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Knights of Columbus Launches Fundraiser to Restore Vandalized Statues at Forest Hills Church

After two statues were vandalized at Our Lady of Mercy Roman Catholic Church in Forest Hills last week, organizers have launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise funds to replace the 84-year-old statues.

The Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization dedicated to promoting and conducting educational, charitable, religious and social welfare works, are seeking to raise \$25,000.

Brian Allen, who organized the fundraiser on behalf of the organization and the church, said they're honored to work with Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Academy to help raise the necessary funds to restore the statues.

"We were all saddened and hurt by last week's senseless attack," Allen told QNS in a statement. "However, the support from the community has been overwhelming. It has been truly humbling and inspiring to see over 125 families quickly step forward to support our campaign, which has already raised almost \$20,000 in less than a week."

Donations can also be sent directly to the rectory at Our Lady of Mercy Church, located at 70-01 Kessel St. in Forest Hills.

In the early morning of July 17, the statues of the Blessed

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DANIELLE'S 7th BIRTHDAY



Danielle's family want to thank the members of New York Fire Department – (FDNY) Engine 295- Ladder 144 in Whitestone, Queens for helping make Danielle's 7th birthday celebration a very special event that she and our entire family will never forget. The phenomenal members of the FDNY are not only dedicated to keeping people safe they also specialize in bringing a smile to a 7 year old on her 7th Birthday. See other photo on page 7.

Assemblyman David Weprin Presents Proclamation to Dr. Sheldon Schwartz on His 102nd Birthday



Assemblyman David Weprin presents Dr. Sheldon Schwartz with a Proclamation on his 102nd Birthday

Assemblyman David Weprin presented an Assembly Proclamation to Dr. Sheldon Schwartz on his 102nd birthday. Family members of Dr. Schwartz, members of JASA Holliswood Senior Center, and Assemblyman Weprin celebrated the centenarian's many accomplishments in life. Born on July 21, 1919, Mr. Schwartz attended Richmond Hill High School. Mr.

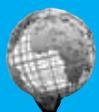
Schwartz went on to graduate cum laude from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and earned his medical degree from NYU's School of Medicine. Dr. Schwartz was the Chief of the Clinic of Arthritis and Rheumatism at Bellevue Hospital and was the first Chairman of Rheumatology at Long Island

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Amazin' MTA Employees Honored at Citi Field in On-Field Ceremony



Employees Recognized by Mets for Hard Work and Dedication Serving New York Throughout the Pandemic. See story on page 7.



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Mother and St. Therese the Little Flower that have stood outside of the Forest Hills church since 1937, were dragged across 70th Avenue where they were smashed with a hammer, according to the Diocese of Brooklyn.

The following day, police released surveillance footage of a female suspect vandalizing

the statues. The video shows the woman repeatedly slamming the statues to the ground, causing them to break. The woman then fled the scene.

Police say the suspect is in her mid-20s, with a medium complexion, average build and wearing all black clothing.

The NYPD's Hate Crimes Unit and the 112th Precinct are investigating the incident. Anyone with

information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 800-577-TIPS (8477).

Anyone with information in regard to this incident is asked to call the NYPD's Crime Stoppers Hotline at 800-577-TIPS (8477) or for Spanish, 888-57-PISTA (74782). The public can also submit their tips by logging onto the Crime Stoppers website at nypd-crimestoppers.com, or on Twitter @NYPDtips.

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Jewish Hospital. Moreover, Dr. Schwartz helped build Hillcrest General Hospital where he served as the Chief of Medicine. In addition to his successful career in medicine, Dr. Schwartz is a mem-

ber of the JASA Holliswood Senior Center and the Young Israel of Holliswood. Dr. Schwartz is married to Marlene Wadler. She was by his side during the celebration.

"Sheldon Schwartz devoted his life to serving others by working as a doctor in Queens. Perhaps,

a commitment to making things better for people in need is the secret to longevity. We would all do well by following Dr. Schwartz's example. I am happy to recognize this hometown hero with a Proclamation," said Assemblyman Weprin.

Senator Gillibrand Announces Legislation to Support Direct Care Workforce & Family Caregivers

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) announced her support for the Supporting Our Direct Care Workforce and Family Caregivers Act, which would authorize over \$1 billion to support the direct care workforce and family caregivers. As the U.S. recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to experience growing numbers of older adults and people with disabilities, investing in New York's direct care workforce and family caregivers is more important than ever.

According to recent statistics, there are 2.5 million unpaid caregivers throughout New York State, and more than 1 in 5 Americans are currently involved in family caregiving for loved ones who are ill, disabled, or elderly. Consequently, tens of millions of Americans leave the workforce entirely or significantly reduce their hours in order to care for loved ones at some point in their career. Providing better pay and benefits, education and training, and stronger career advancement opportunities to promote retention are key investments needed to meet the moment. This legislation is one-step forward in providing much-needed financial relief for caregivers and their families across our state.

"We need to invest in our care infrastructure, which means investing in the caregiving workforce that makes all other work

possible," said Senator Gillibrand. "The Supporting Our Direct Care Workforce and Family Caregivers Act would help support care workers, family caregivers, and importantly, the older adults and people with disabilities that depend on them to live full, independent lives."

Specifically, the Supporting Our Direct Care Workforce and Family Caregivers Act would:

- Direct the Department of Health and Human Services, through the Administration on Community Living (ACL), to award grants to states or other eligible entities for initiatives to build, retain, train, and otherwise promote the direct care workforce, including self-directed workers and direct care supervisors or managers, and to provide grants for states or other eligible entities for educational and training support for both paid and unpaid family caregivers.
- Direct ACL to develop a center to offer technical assistance to grant awardees and other entities interested in direct care workforce development and in supporting family caregivers, aimed at collaboration across federal agencies. The assistance at the center includes:
 - Working with states, key stakeholders, and other interested entities to establish career development and advancement strategies for direct care professionals, which may include oc-

cupational frameworks, national standards, recruitment campaigns, pre-apprenticeship and on-the-job training opportunities, apprenticeship programs, career ladders or pathways, specializations or certifications, or other activities.

- Exploring the national data gaps, workforce shortage areas, and data collection strategies for direct care professionals.
- Developing recommendations for training and education curricula for direct care professionals and family caregivers.
- Disseminating information and best practices from lessons learned through the grants.

Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) introduced the Supporting Our Direct Care Workforce and Family Caregivers Act. Senators Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), Bob Casey (D-PA), Maggie Hassan (D-NH), Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Jack Reed (D-RI), Ron Wyden (D-OR), and Jacky Rosen (D-NV) are original co-sponsors of the legislation.

This legislation is supported by the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR), the Arc of the United States, the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals, Inc. (NADSP), the Public Health Institute (PHI), the National Disability Rights Network (NDRN), the National Domestic Workers Alliance, and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

Biden-Harris Administration Provides \$121 Million in American Rescue Plan Funds to Support Local Community Based Efforts to Increase COVID-19 Vaccinations in Underserved Communities

As part of its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Biden-Harris Administration is providing \$121 million to support the work of trusted community-based efforts to increase vaccinations in underserved communities. These awards will go to community-based organizations across the country that are working in their communities to build vaccine confidence, share factual information about vaccines, and

answer people's questions about getting vaccinated. This investment is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's commitment to support and empower local trusted voices within communities to help encourage vaccination, protect more people, and save lives. This funding was made available by the American Rescue Plan and is being distributed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

These awards, in addition to \$125 million awarded last month, establish, expand and sustain community-based efforts to mobilize community outreach workers, community health workers, patient navigators, social support specialists and others to increase vaccinations.

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Senators Mayer And Liu, Assembly Member Benedetto Oppose SUNY Trustees' Attempt to Circumvent Charter Cap

Education Chairs Demand Trustees Rescind Improper Charter School Approval

Senator Shelley Mayer, chair of the NYS Senate Education Committee, Senator John Liu, chair of the Senate NYC Education Committee, and Assembly Member Michael Benedetto, chair of the NYS Assembly Education Committee, released a joint letter opposing the SUNY Board of Trustees' attempt to circumvent the charter school cap through approving the creation of Vertex Partnership Academies. The legislative chairpersons called for the SUNY Board of Trustees to rescind their approval of the proposal.

The letter to SUNY Board Chair Merryl Tisch and the SUNY Board of Trustees (attached below) notes that approval of Vertex Partnership Academies "circumvents current law and sets a grave precedent on the approval of school charters." Although the application purports to be a revision of two other charter networks, the creation of Vertex Partnership Academies in fact creates a new, separate school with accountability, funding and operations entirely unconnected to the existing charter schools. Indeed, the New York State Board of Regents determined earlier this month that the application violates the current statutory limit on charter schools.

Senator Liu said, "It's rather shocking that our SUNY Trustees would embrace an end-run around the law. State law limits the number of charter schools in New York City and that limitation has been reached. This action by the SUNY Trustees violates the statutory cap; indeed, their decision directly conflicts with the determination by the Board of Regents that the Vertex application is improper. Left unchecked, SUNY's action further sets a horrible precedent

and undermines legislative oversight of New York schools. The Trustees should discard the Vertex proposal immediately."

Senator Mayer said, "The New York State Education Department has determined that Vertex Partnership Academies intends to operate as a new charter high school in New York City. Final approval of this school by the SUNY Board of Trustees would result in circumventing New York State law, which caps the number of City charters. I support the Board of Regents action and urge the SUNY Board of Trustees to do the right thing and rescind their preliminary approval."

Assembly Member Benedetto said, "We cannot permit the SUNY Trustees to usurp legislative prerogatives. It's in the law — plain and simple — only the legislature can raise the charter cap."

