of more than \$500,000 across three different Queens schools to construction hydroponic farms in classrooms.
  - Called on the federal government to deliver even more

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## QEDC + QTC Announce 'Queens Rises Higher' Celebration on June 25

Kaufman Arts District hosts food, drinks, art + live shows

The Queens Economic Development Corporation, Queens Tourism Council, and Kaufman Arts District will host Queens Rises Higher at Kaufman Arts District on Saturday, June 25, from noon to 5 pm.

Similar to Queens Comes Back!, which attracted several dozen vendors and hundreds of attendees in October 2021, more than 50 of the borough's best makers and creatives will participate in this street fair-style event in the Kaufman Astoria Studios Backlot in the vicinity of 36th Street and 35th Avenue.

Please register by clicking here. There's no admission charge, and registered attendees can peruse the vendors from table to table on June 25.

Restaurant owners, crafters, and entrepreneurs are still signing up, but this unique Astoria party already features dozens of vendors who will serve exquisite dishes, hearty soups, desserts, and decadent baked goods as well as craft beer, wine, and healthy fruit smoothies. At some spots, members of Made in Queens, a QEDC program that promotes local manufacturers and crafters, will sell products ranging from shirts to jewelry to handmade soaps and candles. Representatives from Queensboro FC, a professional soccer team that will begin competing in a brand new stadium at York College in Jamaica in 2023, will be there, too, with uniforms, soccer balls, and other sports paraphernalia.

It's not all dining and shopping, though as local musicians and Queensboro Dance Festival members will present a free outdoor concert on a mini stage.

The current and ever-growing list of participants includes: Blissful Flavour (chicken, rice tres leches, potato salad, drinks); Dekkade Foods/Black Inventors (bread, fish, sauces, seasonings); De L'or Cakery (cupcakes, baked cookies, cake jars); Dylana's Sweet Treats; For Love and Lemon Cookies (gluten-free cookies); Garnish Catering; Healthy as a Motha; La'Maoli; MWells; The Nest; The Nourish Spot; Passion Fusion BK; Paulista Avenue Bakery (baked cheese bread, mini loaves); The Soup Lady (Kitchen 36); Thin Cookies; Single Cut (beer); The Wine Room of Forest Hills (wine); AJ the Awful; Alice Lipping Art; Almonte Studio (art prints, earrings, stationery, stickers); Bianca Designs (pins, patches, t-shirts, beanies); Clayful Characters; Domingo Carrasco Art; Fishbowl Pottery; Freedom Within (pottery); Hello Ms. Dixie (soap); Hooks and Luxe (jewelry); Jewelry and Clayworks (polymer clay jewelry); Karamelove Scents Co.; Land of J; Lavendar Works; Midnight Skye (art, accessories, and home goods); My Works of Art; Novqueen; Oh! So Cozy! Sleepwear; Paige's Candle Co. (candles, room sprays and wax melts); Scent by Heaven (scented candles, diffusers, and wax melts); Sweet Sincerely (calligraphy, tote bags) and TREESTAR (soaps, candles, and sea sponges); and Wilk Apiary.

First opening its doors in 1920, KAS is the current studio of choice for countless productions, including PBS's "Sesame Street," Showtime's "Nurse Jackie," Apple TV's "Dickinson" and "WeCrashed," and HBO's "The Undoing" and "The Time Traveler's Wife." The KAS Backlot is a controlled, outdoor venue that's used by the film industry for outdoor scenes.

## State Comptroller Dinapoli Statement on Signing of New Legislative Package on Gun Control



New York State Comptroller Thomas P. DiNapoli issued the following statement today regarding Governor Hochul's signing of a new legislative package addressing gun control:

"Gun violence in our nation has gotten worse and hurts too many

families. From a grocery store in Buffalo to an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas; this scourge knows no geographic boundaries. The gun control bills signed into law by Governor Hochul today are common sense measures that will help keep our communities safer and give more tools to law enforcement to prevent easy access to guns. The Governor and lawmakers should be commended for responding so quickly after the horrific massacre at Tops Friendly Markets that took the lives of ten innocent people. This is an important step but we must take many more steps forward to confront the gun violence, racism and mental health issues that contributed to these tragedies."



