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When is The Best Time to Fill My Gas Tank?

The Queens Times thought you should know the Best Time is to Fill your Gas Tank.

When your vehicle runs out of gas, the reasonable thing to do is to drive to the petrol station for a refill. It's the need that necessitates tank refills. Many people will be surprised to learn that they can also be strategic with their gas refilling routines and save money and time. Below we provide some practical tips for the best time to fill up your gas. Read on.

Fill the Tank in the Morning or Late Night

It's an excellent idea to visit the gas station early in the morning and late in the night when it's cold outside. The weather is cool, and the tank has reached its reserves. Fuel expands with an increase in temperatures, and the hot conditions reduce its energy-generation power because the fuel burns at a higher rate.

Fill the Tank All the Way

Many drivers will start raising eyebrows when the fuel-pump price shoots past \$50, \$60, and \$70. It might

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Council Member Robert Holden Calls For Firing of Queens DOT Commissioner Garcia



Council Member Holden called for the immediate firing and replacement of Queens Borough Department of Transportation Commissioner Nicole Garcia this week, in a statement released on Friday, July 8th:

"After years of extended efforts to work with the Queens Borough DOT to get things done and make my district safer for constituents and being met with nothing but resistance, I am calling for Queens DOT Commissioner Nicole Garcia to be fired. The Queens DOT has repeatedly put the brakes on most requests for stop signs, speed bumps and other traffic safety

measures. Someone shouldn't have to die for the Queens DOT to act, but that is exactly what the Queens DOT has done under Commissioner Garcia."

"Garcia's Queens DOT shows nothing but contempt for local civic organizations in middle-class neighborhoods, particularly in their refusal to seriously consider requests regarding Citi Bike installations. Garcia's Queens DOT makes a dog and pony show out of asking for community input and then throws it in the gutter. Lyft's Citi Bike

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Long Island City Annual "Manhenge"



Pictured in the photo above shows that the heavens never cease to amaze us. Photo by Walter Karling. See story on page 2.

Rep. Grace Meng Congratulates First Female Eagle Scout From Queens



Congresswoman takes part in recent ceremony where Eagle Scout is celebrated for earning the prestigious achievement. Pictured is Congresswoman Meng with Kayla Chow and her parents during the ceremony. See story on page 2.

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dent your finances a little bit but filling the tank to its full capacity is the best idea. If you have the habit of spending \$10 or \$15 on fuel, it will cost you more, considering you also use energy to drive to the refilling station. Ignore the one-time costs and fill the tank all the way up.

Don't wait till the Tank is Empty While filling your gas tank full

is good, waiting to refill after it runs empty is bad. That damages the car's fuel pump because it will suck up the little remaining fuel at the tank base together with the dirt, debris, and particles. As a result, the fuel filter becomes clogged, which eventually causes failure of the fuel pump assembly. It is recommended that you refill the tank once it is a quarter full. That allows you to leverage gas mileage since the vehicle is lighter with a

partially filled tank. The pump will also be pumping cleaner gas.

Don't fill your tank if the fueling truck is there. When the fuel trucks are refilling the underground tanks, they often stir up dirt and sediment that is resting at the bottom of the tank. Although stations have filter systems to prevent this, they aren't perfect and this sediment can be pumped into your vehicle, where it can clog your fuel filter.

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program continues to gobble up parking spaces badly needed by hardworking New Yorkers, like a giant corporate PAC MAN who refuses to hear the reasonable requests of middle-class neighborhoods in favor of the fanatical anti-car movement and a corporation with a vested interest in getting New Yorkers to give up

owning cars."

"Many neighborhoods desperately need parking spaces and have little use for renting bicycles, including seniors and the disabled. Lyft's Citi Bike agenda lacks any regard for those New Yorkers and has no interest in inclusivity. The DOT should stand up for these New Yorkers and stop doing Lyft's bidding. One of the great things about living in New

York City, particularly in Queens, is that every neighborhood is different. The Queens DOT denies this unique diversity by forcing a one-size fits all approach to bike stations across the city."

"The Queens DOT can only move our borough toward a safer future with a new commissioner who will listen to community feedback and respond swiftly to the needs of Queens taxpayers."

Rep. Grace Meng Congratulates First Female Eagle Scout From Queens

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U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) announced that she recently congratulated Fresh Meadows student Kayla Chow for becoming the first female Eagle Scout in Queens.

Chow, 19, who was born, raised and still resides in Fresh Meadows, is a founding member of Scouts BSA's Female Troop 253 based in Flushing, a unit launched in 2019 when the Boy Scouts of America permitted girls throughout the country to join its flagship Boy Scouts program, and as a result, renamed it to Scouts BSA.

Meng praised Chow for her tremendous accomplishment during Chow's recent Court of Honor ceremony which is the celebration of an individual who has earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout. Established in 1911, an Eagle Scout is the highest achievement attainable in Scouts BSA.

"I am incredibly proud to congratulate my constituent Kayla Chow, and I commend her for this historic accomplishment," said Congresswoman Meng. "She is an exceptional individual who through hard work, community service and determination rose to reach this great milestone. I was honored to take part in her ceremony, and I know that she will serve as a wonderful role model and inspiration to other female scouts in our borough and across New York City. I wish her all the best for a bright and successful

future."

"Being the first female Eagle Scout in Queens is a huge honor," said Kayla Chow. "I am extremely proud to have earned this accomplishment and I thank Congresswoman Meng for being part of it. I encourage younger scouts, or anyone who wants to join Scouts BSA, to go for the highest rank that they can possibly achieve, and of course, it would be great to strive to become an Eagle Scout. Always do your best, don't get discouraged and have fun along the way."

Chow officially became an Eagle Scout on April 28, 2021. But due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the formal ceremony was postponed until a few weeks ago in late May. The ceremony, which took place in Flushing, was also attended by family, friends and fellow scouts.

In order to reach the rank of Eagle Scout, a scout must achieve the following:

- Be active in their troop for at least six months as a life scout
 - Show dedication to scout oath and scout law
 - Provide references from family, work, and other entities and community groups
 - Earn 21 merit badges
 - Serve a minimum of six months in a leadership position
 - Propose, plan and carry out an Eagle Scout service project
 - Attend a scoutmaster conference
 - Pass a board of review
- Chow has earned 26 merit

badges which are awards scouts receive after finishing an area of study that increases their knowledge and abilities. These include areas such as first aid, communications, cooking, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, personal fitness, family life, personal management, camping, environmental science or sustainability, and swimming, hiking or cycling, among many other areas. She has also worked to encourage and recruit female scouts.

For her Eagle Scout project, which she began in July 2020, Chow created and donated 100 canvas care bags to senior citizens at a long-term care facility in Queens. Each care bag contained a toothbrush, toothpaste, denture care, comb/brush, crossword puzzles, and other items to assist and help occupy seniors. She completed the project in February 2021, and did so after overcoming logistical obstacles caused by the coronavirus crisis.

Eagle Scout projects aim to further strengthen leadership skills and are selected by the individual scout. They are designed to provide a service to their community.

Chow graduated last year from Benjamin Cardozo High School's Da Vinci Program in Bio Medical with honors, and will be entering her sophomore year at City College of New York, where she received a full scholarship. She hopes to major in Architecture.

Chow now serves as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Female Troop 253.

Long Island City Annual "Manhenge"

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The sun above New Jersey is seen in the above photo setting exactly down 42nd Street in Manhattan, which also brought crowds of people in Queens.

They gathered at Gantry Plaza State Park in Long Island City for the annual "Manhenge" event (Stonehenge is called in Queens Manhenge, which is an abbreviated form of Manhattan + Stonehenge to form "Manhenge").

The sun precisely set at 8:23pm illuminating down the east-west Manhattan street grid. Not only does Stonehenge bring out the crowds in Manhattan it spills over to Queens in Long Island City for "Manhenge"!

Council Member Linda Lee Hosts Community Town Hall Alongside Local Elected Officials And City Agencies

On Thursday, July 6, 2022 New York City Council Member Linda Lee (D- Oakland Gardens) hosted a community town hall at the Cross Island YMCA. In attendance were Senator John Liu (D- Bayside), Senator Toby Ann Stavisky (D-Flushing), Assembly Member David Weprin (D- Fresh Meadows), and New York City Comptroller Brad Lander. Also present at the town hall were representatives from Queensborough President Donovan Richards' Office and city agencies to provide the community updates and resources.

"One of the responsibilities that I take most seriously is ensuring that my constituents receive the responsiveness that they deserve from city agencies," said Council Member Linda Lee, Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Disabilities, and Addictions. "By bringing my elected colleagues and the agencies and organizations who serve Eastern Queens face-to-face with constituents, we're able to directly address the issues that most directly impact our neighborhoods on a day-to-day basis. As a social worker, my motto is 'meet people where they are,' and that's what we did tonight. There's nothing more important to me than ensuring that my constituents' concerns are heard and addressed, and I want to thank all my fellow colleagues in government who came out to provide much needed information and resources to residents of District 23."

