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New York Mets Retire Willie Mays's No. 24 at Old Timers' Day Ceremony



The Mets held their first Old Timers' Day since 1994 at the new Citi Field Stadium and the day was made even more special by the organization retiring Willie Mays No. 24. Willie Mays son Michael Mays was there in his father's place to accept the honor.

Mays only played parts of two seasons with the Mets, 135 games total to end his career, and in

1973 he made the All-Star game before retiring. Being that as it may, Mays however represents something more to a Mets organization since the Mets succeeded both the Giants and Dodgers as the National League's baseball team in New York City.

When the Mets traded for Mays in 1972, then-Mets owner Joan Payson hoped that Mays' Mets jersey would be retired after he retired with the team. However, Joan died before that could go into effect.

In a statement that his son read at the ceremony, Mays expressed how grateful he was to get his number retired by the organization, and how much he appreciates the fan base.

Matthew Robertson, via The New York Daily News, read Mays statement which said "You might lose a lot of details after so many years, but what I can never forget

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East Elmhurst School Named After 1969 Mets Star Tommie Agee



At the ceremony cutting the ribbon opening the new Tommie L. Agee Educational Campus - MS 419, 26-25 97th Street, East Elmhurst, NY 11369 is Soledad Montañes Principal MS 419-the Tommie L. Agee Educational Campus, NYC Mayor Eric Adams, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Agee's widow and daughter Maxcine and Jnelle Agee and NYC Councilmember Francisco Moya. Photo courtesy of Richards' office. See story on page 2.

Assemblyman Edward Braunstein Hosts a Successful Blood Drive

"I'm proud to announce that over 100 Northeast Queens residents donated urgently-needed blood at my office's 10th Annual Summer Blood Drive. Thanks to their generosity, 375 lives will be saved," said Assemblyman Edward Braunstein. "I thank the New York Blood Center for partnering on another successful event and the Cord Meyer Development Company for providing us with the necessary space at the Bay Terrace Shopping Center. Thanks also to the New York Mets for providing free t-shirts to donors."

All donors were also entered into a sweepstakes by the New York Blood Center to win one of two six-packs of tickets to a New York Mets game. Donors Clare Grandelli and Neal Kwait were the sweepstakes winners.



Assemblyman Braunstein is pictured at his office's 10th Annual Summer Blood Drive with Dionis Xhindolli, New York Blood Center Donor Specialist, PIC.

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Several elected officials joined members of the 1969 Mets and the family of their late teammate Tommie Agee to celebrate the opening of the Tommie L. Agee Educational Campus – MS 419 in East Elmhurst. Several people in attendance spoke about the significance of Agee being honored this way in a community he loved.

Some of the notable speakers included Mayor Eric Adams, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, 1969 Mets outfielder Cleon Jones and Agee's widow and daughter Maxcine and Jnelle Agee. In addition to speaking about how much Tommie Agee meant to the Mets organization, the speakers also discussed how important the East Elmhurst community was to him.

The location of the new school was notable in that it previously occupied a nightclub and restaurant that Agee ran, where he eventually met his future wife Maxcine.

"He was dedicated to the people in this area, he loved the people in the area," 1969 Mets outfielder Cleon Jones said. "You certainly loved him back by giving him this honor. You could pat him on the back, but he would never pat himself on the back. It was a pleasure for me to know this man because he was one-of-a-kind."

The idea to name the school after Agee was thought of by Assemblyman Jeffrion Aubry. Aubry was unable to make the ceremony and his fellow government officials made sure to recognize him for helping to make

this happen.

Maxcine and Jnell Agee went into deep detail describing the kind of man Agee was.

"As a retired teacher of seventh grade students, I am thrilled at this new building and the opportunities that will be available to the students and the staff that this wonderful school will realize," Maxcine said. "Tommie would've been so proud to be recognized for supporting the educational opportunities for the students here at East Elmhurst."

"East Elmhurst is where we called home and now it's where the Tommie L. Agee Educational Campus will call home too," Jnell said. "To have my dad's name immortalized on this building in East Elmhurst, where he lived for over 30 years, is just an honor — something I'm sure he wouldn't have imagined. Thank you again to the city and this amazing community for honoring the work and dedication he stood for." Jnell fought back tears toward the end of her speech.

Agee was the first African American MLB player to win a Gold Glove award in both the American League and National League. During the Mets' 1969 run to the World Series title, he hit 26 home runs with 76 runs batted in. He is credited with hitting the longest home run to reach the seats in Shea Stadium's history when his 505-foot blast on April 10, 1969, landed in the upper deck seats behind the left field foul pole. He is also well-known among baseball fans for making two terrific catches during Game 3 of the 1969 World Series, helping the Mets win the game and the series.

"Tommie was more than a Mets legend and World Series champion," Queens BP Donovan Richards said. "He was a staple of East Elmhurst, which he called home for decades. Tommie Agee loved Queens and called it home well after his Mets playing career ended. Today, we ensure his legacy lives on in our borough."

The 1969 Mets entered the season as huge underdogs, with the franchise having never finished a season with a winning record since its inception in 1962. Led by a dominant pitching staff anchored by Tom Seaver and Jerry Koosman, the "Miracle Mets" finished the regular season with a 100-62 record before sweeping the Atlanta Braves in the National League Championship Series. They then stunned the world once more by beating the heavily favored Baltimore Orioles in the World Series in five games of the best-of-seven series.

"On behalf of the people of the City of New York, we owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Tommie Agee, whose legacy lives on through his beloved family and the enduring impact he made in business, sports and his community," Adams said. "Throughout his career and post retirement, he displayed a steadfast commitment to improving the game of baseball, mentoring young players and creating spaces where New Yorkers of all backgrounds could gather bond, and build lasting connections. His enormous contribution to the five boroughs cannot be overstated."

Mayor Adams concluded his speech by announcing the proclamation that Aug. 26, 2022, would be "Tommie Lee Agee Day."

QEDC Partners With Verizon to Bring Digital Resources to Local Businesses

Coaching, Networking, Incentives; Focus on Women, Minorities

The Queens Economic Development Corporation has joined forces with Verizon, Next Street, and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation to offer a new online curriculum to local small businesses.

QEDC Director of Business Services Andrea Ormeño will discuss the curriculum's benefits and requirements during Ladies Lunch & Learn: Verizon Small Business Digital Ready Incentives on Wednesday, Sept. 14, at 12:30 pm. This event is free and open to gentlemen and ladies.

Verizon Small Business Digital Ready provides resources, networking, and coaching tailored to a small business owner's specific needs. It helps in four ways:

- Personalized Learning Content presented by small busi-

nesses through brief, information-packed lessons that can be utilized right away.

- Expert Coaching Guidance from business experts in marketing, business planning, legal, and other specialties.
- Peer Networking Connections to other small business owners.
- Incentives A marketplace of tools, solutions, products, and services. Participants who register for Verizon Small Business Digital Ready and complete two courses or mentoring events are eligible to apply for a \$10,000 grant.

"We're thrilled to partner with Verizon on this initiative," stated QEDC Executive Director Seth Bornstein. "It fits perfectly with our Women's Business Center's mission to support entrepreneurs as they start, build, and expand businesses via counseling, training, workshops, mentoring, and

networking. It also fits perfectly with our M/WBE program, which promotes minority and women-owned business through certification and capacity-building services."

More than 100,000 small businesses closed due to the Covid pandemic with a disproportionate impact on Blacks and Latinos. Verizon Small Business Digital Ready offers businesses support, aiming to enable digital readiness and drive digital transformation through a customized curriculum that accounts for industry, size and interests.

About QEDC - Founded in 1977, QEDC strives to create and retain jobs through programming that assists small businesses, encourages entrepreneurship, and promotes our community with an emphasis on supporting those of low-to-moderate income, women, minorities, and immigrants.

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QBP Richards Recaps Successful “Borough Hall on Your Block: Southeast Queens”

*Nearly \$13 million announced for area libraries and hospitals
Hundreds of residents connected to available jobs and city resources
Historic topping-off ceremony for the 116th Precinct
Supporting our kids with backpack giveaways and family fun*

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Jr.’s inaugural Borough Hall on Your Block series touched down in Southeast Queens this week with stirring success, following through on his promise to meet Queens families where they live, especially those in historically overlooked communities, and deliver the attention and services they deserve.

Over the course of just five days, Borough President Richards held four press conferences to announce nearly \$13 million in capital funding for local libraries and hospitals, participated in a topping-off ceremony for the new 116th Precinct, hosted a community town hall, put on three different resource fairs, staged events for both seniors and youth, organized multiple distributions of backpacks, and held an emergency preparedness supplies giveaway, among other events.

“As a proud son of Southeast Queens, it was an honor to come home and set up shop in these proud, hard-working communities for a week to showcase how my office is not only listening, but tirelessly working to support the families who call them home,” said Borough President RICHARDS. “All 2.4 million Queens residents deserve a government that sees them, hears them and stops at nothing to serve them. That is the mission of my administration and I can’t wait to take Borough Hall back on the road once again.”