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Notice of formation of Limited Liability Company FENSORE LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York ("SSNY") on March 15, 2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail a copy of any process to the LLC to Jorge Meneses, 45-18 Pearson Street, Long Island City, New York 11101. Purpose: To engage in any lawful activity. 5/12,19,26,6/2,9&16/2022

Caribbean Sports Lounge LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/14/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 197-15 Jamaica Ave., Hollis, NY 11423. General Purpose. 5/5,12,19,26,6/2&9/2022

Yan & Li Venture Property LLC filed w/ SSNY on 5/2/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 13347 Sanford Ave., #C1E, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: any lawful. 5/5,12,19,26,6/2&9/2022

Notice of Qualification of AIYA TECHNOLOGY SYSTEM, LLC Appl. for Auth. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/19/22. Office location: Queens County. LLC formed in Delaware (DE) on 03/25/22. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 36-18 Main St., 12th Fl., Flushing, NY 11356. DE addr. of LLC: 251 Little Falls Dr., Wilmington, DE 19808. Cert. of Form. filed with Secy. of State, 401 Federal St., #4, Dover, DE 19901. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/5,12,19,26,6/2&9/2022

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651718 MP LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/26/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 3636 Main St., #CS, Flushing, NY 11354. General Purpose. 5/12,19,26,6/2,9&16/2022

Better Homes & Estates Realty, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/29/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Mohammad Kamal, 65 Skelter Ln., Roslyn Heights, NY 11577. General Purpose. 5/19,26,6/2,9,16&23/2022

Notice of Formation of CASTRO CANE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/11/22. Office location: Queens County. Princ. office of LLC: 133 Beach 116th St., #3C, Rockaway Park, NY 11694. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to Thomas Adorno Castro, 1032 Beach 20th St., Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/26,6/2,9,16,23&30/2022

Orange Cedar Spa, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/3/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 131-18 Merrick Blvd., Queens, NY 11434. General Purpose. 5/5,12,19,26,6/2&9/2022

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Notice of Formation: KCJZ2022 LLC Art. Of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/04/2022. Office Loc: QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 53-16 190TH ST, FRESH MEADOWS, NY, 11365. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/19,26,6/2,9,16&23/2022

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infrastructure funding to Queens to allow for large-scale sewer and water utility projects, modeled after the ongoing \$2 billion investment in such systems in Southeast Queens.

- TRANSPORTATION
- Called on the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to establish ferry service to LaGuardia Airport, while calling on the State and City of New York to establish light rail and bus rapid transit service to the airport.
- Highlighted investments in promoting traffic safety, including \$3 million for safety measures on the Queensboro Bridge and \$1 million for improvements along Northern Boulevard in Western Queens.
- Celebrated the 34th Avenue Open Street in Jackson Heights, which Borough President Richards was instrumental in securing and expanding.
- Demanded the MTA expand the Atlantic Ticket discount ticket program, allowing for Southeast Queens riders to travel beyond Brooklyn and into Manhattan.
- Pledged to work with Governor Hochul and the MTA to establish the Interborough Express between Jackson Heights and Bay Ridge, Brooklyn.
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- Outlined his efforts to ensure JetBlue's headquarters remains in Queens instead of relocating to Florida, as previously considered by Queens' hometown airline.