The event included representatives from multiple agencies including:

The New York City Department of Transportation <<https://www1.nyc.gov/html/dot/html/contact/contact-form.shtml>> who provided attendees with information regarding the City's transportation infrastructure and traffic safety as well as other transportation related issues. The Department also took requests for traffic studies, signage in neighborhoods, and street repavings.

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection <<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/cecm/support/department-of-environmental-protection.page#:~:text=The%20New%20York%20City%20Department,noise%2C%20and%20hazardous%20materials%20pollution.>> which protects public health, critical quality of life issues, and the environment by supplying clean drinking water, collecting and treating wastewater,

and reducing air, noise, and hazardous materials pollution. Attendees were given resources for bill assistance, addressing issues with bioswales, and other quality of life issues.

ConEdison <<https://www.coned.com/en/>> which provided information for constituents to receive assistance with their utility bills, especially those who are eligible for bill reduction or payment plans.

The New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS) <<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/index.page>> which helps unlock economic potential and create economic security for all New Yorkers by connecting New Yorkers to good jobs, creating stronger businesses, and building thriving neighborhoods across the five boroughs provided materials to help constituents in need of support and information regarding their small businesses.

The New York City Department of Buildings <<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/buildings/index.page>> is the department that enforces the city's building codes and zoning regulations, issues building permits, licenses, registers and disciplines certain construction trades, responds to structural emergencies and inspects over 1,000,000 new and existing buildings provided attendees information for tenants and small businesses who are currently proceeding with construction projects for their buildings.

The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation <<https://www.nycgovparks.org/>> which is the department responsible for maintaining the city's parks system, preserving and maintaining the ecological diversity of the city's natural areas, and furnishing recreational opportunities for city's residents and visitors provided information about several park projects happening in Eastern Queens, as well as information about upcoming tree plantings.

The New York City Department of Sanitation <<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dsny/site/home>> which is the department of the government of New York City responsible for garbage collection, recycling collection, street cleaning, and snow removal provided information regarding the upcoming sanitation examination process and heard concerns regarding areas of dumping and litter.

The Human Resources Administration or Department <<https://a069-access.nyc.gov/accesshra/>>

which is the department of the government of New York City in charge of the majority of the city's social services programs, provided information for homeless services and income assistance.

Representatives from NYPD Patrol Borough Queens South, NYPD Patrol Borough Queens North, and the 105th <<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/precincts/105th-precinct.page>>, 107th <<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/precincts/107th-precinct.page>>, and 111th <<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/bureaus/patrol/precincts/111th-precinct.page>> precincts were also present to provide the dates for Build the Block meetings and information relating to their specific jurisdictions.

Council Member Linda Lee represents the 23rd Council District in Eastern Queens and serves as Chair of the New York City Council's Committee on Mental Health, Addictions, and Disabilities, the co-Chair of the Queens Delegation, and the Vice Chair of the Black, Latino, and Asian Caucus. She was elected to the Council in November 2021, becoming the first Korean-American ever elected to the City Council, and the first woman and person of color to hold the seat.

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Rep. Maloney Raises Concerns About Monkeypox Vaccine Access And Roll Out With Federal And City Government

In response to constituent outreach and an uptick in monkeypox cases in New York City, Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney (NY-12) raised concerns with New York City government and the Federal government about the lack of monkeypox virus (MPV) vaccine access and poor vaccine rollout. In New York City, cases are increasing without a steady increase in vaccine and vaccine appointment availability. To date, New York City has received almost 7,000 doses of the MPV vaccine and is slated to receive 14,500 additional doses later this week. As of today, 223 people in New York City have tested positive for orthopoxvirus, all likely to be monkeypox.

In the Congresswoman's letter to the Biden Administration, she expresses concerns about the Federal government's response to the monkeypox virus and how that has affected her constituents in NY-12. She says: "Over the last several weeks, my office has received countless calls from constituents who have been wanting to get vaccinated against MPV but have had trouble accessing vaccines. Many of these calls have been coming from men who have sex with men, who have made up a high number of MPV cases. The lack of access to vaccines is especially troubling because as of Thursday, July 7, New York City had recorded 141 cases of MPV, the most of any city in the United States. In addition, as of today, 223 people in New York City have tested positive for orthopoxvirus, all likely to be monkeypox."

The Congresswoman writes, "The U.S. government currently owns more than a million MPV vaccines that are already vialled, labeled, and ready for delivery, which would vaccinate more than 500,000 people. This is in addition to the 15.8 million doses that

are currently in bulk storage in Denmark, which would vaccinate at least 7.5 million people but need to be filled and finished in vials."

She ends the letter by asking the Federal government to release the nearly 17 million doses of vaccines that the U.S. currently has in Denmark. She writes: "Given this large supply and the growing numbers of people with monkeypox within New York City and the country at large, I ask that the federal government release the more than one million MPV vaccines that are ready for delivery and work to fill and finish the more than 15 million doses that are currently in Denmark."

In the Congresswoman's letter to Mayor Adams and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Commissioner Dr. Aswhin Vasan, she highlights similar concerns about the lack of vaccine access and availability, along with a poor City-wide rollout that has left many residents concerned, frustrated, and without a vaccine or appointment. She says: "Our city has found several issues with bottlenecks and inefficiency in the way that these vaccines are being distributed. Last week alone, thousands of New Yorkers waited at their computers for the city to release vaccines through an online system, and many residents have been forced to resort to Twitter for accessing the most up to date information on the city's vaccine supply [...] The limited notice and rollout of the MPV vaccines has caused many New Yorkers to forgo getting vaccinated because these individuals have not been able to reserve appointments in time."

The Congresswoman concludes by urging the City "to do whatever it can to make sure that vaccines are distributed more equitably across the whole of our city."

Gillibrand Introduces Legislation to Protect The Right of Women to Cross State Lines To Seek Reproductive Health Care



U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, together with more than 30 of her Democratic colleagues, introduced the Freedom to Travel for Health Care Act. This important bill would guarantee constitutional protections for interstate travel by prohibiting any law that would restrict individuals from traveling to other states in order to receive reproductive health care. The bill would give the attorney general and impacted individuals the ability to bring civil action against any

state, state official, or person who violates this law. Additionally, the legislation would protect health care providers in pro-choice states like New York from prosecution and lawsuits for serving individuals traveling from other states.

Extreme anti-choice activists and their allies in Republican-led state legislatures are already moving ahead with bills that would prohibit people from traveling to other states to obtain reproductive health care.

NYC Community-Based Organizations Calling For a More Equitable Distribution of Monkeypox Vaccine

Community-based organizations are extremely concerned about the JYNNEOSTM monkeypox vaccine's inequitable distribution. The epicenter of the monkeypox outbreak is New York City (NYC), primarily among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men. If our public health agencies at all levels of government fail to act quickly and effectively, we fear that this virus will continue to spread throughout NYC and become endemic, not only among white gay and

bisexual men, but also Black and Latinx gay and bisexual men, as well as transgender women and non-binary people of color. We know from decades of collective experience addressing the HIV epidemic the monkeypox virus could follow suit and concentrate among people of color.

According to the best available data:

- As of July 11, of the 865 confirmed infections of monkeypox in the U.S., 223 (25.8%) are in NYC, the highest proportion of

any state/city;

- Despite bearing the disproportionate burden of 25.8% of the known monkeypox infections in the nation, NYC was allocated less than 11% of the 56,000 doses of JYNNEOSTM already made available nationwide; and, we have been notified that NYC will be receiving only 14,652 (10.2%) of the 144,000 vaccine doses that will be distributed the week of July 10.

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Speaker Adrienne Adams And Council Member Linda Lee Announce Over \$9 Million in Funding For The Renovation of The Queens Village Public Library

On Tuesday, July 12, 2022, New York City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams and Council Member Linda Lee announced that Queens Village Public Library will receive \$9,587,000 million for capital renovations in the Fiscal Year 2023 NYC Budget. In attendance were Assembly Member David Weprin, Assembly Member Clyde Vanel, Queens Public Library President and CEO Dennis Walcott, and various community leaders and residents.

"I am proud to join Speaker Adrienne Adams to allocate these funds to give the Queens Village Public Library a much-needed overhaul and provide the community a modern and accessible facility," said Council Member Linda Lee, Chair of the Committee on Mental Health, Disabilities, and Addictions. "Libraries are more than just a place to read your favorite book; they serve as community centers for residents to socialize and engage with one another and access the internet and essential services. Residents deserve to feel a sense of pride in their neighborhood, and this investment will make an impact on young people and seniors throughout Queens Village. I thank Speaker Adrienne Adams for her leadership and for supporting this initiative that will benefit the residents of Eastern and Southeastern Queens."

"Libraries are vital community centers and hubs of opportunity that serve all New Yorkers, regardless of age or background," said City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams. "Working together with Council Member Lee and the Women's Caucus, the City Council has invested more than \$9 million in the city budget to renovate the Queens Village Library. This funding allocation will have an immense impact on this neighborhood and all users of this library branch. I commend Council Member Lee for her advocacy and leadership on behalf of District 23, and I look forward to seeing the completion of this critical project."

