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Assemblywoman Stacey Pheffer Amato (D-South Queens) reached out to the principals of the schools throughout the community, along with the Chancellor of the NYC Board of Education, and Commissioner of the New York State Department of Education to remind them of a law that she passed in 2019 with regard to commemorating the September

11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Pheffer Amato succeeded in passing legislation with Senator Joseph Addabbo that would require all public schools throughout the State of New York to observe a moment of silence and discuss the event of 9/11. Since the signing of the bill by former Governor

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Mayor Adams has floated the idea of letting the NYPD use 'motorcycles and drones together' in responding to crime scenes. © Luiz C. Ribeiro/New York Daily News/TNS See story on page 2.

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Andrew Cuomo, it has not been implemented due to remote learning from COVID-19 or 9/11 falling on a weekend.

"The terrorist attack had, and still has, a deep impact on our State's history and was felt by many residents in my district, and across our great State. There are so many of us who suffered personal loss because of the attacks on the World Trade Center, along with the impact it left. As no student currently in K-12 was alive during the attack, it is imperative that our public education system take the time to educate students on both the loss and heroism experienced on September 11th. By mandating a brief moment of silent reflection

every year on September 11th, we ensure that future generations will better understand this day and its place in our history," said Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato.

The unique law passed both chambers with people praising Pheffer Amato for her commitment to ensuring that all school children would forever understand and learn how to honor the victims of 9/11, while also commemorating the survivors and heroes. The bill A.1801 (2019) amends the New York State Education law to make a special provision for the observance of a "brief period of silence" each September 11th at the start of the school day in schools state-wide. According to the language in the bill, this would provide students with the "oppor-

tunity for silent prayer or for silent reflection" on the anniversary day.

Assemblywoman Pheffer Amato, who is known as one of the most successful legislators for 9/11 victims and first responders, was also responsible for ensuring the longevity of the September 11th Workers Protection Task Force (A.10249, 2020) as the task force created the pension benefits for first responders who participated in the rescue, recovery, and cleanup of Ground Zero. In addition, Pheffer Amato was the sponsor and led the legislation that ensured that public employees involved in the rescue and cleanup of the World Trade Center would have unlimited line of duty sick leave for any 9/11 related illnesses (A.7819, 2019).

Governor Kathy Hochul launches Pro-Housing Communities Program

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As part of Governor Kathy Hochul's package of Executive Actions to promote housing growth across New York, on Thursday she launched a pro-housing communities program to give priority consideration for up to \$650 million in state discretionary funding to localities already committed to housing growth.

Qualifying localities with pro-housing community certification will receive priority consideration for key economic development and housing programs.

The governor launched the state-wide initiative after announcing it earlier this summer. Applications for the new program are now open.

The new program invites municipalities (cities, towns, and villages) to apply for Pro-Housing Community certification, which affords them priority over other localities in their applications for certain discretionary funds, including grant programs like the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, included in the FY24 Budget. To be designated a Pro-Housing Community, municipalities must provide key information about their local zoning map/code and information detailing local housing permit approvals over the past five years.

Hochul said: "Communities willing to help us solve the housing crisis should be first in line for State discretionary funding. Increasing the housing supply in New

York is critical, and I'm using every tool a governor has at her disposal to make an impact. I look forward to visiting Certified Pro-Housing communities across New York to celebrate their accomplishments in the months to come."

Localities who submit documentation that their housing stock has increased by one percent in the previous year or 3 percent over the previous three years (downstate) or by 0.33 percent in the last year or 1 percent over the previous three years (upstate) will qualify for the certification. Communities that have not yet seen housing growth can also achieve Pro-Housing Community designation by passing a resolution stating their commitment to Pro-Housing principles.

The New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal will review program applications on a rolling basis and provide approval or denial within 90 days of submission. Those receiving certification must resubmit their housing permit data and any updates to their zoning on an annual basis to remain certified and qualify for prioritization.

Certified Pro-Housing Communities will be considered first among localities applying for:

- The Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI)
- The NY Forward program
- The Regional Council Capital Fund
- Capital projects from the Market New York program
- The New York Main Street

program

- The Long Island Investment Fund (LIIF)
- The Mid-Hudson Momentum Fund
- The Public Transportation Modernization Enhancement Program (MEP)
- Any other funding where future appropriation language designates it as a Pro-Housing Community program.

The Pro-Housing Communities Program builds on Governor Hochul's bold vision to increase the housing supply and address New York's housing crisis. The Governor's executive actions also included:

- A program to advance residential projects halted by the expiration of 421-A that include affordable housing in the Gowanus neighborhood in Brooklyn.
- A new requirement that all State entities identify the potential for their state-owned lands to support housing.
- Recent and forthcoming regulatory initiatives to identify opportunities for greater efficiencies to promote housing growth.
- The launch of the beta version of a new, interactive portal to collect and share community-level housing and zoning data and information on an ongoing basis.

For more information about the Governor's housing agenda, including recent executive actions like the Pro-Housing Communities Program, visit the Governor's website.

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Mayor Adams: Let NYPD use "Motorcycles and Drones Together" Responding to Crimes

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Mayor Adams, suggested that NYPD officers would be more effective responding to crime scenes and emergencies if they could use "Motorcycles and Drones Together" in a coordinated fashion.

Adams said, the unconventional concept came up during a meeting he had with local law enforcement officials and NYPD First Deputy Commissioner Tania Kinsella.

Mayor Adams believes deploying drones in real-time in response

to 911 calls, NYPD officers would be "well aware of what is in front of them by the time they arrive" at a scene. If cops are at the same time able to ride motorcycles to scenes and rely on drone footage to weave through traffic, they'd get there faster, he added.

The mayor said, "such tech use could be especially fruitful in congested Big Apple neighborhoods". He went on to say, "We have a real traffic issue in our city, particularly in Manhattan and in parts of Brooklyn area, and so it is

the methods in which they're using them, the methods in which they are training to use them is what caught my interest". Adams also vowed that the NYPD "will not use any tool that is not in alignment with the laws of our city, our state and our country".

Mayor Adams interest comes amid a surge in NYPD-involved car chases and by exploring tech coordination his administration will unveil new guidelines that make it easier to use drones in New York City.



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KCS Korean Community Services Presents: “Who am I in the US?” Workshop Unraveling the Identity and Challenges of Korean Americans

Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York (KCS) is proud to announce the upcoming workshop, “Who am I in the US?” This insightful event will delve into the formation of Korean-American immigrant identity and positionality, shedding light on the challenges and experiences unique to the Korean community in the United States.

The “Who am I in the US?” workshop will take place on September 9th, 2023, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM at KCS Community Center, located at 203-05 32nd Ave, Bayside, NY 11361. Dr. Rev. Choi Hee An, a renowned Clinical Associate Professor of Practical Theology at Boston University School of Theology, will serve as the keynote speaker. With more than two decades of expertise in areas such as im-

migrant theology, postcolonial studies, and gender and cultural studies, Dr. Rev. Choi Hee An brings a wealth of knowledge to this enlightening discussion.

Participants will gain insights into the reasons behind the invisibility of Korean Americans/Immigrants within the U.S., the challenges they have faced, their unique position as the Third Other, and strategies for fostering better relationships with others. The workshop will also feature dinner.

****Event Details:**** - ****Date:**** September 9th, 2023
****Time:**** 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM
****Location:**** KCS Main Building, 203-05 32nd Ave, Bayside, NY 11361

About Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York (KCS):

Founded in 1973, Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York (KCS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that centers on the economic security and social well-being of Korean immigrants and the larger immigrant community. Through offices across New York and New Jersey, we offer culturally competent social services that address aging, education, immigration, health, and workforce development. KCS is the only Korean-American nonprofit in all of New York that operates a State-licensed outpatient mental health clinic as well as the only homebound meals program for seniors that serves Korean food.

For more information about the workshop and registration details, please contact KCS at 718-939-6137. website: kcsny.org

Assemblyman William Colton Warns Local Seniors About Medicare Scams

If you're over 65, it's probably happened to you. You pick up the phone, there's a momentary pause till the person on the other side responds and then he or she calls you by your first name and plunges right into the pitch.

“Hi, I'm Tom, and I'm calling from the Medicare Service Center.” The caller may then attempt to engage you in casual conversation, to keep you on the phone.

That scenario should trigger an immediate scam alert, says Assemblyman William Colton (D—Gravesend, Bensonhurst, Bath Beach and Dyker Heights).

“It is extremely unusual for Medicare to call you unless you have already reached out to them or they have previously written to you,” Assemblyman Colton reminds local residents.

“If someone says he or she is from Medicare, and you didn't initiate the interaction or get a letter from them, you should hang up immediately. If you're not sure if the call is legitimate, you can call Medicare back on its toll-free number (1-800-633-4227) after you have hung up.”

Don't be fooled by caller ID information that may indicate that the call is coming from a government agency or someone, such as your doctor, whom you know and trust. “Scammers can spoof trusted numbers,” Assemblyman Colton emphasizes.

The problem is so widespread, says Assemblyman Colton, that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) offers extended advice on what to do if you get one of these scam calls.

On its website, the FCC points out that, “Medicare does not call you uninvited and ask you for personal or private information. You will usually get a written statement in the mail before you get a phone call from a government agency,” and stresses, “Calls requesting health insurance information should not be trusted.”

Never give identifying or sensitive information such as Social Security number, Medicare number, birthdate, your mother's maiden name or an account number to a caller who asks for it, says Assemblyman Colton. “That information should only be shared with people who have a legitimate reason for having it,” he says. “If you're not sure, it's far better to err on the side of caution.”

