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FLAG DAY



For those who did not know or forgot why Flag Day is celebrated we at the Queens Time thought we should remind you, read on:

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution, passed on June 14, 1777, stated: "Resolved, that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."

The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110 is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the president's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Consolidated Laws designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is in Fairfield, Washington. Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a

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Governor's Hochul & Murphy Announce Major Step Toward Modernization of Penn Station



In Penn Station New York Governor Kathy Hochul, New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy, NYC Mayor Eric Adams with Janno Lieber MTA Chair and CEO and New Jersey Transit President and CEO Kevin S. Corbett . See story on page 2.

Mayor Eric Adams Endorses Kathy Hochul's Election Bid For New York State Governor



Mayor Eric Adams has officially backed Gov. Kathy Hochul's bid for a full term in office. Mayor Adams he told the crowd at a union's auditorium in Manhattan that "I need a partner, we need a partner" and went on to say "I could not be more proud to state as the mayor of the city of New York, let's put Kathy Hochul back into

the Governor's Mansion." Mayor Adams support helps Hochul who already has a 40-point lead in the June upcoming race, according to a recent poll. In the upcoming June 28 primaries, Hochul is set to face Rep. Tom Suozzi of Long Island and

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Meng Joins House Speaker Nancy Pelosi at Congressional Signing Ceremony



Congresswoman Meng with Speaker Pelosi on Capitol Hill during enrollment ceremony for her bill. See story on page 2.

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parade every year since, with the possible exception of 1918 and 2020, and celebrated the “Centennial” parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events. Appleton, Wisconsin, claims to be the oldest National

Flag Day parade in the nation, held annually since 1950.

Quincy, Massachusetts, has had an annual Flag Day parade since 1952 and claims it “is the longest-running parade of its kind” in the U.S. The largest Flag Day parade had been held annually in Troy, New York until 2017, which

based its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators. In addition, the Three Oaks, Michigan, Flag Day Parade is held annually on the weekend of Flag Day and is a three-day event and they claim to have the largest Flag Day parade in the nation as well as the oldest.

Governor’s Hochul & Murphy Announce Major Step Toward Modernization of Penn Station

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MTA, in Partnership with Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT, Seeking Firms to Design Penn Station Reconstruction Firms to Begin Designing Generational Transformation of Penn Station as Outlined by Governor Last Fall

New Station Will Feature Massive Single-Level Concourse with High Ceilings and Natural Light, Greater Connectivity to Platforms, Larger Entrances and Intuitive Travel Paths

Empire State Development Convenes Public Realm Task Force To Complement Overall Development Plan and Prioritize Public Spaces and Social Services, Invest in Affordable Housing, Increase Transit Access and Shared Streets, Activate Pedestrian-Friendly Streetscape

New York Governor Kathy Hochul with New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy announced that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, in partnership with Amtrak and NJ TRANSIT, is requesting proposals from architecture and engineering firms to guide the Penn Station Reconstruction effort recently outlined in the Penn Station Master Plan study that was announced in the fall. Governor Hochul’s plan calls for the transformation of Penn Station into a modern, spacious, light-filled facility that is easy to navigate, while also revitalizing the surrounding neighborhood to prioritize the public realm and social services, invest in affordable housing, increase transit access and shared streets, and create a pedestrian-friendly streetscape. Penn Reconstruction will modernize the concourse experience for passengers with improved platform connectivity, streamlined way finding and enhanced amenities. The future expansion of Penn Station will add track and platform capacity and be fully integrated with a reconstructed Penn Station.

“The transformation of Penn Station into a world-class, commuter-focused transportation facility befitting the central hub of the greatest city in the world cannot come soon enough,” Governor Hochul said. “We have shared a vision of a single-level unified station with soaring ceilings that welcome natural light, clear, intuitive sightlines, more circulation space and more connectivity to streets and platforms. With this announcement, the MTA is taking a concrete step toward making that vision a reality. Thanks to the efforts of the Biden Administration, Senator Schumer’s leadership and the support of Senator Gillibrand and our congressional delegation, new federal resources are available to assist in creating a new Penn Station for the entire region.”

“Penn Station is a major transportation hub that hosts millions of train and subway commuters along its corridors every year,” said Lieutenant Governor Antonio Delgado. “Launching this infrastructure project to modernize Penn Station will result in a first-class transit hub that New Yorkers can be proud of and will improve passenger amenities and circulation within the station, create construction jobs and transform the area for businesses and residents.”

“As the centerpiece of one of the most important transportation networks in the world, Penn Station requires an atmosphere and appearance that reflect its tremendous importance to the region,” said New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy. “For several decades Penn Station has not provided New Jersey commuters and visitors with the comfort and convenience they deserve. Now, as a result of partnerships across agencies and state lines, we are prepared to take the next step toward the long-awaited transformation of this pivotal transportation hub.”

In accordance with the master plan developed by MTA and its partner railroads, the rebuilt station will:

- Integrate train boarding and all

public functions and amenities on a single level with broad concourses and high ceilings

- Create a main concourse on the east side of the station that will be considerably larger than the areas of Moynihan Train Hall and the Great Hall at Grand Central Terminal combined
- Double the ceiling height of the public concourses
- Establish clear sightlines to platform entrances to provide intuitive travel paths through the station
- Increase the number of stairs, escalators and elevators to the station’s 11 platforms by 33 percent
- Improve/enlarge pedestrian entrances

The current Penn Station - the Western Hemisphere’s busiest transit hub - serves more passengers than LaGuardia, John F. Kennedy and Newark Airports combined. Amtrak’s operation in the new Moynihan Train Hall provides an opportunity to overhaul Penn Station, eliminating the bulk of the first subterranean level to open up the main concourse to natural light, improving retail and other user amenities, increasing safety and security, significantly expanding passenger circulation areas, expanding entrances and exits, and making it easier for passengers to navigate within the station and to connect to their destinations beyond. The reconstruction of the station is expected to cost between six and seven billion dollars and is estimated to be completed five to six years after the start of construction.

Additionally, Empire State Development announced the creation of the Penn Station Area Public Realm Task Force, which will advise ESD on public realm improvements to revitalize and beautify the area around Penn Station, including re-imagined streetscapes and new open spaces. The Public Realm Task Force comprises representatives of involved State and City agencies, local elected officials, community boards, civic organizations and other stakeholders.

Meng Joins House Speaker Nancy Pelosi at Congressional Signing Ceremony

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Congresswoman’s legislation is now expected to be signed into law by President Biden. Her bill seeking to create first national museum dedicated to the history and culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-NY) joined House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) at a congressional bill signing ceremony for her legislation to study the creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific

American History and Culture. Meng’s measure unanimously passed the House in April and the Senate in May, during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, and is now expected to be signed into law by President Biden in the coming days.

Today’s ceremony on Capitol Hill was an enrollment ceremony, which is when the final copy of a bill that has passed both chambers of Congress in identical form is printed on parchment paper, signed by House and Senate of-

ficials, and sent to the President for signature.

“I thank all of my colleagues in Congress who supported this legislation and I’m thrilled and excited that it is one step closer to becoming law,” said Meng. “In particular, I want to thank Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Schumer for all their support and help in pushing the measure toward the finish line. This is the first but historic step toward establishing this museum, and I look forward to the President signing my bill soon.”

Senator James Sanders Jr. Launches Carnival in The Rockaways Drawing Crowd Ready to Party

Senator James Sanders Jr. brought the party to the people recently with the official preview / launch of the Queens Carnival (formerly the Rockaway Caribbean Carnival) at the DredSurfer Grill on Saturday in Far Rockaway.

A large crowd of attendees, representing many cultures, gathered to celebrate. There were singers, dancers, and moko jumbies (or stilts walkers), and plenty of complimentary food and refreshments.

However, all of this fun was just the appetizer, reminding everyone to come to the main event - the Queens Carnival on August 27, 2022 - when marchers will parade down Peninsula streets and Senator Sanders will play host and masquerader.

"Welcome to the Rockaways and welcome to the Carnival," said Sanders during the kick off and press conference. "We are going to have some fun. We are going to be celebrating all of the Rockaways, but we will be particularly highlighting the contributions of the Caribbean community in America."

Following the announcement, residents, supporters and Carnival Committee members joined Senator Sanders in a mini-march down the boardwalk next to the Dred-surfer Grill on Seagirt Boulevard as Caribbean music played in the background.

In the past, the Caribbean Carnival in the Rockaways drew thou-



Senator Sanders wore decorative feathers as he lead a mini-march down the boardwalk to launch the Queens Carnival.

sands of people and even more are expected to participate this year at the newly named Queens Carnival.

Carnival aims to celebrate Caribbean arts & culture while highlighting the hidden jewel that is the Rockaways. Senator Sanders invites people of all nationalities from all over the City and beyond to join him for this event.

"There will be good food, good company - come and make a friend," Sanders said. "We are going to have a ball."

The Carnival is presented in partnership with the West Indian American Day Carnival Association (WIADCA), Rockaway

Development Revitalization Corporation (RDRC), REMA4US, DredSurfer Grill, New York City Parks Department, New York Police Department's 101st Police Precinct, and the Caribbean Carnival in the Rockaways Committee members.