"This allocation will ensure the transformation of the Queens Village branch into a modern, vibrant and accessible space that meets the changing needs of the community," said Queens Public Library President and CEO Dennis M. Walcott. "We are grateful to NYC City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, Council Member Linda Lee, the New York City Council Women's Caucus, and its co-chairs, Council Members Amanda Farias and Farah Louis, for their financial support as we work to provide educational resources and opportunity to all."

NYS Senator Leroy Comrie said, "From family storytime and game days, to painting, summer readings, and access to tablets, WiFi, and hotspots, our public



libraries play a critical role as educators and community builders. That's why I'm so pleased to join in celebrating this \$9 million investment in the Queens Village Public Library. Thanks to Speaker Adams, Council Member Lee, and the Women's Caucus for their continued leadership in ensuring our community institutions have the funding they need."

"I applaud this crucial funding allocation for the Queens Village Public Library, which will provide much-needed improvements to the building," said Assemblyman David Weprin. "Our public libraries have been fantastic partners and are important places to promote lifelong learning and provide community services. I'm so pleased that this historic investment will yield an improved, accessible building for current and future generations to enjoy."

"We are excited about the investment in our library. With the improvements, the library will continue its vital service to the entire Queens Village community," said Assembly Member Clyde Vanel.

"I am glad to share the neighborhood of Queens Village with Council Member Lee," said Council Member Nantasha Williams. "Although the public library is geographically in her district, many of my constituents frequent the location because of its proximity to my district. The library is going to greatly benefit from this investment. I am excited to see the upcoming renovations and to have a state-of-the-art facility that Queens Village residents can enjoy. I want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams and Council Member Linda Lee for securing the funding for this project."

"This is a very happy day for me and the residents of Queens Village," said Mo Ishamel, President of the Queens Village Civic Association. "Firstly, I want to thank our Council Member Linda Lee and Speaker Adrienne Adams for spearheading the approval of this budget item! Our new CM Lee and our new Speaker Adams, you guys have really hit the ground running! Renovating and upgrading the Queens Village Library is long overdue, ... it is a very old and

beautiful building that does need a lot of work! The residents and especially the children will really appreciate an upgraded facility."

The Queens Village Public Library was built in 1952 and has not received major renovation since its construction. The funds, totaling \$9,587,000, will provide for a full renovation of the library, including interior and exterior improvements, as well as HVAC installation, and roof repairs.

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Gillibrand, Blackburn, Hirono, Graham Introduce Bill to Prohibit Non-Disclosure Agreements in Cases of Sexual Misconduct

U.S. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Mazie Hirono (D-HI), and Lindsey Graham (R-SC) introduced the Speak Out Act, a bipartisan, bicameral bill that would prohibit predispute non-disclosure agreements (NDAs) in instances in which sexual harassment or sexual assault has been alleged in violation of federal, tribal, or state law and in situations in which survivors wish to break their silence. Under current law, organizations can use NDAs to prevent survivors of sexual harassment or assault from speaking publicly about these incidents. The threat of legal retaliation creates and enables a culture of silence that allows predators to continue their illegal conduct, while their victims are forced out of their careers and denied justice.

The Speak Out Act would:

- Prohibit the use of predispute NDAs between employers and current, former, and prospective employees, as well as independent contractors;
- Prohibit the use of predispute NDAs between providers of goods and services and consumers, and;
- Invalidate existing predispute NDAs in cases that have not yet been filed.

"The bipartisan Speak Out Act would prohibit the use of predispute NDAs in sexual harassment and sexual assault cases in situations in which survivors wish to break their silence. I'm committed to fixing this broken system that uses secrecy to protect predators and silence survivors," said Senator Gillibrand. "Earlier this year, we voided forced arbitration agreements for sexual assault and sexual harassment, and the Speak Out Act represents the next step in our mission to reform our workplaces for the better. I am proud to work with my colleagues to help end the days of institutional protection for perpetrators."

"Women who are victims of sexual assault or abuse in the workplace have raised the issue of Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDAs) being used to coerce silence. Unfortunately, there are some corporate entities that have used NDAs inappropriately. Our legislation will implement guidelines to provide employees who step forward with the due process they deserve," said Senator Blackburn.

"For too long, non-disclosure agreements have been abused to silence survivors of sexual assault and harassment and protect those who perpetrate these crimes," said Senator Hirono. "The use of NDAs to stop survivors of sexual assault and sexual harassment from telling their stories should be limited. This legislation works to do just that, and builds on the progress made by the Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act signed into law earlier this year. This bill will help survivors come forward so that those responsible can be held accountable. I am glad to join my colleagues in leading this bipartisan, bicameral legislation that aims to finally end this harmful, toxic system."

"This legislation will advance the cause of sexual assault and sexual harassment victims who have been silenced through NDAs in the past," said Senator Graham. "The more we know, the more we deter."

"We have made progress in our efforts to make workplaces safer and more equitable. But until we eradicate all legal obstacles that prevent workers' voices from being heard, employees remain vulnerable to inappropriate behavior and toxic work environments. This legislation would be a major step forward and we thank the co-sponsors of this legislation for their leadership," said Gretchen Carlson, co-founder, Lift Our Voices.

"Too many workers have been driven from their jobs and their chosen careers because a culture of silence prevents them from holding predators and their enablers accountable. For too long, survivors and witnesses of abusive behavior have been threatened with legal repercussions if they tell anyone about what they know. This legislation will go a long way in ensuring that the American workplace is more inclusive and respectful by allowing survivors and witnesses of sexual harassment and assault the opportunity to speak about their experiences," said Julie Roginsky, co-founder, Lift Our Voices.

The House companion bill was introduced on June 24, 2022 by Representatives Lois Frankel (D-FL) and Ken Buck (R-CO). The bill is set to be marked up by the House Judiciary Committee on July 13, 2022.

NYC Community-Based Organizations Calling For a More Equitable Distribution of Monkeypox Vaccine

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In partnership with Api-cha Community Health Center, Callen-Lorde Community Health Center, GMHC, Harlem United, Latino Commission on AIDS, and Translatinx Network, we wrote a letter to key federal leaders call-

ing for a more equitable distribution of the JYNNEOS™ vaccine.

Community-based organizations and other local leadership are essential to fighting the monkeypox outbreak and to ensuring that access to vaccines, along with prevention messaging, is free of stigma and discrimination.



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Bellerose Playground is Finally Opened

After several years of construction and repairs, the full Bellerose Playground officially opened the afternoon of July 11. Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Association has been constantly on top of the Parks Department and City's project manager to get the water feature opened for Bellerose youth in time for the hot summer. The forecast for today is in the 90's, so we expect to see many kids having fun and cooling off - finally. We thank Councilmember Linda Lee and her staff for helping get this done. Its been a long and complex story, but the full park is finally opened. Go and enjoy!

BCCA is now pushing to get the Reading Garden construction started after years of design and procurement (in)activity.



Gillibrand Statement on Bipartisan Gun Safety Package Ceremony



Senator Gillibrand and Jennifer Pryear

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand issued the following statement following her attendance at the White House event celebrating the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act:

"For over a decade, I fought alongside Jennifer Pryear, Nyasia Pryear-Yard's mother, to make gun trafficking a federal crime. Today, we were together at the White House to celebrate President Biden signing the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, the first major gun safety legislation in nearly three decades. I am

so grateful that in addition to strengthening background checks, incentivizing red flag laws, closing the boyfriend loophole, funding mental health services, and more, the bill included major provisions from the Hadiya Pendleton and Nyasia Pryear-Yard Gun Trafficking and Crime Prevention Act to help to crack down on criminal networks and make gun trafficking a federal crime. The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act is an important step forward that will keep our communities safer now and in the future."

Meta, Queens Chamber of Commerce Host Roundtable For Queens-Based Small Business Owners

On Wednesday, June 29, Queens-based small business owners gathered for a meet and greet hosted by Meta and the Queens Chamber of Commerce. Attendees gathered for lunch at Maiella in Long Island City, and heard from Meta's Nicola Mendelsohn, VP, Global Business Group, Alvin Bowles, VP, Business Ecosystem Partnerships, and Sandra Altin , VP, Workforce Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, as well as Queens Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Tom Grech. Meta employs more than 6,000 people in New York and has over 500 open positions in New York, and was one of the founding members of the Queens Tech Council, which launched in February 2021.



At the event, Mendelsohn announced that Meta is making a \$50,000 investment in the "NYC Small Biz: Open + Online" program. This is part of Meta's ongoing commitment to the New York City area, including:

- Last week, Meta announced the debut of the 2022 #BlackVisionaries Program with \$650,000 in Grants, in partnership with the Brooklyn Museum. These grants are in support of Black artists, Black designers and Black-owned small businesses.
- Last month, Instagram hosted a pop-up shop of small businesses in New York's Meatpacking District to celebrate local businesses.