Governor Hochul, MTA, And Mayor Adams Unveil Comprehensive Campaign to Combat Subway Surfing

Campaign Features Student-Created Graphics and Animations; Digital Signage, Audio Announcements; Posters and Banners in Stations and Schools Partnerships with Social Media Platforms for Placement of PSAs

Governor Kathy Hochul, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority and New York City Mayor Eric Adams unveiled a new comprehensive, multi-channel public information campaign against subway surfing in partnership with the New York Police Department, New York City Public Schools, and the New York City Department of Youth & Community Development. The new campaign centers around and is designed and spoken by New York City teenagers – putting the youth voice front and center in a peer-to-peer effort to deter this dangerous behavior among young people.

“The safety of New Yorkers is my top priority,” Governor Hochul said. “Through this innovative partnership, young New Yorkers will hear directly from their teachers and peers about the extreme danger of subway surf-

ing, saving lives and preventing more tragedies. New York will continue to do everything we can to keep our young people safe on the subways.”

Mayor Eric Adams said, “Each subway surfing death tragically strips young New Yorkers of promising futures. We cannot endure another tragedy on our trains. That's why we are partnering with the MTA on an innovative campaign to raise awareness, and we have recruited true social media experts to help lead it: young New Yorkers. Our young people know best how to reach their peers and they want to help keep their friends safe. We will make sure that every young New Yorker understands: ‘Subway Surfing Kills – Ride Inside, Stay Alive.’”

The NYPD is contributing to the campaign by deploying officers to stations on outdoor elevated lines and by conducting home visits with youths who have been observed riding outside of trains.

The campaign announcement was made outside the 33 St–Rawson St subway station – the site of a tragic incident on Thursday, June 29, in which a 14-year-old

from Brooklyn died after falling while attempting to ride on top a train. The line experiences the most subway surfing incidents in the transit system.

MTA Chair and CEO Janno Lieber said, “Riding outside a train car is subway stupidity and never ends well. We are begging parents to speak with their children, and teachers to talk to their students about what can seem like a game but can end in tragedy. I want to thank Governor Hochul, Mayor Adams and our City agency partners for their strong support in raising awareness about the dangers of this so that we can prevent any more young lives being senselessly lost.”

New York City Transit President Richard Davey said, “The goal of this campaign is to remind members of the public, especially young people, that riding on top of subway cars is reckless, dumb and dangerous, frequently leading to tragedy for the person involved and their loved ones. There is no doubt that the work of the MTA, Governor Hochul, Mayor Adams,

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State Senator John Liu To Host Senior Appreciation Month Events

In celebration of Senior Appreciation Month, State Senator John Liu is hosting seven free special events for over 1,000 seniors at senior centers throughout northeast Queens.

• Wednesday, September 20th at 12:30 p.m., 34-30 137th Street, Flushing: Senator Liu will host a party for September birthdays at Selfhelp Latimer Gardens Older Adult Center.

• Friday, September 22nd at 11 a.m., 221-15 Horace Harding Expressway, Bayside: Senator Liu will deliver flowers to seniors at Catholic Charities – Bayside Senior Center.

• Friday, September 29th at 10:30 a.m., 45-25 Kissena Blvd., Flushing: Senator Liu will celebrate the Mooncake Festival with a delivery of mooncakes to the Selfhelp Benjamin Rosenthal Senior Center.

• Friday, September 29th at 11:45 a.m., 42-15 166th St., Flush-

ing: Senator Liu will celebrate Chuseok with a delivery of songpyun, Korean traditional rice cakes, to the Korean Community Services Flushing Senior Center.

• Friday, September 29th at 1 p.m., 67-09 Kissena Blvd., Flushing: Senator Liu will host a pizza party for seniors at Queens Community Houses – Pomonok Senior Center.

For questions or for more information, contact Senator Liu's office at 718-765-6675, or email events@johnliusenator.com. State Senator John Liu stated, “Queens has a vibrant senior citizen community, and we are taking time this month to learn from their stories and to celebrate their enduring legacies. Many thanks to all the amazing senior centers for providing a range of services and enrichment experiences, and especially to our seniors who continue to contribute to our community and inspire us every day!”

Con Edison Mobilizes For Late-Summer Heat

Company Urges Customers to Use Energy Wisely, Save Money on Their Bills

Con Edison crews are prepared to respond to any service problems that arise due to the unusual September heat hitting the area this week.

The company urges customers to use energy efficiently and take steps to stay safe and comfortable.

Heat, humidity and increased demand for electricity to power air conditioners can cause strain on the system and lead to scattered outages. The coming days could also bring thunderstorms, which can affect the overhead delivery system.

The company urges members of the public to stay away from any wires that are downed during storms. Call your local police department or 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633) to report downed wires.

Con Edison may assign workers to guard downed wires and keep people and pets away from them. These workers may be in unmarked vehicles but they carry Con Edison identification.

Report an Outage - Con Edison will send text messages to customers in areas expected to be most impacted, reminding them to be prepared and to report an outage by simply replying OUT to the text. Customers can sign up for text alerts at coned.com/text.

Customers can also report outages and check service restoration status at conEd.com/reportoutage, with Con Edison's mobile app for iOS or Android devices, or by calling 1-800-75-CONED (1-800-752-6633).

The company also sends e-mails to customers to communicate energy-saving tips and information on reporting outages.

Customers who report outages will receive updates from Con Edison with their estimated restoration times as they be-

come available. Information on outages and restoration times is also available at the Con Edison outage map. Watch an outage map tutorial video here.

Energy-Saving Tips
New Yorkers can stay cool and save all summer by following these money-saving conservation tips:

• If you are running your air conditioner, close off unoccupied rooms. If you are using the AC in your living room and nobody is in the bedrooms, close the doors to those rooms;

• Set your air conditioner to the highest comfortable temperature. Every degree you lower the thermostat increases costs;

• To reduce heat and moisture in your home, run appliances such as ovens, washing machines, dryers and dishwashers in the early morning or late at night when it's cooler outside;

• Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed. About 40 percent of unwanted heat comes through windows;

• Even when using AC, use ceiling and other fans to provide additional cooling and better circulation;

• Turn off AC units, lights and other appliances when not at home and use a timer to turn on your AC about a half-hour before arriving home;

• If you run a business, keep the door closed while running the AC;

• Keep AC filters clean.

Replacing an old air conditioner with a new ENERGY STAR unit can reduce energy usage by 30 percent. Con Edison offers additional energy savings tips.

Energy Efficiency Programs - The best way for customers to save on their bills is to manage their usage. Con Edison offers a range of energy efficiency programs that pay customers who make energy saving upgrades.

Programs are available for residential customers, those with low incomes, small businesses,

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Queensboro Dance Festival's 10th Season Wraps With a Special Finale Weekend Sept. 15-17, 2023

After a summer of over 40 outdoor dance events throughout Queens, the Queensboro Dance Festival will culminate its milestone 10th year in a 3-night Season Finale of performances at Queens Theatre Sept 15 and 16 at 7:30pm, and Sept 17 at 5pm. The festival will present all 25 Queens-based dance companies in one final weekend. The weekend will also feature a popup gallery of the festival's 10 years of show posters signed by the 100+ Queens-based dance companies presented in the past decade, and preshow entertainment "Dancing with the Queens Stars" on September 16th, which is the festival's annual fundraiser. Full schedule and tickets for the entire weekend's events are listed at www.queens theatre.org.

Audiences who have attended the festival's outdoor programming earlier this summer can expect a completely different experience of this year's diverse dances on the theater stage, and potentially see dance companies they did not catch during the summer. Presented in partnership with Queens Theatre, dance companies will be revealing special guests, new music, and even some new choreography adapted for the lighting and theatricality of the historical Queens Theatre

stage. 18 dance cultures in Queens will be represented, including Japanese Yosakoi, house, Bolivian caporales, NY-Style Salsa, tap, contemporary, Bharatanatyam, Ecuadorian, Afro-Caribbean, Flamenco, hip-hop, Filipino, ballet, bellydance, and more.

"It's been a wonderful tradition to complete our summer tour at Queens Theatre these past years," says Karesia Batan, Founding Executive Director. "It gives both our artists and audiences an exciting new experience of the performances, and is such a celebratory way to end the summer."

New this year, the festival's gala "Dancing with the Queens Stars" will now take place in the Queens Theatre lobby before the theater show on September 16th. Dancing with the Queens Stars is a gala dinner and community dance competition where 3 community leaders team up with 3 Queensboro Dance Festival choreographers to perform a short duet for a panel of esteemed local judges. Teams compete for the highest score, and gala attendees have an opportunity to cast their vote as well. Teams will be Sam Chillemi-Berenz (YELP Queens) with Marc Nunez (Gotham Dance Theater) dancing street jazz; Alfonso Quiroz (ConEd) with Kiara

Paige (carNYval dancers) dancing Soca/Afro-Beats; and Umar Mahmood (Koeppel Mazda) with Queen TuT (The Kingdom Dance Company) dancing hip-hop. Judges are Deputy Borough President Ebony Young, Executive Director of Jamaica Performing Arts Center Leonard Jacobs, and Director of Artist Services at Flushing Town Hall Dan Bamba. Sponsorship opportunities are available at bit.ly/QDFgala. ASL and CART services will be provided at all three season finale shows and the gala.

Launched in 2014, the Queensboro Dance Festival's (QDF) mission is to strengthen the dance community in Queens and inspire a greater appreciation for Queens dance. Every summer, QDF brings free dance performances, classes, and parties to outdoor public space across Queens, featuring a diverse lineup of Queens-based dance companies. The festival is a unifying platform for underrepresented dances of various cultures & styles in Queens, serving over 100 local artists and reaching an audience of 10,000 each year. QDF also provides career support for its dancers including rehearsal space, professional development workshops, performance footage, and networking opportunities.

