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Unexploded World War II Bomb Found in Italy's Longest River as Waters Run Dry



A World War Two bomb discovered in the dried-up river Po is detonated by 10th Engineer Regiment of Italian Army in Medole, Italy, August 7, 2022.

The *Queens Times* thought that our readers should know that an unexploded WWII bomb was found in Italy's longest river The Po. For decades Italy's longest river, Po, is a major resource for the entire country, but this summer, it's been running dry as it faces its worst drought in 70 years contributed to Global Warming. Water levels have gotten so low that a once-submerged artifact has been revealed – a 1,000-pound bomb from World War II.

The bomb was unexploded and found near Borgo Virgilio. Colonel Marco Nasi told Reuters that fisherman found the

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Annual Queens Ecuadorian Parade



The Annual Queens Ecuadorian Parade had a tremendous turn out making this year's parade a huge success even in a heat wave. Pictured kicking-off the Ecuadorian Parade (l to r) is NYC Councilman Francisco Moya, Mayor Eric Adams, and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards who greeted everyone as they walked the parade route. The Parade started at 69th street and travelled east along Northern Boulevard. Photo by Walter Karling

Street Co-Naming For Community Hero Marguerite Henderson



Council Member Francisco Moya, First Baptist Church Pastor Patrick Young and Volunteer Organizer Keica Edwards together with Marguerite Henderson's mother Virginia Pore, children and nephews, and members of the East Elmhurst community following the unveiling of Marguerite Henderson Way in East Elmhurst, NY on Saturday, August 6, 2022. Photo by Emil Cohen/NYC Council. See story on page 6.

Legislation Enacted to Expand Availability of Padavan-Preller Athletic Fields

Popular Queens athletic fields now open for all sporting uses, including cricket, soccer, flag football and other community activities



Senator Liu and Assembly Member Vanel with representatives from Hollis-Bellaire-Queens Village Athletic Association, Inc. (HBQVBA), DAC Athletic Club Marksmen Team Sports, Queensborough United Youth SC, Floral Park-Bellerose Indian Merchant's Association, GOALS - Girls Softball, Community Board 13, and New Greater Bethel Ministries. See story on page 6.

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bomb along the bank and that it was discovered because of the decrease in water levels from the drought.

Over the weekend, the army told Reuters that roughly 3,000 people living nearby were evacuated so that military experts could safely defuse the bomb in a controlled explosion on Sunday. The local airspace, waterway, railway line and state road all had to be temporarily closed for the procedure.

"At first, some of the inhabi-

ants said they would not move, but in the last few days, we think we have persuaded everyone," Borgo Virgilio's mayor Francesco Aporti told Reuters. Aporti said that if people continued to refuse, officials would not have detonated the bomb at that time.

This isn't the first historic artifact to be discovered in the barren river. In June, a 164-foot-long barge that transported wood during World War II surfaced in the river. The ship sank in 1943 and is usually covered by the water.

Extreme heat and too little

rainfall have been disastrous for the Po River and its basin, which covers nearly a quarter of Italy's territory and provides about one-third of the country's agricultural production. The nation declared a state of emergency for Po's surrounding areas, as farmers deal with destroyed crops and many surrounding areas face water shortages.

The 1,000-pound bomb from World War II was successfully detonated by 10th Engineer Regiment of Italian Army in Medole, Italy.

NYC Parks Rolls Out New Turf Field in Southeast Queens' Brookville Park

NYC Parks Queens Borough Commissioner Michael Dockett joined Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, City Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers, Community Board 13 District Manager Mark McMillian, President of the Rosedale Jets Jacques M. Leandra, and kids and community members on Saturday to officially unveil the reconstructed turf field and brand new amenities at Brookville Park in Southeast Queens.

"Today is a great day as we celebrate the official opening of the new turf field at Brookville Park," said Queens Borough Commissioner Dockett. "This new field will be a safe haven for the children of this community – a place for football, soccer, baseball and lacrosse, and thanks to the new synthetic turf will be open all four seasons for the enjoyment of the entire community."

"The opening of the new Brookville Park Turf Field is a great step forward in our ongoing effort to give all Queens residents convenient access to top-of-the-line parks and recreational facilities that allow children and adults to be active and enjoy the



outdoors," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "I am especially pleased that the Rosedale Jets organization, which is such a valuable community resource, will be able to use this brand new field. Our parks and playgrounds are the anchors of our neighborhoods, and the families of Southeast Queens deserve nothing less than to have a first-class turf field like this one available in theirs."

The project reconstructed and replaced Brookville Park's existing synthetic turf football

and baseball fields. The work included installation of a timber barrier rail at the perimeter of the fields; the installation of additional drinking fountains; a reconstruction of the chain link fence baseball backstop; and the addition of a new set of bleachers next to the football field. New paved paths at the site have also been created to provide ADA access.

The Brookville Park Turf Field reconstruction project was made possible with \$3.015 million from the City Council.

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Holds Press Conference on Suspected Anti-Hindu Hate Crime at a Hindu Temple



First Hindu American Elected Official Declares Zero Tolerance For Hate Crimes

Reaffirms Hinduism's Gandhian Belief In Loving Other Faiths As Their Own

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar—the first Hindu-American elected official in New York State—brought together community leaders, national leaders,

and elected officials to denounce a suspected hate crime at Shri Tulsi Mandir, a beloved Hindu temple in South Richmond Hill. Last Wednesday, three unidentified men vandalized, smashed, and toppled a cherished statue of Mahatma Gandhi outside the mandir. This comes after the vandalism of Union Square's famed Gandhi statue in February, and the desecration of other Gandhi statues around the world.

Assemblywoman Rajkumar stated: "A central tenet of Hinduism is inclusivity and mutual respect toward people of all faiths. Hindus believe not just in tolerance, but in one step more than tolerance—actively loving and respecting people of different backgrounds and faiths. This was Mahatma Gandhi's dream—a peaceful, loving world. We have

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NYC & Company Invites Visitors to Explore Queens Like A New Yorker

—NYC & Company Invites Travelers and Locals Alike to Experience Queens, From the Home of the U.S. Open to Beaches in the Rockaways, As Part of New “Get Local NYC” Campaign—

—Spend A Day in Queens Enjoying Authentic Food From Around the World, Unique Arts and Culture Venues, Beautiful Beaches and Riverfront Parks With Stupendous Views—

NYC & Company, New York City's official destination marketing organization and convention and visitors bureau for the five boroughs of New York City, invites locals and visitors alike to explore Queens Like a New Yorker as part of the organization's "Get Local NYC" initiative.

Plan a trip around tickets to see world-famous tennis stars at the U.S. Open or a Mets game at Citi Field. Pack a bathing suit and hit the beach in the Rockaways. Hop the subway to Jackson Heights or Flushing and enjoy food from around the world. Queens is also home to several major museums and arts venues, including the Museum of the Moving Image, Socrates Sculpture Park, the Noguchi Museum, MoMA PS1 and more.

"Queens holds the Guinness Book World Record as the most ethnically diverse urban area in the world, with at least 138 languages spoken," said NYC Company President and CEO Fred Dixon. "For visitors, it's a great place to experience New York City's diversity, including authentic cuisine from cultures around the world. It's also a great place to watch tennis legends play at the U.S. Open, travel back in time to the 1964 World's Fair, or take a beach day at the Rockaways. Whether you want to visit the home of jazz great Louis Armstrong, see contemporary art at MoMA PS1 or enjoy a night out at a bar or brewery, Queens is the ultimate destination."

GETTING THERE AND GETTING AROUND - Planes, ferries, buses and trains: There are so many ways to get to Queens.

The No. 7 subway line is one of the best ways to experience Queens. Take the train from Times Square, Fifth Avenue or Grand Central to Court Square to visit MoMA PS1 in Long Island City. Use the 7 train's Jackson Heights-Roosevelt Avenue stop to explore a bustling neighborhood packed with Latin American and Asian eateries and businesses. For Mets games or the U.S. Open, take the 7 to Mets-Willets Point. And for Asian food, shopping and New York City history, stay on the train to the last stop in Flushing. The N and W lines serve Astoria, the A train goes to Rockaway, and the M, R and F lines go to Forest Hills and Jamaica.

Visitors flying into New York City will land at either LaGuardia or John F. Kennedy airports in Queens. Taxis, rideshares and express buses are available to and from the airports. For \$5, the AirTrain takes passengers from the A line's Howard Beach-JFK

station to JFK Airport. For public transit to and from LaGuardia, take the Q70 LaGuardia Link bus from the Jackson Heights or Woodside stations on the No. 7 subway line.

Several NYC Ferry routes serve Queens from Manhattan and Brooklyn for just \$2.75 each way, with stops in the Queens neighborhoods of Long Island City, Astoria and Rockaway.

HOTELS - More than 100 hotels are located in Queens, from major brands like Hilton, Hyatt, IHG and Marriott, to boutique hotels like the Collective Paper Factory and Boro Hotel in Long Island City or Rockaway Hotel + Spa, billed as an urban beach getaway. The Renaissance New York Flushing Hotel as Tangram just opened today. A number of hotels are located within a mile or two of the airports, including the Hyatt Regency JFK Airport at Resorts World New York City. One of the city's most popular hotels is onsite at Kennedy Airport: the TWA Hotel, housed in the landmark Eero Saarinen-designed flight center. Guests can even watch jets taking off from the TWA Hotel's rooftop pool.