Antonia Ferraro, Community Education Council 15 Co-Vice President said, "It is obvious that this was a creative attempt by Charters to subvert the cap. The cap must be respected. NYC already has 80% of the charters in the state and with enrollment declining citywide there just isn't the need."

"I am happy to see the Board of Regents respecting the spirit of the charter school cap, and not merely the letter," said Erika Kendall, Community Education Council 17 President and Education Council Consortium Charter Committee Co-Chair. "The cap may not explicitly outlaw the reissuing or restructuring of charter schools, but this situation signals to us that it is time to take a look at regulating that, too. Charter schools operate numerous schools within New York City, with a large percentage of these schools having dozens of seats available. At this point, parents who want to enroll their children in charters have countless options available

to them. To continue to approve more schools now, when some districts are besieged by charters and others have very few, would create a system that is not only inequitable but destabilizing for the school communities being targeted. It is high time to begin the conversation regarding what accountability looks like for these schools, and the standards that our authorizing bodies use to evaluate their outcomes. We are decades in on the charter experiment, and we need policies, procedures, and legislation that reflects what we see in the results. I appreciate Senator Liu's leadership in these complex conversations, and look forward to partnering with him to bring New York City's families the schools they so richly deserve."

Farah Despeignes, president of the Community Education Council 8 and of the Bronx Parent Leaders Advocacy Group said, "On behalf of Bronx District Public Schools' parent leaders, I join Senator Mayer, Senator Liu and Assemblyman Benedetto in opposing the SUNY Board of Trustees attempt to circumvent the charter cap through the creation of Vertex Partnership Academies as an atrocious act of dismissing the cries of parents who resist the notion that underserved communities ought to be the oasis of charter schools, further perpetuating the educational inequities and disparities that exist in our communities, while simultaneously presenting charter schools as the savior of our children in underserved communities. I call on the Chairs for the SUNY Board of Trustees to rescind the proposal and instead work on making charter schools more accountable and on dispelling the myths about the performance of charter schools in our communities that have been propagated for far too long at the expense of good district schools."

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"We understand the important role trusted messengers in local communities play to help people make informed health care decisions, including whether to get a COVID-19 vaccine," said HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra. "Today's investments are part of the Biden-Harris Administration's efforts to strengthen equity and support organizations that focus on underserved communities as they work to increase vaccinations and keep people safe and healthy."

Award recipients will engage with regional and local partners, including faith-based organiza-

tions, regional and local health departments, health centers and other community-based health providers, and minority-serving institutions, to reach underserved and high-risk communities to help bolster COVID-19 vaccination rates. For example, this funding will be used to support partnerships between academic and community-based organizations like churches and local fire departments to improve COVID-19 health literacy and vaccination rates in rural counties. Likewise, funding will support African American, Latino, and Tribal partnerships that engage clergy, churchgoers, adolescents, and oth-

ers with trusted information about vaccines and work within their communities to get more people vaccinated.

"This community-based COVID-19 vaccine outreach program will make it possible to reach people in vulnerable and medically underserved communities and help reduce disparities in COVID-19 vaccination rates," said Acting HRSA Administrator Diana Espinosa.

For a list of awards recipients, see <https://www.hrsa.gov/coronavirus/local-community-based-workforce>.

Contact CBOVaccineOutreach@hrsa.gov with questions.

QBP Richards on Covid-19 Vaccine And Testing Mandate For City Workers

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. stated the following in response to Mayor de Blasio's newly issued mandate that all municipal employees receive a COVID-19 vaccine or submit to weekly COVID-19 testing ahead of the commencement of the 2021-22 school year:

"The science is clear: Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is the best way to protect ourselves, our families and our communities from a vicious virus that has killed more than 8,600 of our fellow Queens residents and delivered

an unprecedented blow to our borough. Mayor de Blasio's announcement today is a common-sense investment in the overall safety and ultimate recovery of our city, while also respecting reasonable accommodations on an individual basis," said Borough President Richards. "We've come too far and lost too much in the fight against COVID-19 to not defeat this once and for all. The vaccines are safe, free and effective. If you have not already, visit nyc.gov/vaccinefinder and get your shot today."

Council Member James F. Gennaro Speaks Out Against Spike in Anti-Asian Hate Crimes in District

"Earlier this week, Maricia Bell, a Queens resident, was arraigned on a complaint charging her with four separate and unprovoked anti-Asian hate crimes across my district. I am deeply disturbed by the rise in hate crimes against Asian New Yorkers — especially in the communities I represent. No one should ever have to walk in fear of their lives because of their race, religion, or sexual orientation. These shocking and disturbing

acts of violence against Asians will not be tolerated. Thankfully, Bell is being held without bail and is facing a hefty sentence in prison, where I hope she will be for a long time.

I vow to continue working with the 107th Precinct to increase police presence in my Council District, and to continue partnering with DA Katz to ensure anyone who commits such a despicable crime is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

First Measures of Mitchell-Lama Reform Signed Into Law Pheffer Amato Announces

Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) announced that her bill, A.7671/S.7026, has been signed into law by Governor Cuomo. This bill enables Mitchell-Lama co-op apartment shareholders to apply their existing equity toward a new apartment, whether they are upsizing or downsizing. When relocating to a smaller or larger apartment, former policy in certain co-ops did not allow shareholders to contribute their existing equity to a new unit. This law brings uniformed standards to the Mitchell-Lama program for dwellers who want to move into a new unit within their existing complex. Senator Brian Kavanagh sponsored the bill in the Senate.

"I've lived in a Mitchell-Lama co-op for over 30 years, and I have witnessed firsthand the effects of outdated policy on shareholders. This is just the start of reforms that we need," Pheffer Amato said. "This bill ensures

that shareholders are not kept in the dark about how much the downsizing or upsizing process costs. If you work hard, pay your maintenance, and build equity the right way, then you should be able to access your equity, and understand exactly how much it applies to your new unit. I would like to thank the Mitchell-Lama advocates who have worked with me on this, the many residents of Dayton Towers and Dayton Beach Park who brought their concerns to my office, and Senator Kavanagh for successfully moving this bill through the Senate. We must continue the work and ensure that Mitchell-Lama co-ops remain as a source of affordable and equitable home ownership."

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed this bill on July 16, 2021 and it has now become law. Any shareholder who requests a written statement of their shares and equity in the building must now be provided with one.



Queens Skyscraper Cuts Emissions And Costs With Energy-Efficiency Upgrade

Con Edison Incentives Help Long Island City Office Tower Shrink Power Consumption Up to 20 Percent

Con Edison and its partners have completed a major energy-efficiency upgrade at the One Court Square skyscraper in Long Island City, Queens, cutting the building's carbon emissions, easing demands on the local power grid and saving the customer money.

The One Court Square project is the largest electric-efficiency retrofit at an office building that Con Edison has undertaken. The 53-story building is owned by Savanna, a New York real estate investment manager.

The green-tinted skyscraper is a fixture of the Queens skyline, and one of New York's tallest buildings outside Manhattan.

"The vast majority of the buildings that exist today in New York City will still be here 50 years from now, which is why energy efficiency is often our first and best tool for reducing carbon emissions," said Amaury De La Cruz, program manager for energy efficiency at Con Edison. "The One Court Square upgrade is a win-win-win for the customer, the environment, and the reliability of New York City's electric grid."

The upgrade improved heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) systems throughout the 31-year-old building, and will save an estimated 4.4 million kilowatt-hours of electricity each year, or as much as 20 percent of the building's previous consumption.

Con Edison provided incentives toward the \$5.8 million upgrade that will allow the building owner to come out ahead financially in less than a year.

In addition to reducing overall energy consumption, the upgrade will lower the building's peak demand for power, helping Con Edison strengthen the reliability of the electric grid in this rapidly developing neighborhood.

"One Court Square, with the help from Con Edison, is a great example of how we can retool our existing buildings to enhance the quality of life today and make them more sustainable for the future," said Ben Furnas, director of the NYC Mayor's Office of Climate and Sustainability. "We applaud Savanna for taking on a major energy-efficiency upgrade to meet the city's ambitious carbon emissions targets, improve reliability of the electric grid, and increase tenants' comfort."

"It has been our pleasure working with Con Edison as a partner to achieve significant energy savings by upgrading our base building systems in a cost-effective manner," said Peter Rosenthal, principal, director of development at Savanna. "Our objectives at the outset of this important project were to improve energy efficiency, realize cost savings, and enhance the tenant experience at One Court Square, and we have



The One Court Square building in Queens. Photo by Savanna

achieved them all."

Efficiency Key to Tackling NYC's Building Emissions More than 70 percent of NYC's greenhouse gas emissions come from its buildings, but change is coming. Local Law 97, passed as part of 2019's Climate Mobilization Act, will require large building owners to sharply reduce their emissions in the years ahead, and Con Edison is ramping up its energy-efficiency programs to help its customers meet those goals.

The upgrade at One Court Square saw the building swapping out parts of its water-cooling and air-delivery systems for new, high-efficiency equipment and technologies. Such improvements make buildings more attractive places to live and work by improving comfort and air quality, and giving occupants more control over their environment.

One Court Square was also outfitted with new smart control technologies. Unlike older HVAC equipment, which often operates in on/off modes only, newer control systems allow operators to "dim" certain functions and make changes more smoothly, saving money and improving efficiency.

Machine learning will allow such control systems to evolve and become even more efficient over time.

Improving Reliability of NYC's Electric Grid One Court Square qualified for additional energy-efficiency incentives due to its location in an area with rising energy demand.

Con Edison encourages its customers to consider available incentives for upgrading their homes, businesses and industrial facilities with new equipment, which will save them money.

The company's energy-efficiency programs have grown rapidly in recent years, and its Clean Energy Commitment calls for investing another \$1.5 billion in efficiency projects by 2025.