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and these students will save lives."

MTA Chief Safety Officer Patrick Warren said, "Partnering with social media companies to prevent videos of people riding outside trains from seeing the light of day is crucial to preventing subway surfing. We want young people to get the message that a few likes on social media is not worth losing your life." New York City Department of Education Chancellor David C. Banks said, "A viral video is not worth your life. Led by students from the High School of Art and Design, this campaign is truly made by students, for students, and I'm so proud of all the work and advocacy that has been done by our young people. Subway Surfing kills, and far too many of our bright young students have died due to this trend. Today, and every day, I'm urging every child to ride inside and stay alive."

NYPD Commissioner Edward A. Caban said, "Our message to New York City's youth is clear: Always ride inside the train. Subway surfing is dangerous, it is illegal, and it can be lethal. The NYPD will continue to do everything we can to stop this reckless behavior—but it starts with sound decision making. So be smart, be safe, and always ride inside the train."

Department of Youth and Community Development Commissioner Keith Howard said, "The urgent message of this campaign is clear—subway surfing is irresponsible, dangerous, and can be deadly. Life is to be celebrated, but not atop a subway car. Young people need to seriously consider the risks, and the pain and suffering of loved ones left to care

for them or grieve. We are asking the public to join the Mayor and our partners in saving lives by reporting subway surfing, and encouraging peers to have those difficult but persuasive conversations with friends engaged in reckless behavior."

MTA data shows that dangerous riding outside of subway trains occurs predominantly in the afternoons during warmer months when school is in session, indicating that it has essentially become a dangerous form of after-school activity. In anticipation of an uptick in incidents in September upon the start of the new school year, Governor Hochul, Mayor Adams, the MTA and City partners today launched a multi-layered campaign, "Subway Surfing Kills - Ride Inside, Stay Alive," across various communication platforms, to include public service announcements in stations recorded by students; digital signage across stations; student-created graphics and animations; posters and banners across stations and distributed in schools; physical palm cards distributed at schools and in stations; school swag including planners, pens and pencils, notepads and sticky notes; social media posts across platforms including TikTok, Instagram and YouTube in the form of posts, reels/shorts and influencer collaborations; distribution of new student MetroCards accompanied by a "Ride Inside, Stay Alive" palm card, and anti-surfing messages on the back of some MetroCards for sale in station MetroCard vending machines.

The MTA partnered with NYC Public Schools and DYCD to identify students from schools across the city who created the

new campaign. Students from the High School of Art & Design in Manhattan created graphics, animations and artwork that will be seen throughout the subway system and on social media.

A group of middle school and high school students from the Academy of American Studies in Queens, the High School of Art and Design in Manhattan, I.S. 318 in Brooklyn, and DYCD summer programs went to MTA headquarters last month to record announcements explaining the dangers of riding outside of trains. Eight announcements, recorded in both English and Spanish, will be heard throughout the transit system beginning this week.

Because teenagers frequently post videos of themselves surfing to social media, the MTA has been asking that social media companies including Meta, Google and TikTok reduce access to these videos. Since this past spring the social media companies have removed more than 3,000 videos and photos showing subway surfing. Those companies also are making space on their platforms available to help distribute the new messaging campaign.

The MTA continues to meet with school administrators to ensure students are learning about the dangers of riding outside of train cars in school. The NYPD also has officers deployed at stations where subway surfing has been known to take place and makes home visits with young people who have been known to participate in subway surfing.

In 2023, there have been five fatalities due to suspected subway surfing, compared to five total

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Gillibrand Announces Over \$6 Million In Federal Funding For Early Head Start Program in New York City

U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand announced \$6,541,628 in Early Head Start funding for Acelero, Inc. in New York City. The funding was allocated through the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and will be used to provide comprehensive early childhood education as well as health and support services to low-income children and families.

"Early Head Start programs across New York State help better prepare our children to be active participants and leaders in our society," said Senator Gillibrand. "These programs are vital to providing our communities with the day-to-day education and services that are required to ensure that all children, regardless of their socioeconomic background, can reach their full potential. This

funding will help ensure that young children and families in New York City will have accessible and quality child care and support services. I will continue working to ensure that these essential programs have the funding and resources they need to nurture our children and prepare them for their futures."

Head Start programs provide low-income children from birth to age five with comprehensive child development programs, as well as support and services for families. The comprehensive services Head Start and Early Head Start offer include early education, health screenings, promoting social and emotional health, nutrition, connection to other social services, and services for children with disabilities.

For The Tenth Consecutive Year, NYC Health + Hospitals' Accountable Care Organization Earns Significant Medicare Shared Savings

The health system will earn \$8M – \$4M more than last year – from the federal government for reducing costs while meeting high standards of care for patients

NYC Health + Hospitals' ACO is the only program in the state to have shared savings over ten years

NYC Health + Hospitals today announced that its Medicare Shared Savings Program Accountable Care Organization (ACO) will earn \$8M from the federal government for reducing avoidable costs and meeting high standards of quality care for patients. This is \$4M more than last year's shared savings. NYC Health + Hospitals is the only health system in New York State to achieve savings for ten years in a row. The ACO saved Medicare \$10.9 million for 2022, all while achieving impressive scores across a number of quality-of-care measures. The program achieves savings by supporting primary care providers and care coordination, which prevents unnecessary emergency department visits, avoidable hospitalizations, and other high-cost care for the more than 8,000 Medicare fee-for-service patients who are served through the program.

"Every day our patients receive excellent care at our 11 hospitals and more than 50 other patient care sites, and the shared savings we received is proof of that," said Matthew Siegler, CEO of the ACO

and NYC Health + Hospitals Senior Vice President of Managed Care and Patient Growth. "We are one of the only ACOs in the nation with that record of consistent success, and that's a direct result of the hard work by our frontline clinical teams. We've been successful because our primary care providers and our broader system of coordinated care provides high quality care to all of our patients."

Since the ACO's inception in 2013, it has saved Medicare over \$83.6M, resulting in earned shared savings and subsequent investment of approximately \$47.1M for NYC Health + Hospitals and its community partners.

About NYC Health + Hospitals - NYC Health + Hospitals is the largest municipal health care system in the nation serving more than a million New Yorkers annually in more than 70 patient care locations across the city's five boroughs. A robust network of outpatient, neighborhood-based primary and specialty care centers anchors care coordination with the system's trauma centers, nursing homes, post-acute care centers, home care agency, and MetroPlus health plan—all supported by 11 essential hospitals. Its diverse workforce of more than 43,000 employees is uniquely focused on empowering New Yorkers, without exception, to live the healthiest life possible. For more information, visit www.nychealthandhospitals.org and stay connected on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn.

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large commercial and industrial properties, and multi-family buildings.

Business customers can also earn incentives from Con Edison's smart usage programs under which they agree to conserve at times when the demand

for power is high.

Cooling Center Availability If city and state officials activate cooling centers, find the latest information on locations and hours of availability at the following sites: New York City, New York State and visit the Westchester County website for more information.

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ARIES
 (Mar. 21 - April 20)
 Changes in your residence may be financially favorable. Property investments, insurance, tax rebates, or inheritance should bring you financial gains. Your lucky numbers are 5,6,1.

TAURUS
 (Apr. 21 - May 21)
 This might not be the week for hasty decisions. You can make money through solid investment plans. You may make some very expensive purchases this week. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,5.

GEMINI
 (May 22 - June 21)
 Don't allow colleagues to put unreasonable pressure on you. You will have extra energy; put it to good use. Your lucky numbers are 4,9,2.

CANCER
 (June 22 - July 22)
 You may find yourself in a heated dispute with a friend if you try to change your mind. You will enjoy interaction with others this week. Your lucky numbers are 7,9,1.

LEO
 (July 23 - Aug. 22)
 You will feel better about yourself. Discord may arise with someone you're close to. It may be a disappointing day emotionally. Your lucky numbers are 8,5,2.

VIRGO
 (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23)
 You will have to face some issues separately and in person. You may experience financial loss if you don't use good judgment. Your lucky numbers are 5,7,2.

LIBRA
 (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
 Get involved in fitness programs that will bring you in contact with new friends. One-sided relationships are likely. Your lucky numbers are 1,4,3.

SCORPIO
 (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
 Any strange behavior will confuse loved ones. Don't let opposition from those envious of your talents daunt your progress. You have a lot to offer. Your lucky numbers are 2,9,1.

SAGITTARIUS
 (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21)
 Friends and relatives may not understand your needs. Relationships may be hard to handle. Good friends will give you honest answers. Your lucky numbers are 3,7,1.

CAPRICORN
 (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20)
 Be prepared to neutralize any threats. You won't be able to keep a secret. You will find good buys and you will lift your spirits. Your lucky numbers are 6,8,2.

AQUARIUS
 (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
 Be careful when using machinery or electrical equipment. Get busy making those changes to your home. lucky numbers are 2,9,1.

PISCES
 (Feb. 20 - Mar. 20)
 Visit friends you don't get to see that often. Escapist tendencies may lead to overindulgence. Don't be afraid to pursue unfamiliar grounds. Your lucky numbers are 5,3,2.

Did You Know?

