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New York Attorney General Letitia James issued an alert to New Yorkers, warning them about the “Boss Scam,” a common text and email scam in which fraudsters pose as a consumer’s employer and request gift cards due to a purported work emergency. This scam may be on the rise during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic since many employees are working remotely.

“Due to COVID-19 safety measures, many employees are still working remotely which makes it easier to fall for this common scam,” said Attorney General James. “A legitimate employer will never ask you to purchase gift cards in order to pay clients or for other business purchases. I urge all New Yorkers to be on the alert for this type of fraud, and to protect themselves and their wallets by following our simple tips.”

The scam typically works as follows: An employee receives a text or an email from someone pretending to be their employer who claims there is an urgent matter. The text or email may ‘spoof’ an employer’s actual name, phone number, or email address, making it seem legitimate. The ‘employer’ then requests

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2020 Census Data Reveals NYC And NYS Gains Larger Population, But Loses one House Seat

According to the 2020 Census Bureau data New York City’s population reached 8.8 million, an increase of 629,000 since 2010 Census Data, with the County of Queens recording the second largest increase in five boroughs.

The 2020 data from the Census Bureau shows that the population in Manhattan increased by 108,378, a 6.8 percent change to 1,694,251. The population in the Bronx increased by 87,546, a 6.3 percent change to 1,472,654; the population in Brooklyn, increased by 231,374, a 9.2 percent change to 2,736,074, the largest growth across the five boroughs; the population in Queens had the second largest increase, a 7.8 percent change, or 174,742 to 2,405,464 and the population in Staten Island had the smallest increase in the boroughs, a 5.8 percent change, or 27,017 to 495,747.

The New York State population grew, the data showed that



population improver, the numbers increased to 4.2 percent over the past ten years, or 823,147 for a total 20,201,249. Census numbers also tallied 8,488,066 housing units in the state, with Kings County leading in housing units, a 7.7 percent increase, or 77,361,

to 1,077,654 in 2020. Brooklyn also has a 6.3 percent housing unit vacancy rate.

Manhattan saw the largest housing unit vacancy rate of the boroughs, 10.5 percent over the

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State And Local Elected Officials Inaugurate South Asian Council For Social Services’ New Community Center



Pictured (Left to Right) Assembly member Nily Rozic, NYC Council Member Daniel Dromm, New York State Senator Toby Ann Stavisky, NYC Council Member Peter Koo, New York State Senator John Liu, SACSS Executive Director Sudha Acharya, Congress Person Grace Meng and, New York City Council Member Barry Grodenchik inaugurating SACSS’ new Community Center. Also seen (second row left to right) SACSS Board of directors -Mysore Gandhi (board secretary), Swarna Shah (board treasurer), Devi Ramchandran (board vice-president) and Rekha Gupta (board president). See story on page 6.

Judge Rules That Christopher Columbus Statue Can Stay in South Philly



Police keeps the pro-statue supporters and anti-statue protesters away from each other as the city installs “a boxing apparatus” around the Columbus statue to protect it until the Art Commission initiates a public process, “for the possible removal.” at Marconi Plaza in South Philadelphia, Tuesday, June 16, 2020 STEVEN M. FALK / Staff Photographer Article by Robert Moran. See story on page 2.



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that the employee buy a certain number of Target or other store gift cards in specific denominations and promises to reimburse the employee quickly. As in the real example below, the 'employer' may ask the employee to scratch off the back of the card to reveal the PIN or claim code — thus making the gift card the equivalent of cash — and send photos of the card to the scammer.

Gift card scams of all types are very prevalent. Most involve some form of imposter scam, such as scammers pretending to be employers, the government, family, or tech support companies. A December 2020 data analysis by the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) shows that "About one in four [consumers] who lost money to a fraud say they paid with a gift card. In fact, gift cards have

topped the list of reported fraud payment methods every year since 2018. During that time, people reported losing a total of nearly \$245 million, with a median individual loss of \$840." According to the FTC, some of the most reported gift and reload card brands consumers mentioned in fraud reports included eBay, Google Play, Target, iTunes, and Amazon.

Attorney General James offers the following tips to protect against the "Boss" gift card scam:

- Take a pause. Scammers create a sense of urgency to prey on victims' emotions.
- Take a second pause. A legitimate employer will not ask you to handle company business through gift card purchases.
- Verify any supposed emergency by reaching out directly to an employer at the number you know. Do not reply to the text or email sent, even if it appears

to come from a known email or phone number.

Tips to avoid gift card scams generally:

- Be suspicious of anyone who contacts you unexpectedly asking to be sent gift cards.
- Never purchase gift cards for the purpose of transferring money. Gift cards are solely for gifts.
- Scammers often train their victims to give false information to retail clerks when clerks ask questions about large gift card purchases. If a retail clerk warns you that you may be the victim of a gift card scam, heed their advice and contact law enforcement officials.

New Yorkers who have been targeted by this scam are urged to file a complaint by completing and submitting a Consumer Frauds and Protection Bureau online complaint form or by calling (800) 771-7755.

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last decade, as housing units grew 7.9 percent to 913,926 in 2020. Bronx County had the smallest housing unit vacancy rate of 4.5 percent, as well as a 6.9 percent change in housing units. Queens's housing unit vacancy rate is 5.5 percent after housing units grew by 7.3 percent to 896,333. Hous-

ing vacancy rate in Staten Island is 5.7 percent, which also saw a four percent increase in housing units to 183,692.

Unfortunately, even though NYS's population increased, the Empire State came up just 89 residents short of keeping a seat in the House of Representatives according to the Census Bureau after the Bureau released the re-

sults of the 2020 count. According to the Census Bureau the seat will be reassigned to a different state. It is unclear which House seat will be eliminated.

The Empire State will seek its legal options over losing a congressional seat after a shortfall of 89 residents arose following the 2020 Census Bureau count, said the Governor's Office.

Judge Rules That Christopher Columbus Statue Can Stay in South Philly

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A Philadelphia judge on Tuesday ruled that the controversial Christopher Columbus statue at Marconi Plaza in South Philadelphia can remain there, reversing a decision by city officials to have it removed.

In a seven-page decision, Common Pleas Court Judge Paula Patrick said the decision last year to remove the statue was not supported by law and was based on insufficient evidence.

"It is baffling to this court as to how the City of Philadelphia wants to remove the Statue without any legal basis. The city's entire argument and case is devoid of any legal foundation," Patrick wrote.

The judge's ruling overturned a Sept. 29 decision by the city's Board of License and Inspection Review that upheld a July 24 decision by the Philadelphia Historical Commission to remove the statue.

Patrick wrote that the city failed to provide an adequate opportunity for public input about the future of the statue.

Kevin Lessard, spokesperson for

Mayor Jim Kenney, said in an emailed statement: "While we are very disappointed with the ruling, we're reviewing it now and exploring all potential options — including a possible appeal. The statue remains in Marconi Plaza and will continue to be secured in its existing box."

The suit was brought by Friends of Marconi Plaza; Rich Cedrone, the group's president; and Joseph Q. Mirarchi, a South Philadelphia resident.

The attorney representing the plaintiffs, George Bochetto, said they were "ecstatic."

Bochetto said he would ask Patrick as early as Wednesday to order that a box constructed by the city to cover the statue be removed.

The statue became a flash point in June 2020 following general civil unrest that followed the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

The following month, Kenney's chief of staff told the Art Commission that removing the statue was a matter of public safety.

Patrick wrote that since June 2020 the city failed to provide

evidence of an ongoing danger to the public, and called the confrontations that month "isolated."

The statue was targeted by critics amid a national reckoning over racism and monuments to controversial figures.

Bochetto also represents a group suing the city in federal court over the removal last year of the statue of Frank I. Rizzo, the late mayor and former police commissioner.

Members of the Frank L. Rizzo Monument Committee, which raised money to commission the statue, is seeking to have it returned to them. The city placed the statue in storage after removing it in the middle of the night on June 3, 2020.

Bochetto said he expected a ruling in the Rizzo case "any day now."

Patrick, a Republican, garnered controversy herself in April when she was listed as a featured speaker to a QAnon-connected gathering in Gettysburg.

Patrick said she wasn't invited to the "Patriots Arise, Awakening the Dead!" event and didn't plan to attend.



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Meng Urges Families to Check Their Bank Accounts And Mailboxes For Second Round of Monthly Tax Cuts For Working Families With Children

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) urged families with children to make sure that they receive the second installment of their expanded Child Tax Credit payment, a crucial tax cut to help working families with expenses as the nation works to rebound from the COVID-19 crisis. The payments will begin to hit bank accounts and mailboxes today (Friday, August 13, 2021).

These tax cuts were established in March by Congressional

Democrats and President Biden as part of the American Rescue Plan which is the most recent the COVID-19 relief package that Meng helped to pass through Congress. It provides advanced monthly payments of up to \$300 per month per child through December. The first payments started on July 15.

"Last month, hardworking middle-class families in New York and across the United States began receiving these monthly

tax cut payments, and I'm glad to see that the second round of funds is now being sent out," said Meng. "These tax cuts will put money back in the pockets of families as we work to tackle the pandemic, move forward with our recovery, and get our economy back on track. I am proud to have helped pass the American Rescue Plan, and I'm pleased that the legislation continues to help our country combat the outbreak and impact of the coronavirus."