The Queens Carnival will take place on Saturday, August 27, 2022 starting at 11 a.m., starting at Mott Avenue and Beach 21st Street and ending on the boardwalk at Beach 17th Street.

For general information, to join the committee or to participate in Carnival contact Senator Sanders's office at 718-523-3069.

Woodside Street Named After Beloved Queens Spokesman Dan Andrews



Council Member Julie Won and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards host Co-naming event for late Queens stalwart. See story on page 11.

Council Member Vickie Paladino's Latest Updates In District 19th



the community, the scope of this work is necessary. The previous water mains were installed in 1923 and require an upgrade. The sewers are being replaced to prevent flooding and overflow during storms.

- I had the pleasure of meeting with the new Commanding Officer of the NYPD 109th Precinct, Deputy Inspector Louron E. Hall. I look forward to a fruitful relationship and working together to improve the overall quality of life in District 19.

- I want to thank the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 32 for inviting me to their luncheon with my fellow Council colleagues. They are a long-standing organization that fight for their fellow brothers and sisters every day. Our veterans will always have a special place in my heart. My door will always be open for our United States veterans.

- I joined the Associazione Sacchessi D'America to celebrate St. Anthony and St. Silvestro, the Patron of Sacco, Provincia di Salerno, Italy. As an Italian-American, I want to thank President Pasquale and Vice President, Carmelo, for the invitation!

New York City Council Votes to Adopt The FY 2023 Budget

\$101 billion budget outlines the new Council's vision to invest in communities, schools, and youth, securing record funding for key programs while increasing Council's budgetary powers

Speaker Adrienne E. Adams, Finance Committee Chair Justin Brannan and Members of the New York City Council today voted to adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 budget. This first budget under Speaker Adams and a new Council class reflects the Council's commitment and vision to increase its budgetary power to hold agencies accountable, while securing a Council record of funding priorities during city budget negotiations to invest in communities for key programs and services.

The adopted FY 2023 budget includes many of the Council priorities to invest in communities to make New Yorkers safer. These include expansions of key youth programs, increased city funding for schools, expansion of housing access programs, a property tax rebate for working and middle class homeowners, funding for parks and sanitation services, and investments in community safety programs. This includes the creation of a new Speaker's initiative, the Community Safety and Victim Services Initiative. These priorities were outlined in the Council's Fiscal Year 2023 Preliminary Budget Response.

The Council also ensured fiscal responsibility by curbing

the growth of wasteful criminal justice system spending. It largely held the New York Police Department (NYPD) budget flat compared to the FY 2022 adopted budget by finding savings of \$65 million from the executive budget (\$5.59B) to the adopted budget (\$5.53B). The minimal year-over-year increased expenditure was driven by non-discretionary commitments from existing labor agreements. The Council also eliminated the Executive Budget's proposal to increase the Department of Correction (DOC) headcount by 578 positions at a time when agency staff are chronically absent and conditions have worsened at Rikers Island, with a federal judge threatening to place it in receivership.

The Council secured 18 new units of appropriation (U/As) in its negotiation, historic for the Council in budget negotiations. It negotiated the creation of new U/As for the NYPD for the first time in Council history, establishing six new units (a nearly 50% increase to 20 U/As) that will provide the ability to ensure better transparency and accountability for the NYPD budget. It also doubled the number of U/As for DOC, from four to eight. The establishment of new U/As represents the Council expanding the use of its budgetary powers in a new way that facilitates better control and oversight of agency spending. The budget agreement also includes 60 terms and conditions, a record-breaking number for

city budgets, that will require transparency and oversight into public safety, education, human services, and more.

"This Council secured historic reforms, bringing greater transparency to ensure communities are being met with the services they deserve," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "By stepping into our budgetary powers to hold agencies accountable and strengthening oversight, we will uplift the priorities of New Yorkers and advance an equitable recovery for all. We will continue our work as a Council to ensure this budget realizes our shared vision of a safer, healthier, and stronger city. I thank Chair Brannan, our Budget Negotiating Team, and all Council Members who engaged in this process, as well as Mayor Adams and his administration for their partnership."

"This budget is a down payment on New York City's comeback - not the way it was, but the way it should be," said Council Member Justin Brannan, Chair of the Council's Finance Committee. "From day one, we said our recovery would require real and meaningful investments in every community. We knew we couldn't cut our way to prosperity, so we doubled down on what matters. We are a city of communities and, now more than ever, hardworking New Yorkers from Soundview to SoHo, from Dyckman Street to Dyker Heights wanna know

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QBP Richards, Queens County Farm Museum Announce Return of Borough Hall Farmstand

Fresh produce available on Thursdays beginning June 16

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. and the Queens County Farm Museum announced today the return of the Queens Borough Hall Farmstand for a second straight year, beginning tomorrow, June 16.

"I couldn't be more excited to partner with the incredible team at the Queens County Farm Museum to bring back the Queens Borough Hall Farmstand," said Borough President RICHARDS. "The farmstand was a hit with the surrounding community

and even members of my staff in 2021 with its wide array of locally grown produce, and I look forward to helping connect Central Queens residents and Borough Hall visitors with fresh food all summer and fall. Thank you to the Queens County Farm Museum for its unending dedication to the health and wellness of our families across The World's Borough."

"We are celebrating our 325th anniversary of continuous farming this year as New York City looks toward the New Agrarian

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Chairwoman Maloney Issues Statement on Bipartisan Senate Deal on Gun Reform

Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney, Chairwoman of the Committee on Oversight and Reform, released the following statement after a bipartisan group of Senators announced an agreement on reforms to address gun violence:

"I am encouraged that Democratic and Republican Senators have announced a tentative bipartisan framework for new commonsense gun safety regulations, including provisions to crack down on gun trafficking and straw purchasers—a reform I have championed for more than a decade. This framework does not include everything we need to end gun violence, but it is a first step in the right direction. In the meantime, the Oversight Committee will press forward with our investigation to hold the gun industry accountable for the dangerous weapons of war it sells."

On June 8, 2022, Chairwoman Maloney held a hearing on the

urgent need to address the gun violence epidemic. The hearing featured powerful testimony from Zeneta Everhart, mother of Zaire Goodman from Buffalo, New York; Roy Guerrero, M.D., Pediatrician in Uvalde, Texas; Felix Rubio and Kimberly Rubio, parents of Lexi Rubio, who was murdered at Robb Elementary School; Miah Cerrillo, fourth-grade student at Robb Elementary School; and Miah's father, Miguel Cerrillo.

In Chairwoman Maloney's closing statement, she announced that the Committee will hold a future hearing with the nation's largest gun manufacturers to explain why they continue marketing and selling the weapons of choice to mass shooters.

The Committee has been examining gun violence in the United States for several years, and in 2019 launched an investigation into gun dealers that sell guns used in crimes. On April 28, 2022, the

Committee released preliminary findings from its investigation, showing that a small number of gun dealers—particularly those in states with lax gun laws—have sold thousands of guns used in violent crimes.

On May 27, 2022, the Committee sent letters to five leading manufacturers of semi-automatic rifles for information related to the manufacture, marketing, and sales of their weapons, to understand how these guns are fueling the gun violence epidemic and to inform gun safety legislation.

For more than 10 years, Chairwoman Maloney has championed bipartisan legislation, including H.R.1007, the Hadiya Pendleton and Nyasia Pryear-Yard Gun Trafficking and Crime Prevention Act, to make gun trafficking a federal felony and strengthen penalties for straw purchasers, which will help stop the flow of guns into the hands of criminals.

Schumer Statement on The Announcement of a Bipartisan Gun Safety Framework

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) today released the following statement on the announcement of a bipartisan gun-safety framework:

"This announcement of a bipartisan gun-safety framework is a good first step to ending the persistent inaction to the gun violence epidemic that has plagued our country and terrorized our children for far too long. Once the text of this agreement is finalized, I will put this bill on the floor as soon as possible so that the Senate can act quickly to advance gun-safety legislation.

"As the author of the Brady-

background checks bill, I am pleased that for the first time in nearly 30 years Congress is on the path to take meaningful action to address gun violence. I applaud Senators Chris Murphy, Kyrsten Sinema, John Cornyn, and Thom Tillis for their leadership in these discussions and the bipartisan group of Senators who worked in good faith to reach this agreement.

"This important legislation will limit the ability of potential mass shooters to quickly obtain assault rifles by establishing an enhanced background check process for gun purchasers under

age 21, invest in the adoption and expansion of state red flag laws, close the boyfriend loophole, establish federal penalties for gun traffickers, and fund critical support services to help address our nation's mental health crisis. After an unrelenting wave of gun-related suicides and homicides, including mass shootings, the Senate is poised to act on commonsense reforms to protect Americans where they live, where they shop, and where they learn. We must move swiftly to advance this legislation because if a single life can be saved it is worth the effort."

NYC Council Member Selvena N. Brooks-Powers Announces Budget Adoption Wins For District 31

New York City Council Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, announces the passage of the \$101 billion budget for fiscal year 2023. The FY23 budget is historical, adopting a budget that will increase the Council's oversight powers and include 90% of the priorities submitted in the Preliminary and Executive Budget responses.