- A connected bunch of bananas is called a hand and individual bananas are called fingers
- The ice cream cone was introduced in 1904
- 93% of households in Denmark consume wine (the highest % in the world with France second with 85% of households)
- Chocolate is the number 1 food craved by women
- Americans consume over 10 billion bowls of soup each year
- Chicken drumsticks contain the least amount of meat on a chicken
- Cooking or freezing does not reduce the heat (spiciness) of a chile pepper
- Arachibutyrophobia is fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth
- Dark green lettuce leaves are more nutritious than lighter ones
- The average person consumes over a ton of food and drink each year
- Cabbage is 91% water
- The most valuable nutrients of a potato are its skin
- Fresh apples float because they contain 25% air
- Green tea has 50% more vitamin C than black tea
- Lettuce is the worlds most popular green vegetable
- There are over 100 different viruses that cause the common cold
- Antarctica is 98% ice and 2% barren rock

Answer to Last Weeks Puzzles

"Sudoku"

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

E	R	N	E	S	C	A	P	S	U	G	L	I
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"Try And Find"

L	P	C	H	L	K	D	A	E	L	P	C	N
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TRY AND FIND

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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- ACROSS**
- ___ bear
 - Module
 - Birds
 - Gain knowledge
 - Captain of the Nautilus
 - Dull pain
 - Musical instrument
 - Woman of rank
 - Observed
 - Asserted
 - Piece of identification
 - Metric unit of capacity
 - They connect points
 - Exploded star
 - Tautness
 - Improved
 - Completely covered
 - Acrimious
 - Blab
 - Impassively
 - Set free
 - Disc brake part
 - Not the original color
 - Physically weak
 - Allegation
 - Cavort
 - School principal
 - Concept
 - One single time
 - A common code
 - Advanced
 - Utiliser
 - Shad
 - Prospector's find
 - Crimsons
 - Scattered
- DOWN**
- Raindrop sound
 - Pertaining to flight
 - Badgers
 - "Darn!"
 - Cancel
 - Chronologically ambiguous
 - Tidy up
 - Dunk
 - Pigeon-___
 - Entranced
 - Sea
 - What place?
 - Loans
 - Precise
 - Neighborhood
 - Catches
 - Leave out
 - Quash
 - Expect
 - Temporary
 - Transfer
 - Remain
 - Otherwise
 - Exploit
 - Permission
 - Book lovers
 - Put
 - Ruffle
 - Cowboy sport
 - Alter
 - Mothers
 - 60 minutes
 - Alone
 - Think or believe (archaic)
 - Being
 - Anagram of "Dear"

Play Sudoku and crosswords online..
 Visit www.queenstimes.com Click on Puzzles

Council Member Nantasha Williams & NYC Parks Celebrates Successful Installation of Street Trees Along Jamaica Avenue

Council Member Nantasha Williams (D-St.Albans) is thrilled to announce the completion of a beautification project along Jamaica Avenue, a vibrant and bustling corridor that serves as the heart of our community. Through diligent efforts and dedicated advocacy, Council Member Williams secured an allocation of \$592,000 with support from Mayor Eric Adams during her first year in the NYC Council - FY 2022-2023 - directing funding towards the Parks Department for the purpose of enhancing the aesthetic appeal and environmental quality of Jamaica Avenue.

The project, which involved the installation of street trees and accompanying tree guards, demonstrated Council Member Williams' commitment to fostering a more vibrant, sustainable, and attractive neighborhood for all residents and visitors to enjoy. These newly installed trees not only contribute to the visual allure of the area but also provide numerous ecological benefits, including improved air quality, shade, and wildlife habitat. The installation of tree guards further safeguards these valuable assets, ensuring their long-term health and vitality.

"A vibrant streetscape enhances the overall quality of life for our residents and bolsters our local economy. These newly installed trees and guards stand as a testa-



ment to our shared dedication to creating a more appealing and livable environment," said Council Member Williams.

The Council Member recognizes that vibrant public spaces have the power to bring people together, fostering a sense of belonging and pride that resonates throughout the district. The completion of this tree installation project marks just the beginning of Council Member Williams' vision for a more beautiful district. She looks forward to spearheading additional beautification initiatives that will elevate the aesthetics and functionality of public spaces throughout our community.

"We thank Councilmember Nantasha Williams for the almost \$600,000 in funding for the planting of new street trees and tree guards along Jamaica Avenue," said NYC Parks Queens Borough Commissioner Jackie Langsam. "Growing and protecting our borough's urban forest is a vital measure to fortify and improve the overall health and strength of our communities."

Sari Kulka, Chair of Jamaica's newly merged Business Improvement District organization, now known as the Downtown Jamaica Partnership, said, "Businesses,

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Assemblywoman Nily Rozic Announces Major School Investments For District Schools

Back to School Announcement: Rozic Allocates \$580,000 in State Funding

Provides Long-Term Upgrades for Auditoriums and Gymnasiums to Local Schools

To kick off the school year, Assemblywoman Nily Rozic (D,WF-Fresh Meadows) announced a collective \$580,000 for gymnasium and auditorium upgrades for three schools in School Districts 25 and 26. With students returning for another successful academic year, many will be greeted with renovations that took place over the summer and others will notice changes in the coming months. M.S. 74 Nathaniel Hawthorne received \$80,000 for their gymnasium and P.S. 162 John Golden and P.S. 24 Andrew Jackson each received \$250,000 for substantial upgrades to their auditoriums.

To increase student safety and prevent injuries, M.S. 74 in Oakland Gardens requested funding to install padding for their gymnasium walls as well as a new updated scoreboard. The students and student athletes of M.S. 74 will be able to enjoy these upgrades as soon as they walk into their building for their first day of school.

P.S. 24 in Flushing requested funding for new stage and window curtains, stage rigging, and a sound system which has not been updated in over 50 years. Installation of this project will begin next month.

Lastly, P.S. 162 in Bayside requested funding for a full upgrade



to the electrical infrastructure of their auditorium. This includes audio/visual equipment, stage lighting, and upgraded paint. This project is slated for completion before the end of the school year.

"The facilities at our public schools need renovations from all the wear and tear they go through providing for our youth," said Assemblywoman Rozic. "M.S.74, P.S.162, and P.S. 24 are no exception. It brings me great joy to allocate funding to upgrade these spaces and to ensure current and future students of these schools have well functioning and updated

auditoriums and gymnasiums for all their assembly and athletic needs."

"When the community talks about M.S.74, academics and the arts are often the things that come to mind but an underreported facet of our greatness is the strength of our athletics," said Principal Brandon Contarsy of M.S. 74. "Thanks to Assemblywoman Rozic's advocacy and support, we can feel a renewed sense of pride in hosting games due in large part to her securing of funding for a new

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Congresswoman Grace Meng Makes Campaign Endorsements



Linda Lee

- Queens Councilmember Sandra Ung
- Queens Councilmember Candidate Tony Avella
- Queens Supreme Court Judge Candidate Cassandra Johnson
- Queens Supreme Court Judge Candidate Karen Lin
- Queens Supreme Court Judge Candidate Peter Kelly
- Queens Supreme Court Judge Candidate Scott Dunn
- Queens Supreme Court Judge Candidate Jessica Earle-Gargan
- North Hempstead Town Supervisor Candidate Jon Kaiman
- North Hempstead Town Council Candidate Christine Liu
- Nassau County Legislator Candidate Weihua Yan
- Suffolk County Executive Candidate Dave Calone

Congresswoman Grace Meng (D-Queens) announced that she has endorsed several candidates running in races in and around Queens.

The Congresswoman's endorsements are for an upcoming special election next month and the general election in November. They consist of:

- Queens Assemblymember Candidate Sam Berger, running in the September 12 special election in the borough.
- Queens Councilmember

"I am excited to announce the endorsements of these wonderful candidates and look forward to them working for our communities and neighboring areas," said Meng. "I encourage voters to support their candidacies in the upcoming elections."

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Gives Away Over 1,000 Backpacks And Thousands Of School Supplies In 2 Major Drives



Assemblywoman Secured Private Donations For Her District Equipping Over 1,000 South Queens Children With The School Supplies Needed For A Successful Year, See story page 9.

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Eight NYC Health + Hospitals Sites Recognized With Safe Sleep Designation

Safe Sleep practices help reduce the chances of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

NYC Health + Hospitals today announced that four of its hospitals were recognized for educating parents about safe sleep practices for newborns. Safe Sleep practices help reduce the chance of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. Cribs for Kids, a national organization dedicated to promoting safe sleep education, awarded NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan, NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx, and NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health with a gold-level designation and NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue with a silver-level designation. The designation lasts for five years, and all four hospitals have been recognized previously. They join four other sites in the health system. All NYC Health + Hospitals facilities promote safe sleep practices for new mothers and families with infants.



“NYC Health + Hospitals is proud to champion safe sleep practices at all of our facilities,” said NYC Health + Hospitals Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer Machel Allen, MD. “Every parent and caregiver of infants should learn about safe sleep to make sure they are providing the best possible environment for a child to live and grow. Thank you to Cribs for Kids for the extraordinary work you do

and for recognizing our sites’ commitment to infant safety.” A safe sleep environment for an infant includes the following:

- Use a firm sleep surface covered by a fitted sheet; a crib, bassinet, portable crib, or play yard that meets the safety standards of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) is

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Council Member Julie Won Tours New Sunnyside Middle School With SCA President & CEO

On Wednesday, August 30, Council Member Julie Won, SCA President and CEO Nina Kubota, and former Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer toured I.S. 429 in Sunnyside, which is set to open in September 2023 for the first day of school. The 725-seat middle school is located at 47-10 Barnett Ave. and fills an increasing need for middle school seats in Council District 26. The school features state-of-the-art classrooms and brand-new facilities including a science lab, cafeteria, gymnasium, playground, and more.