Donovan Richards Jr., Queens Borough President:

"With extreme weather and a higher demand for electricity becoming far too common, we must leave no stone unturned in our effort to make Queens as efficient, resilient and sustainable as possible. We commend Con Edison and all involved for complet-

ing this crucial energy-efficiency upgrade of One Court Square and look forward to working with our partners on many more such projects in the future."

John Mandyck, CEO of Urban Green Council:

"With rapidly growing efficiency programs, utilities like Con Edison are uniquely positioned to drive climate progress. This impressive retrofit project shows how strong partnerships, financial support and engineering know-how will propel us toward a reliable grid and a low-carbon future for buildings."

Thomas J. Grech, President and CEO, Queens Chamber of Commerce:

"The Queens Chamber of Commerce, through its Energy & Environmental Committee, is laser-beam focused on making Queens County the greenest county in the U.S., and the activities of our long-term member Con Edison go a long way in getting there. We have fully embraced Local Law 97 and are working with all stakeholders – suppliers, contractors, building owners and operators – to attain these goals."

Elizabeth Lusskin, President, LIC Partnership:

"This is a landmark example of how great an impact an owner, in this case Savanna, can both have and realize from working with Con Edison to review and upgrade their energy systems. We work one on one with building and business owners throughout the LIC area, and encourage them to make sure they know all the available energy-efficiency incentives by connecting with Con Edison, for the sake of the grid, the environment and their bottom line. What Savanna and Con Edison have accomplished here is truly impactful, and we hope it inspires others to follow suit."

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Flushing Town Hall's Final Virtual Jazz Jam to Celebrate Birthdays of Louis Armstrong & Other Musicians on Wednesday, August 11, 2021

More than 200 musicians have participated and 7,000 viewers have tuned in to the virtual jams over the last 15 months

Virtual programming is free, but donations to support the cultural nonprofit are encouraged at flushingtownhall.org/donate

On Wednesday, August 11 at 7:00 PM (ET), Flushing Town Hall's Virtual Jazz Jam: Celebrating the Legacy of Louis Armstrong returns for the last time in its virtual-only format with the theme Celebrating Louis Armstrong's and other August birthdays. "What we play is life" - Louis Armstrong.

Since it first moved to a virtual format in April 2020, the monthly Jazz Jam has been one of Flushing Town Hall's most popular, recurring events during the pandemic, bringing thousands of jazz lovers from across the globe together online around a monthly theme.

In its final virtual jam before welcoming musicians back to in-person, live jams this coming September, Flushing Town Hall will present its house jazz band and participating jammers to celebrate jazz icon Louis Armstrong's birthday at the August 11th event.

Armstrong, who was born in New Orleans on August 4, 1901, made his way to New York in 1924, where he played in many clubs and on Broadway, helping spread the sound of jazz to a larger audience and earning the moniker, "the Godfather of Jazz." In 1943, Armstrong moved with his wife Lucille Wilson to his modest home in the working class neighborhood of Corona, Queens, where the couple lived together until his death in 1971. Today, the Louis Armstrong House is preserved as a historic site and world-class museum. Armstrong was also a philanthropist who established the Louis Armstrong Educational Foundation in 1969 to "give back to the world some of the goodness he received" through education, workshops, and programs about the history of music and jazz.

"It seems so fitting to be celebrating the legacy of Louis Armstrong, and other August birthdays this month at our last jam in the virtual world. I am excited to discover what legendary artists, past or present, our performers will choose to pay tribute to in our final virtual jam," says Flushing Town Hall's jazz band leader Carol Sudhalter. "We thank all who have stuck with us - audience and performers alike - who have dared to go with the changes this pandemic required of us. We look forward to our in-person return in September!"

Starting September 8, all Jazz Jams will be performed live from Flushing Town Hall, just like in pre-pandemic times. Musicians and jazz lovers are welcome to attend the jam in-person at Flushing Town Hall, or to join the livestream online to listen. Most Flushing Town Hall events will be presented in this hybrid format

(both in-person and livestreamed) as the venue continues its soft reopening in the pandemic's wake.

Musicians interested in participating in the final virtual jam on August 11 should email education@flushingtownhall.org to sign up to participate. Once participation is confirmed, they will need to record and submit a three- to four-minute tune they choose to play in line with this month's theme. The performance can be live or a pre-recorded audio or video (but not a professional, edited recording such as a CD or YouTube video). Musicians who performed in 2020 are now welcome to return. Each month, up to five returning musicians and up to 15 new musicians can participate. Selection is on a first-come, first-served basis.

Anyone is invited to listen and can simply tune in to Flushing Town Hall's Facebook page or Zoom on Wednesday, August 11 at 7:00 PM (ET) to join the live event for free, without registration.

Support Flushing Town Hall this season!

Flushing Town Hall recently launched its new membership program, Flushing Town Hall's Circle of Friends, with memberships starting at gifts of \$50 or more. With the loss of nearly all earned income, Flushing Town Hall is in dire need of support and is currently raising funds under its Lemon-AID the Arts Campaign. Donations in any amount are appreciated to support the artists and the nonprofit cultural organization as they continue to provide programming and entertainment across New York and the world.

Flushing Town Hall's facilities are temporarily closed to the public in accordance with COVID-19 safety regulations. Current programs are being presented virtually.

About Flushing Town Hall - Flushing Town Hall (FTH), a Smithsonian affiliate, presents multi-disciplinary global arts that engage and educate the global communities of Queens and New York City, in order to foster mutual appreciation. As advocates of arts equity since 1979, we support local, immigrant, national, and international artists, developing partnerships and collaborations that enhance our efforts. As a member of New York City's Cultural Institutions Group (CIG), we serve to restore, manage and program the historic 1862 landmark on behalf of the City of New York. FTH celebrates the history of Queens as the home of Jazz, by presenting the finest in Jazz performance. We are committed to arts education and hands-on learning, for the arts-curious, arts enthusiasts, and professional artists. We serve one of the most diverse communities in the world and strive to uphold the legacy of inclusiveness that has defined our community since the Flushing Remonstrance of 1657.

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 You could be tempted to overspend on unnecessary items. Try not to donate to organizations if you can hardly afford to take care of yourself. Your lucky numbers are: 8,9,3

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 Pleasure trips will be a form of healing for your emotional state of mind. Be prepared to encounter new friendships that will provide you with valuable information. Your lucky numbers are: 7,3,6

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Think of changes to your home that will please and add to everyone's comfort. You can prosper if you invest in property or mutual funds. Your lucky numbers are: 4,9,5

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 You can make new connections through friends or relatives. Relationships may be hard to handle. Do not make rash decisions about your personal life. Your lucky numbers are: 7,1,8

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)
 You're in a high cycle for romance. You need to get out if you want to meet potential partners. Mingle with those who have similar interests. Your lucky numbers are: 9,7,1

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 You must avoid gossip and focus on what you have to do. You can form new partnerships, but don't move too quickly; things may not be as they appear. Your lucky numbers are: 7,6,4

LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 You may have a problem with coworkers if you try to tell them what to do. You should avoid getting involved in the personal problems of colleagues. Your lucky numbers are: 6,4,9

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 Don't go hog wild when it comes to entertainment or you could find yourself short of funds at the end of the month. Get involved in worthwhile endeavors and meet new friends. Your lucky numbers are: 7,2,6

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 You can make new friends if you join clubs. Family members will not be happy with the amount of time you are spending away from home. Your lucky numbers are: 8,1,9

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 Don't be afraid to confront situations concerning loved ones in order to solve any problems that may exist. Let go of the past in order to progress. Your lucky numbers are: 9,1,7

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Your dramatic nature may be too much to handle. Try not to be overbearing where family is concerned. Don't make mountains out of molehills if you want to avoid conflict. Your lucky numbers are: 7,9,5

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Be aware of any deception on the part of those you deal with. Use your charm, but don't sign or agree to anything. Your lucky numbers are: 6,4,1

Did You Know?

- The word 'uncopyrightable' is the only 15 letter word that can be spelled without repeating any letter
- The word 'testify' derived from a time when men were required to swear on their testicles
- The word typewriter is the longest word that can be typed using only the top row of a keyboard
- That you can spell the word 'level' the same backwards
- Madonna and Michael Jackson were both born in 1958
- Almonds are members of the peach family
- An egg contains every vitamin except vitamin C
- Owls can't move their eyes from side to side
- You take over 23,000 breaths everyday
- Gold never erodes
- Scorpions glow under ultra violet light
- When water freezes it expands by 9%
- Ants stretch when they wake up in the morning
- Your foot and your forearm are the same length
- Diamonds are the hardest natural substance
- 111,111,111 x 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321
- The longest possible eclipse of the sun is 7.31 minutes
- Halley's comet passes the Earth every 76 years (the next time it will return will be 2062)
- There is no sound in space
- The Olympic flag was designed in 1913
- A bowling pin will fall at a tilt of 7.5 degrees
- There are 31,536,000 seconds in a year
- A piece of paper cannot be folded more than 7 times
- The opposite sides of a die always adds up to 7
- VHS stands for Video Home System

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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ACROSS

- Stigma
- Remote
- Cook
- Adhesive strip
- Contests
- Body of a ship
- Flying saucers
- A form of oxygen
- Backside
- Profoundness
- Entwined
- Boor
- Player
- Continuing forever
- Words to a song
- Witty or humorous writings
- Scallion
- Hale
- Kill without legal sanction
- Prompt
- Slenderizes
- Portmanteau
- Anagram of "Rascal"
- Ruffled
- Artificial waterway
- Den
- Types of heatshield materials
- Anagram of "Spite"
- Newbie (slang)
- Mimicked
- Frosts
- Winglike
- Habituate
- Custard dessert
- Prospector's find
- Got bigger
- Celebration