• During the pandemic, Meta distributed over \$6.5 million in COVID-19 grants to small businesses across New York City and gave \$100,000 directly to United Way New York City to support their operations.

"Small businesses are critical and vital members of our communities," said Meta's Nicola Mendelsohn, VP, Global Business Group, "Women-led small businesses have the potential to remake our societies in the best possible ways. The roundtable event brought Queens businesses together with great momentum, and I'm proud about the connection and opportunities for the

businesses ahead." The small business owners in attendance included, Diana Manalang of Little Chef Little Cafe; Shelly Yang of Form and Flow Yoga; Helen Ho of Queens Perennial Flower Shop; Kimberly Camara of From Kora; Janel Rhymer of Holy Sweets NYC; Barbara Beckford of Skin Esteem Medical, Aesthetics, & IV Infusion Spa; Natasha Williams of Corneliuss Group Real Estate; and Cindy Cortez of NewtownHQ.

"Ever since we launched our Queens Tech Council, Meta has been an active and engaged part-

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Senator James Sanders Jr. Hosted Series of Community Conversations to Prevent Gun Violence

In the wake of gun violence across our country and the uptick in gun violence that usually takes place in our community during the summer, Senator James Sanders Jr. held two community conversations to prevent gun violence - one in Jamaica and one in Far Rockaway. We brought together police officers and commanding officers from the local precincts along with the leadership of violence interrupter groups to discuss the causes of gun violence and the possible solutions to end the bloodshed.

"We know that as the pandemic is winding down and the weather is getting better outside, and



Many members of the NYPD were present at the meetings to discuss gun violence.

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Assemblyman Colton Continues His Fight Against The Proposed Two Homeless Shelters After Meeting With The Commissioner of DSS



Assemblyman William Colton (D – Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach, and Dyker Heights) says that after requesting a meeting with the Commissioner of

DSS, he was finally able to meet with the Commissioner of DSS Gary P. Jenkins, and Deputy Commissioner Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs NYC Department of Social Services Marricka Scott today in his district office.

“I had a brief conversation with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner in my office regarding both proposed homeless shelters. A box of many thousands’ petitions signed by the agitated residents was given to them. After the meeting I took a tour with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner where we were joined by Community Leaders,” Colton stated.

“After meeting with the Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner it is clear to me that we must continue to fight against both proposed homeless shelters located at 2147 Bath Avenue and

137 Kings Highway in Brooklyn. As I mentioned before the city must build permanent housing to serve the needs of low-income families and supportive housing for those who need addiction or mental health services. But the city administration instead of providing permanent solutions for the homeless crisis such as subsidized or supportive housing, is allowing these temporary shelters to become a business that provides an opportunity for developers to make a profit, with the taxpayer’s monies,” Colton continued.

“Therefore, I am calling upon the community and their leaders to join me in a continued fight against both proposed homeless shelters at 2147 Bath Avenue and 137 Kings Highway in Brooklyn. We cannot and we will not allow this project to go on. Together we can win this fight,” Colton added.

Governor Hochul Announces The Launch of a New Covid-19 Treatment Hotline by The State Department of Health in Partnership With NYC Health + Hospitals



888-TREAT-NY Hotline Utilizes NYC Health + Hospitals’ Virtual ExpressCare Platform

Proven Treatment Options Available to Effectively Treat COVID-19

Statewide Hotline Will Help Reduce Barriers to COVID-19 Treatment for all Communities

Governor Kathy Hochul has announced the launch of a new free Hotline for those who test positive for COVID-19, but don’t have a health care provider, as part of the administration’s ongoing efforts to keep New Yorkers protected throughout the pandemic. The Hotline, 888-TREAT-NY, was launched by the New York State Department of Health after reaching an agreement to utilize the Virtual ExpressCare platform operated by NYC Health + Hospitals.

“We’ve made real progress in our fight against COVID-19, but as new variants continue to spread it’s important to continue to adapt and expand our efforts to protect New Yorkers,” Governor Hochul said. “Our new COVID-19 treatment hotline will provide New Yorkers with better access to early treatments that help prevent severe

illness.”

“This new hotline is a much-needed resource for underserved families who may not have immediate access to healthcare professionals,” said Lieutenant Governor Delgado. “As new strains of COVID continue to attack our more vulnerable communities, it is critical that we use all resources available to us to continue to fight this virus. The hotline is crucial to ensuring those who have difficulty leaving their home to access healthcare get the help they need.”

All New Yorkers outside of New York City, regardless of income or health insurance coverage who test COVID-19 positive, are eligible to be evaluated for treatment by calling 888-TREAT-NY (888-873-2869) or completing an evaluation at the NYS COVID-19 Express-Care Therapeutics Access website,

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Suozzi Touts Historic Gun Violence Prevention Legislation at White House; Calls For More Action

Legislation is first bipartisan gun violence prevention legislation to pass in decades

Suozzi remains steadfast in his call for more to be done, including an assault weapons ban

At a historic, bipartisan event at the White House, Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-New York) joined President Joe Biden to highlight the historic passage of once-in-a-generation gun violence prevention legislation late last month.

“This bipartisan piece of legislation is historic and shows what can be done when both sides come to the table in good faith. Of course, I want more to be done, but we must continue to seek common ground to get things done. As a Member of Congress who is proud to have an ‘F’ rating from the NRA, I will always work and support common sense efforts to curb gun violence



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Forest Hills Stadium to Host Three-Day Climate Concert



It’ll be like Woodstock, but with better music, a better venue, and a better cause.

The Big Climate Thing: Concert for People and the Planet will rock Forest Hills Stadium on Sept. 16, 17, and 18.

The multi-faceted, three-day extravaganza features an eclectic, multi-generational lineup of artists, including Sheryl Crow, The Roots, Khruangbin, and The Weather Station. Plus, the organizers will provide immersive on-site activations, curated content, and programming to raise environmental awareness through music’s transformative power.

Three-day passes are already on sale. Prices start at \$268. Single day passes will be available on July 15. Their costs start at \$119.

The event organizer, Climate Control Projects, has chosen EarthPercent as the official charity partner. Founded by British musician Brian Eno, this nonprofit provides a way for the music industry to support environmental

causes.

More artists are still signing up, but here’s the current lineup: Khruangbin, Haim, The Roots, Sheryl Crow, The Flaming Lips, Gary Clark Jr., Courtney Barnett, Princess Nokia, Antibalas, Ayoni, Bonny Light Horseman, Guster, Joe Sumner & Friends, Mykki Blanco, Pom Pom Squad, Seratones, Seun Kuti & Egypt 80, Sunflower Bean, The Weather Station, and Valerie June.

The concert coincides with a few other efforts by Climate Control Projects. The company plans to launch BigUp later this year. This digital platform is a concert app that also provides a space where artists and audiences can join forces to support environmental causes. Climate Control Projects is also working to establish The Big Climate Lab, a studio that will collaborate with touring and festival veterans, research scientists, and sustainability experts to determine goals for the decarbonization of live music.

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Meng Urges Postal Service to Address Mail Theft in Queens



U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) called on the United States Postal Service (USPS) to immediately address the theft of mail from postal Relay Boxes in Queens, which are the dark green boxes next to many of the blue collection boxes.

Meng called for the Postal Service to take action in a letter she sent to the agency’s district manager who oversees postal operations in Queens and Long Island. The Congresswoman sent the correspondence after recently receiving complaints that thieves are breaking into Relay Boxes in her district and stealing mail that is stored inside by letter carriers. These Relay Boxes can hold thou-

sands of letters for local residents and are vulnerable to break-ins.

“Issues regarding mail security has been an ongoing and persistent problem in Queens over the past few years, and mail theft from Relay Boxes is the latest issue,” said Meng. “Mail is one of the oldest and most trusted forms of communication across our nation, and that trust is eroded when constituents are not getting or are unable to safely send their mail. We must do more to protect our residents from identity theft, having important documents stolen, or having money removed from bank accounts. I know the improvements needed to make these Relay Boxes secure are in the Postal Service’s abilities. Now, all that is left to do is to implement the required security.”

Several years ago, the Postal Service retrofitted blue collection boxes in Queens with mail slots after Meng urged the agency to do so. The Congresswoman made the request in 2018 to combat the problem of ‘mail fishing’ in the borough which is when criminals place string connected to a sticky material into collection the boxes, and ‘fish’ out the envelopes. The narrower slots make it more difficult for thieves to steal the mail that is inside.

IT'S IN QUEENS

(July 15 to July 21)

Queens shows its literary side with readings, spoken word events, poetry slams, and some serious comedy. Ballet, Jazz, outdoor film, Mariachis, and a great reason to bang on a can are also on the slate.