Teachers and staff at I.S. 429 with Council Member Julie Won, former Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer, and SCA President and CEO Nina Kubota. (Photo courtesy of the Office of Council Member Julie Won)

“I’m thrilled that I.S. 429 is now open in Sunnyside so that more of our students can receive a quality, public school education in their own district. When we visit schools, we hear from principals, staff, and parents about the issue of overcrowding and the need for more middle school seats. This investment will ensure that more students in Sunnyside and Woodside will

be within walking distance of a middle school,” said Council Member Julie Won. “Thank you to former Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer, the School Construction Authority, and the Department of Education for all of your combined efforts for our

students. Thank you to all of the parents for your years of advocacy, as well as the parents who participated in public feedback, which was all incorporated into building this school. We are excited to cut the ribbon on I.S. 429 in the fall!”

Council Member Nantasha Williams Conducts Check Ceremony at Harvard Playground, Marking a Milestone in Community Advancement

On Wednesday, August 30th, Council Member Nantasha Williams hosted a Check Ceremony at Harvard Playground, located at 90-73 179th Pl, Queens, NY 11432, to commemorate the allocation of \$2.755 million in capital funding for the reconstruction of the playground. The event marked a pivotal moment in the District’s community development.



The playground reconstruction project has been made possible through the dedication of Council Member Nantasha Williams and continued activism from residents of the community. This struggle began when her office responded to the flooding disasters nearby

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IT'S IN QUEENS

It's In Queens! (Sept. 8 to Sept. 14)

School? Okay, but Queens also has a county fair, thought-provoking theater, purple comedy, a beauty pageant, Korean art, and a community-weaving project this week.

- Sept. 8, Queens County Fair, Sept. 10. This 40th annual agricultural fair features pie-eating and corn-husking contests, hayrides, carnival rides, games, crafts, food, entertainment, and surprises. Schedule: 6 pm to 9 pm on Sept. 8; and 11 am to 6 pm on Sept. 9 and 10. Queens County Farm Museum, 73-50 Little Neck Pkwy., Glen Oaks.



QBH Apples Honey

- Sept. 8, God of Carnage, Sept. 24. Yasmina Reza's Tony-winning comedy starts with a playground altercation between 11-year-old boys in Brooklyn. After two sets of parents meet to resolve the matter, the diplomatic niceties begin to fray and the rum starts to flow. Schedule: Sept. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, and 23 at 8 pm; and Sept. 10, 17, and 24 at 2 pm. Rockaway Theatre Company, Building t-4, Fort Tilden, Breezy Point.



QFCountryFair

- Sept. 8, Aladdin, Dusk. This Disney film screens outdoors with Midtown Manhattan in the background. Hunter's Point South Park, vicinity of Borden Avenue and Center Boulevard, Long Island City.

- Sept. 9, Bottle to Bottle, 4 pm. Local artist Annalisa Iadicicco welcomes the public to build "Bottle to Bottle," a collaborative installation that brings attention to plastic consumption and its impact on the environment. Participants paint and insert bottles into a structure that will take the form of a unique house. Culture Lab LIC, 5-25 46th Ave., Long Island City.

NY), Nick Viagas (New York Comedy Festival), Sarah Harvard (HBO, HULU), Grace Johnson (Stand Up NY), Marcela Onyango (Feel The News), Show Producers and Hosts, Jilberto Soto (Stand Up NY), and Meka Mo (HBO Game Theory). Astoria Park War Memorial, vicinity of 19th Street, Astoria Park South, and Ditmars Boulevard.

3 pm. The American Symphony Orchestra highlights the different forms of expression and musical languages that emerged in the 1920s, including elements of dance, theater, and Jazz. LeFrak Concert Hall, 153-49 Reeves Ave., Flushing.

- Sept. 9, Armstrong Jazz Room Concert, 4 pm. Prepare to be swept away by the sounds of Jason Moran and the Bandwagon with acclaimed trumpeter Ambrose Akinmusire. Louis Armstrong House Museum, 34-56 107th St., Corona.

- Sept. 9, One & One Opening Reception, 4 pm. Paintings, prints, pottery, sculpture, jewelry and other handmade artisanal items. Collective members include Violet Baxter, Casey Concelmo, Amy Geller, Nancy Gesimondo, Tina Glavan, Dianne Martin, Sheila Ross, and Jim Seffens. Studio 41, 27-15 41st Ave., Long Island City.

- Sept. 10, Apples & Honey Day, noon. Celebrate harvest season with themed crafts, apples, honey, beer, cider, beekeepers, and the traditional Pollinator Parade. Queens Botanical Garden, 43-50 Main St., Flushing.

- Sept. 9, Opening Reception for Circulation, 4 pm. Jeong Min Park creates mesmerizing abstract art on hanji, traditional Korean handmade mulberry paper. Special workshop on Sept. 16 at 3 pm. Exhibition runs to Oct. 1. The Garage Art Center, 26-01 Corporal Kennedy St., Bayside.

- Sept. 9, Community Weaving Project, 1:30 pm. Queens Memory Project, the American Folk Art Museum, and Queens Library organize a collaborative community weaving project in response to definitions of home. Socrates Sculpture Park, 32-01 Vernon Blvd., Long Island City.

- Sept. 10, Climb to the Top, 9:30 am. Run to the top of Citi Field during this event, which raises funds for MS research. Citi Field, 123 Roosevelt Ave., Corona.

- Sept. 9, Elementary Triptych of Spain, Oct. 1. A collection of shorts by Spanish director José Val del Omar that are audiovisual poems of the senses, presenting cinema as a total experience. Schedule: Sept. 9, 1 pm; Sept. 15, 5:30 pm; Sept. 22, 5:30 pm; Sept. 30, 12:30 pm; Oct. 1, 12:30 pm. Museum of the Moving Image, 35-01 36th Ave., Astoria's Kaufman Arts District.

- Sept. 9, Beauty Pageant, 1 pm. The organizers of the Desfile Hispano de Queens hold a beauty contest. Who will be the queen of Queens? Esquina Tequila Restaurant, 40-01 Northern Blvd., Sunnyside.

- Sept. 11, Singing Auditions, 7:30 pm. The Oratorio Society of Queens hosts open auditions right before practice. Repeats on Sept. 18. Temple Beth Sholom, 172nd Street and Northern Boulevard, Flushing.

- Sept. 9, Purple Park Comedy, 4 pm. Hilarious joke tellers at an outdoor picnic. Talent includes Reggie Kush (Carolines on Broadway), Alexis Bradby (Comedy Store), Perter Angelo (Stand Up

- Sept. 9, Dancefloor NY, 8 pm. Dance the night away with this fun band. Resorts World New York City, 110-00 Rockaway Blvd., South Jamaica.
- Sept. 10, American Expression,

- Sept. 13, St. Leon Circus Performers, 6 pm. Mark St. Leon, a scholar who's visiting from Australia, discusses his family of circus performers. Alfred St. Leon was among the first circus performers to immigrate to the United States from Australia in 1898. Some are buried at Maple Grove. Maple Grove Cemetery, enter via gate at Kew Gardens Road and 129th Street, Kew Gardens.

Sept. 13, Monthly Jazz Jam, 7 pm. On the second Wednesday of the month, musicians hone skills and jam with peers and the house band led by saxophonist Carol Sudhalter. Don't play? Don't worry. Listen. Flushing Town Hall, 137-35 Northern Blvd.

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Free Back-to-School Dental Cleanings For Queens Children

Adding dental care to your kids' back to school checklist is essential. A healthy smile is not only important for top-notch school pictures, it's a significant component of maintaining overall health and wellness as children across the city return to the classroom. In fact, the National Institute of Health and the Mayo Clinic support a direct correlation. According to the Mayo Clinic, "the health of your mouth, teeth and gums can affect your general health."

There are a number of ways to ensure children's dental health from twice-daily brushing, regular routine dental cleanings and checkups, and treatments like fluoride and sealant applications. To assist in kicking off the school year right, the Plaza College Community Dental Clinic in Forest Hills is offering free back-to-school dental cleanings for children aged 17 and under during the month of September.

At the Community Dental Clin-

ic, the College's dental hygiene students treat patients of all ages under the supervision of licensed dentists and dental hygienists. The 20-chair, state-of-the-art dental facilities located on Queens Boulevard allow students to gain experience in oral healthcare by providing cleanings and oral health screenings, while teaching patients (and their parents) about proper oral healthcare. 2023 marks the Clinic's sixth year of offering free back-to-school cleaning services.

"It is the mission of Plaza College's Community Dental Clinic to expand access to quality oral healthcare," explained Dr. Laura Sleeper, Dean of Dental Sciences at Plaza College. "With the exponentially increasing population of New York City, there are not nearly enough dental hygienists to provide ample and affordable oral healthcare for everyone."

As of May 2022, New York had only 13,360 dental hygien-

ists in the state, and according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, between 2021 and 2031 demand in this field is expected to see a national growth rate of 9% - creating a significant need for dental hygienists.

Dr. Sleeper added, "It's a privilege to be able to train the next generation of dental hygienists while also serving the public that may not otherwise have access to affordable dental care."

In 2017, Plaza became the first school in New York City in 25 years to achieve full accreditation by the American Dental Association's (ADA) Commission on Dental Accreditation, overseeing all dental education programs throughout the nation.

Families wishing to participate in the children's back-to-school dental cleaning program at Plaza's Community Dental Clinic can call (718) 779-1432 or email plazadental@plazacollege.edu to schedule an appointment.

Eight NYC Health + Hospitals Sites Recognized With Safe Sleep Designation

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recommended.

- Your baby should not sleep in an adult bed, on a couch, or on a chair alone, with you, or with anyone else.
- Sitting devices like bouncy seats, swings, infant carriers, or strollers should not be used for routine sleep.
- Keep soft objects such as pillows, blankets, toys, and bumpers out of your baby's sleep area.
- Always place a baby on his or her back to sleep for naps and at night to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.
- Keep your baby's sleep area in the same room where you sleep (for the infant's first year). Room sharing, not bed sharing. Always place the baby in a safety-approved crib, bassinet, or portable crib for sleep.
- Do not use wedges and positioners.
- Do not smoke during pregnancy or allow smoking around

your baby.