DOWN

- An upright in a wall
- Eatery
- Extremely angry
- Repair
- Erst
- Discomfit
- Amidst
- Available to lease
- Demean
- Throw
- If not
- Skedaddled
- Squalid
- Stalk
- Infamous Roman emperor
- A dog wags one
- FFFF
- Most dogs have them
- Nonclerical
- A small scar
- Alcoholic
- Ensign (abbrev.)
- Require
- Mug
- Small mountain
- Gruesome
- Thin strip
- Orange pekoe
- Cur (archaic)
- Japanese cartoon art
- Ranting
- Bushbaby
- A Freudian stage
- Western tie
- Weight to be borne
- Arid
- Kind of moss
- Feudal worker
- Morning moisture

Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

7	9	5	8	1	3	4	2	6
8	1	6	2	4	9	5	7	3
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1	9
6	2	8	3	9	1	7	4	5
3	5	9	4	7	2	6	8	1
1	4	7	6	8	5	9	3	2
4	6	3	9	2	8	1	5	7
5	8	1	7	3	6	2	9	4
9	7	2	1	5	4	3	6	8

"Crossword Puzzle"

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"Try And Find"
 No Answers for last weeks puzzle

TRY AND FIND

"PLAY GAMES"

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N	M	C	U	M	B	L	S	C	U	L	I	D	A	L
F	Z	B	H	B	I	S	H	Q	O	V	J	T	N	Y
N	S	M	A	E	T	N	O	D	I	M	D	H	A	M
V	P	G	Z	C	C	R	O	S	R	I	O	S	S	X
Y	E	G	M	A	C	K	I	E	A	Q	E	M	T	R
P	U	P	K	S	B	O	E	M	S	D	P	J	A	U
D	P	H	B	I	N	A	O	R	A	D	A	R	E	X
M	E	K	S	N	N	N	V	R	S	R	L	H	X	T
A	Q	U	Y	O	D	D	A	B	R	I	D	G	E	Q
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Bowling	Catch	Cribbage	Diamonds
Bridge	Charades	Croquet	Division
Canasta	Checkers	Dare	Dolls
Cards	Chess	Darts	Dominoes
Casino	Clubs	Deuce	Hearts

Councilman Eric Ulrich, Community Leaders Held Ribbon Cutting at The Lindenwood Circle Rotation Garden



Councilman Eric Ulrich, Queens Botanical Garden, the Howard Beach Lindenwood Civic, Community Board 10, NYC DOT, and artists from Combo Colab yesterday marked the opening of a new public art installation at Lindenwood Circle.

The public art installation incorporates colorful seasonal plantings to beautify and improve the traffic circle at the intersection of 153rd Ave and 88th Street in the Lindenwood neighborhood of Queens. This project was created by Queens Botanical Garden (QBG) and the artist team Combo Colab in partnership with the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT), the office of NYC Council Member Eric Ulrich, and the Howard Beach Lindenwood Civic Association.

Councilman Ulrich initiated the project by securing \$38,500 in council discretionary funding for Queens Botanical Garden. The installation will remain in the traffic circle for 364 days.

Rotation Garden creates a focal point where art and plantings are woven together to be contemplated from every angle. The installation encourages discovery from afar and a new landscape emerges from within the circle, a structure of wonder, a counterpart to the existing towering trees wrapping the roundabout. Rotation Garden references the dynamism of the Lindenwood traffic circle.

The basin shaped structure is created by radially arranged metal stock tanks as planting beds retrofitted with slanted wooden stakes to create a dynamic dialogue between the passerby and the structure. Plantings with popping colors flood the base ring and accentuate the movement. Rhythms of painted surfaces on the wood sync with the planting palette and add a kinetic layer enhancing the interaction with the pedestrian and vehicular traffic alike.

"This area was once a desolate, barren eyesore in our community. It was lots of brick and asphalt

- not much more. Simply put, it was unwelcoming," said Councilman Eric Ulrich. "That's why we brought together a wonderful and driven coalition of partners to initiate a project to beautify the area. This pop-up art installation will bring nature and a wonderful artistic display to a once empty eyesore."

In addition, Councilman Ulrich took the occasion to mark the memory of his friend and budget director Matthew Pecorino, who sadly passed away on June 30. "This was one of the last projects Matt worked on in my office," Councilman Ulrich explained. "He worked very hard on making sure this particular item got into the New York City budget, so I'm glad to remember him today."

"DOT is proud to partner with Council Member Ulrich, the Civic and community residents to bring a new temporary art installation and plantings to this space, which

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Pheffer Amato Celebrates Supreme Court Justices Bill Becoming Law



Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) announced that her bill, A.8027, has been signed by Governor Cuomo. The bill was sponsored in the Senate by Senator Diane J. Savino. This bill will increase the number of Supreme Court justices in eleven of the thirteen judicial districts in New York State, to match the amount of judges stated in the state constitution.

"This is great news for New Yorkers invested in the justice

system," Pheffer Amato said. "The bill updates our outdated system by appointing a greater number of Supreme Court justices in eleven of the thirteen Supreme Court districts. It is crucial to continue making our judicial system more modern and efficient, and to ensure due process and a speedy trial for all."

"For years Staten Island has not been represented by the proper amount of Supreme Court Justices," Savino said. "I am proud that we were able to pass this bill, which will give us the full slate of justices that we deserve. I thank the Assemblywoman for her partnership and Governor Cuomo for swiftly signing this into law."

Governor Cuomo signed this bill on June 29, 2021. Queens County is located in the eleventh judicial district, and the number of judges will increase from 41 to 42.

MTA Announces Future of Accessibility on Roads And Rails on 31st Anniversary of The Passage of The Americans With Disabilities Act

MTA to Unveil Redesign for Bus Fleet and Enhancements Included in 'R211' Subway Cars MTA Has Completed 13 Accessibility Projects in Last 18 Months View Video of Accessibility Advocates Thanking Bus Operators

Leaders from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) gathered at the Coney Island Yard today to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, unveil accessibility enhancements coming to buses and subway cars and highlight recent accessibility projects.

"My mission at the MTA is showing that accessibility and equity are one and the same," said Quemuel Arroyo, MTA Chief Accessibility Officer. "New Yorkers deserve the most equitable transit system in the world, and we must do everything we can to strive towards accomplishing that. In my short time here, steady progress has been made, most recently at the Avenue H subway station in



Brooklyn. That progress must continue, and the upcoming accessibility upgrades to our fleet is an encouraging sign that we are trending in the right direction."

"As a wheelchair user and the only current MTA Board Member with a self-disclosed disability, I am proud to be working with the MTA to increase its accessibility," said MTA Board Member and Commissioner of the New York City Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities Victor Calise.

"This was a particularly difficult past 16 months for all of us, and I am excited that we are able to celebrate the 31st anniversary of the ADA together in person, and reaffirm our shared commitment to a transit system that serves all New Yorkers and visitors—including individuals with disabilities."

"On behalf of CUNY's more than 11,000 students with disabilities, I'm proud to wish you

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Danielle's 7th Birthday



Danielle and her father Robert, holding the balloons, are thanking FDNY members from Engine 295- Ladder 144 in Whitestone, Queens for making her 7th birthday so very special.

Senator James Sanders Jr.'s Legislation Establishing Domestic Violence Advocate-Victim Privilege Becomes Law



domestic violence advocates shall not disclose any communication made by a client to the advocate except in certain circumstances.

"Establishing in the law a domestic violence advocate-victim privilege is long-overdue to help address domestic violence by promoting safety, healing and justice for its victims," Senator Sanders said.

This legislation amends the Civil Practice Law and Rules to prohibit a domestic violence advocate in a licensed domestic violence program from disclosing communications made by a client unless authorized by the client, or if the disclosure reveals intent to commit a crime or a harmful act. Additionally, this also adds a new provision allowing disclosure if there is suspected child abuse or maltreatment. Clients or their conservators may waive the privilege, but the rape crisis counselor or domestic violence advocate must provide written, informed and time-limited consent.

Senator James Sanders Jr.'s Legislation Establishing Domestic Violence Advocate-Victim Privilege Becomes Law
Senator James Sanders Jr. recently had his domestic violence legislation signed into law by Governor Andrew Cuomo. The bill (S.1789/A.2520) establishes a domestic violence advocate-victim privilege wherein do-

Amazin' MTA Employees Honored at Citi Field in On-Field Ceremony (Continued from page 1)

Employees and leadership from the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) were the focus of a pregame ceremony at a recent Friday night's New York Mets game as part of the team's Community Hero Ticket program, which honors organizations that have gone above and beyond throughout the pandemic.

MTA LIRR President Phil Eng, Chief Customer Officer Sarah Meyer and six employees were honored while video and photos of the Authority's COVID-19 relief efforts were shown on the jumbo screen. The employees had been recommended by their supervisors for dedication to keeping New Yorkers moving throughout the pandemic.

The Mets also provided 30 tickets for MTA employees to see the Amazins' take on the Toronto Blue Jays.

Leadership Recognized:

- MTA Chief Customer Officer Sarah Meyer
- Long Island Rail Road President Phil Eng

Employees Recognized:

- NYC Transit Bus Operator Luis Jimenez
- Luis Jimenez considers himself an all-around New York sports fan who remembers meeting members of the Mets the year before they



won the World Series in 1986. The 22-year MTA veteran says it was sad to see the city so empty during the height of the pandemic - but he's glad that seeing the city come back the past few months has given customers the opportunity to thank him and his colleagues for keeping the city moving.

- LIRR Assistant Terminal Manager Nicole Johnson
- Nicole Johnson will celebrate 25 years working at the Long Island Rail Road later this summer. The lifelong Mets fan said although it was difficult to work every day during the height of the pandemic, she knew it was neces-

sary to make sure essential workers and first responders could get to work. Johnson wants to remind riders that although the region is opening up, it's still important to be safe and look out for each other.