- Celebrated the \$8 billion redevelopment of LaGuardia Airport into a state-of-the-art facility worthy of the borough it calls home, along with the \$850 million in contracts for Queens-based small businesses given out over the course of the project, all while looking ahead toward the comprehensive redevelopment of John F. Kennedy International Airport.
- Highlighted the tremendous success of his Queens Small Business Grant Program, which connected 757 borough small businesses with critical funding during one of the peak periods of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Announced the creation of the Downtown Jamaica Improvement Council to fast-track improvements across one of Queens' premiere retail and culinary destinations.
- Announced the establishment of the Queens Tech Fair and the Queens Tech Challenge to help the borough's emerging tech industry grow at an even faster and more equitable pace.
- Noted the return of Bartlett Dairy, and its 200 union jobs, to Southeast Queens.
- CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
- Announced the creation of "Borough Hall on Your Block," a series of week-long initiatives to decentralize the Queens Borough President's Office and better deliver services right in individual neighborhoods.
- Championed the significant progress made to diversify Queens' 14 community boards, ensuring

- government at the hyper-local level looks, sounds and feels like the borough it serves.
- Outlined a half-dozen working groups created by Borough President Richards, including the Queens Nonprofit Network, Civics in the Classroom, the Civic Engagement Committee, the NYCHA Tenant Association Roundtable, the Cannabis Task Force and the Youth Council.
- Highlighted the reopening of the NYC Department of Veterans Services' satellite office at Queens Borough Hall and Borough President Richards' support for legislative efforts to create a Veteran-Owned Business city contracting system.
- Promoted the Immigrant Welcome Center at Queens Borough Hall, which has directly served well over 400 Queens residents since it opened last summer.
- Promoted the recommended approval of more than 1,200 units of affordable housing across Queens and called on the city to dramatically increase investment in the creation of affordable housing in Queens.
- BUDGET ALLOCATIONS
- Announced more than \$130 million in capital dollars has been allocated over the course of the Richards Administration, including more than \$22 million for schools, nearly \$20 million for Queens cultural organizations, \$16 million each for libraries and parks and \$10 million for CUNY campuses

**Statement From Speaker Adrienne E. Adams on Governor Hochul Signing Hotel Conversion to Affordable Housing Legislation Into Law**

"Affordable housing is critical to building strong communities and this law is a major opportunity for New York City. Vacant and underutilized hotels should be leveraged to

address the city's housing crisis, and this new law can result in more affordable homes for New Yorkers. I thank Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Heastie, Sena-

tor Kavanagh, Assembly Member Cymbrowitz, and members of the State Legislature for passing this legislation, and Governor Hochul for signing it into law."

**LEGAL NOTICES**

Prevail Physical Therapy, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 12/3/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Nick Hondros, 2818 Ditmars Blvd., Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Physical Therapy 6/9,16,23,30,7/7&14/2022



**TAKE 5 Top-Prize Winner Sold in CORONA**

The New York Lottery has announced one top-prize winning ticket was sold for the June 6 TAKE 5 EVENING drawing. The ticket, worth \$37,842.50, was purchased at HAR SIDDHI CORPORATION, located at 40-08 JUNCTION BLVD in CORONA. TAKE 5 players with mid-day and evening draws on the same ticket must check their numbers at nylottery.ny.gov to determine if they have the winning numbers for the corresponding mid-day or evening drawing.

TAKE 5 numbers are drawn from a field of one through 39. The drawing is televised twice daily at 2:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. A Lottery draw game prize of any amount may be claimed up to one year from the date of the drawing. About the New York Lottery - The New York Lottery continues to be North America's largest and most profitable Lottery, contributing \$3.59 billion in fiscal year 2020-21 to help support education in New York State.

# Street Renaming In Honor of Ann Jarwin



Ann Juliano Jarwin was a true feminist icon. She spent her life fighting for women's rights and founded the Center for the Women in New York in 1987. Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined members of the local community, elected officials and members of

the non-profit organization she established for a street renaming ceremony in Ann's honor.

QDA Katz also thanked Ann's family, the Center for Women of New York and the Doug-Bay Manor Civic Association for having me attend and speak at this event.