Borough Hall on Your Block began on Monday, August 22nd with a Senior Services Day at Rochdale Village, which saw dozens of area elders participate in fitness classes, eligibility benefit screenings and more. Borough

President Richards then traveled to the Rosedale branch of the Queens Public Library — where he was once tutored as a child — to announce \$3 million in funding for the facility’s expansion. Day 1 ended with an emotional and long-awaited topping-off ceremony for the new 116th Precinct in Rosedale, which local residents had spent decades advocating for. Borough President Richards was instrumental in securing funding for the \$104 million facility, which will also include built-in community space.

Day 2 of Borough Hall on Your Block saw the Borough President announce \$6.8 million in funding across NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens in Jamaica Hills and Jamaica Hospital Medical Center. The \$6.8 million total includes \$5 million for a state-of-the-art cancer-treating linear accelerator at the former hospital and \$1.3 million for a new MRI machine at the latter facility. Borough President Richards also hosted an Immigrant Resource Fair and a NYC Agency Resource and Job Fair in Jamaica, drawing hundreds of residents, as well as a well-attended, youth-oriented Backpack Giveaway and COVID-19 Vaccination Drive.

Borough President Richards kicked off Day 3 of Borough Hall on Your Block with an Emergency Preparedness Supply Giveaway in Springfield Gardens, giving out dozens of rain barrels and other materials ahead of the coming peak of the hurricane season, before heading to his NYCHA Resource Share event at the South Jamaica Houses. Capping off the afternoon was the Borough President’s inaugural Youth and Young Adult Festival,

featuring a basketball clinic, live music, a climbing wall, giveaways and more.

The final full day of public programming saw the Borough President travel to Far Rockaway for a pair of budget announcements, such as his \$2.4 million allocation toward the planned expansion of the Arverne branch of the Queens Public Library. Following an announcement of \$741,000 in funding for new critical care technology at St. John’s Episcopal, Borough President Richards brought Borough Hall on Your Block to a close with a Southeast Queens Town Hall in St. Albans, where residents were able to ask questions of and raise concerns with city agency representatives who were on hand.

Several elected officials and city agencies sponsored one or more of the above events, including State Senator Leroy Comrie, Council Member Nantasha Williams, the FDNY, the NYC Department of Finance, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Emergency Management, the New York State Department of Health, SOMOS Community Care, NY Connects, the Queens Public Library and Who’s House Ballers, among many others.

Borough President Richards first announced his intention to launch the Borough Hall on Your Block initiative during his State of the Borough address on June 3, a critical aspect of the transformative vision for a stronger, fairer Queens he articulated that morning.

The date and location of the second iteration of Borough Hall on Your Block will be announced in the coming months.

Moon-Tastic Fun is Happening at The Shops at Skyview on September 10

Shoppers are invited to participate in the Moon Festival with complimentary and ticketed events for all ages

The Shops at Skyview is hosting a tre-moon-dous celebration on Saturday, September 10 from 2-6 p.m. to honor the Moon Festival, a fun, colorful and significantly important festival in many Asian communities. The shopping center is providing both complimentary and ticketed events for everyone in the Queens area to enjoy.

“Moon Festival or the Mid-Autumn Festival is a time for families to gather for dinners or barbecues, enjoy the full moon and mooncakes,” said Wesley Sin, Marketing Manager for ShopCore Properties, owners and managers of The Shops at Skyview. “We think of our community as family, and we invite everyone to join us on September 10th to celebrate this important holiday and create lifelong memories together.”

Shoppers can experience this unique cultural celebration starting with an extraordinary dance performance presented by award-winning Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company. Dancers will perform an Asian ribbon and feather fan dance with contemporary twists. The performance is inspired by the legend of a fairy in the moon. There will also be a live music performance from MISS, a New York-based, all-female band dedicated to promoting Asian instruments and Other complimentary events include an immersive Mid-Autumn photobooth with traditional wardrobe experiences located on Level 4 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Located on Level 6 and starting at 4 p.m., guests can participate in a Moon Cake DIY Workshop. Included in the workshop are moon cake ingredients, a special gift box and a \$20 coupon to Grandma’s Dimsum, located inside The

Shops at Skyview. Tickets for this experience are \$20 per person.

“To celebrate Moon Festival, our guests will learn how to make delicious and sweet moon cakes with an onsite pastry chef and bring the moon cake gift box home to share with family and friends!” continued Sin.

Limited seating is available for each Moon Cake DIY Workshop time slot and participants are required to purchase timed in advance on Eventbrite, www.eventbrite.com/e/skyview-moon-festival-moon-cake-diy-workshop-tickets-385939474357.

The Shops at Skyview is a multi-level shopping destination located in Flushing, N.Y. featuring a growing mix of national retailers and local favorites, including leading brands such as Target, Uniqlo, SkyFoods, Marshalls, and local merchants like Gong Cha and Royal Beauty. The Shops at Skyview is accented by an abundance of signature events, family centric experiences, and so much more. The shopping destination, conveniently located in Queens, N.Y., features a mix of premier national retail stores for women’s, men’s and children’s apparel, shoes, electronics, home furnishings, entertainment, cosmetics, groceries and more. For more information about The Shops at Skyview please visit theshopsatskyview.com or follow Skyview’s social media @theshopsatskyviewny.

ShopCore, a Blackstone portfolio company, is a vertically integrated real estate company with internalized leasing, development, property management, legal, accounting, and asset management functions. Currently, ShopCore leases and manages more than 100 shopping centers, comprising nearly 20 million square feet across 18 states.

For more information, visit shopcore.com.

Meng Leads Queens Elected Officials in Calling For NYS to Prioritize Flooding in Key Climate Change Program

U.S. Rep. Grace Meng (D-Queens) announced that she recently led a letter – signed onto by 14 other Queens elected officials – calling for New York State to prioritize flooding in the borough as it finalizes a key program to help address climate change.

Those joining the letter include Queens Borough President Donovan Richards; State Senators Jessica Ramos, John Liu and Leroy Comrie; Assemblymembers Brian Barnwell, Catalina Cruz, Andrew Hevesi, David Weprin, Jenifer Rajkumar and Ed Braunstein; and Councilmembers Linda Lee, Lynn Schulman, James Gennaro and Sandra Ung.

The correspondence asks the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to ensure that the types of floods occurring in Queens are a central part of the criteria in the Disadvantaged Communities program, an initiative to ensure that disadvantaged, frontline and

otherwise underserved communities benefit from the state’s transition to cleaner, greener sources of energy. These types of disadvantaged communities are areas that are vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and consist of low and moderate income households, among other things. If this flooding is prioritized in the criteria, Queens could receive more state funding to address the problem.

The criteria for the program is being finalized by the Climate Justice Working Group, an advisory panel charged with working on the issue under New York’s Climate Act which recognizes that climate change does not affect all communities equally.

“Last year, the remnants of Hurricane Ida struck New York City and left a trail of disaster,” the elected officials wrote. “Our borough of Queens tragically lost eleven members of our community in the storm, leaving countless others without their home, car, and possessions.

Many of the victims were from lower income and immigrant backgrounds and struggled to recover from the storm’s devastating effects. Ida also cost the city millions of dollars in property damage.”

“Nearly a year after the hurricane, Queens remains highly susceptible to flood damage,” the lawmakers continued. “According to the New York City Flood Hazard Mapper provided by the New York City Department of City Planning, thousands of Queens residents live in low lying flood prone areas, including parts of Flushing, Rego Park, Elmhurst, Forest Hills, and more. To reduce the damage caused by future floods, our borough requires urgent infrastructure upgrades. Increasing stormwater management capacity will depend on how much Queens is able to benefit from the Disadvantaged Communities program, in addition to federal programs from the \$1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.”

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NYC Council Majority Whip Selvena N. Brooks-Powers Chair, Committee on Transportation And Infrastructure Statement on The Recent Fatality on The Rockaway Beach Boardwalk

“The Rockaway Boardwalk is a refuge for New Yorkers to enjoy the beauty of our City’s shoreline, not a place for New Yorkers to get struck by a vehicle. Last year, I co-sponsored Intro. 1888-2020, a

law prohibiting all non-City owned or non-authorized motor vehicles from being used on City elevated boardwalks to ensure tragedies like this don’t happen. We need more stringent enforcement to safeguard

the lives of all New Yorkers. My thoughts and prayers are with the victims of the tragic accident that happened in my district today. If you have any information on this case, please call 877-577-TIPS.”

Council Member Nantasha Williams Host Archie Spigner Park Renaming Ceremony

The event highlighted the official renaming of St. Albans Park for former NYC Council Member and the Dean of Southeast Queens, Archie Spigner

On Saturday, August 27th, 2022, Council Member Nantasha Williams hosted the Archie Spigner Park renaming ceremony in partnership with former NYC Council Member I. Daneek Miller, to rename St. Albans Park to Archie Spigner Park. This event celebrated the life and achievements of Archie Spigner, who was the quintessential pioneer in government, intergovernmental relations, and public/private partnerships.

Elected and Government officials were in attendance for the unveiling including Senator Leroy Comrie, Senator John Liu, Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman, Attorney General Letitia James, Mayor Eric Adams Chief of Staff - Frank Carone, Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, Comptroller Brad Lander, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, Queens District Attorney Me Linda Katz, Majority Whip Council Member Selvena Brooks-Powers, Council Member Linda Lee, Park Commissioner Sue Donoghue, and Queens Park Commissioner Michael Dockett.