- LIRR Terminal Manager John Kelly
- John Kelly is a lifelong Mets fan who has worked for the MTA for nearly 20 years. He serves as the LIRR Terminal Manager for facilities including Atlantic Terminal and Jamaica. Kelly says working during the pandemic was challenging since it was so un-

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Korea Ginseng Corp Makes Donation to Korean American Association of Queens

Korea Ginseng Corp. (KGC) is pleased to announce a donation to the Korean American Association of Queens in New York, which included \$100,000 worth of masks, hand sanitizers, medicinal herbs and KGC's Korean Red Ginseng drinks, including Hong Sam Won Plus, which supports the immune system and helps reduce fatigue. The donation is part of KGC's ongoing campaign to donate its world-renowned products for health and immune support as well as encourage those who have been severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commenting on the donation KGC's U.S. CEO, Heung-sil Lee said, "Our donation campaign has been going on for over a year



Pictured above from second from the left (to right): John An, president of the Korean American Association at Queens, YoungHeeLee, President of the 32nd Street Korean Association Sang Young Kim, CEO of CheongKwanJang Manhattan store.

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Assemblyman Edward C. Braunstein's 9th Annual Summer URGENT NEED BLOOD DRIVE

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When: Thursday, August 5, 2021
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DONATIONS ARE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
To sign-up, visit <https://tinyurl.com/BraunsteinDrive2021> or contact Assemblyman Braunstein's office by phone at 718-357-3588 or email braunsteine@nyassembly.gov

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- Must wear a mask or face covering
- Must be 14 days symptom free if recovered from COVID-19
- May NOT donate if they have had a positive diagnostic test or experienced symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- May NOT donate if they are currently on self-quarantine restrictions

****Please remember to eat, drink and bring your donor ID card or ID with name and photo.****

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They'll be dancing in the streets...and the parks, stadiums, plazas, lawns, and on a brand new stage. Outdoor fun is alive and well in Queens these days with live plays, music, films, spoken word, and even an LGBTQ+ event at a farm.

- July 30, Proud Mary: Rock & Roll Ladies, 7 pm. An in-person, live concert featuring powerhouse vocalist Emilie Surtees and her band. Expect high-energy renditions of Tina Turner's "What's Love Got To Do With It" and "Go Your Own Way" by Stevie Nicks. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

- July 30, Under Woodside, 7 pm. A free outdoor production of Sunnyside resident Juliann Lavallee's poetic prose play, which uses inspiration from the 1954 Dylan Thomas poem Under Milk Wood to depict a single day within a few borough blocks. Sunnyside Gardens Park, 49th Street and 38th Avenue.

- July 30, Jamaica Mic Drop, 5 pm. Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning hosts a live opportunity for self-expression via music, poetry, spoken word, and other forms of creativity. Parson Boulevard between Archer and Jamaica avenues.

- July 31, Alternative Rock in the Stadium, 4:30 pm. The Nebraskan Indie Rock band Bright Eyes headlines with Southern-accented Waxahatchee and Lucy Dacus as the opening acts. Forest Hills Stadium, One Tennis Pl., Forest Hills Gardens.

- July 31, Movies in the Park, sunset. CinemaLIC kicks off with Disney's Lion King on a 30-foot inflatable screen with enhanced video-projection equipment. Food and beverages available for purchase at LIC Landing. Hunters Point South Park, Center Bou-

levard and 51st Avenue, Long Island City.

- July 31, Pride on the Farm, 11 am to 4 pm. A special admission day with farmer-led tours, pollinator talks, an LGBTQ+ resource fair, and Drag Queens Story Hour. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.

- July 31, Bankra Caribbean Culture Festival, noon. This eight-hour event presents Caribbean folk culture, music, theatre, and entertainment. St. Albans Park, vicinity of 169th Street, Merrick Boulevard, and Linden Boulevard.

- July 31, History of Immigration, 2:30 pm. Jack Eichenbaum, the official historian of Queens as per Borough President Donovan Richards, discusses immigration to Queens, starting in the 19th Century. In-person event with virtual options. Queens Historical Society, 143-35 37th Ave., Flushing.

- July 31, Art at Rainy Park, 10 am & 1 pm. Learn about Chemin Hsiao's and Isamu Noguchi's artistic processes and then create watercolor paintings. Sessions at 10 am and 1 pm. Rainey Park, Vernon Boulevard and 33rd Road, Long Island City.

- July 31, Maple Grove Concert, 4 pm. Master pianist David Holzman, who has been nominated for a Grammy, offers a virtual recital, "Telling A Story and Painting A Picture," for the Friends of Maple Grove Cemetery.

- Aug. 1, TurnOut Queens: Grupo Rebolú, 4 pm. Grupo Rebolú plays danceable, infectious Colombian music outdoors. Corona Plaza, vicinity of Roosevelt Avenue and 104th Street.

- Aug. 1, Summer Sunday Concerts, 6 pm. The eclectic six-piece band Os Clavelitos plays Brazilian music as part of the Summer

Sundays in the Park series. Travers Park, vicinity of 78th Street and 34th Avenue, Jackson Heights.

- Aug. 3, Music From The Sole, 7 pm. Love at the Gantries honors tap dance's jazz and improvisational roots with this group, which incorporates influences from Afro-Brazilian, Afro-Cuban, Funk, and House while playing original tap music. Gantry Plaza State Park, vicinity of 49th Avenue and Center Boulevard, Long Island City.

- Aug. 3, Outdoor Dance Party/Concert, 7:30 pm. Os Clavelitos, an eclectic, six-piece band with members from Brazil, Japan, and the United States, leads the fun along with Queensboro Dance Festival members Flamenco Latino, Cole Collective, and Manhatlán. Queens Theatre's outdoor stage near 14 United States Ave. S. in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Aug. 3, Garden Creativi-Tea: Fashion, 1 pm. Design wearable felt flowers and bugs during this workshop. Voelker Orth Museum, 149-19 38th Ave., Flushing.

- Aug. 5, Mariachi Habaneros, 7 pm. Queensboro Dance Festival offers pre-performance entertainment and workshops at 4 pm. Then, Mariachi Habaneros plays Mexican music before Calpulli Mexican Dance Company takes the stage at about 7 pm. Queens Theatre's outdoor stage near 14 United States Ave. S. in Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

- Aug. 5, Cab Calloway Orchestra, 7 pm. The Cab Calloway Orchestra, directed by Cab's grandson C. Calloway Brooks, performs Jazz and Swing outdoors as part of Central Astoria Local Development Corporation's Waterfront Concert Series. Astoria Park's Great Lawn. Enter on 19th Street and 23rd Avenue.

MTA Announces Future of Accessibility on Roads And Rails on 31st Anniversary of The Passage of The Americans With Disabilities Act

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all a 'Happy ADA Birthday' – where we celebrate access and opportunity for all Americans with disabilities, and with each anniversary, the opportunity to mark our progress," said Leonard Blades, Co-Alumni Advisor for the CUNY Coalition for Students with Disabilities and Member, NYCT Advisory Committee on Transit Accessibility (ACTA). "I am enthusiastic to see upgrades in Access-A-Ride vehicles and local buses, that will make travel even more comfortable for New Yorkers with disabilities. The MTA's work in improving accessible public transportation makes higher education, and careers after college, a reality for thousands of New Yorkers like me."

More Flexible Priority and Courtesy Seating on Board Buses, Wider Doors and Ramps Throughout 2021 and 2022, the

MTA expects to put more than 800 new buses into service with more flexible seating options in the priority and courtesy seating area designed to accommodate diverse customer needs. The buses will feature three new, single seats indicated by decals that will be able to flip up to accommodate customers with walkers, folded strollers, and other belongings. Two are single aisle-facing seats on the bus operator's side and one is a forward-facing seat on the curb side.

The new buses will also feature wider doors and ramps designed to make it easier to enter and exit the bus.

Customers can learn more about the upcoming accessibility enhancements at the project's dedicated web page: <https://new.mta.info/accessibility/enhancing-buses>

All New York City Transit buses are already fully wheel-

chair accessible, either through the front-door ramp on local and SBS routes or via lifts on the coach-style express buses, and route and service information is made available to all customers in audio and visual formats. The MTA has worked in recent years to fully revamp Americans with Disabilities Act training for bus operators. For the 31st anniversary of the act, the MTA acknowledged operators who have received customer commendations for providing outstanding accessible service over the years.

Subway Cars with Wider Doors and More Space for Wheelchair Users

This month, the MTA unveiled the newest cars in its fleet, known as the R211 fleet. The cars feature 58-inch door spans that are eight inches wider than standard doors on existing cars, and include more

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Meng Secures Millions to Help Implement Her Hate Crimes Act Recently Signed Into Law by President Biden

Funding was passed through the Appropriations Committee, and provides \$ to community groups for engagement, empowerment and education in order to address the rise in hate and violence, as required by her bill

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) announced that she secured \$30 million in a key spending bill to expand provisions in her COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, which President Biden signed into law on May 20th to help combat the ongoing hate and violence against Asian Americans and other impacted communities.

Meng attached the funding to the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill. The measure now heads to the House floor where it is expected to pass later this month. The money would be provided directly to community-based organizations to implement the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act's goal of community engagement, empowerment, and education. One of the major provisions in the new hate crimes law directs federal agencies to work with community-based organizations to raise awareness of hate crimes during the COVID-19 crisis.