NEIGHBORHOODS - Queens has 91 neighborhoods, more than any other borough. At 109 square miles, it's also the largest of New York City's five boroughs. Below are some highlights and attractions.

LONG ISLAND CITY - The ferry to Long Island City leaves passengers by Gantry Plaza State Park, a 12-acre waterfront oasis with gardens and stunning views of Manhattan across the river. The park is named for its restored industrial gantries. These structures were built 100 years ago on the waterfront to load and unload rail car floats and barges. The park also preserves a beloved local landmark: an enormous red Pepsi-Cola sign, which once adorned a bottling plant.

MoMA PS1 is one of the country's largest contemporary art institutions and an affiliate of Manhattan's Museum of Modern Art. It's located less than a mile from Gantry Park and just a few blocks from the Court Square subway station (7, E, M or G lines). In addition to exhibitions, MoMA PS1 hosts performances and concerts and has an onsite Greek restaurant.

For drinks in Long Island City, try the popular craft cocktail bar Dutch Kills. For beer, visit Big ALICe Brewing, Fifth Hammer Brewing, or ICONYC taproom and beer garden. Long Island City has also become a hub for Asian food and culture. Dining options include Hupo, a Michelin Guided-rated spot for Szechuan cuisine; Möge Tee or MTea LIC for bubble tea, sweets and more; Cyclo for Vietnamese comfort food; Tuk Tuk for Thai; Sapps for Japanese food; Yumpling for dumplings and other Taiwanese dishes; and the Koufuku Mart for provisions and groceries.

Sneakerheads will want to visit Extra Butter, an Asian-owned streetwear and footwear store; comic book fans should

head to Royal Collectibles. And here's a unique destination: Underpenny Plane and Cast Iron Museum, a showcase for 19th century artifacts including ornate penny banks, cast-iron bells, wood planes, and horse-and-carriage toys. Some are for sale; some are for show.

Culture Lab LIC is an arts and culture hub presenting local, national, and international art of all genres, while supporting New York artists and other nonprofits by providing space, resources and a sense of community. It exists to directly support groups and individuals making a positive difference in the community, and is dedicated to upholding equity, diversity and inclusion across all platforms.

ASTORIA - Astoria is known for authentic Greek food, with popular spots like Stamatis Restaurant, Telly's Taverna, Taverna Cyclades and Agnanti. However, the neighborhood is also home to three unique arts venues.

The Museum of the Moving Image is dedicated to the history of film, television and digital media. Its collection includes vintage film equipment; costumes and props from famous movies and shows; video games and other interactive activities, and exhibitions about popular shows like "The Walking Dead," plus screenings and an ongoing exhibition devoted to Muppets puppeteer Jim Henson. The museum is also a testament to the area's filmmaking history: It's housed in a building that was part of a 1920s film studio, and it's located across the street from Kaufman-Astoria Studios, a modern film and TV production facility whose credits include "Sesame Street." To get to the museum by subway, take the R or M to Steinway Street or the N or W to 36th Avenue.

Socrates Sculpture Park hosts large-scale contemporary artworks and multimedia installations in an outdoor waterfront park near the Astoria ferry stop. Across the street from the park, the Noguchi Museum showcases work by the Japanese American artist Isamu Noguchi in what was originally his home and studio. Noguchi was renowned for his modernist stone sculptures, landscape architecture, and for "akari," which are handcrafted paper lanterns in geometric shapes. Noguchi's iconic akari designs, including his widely imitated ribbed white sphere, are practical as well as beautiful: they are used as paper shades for lighting fixtures and have become classics of modern home decor.

Other places worth a visit in Astoria include the Bohemian Hall & Beer Garden; the West African restaurant Nneji and its sister gift shop Ibari; Q.E.D. performance venue and comedy club; Amadeus nightclub; The Last Word, an upscale bar, and Icon Astoria, a gay bar with DJs and drag shows.

SUNNYSIDE, JACKSON HEIGHTS AND EAST ELMHURST - One of the first stops as the 7 train heads into Queens

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Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Holds Press Conference on Suspected Anti-Hindu Hate Crime at Hindu Temple

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achieved Gandhi's dream in Richmond Hill, where Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs, Jews, and Christians live together in harmony, often on the same block."

She continued: "The desecration of Gandhi statues and anti-Hindu hate crimes will not be tolerated in Richmond Hill or anywhere in New York State. At a time when our city is experiencing a 127% increase in hate crimes, elected officials and community leaders gathered together in my district at Tulsi Mandir to condemn hate crimes against any group based on their religion or ethnicity."

Rajkumar called for the vandalism to be investigated as a hate crime and for the perpetrators to be persecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

The event continued Assemblywoman Rajkumar's extensive work to combat hate crimes. In June, she passed a law creating the first ever Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission in New York State, which will develop solutions to the rise in anti-Asian hate crimes. The Assemblywoman also takes the lead in speaking out against hate crimes in Queens, including multiple anti-Sikh hate crimes, the assault of a white woman in Woodhaven being investigated as a hate crime, and a series of Islamophobic hate crimes in South Queens.

Pandit Lakhram Maharaj, founder and spiritual leader of Shri Tulsi Mandir, thanked the Assemblywoman for organizing the outpouring of support.

"We are all so proud that Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar is the first Hindu American in New York State Office, and we are blessed that she brings the whole community together to take action at this challenging moment in time for the Hindu-American community," he said. "Our statue of Mohandas Gandhi represented our Hindu values of love, respect, and peace. The statue may be gone, but the values it embodied will endure forever, and they must guide us as we respond to this incident. What we want is not revenge against the perpetrators, but mutual understanding; not punishment, but healing. We are grateful to have Assemblywoman Rajkumar on our side as we embark on this healing process."

Attendees offered their sympathies to the mandir and committed to aiding Assemblywoman Rajkumar's work to end hate crimes.

"I condemn the vile desecration of the Mohandas Gandhi statue at the Tulsi Mandir," said Congressman Gregory Meeks. "Acts of hate have no place in our community and nation and the perpetrators need to be held accountable. Let this moment stand as a testament to our ability to unite and strive for peace in our neighborhoods throughout Southeast Queens."

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communities. We cannot stand idly by and let dangerous rhetoric and actions inspire fear, but we can come together to support each other in this tragic moment."

"Hate has no place in Queens, and hateful acts like the disgraceful vandalism that took place at the Shri Tulsi Mandir will not be tolerated here," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. "Queens is called 'The World's Borough' because we respect the many different cultures of our residents. So when an act of hate is committed against one group, our entire borough stands together as one community in denouncing the hate. I join with Assemblywoman Rajkumar and my fellow elected officials and community leaders in calling on whoever perpetrated this recent vandalism to be arrested and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law."

"I'm horrified that a statue of Mahatma Gandhi was vandalized outside of a Hindu temple in my district last week," said Council Speaker Adrienne Adams. Hate has no place in our community, Queens, or New York City. I join my colleagues, community, and faith leaders to unequivocally denounce this troubling act of hate. As a city, we must root out hate with love and acceptance. The Council will continue to invest in preventing hate crimes and supporting the communities, like mine, that too often experience it. We will continue working together in unity for the safer communities we all want."

"Whenever places of worship are defaced, vandalized or attacked we must ask why the perpetrators did it and address the situation. That is what we are doing here at the Tulsi Mandir temple since their Gandhi statue was vandalized and knocked over last week," State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. said. "I will work with my colleagues on the governmental level, the police force and the community so we can find these vandals and make sure justice is served, while continuing to promote the awareness and education that vandalizing religious sites and statues hurts not only the house of worship, but the entire community."

"I am appalled that we have to keep convening in circumstances like this again and again," said Assemblyman David Weprin. "Vandalism, threats, or intimidation against any of our houses of worship will never be tolerated. I do not come from a Hindu background, but I view this vandalism as if it were an attack on my own Synagogue. Mahatma Gandhi was a dedicated servant of peace in the face of violence – we must embody his values and stand in solidarity with the attendees of Tulsi Mandir and our neighbors in the Hindu community."

"The desecration of any religious statue, symbol or artifact is a crime against all of us. The symbols have deep meaning to many and much significance to their religion. I hope that the per-

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is Sunnyside's 40th Street-Lowery Street station. Worthwhile destinations nearby include Nita's European Bakery, Alewife Brewing and Thalia Spanish Theatre, which hosts live performances in English and Spanish.

Next stop on the 7 train: Jackson Heights-Roosevelt Avenue. Two-thirds of Jackson Heights residents are foreign-born, and they've turned the neighborhood into a culinary paradise with cafes, restaurants and sidewalk stands dishing up food from around the world. Jackson Heights is also home to one of the City's largest LGBTQ+ communities.

Latin American eateries include La Gran Uruguaya cafe, bakery and restaurant; Urubamba Restaurant (Peruvian); El Palacio de los Cholados (frozen treats); the Arepa Lady (stuffed Venezuelan patties made from corn meal), and Mariscos El Submarino (try the shrimp cocktail with avocado slivers in a thick, cold red sauce). Or just take a walk beneath the elevated train tracks and sample whatever the street vendors are selling.

Jackson Heights also has a cluster of Tibetan and Nepalese restaurants (Lhasa Fast Food, Mustang Thakali Kitchen, Himalayan Yak, and Phayul), along with a vibrant community known as Little India centered around 74th Street between Roosevelt and 37th avenues. Indian restaurants and eateries include the Jackson Diner, Delhi Heights and Dosa Delight. Shops include India Sari Palace; Patel Brothers, a marketplace for spices and groceries; Butala Emporium, which sells religious items; and numerous jewelry stores.