Archie Spigner represented his home base on the City Council from 1974 to 2001, the last 15 of those years as the deputy to the Majority Leader. But in his district, he was nobody’s second in command. For 50 years — from 1970 until his death — Mr. Spigner ran the United Democratic Club of Queens and served as a district leader, positions that gave him the

ability to help shape the Democratic Party’s local leadership.

His influence enabled the elections of the borough’s first Black member of the New York State Assembly and its first Black State Supreme Court Justice; its first Black State Senator; and its first Black representative in Congress. A true pioneer, Archie Spigner is being honored in a manner befitting the life of a true public servant.

“I am so honored to host my first park renaming and celebrate Archie Spigner on what would have been his 94th birthday,” said Council Member Nantasha Williams.

“Archie Spigner was a leader who made an impact on so many lives and changed the course of history for our city. He was a trailblazer who helped pave the way for others, such as myself, who have followed him into public service. I want to thank former Councilmember I. Daneek Miller for his legislation renaming St. Albans Park to Archie Spigner Park. It is important that we honor the rich history of this community and pioneers like Archie who made it possible for us to thrive here today. This renaming will help ensure that his legacy is preserved for future generations to come. To Mrs. Leslie Spigner and the entire Archie Spigner family, we honor and thank you for your continuous contribution to the community carrying out the legacy of Archie Spigner.”

“Archie Spigner will forever be part of the fabric of our community. He was a one-of-a-kind public servant, community leader, and mentor to so many. His more

than five decades of leadership, including service as the first Black man from Queens elected to the City Council, helped paved the path that Queens, New York, and national leaders now walk” said Senator Leroy Comrie. From labor organizing in his youth to his service as an NYC Council Member, he made a transformative change. I am proud that we as a community stand united in honoring him and in celebrating his lasting legacy. The Spigner family, Council Member Nantasha Williams, former Council Member I. Daneek Miller, colleagues in government, the NYC Parks Department, the Guy R. Brewer United Democratic Club, faith-based, civic, and community leaders, as well as neighborhood residents — all contributed to making the renaming ceremony a truly uplifting occasion to commemorate a truly uplifting legacy.”

“The Dean, The Godfather of Politics, he was called by many names and I will always remember him as a dear friend. His support and guidance are one of the reasons I am in my current position today” said Assemblywoman Alicia Hyndman. He left a lifelong mark on many in Southeast Queens. The renaming of St. Albans Park symbolizes the affect he had not only on the city, but also the people who adulated him through mentorships and friendships. I am thankful for Councilmember Nantasha Williams, who successfully pinch hit this renaming. To the family of Archie Spigner, thank you from the bottom of my heart for sharing him with Southeast Queens. His legacy will continue to live on.”

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar’s Statement on The Theft of The Little Guyana Avenue Sign

I condemn the outrageous theft of the historic Little Guyana Avenue sign. The beautiful stretch of Liberty Avenue known as Little Guyana is a source of pride for everyone in South Queens. We were filled with that pride when we came together as a community for the street co-naming ceremony to unveil the sign. For all those appalled at the loss of the sign, know this: No one can ever take away our pride and joy in Little Guyana. I thank the 106th Precinct for investigating this matter. Anyone with information on this theft can contact Crime Stoppers at 800-577-TIPS. You can remain anonymous.

Pictured is Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar with Foreign Secretary of Guyana Robert Persaud at the street co-naming ceremony



CM James F. Gennaro Announces Briarwood Shelter Will Exclusively House Male Seniors Aged 55+

Following Months of Discussion with the Adams Administration and DHS, Gennaro Has Come to a Compromise Better Suited for the Briarwood Community

Following several months of discussions with the Adams Administration, Council Member James F. Gennaro is pleased to share that a compromise has been reached and the slated Briarwood shelter will exclusively house male seniors (55+ years). This is a significant change from the City’s original plans for the shelter, which would have placed 175 adult males of all ages in the shelter, which will be located at 138-50 Queens Boulevard in Briarwood.

“This is a major victory for the Briarwood community. While I understand that this compromise will not please everyone — this shelter service provider has been under contract with the City since the de Blasio Administration. This contract was entered into without the input of my office or the community,” said Council Member Gennaro. “Given the totality of the circumstances, the shelter for senior homeless men is a much better alternative for Briarwood. I am confident that, under the careful strict and watchful eyes of the service provider, Westhab, this shelter will be a considerate neighbor all while helping the City’s most vulnerable population. I want to especially thank the Adams Administration and the Dept. of

Homeless Services for listening to the community’s concerns and working with our office assiduously to reimagine this shelter so that it is a better fit for Briarwood.”

The new shelter, which is expected to open in the fall, will offer 24/7 security on-site and will enforce an 11:00 p.m. curfew. The shelter will still offer 175 beds and will prioritize residents from Council District 24.

In addition to negotiations regarding the shelter population, the Adams Administration and the Dept. of Homeless Services (DHS) have agreed to Gennaro’s request for a special advisory board that would meet regularly with shelter staff and DHS to discuss any community concerns. Additional details regarding this advisory board are TBD.

To ensure the community is kept in the loop on plans for the shelter, Council Member James F. Gennaro, DHS and the Adams Administration will host a virtual town hall on Thursday, September 8 at 6:30 p.m. The town hall is limited to 100 people. Briarwood residents who wish to participate in the virtual town hall must RSVP by calling Council Member Gennaro’s office at (718) 217-4969. Residents will also have the opportunity to submit questions regarding the shelter in advance of the town hall by emailing Natalia Kozikowska at nkozikowska@council.nyc.gov no later than Monday, September 5, at 5:00 p.m.

Council Member Vickie Paladino Works With City to Reverse Migrant Housing Decision in College Point

New York City Council Member Vickie Paladino (D-19) has been informed that the proposed site in College Point to house migrants bussed to New York from the Texas border as part of a citywide plan is NOT coming to fruition. The city has decided to continue exploring other options after Council Member Paladino released a statement on August 26th in which she expressed her strong disapproval of a plan to potentially house migrants in the Hotel de Point in College Point.

Council Member Paladino released the following statement in response to these latest developments:

“I am thrilled to see our efforts and concerns in regards to College Point have not fallen on deaf ears

and the city is exploring other options for housing migrants. I want to sincerely thank the Mayor’s office for being so attentive and responsive in this matter, as I made it very clear that the College Point community is severely struggling and simply not equipped to provide the specialized services the migrants require. I have been fighting for the residents of College Point since before taking office, and we have made good progress with much more to do. I will continue to closely monitor the situation and my office will provide further updates as needed. The people of College Point and District 19 as a whole are my top priority, and their interests come first. Promises made, promises kept.”

Rep. Velázquez Introduces a Bill to Ban All Neurotoxic Pesticides

Rep. Nydia M. Velázquez (D-NY) introduced the Ban All Neurotoxic Organophosphate Pesticides from Our Food Act. This straightforward piece of legislation would prohibit the use of organophosphate pesticides in food. Organophosphates are human-made chemical substances that are used on crops and have been shown to pose health risks to farmworkers and can affect

children’s neurodevelopment and neurological function, including by exposure before birth.

“The science has been clear for decades: this type of pesticides is a dangerous neurological threat to farmworkers and our children,” said Velázquez. “These pesticides during early life have been shown to lead to irreversible harm to

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 (March 21 - April 20)
 Your intellectual charm will win hearts and bring opportunities that you least expect. You can get ahead if you work diligently behind the scenes. Your lucky numbers are 5,8,4.

TAURUS
 (April 21 - May 21)
 Don't let others saddle you with guilt that isn't warranted. Travel will promote new romantic encounters and additional cultural knowledge. Your lucky numbers are 2,7,4.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 You will be able to borrow money in order to invest. Your ideas may be good, but they aren't necessarily right for everyone. Your lucky numbers are 6,5,3.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 Unexpected bills will be impossible for you to pay. You can make financial deals that will bring you extra cash. Your lucky numbers are 1,8,9.

LEO
 (July 23 - August 22)
 New innovative technology will make your job easier. Money could slip through your fingers. Don't believe everything you hear. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,4.

VIRGO
 (August 23 - September 23)
 Concentrate on getting the job done and steer clear of office politics and gossip. Use your better judgment before you sign up for a costly venture. Your lucky numbers are 8,4,3.

LIBRA
 (September 24 - October 23)
 Do your research before taking on new ventures. Look into some form of physical recreation. You need to make changes to your investments this week. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,8.

SCORPIO
 (October 24 - November 22)
 Don't let an incident at work play on your mind. Try not to get every one involved; it will not help bring you closer together. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,9.

SAGITTARIUS
 (November 23 - December 21)
 Risky ventures may turn in your favor. Travel and educational pursuits may help alleviate the stress you have been feeling. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,6.

CAPRICORN
 (December 22 - January 20)
 Don't upset elders in your family who don't understand your present situation. Don't confide in anyone for the time being. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,4.

AQUARIUS
 (January 21 - February 19)
 Help an older member with a problem that faces them. Go after your goals and don't be afraid to ask for assistance. You'll need to exercise control. Your lucky numbers are 2,7,5.