"Community-based organizations are the heartbeat of our communities," said Congresswoman Meng. "Since the beginning of the pandemic, they have been on the front lines standing against the rise in bigotry and attacks. They've worked tirelessly to help victims and stop this spike in discrimination and intolerance, and they have done all this under-resourced. As my COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act addresses the problem, we must be certain that community groups have the resources they need to carry out parts of the new law. I am so proud of the new \$30 million grant program that would advance community-based approaches to addressing hate crimes. This vital funding would reinforce and expand the critical ground work that these community groups have been doing; it would help them scale up and expand out. I look forward to this funding being approved by the full House and passed by the Senate – so that our neighbors can live free from hate and violence."

Community-based organizations and civil rights groups can use the funds for:

- Implementing and facilitating educational classes and community services for defendants convicted of hate crimes (directly related to the community harmed by the offensive).
- Culturally competent and linguistically appropriate public education campaigns on the collection of data and public reporting of hate crimes.
- Safety ambassadors to escort vulnerable community members in public places.
- In-language support for victims and/or surviving families of hate crimes including mental health support.
- Providing bystander, de-escalation trainings in multiple languages.
- Other community-based strategies deemed appropriate for

communities of color and other vulnerable and historically disadvantaged communities.

The Commerce, Justice, Science spending bill funds the U.S. Department of Justice, Department of Commerce, and science-related initiatives. Meng is a senior member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies which determines the funding levels for the measure. The \$30 million is allocated under a new grant program called "Community-Based Approaches to Advancing Justice."

Other provisions of Meng's COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act include, among other things, creating a position at the Department of Justice to facilitate expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, encouraging more reporting of incidents in multiple languages, and expanding public education campaigns aimed at raising awareness of hate crimes and reaching victims.

Meng reintroduced the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act in March with Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI). It was passed in Congress with overwhelming and bipartisan support; 364 to 62 in the House and of 94 to 1 in the Senate.

"The Community-based Approaches to Advancing Justice grant, championed by Congresswoman Grace Meng, recognizes that our communities are in crisis," said Jo-Ann Yoo, Executive Director of the Asian American Federation. "Victims and their families continue to struggle to overcome the terrible physical, mental, and economic toll of hate violence: our seniors are terrified to step outside their doors, and parents are afraid to send their children to school even after months of isolation at home. While the nation's attention may have shifted from the wave of violence that continues to batter our communities, we are still being called on every day to do the urgent work needed to protect them from further attacks. The Congresswoman clearly understands. This grant is an ambitious and necessary step to enhance and expand community engagement, empowerment, and education against hate. The Asian American Federation is hugely inspired by Congresswoman Grace Meng's efforts. We thank her for her commitment to support and protect the millions of hard-working Asian Americans that continue to help our nation confront a global pandemic despite the bias they face."

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, Rep. Meng's leadership has been tireless and inspiring," said Gregg Orton, National Director of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA). "Her relentless pursuit of justice and greater opportunities for the Asian American community has resulted in meaningful progress in the fight against anti-Asian hate; and we are deeply appreciative of her willingness to work with us towards these solutions. The inclusion of a new grant program at DOJ that will support the work of community-based organizations responding to hate crimes comes

at a critical time. So many of our community organizations, who were already under-resourced, have been pushed even further beyond their limits to respond to hate. This provision must be preserved by the Senate."

"ADL applauds Congresswoman Meng and the Appropriations Committee in their continued efforts to fight against hate," said Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL). "We welcome the creation of the Community-Based Approaches to Advancing Justice grant program and similar initiatives. Congress and the Administration must continue to prioritize – and fully fund – community-driven, whole-of-society approaches to address all forms of hate."

"Congresswoman Meng is to be congratulated for her commitment to non-carceral approaches to conflict resolution," said Laura M. Esquivel, Vice President for Federal Policy and Advocacy at Hispanic Federation. "We urge support for the 'Community-Based Approaches to Advancing Justice' grant program which will directly fund trusted community-based groups to build stronger, safer communities through community empowerment and education."

"It is a long time coming for dollars to assist in the work we struggle to accomplish," said Ken Cohen, Regional Director of the NAACP New York State Conference Metropolitan Council. "The NAACP embraces the concept and hopes the funding will find its way to the Branches of New York City, New York State and the many other organizations that do this work with little or no funding."

"The fight for justice must be community-led and organized," said Alphonso David, President of the Human Rights Campaign. "By securing a \$30 million grant program for community-based organizations, Representative Grace Meng is taking the appropriate steps necessary to ensure that every city in America is safer tomorrow than it was yesterday. Vulnerable communities across the country, including trans and non-binary people of color, will be better equipped to prevent and respond to hate crimes because of funding for community-based strategies. The Human Rights Campaign is proud to support this provision in the Commerce, Justice, and Science FY2022 appropriations bill and urges Congress to swiftly enact it into law."

"SALDEF applauds U.S. Representative Grace Meng's successful effort in securing \$30 million in funding to expand provisions in the COVID 19 Hate Crimes Act, which will support community-based organizations' engagement, empowerment and education initiatives in regard to hate crimes," said Kiran Kaur Gill, Executive Director of the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF). "This will directly help communities impacted by hate crimes and provide critical resources to support these efforts. As a community that has been disproportionately targeted by hate

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Amazin' MTA Employees Honored at Citi Field in On-Field Pregame Ceremony

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precedented – and that his priority was keeping customers and the employees who report to him safe.

- LIRR Conductor Wesley Lazare
- Wesley Lazare has worked as an LIRR conductor for 23 years, currently stationed at the West Side Yard. He's a longtime Mets fan who's family were season-ticket holders. Lazare says working during the pandemic was difficult since no one knew what to expect, and it's an experience he'll tell his grandkids about one day. Now that riders are returning, Lazare says it's important for everyone to do their part to keep each other safe.
- NYC Transit Train Operator Mike Sanchez
- Mike Sanchez has served his

city as a Train Operator for just over 14 years and currently drives the Q train. Friday's game is the second time the lifelong Mets fan has gotten to step on the field for his favorite team, last time at Shea Stadium. Sanchez says it's been great to see ridership return and the tourists start coming back to the system.

- LIRR Station Cleaner Tabitha Visser
- Tabitha Visser has worked at the LIRR's Jamaica station for just over three years. As a station cleaner, she and her colleagues were responsible for 24/7 disinfecting during the height of the pandemic, and that disinfecting continues today. Visser says it's been great seeing the smiling faces of old (and new) customers getting back on the trains.

Korea Ginseng Corp Makes Donation to Korean American Association of Queens

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now and I'm very pleased that we have the opportunity to help our fellow Koreans in New York. The pandemic has made us realize how important it is to maintain our immune systems and we hope this donation will be a source of good health and good cheer."

John An, President of the Korean Association of Queens added, "I would like to express my gratitude to KGC for the kind donation and precious Korean Red Ginseng products. We will be sure to distribute them immediately to underprivileged groups and organizations that could really use the support."

About Korea Ginseng Corp. - For more than 120 years, Korea

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New Contract For Thousands of NY Airport Workers Includes Healthcare

Over 10,000 New York and New Jersey front-line airport workers will get health insurance as part of new contract negotiations that come at a time when more people are flying.

The Healthy Terminals Act provides zero-premium cost health coverage to contract workers at John F. Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark Liberty international airports.

According to Service Employees International Union Local 32BJ, it's the first state-level legislation of its kind in the country.

Rob Hill, union vice president and airports division director for New York and New Jersey, said it is a victory that they are finally being recognized as essential workers, but it comes at a price.

"And unfortunately, we lost some of our members due to the pandemic and the virus," Hill recounted. "To get the public to see that, and the airlines and state, that these workers have to have health care."

COVID-19 has disproportionately affected people of color, in part because many are front-line

workers. Hill sees the addition of health insurance as a racial-justice matter, and since contract airport workers are predominantly people of color, he thinks similar measures should be in place at other U.S. airports.

Especially with new variants of COVID-19 spreading, Hill asserted workers having healthcare benefits is in the public interest.

"That concern is also why this is an issue not just for the workers, but for the traveling public," Hill explained. "To know that the airport workers they're coming in contact with have the ability to go to the doctor, and take care of themselves and have sick days, etc."

The contract includes quarterly reviews to ensure compliance with health and safety guidance, along with policies requiring personal protective equipment, social distancing and other precautions. Also included are new policies to protect workers from discrimination for natural hair or hairstyles tied to racial, ethnic or cultural identities.

Story by Michayla Savitt

Meng Secures Millions to Help Implement Her Hate Crimes Act Recently Signed Into Law by President Biden

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crimes, Sikh Americans understand the importance of addressing these issues head on and the consequences if they are gone unchecked. These resources are critical to curbing the discrimination and violence, and by allocating them to community-based organizations, they will go where they are most needed – on the front lines. We sincerely appreciate Representative Meng's action on this issue."

"AABANY is immensely appreciative of Congresswoman Meng's leadership in combating anti-Asian hate," said Terrence Shen, President of the Asian American Bar Association of New York (AABANY).

"Providing these resources to AAPI community groups is critical because they have generally been underfunded, but nonetheless deeply connected to the AAPI community. These organizations have been doing critical work since early in the COVID-19 pandemic. The increased funding will meaningfully amplify their efforts."

"This grant program demonstrates a commitment for community-based responses to anti-Asian hate and racism, and builds upon the historic COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act passed in May," said John C. Yang, President and Executive Director of Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC. "We are pleased that Congress

will be funding community organizations that have the cultural competency to reach, serve, and support our diverse Asian American communities through mental health services, public education campaigns, training on how to respond to anti-Asian hate and harassment, and more. We thank Rep. Grace Meng for her strong and steadfast advocacy to ensure that Congress follows through on its promises to meet the needs of our communities. We also extend our appreciation to the organizations that have long been working, and have stepped up during the COVID-19 pandemic, to protect and support those who are the most vulnerable."