The FY23 budget is centered on the needs of New Yorkers. From investing record-breaking funding towards the Safe Streets Plan, investing \$900 million; baselining Fair Fares at \$75 million, to investing in cleaner streets through the restoration of \$18.5 million in sanitation cuts and additional litter basket service to include pick-up twice a day, six times a week. These appropriations ensure New York City is on a path to recovery. During the pandemic, our small businesses suffered tremendous losses. The Small Business Residence Fund will help assuage the funding needs for our small businesses, assisting with competition and incentivizing local hiring.

Key investments that will impact the 31st Council District include:

- Fully funded Rental Assistance Programs and the City

FHEPS Voucher Rate Increase with \$237 million, in addition to a \$90 million homeowners fund that will provide tax rebates for small homeowners

- Baselined Summer Youth Employment to \$79.4 million to expand services and the number of applicants. Prioritized the cost of living adjustments for Human Service provider employees to \$60 million.

- Allocated \$65.7 million in infrastructure and expense funding to support literacy in our New York City Public Library systems and an additional \$40 million to support New York's thriving cultural community. Vital to New York City's recovery.

- Added \$5 million to support hate crimes prevention and support for affected communities, as well as the Community Safety and Victim Service initiative to provide each Council District with \$100,000 to invest in holistic safety through local community safety programs.

- Secured a historic \$32.9 million to baseline prevailing wage for shelter security guards, ensuring safety for all in the City's shelters.

"This budget signals New York's reemergence from the dark

days of the COVID-19 pandemic by fortifying our healthcare systems, revitalizing our small businesses, supporting our local CBOs and non-profits, and centering the priorities of all New Yorkers," said NYC Council Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers. "I am especially proud this Council was able to deliver record funding towards safer streets, fully funding City FHEPS, and \$90 million towards property tax relief for our small homeowners. These significant investments realign our commitment to recovery, and I congratulate Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams for her tireless leadership, as well as Mayor Adams and my esteemed colleagues for their commitment to prioritizing the needs of New Yorkers."

The FY23 budget also reinstates key initiatives and expands well-established programs, while balancing the budget and requiring additional reporting to better hold agencies will be held accountable. The restoration of previous budget cuts signals New York City's transition from COVID-19's austerity measures into a new normal of economic vitality, transportation revitalization, and educational enhancements.

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their elected officials are working overtime to make their lives better. The City Council heard this clarion call and fought hard to deliver a prompt budget with both record investments and record reserves – a budget that puts money directly into our communities and back into the pockets of working families. I'm proud of my colleagues

and the dedicated finance team who spent countless hours, late nights, and weekends working behind the scenes on this council's first budget. I thank Speaker Adams for fostering an incredibly transparent and collaborative negotiation process and Mayor Adams and his team for recognizing our shared priorities of a stronger, safer, fairer, and more prosperous city for all."

QBP Richards on Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Budget

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. stated the following in response to the passage of New York City's \$101 billion Fiscal Year 2023 Adopted Budget.

"There is no such thing as a perfect budget, but I'm confident the fiscal roadmap adopted by the City Council last night will help lead families across the five boroughs further along the path to prosperity as our COVID-19 recovery continues," said Borough President Richards. "This budget features historic investments in health care, housing, support services, transportation and more, which will make a tremendous difference for our borough as we build back better than before.

"I'm especially proud to see the restoration of the Borough Presidents' Discretionary Fund for senior services — which had been eliminated in the FY21 budget — something I had staunchly advocated for throughout my tenure. The restoration of this funding stream will allow my office to once again provide proper financial support for our senior centers and elder programming, ensuring our more than 300,000 Queens seniors have the resources they need to thrive.

"The COVID-19 pandemic also exposed grave disparities in housing and health care, es-

pecially in mental health, and this budget features numerous vital investments in the well-being of our families. From fully funding the Housing Resource Administration's rental assistance initiatives like the Family Homelessness and Eviction Protection Supplement to allocating \$55 million for the B-HEARD program, which handles mental health-related 911 calls, our city is finally making the meaningful contributions toward combatting our housing and mental health crises.

"In the borough of Queens, as sprawling as it is diverse, we have been clamoring for additional investment in areas like our cultural institutions, our youth and our transit system for years. This budget delivers in each category by baselining \$75 million for the Fair Fares program to assist lower-income New Yorkers with public transit costs, baselining funds to support 90,000 Summer Youth Employment jobs annually and putting an additional \$40 million toward our Cultural Institutions Group and the city's Cultural Development Fund.

"I'm proud of the tireless work and dedication of Mayor Eric Adams, Speaker Adrienne Adams, their respective budget teams and the entire Queens delegation of the City Council. Queens is thankful for their efforts over the course of this process."

QBP Richards, Queens County Farm Museum Announce Return of Borough Hall Farmstand

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Economy," said Queens County Farm Museum Executive Director JENNIFER WALDEN WELPRIN. "As part of this anniversary, Queens Farm is undertaking the largest agricultural expansion in over 50 years, prioritizing food work and green workforce development. Our partnerships with Queens Borough President Donovan Richards and Jamaica Hospital Medical Center helps encourage New Yorkers to eat their veggies!"

Running from June 16 to November 3, the farmstand will be open every Thursday from 10am to 3pm, weather permitting, in front of Queens Borough Hall, located at 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens. The farmstand will offer dozens of

varieties of fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers, grown at the 47-acre Queens County Farm Museum in Floral Park, Queens.

Queens Borough Hall can be accessed via the Kew Gardens-Union Turnpike station on the E and F subway lines, as well as Q10, Q37, Q46 and Q60 bus lines.

In addition to the Queens Borough Hall Farmstand, the Queens County Farm Museum will operate a farmstand this year in front of Jamaica Hospital Medical Center's WIC clinic at 134-20 Jamaica Avenue in Jamaica. That location will be open every Friday from June 17 to November 4. The Queens County Farm Museum also operates a farmstand at its Floral Park location from Wednesday to Sunday through November 6.

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 For the Week of ... 6/16/22 - 6/22/22

For Entertainment Purposes Only

AARIES
 (Mar. 21- April 20)
 You will have excellent ideas and you should be able to help your partner get ahead. Opportunities will unfold. Your lucky numbers are: 3,2,1

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21- May 21)
 Empty promises and a lack of cash may put a damper on your plans. Be courteous if you wish to avoid major delays. Your lucky numbers are: 4,5,6

GEMINI
 (May 22-June 21)
 Go after your goals. You may find that someone you really cared for in the past has come back into your life. Your lucky numbers are: 7,1,8

CANCER
 (June 22-July 22)
 Your self-esteem will benefit. Friends will be loyal and caring. If you haven't already, don't be afraid to start your own small business on the side. Your lucky numbers are: 6,3,1

LEO
 (July 23-Aug 22)
 Let go of the past in order to progress. Channel your energy into decorating or household chores. Don't give your heart too readily. Your lucky numbers are: 9,1,7

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23)
 Disputes on the home front may be hard to avoid. Your passionate nature may make you jealous if your mate has been too busy to take care of your needs. Your lucky numbers are: 1,2,3

LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23)
 Look closely at motives and honesty in your personal encounters. Deception will play an important factor in relationships. Your lucky numbers are: 7,1,8

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 You may find out that someone is trying to undermine you. Don't be too open or put your faith in unreliable coworkers. Dream a little this week. lucky numbers are: 6,5,8

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21)
 If you can get away for a vacation, do so. It's time you let your true feelings out. Love can be yours if you get out and about. Your lucky numbers are: 3,2,6

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 You should sign up for creative courses. Concentrate on your work. Deal with the needs of children. Your lucky numbers are: 6,4,9

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19)
 You may want to put your creative thinking cap on. You can persuade even the toughest opponents to think your way. Your lucky numbers are: 5,8,9

PISCES
 (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)
 Take a second look; another person's philosophy may be extremely different from yours. Don't hold back; and take a bit of a chance. Your lucky numbers are: 6,1,7

Did You Know?

- It took Leonardo Da Vinci 10 years to paint Mona Lisa
- The most common disease is tooth decay
- Avocados have the most calories of any other fruit
- American's eat 18 billion hot dogs a year
- Emus can't walk backwards
- Half of all crimes are committed by people under the age of 18
- The Earth weighs 6,588,000,000,000,000 tons
- The average person goes to the toilet 6 times a day
- Jack is the most common name in nursery rhymes
- There are 7 points on the Statue of Liberty's crown
- 'Babe' was played by over 50 pigs
- The most common time for a wake up call is 7am
- Giraffes has the highest blood pressure of any animal
- India has over 50 million monkeys
- Iceland was the first country to legalise abortion in 1935
- Blue and white are the most common school colors
- Ostriches have a 14 meter (46 foot) long small intestine
- Your foot is the most common body part bitten by insects
- Japan is the largest exporter of frog legs
- The sun is 330,330 times larger than the Earth

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Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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5. Footnote note	2. Lounge around
9. Exchange	3. African sheep
14. Fern clusters	4. Most earnest
15. An abandoned calf or lamb	5. Frozen water
16. Happen again	6. Scarcely
17. Looter	7. Utopian
19. Daisylike bloom	8. Backside
20. Portion	9. Locomotives
21. First	10. Adjust again
23. Bubbling over	11. Play parts
25. With vigilance	12. Song for 2 voices
28. N N N	13. Be mistaken
29. Feline	18. Arrears
32. Assimilate	22. Stretch out
33. Unit of energy	24. Eventual
34. Constructed	25. Love intensely
35. 1 1 1 1	26. They connect points
36. A small island	27. Cast out
38. Diva's solo	29. Freight
39. Repose	30. Farewell
40. Angry	31. Rips
41. Strong desire	33. Antiquity
43. Estimated (abbrev.)	34. Beauty treatments
44. Buddy	37. On the payroll
45. Important	42. Liquid bodily waste
46. Numb and vacant	44. Evident
48. Abstruse	45. Party
50. Gentle prod	46. Funnel shapes
54. Vista	47. What books are called
55. Travel plan	48. Reflected sound
57. Gloss	49. Fortune teller
58. Distinctive flair	51. Challenge
59. A Great Lake	52. Smile
60. Most bad	53. Got a good look at
61. Expunge	54. South southwest
62. Dispatch	56. North northeast

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Speaker Adrienne E. Adams, Local Elected Officials, City Agencies, and Community Advocates Call for Clean Streets, Open Spaces in Southeast Queens

Speaker Adrienne E. Adams joined Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers, Senator Leroy Comrie, representatives from the Parks and Sanitation departments, community organizations, and local leaders to call for cleaner streets, parks, and open spaces in Southeast Queens. Speaker Adams highlighted local efforts already underway to beautify the area, including Baisley Pond Park, where the rally was held. She encouraged community members to come together and get involved in volunteer projects.