PISCES
 (February 20 - March 20)
 Communications with loved ones may be strained. You should channel your efforts into getting rid of bad habits. watch you stock investments closely. Your lucky numbers are 1,2,7.

Did You Know?

- A bear in hibernation loses up to 25% of its body weight
- Pandas spend 12 hours a day eating bamboo
- Crocodiles continually grow new sets of teeth to replace old ones
- The skeleton of an African elephant accounts for about 15% of its body weight
- There are over 1,600 known species of starfishes
- There are over 320 species of parrots
- There are over 40,000 muscles tendons in an elephant's trunk
- There are over 690 known species of bats
- There are over 130 species of owl
- A garfish has green bones
- A camel can shut its nostrils during a desert sandstorm
- A cat can keep purring while inhaling and exhaling
- The spikes of a newborn hedgehog begin to appear within 24 hours
- Camels can drink 94 litres (25 gallons) of water in less than 3 minutes
- You can smell a skunk 1.6km (1 mile) away
- There are over 2,500 different types of mushrooms
- There are over 7,000 different types of apples
- Thin skinned lemons are the juiciest

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Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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- Sail supports
- Lather
- Felines
- Floral leaf
- Module
- Curved molding
- Muse of poetry
- Ale or lager
- Arm bone
- Clog
- Repose
- Owl sound
- Lets up
- Vomit
- Born, in bios
- Large cup for hot liquids
- Winglike
- Hotels
- Review
- Starchy food
- Take up the cause
- Aromatic compound
- "Go away!"
- Murres
- Mesh
- Air hero
- Oceans
- An unilluminated area
- Burden
- Small containers
- Increase
- Asian nurse
- Luau souvenirs
- Audio communication device
- Hubs
- Opening
- Vogue
- Get ready
- Anagram of "Seek"
- Asp or viper

DOWN

- Millisecond
- Designed for flight
- Bridge
- Makes lace
- Indolence
- Court orders
- Not consumed
- Eat sparingly
- Brook
- Brave
- Lace tip
- On edge
- Chairs
- Style of building columns
- Belch
- Restrain
- "Oh dear!"
- Absorbed
- Amity
- Seashores
- Remedy
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- Anagram of "Clasp"
- Comedy
- Quickly
- Pub game
- Search
- Mountain pool
- Notion
- Pig sound
- Connecting point

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Queens Tourism Council kiosk at The US Open



Kiosk Serves Aces For Queens Tourism

Tennis enthusiasts from all over the world head to the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows Corona Park in late August and early September. For the tenth time, the USTA has generously donated a kiosk to serve as an information-and-referral center during the 2022 U.S. Open Tennis Championships. From Mon-

day, Aug. 29, through Sunday, Sept. 11, the Queens Tourism Council will staff the kiosk with volunteers who will dispense information on the best local restaurants, hotels, cultural organizations, and recreational opportunities. Organizers and local leaders gathered in front of the kiosk recently. They are (from left to right) Community Board 7 Member Clarissa Wong, USTA COO and General Counsel Andrea S. Hirsch, USTA CEO and

Executive Director Lew Sherr, Jef Gross from Queens Chamber of Commerce, Madison Wong, Maximus Wong, Queens Tourism Council Director Rob MacKay, Queens Chamber Executive Director Thomas J. Grech, City Council Member Sandra Ung, USTA National Tennis Center COO Daniel Zausner, and Vanessa Rodriguez Payne, whose title is Manager, Community Relations and Events for NTC Event Services.

New York Mets Retire Willie Mays's No. 24 at Old Timers' Day Ceremony

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is the way it felt to be back in New York City playing for the fans. Mets fans are loyal. Mets fans are passionate. Mets fans are loud."

Mays became the seventh Mets player to have his jersey number retired by the organization, and the second this season after Keith Hernandez got the honor earlier this month.



Remembering 13 American Service Members Killed in 2021



At Doughboy Park in Woodside a commemoration of the one-year anniversary of the August 26, 2021 suicide bombing at the Kabul Airport where 13 American service members were killed at the 2021 Kabul airport attack. They were remembered with a wreath-laying ceremony by Catholic War Veterans Post 870. Pictured at the wreath laying ceremony addressing the gathering is Robert Carr, 1st Vice Commander of the Catholic War Veterans Post 870. Photo by Walter Karling

Council Member Julie Won Wraps up Free Home WiFi Registration Events For All NYCHA in District 26

On Saturday, August 27th, Council Member Julie Won celebrated the third and final NYCHA free home internet registration at Ravenswood Friends and Family Day, and also distributed hundreds of backpacks to District 26 students before their first day of school. Since July, the Council Member's office—along with community partners EducationSuperHighway, Sunnyside Community Services, and Riis Settlement Houses—registered Woodside Houses, Queensbridge Houses, and Ravenswood Houses residents for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) to ensure that District 26 NYCHA residents had free, high-speed home internet before the new school year as a big step towards closing the digital divide.



Pictured at the free home WiFi registration event is (L-R) New York City Comptroller Brad Lander, Congresswoman Nydia Velásquez, City Council Member Julie Won, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards and New York City Public Advocate Jumaane Williams at Woodside Houses. Photo courtesy of Julie Won

Council Member Won's office signed up hundreds of NYCHA residents for the ACP program since July and received support from fellow elected officials, including Congresswoman Nydia Velásquez, Queens Borough President Donovan Richards, NYC Comptroller Brad Lander, Public Advocate Jumaane Williams, and Council Member Julie Menin, who launched ACP in her own district in Manhattan.

"Since day one I've promised to close the digital divide, and this month we've made an incredible first step in ensuring that every New Yorker has access to

home internet regardless of their income," said Council Member Julie Won. "Now, all NYCHA residents in my district, residing in Queensbridge, Woodside, and Ravenswood Houses, have access to free home internet. I am thrilled that because of our advocacy and this historic investment in our community, all my neighbors residing in over 6,600 NYCHA units are able to learn and work remotely, access online government

services, and remain connected to the digital world. These past few years have proven that internet access is a necessity, not a luxury, and I will not rest until we have guaranteed WiFi for All."

"Many Council Members made promises during their campaigns, but I've not seen anyone deliver as quickly as Council Member Won has done by providing free

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Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Hosts Mayor Eric Adams at Site of Destruction of Mahatma Gandhi Statue in Richmond Hill

First Hindu-American Elected To New York State Office And Mayor Bring Together Community To Celebrate The Peace And Inclusivity Central To Hindu Culture, Declare Zero Tolerance For Anti-Hindu Hate Crimes

In an incredible show of strength and solidarity for the Hindu-American community, Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar (D-AD 38), the first Hindu-American elected to New York State Office, convened Mayor Eric Adams and leaders from around the city and country at the Shri Tulsi Mandir, a Hindu temple in South Richmond Hill whose statue of Mahatma Gandhi was vandalized twice this month. A group of vandals toppled the statue on August 3, followed by another group destroying the statue with a sledgehammer and graffitiing the area with obscene names on August 16.

The incidents, both of which are being investigated as hate crimes, come at a time of rising hatred directed at Asian-Americans—including Hindu—worldwide. A recent study by Rutgers University found a dramatic increase in anti-Hindu slurs and disinformation on social media. This also follows the vandalism of Union Square’s Mahatma Gandhi statue earlier this year and desecration of Gandhi statues around the world.

During the event, Assemblywoman Rajkumar and Mayor Adams brought together the entire community to condemn the incidents and pledged to address anti-Hindu hate crimes. The Mayor vowed to give his full support to the Hindu-American community, saying he would marshal all the resources at his disposal to locate and arrest the perpetrators. Assemblywoman Rajkumar outlined her plan to address hate crimes directed at Hindu and South Asian-Americans. This includes legislation she passed this year to create the first ever State level Asian American and Pacific Islander Commission to develop policies to end anti-Asian hate crimes.

Also speaking at the press conference were leaders from across the city: Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz, Coalition of Hindus of North America President Ni-



Assemblywoman Rajkumar and Mayor Eric Adams at the press conference.

kunj Trivedi, and Richmond Hill community leader Romeo Hitlall.

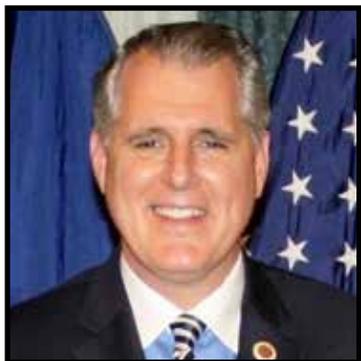
Mayor Adams said: “Thank you so much Assemblymember for just being a real partner as we fight to not only remove hate but to create an environment where hate will not fester and grow... And we have a dual role: of course the role of the police department... We are investigating these acts of violence. We are ensuring that the person who’s responsible be brought to justice... [But] there’s another road. There’s a road that goes far beyond the law enforcement arm. The goal is not only responding to hate but preventing hate... We’re going to zero in on our classes. We are going to encourage you to participate in our ‘Breaking Bread, Building Bonds’ one hundred dinners across the city... [people] all coming from a

different background, talking to each other, sharing who we are, why we do what we do.”