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar's Statement on the Public Meeting of Independent Redistricting Commission in Queens County

First South Asian Woman Elected to State Office Urges Commission to Empower South Asian Community in the Redistricting Process

As I watched a recent Public Meeting of the Independent Redistricting Commission in Queens County, I was heartened that public testimony consistently echoed what I have said since before I became an Assemblywoman: that the South Asian community needs recognition in the redistricting process. Queens is home to a vibrant South Asian community, including Bengalis, Punjabis, Guaynese and other

Indo-Caribbeans. However, the South Asian community across Richmond Hill, South Richmond Hill, Ozone Park, and South Ozone Park has been split among seven Assembly districts.

For too long, South Asian New Yorkers have not had a seat at the table. Until recently they had no one from their community representing them in Albany. Their demographic categories are not included in most data. Their religious holidays are not recognized the same as others. However, if they are united in their own Assembly district, they can have representation that responds

to and advocates for their needs.

A major factor in redistricting is to keep together "communities of interest," areas where people have the same demographics and utilize the same institutions. And as the first South Asian woman elected to New York State Office, I recognize that the South Asian community of Queens unquestionably meets these criteria. That is why I urge the Independent Redistricting Commission to listen to the people who spoke today and create common-sense district lines that give South Asian New Yorkers the political voice they deserve.

Alley Pond Park Adventure Course: Free Sunday Programs

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Free Public Sunday Programs every Sunday from August 1 through October 31, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. (weather permitting)

Alley Pond Adventure Course is an outdoor adventure that fosters trust, problem-solving, and team-building right in your own backyard at beautiful Alley Pond Park. Our Adventure Course programs are designed for you to have fun outdoors while learning team-building skills. The Adventure Course is fun and free for everyone age 8 and older.

Please dress appropriately: no sandals, flip flops, or open-toed shoes are allowed. Our programs are appropriate for those ages

8 and older. The Adventure Course program lasts about two hours. Due to its popularity, we ask that you arrive at least half an hour before the start time of each program. Space is limited. A valid Photo ID is required for participants ages 18 and older.

Please note: Free programs are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Morning program registration takes place from 9:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and afternoon program registration takes place from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Anyone arriving late may be turned away.

Summer Registration

For the month of August, starting Sunday, August 1, 2021 and ending Sunday, August 29, 2021, pre-registration is required online for the free Sunday programs. Online registration

will take place on the Monday before the program date, starting Monday, July 26, 2021 and continuing through Monday, August 23, 2021. Individuals and families may join us at 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. You must register to participate. This offer is limited to four participants per registered party. Participants are chosen by lottery.

Please visit <https://www.nycgovparks.org/reg/rangers> to enter your name into the lottery.

In other months, registration is not required (If you are with a large group you may be turned away or you may not be placed with the other members of your group). Crowds are expected.

For more information about the program, please call 311 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers.

Councilman Eric Ulrich, Community Leaders Held Ribbon Cutting at The Lindenwood Circle Rotation Garden

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began as a traffic calming and street safety project," said Nicole Garcia, DOT Queens Borough Commissioner. "With the help of the Queens Botanical Garden and Combo Colab, 'Rotation Garden' adds color and greenery to transform the street into an inviting and attractive amenity for residents and passersby."

"Queens Botanical Garden is delighted to partner once again with Councilmember Eric Ulrich to bring more green to Queens," said Susan Lacerre, Executive Director of Queens Botanical Garden. "This plant-loving Councilmember never ceases to amaze in the partnerships he creates!"

"The Civic is pleased to be part of the team who brought a pop-up floral art piece that provides both safety and beauty to our Lindenwood Roundabout," said Joann Ariola of the Howard Beach Lindenwood Civic Association.

"Combo Colab is thrilled to be part of this project, to help integrate the vision of all the partners and the community of transforming the circle into a space

of wonder," said Carolina Cisneros of Combo Colab.

"Community Board 10 is pleased to see the Lindenwood Circle art installation nearing completion. The Lindenwood traffic circle infrastructure safety improvement project was initiated by the local civic association and jointly worked on by Councilman Eric Ulrich, DOT officials, the Howard Beach/Lindenwood Civic Assn. and the Community Board. We thank Councilman Ulrich for facilitating the DOT work as it moved from concept to reality and for funding the beautification aspect of the project through the Queens Botanical Garden," said Community Board 10 chair Betty Braton. "This Artinterventions piece by an area artist here now will be temporary, but it provides a blending of a street infrastructure safety project with a visually attractive focal point. We will be continuing to work on the vision we've had since the start of the circle project that the area will not only provide better safety it will be an area that adds to the neighborhood's beauty."

About Combo Colab

- Combo Colab is a Rockaway based team of partners Mateo Pinto and Carolina Cisneros. They have been collaborating on design and public art projects since 2006 in New York and overseas. Their practice, spanning the fields of art, architecture and design, has a design/build approach and specializes in creating innovative and stimulating environments and objects.

About Queens Botanical Garden - Queens Botanical Garden (QBG) is an urban oasis where people, plants and cultures are celebrated through inspiring gardens, innovative educational programs and demonstrations of environmental stewardship. QBG has an extensive track record of outreach within the communities of Queens, particularly through neighborhood beautification projects around the borough, programming at community events and in neighborhood spaces, and partnerships & programming with k-12 schools. Through public programming QBG aims to reflect the diversity of its audiences in an accessible and welcoming way, which celebrates nature, arts, and culture in Queens.

MTA Announces Future of Accessibility on Roads And Rails on 31st Anniversary of The Passage of The Americans With Disabilities Act

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spacious seating options for wheelchair users at the end of the cars. The expanded doors are designed to reduce delays and increase train movement by speeding boarding and reducing the amount of time trains sit in stations. The Authority began qualification testing this month and expect the cars to begin serving passengers on select lettered lines next summer.

"The R211 fleet's new modern design and enhanced features will drastically improve the customer experience, and we cannot wait for them to hit the rails next summer," said Demetrius Crichlow, Acting Senior Vice President of Subways, New York City Transit. "Expanded doors and additional accessible seating within the train cars will help speed up boarding times and ensure our customers with disabilities have sufficient seating options."

"I am very excited about the arrival of the R211 trains because they will give people with disabilities, seniors, and all riders more access to information and a more comfortable commute," said Christopher

Greif, NYCT Advisory Committee on Transit Accessibility (ACTA) Member, NYC Transit Riders Council (TRC) Member, Vice Chairperson for the Brooklyn Developmental Disabilities Council. "The MTA has conducted feedback collection and I'm pleased to see the feedback testers provided to the MTA has been implemented. It shows MTA's commitment to continue to work with the disability community."

Access-A-Ride

With Access-A-Ride customers returning at a higher rate than that of any other MTA mode of public transportation, the MTA has replaced 40% of its older diesel fleet with gas-powered vehicles that have better lighting, climate control, reliability and maneuverability to the fleet. Weekday ridership on paratransit is currently around 80% of pre-pandemic levels.

"When ridership was decimated at the height of the pandemic, and service shifted to essential service, our paratransit service never scaled back, so we understand the importance of accessibility. It must and will always remain a core priority," said Craig Cipriano, President of the

MTA Bus Company and Senior Vice President of Buses, New York City Transit, which oversees the Access-A-Ride program. "On the 31st anniversary of the ADA, we are proud of the significant improvements we have made for our over 160 thousand paratransit registrants and will continue to work hard to make key accessibility improvements in both the bus and paratransit services."

To ensure the health and safety of customers and service providers, dedicated vehicles are disinfected daily and customized permanent polycarbonate driver barriers have been installed on 1,300 dedicated vehicles. As New York continues to recover from the pandemic, paratransit is providing customers with 85% direct service and approximately 70% of trips are on the Authority's enhanced broker service, which allows for hire-vehicles and yellow and green taxis to provide Access-A-Ride service. The MTA is expanding broker capacity with the award of a new contract this month, further improving service through the deployment of a new state-of-the-art sched-

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RUFUS KING PARK DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LLC. App. for Auth. filed with the SSNY on 07/08/21. Originally filed with Secretary of State of Delaware on 06/25/21. 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, 166-07 Hillside Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 7/15,22,29,8/5,12&19/2021

AJM77 REALTY LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/07/2021. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 145-19 232nd Street, Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 7/15,22,29,8/5,12&19/2021

Notice of Formation of MEKARI LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/05/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 90 State Street, Suite 700, Office 40, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/15,22,29,8/5,12&19/2021

Notice of Formation of NEIL'S CONSTRUCTION & HOME IMPROVEMENT L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/01/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 320 Beach 67th Street, Arverne, NY 11692. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/1,8,15,22,29&8/5/2021

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF BSTN Law Group PLLC Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on June 24, 2021. Office location: QUEENS County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. The Post Office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him/her is: 72-11 Austin Street, Suite 441, Forest Hills, NY 11375 / Yun-Chien Lee. The principal business address of the PLLC is 72-11 Austin Street, Suite 441, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful act or activity. 7/1,8,15,22,29&8/5/2021

C O S T A V E R D E MECHANICAL LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/09/21. 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, 4100 43rd Avenue, Apartment 1HE, Sunnyside, NY 11104. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 7/1,8,15,22,29&8/5/2021

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Notice of formation of KS LAW FIRM PLLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/11/2021. NY office location: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the PLLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the SSNY shall mail a copy of any process against the PLLC served upon him/her is 4 Saint Johns Rd Ridgewood, NY, 11385. Purpose/character of PLLC: FOR THE PRACTICE OF LAW. 7/1,8,15,22,29&8/5/2021

GEN Z NETWORK, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 06/14/21. 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, 20-60 26th Street, Astoria, NY 11105. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 6/24,7/1,8,15,22&29/2021