There's endless global cuisine to choose from, including a popular Middle Eastern spot, El Toum; Thai food at Sompong Thai or Arunee; and Japanese food at Tomo. And the eclectic menu at the Queensboro Restaurant, which features dishes from around the world. The pedestrian square on 37th Road between 73rd and 74th streets is appropriately named Diversity Plaza.

For those yearning for pancakes or burgers, Jackson Heights even has a beloved American diner, the Jax Inn. And there's French food in the Jackson Heights Shopping Center (which is actually located in the nearby East Elmhurst neighborhood) at the popular Bistro Eloise and Cannelle Patisserie. Another East Elmhurst favorite is Cassidy's Ale House.

Gay bars and clubs in Jackson Heights include Friends Tavern; Hombres Lounge; and the Latin gay clubs True Colors and New Club Evolution. Queens Pride House, an LGBTQ+ community and cultural center, is located in Jackson Heights, and the neighborhood also hosts the annual Queens Pride Parade.

Jackson Heights has a historic district as well, preserving Tudor, Romanesque and Renaissance garden apartment buildings. A unique sign in the historic district honors Alfred Mosher Butts, who

invented Scrabble there in 1938. The street sign at the corner of 81st Street and 35th Avenue is designed to look like a set of Scrabble tiles, with a numerical value shown for each letter in the word "Avenue" and the "th" in "35th" (The sign is worth 14 Scrabble points.)

CORONA - Take the 7 train to the Mets-Willets Point station to reach Flushing Meadows Corona Park, the Billie Jean King National Tennis Center, and Citi Field, where the Mets play baseball. The tennis stadium is not only an amazing place to catch rising stars and world-famous legends at the U.S. Open — but it's a great place to eat. The onsite Food Village offers a wide variety of terrific options from poke bowls and curry to kosher pastrami sandwiches and barbecue.

The World's Fair opened in Flushing Meadows Corona Park in 1964, and many Queens landmarks and institutions located in and near the park are connected to the fair. Two 100-foot-tall NASA rockets stand outside the New York Hall of Science, a museum that opened soon after the World's Fair. The Unisphere, a 12-story steel globe that was built for the fair, has become an icon of Queens and New York City. The globe has been featured in movies like "Spider-Man: Homecoming," "Men in Black" and "Iron Man 2."

The Queens Museum is housed in a building that dates to the 1939 World's Fair. Its most famous display, the "Panorama of the City of New York," is a scale model of the city that debuted at the '64 fair. The panorama, updated in 1992, includes models of every building built before 1992 (nearly 900,000 in total), along with every street, park and bridge, on a scale of 1 to 1,200. The island of Manhattan is 70 feet long, the Empire State Building 15 inches tall.

Flushing Meadows Park is also home to a zoo, a vintage carousel, and the Playground for All Children, one of the first outdoor playgrounds designed to accommodate children with disabilities. On certain Saturday evenings in spring, summer and fall, the park hosts the Queens Night Market, featuring mom-and-pop vendors selling homemade food from around the world. The Queens Botanical Garden is nearby too.

Other Corona treasures include the Lemon Ice King of Corona, selling Italian ices for more than 75 years (and shown on the TV series "King of Queens"); and the Louis Armstrong House, a historic house museum where jazz great Louis Armstrong and his wife lived from 1943 until his death in 1971.

FLUSHING - Last stop on the 7 train is Main Street, Flushing. In 1657, residents of Flushing sent a letter demanding freedom of religion to Peter Stuyvesant, governor of the Dutch colony that eventually became New York City. It's an appropriate historical footnote for contemporary Queens, home to hundreds of thriving churches, mosques, synagogues, and temples reflecting its diversity. The Flushing Freedom Mile marks 21 sites connected to the

neighborhood's history, including the Bowe House, where, in 1662, John Bowe invited Quakers to meet in defiance of an order from Gov. Stuyvesant, and the Macedonia A.M.E. Church, an Underground Railroad site that sheltered African Americans fleeing slavery.

Today Flushing is a predominantly Asian American neighborhood. Just steps from the Flushing subway stop is the New World Mall, renowned for its food court featuring Thai, Vietnamese, Chinese, Korean, Japanese and Uyghur food. Elsewhere in the neighborhood, check out Ten Ren Tea & Ginseng; Fay Da bakery; Tian Jin Dumpling House; the Flushing Ice Cream Factory; San Soo Kap San (Korean barbecue) and Ganesh Temple Canteen, a South Asian vegetarian cafeteria in a Hindu temple. Visit Anime Castle for graphic novels, toys and other anime merchandise, and check out Alumni of New York, a high-end sneaker, hip-hop and streetwear boutique founded by Korean Americans Gene Han and Jaeki Cho.

For a day of Korean-style wellness, visit Spa Castle, located about two miles from Flushing in the College Point neighborhood of Queens. It's a five-story, 100,000-square-foot spa with saunas, pools, a gym, massages, scrubs and more.

ROCKAWAY, JACOB RIIS PARK, AND JAMAICA BAY WILDLIFE REFUGE
When New Yorkers want to get away from it all without leaving the city, they often head to Rockaway. This peninsula on the Atlantic Ocean is 5 and a half miles long but just a few blocks wide; it's famous for big waves, surfers and a small-town vibe.

Rockaway was hard hit by Superstorm Sandy in 2012, but the ocean boardwalk has been rebuilt and its beaches attract millions of visitors each year. Designated surfing areas are located at Beach 68-71 streets, Beach 87-91 streets, and Beach 110-111 streets; it's fun to watch the surfers catching waves and lessons are available for newcomers. Mom-and-pop vendors serve up great food in concession areas on the beach and on the neighborhood's side streets. Popular dining spots include the Bungalow Bar, Uma's and Rockaway Beach Surf Club.

To get there, take the A train or a ferry. The hour-long trip by boat from Wall Street in Manhattan is just \$2.75 (the price will increase to \$4 beginning September 12) and comes with spectacular views of Lower Manhattan, Coney Island, and even the occasional pod of dolphins frolicking in the open water. The boat also picks up passengers in Brooklyn. The ferry docks on the bay side of the Rockaway peninsula, and from there it's a short walk along 108th Street to the ocean beaches. Ferry service ends early in the evening, so pay attention to the schedule for return trips.

Street parking in the Rockaways is limited during beach season, but

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QBP Richards Presents Proclamation to Leadership of The German-American Steuben Parade, Joined by The Parade Queen And Princesses

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards presented a framed proclamation this week, recognizing "German-American Steuben Parade Day" on September 17th.

Accepting the proclamation was Parade Chairman Bob Radiske, additional parade leaders, as well as the 2022 Parade Queen (Miss German-America) and two Princesses. The presentation was made in Queens Borough Hall.

This is the 65th year for the Steuben Parade, which will kick off on Fifth Avenue and 68th Street in Manhattan at 12 noon on Saturday September 17th. For more information on the parade, and related events, please visit www.germanparadenyc.org. This site also has biographies on the parade Grand Marshals as well as Miss German-America (the Parade Queen) and her Princesses. See photo on page 7.

Speaker Adrienne E. Adams Calls For Accountability From Department of Social Services

Regarding Homeless Shelter Intake Issues and Treatment of Asylum Seekers in Statement Submitted to Council's General Welfare Committee Hearing

In an official statement submitted to the Council's Committee on General Welfare hearing on long-standing New York City shelter intake issues and the recent increase in asylum seekers, Speaker Adrienne Adams called for account-

ability, transparency and answers from Mayor Eric Adams' administration in the wake of reports of violations of right-to-shelter law and asylum seekers experiencing inhumane conditions at New York City shelter intake facilities.

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to justice."

"CoHNA strongly condemns this hate crime against the Tulsi Mandir and stands in solidarity with Assemblywoman Rajkumar in calling for a swift investigation," said Nikunj Trivedi, President of the Coalition of Hindus of North America. "Unfortunately, we are seeing a surge in Hinduphobia and anti-Hindu hate crimes, including the desecration of Gandhi statues and attacks on Hindu public officials in multiple places. We call upon leaders, law officials and the general public to stand against such hate and bigotry."

"I condemn every type of vandalism and especially against any religious group, statue or artifacts that represent them," said 106th Precinct Community Council President Frank Dardani.

"When anyone is a victim of a hate crime in Richmond Hill, it is a crime against the very values that define our neighborhood," said longtime Richmond Hill community leader Romeo Hitllal. "I love Richmond Hill because people of every faith and background live together in a spirit of camaraderie and community. The hatred that drove the abhorrent vandalism at Tulsi Mandir is not who we are, and we will work together to make the mandir, and our whole community, stronger and more welcoming than ever before."



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(Mar. 21 - April 20)

You should put in some extra hours developing that creative idea you have. Moneymaking opportunities will surface. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,9.

TAURUS

(Apr. 21 - May 21)

Don't let your emotions take over. Avoid too much discourse with colleagues this week. Don't make large purchases or investments. Your lucky numbers are 4,3,2.

GEMINI

(May 22 - June 21)

Get involved in activities that will be fun for the whole family. Check your personal papers and make sure everything is in order. Your lucky numbers are 3,4,7.

CANCER

(June 22 - July 22)

Don't be too quick to blame others for your bad mood. Take a close look at any contracts you've signed. Your lucky numbers are 9,1,4,

LEO

(July 23 - Aug 22)

You have been stagnating for some time now and you need a change of pace. Sudden changes regarding your domestic scene are probable. Your lucky numbers are 6,3,1.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)

You can't make things better if you don't know what to fix. Problems with people at work will try your patience and cause temper flare ups. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,2.