• Do not let your baby get too hot during sleep.

The full list of NYC Health + Hospitals sites with the Cribs for Kids safe sleep designation is as follows:

- BRONX - NYC Health + Hospitals/North Central Bronx, Gold
 - BROOKLYN - NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull, Bronze, NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health, Gold
 - MANHATTAN - NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue, Silver, NYC Health + Hospitals/Harlem, Bronze, NYC Health + Hospitals/Metropolitan, Gold
 - QUEENS - NYC Health + Hospitals/Elmhurst, Gold, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens, Gold
- Cribs for Kids' National Safe Sleep Hospital Certification program recognizes hospitals and hospital systems for their commitment to infant safe sleep to reduce the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and unsafe sleep injuries. The program confers a bronze, silver,

and gold designation to hospitals that model and teach infant safe sleep according to current American Academy of Pediatrics best practices. Hospitals are evaluated based on their ability to promote safe sleep education to infant caregivers, train staff, implement quality improvement measures, distribute safe sleep spaces to families who need them, and engage in community outreach about safe sleep.

NYC Health + Hospitals offers a wide range of obstetric and gynecologic services including primary care, family planning, abortion care, prenatal through delivery care, midwifery and referrals for doula services, postpartum care, breastfeeding/lactation services, breast exams, nutrition, behavioral health referrals, preventative care, and vaccinations. Gynecology services include menopause and fibroid treatments, as well as specialty practices for gynecologic cancers, pelvic pain and endometriosis.

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Gives Away Over 1,000 Backpacks And Thousands Of School Supplies . . .

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Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar (D-AD 38) hosted two major "Back to School" distributions at her office where she gave away over 1,000 backpacks and thousands of school supplies to the children of South Queens. The Assemblywoman secured private donors from outside her district to fund the distribution, bringing an abundance of high quality backpacks and full sets of school supplies for the children of South Queens. At the events, hundreds of children and their families came to the Assemblywoman's office to receive backpacks, each containing a full set of school supplies including rulers, notebooks, glue sticks, folders, scissors, pens, crayons, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, and

pouch bags.

Assemblywoman has made education a priority throughout her tenure. A regular fixture as school graduations across her district where she serves as commencement speaker, she also appears at the first day of school to greet each child as they walk in. She hosts a summer reading challenge every summer encouraging kids to read. She regularly visits classrooms in the district as a guest speaker, and served as the keynote speaker for the Queens Young Debaters tournament. Focusing on making the education system work for all diverse communities, the Assemblywoman this year led and won the historic fight to make Diwali a School Holiday in New York City's public schools.

A diverse coalition of com-

munity groups in the district volunteered on the day of the school supply distribution to make the event a success. These included the Ozone Park Residents Block Association, the Cityline Ozone Park Civilian Patrol, the Richmond Hill/South Ozone Park Lions Club, Queens Community Board 9, the Woodhaven BID, Glendale Kiwanis, the Bangladeshi American Society, United American Hindu Leadership Council, the New York Nepalese Help Post, the Ridgewood 123 Kiwanis, Kiwanis Club of Ozone Park-Woodhaven and the US Nepal Climbers Association.

Assemblywoman Rajkumar said: "Education is the reason I am here. As the daughter of immigrants from India who came to

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Council Member Nantasha Williams Conducts Check Ceremony at Harvard Playground . . .

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in 2021 that killed a mother and son during Hurricane Ida. The secured funding underscores the Council Member's determination to address crucial infrastructure needs identified in feedback she received about the area from impacted residents.

"There's a truth about public service that is often unspoken and rarely understood - that the role of our Council Member is about much more than balancing budgets and ensuring the delivery of essential services. Council Member Nantasha Williams' goal is to influence and help others for a better tomorrow," says Amit Shivprasad, Community Advocate.

Harvard Playground is a vital community space that serves as a hub for families, children, and individuals seeking outdoor recreational opportunities within the Hollis area. The upcoming reconstruction will provide an upgraded environment, fostering safe and enjoyable experiences for all age groups. The investment in Harvard Playground aligns with Council Member Williams' vision of promoting wellness, social interaction, and community cohesion in South East Queens. She also hopes this new investment reminds this community that they are not forgotten in the years since the disaster.

In the wake of an emergency flash flood last year, Council Member Williams directly witnessed the profound repercussions of insufficient infrastructure and quality of life issues impacting the daily lives of local residents. Promptly recognizing the imperative for change, she made it a priority to secure funding for the revitalization of the playground to restore faith that the needs of this devastated area were being heard. The aftermath of Hurricane Ida's devastation further underscored the critical significance of resilient and well-maintained community spaces, and provided a poignant reminder of the pressing need to address these infrastructure concerns across Hollis.

"Every step we take toward enhancing our community contributes to the overall advancement of our district," stated Council Member Nantasha Williams. "Harvard Playground is not just a space for recreation; it's a symbol of our commitment to progress and our determination to address the needs of our neighbors."

"We are happy to see Harvard and Delphin Greene Playgrounds

receive these much-needed funds for capital improvements. These two locations were a priority for our agency and we thank Councilmember Nantasha Williams for her generous support. I am sure that I am not the only one looking forward to running through the new spray showers on a future summer afternoon!" said Borough Commissioner for Queens Parks, Jackie Langsam

The Check Ceremony at Harvard Playground serves as a testament to the collaboration between local government and the community, showcasing the power of collective efforts in creating positive change. The event brought together community members, local leaders, and supporters who share the vision of a thriving and interconnected district. It served as a platform to express gratitude for the support received and to reinforce the power of unified advocacy to maintain and enhance the community.

As the project moves forward, Council Member Nantasha Williams remains steadfast in her commitment to fostering a vibrant and resilient community, even as she prepares to transition this park and the area around it to Council Member Linda Lee due to redistricting. Council Member Williams is confident her colleague and friend will be able to carry the baton forward on finalizing this project in the years to come as community outreach is solicited during the forthcoming design process with NYC Parks.

"The parks across the City provide families with the necessary open, green space to facilitate their health and mental wellness. Thanks to the leadership of Council Member Nantasha Williams, Harvard Playground will see a complete renovation," said Council Member Linda Lee, co-chair of the Queens Delegation. "These capital improvements, which include upgraded play equipment, spray systems, paving, and fencing, will be put to good use by the community. I look forward to ensuring that the newest members of Council District 23 continue to receive these important quality-of-life improvements to benefit our neighborhoods in Queens."

"I extend my sincerest thanks to the Council Member for her hard work and dedication to our community. On behalf of the Muslim community in District 27, we always look forward to working together to better our council district," says Akther "Tipu" Rahman, constituent.



Fighting Food Insecurity: How You Can Help Panel Discussion in Forest Hills on Sept. 17 at 1:30 pm

Food insecurity is a big problem in New York City right now, and it threatens to get worse due to higher prices, changes in SNAP benefits, and the influx of new populations.

To discuss the nature and extent of the borough's food insecurity problem and explore ways everyone can join in the fight, the Church-in-the-Gardens in Forest Hills will host a free event, Fighting Food Insecurity: How YOU Can Help, on

Sunday, Sept. 17, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

The program will feature a panel discussion among representatives from several major organizations currently addressing the problem, including MonkWorx, GrowNYC, City Meals on Wheels, Catholic Charities of New York, Jamaica Hospital/WIC, and Queens Together.

The 108-year-old church's World Service Committee will moderate the panel.

Smaller discussion groups on ways attendees can support these organizations (and others) are also planned.

Attendees will receive a helpful guide with contact information on organizations fighting food insecurity in their neighborhoods.

All are invited, but registration is requested. Please go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/help-fight-food-insecurity-tickets-692844686107>

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Fighting Food Insecurity is scheduled for the Church-in-the-Gardens Community House, which is adjacent to the church at 15 Borage Place in Forest Hills. The venue is within walking distance of the 71st-Continental subway station for the E, F, and R lines and the Long Island Rail Road's Forest Hills stop. The host venue will provide temporary permits for on-street parking for those who drive.

Statement From Speaker Adrienne Adams And Criminal Justice Chair Carlina Rivera on The Deadline to Close Rikers

"For decades, Rikers Island has cultivated a culture of brutal violence and dysfunction, compelling the City Council to pass legislation to end the humanitarian crisis in our city's jails and transition to a more effective and safer borough-based system. Today marks four years to the day that New York City must close Rikers to comply with the law. Public safety demands that we remain on-track

to closing Rikers without delay. To achieve this goal, it is imperative that Mayor Adams' administration take responsibility for implementing the law, including working collaboratively with stakeholders involved in the criminal legal system to advance necessary progress. The City must make consistent investments in pretrial services, alternatives to incarceration, and re-entry services, while

addressing unacceptable lengths of stay with the courts, district attorneys, and public defenders. The Council has taken recent actions as a contributing partner in these efforts by advancing increased mental health interventions and greater resources for supervised release programs, among others, but far more is needed.

"We cannot allow Rikers to continue undermining

public safety and must continue the necessary work of implementing a more effective approach to public safety. The record deaths and continued violence, which endangers both staff and detained individuals, reaffirms the Council's 2019 decision to bring this shameful chapter in the city's history to an end and only emphasizes the urgency we must act with moving forward."