Suoizzi Gets it Done: Suozzi, Espaillat, Gillibrand, Schumer Legislation to Award the Harlem Hellfighters the Congressional Gold Medal Heads to the President's Desk

Federal, state, and community leaders join together at Harlem's historic 369th Regiment Armory in giving long-overdue recognition to Harlem Hellfighters for their bravery and outstanding service

Legislation heads to President's desk after Suozzi promises the descendants of Harlem Hellfighters from Glen Cove, NY that he will ensure the federal government properly recognizes their family's service

Recently, at the 369th Infantry Regiment in Harlem, New York, Congressman Tom Suozzi stood with U.S. Senators Chuck Schumer and Kirsten Gillibrand, Congressman Adriano Espaillat, state and local elected officials, and descendants of the Harlem Hellfighters to announce that legislation awarding the Harlem Hellfighters the Congressional Gold Medal is on its way to President Joe Biden's desk to be signed into law.

Suozzi's efforts to honor the Harlem Hellfighters for their service to our country during World War I started back in 2019 when he first met the Willett family, from Glen Cove, New York, who are the descendants of Harlem Hellfighter Sgt. Leander Willett. Sgt. Willett was stabbed with a bayonet, attacked with mustard gas, yet never received a Purple Heart. During that meeting, Suozzi promised the Willett family that he would get Willett his Purple Heart, which he did, and led efforts in Washington, D.C. to ensure the federal government recognizes the Harlem Hellfighters for their service. This week, Suozzi delivered on that promise, as the Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act passed in the Senate and is now set to become law in the coming weeks.

"It is never too late to do the right thing. When I first met with the Willett Family and heard their stories, I knew we had to get this done – and this week, we got it done! This recognition for the Harlem Hellfighters is long overdue. I am grateful to Senator Schumer, Senator Gillibrand, and Congressman Espaillat for helping to right this centuries old wrong. This recognition for the Harlem Hellfighters is long overdue," said Rep. Suozzi.

"It is past time we rightfully

recognize and honor the heroes of the 369th Infantry Regiment, who valiantly served our country during World War I," said U.S. Senator Charles Schumer. "The Harlem Hellfighters fought and sacrificed their lives for our country despite the discrimination they faced from fellow soldiers, and when they came home from battling on the front lines, they were again met with despicable acts of racism. These veterans must be recognized and honored for the heroes that they are. I was proud to cosponsor this legislation to distinguish these brave men for their service with the Congressional Gold Medal."

"The Harlem Hellfighters served our nation with distinction, spending 191 days in the front-line trenches, all while displaying the American values of courage, dedication and sacrifice," said Senator Gillibrand. "The Harlem Hellfighters Congressional Gold Medal Act honors these brave Black men, who, even as they faced segregation and prejudice at home, risked their lives to defend our freedoms overseas. I want to thank my House colleagues Representatives Suozzi and Espaillat for their outstanding partnership on this legislation and I look forward to President Biden signing this bill into law."

"Today, more than 100 years after their heroic and selfless service to our nation, the Harlem Hellfighters will receive their long overdue and well-deserved Congressional Gold Medal. These patriots gave their all to America's enduring struggle to secure global freedom while simultaneously being cast away from the very nation they swore an oath to protect. Nevertheless, they persevered, and it is never too late to right a wrong. I cannot think of a more deserving group of patriots to receive one of our nation's highest military honors, and I was proud to work alongside Congressman Suozzi as well as Senators Gillibrand and Schumer to make today possible and ensure our country's most revered patriots will finally receive rightful recognition and their place in America's history," said Rep. Espaillat.

The proud legacy of my grandfather and all the brave men of the 369th will be resurrected with the passage of this bill. We must take the path they paved and use it for the good of not only our African

American community, but the whole of America. The Willett family express their sincere gratitude to Congressman Suozzi for making this happen," said Deb Willett, Granddaughter of Harlem Hellfighter Leander Willett.

Background on the Harlem Hellfighters:

The Harlem Hellfighters were an African American infantry regiment in WWI that spent 191 days in combat, more than any other American regiment. In 1918, the U.S. Army decided to assign the Hellfighters to the French Army for the duration of American participation in World War I because many white American soldiers refused to perform combat duty with African Americans. The U.S. Army refused to issue the regiment weapons. They were instead issued French weapons, helmets, belts, and pouches, although they continued to wear their U.S. uniforms.

Nicknamed "Hommes de Bronze" (Men of Bronze) by the French and "Hollenkämpfer" (Hellfighters) by the Germans due to their tenacity, the Hellfighters were the first unit of the French, British, or American armies to reach the Rhine River at the end of the war. The unit earned 11 French citations and a unit Croix de Guerre and 170 soldiers were awarded the French Croix de Guerre.

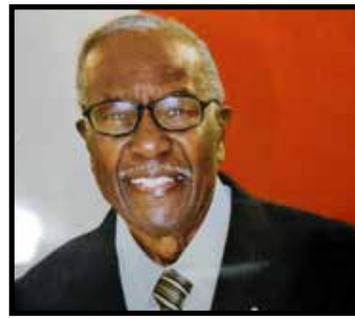
Despite the courage, sacrifice, and dedication proudly displayed by the Harlem Hellfighters to their country, they returned home to face racism and segregation from their fellow countrymen.

Background on Suozzi's work with the Willett Family:

In 2019, Suozzi was approached by the Glen Cove Willett family (represented today by Debra Willett) for help in obtaining a Purple Heart for Harlem Hellfighter Sgt. Leander Willett. After initially being declined for lack of documentation, Suozzi and his office persevered and were able to secure the necessary documentation through the National Personnel Records Center. In November of 2019, at a ceremony at Glen Cove's North Shore Historical Museum, Suozzi surprised the Willett family by presenting a posthumous Purple Heart to Harlem Hellfighter Sgt. Leander Willett "for wounds received as a

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Flanders Field VFW Post #150 Salutes Robert "Bob" Grant



The Flanders Field VFW Post #150 salutes the passing of a Korean War Veteran Robert "Bob" Grant.

As Commander of Flanders Field VFW Post #150, I, Mike Liquori, with deep sadness attended the funeral of Bob Grant a wonderful gentleman who I had the privilege to know for many years. Bob was an extremely well liked member of his community. I remembered Bob as a private man. At his funeral a booklet was passed out which allowed me to know more about this wonderful private man and what he stood for. Over the many years I knew Bob he never once mentioned his military service. Bob served in Korea, where I served, and was awarded the bronze star and combat infantry badge.

If I had known of his military career, as a commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, I would have

asked him to become a member of VFW Post #150. I had no idea he was a war veteran, even though we attended military meetings, civic meetings, police meetings and community board meetings together. Bob was always taking pictures for the Queens Times and he never let me know of his military service.

Bob was loved by all who came in contact with him as well as his neighbors from Lefrak City where he lived for 47 years.

Bob started working for RH Macy at the bottom and worked his way to the top becoming an executive for Macy's. Bob was instrumental in the preparation of the Thanksgiving Day Parade as an organizer, planner and as a parade executive planning the fireworks display. Even after he retired, for over 60 yrs, he stayed active in the preparations of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Bob lived for photography and was never without his cameras.

I can go on for hours praising this man. I thank you brother for your service and I am so proud to have served with you, even though we never met in Korea. I wish you God's blessings, rest in peace my friend and brother.

By Mike Liquori, Commander of Flanders Field VFW Post # 150 Corona Heights, NY

MTA, NYCDOT Announce Ambitious Plan to Improve Bus Service



MTA Adding 300 Cameras On-board Buses Next Year; City Will Simultaneously Expand Bus Lane Camera Enforcement, Covering 85% of All Bus Lanes By End of 2023

City to Add or Improve 20 Miles of Bus Lanes, Including up to Five New Busway Pilots Starting in 2022

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) announced an ambitious plan to improve New York City's expansive bus network. The MTA and NYCDOT will build off ongoing efforts that have already yielded faster bus speeds, and implement new initiatives to enhance the customer experience to ensure that the MTA bus system – which carried 2.1 million riders daily pre-pandemic – is ready to support New York City's recovery. New and Improved Bus Lanes

and Busways

The MTA and NYCDOT agree that bus lanes and busways are among the most effective tools for increasing bus speeds. Starting in 2022, NYCDOT will embark on major projects to add or improve 20 miles of bus lanes, including up to five new busway pilots. These projects, developed over the next several months in coordination with the MTA, will be designed to serve bus riders in critical areas of the city.

Dedicated bus lanes and busways have yielded outstanding results throughout the city in recent years. On the popular 14th Street busway, travel times have improved by 36% in the last year from pre-busway travel times. The improved speeds helped fuel pre-pandemic increases in ridership as well, with ridership up 24% on M14 SBS service. In the Bronx,

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QBP Richards Announces Donation Drive to Collect Backpacks And School Supplies For Children in Need

With the new school year around the corner, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. is urging Queens residents to donate backpacks and other school supplies as part of the Queens Borough President's Office's annual effort to provide children in need with items that will help them succeed in the classroom.

"COVID-19 has been extraordinarily rough on Queens families, especially those with school-age children who had to struggle continuing their education as best they can while also taking the necessary measures to protect themselves from the virus," said Borough President

RICHARDS. "Our backpack and school supply donation drive will make life a little easier for many of these hard-working families by providing them with the tools kids need to get the upcoming school year off to a great start."

Borough President Richards' office will accept donations of new backpacks and other school supplies from Monday, August 16 through Wednesday, September 1 at Queens Borough Hall, located at 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens. Donations can be dropped off in a box located on the first floor of Borough Hall next to the security desk in the lobby, which is just inside the building's main entrance on Queens

Boulevard. The lobby is open 24 hours a day.