After the rally, participating organizations, students, and residents teamed up for a cleanup event at Baisley Pond Park.

“For decades, sanitation issues like illegal dumping and overflowing litter have negatively affected the quality of life for residents in Southeast Queens,” said Speaker Adrienne Adams. “In recent years, pandemic-related budget cuts worsened conditions, impacting the health, safety, and well-being of our communities. In response, community leaders and organizations have stepped up to organize cleanups and involve their neighbors in beautification projects. When combined with deeper investments in sanitation services and funding for additional cleaning initiatives, our communities will finally have the clean streets, parks, and shared spaces that we deserve.”

“From Brookville Road to the Rockaway Beach Boardwalk,



illegal dumping continues to pervade our communities,” said NYC Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers. “Investments in street sweeping, trash, and organics collection, and regular maintenance keep New York City streets and parks clean. I thank my colleagues in government and our agency partners, specifically Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams, the Parks Department, DSNY, and NYS Senator Leroy Comrie, for their commitment to advocating for additional resources to ensure clean streets and scenic neighborhoods.”

“I was pleased to join Speaker Adams, our colleagues in government, and community leaders to join in the chorus of advocates calling for clean, green, and open spaces here in Southeast Queens,” said Senator Leroy Comrie. “The

pandemic highlighted the need for increased access to our parks and outdoor venues for families while also putting a spotlight on the need for more city services for sanitation pickups, street cleaning, and parks maintenance. With Speaker Adams at the helm, and strong leaders like Majority Whip Brooks-Powers, our community’s open spaces will be a shining example for the entire city.”

“Volunteers are a meaningful part of any healthy parks ecosystem, and we thank Council Speaker Adams for her advocacy and call for volunteerism,” said Department of Parks and Recreation Commissioner Sue Donoghue. “We offer many volunteer programs and events across the five boroughs, and we encourage

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QBP Richards on Announcement of Bipartisan Senate Deal to Address Gun Violence



Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. stated the following in response to the announcement of a bipartisan deal in the U.S. Senate to meaningfully address the pandemic of gun violence that has gripped the United States for decades.

“Let’s be clear, this narrow framework announced today, on the sixth anniversary of the Pulse nightclub attack, does not provide for the wholesale, comprehensive change our nation sorely needs when it comes to true gun violence prevention. But in a body like the U.S. Senate, where Republicans

have historically demonized attempts to pursue firearms legislation, any deal that will help prevent even one more senseless death is welcome and worthwhile,” said Borough President RICHARDS. “From strengthening background checks for gun buyers under 21 to finally closing the often fatal ‘boyfriend loophole,’ this deal, if passed, will not only save lives, but will represent a tremendous step forward in cracking our country’s gun-crazed culture.

“Here in New York, we know our revolutionary Crisis Management System plays an indescribably important role in preventing gun violence and keeping our families safe. Announced in this framework are ‘major investments’ in support services such as crisis intervention, and I call on New York’s congressional delegation to ensure this legislation ultimately includes a historic amount of federal resources for our city’s cure violence networks,” added Borough President RICHARDS. “Congress should not waste a single second in introducing and passing this legislation, because lives are on the line.”

Flag Day Parade in Sunnyside



The Flag Day Parade in Sunnyside ended in Sabba Park.

The Flag Day Parade crossed the busy intersection of Queens Boulevard at Greenpoint Avenue and 48th Street then marched to Sabba Park at the war memorial around which the ceremony was held. The National Anthem was sung by Beatrice Ross and the Reverend Paul Kim, the Pastor of St. Raphael’s RC Church in LIC gave the invocation. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the US John V. Daniels Jr. Post #2813 followed by the Sunnyside Drum Corps lead the Parade. The former Kiwanis President Marc Crawford Leavitt led the gathering in a rousing rendition of George Cohan’s “You’re a Grand Old Flag”. Dr. Gerald Lederman, also a former President, emceed the patriotic proceedings.

The Manhatitan Club Folklorico Mexicano Dance Troupe gave a well-received terpsichorean presentation.



Attending the Flag Day Parade in Sunnyside is (l to r) local NYC Councilmember Julie Won, the President of the Kiwanis Club of Sunnyside Howard Brickman, and this year’s parade Grand Marshall NYS Assemblymember Catherine Nolan.

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Resorts World New York City Reopens Red Wall Art Gallery With Exhibit Featuring Louis Armstrong's Collage Collection

Resorts World New York City has announced the reopening of its Red Wall Art Gallery for the first time since it was closed more than two years ago due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The gallery is featuring an exhibit of Louis Armstrong's collage collection through Sunday, July 31. While Armstrong is most famously known as one of the world's leading jazz musicians, he was also a talented artist, producing hundreds of collages on record covers.

"There is no better partner to kick off our reopening with than the Louis Armstrong House Museum, which is a cultural leader here in Queens and around the world," said Michelle Stoddart, Vice President of Community Development for Resorts World Casino New York City. "We look forward to welcoming fans of Louis Armstrong to this exciting exhibit, which features his additional creative talents. It's certainly a sight to see and perhaps he'll pick up a few new admirers along the way."

The exhibit is made possible through a deep partnership with the Louis Armstrong House Museum (LAHM), a Queens-based foundation dedicated to preserving Armstrong's cultural legacy. LAHM helped put together the very first exhibit at the Red Wall Art Gallery in 2012: a photography exhibit of the Queens Jazz Trail, which featured Armstrong along with other jazz legends. Additionally, RWNYC stepped up last year as the inaugural member of LAHM's new Corporate Partners program, with a \$10,000 commitment which supports LAHM's mission of sustaining and promoting Armstrong's artistic, cultural, and humanitarian legacy.

"The world knows Louis Armstrong for his trumpet and



his voice," said Regina Bain, Executive Director of the Louis Armstrong House Museum. "But Louis expressed himself in many ways and his collages reveal a truer sense of his humor, friendships and the mementos he cherished from his life and work. We are so thankful to Resorts World for helping bring these wonderful works of art to the community."

The Resorts World Red Wall Art Gallery was created to showcase work by aspiring and local artists, photographers and textile makers, in conjunction with community arts organizations. The Red Wall Art Gallery is an extension of RWNYC's commitment to supporting economic development in the community, and to work with local cultural organizations to expose arts and culture to their audience.

About Louis Armstrong House Museum

The Louis Armstrong House Museum & Archives is a National Historic Landmark and a New York City landmark. The Museum is a member of the American

Alliance of Museums, the Association of African American Museums, the Museums Council of New York City, the New York State Museums Association, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and NYC & Company. The Museum is a constituent of the Kupferberg Center for the Arts and a cultural center at Queens College, CUNY. The historic site is owned by the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs and administered by Queens College under a long-term license agreement.

The Louis Armstrong House Museum & Archives sustains and promotes the cultural, historical, and humanitarian legacy of Louis Armstrong by preserving and interpreting Armstrong's house and grounds, collecting and sharing archival materials that document Armstrong's life and legacy, and presenting public programs such as exhibits, concerts, lectures, and film screenings. The Museum seeks to educate and inspire people of all ages, origins, and locations.

Not One More Shot



"Not One More Shot" campaign, hosted by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development is a civic leadership movement aimed at activating our youth to stand up against gun violence.

The Queens District Attorney's Office Youth Empowerment

Bureau was proud to take part in this initiative during the weekly Saturday Night Lights program, which provides recreational programming for young people ages 11 – 18. To learn more about the program, visit www1.nyc.gov/site/safestbigcity/keep-nyc-safe/saturday-night-lights.page

Gillibrand Statement on Announcement of Bipartisan Gun Safety Deal



U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand has issued the following statement on the announcement of a bipartisan gun safety deal:

"The bipartisan gun safety announcement is an important step toward tackling the gun violence that plagues our communities, schools, hospitals and places of worship. Throughout my career, I have fought for legislation to strengthen background checks, combat gun trafficking up the Iron Pipeline, close the boyfriend loophole and fund mental health services—I'm grateful that this deal includes many of these important commonsense measures. I am proud of Senator Murphy, Senator Cornyn and the entire bipartisan group that worked together to craft this important package, and I look forward to working with them to get it through Congress and onto the President's desk."