Council Leadership Team Urges Federal Government to Provide Expedited Work Authorization For Asylum Seekers

The New York City Council leadership team – Speaker Adrienne Adams, Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala, Majority Leader Keith Powers, Majority Whip Selvena Brooks-Powers, Finance Chair Justin Brannan, Council Member Gale Brewer, and Council Member Rafael Salamanca – released the following joint statement

urging immediate action by the federal government to provide expedited work authorization for asylum seekers. The statement follows months of advocacy by the Council urging federal action, including its September 2022 letter, June 2023 letter, and Washington, D.C. visit to meet with federal officials on city priorities.

"As an increasing number of people seeking asylum in the United States arrive in our city, it is critical that they be permitted to work legally to support themselves, their families, and our city. For months, the Council has advocated for expedited federal work authorization, so that our newest arrivals can enter the workforce and achieve

the self-sufficiency they desire. People seeking asylum can contribute immensely to our economy, and it is imperative that we facilitate this outcome. We join our colleagues in government and stakeholders across our city in urging action by the federal government to expedite work authorization that removes barriers to employment."

Assemblywoman Nily Rozic Announces Major School Investments For District Schools

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scoreboard and upgraded padding for the walls. Coming out of the pandemic our girls basketball team has won back to back district championships and while three-peats are always hard to achieve, these upgrades will give our girls (and our boys team) that extra home-court advantage that might make it possible."

"P.S. 162 is so grateful for Assemblywoman Rozic's support of the John Golden family," said Principal Eve

Sci of P.S.162. "Through her generous funding, we will finally be able to have performances that would make our school's name-sake proud. In a time where funding is limited, it is wonderful to know that our representative still values the contribution that the arts bring to the development of children as they learn who they are and who they want to become."

"Thanks to a generous grant from Assemblywoman Rozic, PS24Q will be retrofitted with an updated

stage area and a state-of-the-art sound system that hasn't been updated in decades!" said P.S. 24 Principal Debra Cassidy. "Our children will now feel more confident when performing as their voices will project to the back of the auditorium—something that was not possible before—and we will now be able to expand our Theater Arts program, continue our partnership with Disney Musicals in Schools, and invite community organization to perform for our students."

P.S. 162 is located on 53rd Avenue in Bayside and P.S. 24 is located on Union Street in Flushing. Both schools house pre-kindergarten through grade five students. M.S. 74 is located on Oceania Street in Oakland Gardens and serves students from grade six to grade eight.

Additional education investments recently announced by Rozic include \$250,000 and \$120,000 respectively for technology upgrades to P.S. 154 and P.S. 120 in Flushing.

Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar Gives Away Over 1,000 Backpacks And Thousands Of School Supplies . . .

this country with little, it was education that threw open the doors of opportunity for me. Now, I am committed to ensuring all the children in my district have those same opportunities I had. That is why I put everything in to

making sure the children of District 38 are excited and prepared for the new school year."

Juana Chavez said: "Our area has never had this kind of incredible representation. I did not even know who my Assembly member was until Assemblywoman Rajkumar.

She looks out for all of us, and our children's education, by delivering the supplies and help we need. Thanks to her, my son will be ready for school."

Claudette Gosta said: "The Assemblywoman is always in the community helping us. She has so much energy that

I wonder how she does it all. She helps us with so many things. She did a free medical clinic, food distributions, rain barrels, mammograms, and a rock concert. Now she is helping us with backpacks and other supplies so that my children have everything for the school year."

Council Member Nantasha Williams & NYC Parks Celebrates Successful . . .

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residents, visitors and workers alike, will all benefit in so many ways from the addition of these beautiful trees to the Jamaica Avenue commercial corridor. We're so grateful to CM Williams for partnership and for her tireless advocacy on behalf of Jamaica, and in service to its upward trajectory."

"Streetscape serves as the red carpet for a neighborhood, providing a welcoming feel for residents and visitors. Thank you to Council Member Williams for securing the funds to provide the numerous trees along Jamaica Avenue and the Parks Department for installing them," said Justin Rodgers, president & CEO, Greater Jamaica Development Corporation.

The support and collaboration of community members, local businesses, and the Parks Department have been instrumental in turning Council Member

Williams' vision into reality. Their dedication underscores the collective pride we all take in our district's appearance and ambience. This investment hopes to be the first of many that will come to Downtown Jamaica as the Council Member works with the Adams Administration on the Jamaica Neighborhood Plan, which seeks to build thousands of units of affordable housing to the area and invest in improving the quality of life for current residents and businesses, especially along Jamaica Avenue.

Council Member Williams extends her heartfelt gratitude to all who have advocated for this project and invites everyone to witness the transformation of Jamaica Avenue. As we celebrate the completion of this phase, we also look ahead with enthusiasm to the forthcoming beautification projects that will further enhance our community's charm and vitality.

Governor Hochul, MTA, And Mayor Adams . . .

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fatalities between 2018 and 2022. The MTA has documented over 450 instances of people riding outside of trains between January and June in 2023.

Councilmember Julie Won said, "In 2023, four young people tragically died from subway surfing, including a teen who was riding on the elevated train at Rawson Street in my district. As a mother, I support the launch of the Ride Inside, Stay Alive Campaign to educate our community and put a stop to this dangerous trend. Back in May, our office wrote a letter for MTA and NYCT to take immediate action to prevent subway surfing, including locking train doors. One child's death is too many — we must do more to protect our children and prevent future subway surfing incidents."

Julie Samuels, President and Executive Director of Tech:NYC, said, "Modern technology has changed

the way New Yorkers live and interact with the city around us, improving our lives in many ways while at times presenting unforeseen challenges. We're encouraged to see tech companies work closely with the city and state governments to address these challenges, and we applaud those who came together to stop the dangerous subway surfing trend. The tech community is proud to work with city leaders and public safety officials to help keep New Yorkers safe."

High School of Art and Design Student Milana Blokhina said, "We took on this campaign during our summer break, as we understood the urgency of the design before us. As young adults, we felt strongly about the tragedies that resulted from subway surfing accidents among the youth. We can design from the view of our target audiences as we naturally make up a part of it. Even if we save one life, we make a difference."

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Notice of Formation of ZEN CULTURE, LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 04/24/2023. Office location: Queens County, SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 102-30 Queens Boulevard, Apartment 1B, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful activities. 9/7,14,21,28,9/5&12/2023



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Notice of Formation of DAHLIA.LONDON NYC LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 08/11/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 12-15 Broadway Apt 125, Astoria, NY 11106. Purpose: any lawful activities. 8/24,31,9/7,14,21&28/2023

750 CONC LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 7/5/23. Office in Queens Co. SSNY desig. agent of LLC whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 172-14 89th Ave., Jamaica, NY 11432. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 8/24,31,9/7,14,21&28/2023

Notice of Formation of Airtek Holdco, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with NY Dept. of State: 7/26/23. Office location: Queens County. Sec. of State designated agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: 39-37 29th St., Long Island City, NY 11101, principal business address. Purpose: all lawful purposes. 8/3,10,17,24,31&9/7/2023

66-24 Fresh Pond LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/13/2023. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to William T. Bianco, 12 Wedgewood Ct., Glen Head, NY 11545. General Purpose. 8/3,10,17,24,31&9/7/2023

Notice of Formation of 270 Floral LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/3/23. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 325-25 169th Street, Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/3,10,17,24,31,&9/7/2023

Notice of Formation of Triple J Car Wash, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 6/29/23. 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, c/o Joseph Jerome, 566 Grandview Ave, Ridgewood, NY 11385. Purpose: any lawful activity. 8/10,17,24,31,9/7&14/2023

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A2Z Automation Solutions, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 7/26/2023. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Fiona Guan, 105-30 66th Ave., apt. 5A, Forest Hills, NY 11365. General Purpose. 8/3,10,17,24,31&9/7/2023

Notice of formation of BDD 2402 QPS LLC. Arts of Org filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/31/23. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent upon whom process may be served and shall mail copy of process against LLC to: 30-50 Whitestone Expwy, Ste. 302, Flushing, NY 11354. Purpose: any lawful act. 8/3,10,17,24,31&9/7/2023

Notice of formation of Shannah May Henderson Consulting LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secretary of State of New York (SSNY) on 8/4/2023. Office located in Queens County. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLP to: 228 Park Ave S#186808 New York, NY, 10003. Purpose: Any lawful activity or purpose. 8/17,24,31,9/7,14&21/2023

Flushing 192 LLC filed w/ SSNY on 8/8/23. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 40-32 192nd St., Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: any lawful. 8/10,17,24,31,9/7&14/2023

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PROBATE CITATION File No. 2022-2467 SURROGATE'S COURT - QUEENS COUNTY CITATION THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, By the Grace of God Free and Independent TO: To the heirs at law, next of kin and distributees of Elvira Kellenberger, deceased, if living, and if any of them be dead to their heirs at law, next of kin, distributees, legatees, executors, administrators, assignees and successors in interest whose names are unknown and cannot be ascertained after due diligence; Vreni Schoch a/k/a Vreni Schoch-Beyeler; Kathi Beyeler a/k/a Kathrin Sandmeiser-Beyeler; Beat Haas; Roland Haas, Public Administrator of Queens County, and Claudis Pius, G.A.L. A petition having been duly filed by Brian A. Raphan who is domiciled at 164 Everett Road, Lincroft, NJ 07738 YOU ARE HEREBY CITED TO SHOW CAUSE before the Surrogate's Court, Queens County, at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard, Jamaica, New York, on 5th day of October, 2023 at 9:30 A.M. of that day, why a decree should not be made in the estate of Elvira Kellenberger lately domiciled at 2523 31st Ave, Apt. B34, Astoria, NY 11106-3647 admitting to probate a Will dated March 3, 2008, a copy of which is attached, as the Will of Elvira Kellenberger deceased, relating to real and personal property, and directing that Letters Testamentary issue to : Brian A. Raphan NOTICE: THIS CITATION IS SERVED UPON YOU AS REQUIRED BY LAW. IF YOU WISH TO CONTEST THE RELIEF REQUESTED, YOU, OR AN ATTORNEY ON YOUR BEHALF, MUST CONTACT THE COURT PRIOR TO THIS DATE IN THE MANNER SET FORTH IN THE ATTACHED NOTICE. IF YOU DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT AS SET FORTH IN THE NOTICE IT WILL BE FOUND YOU CONSENT TO THE RELIEF REQUESTED. Dated August 21, 2023 HON. PETER J. KELLY Surrogate (Seal) JANET EDWARDS TUCKER Chief Clerk Samantha Benadiba, Esq. Attorney for Petitioner 212-268-8200 Telephone No. Sbenadiba@raphanlaw.com Email Address 7 Penn Plaza, Suite 810, New York, NY 10001 Address of Attorney 8/31,9/7,14&21/2023