**SENATOR JAMES SANDERS JR.** 

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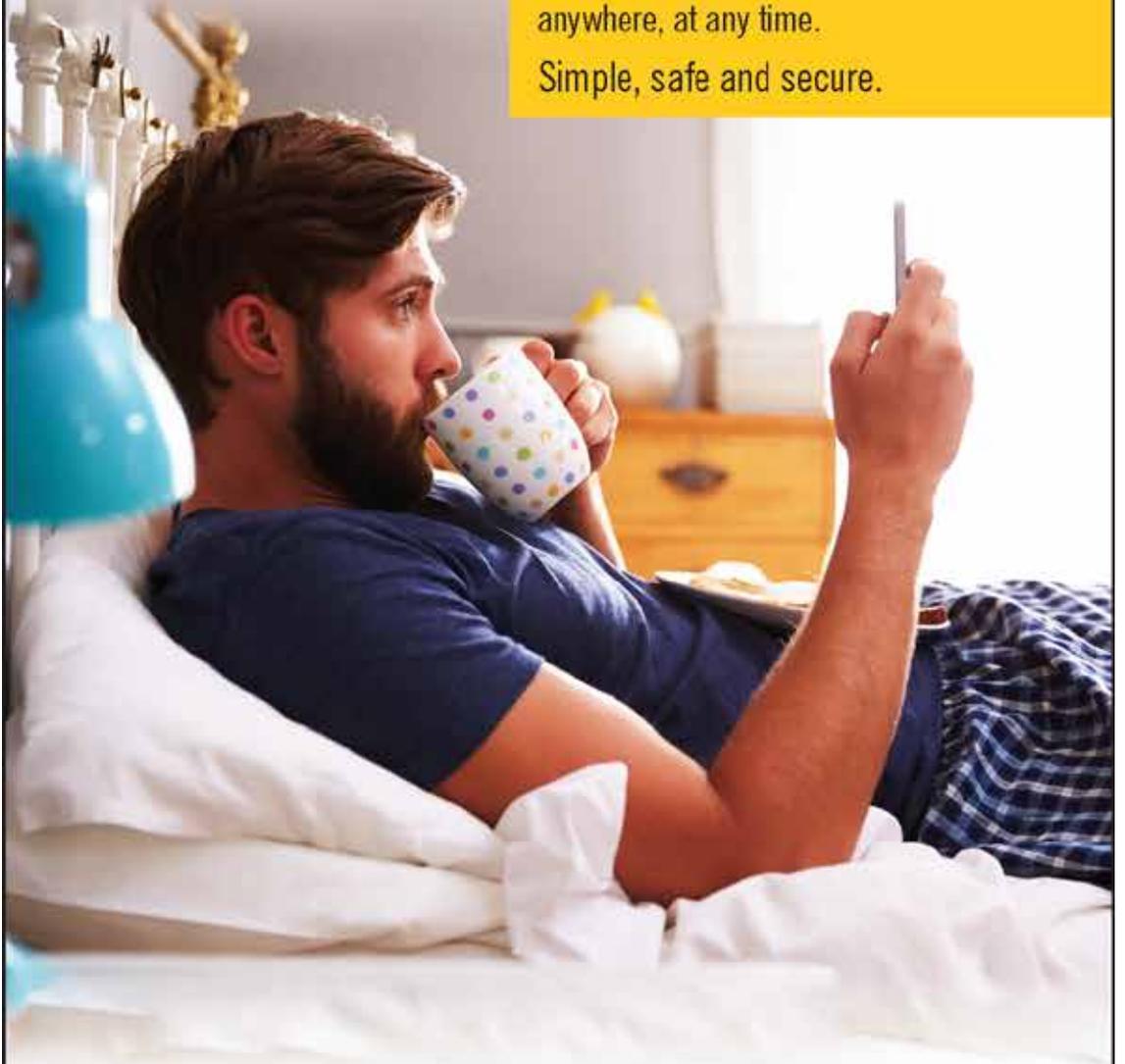
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