Meng Legislation Seeking to Establish First National Asian Pacific American Museum Signed Into Law by President Biden

Congresswoman stands by President's side at the White House as he makes her historic bill the law of the land

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) joined President Biden at the White House as he signed her bill that seeks to create the first national museum dedicated to preserving the history and culture of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs).

Meng's bipartisan legislation unanimously passed both houses of Congress recently; the House in April and the Senate in May during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

"I am ecstatic and overjoyed at this historic moment and honored and proud to have championed this crucial effort, especially after fighting for this legislation in Congress over the past seven years," said Meng. "I thank and commend President Biden for signing my bill into law and understanding the importance of establishing a national AAPI museum. Since the beginning of his administration, President Biden has proven to be a true friend and ally of the Asian American and



Pacific Islander community. He has partnered with me to address the rise in anti-Asian hate and violence, listened to the concerns I have raised with him about issues impacting AAPIs, and now he has joined me in taking the first step toward memorializing our history and culture in a national museum. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have shaped our nation since its founding. From the struggles we've endured to the

accomplishments we've made, it's time for more Americans, and our future generations, to know our story. And a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture would provide the physical space for people to learn how we have helped make America the country that it is today. It would help ensure that more Americans understand that

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Happy 90th Birthday Mike



The monthly 110th Pct Community Council Meeting was held at Flanders Field VFW Post #150 in Corona Heights. At the meeting Plaques were awarded to two officers from the 110th Pct. Officers James Kash and

Yana Pagilli, received their award for making a good arrest with no injuries, disarming a perpetrator in the act of holding up a senior citizen and removing a handgun

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IT'S IN QUEENS

(June 17 to June 23)

A month and a number – June and 19 -- meld to provide the namesake for many upcoming events in Queens this week. The Juneteenth celebrations share time with street fairs, a salon fest, beekeeping, Pride, and Summer Solstice recognitions.

- June 17, Sunnyside Spa & Salon Fest, June 30. Salons, spas, barber shops, and a pet grooming business offer a range of specials and bargains. Manicures. Pedicures. Foot rubs. Haircuts, etc.
- June 17, Bird Flight, 8 pm. The Queens Jazz Orchestra pays tribute to radio broadcaster and Queens native Phil Schaap and the genius of Charlie Parker. Grammy-nominated Jazz musician and teacher Antonio Hart makes his debut as QJO's conductor. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.
- June 17, Juneteenth Celebrations, July 19. Game design, animation, an open mic, and a screening of "The Princess and the Frog." Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.
- July 17, Brothers In Madness, 6 pm. This group plays Bangla Rock outdoors. Travers Park, 35th Avenue at 78th Street, Jackson Heights.
- June 18, LIC Springs, noon. A huge festival and block party with more than 100 local businesses and cultural groups. Music, dance, face-painting, food, art, fitness, pop-ups, contests, etc. along Vernon Boulevard.
- June 18, Inti Raymi Sun Festival, noon. A special celebration of a South American sun festival with a ceremony by Abya Yala Arte y Cultura, art making for the whole family, and Andean dance. Queens Museum, NYC Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.
- June 18, Juneteenth Concert, 1 pm. The Bryan Carter Sextet does a free concert in the garden. (Limited seating.) Louis Armstrong House Museum, 34-56 107th St., Corona.
- June 18, Dance Entropy: Home, 7 pm. Valerie Green/Dance Entropy presents an international cross-collaborative featuring choreographers from Burkina Faso, Colombia, India, Lebanon, Sweden, and the United States. They explore what home means to them. King Manor Museum in Rufus King Park, vicinity of 150th Street and Jamaica Avenue.
- June 18, Movie Night: Onward, 7:30 pm. Watch the film "Onward" and make paper mushroom houses and Father's Day cards. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.
- June 18, Art Talk, 4:50 pm. Poet/writer Jonathan Goodman has been writing about Asian art for more than 20 years. He shares his experiences with extra emphasis on contemporary Korean art. The Garage Art Center, 26-01 Corporal Kennedy St., Bayside.
- June 18, Urban Beekeeping,



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- 11 am. Expert Toby Sheppard Bloch offers a beginners class on beekeeping in NYC's biggest apiary. Main topics are biology, colony care, disease prevention, equipment, and honey extraction. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.
- June 18, Juneteenth Celebration, 2 pm. A joyous celebration of freedom and African American culture with various workshops and a Juneteenth flag installation. Lewis Latimer House Museum, 34-41 137th St., Flushing.
- June 18, Mariel Pacific, 4 pm. A concert of love songs with a reception in the gallery, where Matthew Friedman is exhibiting photos from Forest Hills, Maple Grove, Mexico, and Willow Lake. Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.
- June 18, Father's Day Par-Tee, noon. Nine-hole mini-golf, a craft-making station, a dance party with DJ Franco, surprise giveaways, and the chance to take a keepsake photo. Tangram, 133-33 39th Ave., Flushing.
- June 19, Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory, 2 pm + 7 pm. Tony, Grammy and Emmy winner André De Shields performs an excerpt from his self-crafted solo work "Frederick Douglass: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory." The one-man show explores the great emancipator's life and achievements. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.
- June 19, Court Square Block Party, noon. Seven hours of music, food, crafts, a pop-up playground, kiddie pools, puppetry, comedy,

- and more. Vicinity of 43-15 Crescent St., Long Island City.
- June 19, Bang on a Can Music Series, 4 pm. Dawuna performs his eclectic mix of R&B, Gospel, and experimental electronics as part of this long-running, ongoing series. Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., LIC.
- June 19, Asase Yaa: Dreams Do Come True, 4 pm. Several dozen Asase Yaa students showcase what they have learned in African, Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, Modern, and Tap dance. Jamaica Performing Arts Center, 153-10 Jamaica Ave.
- June 20, Juneteenth History, 3 pm. The Queens Historical Society and Healing Hearts Ministry present a talk about the Underground Railroad. Kingsland Homestead, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing.
- June 21, Summer Solstice Celebration, 4 pm. Tours, workshops, performances, and music that reflect on land and nature. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.
- June 21, Early Morning Summer Solstice Walk, 8 am. Jocelyn Perez from Herbalists Without Borders leads a stroll through Alley Pond Park. She discusses plant species, especially those associated with the Solstice and its traditional folklore. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.
- June 22, Queens Botanical Pride Event, 6:30 pm. An evening of drag performances hosted by Queen Marti Cummings along with music and crafts. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

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Meng Legislation Seeking to Establish First National Asian Pacific American Museum Signed Into Law by President

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Asian Pacific American history IS American history. I thank all who have helped to get my bill over the finish line, from my congressional colleagues to the many groups and organizations that supported the measure, and I look forward to the study for establishing this museum beginning soon.”

Also attending the signing ceremony were Vice President Kamala Harris and several other lawmakers and organizations that supported the legislation.

Meng’s bill will follow a similar path used to create the National Museum of African American History and Culture which opened in 2016, and the National Museum of the American Latino and National Women’s History Museum, both of which are in the process of being established.

Entitled the “Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act,” the legislation will create a commission of eight individuals with various expertise in museum planning or AAPI history and culture to examine the feasibility of establishing, maintaining, funding and operating such a facility in the nation’s capital, possibly as

part of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. which is the world’s largest museum and research complex.

The Congresswoman’s measure will require the commission to:

- Report recommendations for a plan of action on the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture;
- Develop a fundraising plan to support the establishment, operation, and maintenance of the museum through public contributions;
- Obtain an independent review of this fundraising plan, including an analysis of the resources necessary to fund the construction of the museum and its operations and maintenance without reliance on federal funds;
- Report on the availability and cost of acquiring collections for the museum, identify potential locations for the facility in Washington, D.C., and determine its regional impact on other related museums; and
- Submit to Congress a legislative plan of action on whether to and how to establish and construct the museum.

The legislation will also direct the commission’s recommendations to address whether the

museum should be part of the Smithsonian. The commission will have 18 months to complete the study and its members will be appointed by the House Speaker, Senate Majority Leader, House Minority Leader and Senate Minority Leader.

As part of championing the bill during the last several sessions of Congress, Meng has testified in support of her legislation before two Committees. First in February 2020 before the House Administration Committee, and the second time in December 2021 in front of the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands. Meng also late last year called for the Chair of the Natural Resources Committee to make her bill among the first measures for the panel to take up in 2022. Further, she discussed the legislation with the President and Vice President in March while meeting with them about priorities of the AAPI community, and she spoke about the importance of it on the House Floor when it was voted on in April.

And last week, the Congresswoman joined House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for a congressional signing ceremony where the bill was formally sent to the President.

Gillibrand And Sanders Urge Amazon to Recognize Employees’ Historic Union Victory

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and Sen. Bernie Sanders sent a letter to Amazon CEO Andy Jassy urging him to drop the company’s objections to the historic union election on Staten Island and finally recognize the Amazon Labor Union.