Assemblywoman Rajkumar said: “Since the targeting of the Gandhi statue and the Hindu Temple, I have received an outpouring of support not just in Queens, but from people all around the world. I have spoken with government leaders across the country. All are committed to re-doubling our efforts to combat anti-Hindu hate. We always knew that defeating hate would not be accomplished in one day, one week, or even one year. We are committed to this fight for the long term, and will use the Hindu principles of ahimsa (non-violence) and satyagraha (soul force) that guided Gandhi

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Council Member James F. Gennaro Calls on Dept. of Health to Investigate Incident Involving Carriage Horse ‘Ryder’



“Earlier last week, the New York Post released new details about ‘Ryder’ – the carriage horse that collapsed on a Manhattan street this month. It was previously reported that Ryder was diagnosed with an equine neurological disorder, but a subsequent

police report cited by the Post said the horse was also malnourished and much older than initially reported.

I have to come learn that Ryder’s initial veterinary exam – apparently inaccurate – listed Ryder’s age as 13 years. However, I take the police report on its face as true, so Ryder was much older than his initial vet exam stated. That means someone lied about this horse’s age and the misrepresentation was not uncovered until after Ryder fell. That’s strike one. Lying about a horse’s age is indefensible.

The horse-drawn carriage industry, which prides itself on the treatment of its horses, must stand opposed to any deception about its horses. I have long been a staunch

supporter of this industry, but what’s right is right – I call upon the industry to join me in calling for a full investigation of this matter by the NYC Department of Health – the agency charged with overseeing the well-being of the horses in this industry. This case cries out for the full truth to be known and the consequences to be borne by those responsible. The totality of the circumstances that led to this incident must come from the agency empowered to investigate such matters. The Department of Health is also empowered to punish neglect and/or mistreatment by levying fines or suspending or revoking licenses, and it should act on whatever find-

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NYC Health+Hospitals/Queens Holds Back-To-School Health Fair



On Tuesday, August 23, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens conducted its annual Back-To-School Health Fair for children in the community. Free school supplies and giveaway items, including school bookbags, tablets, pens and

pencil cases were available for all in attendance. This yearly event is coordinated by the hospital’s Department of Pediatrics in cooperation with MetroPlus Health and Healthfirst, which donated the supplies.

Senator Schumer’s Statement Regarding The Desecration Of The Gandhi Statue in Richmond Hill:

“Our city and the whole country have seen the pernicious, poisonous, and dangerous rise of hate crimes, and the desecration of Shri Tulsi Mandir in Richmond Hill is horrifying. These hateful acts must be called out, confronted, and stopped,” said U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer. “Hate crimes are vile, reprehensible, and counter to everything New York City and America stand for: freedom of religion, equality, respect for the dignity of every person. We have to fight the hate and intolerance with our actions and our good deeds, but the increase in threats and hate crimes demand more help

at the federal level. I have secured increases in funding for the Non-profit Security Grant Program and I worked with Congresswoman Grace Meng to pass the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act to give the DOJ more tools, and locals more help, to stem this tide of intolerance and investigate hate crimes. Additionally, my call for \$360 million for the NSGP has been included in the Senate appropriations bill. I stand with the Hindu-American community in unequivocally denouncing all forms of racial and religious discrimination, and I’ll keep fighting for more funds to protect our houses of worship.”



IT'S IN QUEENS

(Sept. 2 to Sept. 8)

The summer is still going strong in Queens, where a surf fest and seaside concert are planned for this weekend. Other highlights include films, furry friends, mushrooms, and a few examples of intriguing wackiness.

- Sept. 2, Free First Friday, 11 am. On the first Friday of every month, admission is free. (Reservations are strongly suggested.) The Noguchi Museum, 9-01 33rd Rd., Long Island City.
- Sept. 2, Streets of Fire, Sept. 4. Two screenings of this 1984 outlaw-biker rock opera that stars Rick Moranis, Amy Madigan, and Willem Dafoe. Shows are Sept. 2 at 7 pm and Sept. 4 at 4 pm. Museum of the Moving Image, 36-01 35th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.
- Sept. 2, Captain Cool Band, 8 pm. This fun party band performs the best Soft Rock and Yacht Rock from the 1970s and 1980s. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.
- Sept. 2, The Repressions, 7 pm. Original, wacky music from the borough's magical indie duo, The Repressions, along with artwork, prizes, books, and an acoustic opening set by Sam Rasiotis. Astoria Bier & Cheese, 34-14 Broadway.
- Sept. 3, Guided Mushroom Walk, 10 am. A leisurely stroll with experts from the New York Mycological Society. Expect gilled mushrooms, jellies, coral fungi, crusts, and maybe even polypores. Alley Pond Environmental Center, 224-65 76th Ave., Oakland Gardens.
- Sept. 3, Celebrating Furry Friends, 1 pm. August is National Dog Month, and September is National Happy, Healthy Cat Month. Celebrate furry friends by making a paper pet to take home. Learn about Rufus King's pets and how 19th century pets improved owners' lives. King Manor Museum, 150-03 Jamaica Ave.
- Sept. 3, U2Xperience, 8 pm. This band offers a spectacular performance and recreation of a U2 concert with minimal use of backing tracks, an incredible amount of musicianship, vocal ability, passion, and excellent interaction among the audience. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.
- Sept. 4, Reggae on the Boardwalk, 3 pm. Presented by Borough President Donovan Richards Jr. and Kupferberg Center for the Arts, this free event features performances by Jah Wise Tippertone and Carlton Livingston along with various DJs and MCs. O'Donohue Park, the vicinity of Beach 17 Street and the Boardwalk, Far Rockaway.
- Sept. 5, Women's Surf Film Festival, Sept. 10. This ninth annual extravaganza includes movies from such countries as Australia, Portugal, and Sri Lanka, along with art, photography, panel discussions, lessons, and yoga that celebrate women surfers. Click here for the schedule. Everything takes place at The Rockaway Hotel, 108-10 Rockaway Beach Dr., and Rockaway Beach Surf Club, 302 Beach 87th St.
- Sept. 7, This and That, Sept. 24. The Bushwick Starr co-presents this mind-expanding performance that imagines the creation of the universe and looks at the people in it. A cowboy sleeps under the stars, a crooner serenades his lover, a jazz pianist fantasizes while he plays. The vignettes morph from one scene to another—hand shadows inspired by the sculptures of Henry Moore dissolve into each scene. Shows are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 7 pm. The Chocolate Factory Theater, 38-33 24th St., Long Island City.

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Presents: Reggae On The Boardwalk—Rockaways Edition

**Sunday,
September 4, 3pm
@ O'Donohue Park
(Beach 17th Street,
Far Rockaway)**

Queens Borough President Donovan Richards Presents: Queens Live! Reggae on the Boardwalk, Rockaways Edition featuring Jah Wise Tippertone, Carlton Livingston, and Friends. FREE! Just show up!

Reggae on the Boardwalk is a free traditional reggae sound-system event in a family-friendly outdoor setting, featuring legendary Jamaican emcees and DJ's spinning vinyl records. The tunes are blasted from a massive, 10-foot tall sound system—a wall of speakers, the kind of which constitute an important aspect of Jamaican music history—operated by Chanter "The Timeless Sound." Established in 2010 by Carter Van Pelt—a WCKR DJ and curator who works for Queens-based VP Records—Reggae on the Boardwalk was conceived of as an accessible expression of traditional sound system culture.

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Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Hosts Mayor Eric Adams at Site of Destruction of Mahatma Gandhi Statue in Richmond Hill

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himself and later the great American civil rights hero Martin Luther King, Jr.”

She added: “Gandhi said, ‘Hate can be overcome only by love.’ With the support we have received all around Queens, the City, the Country, and the world, I am more optimistic than ever that we will succeed in defeating these forces of hate.”

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

Congressman Gregory Meeks said: “I condemn the vile desecration of the Mohandas Gandhi statue at the Tulsi Mandir. Acts of hate have no place in our community and nation and the perpetrators need to be held accountable. Let this moment stand as a testament to our ability to unite and strive for peace in our neighborhoods throughout Southeast Queens. I am committed to work with Assemblywoman Rajkumar and leaders here, as well as, my colleagues in Washington, D.C. to fight against the scourge of hatred and intolerance permeating our communities. We cannot stand idly by and let dangerous rhetoric and actions inspire fear, but we can come together to support each other in this tragic moment.”

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

Council Speaker Adrienne Adams said: “I’m horrified that a statue of Mahatma Gandhi was vandalized again outside of a Hindu temple in my district. Hate has no place in our community, Queens, or New York City. I join my colleagues, community, and faith leaders to unequivocally denounce these troubling acts of hate. As a city, we must root out

hate with love and acceptance. The Council will continue to invest in preventing hate crimes and supporting the communities, like mine, that too often experience it. We will continue working together in unity for the safer communities we all want.”