86-20 57th ROAD LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/17/20. 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, 54-04 Roosevelt Avenue, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 7/8,15,22,29,8/5&12/2021

Notice of Formation of LIGHT BY LIV LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/30/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 6457 214th Street, Oakland Gardens, NY 11364. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/8,15,22,29,8/5&12/2021

75 Onderdonk Ave LLC filed with SSNY on 02/09/2021. Office location: QUEENS County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the 75 Onderdonk Avenue Ridgewood, NY 11385 Purpose: Any lawful activity. 7/8,15,22,29,8/5&12/2021

Too Wavy Ent LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/11/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 112-49 205th St., St. Albans, NY 11412. General Purpose. 6/24,7/1,8,15,22&29/2021

SWI HOLDINGS LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 6/9/21. Office in Queens Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 5841 47th St Maspeth, NY 11378. Purpose: Any lawful activity. 6/24,7/1,8,15,22&29/2021

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Notice of Formation of VG INSPECTION & DESIGN LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/10/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 69-13 75th Street, Middle Village, NY 11379. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/15,22,29,8/5,12&19/2021

Notice of Formation of EAST COAST SERVICE NYC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/02/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 3223 104th Street, Apt 3, East Elmhurst, NY 11369. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/15,22,29,8/5,12&19/2021

Notice of Formation of ANGELS AND THE GUARDIANS OF SOULS, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/18/21. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Jerry Doyle, 105-10 62nd Rd. Apt 7F, Forrest Hills, NY 11373. Purpose: any lawful activities. 6/24,7/1,8,15,22&29/2021

Teado's House of Beauty LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/10/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 22019 134th Rd., Springfield Gardens, NY 11413. General Purpose. 6/24,7/1,8,15,22&29/2021

Notice of Formation of FINE TASTES, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/12/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 205-11 36th Avenue, Suite 379, Bayside, NY 11361. Purpose: any lawful activity. 6/24,7/1,8,15,22&29/2021

Notice of Formation of FAMILY HOUSE U.S LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/02/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 35-07 33rd Street, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/15,22,29,8/5,12&19/2021

Cajamarca Bros LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/25/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 7628 Park Ln. S., Woodhaven, NY 11421. General Purpose. 7/22,29,8/5,12,19&26/2021

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PKG 28TH ST MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/13/21. 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, 2829 119th Street, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 7/22,29,8/5,12,19&26/2021

Notice of Formation of MAINTENANCE AND CLEANING SOLUTIONS LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 04/19/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 99 Washington Avenue, Suite 805, Albany, NY 12210-2822. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 7/22,29,8/5,12,19&26/2021

Notice of Formation of Animaye LLC. Articles of Organization were filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 6/17/21. Office location: Queens County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 138-33 97th Ave, Jamaica, NY 11435. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 7/22,29,8/5,12,19&26/2021

Notice of Formation of SERIAL SAINT L.L.C. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 03/16/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 14338 Ferndale Avenue, Jamaica, NY 11435. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/15,22,29,8/5,12&19/2021

Notice of Formation of ALF CAPITAL LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/17/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 9265 222nd Street, Queens Village, NY 11428. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/22,29,8/5,12,19&26/2021

Per621, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/11/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Patrick E. Ricketts, 2094 Seagirt Blvd., 4A, Far Rockaway, NY 11691. General Purpose. 6/24,7/1,8,15,22&29/2021

Enkel Enterprises LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/17/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY design. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 88-50 179th St., apt. 3E, Jamaica, NY 11432. General Purpose. 7/1,8,15,22,29&8/5/2021

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Notice of Formation of EAST COAST SERVICE NYC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/02/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 3223 104th Street, Apt 3, East Elmhurst, NY 11369. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/22,29,8/5,12,19&26/2021

Notice of Formation of BEEKO LOGISTICS LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/14/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 16004 Crossbay Boulevard, Howard Beach, NY 11414. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/29,8/5,12,19,26&9/2/2021

Notice of Formation of 106-50 96 STREET LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/19/2021. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The LLC, 106-45 96 Street, Ozone Park, NY 11417. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/29,8/5,12,19,26&9/2/2021

MTA Announces Future of Accessibility on Roads And Rails on 31st Anniversary of The Passage of The Americans With Disabilities Act

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uling system and moving to the next phase of the popular on-demand e-hail program.

MTA's Commitment to Advancing Accessibility

The MTA remains committed to increasing access and ensuring the system meets the needs of all riders, including those with disabilities. That commitment was advanced when Chief Accessibility Officer Arroyo joined the MTA in February to oversee all matters pertaining to accessibility. In addition to fashioning Authority-wide policy and initiatives in the accessibility space, Arroyo serves as a liaison for the region's diverse community of disability rights advocates. Arroyo previously served in a similar capacity at the New York City Department of Transportation and most recently was Interim President and Global Head of Community for GetCharged, Inc., overseeing strategic partnerships and government relations.

Over the past 18 months, the Authority has completed

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13 accessibility projects since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, spanning across four boroughs of New York City. Most recently, the MTA completed its first accessibility upgrade project under the historic 2020-2024 Capital Plan, at the Avenue H Q subway station in Brooklyn.

In 2021, the MTA completed accessibility projects at the 57 St station on the NQRW lines in Midtown Manhattan, the Gun Hill Rd station in the Bronx and to the Manhattan side of the Court Sq-23 St station in Queens.

In December 2020 the MTA announced a major accessibility project that will include eight stations throughout the five boroughs as the Authority remains committed to increasing its number of fully ADA-compliant stations ensuring that no customer will be more than two stations away from an accessible station.

For more information about accessible stations across the MTA network, visit <https://new.mta.info/accessibility/stations>.



St. Albans Jazz and R&B Festival



The Queens District Attorney's Office of Community Engagement Bureau attended the 19th Annual St. Albans Jazz and R&B Festival at St. Albans Park this past week-

end. It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy performances by famed artists while providing the public with helpful information about this office.

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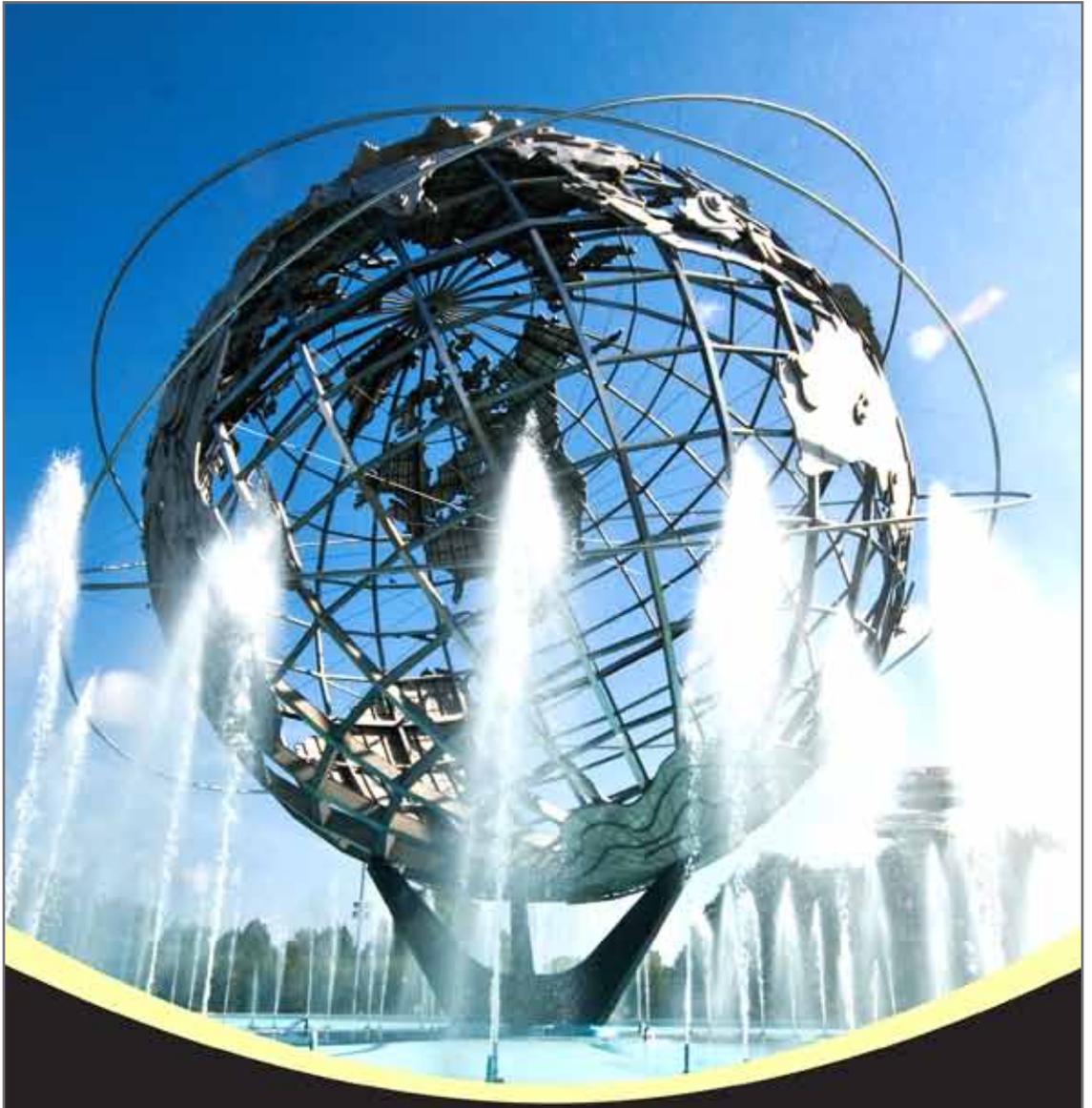


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