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Did You Know?

- Clinophobia is the fear of going to bed
- A standard 747 jumbo jet has 420 seats
- Police dogs are trained to respond to commands in foreign languages (usually German or Hungarian)
- The makers of the board game Monopoly print over 50 billion dollars worth of Monopoly money every year
- The 'black box' that houses an airplane's voice recorder is actually orange so it can be more easily detected amid the debris of a plane crash
- The average iceberg weighs 20,000,000 tons
- The blueprints for the Eiffel Tower covered more than 14,000 square feet of drafting paper
- The Colgate toothpaste company started out making starch, soap, and candles
- The first crossword puzzle appeared in 1913
- The human eye can detect more shades of green than any other colour
- The number 4 is the only number that has the same number of letters in it
- You can't tickle yourself
- The surface area of a brick is 79 cm squared
- 3 teaspoons make up 1 tablespoon
- Useful life of a modern toilet is 50 years

Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles**"Sudoku"**

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"Crossword Puzzle"

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Legislation Enacted to Expand Availability of Padavan-Preller Athletic Fields

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NYS Senator John C. Liu, Assembly Member Clyde Vanel and the Hollis – Bellaire – Queens Village – Bellerose Athletic Association (HBQVBA) today announced legislation to expand the availability of the Padavan-Preller Fields in Bellerose to allow for sports like cricket, soccer, flag football, and other community activities.

Since 1980, an agreement between HBQVBA and the State of New York allowed the league to utilize and maintain the fields, but restricted the usage to solely baseball and softball. Any other use was prohibited unless the state provided explicit approval.

In order to recognize the changing demographics of Queens and the area's diverse sporting organizations, Senator Liu and Assembly Member Vanel passed legislation S6893 and A8296 to allow HBQVBA additional oversight to expand the usage of the property for purposes other than Little League baseball. Under the legislation, the venue may now be used for other non-professional sports events, or as a venue for civic, charitable, cultural, religious or educational events.

The Padavan-Preller Fields are a nine baseball/softball field complex in Bellerose, Queens. The fields are owned and operated by the HBQVBA. In addition to the fields, HBQVBA maintains a parking lot, equipment room, batting cages, restrooms and a concession stand.



Senator John Liu stated, "Any sports organizer knows that reserving a playing field in the summertime can be extremely challenging, if not impossible, due to high demand. By opening up these nine athletic fields to more sporting activities like cricket,

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Street Co-Naming For Community Hero Marguerite Henderson

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Council Member Francisco Moya honored beloved and dedicated community hero Marguerite Henderson with a street co-naming the afternoon of Saturday, August 6, 2022. Joined by Henderson's family and friends, and members of the community, Councilman Moya unveiled Marguerite Henderson Way on the corner of 96th Street and 30th Avenue in East Elmhurst, the neighborhood where she grew up, lived and worked. Among those in attendance included her mother Virginia Pore; her children Altonia, LaToya, DeNae, and Brianne Henderson; her nephews Dijon and Tysheem Pore, and Robert Weathers; her sister Adrienne Pore and brothers Hassan and Ed Pore; her sons in law Frank Wentworth and Billy Williams; and from her Mount Horeb Baptist Church congregation, Pastor Gilbert Pickett. Also present were First Baptist Church Pastor Patrick Young and food pantry volunteers including Keica Edwards, who Henderson partnered with to bring much-needed relief to the community for years including during the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"When we talk about true heroes in New York City, Marguerite



Marguerite Henderson Way on 96th Street and 30th Avenue in East Elmhurst, NY. Photo by Emil Cohen/NYC Council

Henderson was one of them. She was the mother of our East Elmhurst neighborhood, and this was evident by her love and dedication to this community—to anyone that needed her support and to all those she served at the First Baptist Church food pantry. I am grateful to her mother Virginia Pore and her children for allowing us to celebrate and honor this extraordinary woman. Marguerite Henderson Way will forever serve as a symbol of dedication and love," said Council Member Francisco Moya.

Moments before the unveiling of Marguerite Henderson Way, Virginia Pore shared: "My daughter's name is on a street in New York, the capital of the world. Thank you to all and to Councilman Moya for supporting our family and honoring Marguerite."

Henderson's children expressed: "It is an honor to look up and see the street our mother spent most of her life on, co-named Marguerite Henderson Way. East Elmhurst was her first and final home. She

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Gillibrand Statement on Senate Passage of Inflation Reduction Act



semiconductor shortage, growing job numbers, and the lowest unemployment rate we've seen in fifty years, and now we have passed the Inflation Reduction Act through the Senate.

This comprehensive bill will lower prescription drug prices and health care costs, fight inflation, reduce energy bills, extend critical Affordable Care Act subsidies, and close tax loopholes abused by wealthy corporations, and it includes the most significant climate investment in our nation's history - all while paying down our national debt. The nearly \$370 billion investment in energy and climate spending will reduce carbon emissions by nearly 40% by 2030 and take us a huge step forward in reaching our green energy goals to address the climate crisis. The Inflation Reduction Act was written and passed for working people and working families. Now it's time for the House to pass this bill and send it to President Biden's desk for him to sign into law."

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Meng And Hirono Applaud Millions in Key Spending Bill to Help Combat Hate Crimes

U.S. Representative Grace Meng (D-NY) and U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI) today applauded millions in funding to continue their efforts to combat hate crimes.

The money has been included in the Justice Department's budget which is awaiting floor action in the House and Senate. The bill, approved by the House Appropriations Committee, provides \$30 million for the Justice Department's Community-Based Approaches to Advancing Justice Grant Program, an initiative created last year that expanded on provisions in the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act which Meng and Hirono passed into law in May of 2021. These funds follow the \$5 million grant that the two lawmakers secured in last year's spending package.

"More than two years into the COVID-19 crisis, Asian Americans continue to live in fear of hate crimes and incidents due to being scapegoated for the pandemic," said Congresswoman Meng. "That is why it is important to invest in the Justice Department's programs to ensure we are taking a holistic approach to addressing the problem. While we finalize the government spending bills for the coming fiscal year, it is critical that our communities not lose out on vital federal funds that will help local organizations support victims and address discrimination and violence. I thank Sena-



Rep. Grace Meng



Sen. Mazie Hirono

tor Hirono for her partnership and – due to her leadership – I am grateful to see the Senate bill include – for the first time – grant money to help community organizations combat hate crimes. I look forward to working alongside Senator Hirono to protect this investment in our communities."

"I introduced the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act with Congresswoman Meng to combat the disturbing rise in hate crimes Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have faced since the onset of the COVID pandemic," said Senator Hirono. "This legislation has been critical to our work to prevent hate-based crimes and empower our communities, but it is clear that more must be done. This funding will help the Justice Department and the organizations on the front lines in our communities do more

to prevent hate-based crimes and attacks, and hold those who commit these acts of hate accountable. I'm grateful for Congresswoman Meng's partnership in this effort, and will work to ensure this funding remains in the final funding bill considered by the Senate later this year."

Community-based organizations have been leaders throughout the pandemic, supporting victims and their families in combating and recovering from the rise in hate crimes and incidents. The fiscal year 2022 omnibus created the Community-Based Approaches to Advancing Justice at the Justice Department, which received \$5 million in funding. The grant is being administered by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Assistance which was established to reduce violent crime and create safer communities.

NYC Mayor Eric Adams Joins Bus Riders And Drivers,



Mayor Adams, Elected Officials, and Transit Advocates On Flatbush Avenue, Champions Faster, More Reliable Service Ahead of City's Promised 2023 Upgrades to Most Populous Borough's Iconic Arterial

As the Adams administration implements its NYC Streets Plan mandate and studies options for better bus service on Brooklyn's

10 mile long spine, bus riders urge a bold approach that expands access to opportunity and attracts new riders to the route

Senator James Sanders Jr. National Guard Resources Bill Signed Into Law

Senator James Sanders Jr. had one of his bills signed into law by the Governor. It would help men and women serving in the National Guard and their families.

Bill S666-A amends the military law by adding a new section to require the Division of Military and Naval Affairs is required information on benefits for members of the national guard and their family in both printed form and on the Division's website.

"As a Senator and a Marine Corps Veteran, I truly care about our military personnel and I am always looking for ways to improve their lives," Senator Sanders said. "This bill would allow National Guard members to have a place to find information on benefits and services available to them and their families, which is a really important resource."

Governor Hochul praised the



bill for helping our National Guard members clearly understand the benefits that are offered to them for their service.

"Our National Guard members put their lives on the line every day to keep New Yorkers across the state safe, and they are owed a great deal for their sacrifice," Hochul said.

QBP Richards Presents Proclamation to Leadership of The German-American Steuben Parade, Joined by The Parade Queen And Princesses



Steuben Parade Princess Klara Meditz, Parade Queen Catherine Rabus (Miss German-America), Parade Princess Victoria Bruchhäuser and Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr.)

Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato Hosts Annual Women of Distinction Event



Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) hosted her annual 'Women of Distinction' event on Saturday. The event highlights the remarkable contributions by women who work or reside within the 23rd Assembly District which encompasses the communities of Ozone Park, Howard Beach and Hamilton Beach, to Breezy Point and Rockaway Beach to Far Rockaway. This year's recipients included: Barbara Buffolino, Karen Buffolino-Nevirs, Holly Gendron, Clare Hilger, Kathleen Lawless, and Patricia Raghunandan.