In addition to backpacks, needed supplies include #2 pencils, pencil cases, pencil sharpeners, crayons, pens, colored pencils, washable markers, Elmer's glue, glue sticks, composition notebooks, 1.5" and 1" binders, ruled paper, safety scissors, rulers, pocket folders, and scientific calculators.

Queens Borough Hall can be easily reached by mass transit by taking the E or F subway lines to the Kew Gardens-Union Turnpike station.

Members of the public seeking additional information about the donation drive should email education@queensbp.org.

Statement From QBP Donovan Richards on Borough's Significant Population Growth

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. stated the following in response to 2020 Census figures released yesterday that show Queens' population has risen to 2,405,464, a 7.8 percent increase as compared to the 2010 Census.

"The large jump in our borough's population underscores what we in Queens have known for a long time; that Queens truly

is a fantastic place to live and raise a family. My heartfelt appreciation goes to all of the 2.4 million people who make Queens their home, including the more than one million people who have come here from across the globe to build new lives in 'The World's Borough.'

"I also deeply thank everyone who, in spite of the many challenges posed by the COVID-19

pandemic, worked tirelessly with the Queens Borough President's Office to ensure Queens was accurately counted in the 2020 Census. From the dedicated personnel at the U.S. Census Bureau to our partners in local and state government and the many volunteers who joined us in an extensive community outreach effort, we never gave up on our goal to count every Queens resident."

Congresswoman Carolyn B. Maloney Statement on Situation in Afghanistan

"The situation unfolding in Afghanistan is absolutely heart-breaking, and as Chairwoman of the Oversight Committee, I intend to do everything in my power to protect American citizens and the U.S. homeland, and to ensure that the human rights of all Afghans are protected during this tumultuous time.

"The disturbing scenes from Kabul International Airport highlight just how dire the situation is for so many Afghans. I am especially fearful for the women and girls of Afghanistan, who have fought for 20 years to gain the

basic human rights and dignity they deserve, and are now at risk of having that progress suddenly stripped away from them by the Taliban.

"Just as we relied on our Afghan allies and translators who served alongside U.S. forces over the last two decades, these brave men and women, and their families, are now depending on us. We have a moral responsibility to them, and I am deeply grateful to President Biden, the Department of Defense, and the 6,000 servicemembers deployed to the region to help facilitate their safe passage out of

Afghanistan.

"Finally, this is an extremely difficult moment for the thousands of servicemembers and veterans who served in Afghanistan—and their families—and I want them to know that the United States is grateful for their sacrifices, which have helped keep America safe. I also want to encourage all servicemembers and veterans to make use of the resources available them, including the Veterans Crisis Line which is available 24/7 online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/chat, via text at 838255, or via phone at 1-800-273-8255 x1."

QBP Donovan Richards to Host Vigil For Haiti, Launch Earthquake Donation Drive

Following the 7.2-magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on August 14, killing at least 1,400 people and leaving thousands more homeless, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. will host a vigil in partnership with Haitian Americans United for Progress, Inc. (HAUP) and Assemblymember Clyde Vanel on Thursday, August 19 at 8PM outside HAUP's headquarters in Queens Village in honor of those who lost their lives in the disaster.

To assist in Haiti's recovery following the devastating tremor, Borough President Richards is also launching a donation drive in support of the countless Haitian families impacted by the earthquake.

"From natural disasters to political turmoil, Haiti has been dealt blow after blow in recent years, but the resolve of the Haitian people and our Haitian American community is unmatched. In the wake of this destructive

earthquake, Queens stands ready to offer a helping hand to our Caribbean neighbors in their time of need," said Borough President RICHARDS. "If you are able, please join us at Thursday's vigil and consider donating to our relief effort in support of the families of Haiti as they pick up the pieces following this devastating trauma."

The August 19 vigil, featuring elected officials, clergy members and community leaders, will be held rain or shine at the office of HAUP, located at 209-05 Jamaica Avenue in Queens Village.

The vigil will be held one day after the commencement of Borough President Richards' earthquake donation drive at Queens Borough Hall. Running through Wednesday, September 22, Borough President Richards' office will accept donations of bottled water, non-perishable food, personal care products, toiletries and feminine hygiene products at Queens Borough Hall, located

at 120-55 Queens Boulevard in Kew Gardens. Donations can be dropped off in a box located in the lobby of Borough Hall next to the security desk, just inside the building's main entrance. The lobby is open 24 hours a day.

Queens Borough Hall can easily be reached by mass transit by taking the Q60 bus or the E or F subway lines to the Kew Gardens-Union Turnpike subway station.

For those who wish to donate financially, such donations can be made to four different organizations, as identified by the Mayor's Fund to Advance New York City — Ayiti Community Trust, Capracare Haiti, Hope for Haiti and Partners in Health.

"We are grateful for the well-wishes and support from all that have reached out," said Assemblymember CLYDE VANEL. "The Haitian-American community is grateful for the outreach and

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result of hostile actions" in France on October 4, 1918.

Background on the Congressional Gold Medal:

The Congressional Gold Medal is an award bestowed by the United States Congress, to honor those, individually or as a group, "who have performed an achievement that has an impact on American history and culture that is likely to be recognized as a major achievement in the recipient's field, long after the achievement." The practice of issuing gold medals to honor recipients from the military began

during the American Revolution.

The Congressional Gold medal will be designed and struck by the United States Mint and displayed at the Smithsonian Institution and at events associated with the Harlem Hellfighters. Bronze versions of the medals are struck for sale by the U.S. Mint, and may be available in both larger and smaller sizes.

There have been only two other Congressional Gold Medals awarded to distinguished African American military groups: the Tuskegee Airmen in 2007 and the Montfort Point Marines in 2011, both from World War II.

MTA, NYCDOT Announce Ambitious Plan to Improve Bus Service

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the Bx6 SBS route began operating along dedicated bus lanes in 2017, and travel times improved by 11 to 16%.

In April, the MTA worked with NYCDOT to launch the 181 St Busway Pilot in Washington Heights, which has increased bus speeds by up to 34%, improving commute times for riders on five Bronx routes traveling to and from Manhattan. This unprecedented improvement followed the installation of a busway pilot on Main

Street in Flushing, Queens in January 2021. Average bus speeds along the Main St busway were up to 25% faster during peak periods between October 2020 and May 2021.

In July 2020, offset bus lanes were installed on 149 St in the Bronx for riders on the Bx2, Bx4, Bx17, and Bx19. This installation work has been successful in speeding up trip times in population-rich parts of the borough. Average bus speeds along 149 St were up to 14% faster during peak periods between October 2019 and May 2021.

Queens Chamber Of Commerce And Council Member Peter Koo Host Flushing Business Walkabout To Spread Word About New Business Initiatives



Pictured: Flushing Business owner Jim Dong, Dan Yu-Flushing BID Executive Director, Councilmember Peter Koo & Tom Grech.

On Tuesday, August 17, the Queens Chamber of Commerce, Queens' oldest and largest business association partnered with New York City Council Member Peter Koo for a walkabout, visiting a number of businesses in Flushing and offering support via the Queens Chamber's signature resources.

Queens Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Thomas J. Grech and Council Member Koo were joined by Dian Yu, Executive Director of Flushing BID, Queens Chamber of Commerce staff, and other members of the Queens business commu-

nity during the walkabout.

Beginning at Bland Playground on the corner of Prince Street and 40th Road, the tour made its way up 40th Road to Flushing's bustling Main Street and Roosevelt Street. Among the resources that were available for businesses to learn more about was the Queens Chamber's new "Open + Online" program, which helps businesses build a new website and assists in SEO (search engine optimization), free of charge.

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 (Mar. 21 - April 20)
 Try not to use emotional blackmail. A lot has changed and so have you. You may become run-down if you take on too much. Your lucky numbers are 4,7,1.

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 Try doing some home improvement projects they will run smoothly. Get into some activities that will help you in making new friends. Your lucky numbers are 3,8,7.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Try not to be angry if those you live with aren't pulling their weight. Take care of your personal needs. Consider new investments. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,3.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Keep your wits about you. You might have some problems balancing your books. Don't overextend yourself to buy luxury items. Your lucky numbers are 2,8,9.

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug 22)
 Love can be yours if you get out and about. You can work in conjunction with those in the know in order to get to the bottom of any pending issue. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,4.

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 Do not be tempted to over spend on luxury items. Your emotions may get the better of you. Be careful of anyone that seems pushy. Your lucky numbers are 2,5,1.

LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 You may find that your family responsibilities are piling up. Your unique contribution to the organization will enhance your reputation. Your lucky numbers are 3,9,2.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 You need more space for your family. You'll have amazing ideas. Superiors may try to block your attempts at implementing them. Your lucky numbers are 2,1,9.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 Your ideas may be good, but they aren't necessarily right for everyone. Good friends will give you honest answers. Your lucky numbers are 4,5,3.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 Try making some changes to your appearance and your attitude. Your lover may not understand your needs so you must figure out a way to communicate them. Your lucky numbers are 3,5,4.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Try to get into self awareness groups or look into physical enhancement programs. Deceit around you is evident. Travel will be fun. lucky numbers are 1,7,8.

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Do the necessary chores and then do things that please you. Being outdoors will allow you to teach youngsters some of the things you learned when growing up. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,1.

Did You Know?