“If Amazon can afford to spend \$10 billion in stock buybacks to enrich its wealthy shareholders and executives—including the second richest person in the world, Jeff Bezos—it can afford a unionized workforce,” the senators wrote. “If Amazon can spend over \$4 million in a single year on union-busting and \$213 million on your compensation, it can afford a workforce that can collectively bargain for better wages, better

benefits, safer working conditions, and reliable schedules...We strongly urge you to respect the will of Amazon workers by dropping your objections, recognizing the Amazon Labor Union and negotiating in good faith before the NLRB hearing on June 13th. It is time for Amazon to end its blatant disregard of labor law and treat workers with the respect and dignity they deserve.”

Since the workers on Staten Island became the first-ever Amazon warehouse to successfully vote to form a union in the U.S., Amazon has refused to acknowledge their existence, filing 25 objections to the election.

Amazon has invested \$4.3

million of their record-breaking \$35 billion in profits on union-busting consultants. Amazon’s tactics in their labor war against their employees has included forcing workers to attend anti-union meetings, as well as threatening to slash wages and benefits if they form a union.

The company currently has more than 50 open Unfair Labor Practice cases pending before the NLRB. Amazon has also been penalized more than \$75 million for breaking federal discrimination and wage laws.

Last year, Amazon increased its profits by 75 percent to a record-breaking \$35 billion while avoiding over \$5 billion in taxes.

NYC Health + Hospitals Announces New Season of Farmers Markets Near Patient Care Sites

Farmers markets make fresh fruits and vegetables more accessible for patients, visitors, staff, and the larger community

NYC Health + Hospitals today launched a new season of farmers markets hosted at public hospitals and community health centers across the city. The farmers markets, operated by local partners GrowNYC, Harvest Home, Uptown Grand Central, and the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets, make it easy for anyone in the community to access fresh, local fruits and vegetables at an affordable price.

“Fruits and vegetables are essential to a healthy diet and good health,” said NYC Health + Hospitals President and CEO Mitchell Katz, MD. “These farmers markets will make it

easier and more affordable for our patients, staff, and communities to eat healthy, and we couldn’t do it without our community partners.”

Various payment options are available to help New Yorkers take advantage of farmers markets, and Fresh Food Box sites, including EBT/SNAP, Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) coupons, and Women, Infants and Children (WIC) coupons.

In addition, GrowNYC offers the Fresh Food Boxes program year-round at NYC Health + Hospitals/Carter. The boxes offer seasonal, local produce well below market price through the power of collaborative purchasing. Individuals can sign up for the program at <https://www.grownyc.org/foodbox/UGC>

Here are the locations and hours for farmers markets at NYC Health + Hospitals facilities this season:

QUEENS - NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst
Operated by GrowNYC
41st Avenue between 80th and 81st Streets
Tuesdays: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.
June 14 through November 22
NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens
Operated by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets
82-68 164 Street (between Goethals Avenue & Grand Central Parkway)
Thursdays: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
June 23 through November 23

For more information on the NYC Health + Hospitals Farmers Markets, visit <https://www.nychealthandhospitals.org/services/farmers-markets/>.

Speaker Adams, Local Elected Officials, City Agencies, and Community Advocates Call for Clean Streets, Open Spaces in Southeast Queens

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New Yorkers to visit our volunteer events webpage, or contact Partnerships for Parks to get involved.”

“The cleanliness of our streets is essential to New York’s recovery,” said Department of Sanitation Commissioner Jessica S. Tisch. “I want to thank Speaker Adams for her advocacy for Southeast Queens – and all of the five boroughs – and look forward to continuing to work with her to give New Yorkers the clean streets they expect and deserve.”

“ACE is proud to work alongside Speaker Adams to keep our local communities clean, beautiful, and safe for all. The New York City Cleanup Initiative is improving the quality of life for everyone right here in District 28 and for millions around the city, but it’s more than just clean streets,” said James Martin, Executive Director of ACE Programs for the Homeless. “This initiative has opened up the door to full-time employment opportunities for New Yorkers who are eager to overcome hardships like homelessness, incarceration, and addiction, and earn a living wage for themselves and their families. Thank you, Speaker Adams, for keeping our streets looking their best and providing life-changing job opportunities to our most vulnerable neighbors.”

“NYC H2O is excited to partner with Speaker Adams and SEQ Cleanup to help clean up Baisley Pond Park. From the spectacular 30-acre freshwater pond filled with fish and Redhead ducks to the park’s shady oasis of 100-year-old oak trees, this area is an incredible community resource,” said Matt Malina, Executive Director of NYC H2O. “We love organizing cleanups here because

these events bring out the best – in the best New Yorkers. Cleaning the park helps improve habitat for wildlife, greenspace for community members, and creates a more inviting space for children to learn about the environment and become involved in stewardship. NYC H2O also provides free water ecology and engineering field trips to New York City students at Baisley Pond because of its history as a reservoir that once supplied the City of Brooklyn in the 1800’s.”

“The Hort is proud to play a role in keeping Southeastern Queens beautiful through its horticultural maintenance and enhancements within the community,” said Nick Guntli, Senior Director of Horticulture at The Horticultural Society of New York.

“SEQ Cleanup salutes local elected officials NYC Speaker Adams, Council Member Nantasha Williams, and Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers for putting extra attention into the beautification and addition of engaging programming in our local parks and green spaces across South East Queens,” said Karen “DJ Nett” Lawson, Founder of SEQ Cleanup. “At SEQ Cleanup, we aim to continue to inspire our fellow community members to “do their part” to be a part of the solution rather than just pointing out the problem. Thank you to community partners like Carpenter Contractor Alliance of Metropolitan New York, who are dedicated to the upkeep and beautification of our SEQ community, and local cleanup groups who we partner with often to get the job done. These community cleanup groups include: NYC H2O, Abuela Neighborhood Maintenance, and Family of Five Foundation. Together as a unit, we can make waves!”

Commemorate Juneteenth With Senator James Sanders Jr.

As we “Educate, Celebrate and Heal”

This year in commemoration of Juneteenth, a nationally recognized holiday marking the emancipation of enslaved African-Americans in the United States, New York State Senator and black historian, James Sanders Jr. invites you to celebrate Freedom Day by attending a very special event he is hosting, themed: “Educate, Celebrate and Heal.”

This free event for the public will feature panel discussions, health screenings, job opportunities, music and complimentary refreshments. As we come out of the pandemic and come together as a community, let us celebrate the progress we have made as a people and plan a better future together, working in unity with all races and ethnicities. There is one race, the human race and we

are all God’s people.

Senator Sanders hopes you will join us for this one-of-a-kind event experience. Bring your family, friends, children, neighbors – everyone. All are welcome. This is not just an event for African-Americans, this is an event where everyone can learn and better himself or herself as well as celebrate a time and place in history that most people are not taught in school. So, please join us on Juneteenth, you will be glad you did.

- Who: State Senator James Sanders Jr.
- What: Juneteenth: “Educate, Celebrate And Heal”
- When: Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- Where: DredSurfer Grill, 16-27 Seagirt Blvd, Far Rockaway, NY 11691.



Biden Administration Wants To Standardize Electric Vehicle Charging

The Biden administration has drafted a proposal to standardize the charging ports for EVs (electric vehicles). It's absolutely the right thing to do. Hopefully, the

powers that be will work with the EV manufacturers and make some smart choices.

According to the fact sheet, the proposal includes about \$7.5 bil-

lion that will go to states to build the charging networks, including funding that targets chargers along interstates and other major routes.

DOT Commissioner Rodriguez Announces Innovative Pilot to Harden Protected Bike Lanes

If effective, these barriers would greatly expand protections for cyclists with materials that are easier to install on a broader set of streets

New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez today announced a Better Barriers pilot program to test new materials for protected bicycle lanes across the city. The pilot is part of the administration's ongoing commitment to harden half of the city's existing delineator-protected bike lanes in two years, using sturdier materials that can keep lanes clear for cyclists. If effective, these barriers would greatly expand protections for cyclists with materials that are easier to install on a broader set of streets.

"Everything is on the table when it comes to keeping New Yorkers safe on our streets," said New York City Mayor Eric Adams. "My administration is going to be creative in finding and testing tools that can help us protect cyclists, and we will find the solutions that work for our communities to give New Yorkers the safe streets they deserve."

"Our growing bike riding population deserves well designed protection, and the Adams Administration is committed to bringing creative infrastructure to our streets," said Deputy Mayor for Operations Meera Joshi. "Through testing new forms of bike barriers, our City can more efficiently and aesthetically grow and support our bike network."

"This summer, we are showing New Yorkers that bike lanes are protected for a reason: to keep our cyclists safe. The Better Barriers pilot is an example of the innovative ways we are addressing traffic safety and improving our cycling network," said DOT Commissioner Rodriguez. "As we harden barriers along even more bike lanes this year, we are excited to begin this pilot — and will closely monitor its progress. I thank the DOT crews who have been working day and night to get this critical work done."

The Better Barriers pilot will launch in summer, starting with an installation on Saturday, June 11, on Union Square East. Over the course of the season, the DOT will test new hardened rubber, plastic, and concrete barrier types along four bike lanes across the city. The materials will be evaluated for durability through the winter, at which point the DOT will determine which materials are most effective for wider use. DOT encourages all riders to check them out and provide feedback (<https://bit.ly/BetterBarriers>)

riers) to help determine the future use of these products.