- July 15, Nai-Ni Chen Dance Performance, 7 pm. Capital One CityParks SummerStage presents a free live performance by the Taiwanese-American troupe Nai-Ni Chen along with Les Ballet Afrik and a dance workshop at 6 pm. The Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- July 15, 1 World, 2:30 pm. The Joffrey Ballet School and Shake the Ground: The Ultimate Dance Competition present this show by students of the New York City Hip Hop Intensive. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- July 15, Fleetwood Macked, 8 pm. This cover band brings the passion, depth, heart, and musicianship that Fleetwood Mac's music requires. Their performance consists of hits from the 1970s to today. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- July 16, Fela! The Concert, 8 pm. Beloved late Nigerian superstar Fela Kuti made the AfroBeat genre internationally famous. This homage features many of the same performers from the recent Broadway musical about his life. Queens Theatre, 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

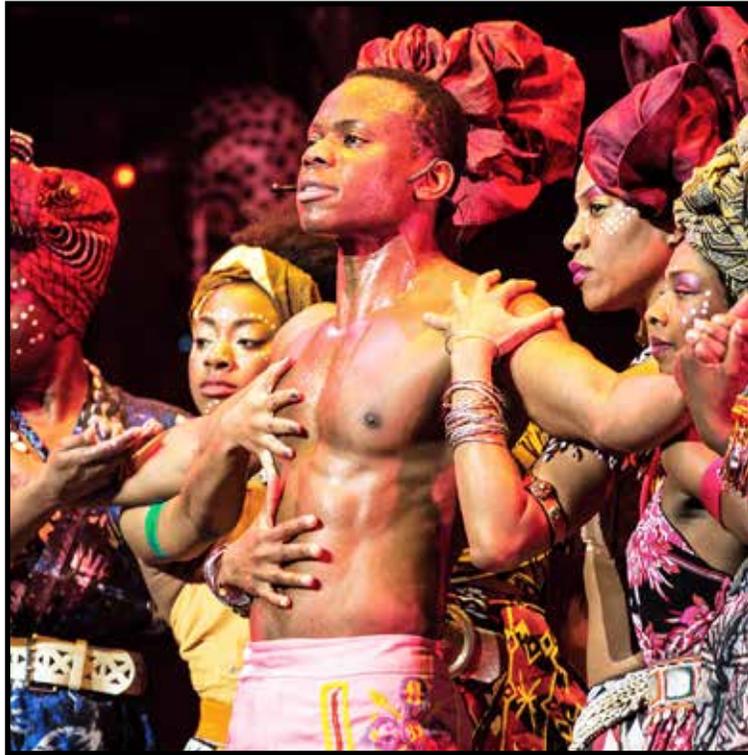
- July 16, St. Albans Jazz and R&B Festival, 4 pm. Phyllis Yvonne "Queen of Conscious Comedy" Stickney is the master of ceremonies for this twelfth annual event that includes performances by the festival's all-star band, Leon & The Peoples, Jazz guitarist Norman Brown, and Grammy winner Regina Belle. Mayor Eric Adams and Council Speaker Adrienne Adams present a Key to the City of New York to Roberta Flack. St. Albans Park, vicinity of Merrick Boulevard and Sayres Avenue.

- July 16, Jazz Jam All-Stars Concert, 7:30 pm. House band leader Carol Sudhalter has invited 10 musicians from the monthly jam sessions to perform an homage to Louis Armstrong. One invitee is Ezra Kessler, 15, a drummer who's been part of the jams since he was 12. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- July 16, Bastille Day Concert, 4 pm. Flautist/Glass Artist Naomi Rabinowitz plays French classics by Debussy and others. Maple Grove Cemetery, 127-15 Kew Gardens Rd.

- July 16, ChocQuibTown, 6 pm. A free live celebration of African-Caribbean music with the Colombian band ChocQuibTown as part of Capital One CityParks SummerStage. The Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- July 16, Movie Nights: Grease, 7:30 pm. This classic 1970s film



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centers on high school seniors Sandy (Olivia Newton-John) and Danny (John Travolta), who have a summer romance despite being from different cliques. Will their love last the school year? The movie is paired with a children's craft activity. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- July 16, Guilty Pleasures, 8 pm. This 1980s cover band consists of six seasoned musicians who take audiences back in time with high energy and flawless showmanship. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.

- July 17, Bang on a Can, 4 pm. Now in its twelfth year, this popular series presents live music and dance once a month in the garden and galleries. On July 17, eddy kwon fuses composition, improvisation, and transmutation to tell the story of a young boy who learns he will be a mother. Plus, Iva Casian-Lakos interprets the Joan La Barbara works "A Trail of Indeterminate Light" and "ad astra." The Noguchi Museum, 09-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.

- July 17, Jackknife Comedy, 7 pm. This monthly stand-up show (on the third Sunday) features Sam Evans (Just For Laughs), Kristin Manna (The New Yorker), Elsa Eli Waithe (This American Life), Lizzy Cassidy (Keith and The Girl), Alon Elian (Heads Will Roll), Ja-Ron Young (New York Comedy Club), and Cathy Humes (True Detective Pikachu) on July 17. QED Astoria, 27-16 23rd Ave., Astoria.

- July 17, Mamma Mia!, 8:30 pm. The Hellenic Film Society and NYC Parks offer a free screening of this 2008 ABBA-inspired musical starring Amanda Seyfried, Meryl Streep, Pierce Brosnan, and Colin Firth. Athens Square Park, 30th Avenue and 30th Street, Astoria.

- July 17, B.I.M., 6 pm. The group Brothers in Madness featuring Fariyah Premaa does Ban-

gla Rock as part of an ongoing weekly music series. Chinese yo-yo session, too. Travers Park, 35th Avenue and 78th Street, Jackson Heights.

- July 17, Long Island City: The Cradle of Creativity, 11 am. Greater Astoria Historical Society President Bob Singleton leads a virtual tour of the neighborhood featuring images from his brand new book "Historical Tales of Long Island City."

- July 18, De torpedos y machetes, 6:30 pm. Ignacio Gatica and Alan Martín Segal host an evening of readings from texts and poems by the interlocutors that have shaped the projects developed and presented in the related, onsite exhibition. SculptureCenter, 44-19 Purves St., Long Island City.

- July 19, Mariachi Real de Mexico, 7 pm. This Mariachi band, which was founded in 1991 by Ramon Ponce Sr. and his son, Ramon Jr., performs as part of Live at the Gantries 2022. Gantry Plaza State Park, 4-09 47th Rd., Long Island City.

- July 19, All The Colors, 1 pm. Amy Cheng leads a collage workshop. Creations will be on view at the museum. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- July 19, The Risk of Discovery Reading Series, 6:30 pm. This monthly open mic event consists of three-minute slots during which spoken wordsmiths present their verses to those present. Workshops, special presentations, and chats are frequent. Fabula Café, 39-67 61st St., Woodside.

- July 21, Pioneering Women in Australian Cinema, Aug. 14. Organized by guest curator Michelle Carey, this 20-film series shines a light on visionary independent female artists who helped define a new era in Australian cinema. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

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Assemblywoman Solages Secures Lactation Accommodations in New York Airports

The Lactation Accommodation in Airports Act has been signed by Governor Hochul

This week, Governor Kathy Hochul signed legislation (A.7813/S.3866) to provide lactation accommodations in New York State airports. The legislation sponsored by Assembly Member Michaelle Solages (D-Elmont) will require airports to provide a non-bathroom space for breastfeeding mothers behind the security screening area equipped with a chair, an electrical outlet, and in larger airports, a sink.

"By providing a designated, non-bathroom space in airports for people to breastfeed, pump or feed their infants, we are perpetuating healthy parenting practices. Proper nutrition is essential for a child's development, especially during an infant's first year. I thank Governor Hochul for supporting this legislation. This is a big step forward for mothers trav-

eling and working at airports, and it will ensure that families receive the necessary accommodations even when traveling the world," stated Assemblymember Solages.

State Senator Timothy M. Kennedy said, "This bill was created, as many bills are, after a conversation with a constituent of mine, who realized a gap in services for New York's mothers. As a working mom who traveled often for her job, Rachel Jackson found little to no accommodations in airports for breastfeeding moms. We drafted this legislation collaboratively to change that. This bill advanced with the support of many partners, including John R. Oishei Children's Hospital in Buffalo and the many mothers across New York who believed in the impact it would have on families statewide. I thank Governor Hochul for signing this bill into law, ensuring that moms have options on the go - and that they don't have to choose between their careers

and raising a healthy baby."

Permanent public accommodations law will make New York State airports a more friendly environment for nursing mothers.

"While traveling with my infant son, I noticed many places lacked a designated, non-bathroom space for nursing or pumping. Many times I would have to pump in a bathroom," stated Assemblymember Solages. "There are many laws that would require employers to provide their staff with a private place to pump breastmilk other than a bathroom. However, in New York State there is no such requirement for airports or other public spaces."

The Lactation Accommodation in Airports Act is a massive step forward in the process to reforming various public areas to accommodate the needs of expecting women across the state. This act will take effect only after its companion bill is passed in the State of New Jersey.

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"The message to our audience is that one doesn't need to be a scientist or elected official to take action," stated Climate Control Projects CEO Kurt Langer. "The Big Climate Thing is our way of building that type of community with the artists who are performing and with the audiences who are ready to answer the call."