- There are 22 stars in the Paramount studios logo
- In a deck of cards the king of hearts is the only king without a moustache
- Black on yellow are the 2 colors with the strongest impact
- The safest car color is white
- The most commonly forgotten item for travelers is their toothbrush
- Coca Cola launched its 3rd product Sprite in 1961
- Apples are more effective at waking you up in the morning than coffee
- Room temperature is defined as between 20 to 25C (68 to 77F)
- An octopus pupil is rectangular
- The hyoid bone in your throat is the only bone in your body not attached to any other
- The Australian aircraft carrier QANTAS stands for Queensland And Northern Territories Aerial Service
- The movie Pulp Fiction cost \$8 million to make with \$5 million going towards actor's salaries
- There are only 4 words in the English language which end in 'dous' (they are: hazardous, horrendous, stupendous and tremendous)
- The oldest word in the English language is 'town'
- Cats can't move their jaw sideways
- Grapes explode when you put them in the microwave

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Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

2	4	6	9	5	1	3	8	7
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"Crossword Puzzle"

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"Try And Find"

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ACROSS

- Untidy one
- Happy
- Columbus's birthplace
- The thin fibrous bark
- Adjutant
- Make improvements
- Inflexible
- Hemp
- Kidney-related
- Put up with
- Life preserver
- The presiding officer
- Disencumber
- Chief Executive Officer
- Battalions
- Record (abbrev.)
- Forearm bone
- Fit snugly into
- Browned bread
- A musical pause
- Notion
- Old World vine
- Saturate
- Born as
- "___ Maria"
- A canvas shoe
- Large Arctic grouse
- Probationers
- Leg bone
- Man-made fiber
- Affirming
- Bicker
- Journey
- Behold, in old Rome
- Tiny balls strung together
- Achy
- Oceans

DOWN

- Blend
- Alley
- Not closed
- A three-stringed instrument
- Petrol
- Rubbish
- "Bye"
- States emphatically
- Adjusted
- Hinder
- Tidy
- A single time
- American Dental Association
- Equal
- Forcing out
- Celebration
- Lustrous fabric
- A very proper person
- Master of ceremonies
- Office worker
- Follow as a result
- Cowboy movie
- Beam
- City dwellers
- Pigs out
- Butchers' offerings
- Makes amends
- Female sibling
- Arrogant
- Parisian subway
- Combustible pile
- Seaweed
- A pale blue pigment
- Ancient Peruvian
- How old we are
- Apprehend
- Barely manage

TRY AND FIND

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State And Local Elected Officials Inaugurate South Asian Council For Social Services' New Community Center

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Congresswoman Grace Meng, NYS Senators Toby Ann Stavisky and John Liu, Assembly Member Nily Rozic, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr., Deputy Queens Borough President Rhonda Binda, and NYC Councilmembers Peter Koo, Daniel Dromm, and Barry Grodenchik gathered to inaugurate South Asian Council for Social Services' (SACSS) new community center, with a ribbon cutting.

Located in the heart of Flushing, the center is a two-story building with a finished basement from which SACSS, a 20-year old nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering underserved South Asian and other immigrants, will offer an expanded food pantry, more space for senior immigrants to gather, and increased health access, among other services.

At the ribbon cutting, Congressperson Meng commended SACSS's exceptional work in responding to the needs of the community, and said that "The center is for the community, which is not limited to South Asians, SACSS works for all immigrants who need them." NYS Senator Toby Ann Stavisky echoed these sentiments, and NYS Senator John Liu spoke to SACSS' humble beginnings and the growth of SACSS' work and impact over the last twenty years of its existence.

Council member Peter Koo (District 20, home to Flushing) who was among those who contributed discretionary funding for the building, said, "SACSS has always been there for people in the community, but during the last year and a half, they have gone above and beyond, they have literally been saving people's lives."

Sudha Acharya, executive director and founder, thanked the efforts and generosity of the elected officials, donors, and many others, saying, "It is said that it takes a village to raise a



New York City Council Member Peter Koo (District 20) addresses attendees at the ribbon cutting for SACSS' new community center.



Congressperson Grace Meng commended SACSS for its work in assisting immigrant communities.

child. We now know that it takes a city to raise a community center, city with a small c, and the one with the big C." She added that it was a dream come true, especially in light of the huge, and continued need for services such as the food pantry as a result of the pandemic, and the devastating impact it has had on immigrant communities.

As part of the effort to raise awareness for the expanded food pantry, which is the only one in the city to offer culturally palat-

able groceries, Chef Surbhi Sahni of Tagmo Treats prepared a take-away box of healthy South Asian treats, including a chick pea salad made out of ingredients from SACSS's grocery bag.

In 2020, SACSS served more than 30,000 people struggling to feed their families, pay their bills, stay healthy, and survive. All SACSS services are free and offered in 18 languages spoken widely among South Asian and other immigrant communities.

City Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer & Ace Announce Expanded Cleaning Services & Conduct Graffiti Removal

Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer joined Jim Martin, Executive Director of ACE—Empowering the Homeless, and ACE employees to announce expanded cleaning services throughout NYC Council District 26 including Woodside, Sunnyside, Long Island City, and Astoria.

Council Member Van Bramer has allocated \$270,000 to non-profit organization ACE to increase its supplemental sanitation services in district which include litter pick up, graffiti removal, sidewalk sweeping, and clean-ups.

"People's quality of life matters to me which is why we're scaling up ACE's presence including the coverage area and the number of full-time workers."— New York City Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer.

To kick off the expansion, Van



Bramer joined ACE at 48th Street & 47th Avenue in Woodside to paint over graffiti on the exterior of multiple storefronts.

Suoizzi: "Big News! The Demolition of Northport VA Buildings 1 and 2 Has Begun!"



After years of advocating, Suozzi's efforts to see the derelict buildings removed is finally coming to fruition

Congressman Tom Suozzi (D - Long Island, Queens) who, after years of advocating for the removal of derelict buildings at the Northport campus, met with Dr. Antonio Sánchez, the Executive Director of the Northport VA Medical Center, for an update and inspection on the progress of the demolition.

"After pushing for this demolition for years, I am pleased to report that Building 1 is down," said Suozzi. "Building 2 will be down by the end of September with total clean up by November. This is a huge victory for the Northport VA and our veterans and is something that I have been prioritizing since I came to Congress in 2017. When you pulled into the Northport VA, the first things you saw were these

two decaying and decrepit buildings. These buildings will soon be gone and replaced by a new parking field to better accommodate the center's staff and visitors."

Suozzi, who has worked with the Department of Veterans Affairs to demolish the structures since his election in 2017, has said the dilapidated buildings — which have been surrounded by hazard fencing because of the risk of falling debris — have been sending the wrong message to the public about how the facility cares for its veterans. Since coming to Congress, Suozzi has worked tirelessly to improve the image and quality of care at the Northport VA.

The demolition of these two decaying buildings, which were the first structures one would see upon entering the Northport campus, will yield much-needed parking for the facility which cares for more than 30,000 veterans a year.



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The Korean American Family Service Center, in Partnership With Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, Hosted NYS ERAP Information Pop-Up Service in Fresh Meadows

On Wednesday, August 11, 2021, The Korean American Family Service Center (KAFSC), in partnership with the Office of NYS Assemblywoman Nily Rozic, hosted an information pop-up service in Fresh Meadows, Queens, to inform and answer questions about the NYS Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

ERAP assists households behind on their rent that have experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19 and are at risk of homelessness or housing instability.

For assistance with ERAP application, please contact KAFSC 24 hour bilingual hotline at 718-460-3800.



Queens Chamber Of Commerce Hosts Inaugural In-Person Networking Event For Queens Tech Council

On Tuesday, August 10, the Queens Chamber of Commerce, Queens' oldest and largest business association, hosted their inaugural Queens Tech Council Networking Event at ICONYC Brewing in Long Island City.

Attendees from throughout the Queens Tech sector gathered under a packed tent to learn more about the projects the Tech Council has been working on, and find out how to get involved in the Council's mission to promote a robust and thriving Tech ecosystem that works for all of Queens.

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Deputy Queens Borough President Rhonda Binda, and Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce, delivered opening remarks, followed by a keynote address by Rachel Loeb, President & CEO of New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC).

"There are a lot of opportunities here in the Queens Tech industry, and we need to take advantage of them," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards. "We need to make sure that Queens is the model for where our city needs to go as we move forward, and we can only do that with you--and that means networking, building relationships, and making sure we're all rowing in the same



direction."

"The Borough President and I believe that this all starts at Borough Hall, where we have been doing amazing things for the Tech economy," said Deputy Queens Borough President Rhonda Binda. "We've transferred over to all electric vehicles and we're promoting Tech literacy to seniors and to youth--and we continue to be excited about all the partnerships that are brewing at Borough Hall."

"We have come so far in New York City the last eighteen months...our city is still a great place to do business," said Rachel

Loeb, President & CEO of New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC). "We have world-class talent here; there are more Fortune 500 here than anywhere in the nation; we have the most diverse working force; and we attract companies from around the world."

"Queens used to be a great place to travel through, now it's the place to travel to," said Tom Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. "I'd like to thank everyone present for your commitment to Queens... we're on to something big here with the Queens Tech Council."

City & State Officials Break Ground on New Bartlett Dairy Headquarters and Distribution Center in Queens

New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Queens Community Board 13, New York State Senator James Sanders, Jr., Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson, and community stakeholders celebrated the groundbreaking of a new headquarters and distribution site for Bartlett Dairy, Inc. and its affiliates (Bartlett).