"While Women's History Month may be in March, I believe that women should be honored every day, of every month all year long," said Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato. The in-person

event had an attendance of over 50 people, including past recipients resulting in the program turning into an impromptu networking event. "I believe in women supporting women, celebrating each other for their accomplishments. We have so many amazing women in this community who do so much, and this is a great way to come together and thank them for their work and contributions. It also gives all of these amazing women the chance to connect and develop new partnerships which further helps them in their work to improve the community," said the Assemblywoman.

The six recipients were chosen from many nominees and each was personally presented with a beautiful orchid and an official citation from Assemblywoman

Pheffer Amato. "This year's winners devote themselves to their community and exemplify the best of the New York spirit. Their work ranges from spending hours at a food pantry, organizing and advocating for tenants' rights, to promoting the importance of water safety and helping neighbors resolve problems; and throughout it all, putting the neighborhood and community above themselves. The people of the 23rd Assembly District have greatly benefited from the work of these incredible women, and often without even knowing it. On behalf of the community and the State of New York I thank Barbara, Karen, Holly, Clare, Kathleen and Patricia who have all made this a better place to live," said Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato.

Meng Legislation to Help Veterans Exposed to Radiation Enacted Into Law

Legislation signed by President Biden as part of the Honoring Our Pact Act, a bill Meng helped pass that seeks to assist veterans exposed to toxic substances, an issue pushed by Queens veterans

President Biden signed the Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act (Honoring Our PACT Act), a key veterans health bill that includes U.S. Rep. Grace Meng's (D-NY) legislation to provide health care benefits for "Atomic Veterans" who were exposed to harmful radiation when they cleaned up nuclear testing sites during the late 1970s.

Meng's measure, entitled the Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act, will allow veterans who participated in the cleanup of Enewetak Atoll on the Marshall Islands to receive the same health care and benefits given to other veterans who were involved in active nuclear tests. From 1946 to 1958, the U.S. military conducted nuclear tests on the islands, but the thousands of servicemembers who cleaned up the area were never made eligible to receive health benefits.

The Honoring Our PACT Act is a sweeping bill that Meng helped pass in the House which expands healthcare to approximately 3.5 million veterans who were exposed to toxic substances during their service, including smoke from burn pits and other airborne hazards. It creates presumptions for 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers, such that they are assumed to have been caused by toxic substances. It is an issue that many Queens veterans have advocated for with Meng ever since she was first sworn into Congress.

"The enactment of my legislation will finally provide the

brave veterans who cleaned up Enewetak Atoll with the health care they need and deserve," said Meng. "It is way overdue and should not have taken decades to correct this injustice. We must take care of all our nation's veterans, and that includes all who have cleaned-up nuclear testing sites and those exposed to hazardous materials. As I've said, we have a moral obligation to ensure needed care is delivered to our toxic-exposed veterans, and the Honoring our PACT Act will make sure that impacted veterans receive the assistance they require. I was honored to help pass it in Congress, and I thank President Biden for making it the law of the land. I also thank all the Queens veterans who raised the issue of burn pits with me over the years and commend them for keeping up the fight."

"The Queens County Council VFW applauds the signing of the Honoring our PACT Act," said Ryan Graham, Legislative Committee of the Queens County Council VFW. "Assisting those that participated in nuclear cleanup and radiation exposure, as well as those exposed to burn pits during the most recent conflicts during the Global War on Terror, is not only sensible but the responsibility we hold for those that served. While taking care of those currently serving is of great importance, equally providing Veterans the VA services and compensation for service-related issues is just as important."

"I wish to express my appre-

ciation to Congresswoman Meng, our congressional leaders and all the veteran service organizations and advocates who worked to see the Honoring our PACT Act get signed into law," said Joe Bello, Chair of the Metropolitan NYC Veterans Community Engagement Board. "I'm especially grateful for all of Congresswoman Meng's work on the Mark Takai Atomic Veterans Healthcare Parity Act, which she has advocated on for many years. Her bill's inclusion into the Honoring our PACT Act will make sure that veterans who worked on toxic exposure cleanups on the Marshall Islands have not been forgotten; and will give them and their families the benefits and services they are so rightly entitled to."

The Congresswoman's measure is named after the late Hawaii Congressman Mark Takai, a veteran of the U.S. Army and Hawaii Army National Guard who passed away in 2016, and was the original sponsor of the bill in the House of Representatives. Meng first introduced it in 2017.

The veterans who participated in the Marshall Islands cleanup have suffered from high rates of cancers due to their exposure to radiation and nuclear waste but have been unable to receive the same treatments and service-related disability presumptions that other "radiation-exposed veterans" receive. Current law has only covered those who participated in active nuclear tests, not those who participated in the cleanup.



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Mayor Adams Announces Significant Quality-Of-Life, Infrastructure Improvements, New Affordable Homes in Downtown Far Rockaway



Adams Administration Delivers 224 Affordable Homes, Street Safety Upgrades, New Pedestrian Space, Climate Resiliency and Flood Protection Measures

\$234 Million Investment Delivers on Promise to Revitalize Downtown Far Rockaway and Provide Critical Improved Infrastructure for Local Residents—Completed Ahead of Schedule and Under Budget

New York City Mayor Eric Adams today marked the completion of two major projects transforming downtown Far Rockaway with 224 affordable homes and major infrastructure upgrades enhancing street safety, climate resiliency, and quality of life completed ahead of schedule. Together, the two projects brought \$234 million in investment to downtown Far Rockaway — delivering on key commitments from the “Downtown Far Rockaway Roadmap for Action,” a comprehensive plan released in 2016 to revitalize the neighborhood and improve quality of life for local residents.

“These projects exemplify what it means for New York to become a ‘City of Yes,’” said Mayor Adams. “This is the kind of community-led and community-supported investment we want to see more of and a prime example of government working the right way for the people of this city — getting this done ahead of schedule and under budget. Today is a great day for the Rockaways and another great day of ‘Getting Stuff Done’ for New Yorkers.”

“I am so proud to stand with Mayor Adams and the multiple city agencies who worked collaboratively and efficiently to complete this transformative project that will reinvigorate the Far Rockaway community,” said First Deputy Mayor Lorraine Grillo.

“Our city’s economic comeback is driven by our mayor’s strategic investments in neighborhoods that

have historically been left behind,” said Deputy Mayor for Economic and Workforce Development Maria Torres-Springer. “The city is delivering on promises made to Far Rockaway today with transformative affordable housing, green infrastructure, and streetscape projects that make the area safer and more attractive to residents and businesses. My thanks to the city agencies, elected officials, and community stakeholders involved in making the community’s vision a reality.”

Led by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD), and the New York City Housing Development Corporation (HDC), the \$120 million project — called Beach 21st — transformed vacant city-owned land into a new, 100-percent affordable, mixed-use development project with 224 affordable homes near the Far Rockaway-Mott Avenue subway station. Supporting access to vital transit, daycare, and jobs, the building offers apartments affordable to New Yorkers earning between 40 and 80 percent of area median income, with 23 homes with on-site services reserved for New Yorkers who formerly experienced homelessness. The building includes on-site laundry, a fitness room, and a rooftop terrace with a walking track, as well as approximately 28,000 square feet of retail and community space, including a day care center.

Carried out by the New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC), in partnership with the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT), the \$114 million infrastructure project was originally estimated to cost \$139 million and require seven years, then promised to the community in three years, and now has been delivered three months ahead of the promised three-year schedule and \$25 million under budget. The project includes critical street safety improvements, including the addition of more sidewalks, new landscaping, and green infrastructure. It also includes upgrades to 25 blocks of stormwater

draining to help reduce the flooding risk from heavy rain. A new, 15,000-foot pedestrian plaza will offer community space maintained by DOT, the Rockaway East Merchants Association, and the Horticultural Society of New York for events, seating, greenery, bike racks, and a public restroom. In total, the work included:

- More than two miles of new storm sewers and 88 new catch basins to alleviate flooding,
- More than two miles of new curbs,
- 101,000 square feet of new sidewalks,
- 10,000 feet of existing sanitary sewers replaced with new pipes,
- 10,000 feet of aging water mains replaced with new pipes, and
- A net gain of 71 new trees for the neighborhood.

The infrastructure project received the Award for Excellence in Design from the New York City Public Design Commission in 2017. DDC is also building the new Far Rockaway Library for Queens Public Library in the same community, which is anticipated to open next year.

These critical improvements were informed and supported by the Downtown Far Rockaway Working Group, a team of community members, businesses, and nonprofits, along with local and state elected officials. They created the Downtown Far Rockaway Roadmap for Action in 2016, which spurred a rezoning that prioritized affordable housing and support for area businesses.

“As New York State continues to address the housing crisis faced by vulnerable communities, it gives me great pleasure to stand alongside The Community Builders and colleagues across city and state government to cut the ribbon for the Beach 21st housing development,” said New York State Assemblymember Khaleel Anderson. I commend the intentional work of The Community Builders to ensure M/WBE utilization and local partnership are a priority for community development. With around 50 percent of units designated for Community Board 14, I look forward to seeing material improvements made benefiting the livelihood of the 31st Assembly District.”

Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams in Response to Court Decision on New York City Department of Education Budget



“The Council has been clear that the school budgets should be restored, and the Department of Ed-

ucation (DOE) must immediately fix the problems it has caused for New York City public school students. It has become clearer than ever that DOE lacks transparency and accountability and removed hundreds of millions of dollars more from school budgets than it ever conveyed in the city budget. Resolving this is about more than just a vote because DOE ultimately controls what happens with school budgets – a resolution must focus on ensuring ongoing accountability for DOE to do right by our schools within its larger budget. The Council is considering a full range of legal actions to

take in the coming days to ensure DOE permanently restores school budgets, is accountable to the public, and completely transparent about all relevant budget information and detailed accounting of the status of its remaining federal stimulus funds. Mayor Adams and Chancellor Banks are risking the health of our school system and students, and they must resolve this issue immediately. The Council and school stakeholders have been seeking such a resolution for weeks without a constructive partner at DOE. It is time for DOE to stop the chaos and confusion that its actions have created.”

Legislation Enacted to Expand Availability of Padavan-Preller Athletic Fields

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community.”

Mark McMillan, District Manager, Queens Community Board 13, stated, “Over the past twenty years, the demographics of our communities have changed dramatically. While baseball will always be known and treasured as ‘America’s Pastime,’ newer immigrant groups have come and brought in sports that also require the use of grass fields. Soccer, cricket and even softball are played more and there is a demand to have spaces where these sports can be played safely. As our society struggles with physical maladies like hypertension, diabetes and so many being overweight, opening up areas where organized physical activity may take place goes a long way in addressing some of these issues.”

Paul Busciolano, HBQVBA Vice President, stated, “The passing of the bill helps us continue to be leaders in the community by allowing boys and girls to play multiple sports at the complex, as well as allowing us to open the complex to different community activities and events.”

Ginny Peiser, President/Founder Goals Fast-Pitch, stated, “The Girls of Goals Fast-Pitch are excited to see what the future of the HBQVBA Padavan-Preller Complex and Organization will become. New and improved opportunities await for us and the

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a woman who left footprints in so many lives. We will always remember and celebrate her.”

Henderson, born Marguerite Ursel Pore on August 7, 1958, lived and worked in East Elmhurst, NY. She attended P.S. 127, I.S. 145, and Newtown High School, and graduated from LaGuardia Community College. Henderson was steadfast in her commitment and thanks to her dedication, many families had food on the table, coats for the winter, school supplies for their children, and most of all, her love showing so many that she had their back, especially throughout one of the worst pandemics of recent times. Henderson served her beloved community through her very last days. She passed away on July 19, 2021.

Council Member Julie Won Responds to BP’s “No” Vote on Innovation Queens



borough president called for developers to make 50% of the units affordable to working class New Yorkers, including those making 30% AMI.

Securing more affordable housing for this district is my top priority, and we will use the borough president’s recommendations and our own land use guidelines we released earlier this week to meet that goal.

District 26 is the second most developed in New York City, and any developer that wants to build in our district, has to prioritize community engagement, deep affordability, community investment, and union labor.

We need to make sure developers don’t ignore residents’ housing needs and I will keep pushing for transparency in the land use process.

Visit the District 26 website to see a full list of our land use principles, available in English, Spanish, Bangla, Tibetan, and Nepali.

In his recommendation, the

MTA And Dept. of City Planning Announce Major Accessibility Improvements to Queensboro Plaza Subway Station

Street Elevator to Be Paid for, Installed, Maintained on Northside of the Subway Station by Private Developer

Second Major Transit Improvement Under Zoning for Accessibility, First Outside Manhattan; Collaboration Enhances Accessibility at No Cost to MTA or City

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the Department of City Planning (DCP) jointly announced that the City of New York has approved the second transit improvement bonus under Zoning for Accessibility (ZFA), which will provide ADA access via a new elevator to the Queensboro Plaza subway station.

This upgrade is the second transit improvement bonus approved by the City Planning Commission (CPC) under ZFA, which enables developers to improve access to public transit in the busiest areas of the city in exchange for an increase in their building's density. This is the first use of ZFA outside of Manhattan and will bring a street-level elevator and a new, fully accessible entrance to the Queensboro Plaza station. The street elevator that the private developer will install under the agreement will complement ongoing MTA capital work at the station that includes the installation of two elevators that make the station fully accessible, one that connects to the station's mezzanine and another that connects the mezzanine to the platforms above.

Following last week's unanimous approval by the CPC on July 27, the developer of 25-01 Queens Plaza North, Grubb Properties, will build a new, fully accessible entrance inside the footprint of their building at no cost to the MTA or the City of New York. This station entrance will allow customers to enter the station from either side of the wide boulevard at Queens Plaza for elevator access and provide a second accessible entrance into the station.

"New York depends on mass transit, and mass transit needs to be available and accessible to all New Yorkers," said MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber. "The improvements at Queensboro Plaza demonstrate how the MTA is using every possible strategy to make the entire subway system ADA accessible."

"Riders with disabilities, customers with children in strollers, visitors with



Image of Elevator Rendering

luggage and many others will benefit from this new elevator, which will provide a second accessible street entrance to this important Queens transfer point serving fast-growing Long Island City," said MTA Chief Accessibility Officer Quemuel Arroyo. "Celebrating the second privately-funded ZFA project in less than a year speaks to the importance and potential of this program, and we hope to see many more ZFA projects helping us reach a fully accessible system as quickly as possible."

"This is another example of Zoning for Accessibility leading to a better accessibility project, adding redundancy and convenience for riders and enhancing the neighborhood at the same time," said MTA Construction & Development President Jamie Torres-Springer. "By integrating an additional accessible entrance into a redevelopment project, this new entrance complements our ongoing accessibility work at the station and will give Long Island City residents a subway station that serves all riders and fits seamlessly into the vibrant public space that is Queens Plaza."

"This is a huge win for transit riders, and further proof that Zoning for Accessibility will continue to deliver results for New Yorkers," said Department of City Planning Director and City Planning Commission Chair Dan Garodnick.

"In partnership with the MTA, the City Planning Commission has approved a project that will deliver not only a new elevator and new entryway for transit riders, which is paid for by private developers, but also 400 new homes – 120 of them affordable – across the street. This is the first time these zoning rules have been applied outside Manhattan, and we expect more to come."

"New York has been behind the world on transit accessibility, and I am glad major stations like Queensboro Plaza, and Court Square are finally being upgraded. For New York to thrive, it must have an MTA for All, where everyone can access the subway system to get to work, school and around our city," said Senate Deputy Leader Michael Gianaris.

"Accessible public transportation is essential to the bloodline of New York City, connecting us from borough to borough. Every new elevator the MTA installs is another mom, like me, being able to bring her child and a stroller onto the 7 train, as well as our seniors and neighbors with disabilities having universal access to fast and cheap transportation. Queensboro Plaza is the gateway to Queens and the MTA's upcoming elevators will benefit thousands and thousands of subway riders throughout Queens and our city," said Council Member Julie Won.

The new apartment building, on top of providing new ADA access to the station, will include over 400 new homes, approximately 120 of them affordable, as well as an expanded stairway.

Queensboro Plaza is one of more than 20 stations across all five boroughs with accessibility upgrades currently in progress under the MTA Capital Program. The station was identified by the City of New York as a priority for accessibility upgrades and included in the MTA Capital Plan with City support. In coordination with City partners, the MTA's Capital project to make the station accessible will include one street elevator on the south side of Queens Plaza to the station mezzanine and one elevator from the mezzanine to platform level.

NYC & Company Invites Visitors to Explore Queens Like A New Yorker

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there's a large paid parking lot at Jacob Riis Park on the southeastern side of the peninsula. Riis is part of Gateway National Recreation Area, so it doesn't have the neighborhood feel or local streets found elsewhere in the Rockaways, but it does have a beautiful beach and fantastic food vendors. Riis can also be reached by a free shuttle bus from the Rockaway ferry drop-off site, or via the Q35 bus or Q53 to the Q22 bus.

The Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge is also part of Gateway National Recreation Area. It's located on an island connected by bridges to the Howard Beach section of Queens on one side and to Rockaway on the other. More than 300 species of birds have been spotted at the wildlife refuge. There are hiking trails, activities led by park rangers, and ponds for hand-paddled watercraft. To get there by public transit, catch the Q53 bus to Cross Bay Boulevard-Wildlife Refuge or take the A to Broad Channel.

Visitors to Riis, Rockaway and the wildlife refuge can also take advantage of bike lanes and multi-use paths for bikers, skaters and pedestrians. Look for the red and green routes on the National Park Service Jamaica Bay Greenway map or consider doing all or part of an 18-mile bike loop around the area that includes an adjacent section of Brooklyn.

REGO PARK AND FOREST HILLS - Some 50,000 Bukharian Jews from Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan have settled in Queens in the last few decades, mostly in Rego Park and parts of Forest Hills. That's led to a new nickname for the area: Queensistan. It's also given rise to well-regarded eateries like Shashlichnaya Restaurant and the Rokhat Kosher Bakery. Elsewhere in Rego Park, Knish Nosh is famous for its knishes; Andre's Hungarian bakery is across the street. The M and R trains stop at 63rd Drive in Rego Park.

Just east of Rego Park, Forest Hills has several pop-culture claims to fame. Spider-Man fans may recall

that Peter Parker lived in Forest Hills; the Beatles played Forest Hills Stadium in 1964. The stadium still puts on a full schedule of events, with upcoming concerts by Death Cab for Cutie and the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, along with a show called "The Big Climate Thing" featuring Haim, The Roots, Sheryl Crow and more.

Members of the legendary punk rock band The Ramones met at Forest Hills High School. A mural depicting the band can be seen on the Thorneycroft Ramp between 66th Road and 66th Avenue near 99th Street.