Located at One Tennis Place in Forest Hills Gardens, Forest Hills Stadium will host many acts this summer.

The venue was built in 1923 to host the U.S. Open's center court matches in conjunction with the adjacent West Side Tennis Club. Its heyday was in the 1960s and

1970s, when it hosted tennis and live music. The Beatles played two sold-out shows there in 1964. The Doors and Simon & Garfunkel did a double bill in 1967. Even Frank Sinatra, Barbra Streisand, and Diana Ross performed there before the venue shut down in the mid 1990s due to financial concerns. (The U.S. Open moved to Flushing Meadows Corona Park in 1978.)

In 2013, Forest Hills Stadium underwent a roughly \$3 million renovation that included a complete structural overhaul, seat replacement, and the installation of a state-of-the-art stage. The site re-opened in August of that year with a concert by British rock band Mumford & Sons. The hits have kept coming ever since.

Governor Hochul Announces The Launch of a New Covid-19 Treatment . . .

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which includes a telemedicine visit. New York City residents should call 212-COVID-19.

The Hotline is available 24-hours per day, seven days a week and operated by experienced Health + Hospitals professionals who have the clinical training to prescribe treatment and referrals if needed. The ExpressCare platform is a service that allows New Yorkers to receive virtual care from a NYC Health + Hospitals provider.

The telemedicine visit will include a clinical assessment by medical providers who will identify the appropriate COVID-19 treatment plan, which may include a prescription for Paxlovid or Molnupiravir. These oral antiviral medications have both been proven to decrease hospitalization for those that are at risk for severe disease. When given soon after positive COVID-19 diagnosis these antivirals also help fight infection and shorten recovery time.

As all treatments require a prescription, those who test COVID-19 positive should talk to their provider or call 888-TREAT-NY to determine what treatment is best for them. New York State is assigned a weekly allotment of both Paxlovid and Molnupiravir from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services.

Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Mary T. Bassett said, "Every New Yorker should have access to the latest COVID-19 therapeutics regardless of whether they have a regular health care provider. Thanks to the Department's agreement with NYC Health + Hospitals, our new COVID-19

treatment hotline at 888-TREAT-NY is another tool to reduce the barriers to treatment and will help ensure traditionally underserved communities have access to the same care as other New Yorkers."

New York City Mayor Eric Adams said, "Every New Yorker deserves access to quality, accessible health care, regardless of their insurance status. NYC Health + Hospitals' Virtual ExpressCare has helped connect thousands of New Yorkers to COVID-19 resources and I'm proud that, through this partnership with Governor Hochul and Commissioner Bassett, New Yorkers across the state, regardless of whether they have a health care provider, will now have access to critical and lifesaving treatments."

NYC Health + Hospitals President and CEO Mitchell Katz, MD said, "NYC Health + Hospitals is proud to partner with the Governor's Office and the State Health Department to offer COVID-19 therapeutics to the entire state through our proven Virtual ExpressCare program. Virtual ExpressCare has been a vital part of our strategy to ensure that everyone in New York City has access to the COVID-19 care and treatment they need, and it will bring the same expertise and commitment to all New Yorkers across the state."

Under the agreement, insured patients will pay a co-pay amount based on their plan and the New York State Department of Health will cover the costs of the service for those without health care coverage.

Learn more about COVID-19 treatment options at health.ny.gov/CovidTreatment

New York State Has the 2nd Highest Union Participation Rate in the U.S.

The U.S. economy today in some ways offers the most favorable conditions workers have had in years. The unemployment rate is as low as it has been in two decades, having bounced back from a COVID-induced spike in 2020. Simultaneously, the wave of quits and job switches now known as the Great Resignation shows that workers are on the hunt for better jobs. To recruit and retain employees in a tight labor market,

employers are raising wages and offering better benefits and flexible working arrangements.

Amid these labor-friendly conditions, another historic source of worker power may be making a comeback: unions. Recent union drives at major U.S. employers like Starbucks and Amazon have grabbed headlines, and Congress is currently considering the PRO

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The New York State Department of Labor Announces New Social Media Account To Improve Accessibility For Spanish-Speaking New Yorkers

New Facebook Account Created to Ensure Spanish-Speaking New Yorkers Have Access to Important Information and Updates, Follows New Twitter Account

"Follow" the New York State Department of Labor en Espanol Page on Facebook to Connect to Free New York State Resources and Services

The New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) today announced the launch of a new Facebook account to expand accessibility for Spanish-speaking New Yorkers. This follows DOL's recent addition of a new Twitter account geared toward improved accessibility for Hispanic New Yorkers. Spanish-speaking residents can "Follow" the New York State Department of Labor en Espanol page on Facebook to receive

information on job and training opportunities, worker rights and protections, Unemployment Insurance (UI), immigration policies, and other important employment resources. This page will also provide COVID-19 updates and information, as well as New York State programs and resources directed towards Spanish-speaking workers and families. These new, more accessible social media pages will help ensure all New Yorkers have access to the information they need.

"We've been dealing with a series of fast-paced challenges over the last few years, and social media is an essential tool to keep New Yorkers updated in real time," said New York State Department of Labor Commissioner Roberta Reardon. "The addition of these

more accessible social media resources will ensure all New Yorkers are kept up to date on how the Department of Labor can help them."

New York State continues to be a national leader in language access. All vital NYSDOL documents are available in 11 languages and NYSDOL's website chatbot currently communicates with New Yorkers in nine different languages. When administering the historic \$2.1 billion Excluded Workers Fund in August 2021, NYSDOL launched a state-of-the-art application to enable thousands of New Yorkers to apply in 13 different languages.

Learn more about language access services offered through NYSDOL. New Yorkers in need of additional language assistance can call 1-888-469-7365.

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school is in recess, we have a lot of young people who don't have anything to do or anywhere to go and that's when they start hanging around with the wrong people and getting themselves into trouble," Sanders said. "Then we have the foolishness of disputes among neighbors over parking spots and such, along with gang violence, and random acts of religious violence such as has been perpetrated against the Sikh community. We need to come together as people of good will in order to be proactive."

These community conversations were all the more timely because the Supreme Court recently struck down New York's 100-year-old conceal and carry law, which requires applicants to provide proper

cause to carry handguns in public. This could be potentially devastating as we move forward to promote community safety.

The violence interrupter groups that were present such as Rock Safe Streets and Fathers Alive in the Hood (F.A.I.T.H.) seemed to agree that peaceful conflict resolution is always the goal and that the community needs to take some responsibility about when to call the police, especially when they believe violence may escalate and when neighbors are not getting along.

Community concerns included bail reform, noise complaints, car jackings, domestic violence and illegal drugs. One question that a few people asked the police was - are most of the guns involved in violent crimes obtained legally or

illegally - and the answer was illegally. The community also wanted to know with conceal and carry being overturned, how can they prepare for the coming change in the environment, if there is no current plan.

Some solutions were: getting young people involved in police youth programs such as the explorers, taking youth to jails to see what it's like to be incarcerated - the so-called "scared straight" method, and teaching youth about firearms and how they can be used safely at a firing range thereby taking away the fascination or mystery of guns.

"We are involved in spiritual warfare," said Kenny Carter, Founder of Fathers Alive in the Hood (F.A.I.T.H.). "We are fighting for the souls of our children."

Addition at National Korean War Veterans Memorial to be Unveiled July 27

Just in time for the 69th anniversary of the end of the Korean War, on July 27, 2022, massive renovations to the Korean War Veterans Memorial will be unveiled, featuring the addition of the Wall of Remembrance. A stunning counterpoint to the iconic mural wall and steel sculptures, it will feature the names of the fallen, including 36,000-plus U.S. soldiers, and for the first time ever, 7,000-plus KATUSA soldiers who fought alongside U.S. soldiers to defend the people of South Korea and preserve democracy.

In 1995, visionary industrial designer Louis Nelson conceived and spent five years creating the striking, original and unforgettable granite mural featuring the faces of those who served in America's "Forgotten War." In tandem with Frank Gaylord's haunting steel sculptures and the addition of the Wall of Remembrance, Nelson's wall continues to form a lasting tribute to both those who gave their lives and those who survived the brutal first salvo of the Cold War.

In honor of this monument as well as his experiences in the Korean War, Louis Nelson wrote his deeply ruminative memoir, *Mosaic: War Monument Mystery* (Original Trade Paperback; ISBN: 978-1098366124), which details not only his personal process and intentions in designing the mural,

but also explores the complex web of motivations, aspirations, conflicts and controversies that accompany the building of memorials, especially those commemorating war.

"The basis of all my work," Nelson explains, "is the purity and simplicity of design relationships working hand in hand with the story, the clear narrative to move people to understand and perhaps take action and assure their comfort in that process. At its core is that it must matter."