The minority-owned, family-run local business will develop a 54,000 square foot dairy distribution center on a significant portion of the JFK North Site, one of the largest city-owned manufacturing-zoned properties. Their new distribution center will allow them



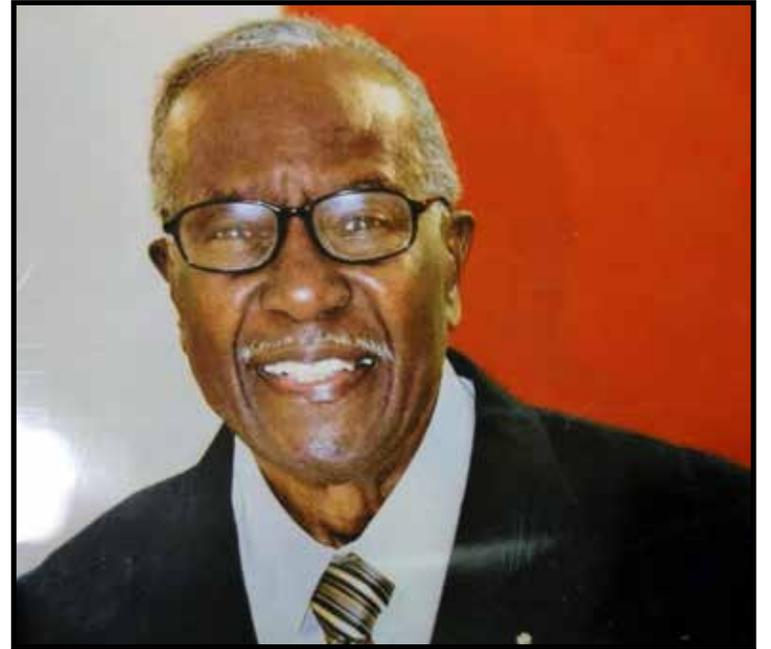
to bring approximately 165 jobs with average wages of \$70,000 back to Queens from New Jersey by activating this previously unbuilt, overgrown site along the Nassau expressway.

"Today's groundbreaking is a

true testament to New York City's continued economic recovery," said NYCEDC President and CEO Rachel Loeb. "Bartlett's new headquarters and dairy and

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In Memory of Robert "Bob" Grant



February 5, 1930 – August 4, 2021

Robert, who was affectionately known as Bob, was born in Ormond, FL, February 5, 1930; and was the youngest of 9 siblings.

Bob was a veteran of the Korean War.

Bob worked for Macy's for approximately 40 years as an Executive, in addition he was a member of the Parade Planning Committee. He played a key role for 68 of Macy's Annual Thanksgiving Parade.

Bob lived in LeFrak City with his family for 47 years, from 1974 to the present.

Bob loved photography and became a photojournalist for the

Queens Times, as well as wearing the title of official photographer for many events in his community of Corona.

Bob was a member of the following Organizations: 21st Century Democratic Association; the LeFrak City Tenants Association; the 110th PCT Community Council and was a past officer of the Executive Board; a Member of LeFrak City Tenant League 2 and the LeFrak City Merchants Association.

Robert "Bob" Grant is survived by two adult daughters, four grandsons, a host of nieces, nephews and extended relatives.

State Senator James Sanders Jr.'s Statement on the Earthquake in Haiti



State Senator James Sanders Jr. said: "Today was a devastating day for the Caribbean nation of Haiti, one that has experienced many tragedies in the past. Hundreds of people lost their lives as

the result of a deadly 7.2 magnitude earthquake. It was only back in 2010 that Haiti lost hundreds of thousands of residents in a powerful earthquake, one from which it is still recovering. Not only that but Haiti is still experiencing political turmoil and government unrest after the assassination of its president Jovenel Moise on July 7, 2021. My thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of the victims of the earthquake, many of whom live in our own community. My office and staff stand ready to assist them in any way we can."



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Music soothes the savage beast. It also seems to love Queens. Funk, Hip Hop, Alt Pop, Ukulele, Harmony, Psychedelia, and a healing sound bath are heading to the borough. Other events include films, theater, lectures, dance, wellness, and fossils.

• Aug. 20, #NYCStrong, 6:30 pm. Rooftop Films screens six shorts about NYC living and COVID: How to Cook the Perfect Risotto (30 minutes); I Know What Pandemic Means (15 minutes); In Sudden Darkness (3 minutes); Last Stop For Lost Property (13 minutes); Moving (8 minutes); and 3,000 Miles (5 minutes). New York Hall of Science's Outdoor Field, 47-01 111th St., Corona.

• Aug. 20, George Clinton + Friends, 4 pm. This outdoor concert features George Clinton and The P-Funk All Stars along with Too Short, DJ Hurricane, DJ Wiz, EPMD, Queens native Havoc of the Infamous Mobb Deep, and Yo-Yo. Forest Hills Stadium One Tennis Place.

• Aug. 20, Beautiful Vibrations: Colors of African Music, 7 pm. Live music returns to Flushing Town Hall with the Gino Sitson Trio, which combines Jazz, Gospel, and Blues with traditional African polyphonies, polyrhythms, and melodies. Sitson's compositions, four-octave vocal range, and body percussion mix with Lonnie Plaxico on double bass and Marvin Sewell on acoustic guitar and voice. FTH, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

• Aug. 20, The Green Knight, Aug. 28. This new fantasy adventure follows Sir Gawain, King Arthur's reckless and headstrong nephew, on a daring quest to confront Green Knight, a gigantic emerald-skinned stranger. Here's the schedule: Aug. 20, 7 pm; Aug. 21, 12:30 pm and 3 pm; Aug. 22, 1 pm and 6 pm; Aug. 27, 7 pm; Aug. 28, 6:30 pm. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

• Aug. 20, Abominable, 7:30 pm. Queens Botanical Garden screens this family-friendly animation in the Oak Allée as part of the ongoing Movie Nights series. The event includes botanical-inspired arts and crafts and an Everest Mountain Camp Canteen with icy treats and buns. QBG, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

• Aug. 21, Forest Hills Rocks, 4:30 pm. Wilco and Sleater-Kinney play some good old Rock-n-Roll with Nigerian-American Nnami and his Alt Pop beforehand. Forest Hills Stadium, One Tennis Pl.

• Aug. 21, Warm Up 2021, 4 pm. MoMA PS1's internationally popular DJ-and-band event is sold out, but it's still available via live-streaming.

• Aug. 21, Forest Therapy Walk, 10:30 am. A forest bathing experience in the style of the Japanese tradition of Shinrin-Yoku led by certified forest therapy guide Linda Lombardo of Wild Heart Nature Connection. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.

• Aug. 21, Endangered Fossils, 1 pm. Artist Judith Modrak talks about her new exhibition which represents an imagined archaeological excavation of New York State's large fossil record. The sculptures are inspired by the trilobites, brachiopods, and crinoids that flourished 400 million years ago during the Devonian period. These crab, clam, and starfish-like organisms lived in marine environments very similar to modern coral reefs. South Rose Garden, Near the Unisphere, Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

• Aug. 21, Tunes and Trailers, Vol. 2, 4 pm. Multi-instrumentalist Ron Sharpe -- vocals, violin, ukulele, mandolin, guitar -- offers an online concert, lecture, and Q&A as part of a Maple Grove Cemetery zoom.

• Aug. 22, Eat. Play. Love. Aug. 24. This second annual event celebrates wellness with workshops, interactive experiences, music, relaxation, art, dance, community, and more. Samantha Cintrón from NurtureU and Anna Lesniak will sell crystals and yoga wear. Enchantress Shane will offer a Truth Booth experience. Dana Humphrey will do Body Painting. Rockaway Retreat House, 164 Beach 91st St.

• Aug. 22, Mestizo Art Center, 4 pm. This award-winning troupe performs Latin American dances as well as Hip Hop, Jazz-Classical, Ballet-Belly, and Salsa. Queens Theatre's Outdoor Stage, near 14 United Nations Ave. S., Flushing Meadows Corona Park.

• Aug. 22, Critical Care or Rehearsals for a Nurse, 2 pm. Theater for the New City's award-winning Street Theater Company presents this rip-roaring original musical about a young person studying to be a nurse who, in order to pay for tuition and books, takes a job in a nursing home. Travers Park, 34th Avenue between 77th and 78th streets in Jackson Heights.

• Aug. 22, Healing Sound Bath, 7 pm. As part of his ongoing Planeta Abuelx exhibition, Guadalupe Maravilla presents a free healing sound bath just like the ones he discovered while treating his colon cancer. (This is rescheduled from last week.) Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., LIC.

• Aug. 22, Legends of Long Island City, 11 am. Greater Astoria Historical Society President Bob Singleton gives a virtual talk about LIC's exciting people, places, and things in preparation for the launch of a book on the subjects.

• Aug. 22, Sonica, 6 pm. This cutting-edge female vocal trio features Grammy-nominated artists. Travers Park, vicinity of 78th Street and 34th Avenue, Jackson Heights.

• Aug. 24, On The Sun, 7 pm. Live at the Gantries continues with this Brooklyn-based band that has created a genre steeped in Classic and Contemporary Soul, Funk, Americana, R&B, and Psychedelia. Gantry Plaza State Park, vicinity of 49th Avenue and Center Boulevard, Long Island City.

• Aug. 26, Movies in the Park, sunset. CinemaLIC shows Steven Spielberg's Raiders of the Lost Ark, which is celebrating its 40th anniversary. This adventure film stars Harrison Ford as archeologist Indiana Jones who battles with the Nazis to recover the Lost Ark of the Covenant.

• Aug. 26, Literary Thursdays, 4 pm. Board-certified dermatologist Debbie Palmer talks about "Mindful Beauty: Holistic Habits to Feel and Look Your Best" and ways to develop mindfulness to reduce stress and self-care tips to cultivate inner peace and outer radiance as part of an ongoing virtual series hosted by Queens Public Library.