RIDGEWOOD - Gottscheer Hall has been serving German food and beer in Ridgewood for nearly a century, but newer businesses in the neighborhood reflect its growing Latino community, including Pupusas Ridgewood (Salvadoran stuffed tortillas); Cachapas y Mas (Venezuelan street food); the Dominican-owned eateries Cafe Moca, Listo El Chimi and Chiquita's; Super Pollo (Ecuadorian rotisserie chicken); Las Chilangas (Mexican); and Tequila Time, a bar and restaurant that's women-led and LGBTQ+-friendly. Small businesses in the area include Stay Forever (gifts, accessories and jewelry) and Deep Cuts record store.

Take the M train to Forest Avenue or the L to Myrtle-Wyckoff (Myrtle-Wyckoff is actually in Brooklyn, but it's a short walk from there to Ridgewood).

RICHMOND HILL - Little Guyana, one of many ethnic enclaves in Queens, is located in Richmond Hill and Ozone Park. The neighborhood is also home to many New Yorkers with roots in Trinidad and other parts of the Caribbean. Little Guyana Bake Shop, Trini Delite Roti Shop, TrinCiti Roti Shop, Bakewell Bakery & Restaurant, Shivram's Bakery and Sybil's are among many eateries located along Liberty Avenue and Lefferts Boulevard. Shops selling saris reflect the Indian heritage that many Guyanese and Trinidadian families have. Take the A train to the Lefferts Boulevard stop.

JAMAICA AND ST. ALBANS - The many Black-

owned restaurants, shops and cultural spots in the Jamaica section of Queens speak to the neighborhood's African American and Afro Caribbean identity. Caribbean food is on the menu at The Door, Genesis Restaurant, Bebe Fritay and Jamaican Flavors. Go meatless at DeeGee's Vegan 360, or try the Soul Sundays menu at Burgers Tacos Wings & Seafood. For an evening out, visit Vibes, a lounge with good food and music. Check out Rotten Apple Wear for Queens-themed gear, and VP Records, a record shop and headquarters for a reggae-and-soca record label.

Soak up some history at the King Manor Museum and Rufus King Park, named for an anti-slavery advocate and signer of the U.S. Constitution. See what's happening at Roy Wilkins Park, which is named for the civil rights activist and which hosts events like the Jamaica Jerk Festival. Wilkins Park is also home to the Black Spectrum Theatre Company.

Jamaica has a substantial Bangladeshi community as well. Admire the jewelry, saris, and salwar kameez garments on display at Riwaz, and check out eateries like Ghora and Dhaka Sweets.

In the nearby St. Albans neighborhood, take a walk around the beautiful Addisleigh Park Historic District, known for its early 20th century Tudor and neo-Colonial Revival homes. Many famous African Americans lived here at one time, including Jackie Robinson, Lena Horne, Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie. For further information on exploring Queens, visit nycgo.com/queens.

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Statement from Speaker Adrienne Adams on Vandalism of Mahatma Gandhi Statue in Richmond Hill

"I'm horrified that a statue of Mahatma Gandhi was vandalized outside of a Hindu temple in my district last week. Hate has no place in our community, Queens, or New York City. I join my

colleagues, community, and faith leaders to unequivocally denounce this troubling act of hate. As a city, we must root out hate with love and acceptance. The Council will continue to invest in

preventing hate crimes and supporting the communities, like mine, that too often experience it. We will continue working together in unity for the safer communities we all want."

LEGAL NOTICES

ADMINISTRATION CITATION
File No. 2008-1968/A
SURROGATE'S COURT –
QUEENS COUNTY
CITATION
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE
OF NEW YORK,
By the Grace of God Free and
Independent,
TO

JAMES PARRISH
JOHN HUTCHINS
TARAYA PARRISH
VENICE SMITH
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR
OF QUEENS COUNTY
OSCAR PRIETO, ESQ.

HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF
KIN, AND DISTRIBUTEE
OF JESSIE PARRISH,
DECEASED, IF LIVING, AND
IF ANY OF THEM BE DEAD TO
THEIR HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT
OF KIN, DISTRIBUTEE,
LEGATEES, EXECUTORS,
ADMINISTRATORS,
ASSIGNEES AND
SUCCESSORS IN INTEREST
WHOSE NAMES ARE
UNKNOWN AND CANNOT
BE ASCERTAINED AFTER
DUE DILIGENCE

An amended petition
having been duly filed by Fay
Servicing, LLC, as attorney-in-fact for U.S. Bank Trust
National Association, not in its
individual capacity, but solely
as Trustee of LSF9 Master
Participation Trust, who is
domiciled at 425 S. Financial
Place, 20th Floor, Chicago, IL
60605.

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED
TO SHOW CAUSE before the
Surrogate's Court, Queens
County, at 88-11 Sutphin Blvd.
Jamaica, New York, on the
15 day of September, 2022
Courtroom 62, at 9:30 A.M.,
why a decree should not be
made in the estate of Jessie
Parrish lately domiciled at
14544 Arlington Terrace,
Jamaica, NY 11435, in the
County of Queens New York,
granting limited Letters of
Administration upon the
estate of the decedent to
James Parrish, John Hitchins,
Venice Smith, Taraya Parrish,
distributees of decedent, and
if they fail to qualify, then to the
Public Administrator of Queens
County, upon duly qualifying
and if they are permitted to
renounce, then to the nominee
of the petitioner, Oscar Prieto,
Esq., upon duly qualifying or to
such other person as may be
entitled thereto.
(State any further relief
requested)

To receive service of process
on behalf of the Estate of
Jessie Parrish relative to the
Mortgage foreclosure action
commenced in the Queens
County Supreme Court on
December 27, 2017 under
Index No. 717941/2017, or
any subsequent action, to
foreclose the mortgage in
the amount of \$260,000.00
dated April 1, 2005 and
recorded April 26, 2005 in
CRFN: 2005000242065 on
real property located at 145-44
Arlington Terrace, Jamaica,
NY 11435.

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AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

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AS A RESULT OF THE
MEASURES ADOPTED BY
THE COURT TO COMBAT
THE SPREAD OF COVID-19,
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THE COURTHOUSE ON THE
RETURN DATE IS LIMITED.
THEREFORE, IF YOU WISH
TO CONTEST THE RELIEF
REQUESTED, YOU, OR
AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR
BEHALF, MUST CONTACT
THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS
DATE IN THE MANNER SET
FORTH IN THE ATTACHED
NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT
CONTACT THE COURT AS
SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE
IT WILL BE FOUND YOU
CONSENT TO THE RELIEF
REQUESTED.

HON. PETER J. KELLY
Surrogate
Janet Edwards Tucker
Chief Clerk
Dated, Attested and Sealed,
July 11, 2022
(Seal)
Attorney for Petitioner:
Virginia Grapensteter, Esq.;
Firm Name:
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Address of Attorney:
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New York, New York, 10004
Telephone Number:
(212) 471-5100;
Email: vgrapensteter@
friedmanvartolo.com
7/21,27,8/4&11/2022

Notice of Formation of
VACCARO 14-32 27TH AVE.,
LLC Arts. of Org. filed with
Secy. of State of NY (SSNY)
on 07/18/22. Office location:
Queens County. SSNY
designated as agent of LLC
upon whom process against
it may be served. SSNY
shall mail process to Vito
Vaccaro Jr., 29-34 Newtown
Ave. 1A, Astoria, NY 11102.
Purpose: Any lawful activity.
7/28,8/4,11,18,25&9/1/2022

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

Notice of Formation of
88SHOP LLC Arts. of Org.
filed with Secy. of State of NY
(SSNY) on 05/25/2022. Office
location: 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, 170 Old Country Road,
Suite 308, Mineola, NY 11501.
Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
8/4,11,18,25,9/1&8/2022

CRUGER MANAGEMENT LLC
Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of
State (SSNY) 5/26/22. Office
in Queens Co. SSNY design.
agent of LLC whom process
may be served. SSNY shall
mail process to 66-10 149 St.,
Apt. 2D, Flushing, NY 11367.
Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
8/4,11,18,25,9/1&8/2022

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of formation of 10840
Roosevelt LLC. Articles of
Organization filed with the
Secretary of State of New York
SSNY on 07/18/2022. Office
located in Queens County.
SSNY has been designated
for service of process. SSNY
shall mail copy of any process
served against the LLC 10840
Roosevelt Ave, Corona.
Purpose: any lawful purpose.
7/28,8/4,11,18,25,&9/1/2022

Notice of Formation of
NATIABAY LLC, Articles of
Organization Filed with the
Secretary of State of New
York (SSNY) on 05/19/22.
Office location: Queens, NY.
SSNY designated as agent
of LLC upon whom process
against it may be served. SSNY
shall mail process to 65-44
Saunders St. #A12, Rego Park,
NY 11374. Any lawful purpose.
7/28,8/4,11,18,25,&9/1/2022

Notice of Formation of 208
OAKFIELD LLC Arts. of Org.
filed with Secy. of State of NY
(SSNY) on 07/20/2022. Office
location: Queens County.
SSNY designated as agent
of LLC upon whom process
against it may be served. SSNY
shall mail process to: 34-09
24th Street, Astoria, NY 11106.
Purpose: any lawful activities.
7/28,8/4,11,18,25&9/1/2022

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

Notice of Formation of Trip
Hospitality New York LLC.
Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of
State of NY (SSNY) on 6/24/22.
Office location: Queens
County. SSNY designated
as agent of LLC upon whom
process against it may be
served. SSNY shall mail
process to: c/o Intertrust Group,
200 Bellevue Parkway, Ste.
210, Wilmington, DE 19809.
Purpose: any lawful activity.
8/4,11,18,25,9/1&8/2022