Pilot materials will be placed at the following locations:

- Avenue C, East 3rd Street to East 13th Street (Manhattan)
- Union Square East, East 15th to East 17th Street (Manhattan)
- Quay Street, Franklin Street to West Street (Brooklyn)
- 34th Avenue, multiple blocks along Open Street (Queens)
- Northern Boulevard, 41st Avenue to 36th Street (Queens)
- Edward L. Grant Highway, Plimpton Avenue to West 169th Street (Bronx) * protected bus lane test

"Protecting our bicyclists will only encourage more New Yorkers to rely on this healthier mode of transportation — healthier for them and for the environment," said Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso. "Thank you to Commissioner Rodriguez for piloting barriers between vehicles and cyclists that I'm sure will make a difference in keeping people safe."

"This innovative pilot program is a significant step forward toward making it safer to cycle around New York City," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "The barriers being tested have great potential to ensure that our streets truly and equally belong to all who use them, which will encourage more people to take advantage of these lanes. I look forward to seeing the results of this pilot and I will continue to partner with the Department of Transportation to continue promoting cycling in Queens and throughout New York City."

"From delivery people to commuters on Citi Bikes, all cyclists should feel safe while moving through our streets. New York must build infrastructure that supports environmentally sustainable choices, and installing greater protections of bike lanes is a necessary step forward," said State Senator Brad Hoylman. "I appreciate Mayor Adams and Commissioner Rodriguez for implementing the Better Barriers pilot program across the boroughs — including in my district — to determine the best way to harden bicycle lanes and bring much needed safety improvements throughout the city."

"Hardened barriers protecting our bike lanes are a welcome addition to the community. As a cyclist myself, I look forward to

providing feedback on the pilot barriers and will encourage constituents and other bike lane users to do the same," said Assembly Member Harvey Epstein. "As a City, we must do more to protect cyclists and pedestrians. The Better Barriers pilot program is a step in the right direction."

"It's clear we need more than paint to protect cyclists on the road. I'm thrilled NYC-DOT is experimenting with new materials to strengthen bike lanes around New York, including on Greenpoint's Quay Street," said Assembly Member Emily Gallagher. "With enough vision and commitment, New York City can make our streets safer for everyone. I can't wait to see the Better Barriers pilot program in action."

"Our streets belong to all New Yorkers, and we must prioritize street design and infrastructure that keeps everyone safe. These innovative new solutions to harden protective bike lanes and bring Better Barriers to our streets will save countless lives," said Council Member Carlina Rivera. "I applaud Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez and the Department of Transportation on today's announcement, and commend their dedication in honoring their commitment to bring safe streets to New York City. I look forward to the success of this and future innovations on our streets, both in District 2 and across the five boroughs."

"The Better Barriers pilot is fantastic," said Danny Harris, Executive Director of Transportation Alternatives. "This is the innovation we need to get more bike lanes protected and build out a world-class bike lane network. Each new protected bike lane will get us one step closer to achieving both NYC 25x25 and Vision Zero. We look forward to the results of this pilot and to quickly bringing these new barriers to communities across the five boroughs. Thank you DOT!"

"More than ever, we need real barriers to save the lives of cyclists instead of the false protection of plastic bollard bike lanes," said Ken Podziba, President and CEO of Bike New York. "We're very thankful to Commissioner Rodriguez for continuing to provide actual solutions to the traffic violence crisis so early in his tenure and we look forward to continuing to work with and support the innovative street design improvements of DOT."

Happy 90th Birthday Mike

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from the scene.

After the meeting everyone proceeded across 108th Street to Pfc William F Moore USMC Park to celebrate the 90th birthday of 110th Pct Community Council Sgt at Arms and Commander of

Flanders Field VFW Post #150 Mike Liquori.

Mike Liquori, thanked 110 Pct Commander Dept. Inspector Jonathon K Cermeli, Al Perna and Rachel Perna Femia for a wonderful time, the pizza, cake, music and a successful and wonderful evening.

Statement from Speaker Adams, Education Committee Chair Rita Joseph, & Oversight & Investigations Committee Chair Gale Brewer

In response to school budgets released last week with significant changes due to lost federal funding and declining enrollment in public schools, Speaker Adrienne Adams, Education Committee Chair Rita Joseph, and Oversight and Investigations Chair Gale Brewer released the following statement.

"Our students are our top priority. That is why we are committing to bringing the full weight of the Council to ensure critical gaps left by lost federal funding and school-specific enrollment are filled when the numbers are updated in September.

"The change in school budgets released last week is the result of one-time federal stimulus funds running out, causing the City to return to its existing school budget formula that it had suspended because of these pandemic-related federal funds. As the number of students in our public schools declined by 120,000 students, the impact on some schools became deeply concerning. While schools with increased enrollment received proposed school budgets with funding increases due to the formula, other schools received lower proposed budgets without the stop-gap of federal funding that could lead to the loss of important services. Our focus must be on equity, ensuring schools and students who have historically been underserved are prioritized.

"This Council will be pursuing every avenue available to address this issue of lost federal funding. First, the City has already allocated over \$700 million more in city funds for schools within this budget compared to the current fiscal year. Second, we will work at the local level with Council Members to better understand the specific impacts on individual schools in their districts. Third, the Council will hold a joint oversight hearing with the Committee on Oversight & Investigations and the Committee on Education to identify and scrutinize every dollar of federal stimulus received or expected to be received by our city that could fill certain gaps of lost federal funding for our schools. And fourth, we will push the Department of Education to prioritize funding within its more than \$30 billion budget to meet the specific needs identified for individual schools, shifting

money from bloated areas of its central operations to classrooms and student supports.

"Our students must be our priority, and we will leave no stone unturned to protect them by ensuring we work with our education stakeholders, scrutinize every federal dollar, and push for Mayor Adams and the Department of Education to fulfill its promise to the students and families that rely on our school system."

BACKGROUND - In the Fiscal Year 2023 budget, the Council secured major investments in education and youth programs, in addition to the more than \$700 million increase in city funds committed to public schools. Investing in Education and Youth

- \$277 million for the Summer Rising Program to provide free academic enrichment to students.
- \$79+ million to expand Summer Youth Employment Program to a record-level 100,000 slots (baselined).
- \$46 million to provide increased and fair wages for Special Education Pre-K and Day Care Providers to support the success of these critical programs that serve our youth.
- \$33.4 million to expand Career and Technical Education.
- \$30 million for Fair Futures program that serves young people who go through the foster care system.
- \$19.7 million to double the slots for Work Learn Grow double the number of year-round youth employment to 4,400 jobs.
- \$14 million to restore Community Schools funding and add funding to support new schools.
- \$11.2 million to provide additional supports to English Language Learners.
- \$10 million towards childcare for Undocumented Families.
- \$10 million to advance the Education Equity Action Plan to implement citywide kindergarten-to-high school Black studies curriculum.
- \$9.2 million to support the Low-Income Childcare Voucher program.
- \$5.1 million for DOE Community Coordinators to support unhoused and immigrant students.
- \$4.4 million for CUNY Reconnect pilot program to help working-age adults attain a degree that expands earning potential — at all CUNY campuses, serving 10,000 students in its first year.



LEGAL NOTICES

VP Queens Realty Group, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 3/17/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 357 Soundview Ln., College Point, NY 11356. General Purpose. 5/12,19,26,6/2,9&16/2022

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

Notice of Formation of PREMIERLEADS SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/0. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: P.O. Box 1222, Manhasset, NY 11030. Purpose: any lawful activities. 5/19,26,6/2,9,16&23/2022

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

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

CMJ Lynbrook LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/24/2022. Office: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 139-19 109th Ave, Jamaica, NY 11435. Purpose: any lawful act 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

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

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Ober Sarf PT, OT PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/2. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Chaviva Sarf, 829 Empire Ave., Far Rockaway, NY 11691. Purpose: Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. 6/2,9,16,23,30,7/7/2022

Notice of Formation of DIVERSITY SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/25/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 105-01 53rd Avenue, Apt 1F, Corona, NY 11368. Purpose: any lawful activities. 6/2,9,16,23,30,7/7/2022

Notice of Formation of Fowler JV APT LLC. Art. of Org. filed Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 3/21/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY Designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: The LLC, 38-08 Union St, Suite 5B, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activity. 5/12,19,26,6/2,9&16/2022

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

Mehemethi Taxi LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/28/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Md Monir, 10920 108th St., S Ozone Park, NY 11420. General Purpose. 6/9,16,23,30,7/7&14/2022

Notice of Formation of QUALITY INSPECTION SERVICES LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/1. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 8424 Lefferts Blvd, Apt 4, Kew Gardens, NY 11415. Purpose: any lawful activities. 6/9,16,23,30,7/7&14/2022

BABA ESTATE 2 LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 2/2/2022. Office: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 71-05 Myrtle Ave., Glendale, NY 11385. Purpose: any lawful act. 5/26,6/2,9,16,23&30/2022

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GREENPORT BOAT LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 4/26/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to Aris Kourkoumelis 3214 30th Ave Ste 202 Astoria NY 11102. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 5/19,26,6/2,9,16&23/2022

Better Homes & Estates Realty, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 4/2. 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 609 FIFTH PARTNERS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/26/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to RJC Capital Holdings, PO Box 660007, Fresh Meadows, NY 11366. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Notice of Formation of 3H Highland Ave LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/11/22. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 10 Yorktown Rd., Setauket, NY 11733. Purpose: any lawful activities. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Notice of formation of R & R BROTHERS PROPERTIES LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 03/29/2017. 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 107-17 77TH STREET. OZONE PARK NY 11417. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

JD Collectibles 11 LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/18/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 1745 125th St., South Ozone Park, NY 11420. General Purpose. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Notice of Formation of MATTHEW WELT OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PLLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/10/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 45-02 Ditmars Blvd., Apt 340, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Assemblyman Colton is Outraged That NYC Public Schools Budget Cuts of \$215 Million Passed After The State Budget Had Allocated a \$600 Million Increase For The 2022-23 School Year

Assemblyman William Colton (D—Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) says that the State Education Budget has provided a historic \$2.1 billion increase for our school children, and a \$600 million increase was allocated toward the NYC schools.