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Attorney General James Calls on The U.S. Senate to Strengthen Protections For Working Americans by Passing PRO Act

New York Attorney General Letitia James, as part of a coalition of 17 attorneys general, has called on the U.S. Senate to protect hardworking Americans by passing the Protecting the Right to Organize Act of 2021 (PRO Act). The PRO Act provides protections for workers trying to organize by strengthening and modernizing key parts of the National Labor Relations Act (NLRA), which enshrines the fundamental rights to organize, unionize, and bargain collectively. In the letter, the multistate coalition highlights the urgent need to pass the PRO Act and urges the U.S. Senate to act to improve the lives of America's working families.

"Unionizing is a core American right, and no business should be able to infringe on a worker's ability to organize," said Attorney General James. "Over the past year, we have been reminded of the critical need to protect our workers and ensure they have better pay, benefits, and working conditions. In honor of the late Richard Trumka and all the workers who sacrificed so much over the past year, I stand with my fellow attorneys general in urging the Senate to pass the PRO Act and support working people."

The PRO Act is comprised of commonsense reforms to the NLRA designed to curb worker intimidation, retaliation, and other abusive practices and, more generally, restore the law's original purpose of encouraging unionization. Compared to their non-union counterparts, union members earn 10 to 15 percent higher wages; are more likely to have employer-sponsored benefits, like health insurance, paid sick days, and pensions; experience less wage theft; and are less reliant on public benefits. Today, just 12 percent of American workers are represented by a union — down from 27 percent in 1979.

If enacted, the PRO Act would give the National Labor Relations Board the power to fine companies that retaliate against organizing workers and require arbitration when unionized workers and employers cannot reach agreements on contracts. It would also strengthen the right of workers to strike, ban employer interference and influence in union elections, and prevent employers from using employees' immigration status against them when determining the terms of their employment. Notably, the legislation would override state "right to work" laws, which allow employees to forgo paying dues in unionized workplaces, and would address the "gig" economy by lowering the bar for independent contractors to prove they are "employees" under the Act.

"We thank Attorney General Letitia James for her support on what is the most significant worker empowerment legislation since the Great Depression," said Mario Cilento, president, New York State AFL-CIO. "The reforms included in the PRO Act are necessary to restore some balance to our country's labor laws in the face of

the increasingly drastic lengths employers have gone to silence the voices of their workers. New York's Senators Schumer and Gillibrand co-sponsor the bill and we join Attorney General James in calling on their colleagues to follow their lead to increase worker power, rebuild our economy fairly, make workplaces safer, and grow America's labor movement."

"The PRO Act is a once in a generation opportunity to empower working men and women," said Michael Mulgrew, president, United Federation of Teachers. "A union contract is the best tool we have to close racial and gender wage gaps and give working families the support they need."

"The PRO Act will address many of the shortcomings within the NLRA," said Peter DeJesus, president, Western New York Area Labor Federation. "It will also restore working class folks' ability to organize amongst their fellow co-workers over the terms and conditions of their employment. Most importantly, the PRO Act, through collective bargaining, will help to close the economic gap that exists for people of color. The Senate must pass the PRO Act now! No excuses. It's time."

"The passage of the Pro Act is an essential part of rebuilding the American labor movement," said Denise Abbott, president, Buffalo Central Labor Council. "Only with expanding the union workforce can the question of improving wages, benefits, and working conditions be effectively addressed. We applaud the attorneys general for their support of the PRO Act. Most importantly, we applaud Attorney General Letitia James for her support and her continued great work for the working class."

"Passing the PRO Act is the key to revitalizing the U.S. labor movement and rebuilding the U.S. economy," said Dan Maloney, president, Rochester and Genesee Valley Area Labor Federation. "Union workers demand and negotiate far better safety standards, wages, and benefits for their members. When given a free and fair choice to form and join a union, American workers overwhelmingly choose to unionize. It is time to pass the PRO Act and answer President Biden's call to build back better!"

"The PRO Act is a long-overdue reform of an 80-year-old labor law that does not protect workers' right to unionize," said Gary J. Bonadonna, Jr., manager & international vice-president, Workers United Upstate New York. "The United States is now in the midst of a second Gilded Age as a result of the decline in unions. Passing the PRO Act is essential to begin to reverse economic and racial inequality in our nation. If we give workers the freedom to form unions, this will restore a balance of power between big business and workers."

"The events of the past 18 months have brought into focus leading social priorities that the labor movement has always held

in the highest regard," said John R. Durso, president, Long Island Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO and Local 338 RWDSU/UFCW. "Workers should be paid fairly for their work, get quality health care, and have safe working conditions and time off to spend with their family. Passage of the PRO Act by the U.S. Senate and a signature from President Biden will empower workers with the tools necessary to win fair wages and benefits, safe conditions, and a voice at work without fear of retaliation. The Senate must pass it now, and stand up for working families."

"The labor movement has proven firsthand that in unity there is great strength," said Jenn Puja, labor council director, Westchester/Putnam Central Labor Body AFL-CIO. "Every worker deserves the right to organize. The PRO Act will amplify the voices of working families who strive to make a better, brighter tomorrow. Worker safety, protections, and conditions will be further strengthened and secured. The time is now to pass the PRO Act like our future depends on it — because it does."

"We value freedom in America," said Mark Spadafore, president, Greater Syracuse Labor Council, AFL-CIO. "The freedom to join an organization or association is enshrined into the very DNA of our country. Why do we make it so difficult for workers to want to come together to improve their worksites, and their lives? The PRO Act will give all workers what every American already has — the ability to join an organization of their choice to improve their worksites and their lives."

"How much longer will the U.S. Senate make Americans wait for provisions that will improve their lives? Labor unions built our middle class, and the PRO Act will set American workers up for greater financial support," said Samantha DeRiso, president, Central New York Labor Council. "Our labor community is large and spans across the country. I want to thank Attorney General Letitia James and other attorneys general for supporting the PRO Act and our community."

"Laborers' Local 147 LiUNA supports the PRO Act along with Attorney General James to strengthen worker protections, which allow workers to organize and collectively bargain for a pathway to a better life," said Christopher Fitzsimmons, secretary-treasurer, Local 147.

"The Council of School Supervisors and Administrators, which represents New York City's public school leaders and administrators, applauds Attorney General Letitia James for her advocacy in joining New York's unions as we call upon the U.S. Senate to pass the PRO Act," said Mark Cannizzaro, president, Council of School Supervisors & Administrators. "Throughout our nation's history, unions have improved the lives of working families in innumerable

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City & State Officials Break Ground on New Bartlett Dairy Headquarters and Distribution Center in Queens

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food distribution center will bring quality jobs to New Yorkers, while strengthening the City's food economy. We are proud to have worked with Bartlett Dairy and Queens Borough President Richards to make this happen. We want businesses to know they can grow and succeed in NYC, and Bartlett is a great example. Congratulations to Tom Malave, Jr. We wish him, his family, and his team a bright future here in Queens.

"Queens is not just leading the way out of the pandemic. It's leading the way toward a future where good-paying jobs right here in the borough sustain entire communities. That's the future Queens' own Bartlett Dairy is helping build in its hometown, starting with today's groundbreaking," said Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Jr. "We couldn't be more excited to welcome back upwards of 165 good-paying jobs to Queens, and we look forward to working closely with Bartlett Dairy to create even more economic opportunities for local families and for Southeast Queens as a whole."

"We are excited to be returning home to Jamaica. When my father started this company more than fifty years ago, Bartlett Dairy was a small one man, one truck operation, said Bartlett Dairy Inc. President Thomas Malave Jr. "Over the years, my brothers and I have worked tirelessly to build upon the opportunity our father provided. It has been astonishing to see the growth that we have been able to achieve. We would not be where we are today, breaking ground on our new headquarters, without the dedication of all of our wonderful employees and the support of the City of New York, Borough President Richards, Greater Jamaica Development Corporation and the local community."

Starting with one truck in 1963, the Malave family has consistently grown their dairy and food distribution businesses. The Queens-based businesses employ approximately 500 people across three locations in Jamaica, Newark, and Rochester. They deliver to schools, hotels, grocery stores, and restaurants, among others across the tri-state area.

"I am pleased to welcome Bartlett Dairy's brand-new headquarters and distribution site

here in Southeast Queens. The headquarters and distribution site will create approximately 165 jobs with an average salary of \$70,000 for Queens residents," said Assembly Member Khaleel M. Anderson. "As our communities recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, jobs like these provide economic stability, enhance the quality of life, and inspire a sense of hope for renewed economic opportunity for families disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 in Queens and throughout New York City. I applaud the New York City Economic Development Corporation, Bartlett Dairy, my colleagues in elected office and local community leaders for their efforts in making today possible."

"Bartlett Dairy's groundbreaking is an excellent example of the success we can achieve when we empower M/WBEs and invest in economic opportunity for our communities," said Councilwoman Selvena N. Brooks-Powers. "As we work to repair the damage to our local economy inflicted by the pandemic, Bartlett's new headquarters is an important step. Together with our community partners, elected officials, and NYCEDC, we are bringing valuable jobs to Southeast Queens."

"QCB13 has been excited about Bartlett Dairy building a plant in Southeast Queens since it was first proposed," said Community Board 13 District Manager Mark McMillan. "This development checks all of the boxes of what is wanted and needed in our communities: New York based, minority-owned, family-run, creating 165 jobs with good salaries. Undeveloped areas - outside of residential areas - are finally being utilized for the benefit of the community. This is important to keep our young people around and to make the neighborhoods nearby more attractive to those who end up working for Bartlett. A win-win scenario by lifting up and enriching Springfield Gardens and its neighboring communities."