State Senator Joseph P. Addabbo, Jr. said: “The vandalism that demolished a Mahatma Gandhi statue outside the Tulsi Mandir in South Richmond Hill is totally unacceptable and cannot be tolerated. Regardless of your background or faith, whenever a place of worship is vandalized it should be considered not only a crime against that specific site, but against the community as a whole. We should not, cannot and will not stand silent, while racist criminals destroy private property and write discriminatory and hateful words on the property and street. Just last week, I stood with community and religious leaders, along with my colleagues in government, in front of the Tulsi Mandir because of it being victimized by a prior act of vandalism. It was then that I spoke of the need for respect for others and to fight against discrimination, as we live in the most diverse communities in the world. I will remain vigilant in my message and work towards eliminating hate crimes and violence in our community. My office and I will look to continue our cooperative efforts with the NYPD and other investigators to ensure that these criminals are caught and justice is served.”

State Senator Leroy Comrie said: “Hate crimes affect multiple communities. That’s why, across our shared diaspora, it is critical to stand united against those who perpetrate these hateful acts. I join in condemning this crime, and I will continue to work with people of good conscience to ensure that Richmond Hill and every Queens neighborhood are welcoming for Hindus and people of every faith. We will defeat hate by working together to insure that Queens residents can continue to live safely as the borough of families.”

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

Assemblyman Khaleel Anderson said: “Hate has no place in South Richmond Hill. The individuals who committed this cowardly act sought to inspire fear and anxiety, but we have chosen to respond with unity and solidarity. I stand together with Pandit Maharaj, Assemblywoman Rajkumar, and the entire Hindu community to denounce hate and promote justice.”

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz said: “Incidents such

as this have no place in our city, especially not here in Queens – the most diverse county in the world. My Office is assisting the New York Police Department’s Hate Crime Task Force in its investigation and when an arrest is made will carefully consider the appropriate charges.”

Councilwoman Lynn Schulman said: “It is appalling that a second act of vandalism occurred in front of Tulsi Mandir last week. The blatant disrespect & hate against those who practice Hinduism is a threat to public safety, and needs to be treated with the upmost priority in order to catch the criminals responsible for this offense.”

Councilwoman Joann Ariola said: “The desecration of any religious statue, symbol or artifact is a crime against all of us. The symbols have deep meaning to many and much significance to their religion. I hope that the perpetrators of this crime are brought to justice quickly.”

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

Hindu American Foundation Executive Director Suhag Shukla said: “Mahatma Gandhi’s message of peace and oneness emanates from the core of Hindu teachings. For those who wish to divide and sow seeds of hate, that message is a threat, and so we see these ugly attacks on a prominent symbol of our legacy and that too at a temple — the most sacred of spaces for Hindus. We call upon local and federal law enforcement to investigate this latest attack and whether it is related to similar attacks on statues of Gandhi in other parts of the country and bring these criminals to justice.”

Queens Community Board 10 Chair Betty Braton said: “Any act of vandalism towards any item of religious or cultural significance to anyone, most especially one located at a religious institution, is unacceptable behavior. Hate has no place in our society. Community Board 10 joins in condemning hateful behavior such as what occurred here at one of the religious institutions in our district.”

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

Council Member James F. Gennaro Calls on Dept. of Health to Investigate Incident Involving Carriage Horse ‘Ryder’

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ings come from its investigation. And the industry should support that. The public must have confidence that the horse carriage industry and its regulators at the Health Department are doing the needful to protect the horses.

So, I call upon the Health Department to take the findings

of the NYPD’s investigation and supplement that with its own full investigation and follow the facts where they go. I am confident in the Health Department’s ability to supplement the NYPD’s investigation. I will support its findings and any enforcement actions it may deem necessary. The horses need to be protected. Again – what’s right is right.”

Council Member Julie Won Wraps up Free Home WiFi Registration Events For All NYCHA in District 26

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internet to her NYCHA neighbors,” said NYC Comptroller Brad Lander. “I am thrilled to support her in the effort to close the digital divide.”

About ACP - NYCHA residents, as well as others who are eligible, have the opportunity to sign up for ACP, which gives qualifying New Yorkers a \$30/month subsidy for high-speed internet. Residents who sign up for the program get free internet at 300 Mbps or will be able to apply a \$30 savings to their existing bill. The ACP provides a subsidy for high-speed internet to many qualifying New Yorkers, including those who have an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines, or any member of the household, those enrolled in public housing,

Medicaid, SNAP, National School Lunch, and veterans pensions.

Council Member Won’s office will continue to assist residents who contact her office to sign up for the ACP indefinitely. Those who are not a NYCHA resident but still qualify can contact the Council Member’s office or one of the nonprofit partners to register during normal business hours to register for the ACP. In the coming weeks, there will be an unveiling of a citywide initiative, Big Apple Connect, which had a soft launch at Queensbridge Houses on August 20th will be available at select NYCHAs across Queens starting September. Big Apple Connect provides 300 Mbps internet and cable for NYCHA residents with no taxes, fees, no annual contract, free Wifi Modem/Router and cable box, and free installation.

Rep. Velázquez Introduces a Bill to Ban All Neurotoxic Pesticides

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the developing brain, which can result in long-term effects like attention disorders, autism, and reduced IQ. We can no longer sit back and wait to act, I’m proud to have introduced this legislation which will finally ban the use of this hazardous pesticides.”

This legislation is cosponsored by: Reps. Alan Lowenthal, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Grace Meng, Raúl M. Grijalva, Jamaal Bowman, Yvette Clarke, Adriano Espaillat, and Jan Schakowsky.

“As the son of farm worker parents who have labored in California’s agricultural fields for over 35 years, I urge the EPA to ensure the protection of farmworker families who are on the frontlines of exposure to harmful insecticides,” said Eriberto Fernandez, Strategic Campaigns Coordinator, United Farm Worker Foundation. “Organophosphates have no place in our food. To advance environmental justice, the agency must ensure that its decisions leave no farmworker behind. To protect ALL farmworkers, the United States must ban ALL uses of this neurotoxic pesticide and we will continue to advocate to that end.”

“We cannot allow any more farmworkers, especially farmworker women and their families, to be exposed to pesticides. The reproductive health of too many farmworker women have been harmed,” said Mily Trevino-Sauceda, Executive Director of Alianza Nacional de Campesinas.

“Many have suffered complications during pregnancy. Too many children of farmworkers have been born with birth defects.”

“Farmworker families across the country are struggling to raise children with learning disabilities, ADHD and other neurodevelopmental problems due largely to their chronic exposure to agricultural organophosphate pesticides. With lack of access to necessary resources, these families struggle every day to make a living and provide for their families,” said Jeannie Economos, Pesticide Safety and Environmental Health Program Coordinator, Farmworker Association of Florida. “Not only is this an incredible injustice to the men and women whose work feeds America, it is tragic for their children’s futures. Our communities suffer. Banning OP pesticides is a public health and justice issue.”

“Farmworkers cannot achieve humane working conditions without the removal of poisonous pesticides; this country is completely dependent on farmworkers to provide food for our dinner tables,” said CEO of farmworker Justice Ron Estrada. “Keeping them safe and healthy at work — as well as treating them with respect as we do all other essential workers — requires us to ban neurotoxic organophosphate pesticides.”

“Farmworkers and their families have faced heavy exposure to organophosphate pesticides for

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Gillibrand Statement on The Biden Administration Student Loan Debt Plan

President Biden will be taking the important step of alleviating at least \$10,000 in student loan debt for those making under \$125,000 to address the overwhelming burden that millions of Americans face

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand released the following statement regarding President Joe Biden's student loan debt plan:

"Democrats have been delivering for middle-class

families struggling with inflation in this economy, and today, President Biden is delivering yet again in alleviating at least \$10,000 in student loan debt for those who need the relief

most. This policy is supported by a bipartisan majority of Americans and will help create jobs, increase home ownership and spur new small businesses."

Attorney General James Applauds Google For Improving Search Results For Individuals Seeking Abortion Care

Following Letter from AG James, Google to Add Labels to Search Results to Accurately Distinguish Between Abortion Providers and Anti-Abortion Clinics

New York Attorney General Letitia James today applauded Google for taking steps to improve search results for individuals seeking abortion care. After Attorney General James called on Google to address search results that led individuals seeking abortion care to anti-abortion clinics, known as crisis pregnancy centers (CPC), the company announced today that it will change its search results to be more accurate. Google will update its map and search results to label which facilities provide abortion care and which do not. These changes will

help individuals locate the reproductive health care facilities they need without being misled.

"I applaud Google for taking steps to improve their search results to help individuals seeking abortion care," said Attorney General James. "These critical changes to Google search results will be life-saving and will help individuals get the safe care they need. As reproductive rights are under attack, it's more important than ever for businesses to do their part to protect access to reproductive care. My office will continue to take action to ensure that every person has the freedom to make their own choices about their bodies."

Millions of individuals rely on Google to find information about reproductive

health care facilities. To be more accurate, Google will update its map and search result listings to label locations "Provides abortions" or "May not provide abortions." Google will also be taking steps to independently verify facilities that provide abortion care.

In June, Attorney General James urged Google to take immediate action to address Google Maps' failure to distinguish between facilities that offer abortion services and those that do not, which could lead individuals seeking abortions to unintentionally visit CPCs for care. Attorney General James requested that Google implement measures so that abortion-related search results on Google Maps show local facilities that are confirmed to provide abortion services.