Fittingly, in *Mosaic*, Nelson blends aspects of his own autobiography, recounting the journey that shaped the work he designs. Raised in the melting pot of New York City, he studied at Pratt before a stint as a U.S. Army helicopter pilot. Military life, as absorbing as it was, took its toll on his first marriage, and he left the service, narrowly escaping a probable tour of duty in Vietnam. Returning to Pratt for graduate school, he went on to an eminent career as an industrial designer.

In 1990, Nelson was asked to design the mural, and he immersed himself in the often-overlooked history of the Korean conflict. This profound engagement gave him great insight into the human reality of the war—a reality he chose to recreate and celebrate through some 2,000 faces, taken from actual photographs from the

military archives. Engraved into the granite through a constellation of points, these are images of different groups of occupations in each of the services—from truck drivers to pilots, signal men to telephone operators, boatswains to bridge builders, doctors and nurses to cooks.

Nelson places the Korean War Veterans Memorial into multiple contexts: its physical and symbolic placement on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., straddling the Lincoln Memorial and providing a balancing arm to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial; its historical lineage in the long tradition of memorials to soldiers and conflict—in America and beyond; its healing powers as a place of remembrance and reflection for those who lived the experience or loved someone who did; and illumination for those who need to be reminded of the call of duty and the sacrifices these no longer faceless service members made.

"Louis Nelson's memorial about bringing to granite life the storied history of a memorial to a ghastly war is a memorial in itself," says Lionel Tiger, Charles Darwin Professor Emeritus of Anthropology, Rutgers University. "It celebrates with painful candor the skill, stubbornness, and raw political talent necessary to commemorate with dignity the intricate pain and challenge of a national war."

Finishers Recruit Apprentices

The Finishing Trades Institute of New York will conduct a recruitment from August 9, 2022 through August 22, 2022 for 50 Dry Wall Taper (Finisher) apprentices, the New York State Department of Labor announced.

Please note, the openings listed for apprentices represent the total number for two recruitment regions – the New York City and Long Island regions.

Applications can be obtained, in person only, from the Finishing Trades Institute of New York, 45-15 36th Street, Long Island City, NY, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. during the recruitment period. This is a limited-application recruitment. Only 500 applications will be distributed, on a first-come, first-served basis. The recruitment will be offered for 10 business days or until 500 applications have been issued, whichever comes first.

The Committee requires that applicants:

- Must be at least 18 years old.
- Must have a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma (such as TASC or GED). Proof will be required at time of enrollment in apprenticeship.
- Must attend a mandatory orientation which includes an evaluation for working from heights and completing a personal statement.
- Must sign an affidavit attesting that they are physically able to perform the work of a Dry Wall Taper (Finisher), which may include:
 - Lifting and moving heavy equipment, and/or materials weighing up to 70 pounds.
 - Working from ladders, scaffolds, stilts, and personal lifts, which may exceed 100 feet in height.
 - Must take and pass a drug test, at the expense of the sponsor, after selection and randomly throughout the apprenticeship.
- Must be able to travel throughout the five boroughs of New York

City, Westchester County, and Long Island to reach job sites.

- Must be able to hear and understand instructions and warnings in English.

For further information, applicants should contact the Finishing Trades Institute of New York at (718) 937-7440. Additional job search assistance can be obtained at your local New York State Department of Labor Career Center (see: dol.ny.gov/career-centers).

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

Suoizzi Touts Historic Gun Violence Prevention Legislation at White House; Calls For More Action

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and keep our communities safe."

The landmark legislation, which Suozzi supported and includes measures he has long called for action on, expands background checks for individuals between the ages of 18-21, encourages states to pass red flag laws that restrict individuals who are deemed a danger to themselves or others from purchasing guns, and seeks to close the "boyfriend loophole" so that individuals who are convicted of assaulting a dating partner are unable to buy firearms.

More particularly, the historic legislation includes the following:

- Support for State Crisis Intervention Orders (Red Flag)
- Provides \$750 million in funding to state & tribal authorities to create & administer red flag laws
- Investment in Children and Family Mental Health Services
- \$11 billion investment in building out a nationwide system of mental health clinics, telehealth consultations with mental health professionals, suicide prevention, etc.
- Closing the "boyfriend loophole" to protect victims of domestic violence
- Currently, people convicted of abusing a spouse, cohabitant, or partner they have a child with are prevented from owning a gun for the rest of their lives
- This proposal would expand that prohibition to intimate partners not included under current law and individuals with restraining orders against them for the duration of the order. The prohibition would last 5 years.
- Funding for School and Community Safety Resources
- Invests \$2 billion in anti-violence programs and the bipartisan STOP School Violence Program
- Efforts to combat gun trafficking
- Clarification of the definition

of licensed gun dealers

- Crack down on straw purchases
- Enhanced background checks for gun purchases by under 21-year-olds

- This background check will take 3-10 days, instituting a mandatory cooling off period
- Penalties for straw purchasing
- Cracks down on criminals who illegally purchase weapons with the intent to resell or give firearms to someone who is not legally allowed to own the weapon

In Congress, Suozzi has sponsored all major gun violence prevention legislation, including:

- Protecting Our Kids (HR 7910) – House gun violence prevention package that included the prohibition of semiautomatic firearms to under 21s, bans high-capacity ammunition and bump stocks, and crack down on ghost guns and gun trafficking. House passed.
- Extreme Risk Protection Order (HR 2377) – Established a federal red flag law keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people. House passed.
- Bipartisan Background Checks Act (HR 8) – Requires background checks on all gun sales, closing loopholes that allow 80% of the guns used for criminal purposes to be obtained without background checks.
- Enhanced Background Checks Act (HR 1446) – Establishes a minimum 10-day background check and closes loopholes that prevent the ownership of guns before the background check ends.
- Assault Weapons Ban (HR 1808) – Prohibits the sale of semiautomatic assault weapons and large capacity feeding devices.
- Raise the Age Act (HR 3015) – Raises the minimum age to purchase semiautomatic, centerfire rifles from 18-21.
- Ethan's Law (HR 748) – Establishes a framework to regulate safe storage of firearms on residential premises, especially if a minor is likely to gain access.

Meta, Queens Chamber of Commerce Host Roundtable For Queens . . .

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ner, always eager to help develop the tech ecosystem in Queens and support small businesses in our community with their tech needs," said Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. "We were delighted to bring these great Queens small businesses together with Nicola, Alvin and Sandra, and thank them for hosting this thoughtful and

productive discussion."

About the Queens Chamber of Commerce - The Queens Chamber of Commerce is the oldest and largest business association in Queens, representing more than 1,400 businesses and more than 150,000 Queens-based employees. Its mission is to foster connections, educate for success, develop/implement programs and advocate for members' interests. www.queenschamber.org

Attorney General's Office of Special Investigation Opens Investigation Into Civilian Death in Queens

The New York Attorney General's Office of Special Investigation (OSI) has opened an investigation into the death of Raul Hardy, who died on July 9, 2022, following an encounter with members of the New York City Police Department (NYPD).

On the evening of July 9, an individual placed multiple threatening calls to 911 and members of the NYPD were dispatched to the individual's house. When officers arrived at the residence in Saint

Albans, Queens, they encountered Mr. Hardy outside the residence. Officers instructed Mr. Hardy to show his hands, but Mr. Hardy did not comply and allegedly pointed a gun at the officers. Gunfire was then exchanged, and Mr. Hardy was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead. Officers recovered a gun at the scene.

Pursuant to New York State Executive Law Section 70-b, OSI assesses every incident reported to it where a police officer or a

peace officer, including a corrections officer, may have caused the death of a person, by an act or omission. Under the law, the officer may be on-duty or off-duty, and the decedent may be armed or unarmed. Also, the decedent may or may not be in custody or incarcerated. If OSI's assessment indicates an officer caused the death, OSI proceeds to conduct a full investigation of the incident.

These are preliminary facts and subject to change.

New York State Has the 2nd Highest Union Participation Rate in the U.S.

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Act, a major piece of legislation to strengthen unions. But support for unions is more widespread than that. A majority of Americans believe that declines in union membership have been bad for the country, and according to the National Labor Relations Board, petitions for union elections na-

tionwide rose by 57% from 2021 to 2022.

While labor organizing appears to be on the rise again, unions have a ways to go to reverse the long-running decline in unionization of recent decades. Forty years ago, one in five U.S. workers (20.1%) was a union member, but today, that figure is approximately one in ten (10.3%).