In 2015, NYCEDC issued a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEI) seeking proposals for redevelopment of the JFK North Site. Bartlett was selected to develop the site and was able to meet the City's industrial manufacturing criteria, Living Wage and HireNYC requirements for employees, as well as a 25% MWBE contracting goal for design and construction.



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ways, and the PRO Act is now necessary to protect and strengthen workers' rights to organize and collectively bargain amidst

intimidation and retaliation tactics, particularly in 'right to work' states."

Joining Attorney General James in sending the letter are the attorneys general of California, Colorado, Con-

necticut, Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and the District of Columbia.

Sen. Sanders' Statement on Lt. Gov. Kathy Hochul's Remarks on Becoming The New Governor

State Senator James Sanders Jr. said: "I commend Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul on her leadership as she delivered remarks today for the first time after the resignation of Governor Cuomo and pledged to facilitate a smooth transition of power

as she prepares to become the 57th Governor of New York. I appreciate her commitment to "fight like hell" for our residents and to "listen first and take decisive action." I believe her strong, positive vision for moving forward and tackling issues such as

the Delta Variant of the coronavirus, which continues to plague our communities, as well as her commitment to help small businesses, will set us on the right path. I look forward to working with her for the betterment of all New Yorkers."

PSC Announces Expansion of Low-Income Energy Affordability Program

\$129 Million in Additional Benefits for Low-Income Energy Affordability Programs to Deliver Relief to Over 1 Million Low-Income Households in New York

Action Provides Utilities with Time to Implement Improvements Before Heating Season

The New York State Public Service Commission (Commission) today made substantial improvements to the low-income energy bill discount programs administered by the major electric and gas utilities, including expanding the reach of the program to an additional 95,000 customers.

"We must address the fact that millions of New Yorkers struggle every month to pay their electric and natural gas bills," said Commission Chair John B. Howard. "Through a wide range of initiatives, we can achieve lower energy bills for all customers, at all income levels. But direct assistance is needed for these low-income households where energy costs can account for too much of a family's monthly income."

With its decision today, the Commission made significant improvements to the low-income energy bill discount programs administered by the major electric and gas utilities, most notably by dramatically expanding the amount of money being made available. Previously, the annual budget for the statewide Energy Affordability Policy (EAP) program was \$237.6 million.

Today's decision increases the EAP annual budget by \$129 million to \$366.7 million. The increase means

that about 95,000 more low-income customers will be able to receive benefits, a 10 percent increase from a year ago. Bill discounts vary, depending on the utility.

Specifically, the Commission increased the low-income bill discounts, and directed the utilities to develop a standard self-identification process to make the bill discount programs available to low-income customers to address gaps in data sharing and file matching between utilities and the state Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA). The EAP program's expansion better aligns bill discount formulas with income criteria and Home Energy Assistance Program benefits that will result in more targeted bill discounts, and encouraged the utilities to target participation in energy efficiency programs to low-income customers with the highest energy usage.

The increase in funds was strongly supported by a number of organizations and community groups, including the American Association of Retired Persons, Citizens for Local Power, City of New York, Energy Efficiency for All New York, the Joint Utilities, New York Energy Democracy Alliance, Public Utility Law Project of New York, Inc., and the Utility Intervention Unit of the New York State Department Division of Consumer Protection.

On May 20, 2016, the Commission issued an order adopting an EAP which set a target energy burden at or below 6 percent of household income for all low-income households in New York State. To advance this goal, low-income bill

discount programs were established for each of the major electric and gas utilities. Key directives set out by the EAP include the standardization of utility energy affordability programs statewide to reflect best practices where appropriate, streamlining of rate cases, and greater consistency between the programs and the Commission's statutory and policy objectives.

To reach the target of no more than a 6 percent energy burden for low-income New Yorkers, it would be necessary to coordinate and leverage all available resources at the State's disposal, including multiple sources of financial assistance to lower customers' bills, energy efficiency measures to reduce usage, and access to clean energy sources to lower the cost of the energy itself. As part of the Commission's decision, Commission staff will work closely with other entities, including OTDA and the utilities, to ensure that low-income customers receive the assistance they need.

Today's decision may be obtained by going to the Commission Documents section of the Commission's Web site at www.dps.ny.gov and entering Case Numbers 14-M-0565 or 20-M-0266 in the input box labeled "Search for Case/Matter Number". Many libraries offer free Internet access. Commission documents may also be obtained from the Commission's Files Office, 14th floor, Three Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY 12223 (518-474-2500). If you have difficulty understanding English, please call us at 1-800-342-3377 for free language assistance services regarding this press release.

August 31 Deadline is Approaching For Bill Payment Assistance Through HEAP

New York City households receiving HEAP funding also automatically qualify for National Grid discount rate

National Grid urges its New York City customers who need help paying their energy bill to apply now for federally funded assistance through The Home Energy Assistance Program and the Emergency HEAP program.

While the deadline has been extended to August 31, 2021, to assist those whose finances have been impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic, customers are encouraged to apply immediately as funding is limited.

Here's what customers need to know:

- HEAP helps income-eligible families pay their energy bills and offers relief for households in a heating or heating-related energy emergency. The funds do not need to be paid back.
- Because HEAP funding

is limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, customers who believe they might qualify should apply immediately.

- The level of funding varies depending on household income, household composition and heating fuel type in relation to income. The income requirement is based on the past four weeks of household income. For example, a family of four with a four-week gross income before deductions of up to \$5,019, could be eligible for HEAP. Customers who may not have been eligible in the past are encouraged to apply.

- Customers who receive HEAP funding also will be automatically enrolled in National Grid's Energy Affordability Program, which provides monthly bill credits.

- National Grid has created a one-stop location (<https://www.nationalgridus.com/ny-home/Bill-Help/Grant-Programs.aspx>) with all the information customers

need to apply for the grants, including eligibility information, materials needed for the application process, links to applications for HEAP, Emergency HEAP, and the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance website.

National Grid also encourages its New York City customers to check their eligibility for the New York State Emergency Rental Assistance Program which, among other aid, covers up to 12 months of utility arrears payments for New York households in need, regardless of immigration status.

Customers who are struggling financially will also find a wealth of helpful tools on National Grid's COVID-19 resource page at ngrid.com/covid-19. The page includes information on financial assistance programs, payment and billing options, and energy efficiency tips that help households save money by reducing usage.

QBP Donovan Richards to Host Vigil For Haiti, Launch Earthquake Donation Drive

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support from the wider Queens community."

"As much as it saddens me to see Haiti go through yet another disaster in the midst of its existing challenges, yet I, along with my Haitian brothers and sisters, remain evermore committed to a better and stronger Haiti for generations to come," said Haitian Americans United for Progress Chief Executive

Officer and Executive Director ELSIE SAINT LOUIS. "My heartfelt gratitude to the friends and partners of the Haitian people who continue to reach out in so many big and small ways in support, empathy and collaboration."

"As the most diverse place on earth with numerous Haitian-American owned businesses; our hearts go out to the people of Haiti as they grapple with yet another unspeakable tragedy.

At this incredibly difficult time, the Queens Chamber and Queens' business community are proud to support the efforts to bring much needed resources to Haiti," said Queens Chamber of Commerce President and CEO THOMAS J. GRECH. "We thank Borough President Richards for his leadership in organizing this donation drive for Haiti, and ask all Queens residents to join us in supporting the relief efforts."

Queens Chamber Of Commerce And Council Member Peter Koo Host Flushing Business . . .

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Open + Online is offered through the NYC Small Business Resource Network. Powered by the Peter G Peterson Foundation and the Partnership for New York City, the NYC SBRN provides personalized guidance and assistance to small businesses through each borough's Chamber of Commerce. Learn more about the SBRN at: <https://www.nycsmallbusinessresource-network.org/>.

"Small businesses are the lifeblood of neighborhoods like Flushing, but they've had an incredibly challenging year and a half due to the pandemic," said Thomas J. Grech, President and CEO of the Queens Chamber of Commerce. "We were delighted to join Council Member Peter Koo and the Flushing BID today to speak with

business owners and let them know what resources the Chamber has available to them so they can reach more customers. Our Open + Online program can help businesses get back on their feet and thrive in the post-pandemic economy, and we encourage anyone who wants to learn more about the program to reach out to the Chamber."

Council Member Peter Koo stated, "The pandemic changed shopping patterns for small business in many ways. There was a major shift toward online shopping, so we want to make sure our businesses know about the chamber's capacity to help build websites for our community free of charge. Customers are coming back, and we want to make sure our businesses have every available resource at their disposal so they too can come back and thrive in this post-

pandemic economy."

"Online presence is important for small businesses to thrive," said Dian Song Yu, Executive Director of Flushing BID. "Especially during this pandemic era, a website can serve as a key communication channel between merchants and consumers, allowing businesses to operate more efficiently and broaden their customer base."