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Notice of formation of Monkey King The Musical LLC. Articles of Organization filed with the Secretary of State of New York SSNY on 8/21/2023. Office located in Queens. SSNY has been designated for service of process. SSNY shall mail copy of any process served against the LLC to 8946 70th Rd., Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: any lawful purpose. 8/24,31,9/7,14,21&28/2023

Emei Realty LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/23/2023. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Tian J Kuan, 14330 Roosevelt Ave., Ste. 7N, Flushing, NY 11354. General Purpose. 8/31,9/7,14,21,28&10/5/2023

Notice of Formation of BEAR'S TREASURE TROVE LLC Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 05/24/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 54 State Street, Ste 804, Albany, NY 12207. Purpose: any lawful activities. 8/31,9/7,14,21,28&10/5/2023

MINE DIAMOND LLC filed Arts. of Org. with the Sect'y of State of NY (SSNY) on 7/21/2023. Office: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served and shall mail process to: The LLC, 52-47 Browvale Ln, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: any lawful act. 8/10,17,24,31,9/7&14/2023

Flushing 192 LLC filed w/ SSNY on 8/8/23. Office: Queens Co. SSNY designated as agent for process & shall mail to: 40-32 192nd St., Flushing, NY 11358. Purpose: any lawful. 8/17,24,31,9/7,14&21/2023

231 North Realty LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 6/26/2023. Cty: Queens. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 164-10 84th Ave., Ste. LD, Jamaica, NY 11432. General Purpose. 8/3,10,17,24,31&9/7/2023

Notice of formation of Precious Moments For All Occasions LLC Arts. of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 06/03/2023. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 251-21 Jericho Turnpike #1071 Bellerose, NY 11426. Purpose: Any lawful activities. 9/7,14,21,28,10/5&12/2023



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SUPPLEMENTAL SUMMONS AND NOTICE-SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF QUEENS - MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC, Plaintiff, -against- ANY AND ALL KNOWN OR UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES, GRANTEEES, ASSIGNEES, LIENORS, CREDITORS, TRUSTEES, AND ALL OTHER PARTIES CLAIMING AN INTEREST BY, THROUGH, UNDER OR AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; ALRIEN CLAUDETTE SMITH, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHANIE TENNANT, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; EVELYN TENNANT JAMES, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; EVETTE FACEY, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF STEPHANIE TENNANT, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; DERRICK TENNANT AKA DERRICK CAMPBELL, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JONAH TENNANT, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; HUGHE TENNANT AKA HUGHE CAMPBELL, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF JONAH TENNANT, AS HEIR, DEVISEE, DISTRIBUTE OF THE ESTATE OF SYLVIA RHODA; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ACTING ON BEHALF OF DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY - INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE, Defendants - Index No. 704007/2017 Plaintiff Designates Queens County as the Place of Trial. The Basis of Venue is that the subject action is situated in Queens County. To the above named Defendants-YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to answer the Complaint in this action and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff's Attorney(s) within 20 days after the service of this Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York); and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. That this Supplemental Summons is being filed pursuant to an

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order of the court dated August 11, 2023. NOTICE-YOU ARE IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME - If you do not respond to this summons and complaint by serving a copy of the answer on the attorney for the mortgage company who filed this foreclosure proceeding against you and filing the answer with the court, a default judgment may be entered and you can lose your home. Speak to an attorney or go to the court where your case is pending for further information on how to answer the summons and protect your property. Sending a payment to the mortgage company will not stop the foreclosure action. YOU MUST RESPOND BY SERVING A COPY OF THE ANSWER ON THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF (MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC) AND FILING THE ANSWER WITH THE COURT. The foregoing summons is served upon you by publication pursuant to an order of the Honorable Allan B. Weiss, J.S.C. Dated: August 11, 2023 Filed: August 14, 2023. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage and covering the premises known as 113-23 209th Street, Queens Village, NY 11429. Dated: May 1, 2023 Filed: August 25, 2023 Greenspoon Marder LLP, Attorney for Plaintiff, By: Monica G. Christie, Esq., 590 Madison Avenue, Suite 1800, New York, NY 10022 P: (212) 524-5000 F: (212) 524-5050 No Service by fax) Service purposes only: Trade Centre South 100 W. Cypress Creek Road, Suite 700, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309 P: (888) 491-1120 F: (954) 343-6982 9/7,14,21&28/2023

MAIA PALAGI DDS, PLLC, a Prof. LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 08/30/2023. Office loc: Queens County. SSNY has been designated as agent upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: The PLLC, 69-10 108 Street, Apt 7C, Forest Hills, NY 11375. Purpose: To Practice The Profession Of Registered Professional Nursing. 9/7,14,21,28,10/5&12/2023

Notice of Formation of KATZ GP, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 8/28/23. Office location: Queens County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 45-17 Marathon Parkway, Little Neck, NY 11362. Purpose: any lawful activity. 9/7,14,21,28,10/5&12/2023



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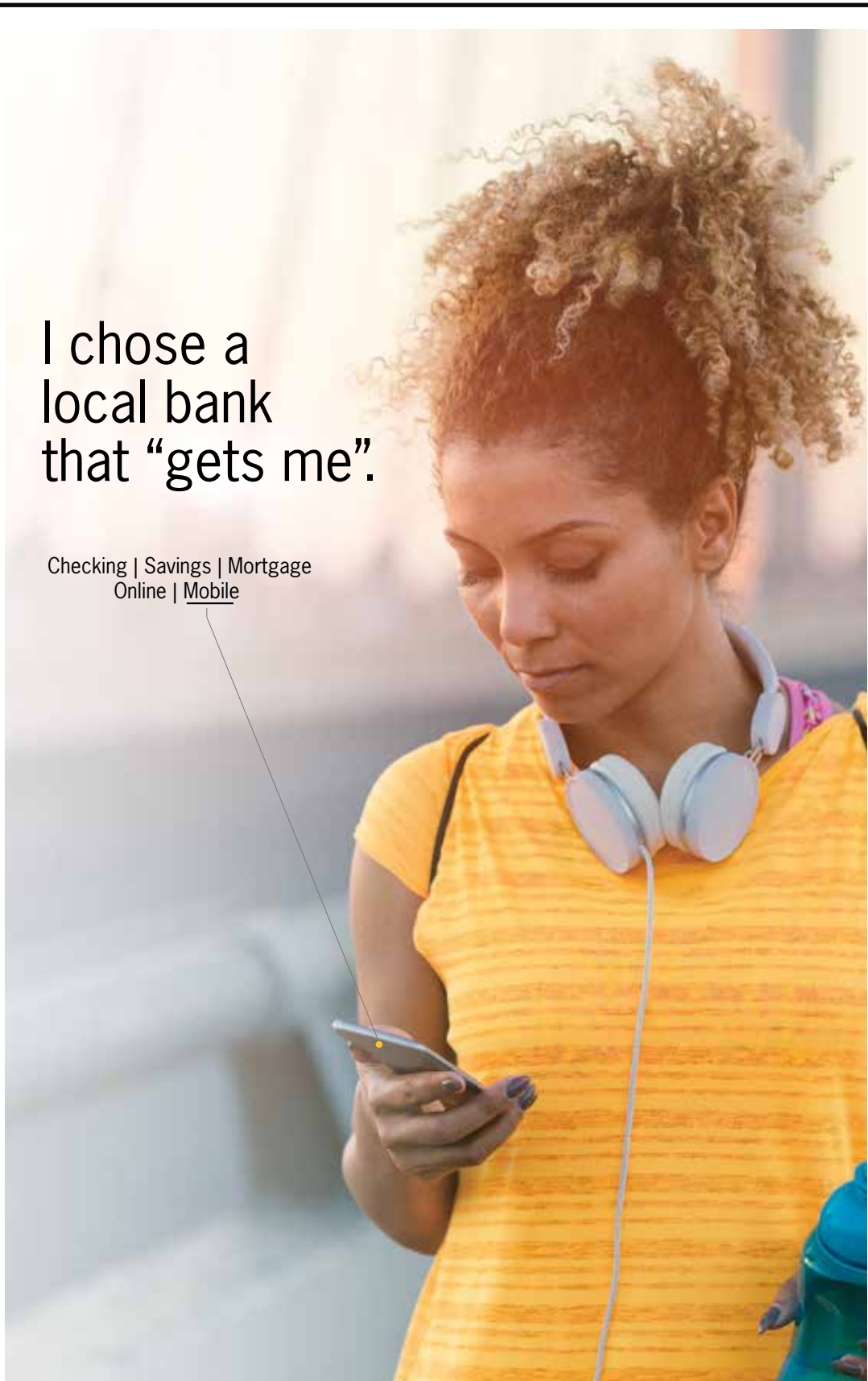
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