Council Speaker Adams And CUNY Chancellor Matos Rodríguez Launch Program to Re-Engage Thousands of Former Working-Age Students

Towards Gaining Degrees That Increase Earning Potential

Proposed by Speaker and funded in city budget due to Council's advocacy, \$4.4 Million CUNY Reconnect program aims to start by bringing back 10,000 working-age students who left CUNY without degree

The City University of New York is launching an initiative this fall semester to re-enroll thousands of New Yorkers, who earned some college credits but left school before completing a degree. The \$4.4 million CUNY Reconnect pilot program was funded in the Fiscal Year 2023 city budget at the behest of advocacy by the New York City Council and will seek to help these former students secure degrees or other credentials that improve their economic mobility and advance the city's post-pandemic recovery. The program was envisioned by the Center for an Urban Future's research and first proposed by Speaker Adams at the Association for a Better New York's Power Breakfast and in her State of the City address.

CUNY Reconnect plans to begin by enrolling 10,000 returning students, starting in this fall semester. CUNY estimates that there are approximately 700,000 working-age New Yorkers, who have earned credits and could return to finish their degrees or earn certificates that would help them enhance their careers. This includes students who left college during the pandemic, as well as those who withdrew years or even decades ago. The initiative will also conduct outreach to students who graduated from high school during the pandemic and were unable to attend college because of personal circumstances.

"Expanding opportunities for working New Yorkers is critical to supporting our communities and advancing our local economy," said Speaker Adrienne Adams. "CUNY Reconnect, which I highlighted in my 2022 State of the City address, is an innovative initiative that can help working-age New Yorkers increase their earning potential by returning to earn a degree. CUNY Reconnect is designed to create economic opportunities for New Yorkers, especially Black and Latina women and other women of color who disproportionately comprise students with college credits but no degree. The Council championed this \$4.4 million pilot initiative in the city budget that will serve thousands of returning students this fall, and hopefully tens

of thousands more in future expansions. I thank CUNY Chancellor Matos Rodríguez for his partnership, the Center for an Urban Future for their important work to advance this idea, and my Council colleagues for their commitment to supporting advancement opportunities for New Yorkers."

"We know how hard it is to restart a college education. By recruiting former college students and making it easier for them to return to school, CUNY Reconnect will help working adults obtain the education they need for better-paying jobs, which will fuel the city's economic recovery from the pandemic," said Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez. "Returning to college after a significant break can be daunting, but by creating a welcoming and personalized readmission process, we can ease that transition for many thousands who stand to benefit and put them on the pathway to life-changing opportunity. We thank Speaker Adams and the City Council for their partnership in creating and funding a bold initiative that can help so many New Yorkers as well as the city itself."

"As the largest public urban university in the nation, CUNY has long been a proven stepping stone to class mobility for New Yorkers," said Council Member Justin Brannan, Chair of the Council's Committee on Finance. "The institution has been nothing short of a resounding success story for our city. I can't think of a better way to double down on CUNY than to proactively reach out to students who could not finish their degrees for one reason or another and helping them across the finish line. I was proud to prioritize CUNY Reconnect in budget negotiations, because funding this initiative means promising that your chance to improve your life with a CUNY degree never expires. That's a down payment on accessible higher education, upward economic mobility, and a more prosperous future for NYC."

"As Chair of the Higher Education Committee at the New York City Council, I am proud of the \$4.4 million for CUNY Reconnect that the City Council secured that will impact thousands of working age adults New Yorkers by allowing them to complete their degrees," said Council Member Eric Dinowitz, Chair of the Council's Committee on Higher Education. "The enduring impacts that edu-

cation provides will change the lives of so many, providing career development opportunities, social mobility and greater economic security. Many working adults who had to sacrifice their college goals will now have the opportunity to continue their education. I want to thank Speaker Adrienne Adams and my colleagues in the Council, especially the Higher Education Committee, who made this program a reality. I am thrilled that so many New Yorkers will be able to resume their education by going back to the classroom."

Specialized Support - To launch the initiative, CUNY Reconnect has identified more than 100,000 students who left CUNY colleges without graduating in the past five years. The program is deploying a team of CUNY Reconnect "navigators" to contact these former students, encourage them to resume their education and provide individualized, hands-on guidance for enrolling in the degree or certificate program that is most beneficial for them. The initiative will expand its outreach to other populations of prospective students in the fall.

The program will offer returning students credit for prior learning (which enables students to receive credit for previous education, and for work experience and professional credentials outside the classroom), along with the flexibility of online programs and specialized supports including logistical, financial and academic guidance, as well as childcare.

The CUNY Reconnect navigators will help prospective students apply for New York State's Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), which has for the first time been expanded by Governor Hochul to include tens of thousands of students attending part-time, and to identify and apply for other applicable scholarships and stipends.

Once they are enrolled at one of CUNY's two- or four-year colleges, students will continue to receive guidance and support, including access to workforce experiences in high-demand fields such as health care and tech.

Never too Late

CUNY Reconnect is designed to reach New Yorkers like Tom Reingold, who left Hunter College in 1987 without earning his degree and returned 32 years later, after a long but ulti-

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Eye Health Tips to Protect Our Vision as we Get Older

September is Healthy Aging Month, and as we think about what we can do to maintain our general health as we get older, it's also a good time to talk about what we can do to protect our eye health.

Low vision, vision loss that can't be corrected with eyeglasses or surgery, is a result of eye diseases, injuries, or both. Symptoms include loss of central and/or peripheral vision, blurred or hazy vision, and difficulty seeing at night.

As we age, we are at increased risk for eye diseases such as age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma and cataracts. These disorders can lead to low vision and impact our ability to perform daily activities and enjoy leisure pursuits. Systemic health problems such as diabetes can also affect eye health.

"Many eye diseases and conditions have no warning signs, but they can be detected in their early stages during a comprehensive eye exam," says Dr. Su-

san Weinstein, low vision optometrist at Lighthouse Guild. "The key to saving sight is early detection and treatment."

In addition to regular comprehensive eye exams, which can detect problems before noticeable vision loss occurs, many lifestyle factors can play an important role in protecting vision.

Following these recommendations will support eye health:

- Eat a balanced diet including dark, leafy greens and fish high in omega-3 fatty acids.
- Maintain a healthy weight and exercise.
- Get enough sleep to rest your eyes.
- Quit smoking.
- Keep diabetes under control.
- Wear sunglasses and a brimmed hat outdoors.
- Wear protective eyewear during activities such as sports and construction work, when your eyes may be vulnerable to exposure.
- Help prevent falls with

slip-proof rugs and secure railings.

- Discuss your family's eye health history with your eye care professional.

"Protecting our eyes is important at every age, but particularly as we get older -- it's doing our part in helping to maintain quality of life," Dr. Weinstein says.

About Lighthouse Guild - Lighthouse Guild provides exceptional services that inspire people who are visually impaired to attain their goals, offering coordinated care for eye health, vision rehabilitation, technology, and behavioral health as well as related services. The Lighthouse Guild Technology Center provides people with vision loss access to the latest assistive devices and state-of-the-art technology. The Lighthouse Guild podcast series, "On Tech & Vision with Dr. Cal Roberts," offers information and insights about technological innovations that are tearing down barriers for people who are blind or visually impaired.



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

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

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

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

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

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Vito G. Clarizio DMD, PLLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 5/21/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 149-21 14th Ave., Whitestone, NY 11357. Purpose: Dentistry. 8/11,18,25,9/1,8&15/2022

VINELAND JS LLC. Filed 6/14/2022. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 6135 DRY HARBOR RD, MIDDLE VILLAGE, NY 11379. Purpose: General. 8/18,25,9/1,8,15,&22/2022

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6517 Ave Management LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 1/31/2022. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 3636 Main St., #CS, Flushing, NY 11354. General Purpose. 8/18,25,9/1,8,15&22/2022

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CASA 34 STREET LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 05/19/22. Office: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 14-38 31st Drive, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. 9/1,8,15,22,29&10/6/2022

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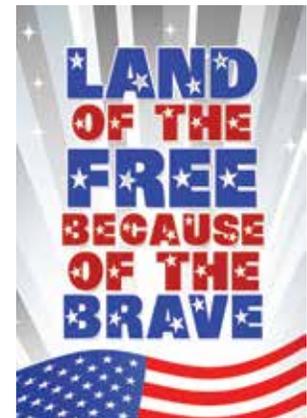
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Rep. Velázquez Introduces a Bill to Ban All Neurotoxic Pesticides

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far too long. Use of these dangerous pesticides must be ended," said Anne Katten, Pesticide and Work Health and Safety Specialist, CRLA Foundation.

"Production of food for our tables should not put at risk the neurodevelopment of children nor poison farmworkers. EPA must now side with public health, not corporate profit, and ban organophosphates," said Mark Magaña, President & CEO of GreenLatinos.

"Latino and Latina workers and their families have long suffered disproportionately from the impact of organophosphate pesticides because of their line of work or proximity to fields in which these toxic nerve

agents are used. We must ensure that this structural injustice that is poisoning our communities is eradicated," said Jose Vargas, National President of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement.

"Farmworkers and their children, the health professionals who serve them, and others all agree, we cannot regulate away these hazards. OPs must be banned," said Margaret Reeves, Pesticide Action Network.