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

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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 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

HANNAN LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/29/2021. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against the LLC may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: Mohammed H. Bhuiyan, 69-18 30 Avenue, 3FL, Woodside, NY 11377. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 8/5,12,19,26,9/2&8/2021

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

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

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TRUE PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/21/21. 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, 56-24 Marathon Parkway, Apartment 1F, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 8/5,12,19,26,9/2&9/2021

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Cajamarca Bros LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/25/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. 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

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

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: NY MC Consulting LLC. Arts of Org filed with Sec. of State of New York (SSNY) 08/02/2021. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served & shall mail process to the LLC, 153-19 41st Ave, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: General. 8/12,19,26,9/2,9&16/2021



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Notice of Formation of TG&S MULTIPURPOSE SERVICE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/13/2021. 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, 153-01 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica Centre #247, Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: any lawful activity. 7/22,29,8/5,12,19&26/2021

100YEARVACATION LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/22/2021. 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, 42-20 27th Street #706 Long Island City, NY 11101 Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 7/29,8/5,12,19,26&9/2/2021

POWER SWEAT LLC. Art. Of Org. Filed with the SSNY on 06/16/2021. 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, 4602 21st St, P.O. Box 1809, Queens, NY 11101. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 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



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File No.: 2018-5384/B CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK BY THE GRACE OF GOD, FREE AND INDEPENDENT To: Myrna Denberg, Estate of Harvey Barry, Evelyn Barry, Lisa LoPipero, Ronnie McNeill, Diane Gudell, Barry Weisman, Deborah Green, Nanci Tomasetti, Attorney General of the State of New York

The unknown distributees, legatees, devisees, heirs at law and assignees of JOAN WEISMAN, deceased, or their estates, if any there be, whose names, places of residence and post office addresses are unknown to the petitioner and cannot with due diligence be ascertained

A copy of this citation and the accounting, as well as all amendments to it, if any, shall be served on the Guardian Ad Litem, John Graffeo Esq.

Being the persons interested as creditors, legatees, distributees or otherwise in the Estate of JOAN WEISMAN, deceased, who at the time of death was a resident of 8451 Beverly Road, Apt. 3N, Kew Gardens, NY 11415, in the County of Queens, State of New York.

SEND GREETING: Upon the petition of LOIS M. ROSENBLATT, Public Administrator of Queens County, who maintains her office at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, Queens County, New York 11435, as Administrator of the Estate of JOAN WEISMAN, deceased, you and each of you are hereby cited to show cause before the Surrogate at the Surrogate's Court of the County of Queens, to be held at the Queens General Courthouse, 6th Floor, 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, City and State of New York, on the 16th day of September, 2021 at 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon, why the Account of Proceedings of the Public Administrator of Queens County, as Administrator of the Estate of said deceased, a copy of which is attached, should not be judicially settled, and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow a reasonable amount of compensation to GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., for legal services rendered to petitioner herein in the amount of \$6,552.34 and that the Court fix the fair and reasonable additional fee for any services to be rendered by GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ., hereafter in connection with proceedings on kinship, claims etc., prior to entry of a final Decree on this accounting in the amount of 6% of assets or income collected after the date of the within accounting; and why the Surrogate should not fix and allow an amount equal to one percent on said Schedules of the total assets on Schedules A, A1, and A2 plus any additional monies received subsequent

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to the date of this account, as the fair and reasonable amount payable to the Office of the Public Administrator for the expenses of said office pursuant to S.C.P.A. §1106(3); and why each of you claiming to be a distributee of the decedent should not establish proof of your kinship; and why the balance of said funds should not be paid to said alleged distributees upon proof of kinship, or deposited with the Commissioner of Finance of the City of New York should said alleged distributees default herein, or fail to establish proof of kinship.

Dated, Attested and Sealed 15th day of July, 2021 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate, Queens County JAMES LIM BECKER Clerk of the Surrogate's Court GERARD J. SWEENEY, ESQ. (718) 459-9000 1981 Marcus Avenue, Suite 200

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99 JMC LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 07/23/2021. 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, 131-31 Fowler Ave, Flushing, NY 11355. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 8/19,26,9/2,9,16&23/2021

SALSAMANIA STUDIO LLC, Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/11/2021. 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, 23-17 Broadway, Cellar Level, Long Island City, NY 11106. Purpose: Any Lawful Purpose. 8/19,26,9/2,9,16&23/2021

8715 Owners LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/29/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Maria Comella, 164-11 86th St., Howard Beach, NY 11414. General Purpose. 8/19,26,9/2,9,16&23/2021

LEGAL NOTICES

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 DOG FRIENDLY LIVING LLC. Art. Of Org. filed with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/06/21. Office in Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to the LLC, 3065 74th St 2nd Fl East Elmhurst, NY, 11370. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 8/12,19,26,9/2,9&16/2021

Notice of Formation of Ridgewood Tower II Member LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/19/21. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 15 West 27th St., 6th Fl., NY, NY 10001. Purpose: any lawful activities. 8/12,19,26,9/2,9&16/2021

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

Fuel Physical Therapy & Chiropractic PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/28/2021. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 20409 10th Ave., Rockaway Point, NY 11697. Purpose: Physical Therapy and Chiropractic. 8/19,26,9/2,9,16&23/2021

Notice of Formation of BLUEDROPSNY LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 07/12/2021. 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, 130-41 234th Street, #2, Rosedale, NY 11422. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/19,26,9/2,9,16&23/2021



Hong Kong Dragon Festival



Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz joined community members and elected officials for the returning Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival at Flushing Meadows Corona Park this past weekend. Last year's festival was canceled because

of the pandemic but it was great to see everyone safely in person once again.

Katz extended her congratulations to Queens Borough President Donovan Richards and his "Queens Rising" team for winning the race!

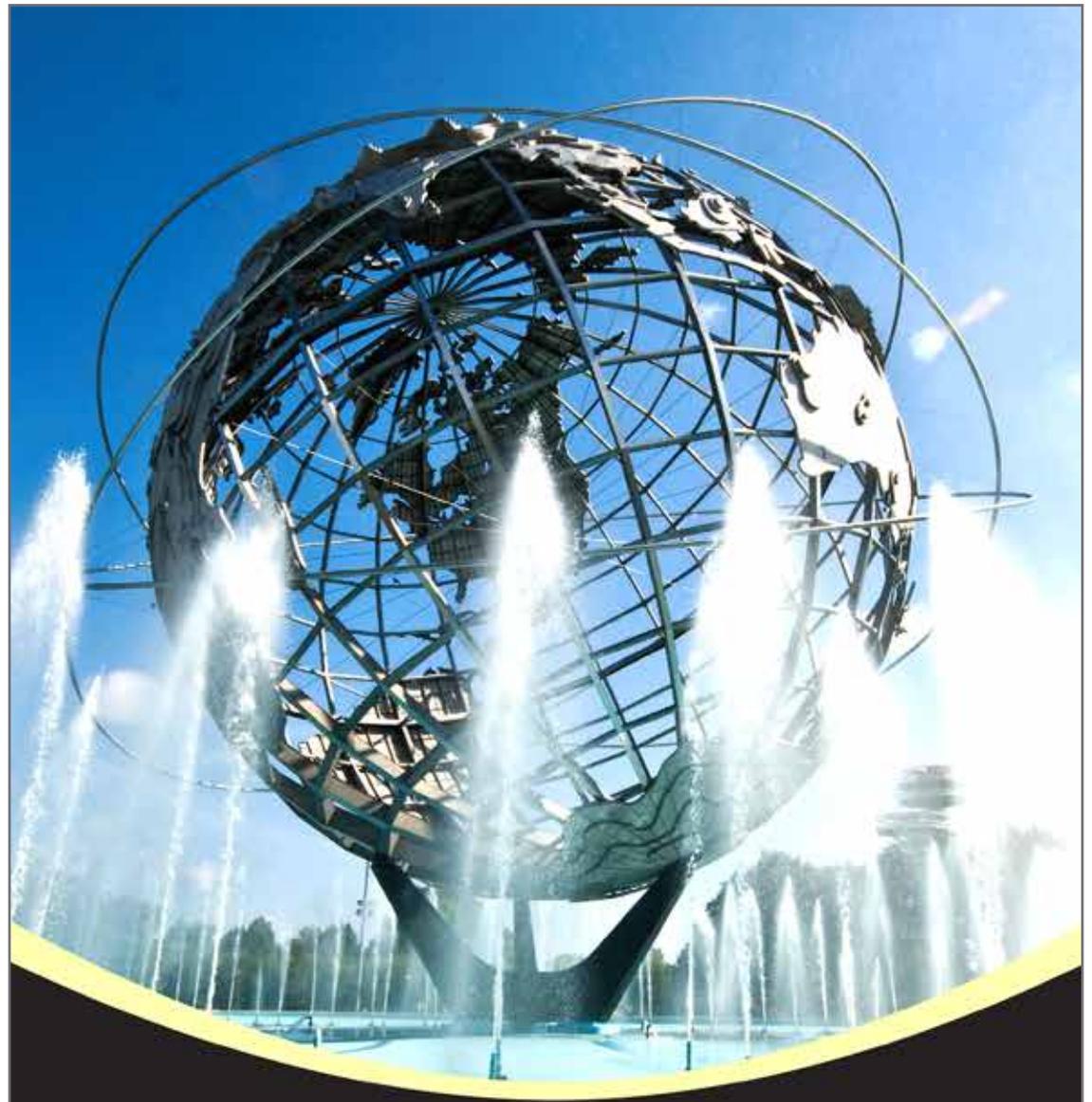
Investing In Our Youth



If we want our kids to make good choices, we have to provide them with quality opportunities," said QDA Melinda Katz. She joined the NYPD and the NYC Housing Authority to unveil a renovated basketball court at Queensbridge Houses. "This project is the culmination of our shared efforts to provide a safe

and beautiful place that belongs to every child in this community. We want them to have safe, productive activities available in their neighborhood," said Katz.

Bringing new life to these courts -- and other playgrounds and programs currently underway -- is a keen investment in the future of Queens County.



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