2137 REEDS MILL LN LLC.
Arts. of Org. filed with the
SSNY on 07/28/22. Office:
Queens County. SSNY
designated as agent of the LLC
upon whom process against
it may be served. SSNY shall
mail copy of process to the
LLC, 170 Old Country Road,
Suite 308, Mineola, NY 11501.
Purpose: Any lawful purpose.
8/4,11,18,25,9/1&8/2022

Notice of formation of OAKS
8 LLC Arts of Org. filed with
the Secretary of State of New
York SSNY on 08/01/2022.
Office location: QUEENS.
SSNY design. agent of LLC
upon whom process may be
served and shall mail copy
to 3621 32ND STREET,
ASTORIA, NY, 11106, USA.
Purpose: any lawful activity.
8/4,11,18,25,9/1&8/2022

LEGAL NOTICES

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

Notice of Formation of AKAN 3
ART LLC Arts. of Org. filed with
Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on
08/03/2022. Office location:
Queens County. SSNY
designated as agent of LLC
upon whom process against it
may be served. SSNY shall
mail process to: 152-11 89th Avenue,
#235, Jamaica, NY 11432.
Purpose: any lawful activities.
8/11,18,25,9/1,8&15/2022

Notice of Formation of LILIES
OF EDEN, LLC Arts. of Org.
filed with Secy. of State of NY
(SSNY) on 05/19/2022. Office
location: Queens County. SSNY
designated as agent of LLC
upon whom process against it
may be served. SSNY shall mail
process to: 97-28 57th Avenue,
Apt. 4c, Corona, NY 11368.
Purpose: any lawful activities.
8/11,18,25,9/1,8&15/2022

Notice of Formation of
UNITED WE STAND
God Bless America

Statement from Speaker Adrienne Adams on
\$20 Million Settlement for Chipotle Workers

"New York City's Fair
Workweek and Paid Safe
and Sick Leave laws were
created to provide stronger
protections to workers
who deserve stability and
security. Employers who
violate workers' rights

must be held accountable.
Chipotle's actions against
their employees were wrong and
harmful, and today's record
settlement sends a clear
message that our city will
stand up for workers and

Pheffer Amato to Mayor: Enough is Enough!

Assemblywoman Stacey
Pheffer Amato (D-South
Queens) expressed her apprehension
for a new homeless shelter on Brunswick
Avenue in Far Rockaway and called
for the project to be stopped due to the heavy
saturation of supportive housing
on the Peninsula. In her
letter to Mayor Eric Adams,
the Assemblywoman expressed
the concerns of her constituents
explaining that "throughout the Rockaway
Peninsula, there are already
7 homeless shelters, 12 adult
homes, 17 nursing homes
and a copious amount of
supportive housing. We have
our fair share." The Assemblywoman
also pointed out that all of this is located in

Flood Zone 1.

Throughout the letter,
written in late July, the
Assemblywoman offered to
work with the Mayor to
provide an alternative to the
homeless shelter with several
community-based alternatives.
The Assemblywoman recommended
that the space could be better utilized
as a Boys and Girls Club that
could accommodate children,
a business incubator or
coworking space, or a
multi-level parking facility.

The Assemblywoman
praised the Mayor's vision
that "everyone must be in
the game," and noted that there
is a clear housing and
homeless crisis. She expressed
to the Mayor that "the Rockaway
Peninsula

way Peninsula has been a
team player for decades. I
am asking for there to be
equitable distribution of
shelters and supportive housing
throughout all community
boards in the five boroughs."
The Assemblywoman was
referring to the reports that
several community boards
and districts do not even
have one shelter, let alone
the amount on the Rockaway
Peninsula.

"I know the Mayor supports
this community and I believe
that he can help reverse the course
from previous administrations
that have disregarded the
Rockaway Peninsula," said
Assemblywoman Pheffer
Amato.

Mega Millions Ticket Worth \$1,000,000 Sold in
FRESH MEADOWS

The New York Lottery
today announced one
second-prize ticket for
the August 9 Mega Millions
drawing was sold in
FRESH MEADOWS. The
ticket is worth a guaranteed
\$1,000,000.

The ticket was purchased at
VILLAGE STA-

TIONERY, located at 182-02 UNION TPK.
The winning numbers for
the Mega Millions game
are drawn from a field of
one to 70. The Mega Ball
is drawn from a separate
field one to 25. The
Mega Millions drawing is
televised every Tuesday

and Friday at 11 p.m.
About the New York
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billion in fiscal year 2020-21
to help support education
in New York State.

National Black Prosecutors Association



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined colleagues from across the country for the National Black Prosecutors Association conference. During the conference, QDA Katz participated in a panel discussion on "The Prosecutorial Road Less Traveled: A Community Based Approach" along with District Attorneys Flynn Broady, Jr. of Cobb County, Georgia and Brian

Middleton of Fort Bend County, Texas.

The importance of community engagement in the criminal justice system cannot be overstated. The first time an individual has contact with my Office should not take place in a courtroom or in the face of tragedy. It takes a true partnership to implement meaningful reform and keep our Borough thriving.

Cambria Heights Senior BBQ



The NYPD's Community Affairs Bureau, in collaboration with the Alpha Phil Alpha Senior citizens Center, recently hosted a Senior Block Party and BBQ for the elderly residents of Cambria Heights.

The event, attended by members of the Community Partnerships Division of the Queens District Attorneys Office, was filled with good food, great music, and important conversations on staying safe this summer.

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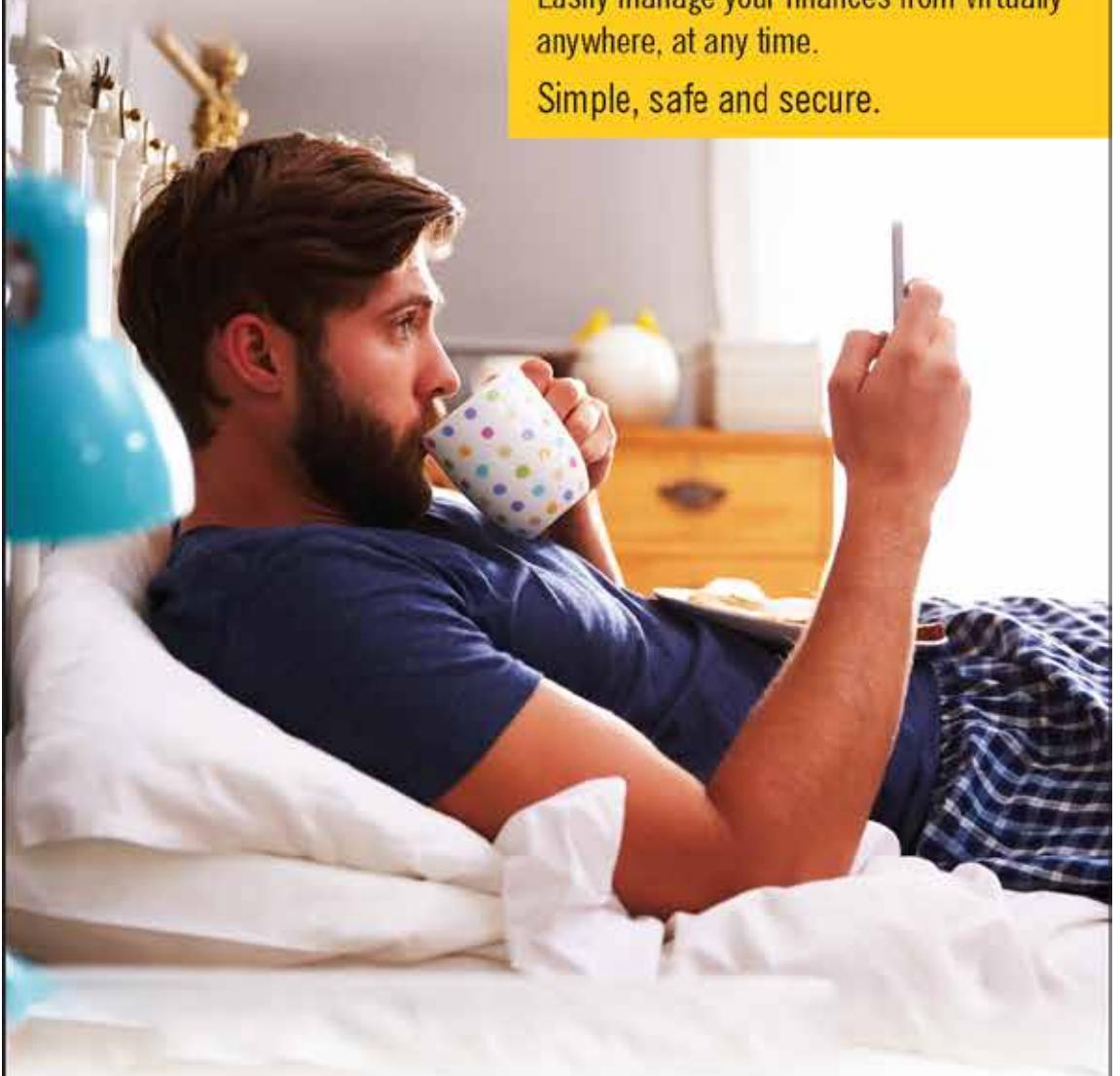
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