"We need to stop neurotoxic pesticides from tainting the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the fruits and vegetables we eat," said Penny Richards from the Learning Disabilities Association of Illinois, who was exposed to pesticides while

pregnant and now her adult son has learning disabilities. "Given the science, organophosphates have no place in food."

This bill is also endorsed by the following organizations: Earthjustice, GreenLatinos, Alianza Nacional de Campesinas, California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, Center for Food Safety, Natural Resources Defense Council, Coming Clean, Farmworker Association of Florida, Farmworker Justice, Migrant Clinicians Network, National Farm Worker Ministry, Pesticide Action Network North America, Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste (PCUN), United Farm Workers, UFW Foundation, League of United Latin American Citizens, Farmworker Self-Help.

Council Speaker Adams And CUNY Chancellor Matos Rodríguez Launch Program . . .

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mately unfulfilling career as a computer programmer and administrator. "I knew I needed some kind of change, and my wife and friends reminded me that I had always wanted to be a teacher," Reingold said. "To do that, I needed a degree and I'd heard that at CUNY they let you pick up where you left off, unlike some other places. That turned out to be true, and it was a big deal for me. I was allowed to fulfill the requirements that were in effect when I was in school, with just one or two new computer science requirements that I thought were totally reasonable."

Reingold returned to Hunter as a part-time student in the fall of 2019 and this spring he earned his bachelor's degree and took a big step toward his new career as a teacher. This fall, he'll be a full-time teacher in a New York City public school.

Neshaly Perez, who left Bronx Community College at the height of the pandemic and had no plans of returning, has returned to the school this semester after she recently got an email from a CUNY Reconnect navigator. Perez has just five classes to complete before she can graduate, and was interviewed by the Daily News.

The partnership with the City Council was inspired by a report issued in January by the Center for an Urban Future, which highlighted a similar program in Tennessee that could be modeled to reach hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers of working age. Its research underscored that women of color, especially Black and Latina women, made up a disproportionate number of this former student population, making such a program a vehicle to advance economic equity in the City. The report indicated that thousands of New Yorkers have enough credits to bring them within sight of a degree and urged the city to make a concerted effort to bring these working adults back to college and provide them with the comprehensive support and tools they need to earn degrees or other credentials.

"This is such an important step to creating a more equitable economy in New York," said Jonathan Bowles, Executive Director, Center for an Urban Future. "By helping adults who have some college credits but no degree to return to CUNY and complete a credential, it will enable thousands of mostly low-income New Yorkers to get on the path to better jobs and a more financially secure life. We applaud Speaker Adams for

making this happen."

The City University of New York is the nation's largest urban public university, a transformative engine of social mobility that is a critical component of the lifeblood of New York City. Founded in 1847 as the nation's first free public institution of higher education, CUNY today has seven community colleges, 11 senior colleges and seven graduate or professional institutions spread across New York City's five boroughs, serving over 243,000 undergraduate and graduate students and awarding 55,000 degrees each year. CUNY's mix of quality and affordability propels almost six times as many low-income students into the middle class and beyond as all the Ivy League colleges combined. More than 80 percent of the University's graduates stay in New York, contributing to all aspects of the city's economic, civic and cultural life and diversifying the city's workforce in every sector. CUNY's graduates and faculty have received many prestigious honors, including 13 Nobel Prizes and 26 MacArthur "Genius" Grants. The University's historic mission continues to this day: provide a first-rate public education to all students, regardless of means or background.

On this Labor Day, please join me in recognizing and thanking the efforts of our workforce in this great city.



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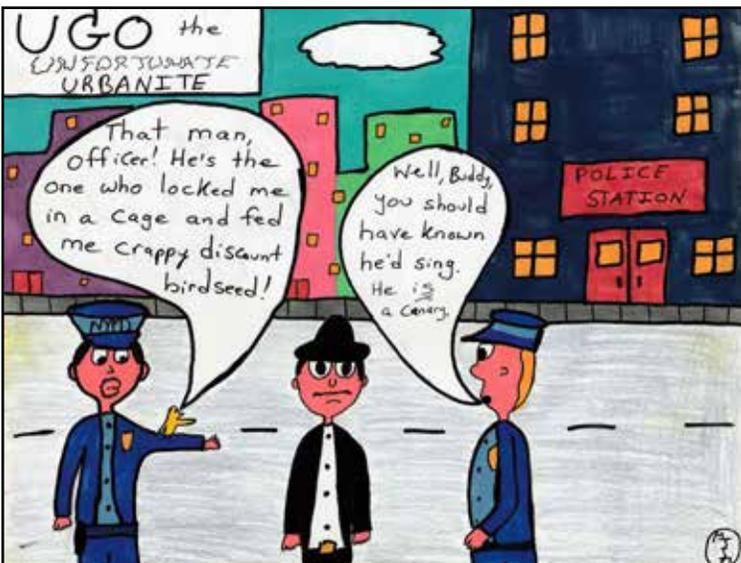
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**CM Vickie Paladino Meets With
NYC Department of Sanitation**



Council Member Vickie Paladino met with Assistant Chief of Queens East, Cherry Bailey, and Superintendent, James Anderson, of the New York City Department of Sanitation. They discussed un-kept medians, overflowing garbage in the district, and inspections of businesses for unsanitary conditions in College Point and Whitestone Village. Together, Council Member Paladino and DSNY will work together to solve these issues in District 19.



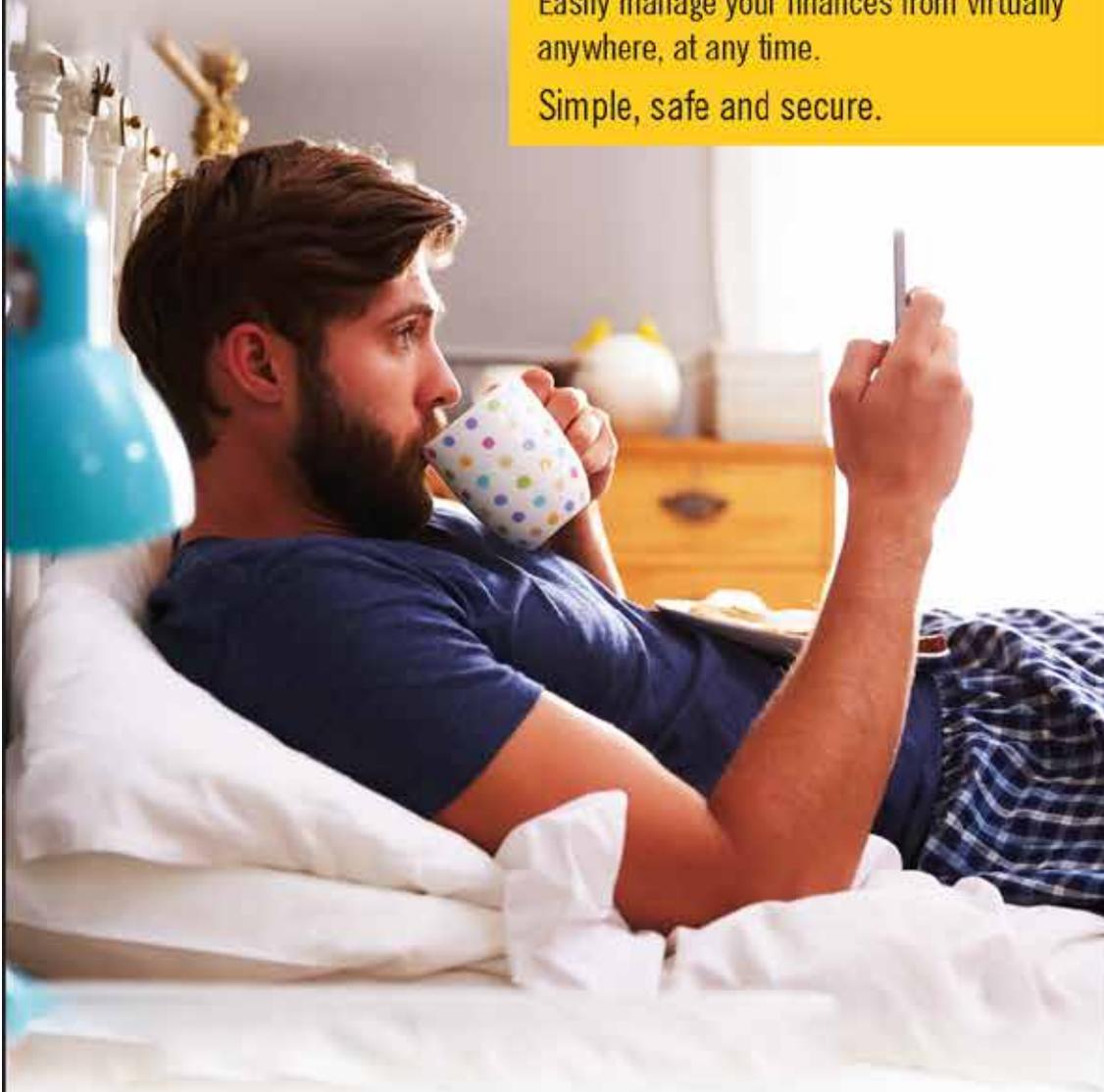
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