“The city administration and the city council have enacted cuts of \$215 million in funding for NYC schools claiming that enrollment has dropped since 2020 during the pandemic. These cuts will prevent us from reducing class sizes, expanding gifted class programs in all our schools, fully implementing and complying with the Individualized Education Plans (IEP) for all our special needs children, and developing quality remedial programs

for all our children who have fallen below performance levels. I am outraged with the decision,” Colton stated.

UFT President Mulgrew said, “the state Legislature passed a bill earlier this month that would require the DOE to lower class sizes to between 20-25 students by 2027, but if during the city budget process, we don’t reverse these cuts, it’s going to cause a lot of excessing and no reduced class sizes.” “It is unacceptable to have cuts in school budget in a year when the state has given \$600 million aid to NYC schools,” Colton continued.

“Therefore, I demand that this historic state school budget aid must reach our classrooms. These monies should be used to establish a plan to reduce class size,

expand gifted class programs in all our schools, fully implement and comply with the Individualized Education Plans (IEP) for all our special needs children and develop quality remedial programs for all our children who have fallen below performance levels. These goals can be accomplished by providing necessary resources to teachers to meet the individual needs of all their students, or by additional funds for community schools in advancing their holistic approach to meeting the needs of their students and their families. The cuts are not a solution and we will not allow them to continue. They must be reconsidered. As a former educator, I will continue to fight for our children and their future,” Colton added.

NY Music Month Free Concerts in Queens

For the second year, the Mayor’s Office of Media and Entertainment and NYC Parks have teamed up to present a series of FREE concerts in Queens parks to celebrate New York Music Month! Ranging from Caribbean music to Latin to R&B, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

June 19: Ralph McDaniels and Friends - Roy Wilkins Park, Queens

Ralph McDaniels is the

creator and host of the legendary Hip Hop show “Video Music Box” “McDaniels aka “Uncle Ralph” has been in the forefront of developing and documenting the evolution of hip hop from the front row and the backstage. Uncle Ralph is one of Hip Hop’s top video directors, whose work includes videos for Biz Markie, Slick Rick, Kid-N-Play, Nas, Wu-Tang Clan, Big Daddy Kane, and countless others.

June 24: Dr. K’s Motown Review - Baisley Pond Park, Queens

Dr. K’s Motown Revue is an outstanding band of musicians and singers that takes you on a very realistic journey of the Motown sound, and makes you want to sing along on every familiar song they play. They have kept the Motown sound true to its roots and each and every performance they do transports you back to another era.

Woodside Street Named after Beloved Queens Spokesman Dan Andrews

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Council Member Julie Won and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards honored late Queens stalwart Dan Andrews with a street naming ceremony near his former family home in Woodside at the intersection of 54th Street and 32nd Avenue. The event was attended by over 100 people excited to celebrate a man so near and dear to the Woodside community. Many of Dan’s close friends and family, representatives of the local FDNY firehouse, as well as former Council Member Karen Koslowitz, Juliet Papa of 1010 wins, Dave Seifman

of the New York Post and Alexandra Rosa, longtime Queens Borough President representative and Chief of Staff under two former BPs.

Born and raised in the Chelsea neighborhood of Manhattan, Dan graduated from St. John’s University in 1970 and began his career in the news business as a photo caption writer at United Press International. He later became UPI’s Bureau Chief in New York’s City Hall, joining other members of the hallowed Room 9 press corps in covering Mayor Ed Koch and the rest of City government.

After leaving UPI, Dan went on to serve for 23 distinguished years as press

secretary to Queens Borough President’s Claire Shulman and Helen Marshall. When he retired in 2013, the New York Daily News noted that Dan “may well be the longest serving government spokesperson in the city.”

Dan moved from Manhattan after getting married in 1973 and put down roots in Woodside, Queens, where he and his wife Deirdre raised their two children in their loving home near the corner of 32nd Avenue and 54th Street, before they eventually moved to Bronxville, NY.

Dan Andrews passed away on October 12, 2020, at the age of 72.

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Formation of TEKNIFI LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/14/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 17004 Pidgeon Meadow Rd., Fresh Meadows, NY 11365. Purpose: any lawful activities. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Mayor Eric Adams Endorses Kathy Hochul’s Election Bid For New York State Governor

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Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. Hochul’s win will secure her campaign for the Democratic Party’s ballot line in the November general election.

Since Adams took office on Jan. 1, Hochul has

formed an alliance with the mayor, advocating for many of Adams’ state-level legislative priorities. Hochul and state lawmakers agreed to only slightly tweak progressive pre-trial policies and just a two-year extension of mayoral control.

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Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz and members of

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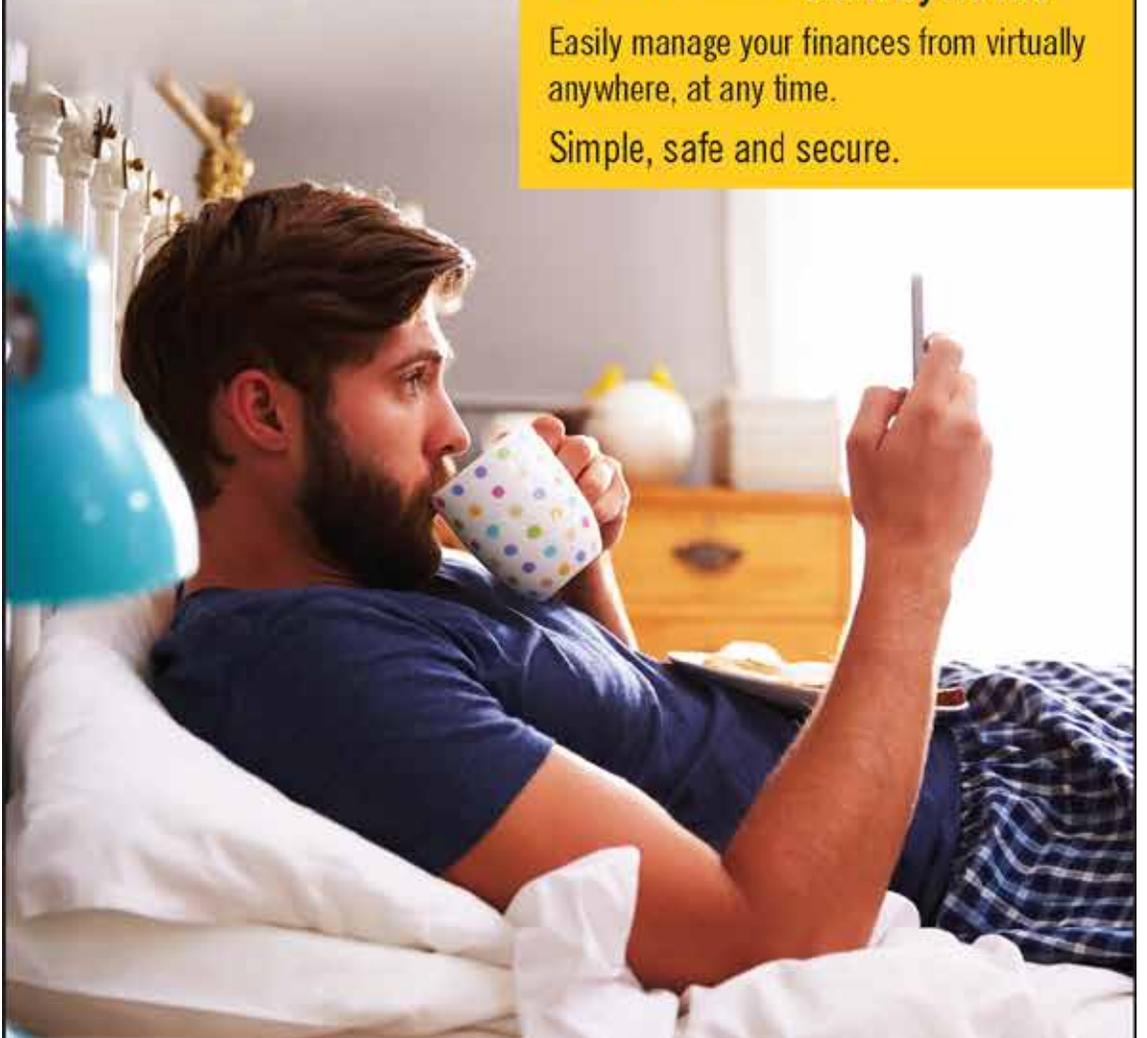
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