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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 RJ 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: Occupational Therapy. 6/16,23,30,7/7,14&21/2022

Notice of Formation of KONDOR PRIMARY CARE PLLC Articles of Organization. filed with Secretary of State of NY. ("SSNY") on 04/29/2022. Office location in QUEENS COUNTY. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to: 142-10B Roosevelt Ave, STE P24, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activity. 6/23,30,7/7,14,21&28/2022

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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 Queens Village Dry Cleaners LLC. Art of Org filed with the Sec State NY on 5/10/2022. Located in Queens. SSNY has been designated for services of process. For any lawful purpose mail copy of process to LLC: 3612 34th Ave, Astoria, NY 11106. 6/30,7/7,14,21,28&8/4/2022

29-13 21st Avenue LLC filed w/ SSNY on 6/9/22. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 29-13 21st Ave., Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: any lawful. 6/30,7/7,14,21,28&8/4/2022

5761 HOLDING LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 5/26/22. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 25410 Northern Blvd Little Neck NY 11362. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 6/30,7/7,14,21,28&8/4/2022

127 HALE AVE LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/26/22. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, c/o Hunzah Ahmad, 1437 30th Road, Astoria, NY 11102, which also serves as the registered agent address. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 6/30,7/7,14,21,28&8/4/2022

Notice of Formation of ROQUE MFG LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/28/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 117-15 142nd Place, Jamaica, NY 11436. Purpose: any lawful activities. 7/7,14,21,28,8/4&11/2022

47-24 41st Street, LLC (the "LLC") filed Articles of Organization with the New York Department of State on 6/16/2021. Office location: Queens County. Tatiana Morales is designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and is directed to forward service of process to 47-20 41st Street, # 1R, Sunnyside, NY, 11104. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/7,14,21,28,8/4&11/2022

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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS - Branch Banking and Trust Company, Plaintiff, against SAIDUR RAHMAN, if living and if any be dead, and all the heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid defendants, next of kin, distributees, devisees, grantees, trustees, lienors, creditors, assignees, and successors in interest of any of the aforesaid classes of person, if they or any of them be dead, and their respective husbands, wives or widows, if any, and all of whom and whose names and places of residence are unknown to plaintiff, except as herein stated; New York State Department of Taxation and Finance; New York City Environmental Control Board; New York City Department of Finance Parking Violations Bureau; United States of America o/b/o Internal Revenue Service; John Doe #1 through #6, and Jane Doe #1 through #6, the last twelve names being fictitious, it being the intention of Plaintiff to designate any and all occupants, tenants, persons or corporations, if any, having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the premises being foreclosed herein, Defendants-Index No. 712987/2019. Plaintiff Designates Queens County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Queens County. To the above named Defendants-YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); the United States of America may appear or answer within 60 days of service hereof; and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an order of the court dated February 1, 2021. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME - If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending

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a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (Branch Banking and Trust Company) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Robert I. Caloras, J.S.C dated and filed February 1, 2021. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 25-05 87th Street, East Elmhurst, New York 11369 located at Block 1361 and Lot 72 Dated: June, 2022 Greenspoon Marder, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Raspreet Bhatia, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800 New York, NY 10022 (212) 524-5000. Please respond to Cypress Creek office: Trade Centre South 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888)-491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982. 7/14,21,28&8/4/2022

NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF QUEENS PennyMac Loan Services, LLC, Plaintiff AGAINST Gena V. Marcblle a/k/a Gena V. Marcelle, Stephen Emmanuel, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered December 17, 2021, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction on the Courthouse steps of the Queens Supreme Court, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York on August 12, 2022 at 12:30PM, premises known as 20 1st Street, Rosedale a/k/a Jamaica, NY 11422. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being in the Borough and County of Queens, City and State of New York, BLOCK: 13921, LOT: 105. Approximate amount of judgment \$515,551.91 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #702822/2018. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the QUEENS County COVID-19 Protocols located on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) website (<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.shtml>) and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. Arthur Terranova, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-086881-F00 70838. 7/14,21,28&8/4/2022



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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

Notice of Formation of 21 ST VENTURES, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 01/12/2022. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 3366 Farrington Street, Suite 200, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful activities. 6/23,30,7/7,14,21&28/2022

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TEYANG LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/28/2022. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Lobsang Yeshi, 45-45 48th St, Apt 2G, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 6/30,7/7,14,21,28&8/4/2022

2620 REAL ESTATE GROUP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/19/19. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 2620 30th Street, Astoria, NY 11102. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 7/14,21,28,8/4,11&18/2022



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\$600 per week, with one and two-week options. Space is limited so register now at rownewyork.org/camps. What will campers experience? - Campers spend time outdoors on the lake learning a new sport, getting fit, having fun, and making friends. Athletes will build strength and stamina by learning the basics of the sport of rowing. In Fall 2022, campers can try out for Row New York's year-round program. In addition to rowing, the year-round program offers academic support, college prep, college trips, racing trips, and more. For further info visit <https://rownewyork.org/>



Justice Summer Interns Softball Outing



The Queens District Attorneys Office 2022 Brave Justice summer interns experience a rigorous and engaging program to better familiarize themselves with the criminal justice process. This week, the interns took an off-hours break to play a friendly game of softball along with some of our Assistant District Attorneys.

In Memory of Anthony Indelicato

November 18, 1919 – July 8, 2022



Anthony Indelicato was a life-long resident of Corona Heights and at 103 years of age he was the oldest member of Flanders Field VFW Post #150 until his passing. Anthony who was born in 1919 was four months short of turning 104 years of age this year.

Tony, a US Air Force Veteran, flew bombing missions over Germany during WW II.

Tony and his brother who also passed opened Indelicato Foods in Corona Heights.

For many years Tony served as an usher at St Leo's Church and was an active member of the Corona community.

Tony was well liked and will be extremely missed. Tony, Rest in Peace.



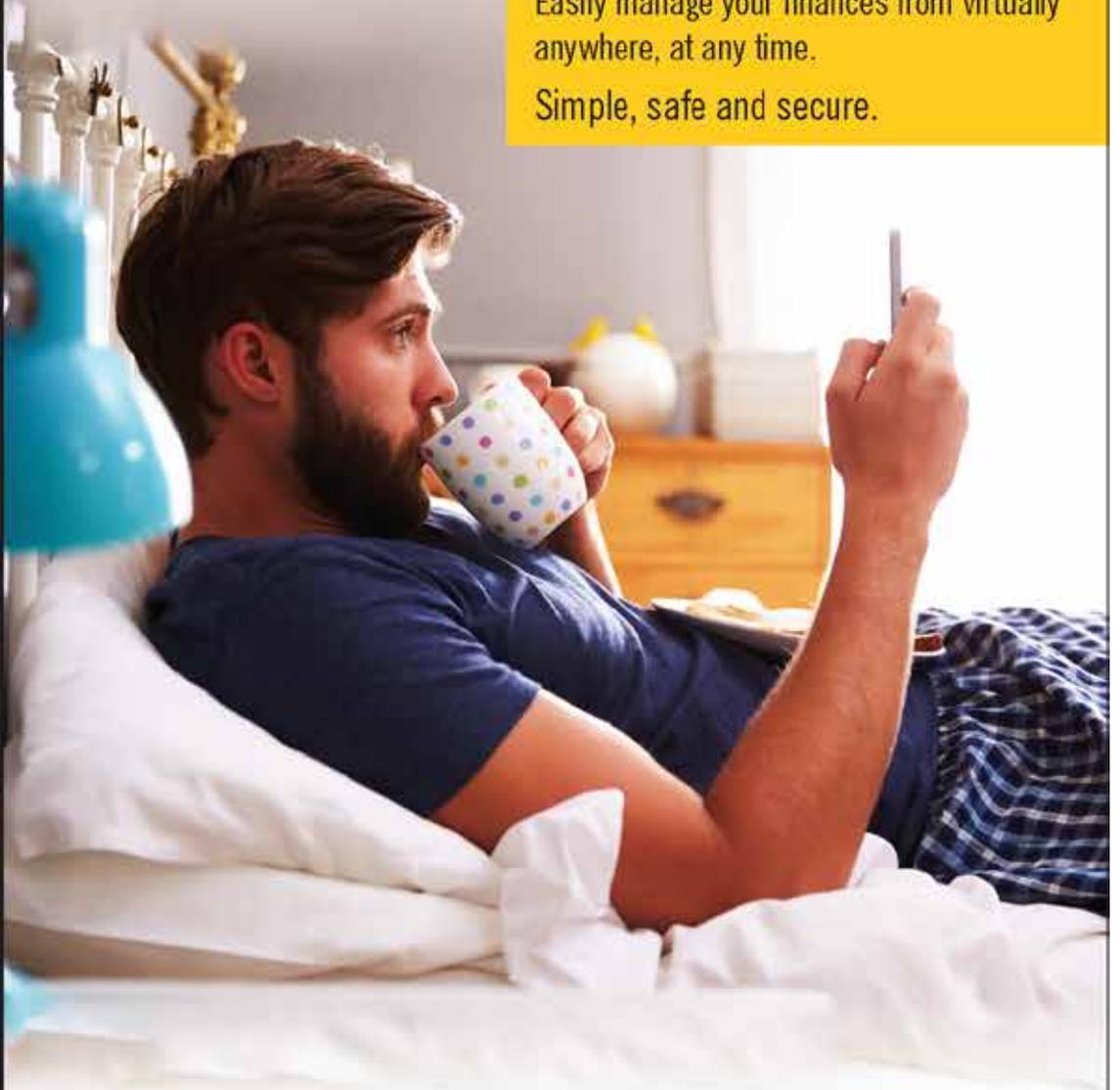
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